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## DESTRUCTION OF SIBERIAN R.R. BRIDGES

**THIS MAY PREVENT AMBASSADOR FRANCIS FROM REACHING VLADIVOSTOK**

### OTHER STRUCTURES ARE MINED

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Washington, Mar. 4.—Russians have commenced destroying bridges on the Trans-Siberian railway, between lake Balkal and the Chinese frontier, according to a report received from John S. Stevens, chairman of the American railway mission, to the war department. This may prevent Ambassador Francis from reaching Vladivostok.

It is believed here that the Russians are acting to prevent an expected advance of Japanese into Siberia. Stevens says many other structures are mined, so they can be easily destroyed. His reports come from Yokohama, and undoubtedly from Japanese intelligence sources. The United States still has reached no decision as to joining Japan in the contemplated expedition.

Amsterdam, Mar. 4.—Russian delegates agreed to German terms of added provisions requiring Russia to retire from Turkey's Asiatic provinces and from territory in the region of Kars, Batoum, Karabagh, taken from the Turks during past wars. They also agreed to the provision whereby the Bolsheviks will retain less than 200 miles of coast line along the Finnish gulf.

## NEW KLAMATH FALLS IRON WORKS LOCATED

Klamath Falls, Mar. 4.—With Harold D. Mortenson, president; M. L. Poland, vice-president; B. M. Hall, general manager, and J. W. Fitzpatrick, secretary-treasurer, all elected at a directors' meeting, three lots on Spring and Elm streets were purchased and contracts let for immediate construction of a foundry and machine shop for the new Klamath Iron and Steel Works, which soon will begin business here.

Messrs. Hall and Fitzpatrick, formerly proprietors of the Grants Pass Iron & Steel Works, left for that point where the machinery used there will be shipped to this city.

The new enterprise has been incorporated for \$20,000. The industry has been greatly needed here, especially by the big lumber mill men who have no other way of getting their heavy repair work done locally.

### FORECAST FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 3

Pacific Coast States—Fair, except rain during the first half of the week over the northern portion, with lower interior temperatures.

## CONFEREES AGREE ON RAILROAD BILL

Washington, Mar. 4.—An agreement has been reached by conferees on the railroad bill, whereby compensation of railroads under government control will be based on their net income for three years ending June last.

## TO BUILD GREAT ORDNANCE BASE

\$25,000,000 Will Be Devoted to the Task of Preparing in France for the Needs of War

Washington, Mar. 4.—The building of a \$25,000,000 ordnance base in France, including 20 large storehouses, 12 shop buildings and 100 smaller shops, of which the magazines, machine, tool and equipment buildings will cost about \$5,000,000 is announced today by the war department.

With the American Army in France, Mar. 4.—Twelve Americans whom Germans captured on the Chemla-des-dames, were probably the patrol which went out when the raid began, and have been unheard of since. One of them was found dead.

### LA FOLLETTE WILL HAVE OPPOSITION AT HOME

Washington, Mar. 4.—Joseph E. Davies, of the federal trade commission, and candidate for the democratic nomination for senator from Wisconsin, in a telegram sent last night, declared that if elected to the senate he would vote for the expulsion of La Follette.

The message was sent in answer to inquiries from Washington.

## RESULT IN SIBERIA MAY BE A REPUBLIC

Washington, Mar. 4.—The responses of the entente allies and of America to the Japanese invitation for an expression of their views regarding the Russian situation so far as recent events there have affected conditions in Eastern Siberia are expected to be returned within the next two or three days.

It is certain that there will be no long delay, as there appears to be no disposition to enter into any extended arguments on the subject of measures to combat German aggression in Siberia and to protect the military stores at Vladivostok.

In connection with the proposed military expedition into Siberia, attention has been directed again to aspirations voiced by the Siberians some time ago for their separation from Russia, following the lead of Finland, Ukraine and other West Russian provinces.

One official said today that Japan would be completely satisfied, after insuring a regime of law and order in Siberia, to lend her support to the creation there of an independent republic that would constitute a buffer state between Japan and Russia and thereby remove any apprehension of a war of reprisals based on the victory of Japan over Russia a decade ago.

## FRANCE DECORATES AMERICAN HEROES

Paris, Mar. 4.—American officers and privates who distinguished themselves repulsing the Germans northwest of Toul, have just been decorated by France, in the presence of Premier Clemenceau.

## ALUMINUM PRICE IS FIXED UNTIL JUNE

Washington, Mar. 4.—A maximum base price of 32 cents per pound for aluminum at various American plants and their subsidiaries, has been fixed by the president, subject to revision June 1.

## HUNS OCCUPY FINLAND FOR TIME BEING

SWEDEN PROTESTS AND GERMAN DISCLAIMS PERMANENT POSSESSION

### ALAND ISLANDS ARE MADE BASE

Kaiser Says It Becomes Necessary Temporarily to Occupy the Country, to Restore Order

Washington, Mar. 4.—Germany's occupation of Aland islands is only preliminary to a total occupation of Finland, to which Sweden has protested. Germany explained that it was necessary temporarily to occupy Finland, to restore order, but assured Sweden she had no intention of permanent possession.

Aland islands are made the base for supplying the occupation of Finland.

Five hundred Swedish troops are on the islands for the purpose of policing. The feeling in Sweden is reported as being intense.

## FRANCIS IS SAFE IN NEW QUARTERS

Washington, Mar. 4.—Ambassador Francis telegraphs under date of March 2, from Vologda of his intention to remain there for the present.

## ROBERT S. LOVETT IS CHIEF OF DIVISION

Washington, Mar. 4.—General Manager McAdoo has appointed Robert S. Lovett chief of the new division of betterments and additions of railroads administration. Mr. Lovett has resigned from the Union Pacific and war industries board and has given up all corporate interests.

## CRESCENT CITY PROJECT, AS SHOWN IN THE RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

Provision in rivers and harbors bill referring to Crescent City harbor, California:

The improvement of Crescent City Harbor is hereby authorized in accordance with the report submitted in House Document No. 434, Sixty-fourth congress, first session, and subject to conditions set forth in said document: Provided, That before entering upon the prosecution of the work herein authorized the secretary of war shall require the contribution of the sum of \$200,000 from local interests, and the said secretary is hereby authorized to prosecute the work of improvement with such funds when so furnished.

The provisions of Document 434, referred to in the present bill, are as follows:

Section 13. In view of the foregoing the board is of opinion that it is advisable for the United States to undertake the improvement of Crescent City harbor and vicinity, with a view of securing a suitable harbor by the construction of a breakwater at a cost of \$400,000, approximately as shown on the map by the line AC, with a possible extension, approximately on line CD, if funds will permit, provided that

## PEACE MADE IN GERMANY IS ACCEPTED

BOLSHEVIKI ACCEPTS ANYTHING IT CAN GET FROM GERMANY—PEACE AT ANY PRICE

### PETROGRAD IS BOMBED BY HUNS

Ratification is Fixed for Next Thursday, But Final Approval Must Be Made in Moscow March 12

London, Mar. 4.—Official announcement, signed by Premier Leaguine and Foreign Minister Trotsky, says the text of agreement which was made with Germany today, will be published in Petrograd immediately. Ratification is fixed for next Thursday, but final decision rests with the all-Russian congress of councils of workmen, peasants and Cossacks, which will assemble in Moscow March 12.

Petrograd, Mar. 4.—A German airman bombed various parts of the city. Three persons were killed and five wounded.

The material damage was unimportant.

Berlin, via London, Mar. 4.—"By reason of the signing of the peace treaty with Russia," says the official communication from headquarters tonight, "military movements in Great Russia have ceased."

The Germans in their advance through Russia have captured, according to the official communication from general headquarters, 6,500 officers and 57,000 men; 2,400 guns, 5,000 machine guns, thousands of motor vehicles, 800 locomotives and thousands of railroad trucks.

Petrograd, Mar. 3.—Delayed—In the fear that argument would result in even more onerous terms, the Russian delegation at Brest-Litovsk has accepted all the German peace conditions and is about to sign an agreement, according to a telegram from the delegates received today at the Smolny Institute.

The demands already have been increased, they report.

before work is begun by the United States assurance shall be given satisfactory to the secretary of war that the projected railroad between Crescent City, Cal., and Grants Pass, Ore., will be completed within a reasonable time, and provided, further, that local interests shall contribute \$100,000 toward the work, and shall furnish, free of cost to the United States, such land as may be required for the operations of the government in connection with this project. The total amount of the government's share, \$390,000, should be provided in one appropriation.

## ELECTION FRAUDS ARE STATE CRIMES

Washington, Mar. 4.—The supreme court has decided that federal courts have no jurisdiction over bribery at federal officers, in a Cincinnati election fraud case, wherein 99 men were charged with fraud in the 1916 election. They will not have to stand trial.

## UNIONS DISMISS I.W.W. MEMBERS

Representatives of the Unions of Timber Workers and Shingle Weavers Declare Loyalty

Seattle, Mar. 4.—It is announced that 50 representatives of Oregon and Washington timber workers and shingle weavers unions yesterday voted to oust I. W. W. members from their ranks and declared themselves squarely behind the government.

## PASSENGER SERVICE TO BE CURTAILED

Washington, Mar. 4.—Passenger train service in the west will be reduced one-third or more by a re-arrangement of schedules to be announced shortly by Director-General McAdoo.

Scores of trains on competing lines leaving and arriving at terminals about the same time will be eliminated. Unnecessary trains on many western lines are to be taken off and the locomotives and crews used for essential freight service.

There is no thought, however, of making a few western lines the principal passenger carriers as contemplated in the east. Officials also stated that the reduction in schedules will not result in any serious inconvenience to passengers.

The curtailment, which has been under consideration for several weeks by Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic director for the railroad administration, will be effective from the Mississippi river to the Pacific coast. In much of this territory traffic is comparatively light and by a reduction of the number of trains railroad administration officials believe they can save many millions of dollars and still provide ample facilities for all through travel to the coast.

### ANOTHER AVIATOR VICTIM OF THE SPIN NOSE DIVE

Fort Worth, Tex., Mar. 4.—One dead and three seriously injured is Sunday's toll of the spinning nose dive at aviation fields near Fort Worth Texas. All the victims are members of the British Royal Flying corps.

Buenos Aires, Mar. 4.—The Argentine government has asked British Minister Reginald T. Tower to obtain a safe conduct for ex-German Ambassador von Luxburg, permitting him to leave Buenos Aires on the Swedish steamer Valparaiso, which will sail in a few days.

## INSTRUCTIONS IN RED CROSS WORK

Seattle, Mar. 4.—From time to time the Red Cross publishes pamphlets describing various kinds of articles intended for chapter production. Experience has shown that chapters on receiving these pamphlets very often start to make all the articles described. In many cases there is no call for some of the articles at the time the pamphlets are sent out.

Chapters should look upon these pamphlets as something sent out merely for their information and work should not be started on any of the articles until special allotment is made by division headquarters.

The strict observance of this rule not only will prevent an accumulation of articles which may not be desired at the time, but also will save division headquarters from calls upon its supply service for materials, when no arrangements have been made to get in a stock of these materials.

## DR. ACKERMAN TALKS SCHOOL AT LUNCHEON

AMERICAN IDEALS ARE FAIR TO FACE WITH THOSE OF GERMAN "KULTUR"

### NATIONAL SCHOOLS MAY COME

In Time of Trial the School System of This County Has Proven Itself 100 Per Cent Efficient

At the noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce today, which was attended by members of that body and a number of ladies, teachers in the public schools included in the number, Mrs. Alice Bacon acted as toastmaster. She called upon Sam Baker and Mr. Booser for announcements and then introduced President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon Normal school, who addressed by invitation the company, taking for his subject, "The Relation of the Public Schools to the Present War Crisis."

He said in part that the American public school system was placed face to face with the school system of Germany. The German ideal as outlined in their school system was a militarist one, that of the American school system a democratic one. After speaking about the work of the public schools as evidenced by the volunteers, by the self control of the people through the wearing of the many activities by which the schools had shown themselves 100 per cent efficient, he dwelt at length upon the future ideals of public schools. He said that he believed the national government would take over to a certain extent the public schools of this country in a manner that was not dreamed of before the war; that the government would insist that certain standards be set and the schools be vigorously brought up to these standards; that the government would without doubt appropriate to the several states in the union a certain amount of money to be distributed by the state on a 50-50 basis, conditioned that no school district shall receive its quota unless it had fully complied with the conditions described by the government.

The speaker said that the American schools would not be Prussianized but that a much greater amount of centralization will be needed in order that the public schools may be the melting pot in which the children of all nationalities shall be fused into true, democratic American citizens.

## AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS TAKE WAR MATERIALS

Vienna, Mar. 4.—Austro-Hungarians operating in Lolo Dolla, southwest Russian, have taken 770 guns and huge quantities of war materials.

### LOGGERS TO GET TEN HOURS PAY FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Portland, Mar. 4.—Colonel Disque has assured loggers that an eight-hour day includes ten hours pay, and that the government will soon provide blankets and has promised improved sanitary conditions.

## BRITISH ADVANCE IN JUDEAN HILLS

London, Mar. 4.—British have advanced to a maximum depth of 3,000 yards in Palestine, along a 12 mile front, astride and west of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road.