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BEET SUGAR FACTORY IS SUBJECT

Citizens of the Community Present Solid Front in Support of Enterprise, and Back It Up With Energy

The assembly room at the Commercial club was filled with interested citizens last night upon the call of the meeting arranged by the local committee in charge of the sugar beet campaign. Chairman Sabin of the committee presided, and as a result of the discussion a plan was arranged for effective field work that will bring things to a climax in the near future. F. S. Bramwell, in charge of the interests of the Oregon Utah Sugar company in the Grants Pass district, addressed the meeting and was the target for many pertinent questions directed at him by the citizens. Mr. Bramwell assured the people again that the company, headed by Bishop Nibley, had already financed the plant, and that not one dollar would be asked of the district in which the factory was located. He quoted from a letter lately received from Mr. Nibley, in which that gentleman stated that not only had the factory been financed, but that he had arranged also for a working capital of from \$200,000 to \$400,000 with which to finance the growing of the crop. All that the people of the Rogue valley had to do, said Mr. Bramwell, was to supply a guarantee that they would grow the beets when work upon the factory would proceed at once.

The arranging of a plan for the conduct of the campaign for contracts was the business of the meeting, and the general committee was authorized to provide for a standing working committee to be continuously on the job till the acreage is all signed. This committee will include Mr. Bramwell, who will explain all points regarding the contracts and the technical field work required, and also representative farmers who will be acquainted with local conditions. When a call was made for automobiles in which the committees could be escorted around to the various districts nearly a score of local citizens responded, and there will be no end of activity from now on. It is expected that all the territory can be gone over within two weeks, when the fate of the proposition will be determined.

Every man who was present and who expressed himself upon the question was pronounced in the belief that the sugar beet industry would be the saving industry of the valley, and all gave the project full endorsement and promise of support.

The chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to solicit funds locally for the payment of men who would give their time to the field work. Another committee provided for was one to investigate the situation as it affects the Illinois valley.

SEND FROZEN HALIBUT TO FEED THE BRITISH

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Oct. 29.—Seventy-five tons of frozen halibut from Prince Rupert, B. C., is being loaded on the Hill liner Minnesota here today for shipment to the United Kingdom. This is the first consignment of this sort in any proportions to go from here to Great Britain by the all-water route.

ROBBERS GET \$10,000

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Robbers early today dynamited two safes in the Star Loan company's office and escaped with \$10,000 worth of gems.

INVESTIGATING O. & C. LAND GRANT IN JOSEPHINE CO.

S. W. Williams, representing the department of justice, of Washington, D. C., accompanied by Leonard Underwood, of the general land office, arrived in the city this morning to investigate the O. & C. land grant question from the standpoint of upon-the-ground conditions. Mr. Williams stated that it was desired to know something of the character of the lands and of the wishes and needs of the people in the affected localities. This information is to be used when the department advises with members of congress concerning the legislation called for by the decision of the supreme court. Today the gentlemen have gone to the Illinois valley, Mr. Williams having expressed the desire especially to visit the mining district. The party, including a number of local gentlemen, left for Waldo and the Logan mine at about 11 o'clock. There is much of the granted land in this county that is of mineral character. This evening at 7:30 o'clock a meeting of citizens will be held at the court house, where the situation will be discussed with Messrs. Williams and Underwood and an expression of the local sentiment obtained. Before leaving for the Illinois valley Mr. Williams gave no expression regarding the situation except that he remarked incidentally that under the existing laws the sale of the lands at the fixed maximum limit of \$2.50 per acre was an obligation.

ENFORCEMENT OF SUNDAY CLOSING LAW RESTRAINED

Portland, Oct. 29.—A temporary injunction restraining District Attorney Evans from issuing complaints against tradespeople keeping their places of business open on Sunday was issued by Circuit Judge Gatens today. The injunction will be in force pending the hearing on November 6 of the appeal of Dan Kellaher, a grocer, fined \$25 by District Judge Dayton several days ago for operating his grocery on the Sabbath day.

The Sunday closing law has been on the Oregon statutes since 1864 but no attempt was ever made to enforce it until recently. Several months ago the supreme court upheld its constitutionality.

HOLD MEMORIAL EXERCISES FOR WOMAN MARTYR

London, Oct. 29.—England paid its tribute today to Edith Cavell, English woman, victim of a German firing squad in Brussels. Memorial exercises for the woman, now regarded as a national martyr, drew one of the largest crowds to St. Paul's cathedral in the history of that famous structure.

The high and the lowly joined in the tribute. The queen-mother, Alexandra, was present. The king could not attend because of his accident yesterday, but both he and the queen were represented. Cabinet members, diplomats and other notable persons joined in the services. In the front seats 600 nurses from the front, in their army uniforms, sat with bowed heads in tribute to the woman who had served as nurse and friend to the men of the allied forces.

Ambassador Page, whose messages from Minister Whitlock revealed to England the horrors of Miss Cavell's execution, was unable to attend.

THE FATE OF BELGIUM IS ABOUT TO BE SERBIA'S

Invasion of Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians Presses Balkan State On All Sides, the Allies Being Unable to Send Reinforcements to Relieve the Situation and Save the Kingdom from Being Crushed by the Invaders

Paris, Oct. 29.—Serbia seems doomed.

Invasions of her territory by Teuton and Bulgar foes have proceeded remorselessly. The allies are preparing a tremendous attempt to stop their onward movement before they reach their goal—Constantinople—but indications point to this struggle occurring on either Bulgarian or Turkish soil after the central allies' steam roller has passed over Serbia.

To halt the Teutons and Bulgars before they strike into Constantinople 150,000 French and 13,000 British are either at Saloniki or heading northward.

Furthermore, a Russian landing on the Bulgarian Black sea coast is believed imminent. The Russian fleet has bombarded Varna and this may be only a forerunner of the landing.

Meantime, German munitions for the Turks are reported already being sent overland from northeastern Serbia, where the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians have joined hands, into Bulgaria to the nearest railway for Constantinople. These, it is estimated, will reach the Turkish troops next week.

There are prospects, too, that the invaders will soon control the Belgrade-Constantinople railroad across Serbia, by their recent advances have shown steady progress toward such an end. Such control will mean speeding up shipments to the Turks, who, it is estimated, can put 1,000,000 more men in the field if proper equipment is at hand.

Such an addition would prove formidable, particularly if the junction with the Teutons were completed.

With the additional forces prepared for battle, the Turks would be in a position to attack the allies in the rear, unless the allies crush them

in advance. This explains the necessity for the allies to strike eastward into Turkey and Bulgaria, instead of moving northward to help the shattered Serbians.

It is predicted here that the Serbs will soon split up into small bands and resort to a guerrilla warfare to harry the invaders as much as possible.

Berlin, Oct. 29.—"Piercer than Belgium," was the description heard today of the resistance the Teuton invaders of Serbia are meeting. Though it was said the central allies are progressing more rapidly than had been expected, the difficulties, nevertheless are tremendous.

They are at present in the Serbian Alps, where an advance is particularly arduous. The Serbians are fighting madly, with women and children participating. Sniping and bushwhacking are incessant.

Heavy snow in northern Germany brings the realization that the winter campaign is opening. Moreover, the newspapers are already beginning to discuss the soldiers' Christmas. Conditions for the winter struggle are most favorable for the central allies. On the western front the situation is satisfactory. Russian attacks are unimportant and do not affect Field Marshal von Hindenburg's general advance.

There is at the same time only pity and contempt for the Italians, who have failed to break Austria's lines, despite three major offensives in five months.

The success of the Serbian invasion is creating a profound effect in Roumania and she is more friendly than heretofore toward the Teutons. Simultaneously Greece's neutrality pleases the central allies.

INVESTIGATORS FIND THAT NOBODY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLOCAUST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Peabody, Mass., Oct. 29.—Less than a day after the fire in St. John's parochial school, which cost 22 children's lives, state authorities today completed their investigation into the holocaust, finding "none criminally responsible." Acting Chief George Neal of the state police, who announced the verdict, said the fire started from matches in boys' coats in a closet.

A public funeral service will be held in St. John's church tomorrow, within a stone's throw of the ruined school. Eleven coffins will be taken to church at 10:30, and the others an hour later.

Rev. Nicholas Murphy, who broke down yesterday, said he would conduct one service if he had to be carried from the altar.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 29.—The dim light in Peabody's gloomy morgue shone today on a ghastly sight—the half-burned, twisted corpses of 19 child victims of the holocaust in St. John's parochial school yesterday. Two other little bodies in St. Thomas' hospital morgue, the victims of burns and shock in the pupils' mad flight for safety. The ashes of yet another are believed to be mingled with the debris inside the fire swept walls of the school.

Though firemen yesterday reported that 27 bodies had been recovered a checking up process today showed that the total casualties were 22, in-

cluding the body of a child believed inebriated inside the building. Crepe decked doors and silent groups of children completed the most pitiful child tragedy ever known in Massachusetts. A dozen Halloween parties, at which many of the parochial school children were to have been guests, have been cancelled.

The children, instead, will be trading home from funerals of their little playmates on Halloween.

State investigators poked through the ruins of the fire trap to discover the origin of the fire. They believe it started in a closet underneath the basement stairs and curled upward in an awful blast which shut off the exit of many.

The state authorities laid the blame on local officials for the fact that there were no fire escapes by which the nearly 700 children could make a rapid, safe egress, and for the further fact that the doors behind which several tiny forms were crushed and trampled opened inward.

GENERAL JOFFRE VISITS THE BRITISH WAR LORD

London, Oct. 29.—General Joffre, directing genius of the French forces on the western front and virtual leader of all the forces there, paid his first visit to England today since the war started. He conferred with Lord Kitchener and it was understood problems of their joint campaign were discussed.

PREMIER BRIAND SELECTS THE NEW FRENCH CABINET

Paris, Oct. 29.—Aristide Briand this afternoon completed his cabinet selections as far as those the United Press named Thursday are concerned. He also made four additional selections.

The selections as given by the United Press yesterday were: Briand, premier and minister of foreign affairs; Jules Cambon, vice-president of the cabinet; Viviani, minister of justice; Admiral LaCaze, marine; Ribo, finance; Doumergue, colonies; Painleve, education and invention; Gallieni, minister of war; Bourgeois, Combes, Dny-Cochin and Jules Guesde without portfolios.

The additional selections were: Marcel Sembat, minister of public works; Etienne Clementel, commerce; Jules Melinee, agriculture; Rene Renault, labor.

Briand decided to retain the four under secretaries of war whom Millerand created.

CENTRAL ALLIES CONTINUE MARCH THROUGH SERBIA

Berlin, Oct. 29.—Serbia's resistance to the Teuton invaders is fast collapsing.

The main drive of the central allies is advancing west of LaPovo toward Kragujevac, according to official announcement. General von Gallwitz has pursued the Serbs to heights southwest of Svlajec, where heavy fighting is in progress.

The Austrian forces, driving south-eastward, have crossed the Kolubara northwest of Rudnik, over a chain of steep mountains on a broad front. The Germans have occupied the mountains on both sides of Topola.

"Long and sanguinary fighting" preceded the Bulgarian capture of Pirot, the important stronghold on the east between Nish and Sofia on the Nish-Constantinople railroad.

East of Vlasgrad, where the Serbians have been a few miles inside the Austrian frontier, the Austro-Hungarian forces have expelled them by an advance on both sides of the Karaula river.

"Two flanking counter-attacks by a Montenegrin brigade were repulsed," the official statement announced.

PREMIER ASQUITH TELLS TOTAL BRITISH CASUALTIES

London, Oct. 29.—Premier Asquith announced today that the total British casualties to October 9 were as follows:

Killed, 8,660 officers; 94,992 men; wounded, 12,633 officers, 304,832 men; missing, 2,000 officers, 72,177 men.

In the western theater the casualties were 4,401 officers and 63,059 men killed; 9,169 officers and 225,716 men wounded; 1,567 officers and 61,134 men missing.

KING GEORGE INJURED IN FALL FROM HORSE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Oct. 29.—King George is suffering from severe bruises due to a fall from his horse, according to official announcement today.

The accident occurred yesterday while the king was inspecting the army in the field in northern France. His mount, excited by the cheers of the troops, reared and fell, throwing the king off.

"For the present" he must remain in bed, but his physicians gave assurances that no complications are expected.

The king is confined to his bed, but he passed a fair night, his physician stated. His temperature is 99.2 and his pulse 75.

MILLION LOSS IN SEATTLE PIER FIRE

Officers Seek Perpetrators of Incendiary Conflagration That Destroyed War Supplies for the Allies

Seattle, Oct. 29.—Although the police were holding D. Willman, a longshoreman, in connection with an incendiary fire which swept Pier 14 last night and resulted in a loss estimated at practically \$1,000,000, investigation today developed two other theories as to the origin of the blaze.

One theory is that Japanese might have caused the fire, in a revengeful spirit, because of their hatred of Chinese members of the crew of the Blue Funnel liners, which dock at Pier 14.

Another is that war feeling of German sympathizers had been wrought up over the fact that the dock contained about \$250,000 worth of exports destined to Russian ports, and that the Blue Funnel line was reported to have been carrying on a heavy traffic with the allies under charter, really, by the Russian government.

Damage resulting from the fire, which was the third incendiary attempt on the dock this week, is estimated at between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. The pier itself, the entire second floor and much of the first floor of which is in ruins, is said to be damaged to the extent of about \$100,000, according to Wm. T. Day, warehouse foreman.

The Blue Funnel liner Lyon has just finished discharging a \$4,000,000 cargo, a great part of which was silk, which was loaded direct on board cars and shipped east by fast freight. The rest of the cargo, however, remained in the dock. Probably \$100,000 worth of pig tin, stored in the east end of the dock, it was thought could be saved with little loss, and \$400,000 worth of rubber may be only a partial loss. Other freight destroyed included 17,000 bags of rice, 2,000 bags of corn and a large quantity of bamboo and rattan in bales and manufactured furniture, as well as 2,000 tons of miscellaneous goods.

Two previous attempts to fire the pier on Tuesday failed. Last night's

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MEXICANS ATTACK DETACHMENT OF 28TH INFANTRY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 29.—A small detachment of the Twenty-eighth infantry which arrived last week was twice attacked between midnight and daylight today. One American soldier was wounded in this baptism of fire, but the Mexicans, though caught between two fires in their second attack, suffered no casualties.

The American was wounded during the first attack at the Capote ranch north of Hidalgo. Signal rockets were sent up to attract aid and after 20 minutes firing the Mexicans fled across the Rio Grande. Meantime a troop of cavalry arrived from Hidalgo. The Mexicans, after two hours, came back to the American side and resumed their attack. The cavalry, however, drove around their flank and attacked from the rear, while more reinforcements came up to assist in dispersing the raiders.

As a result of these two raids a new man-hunt is under way, with soldiers and possees engaging.