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WASHINGTON WAITS THURSDAY'S FIGHT

Chamberlain Expected Stand Pat on War Cabinet Measure.

IS VERY APPREHENSIVE

Party Leaders Impatiently Watching the Situation—Helpless to Heal Widening Gulf—Roosevelt Enjoyed Quiet Day.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—When Senator Chamberlain replies to President Wilson, tomorrow, his supporters plan to bring about a broad discussion of army conditions and proposed war department reorganization. Colonel Roosevelt did not go over to the capital today, but spent the time quietly at the home of his daughter. Thursday is looked forward to with a great deal of apprehension on the part of the president's backers, but those democrats who have lined up on a plan of instant preparedness for war, and believe in getting the country in shape at the very earliest moment for efficient fighting, regardless of whether it is the executive or some one else whose ability leads to victory, are determined to see the thing through. Senator Chamberlain, one of the leading democrats in the upper house and whose activities have brought him into national prominence, will analyze the president's assertion that he has "distorted facts," and the administration heads are holding their breath today in anticipation of the democratic "family row" that will be resumed tomorrow, when Chamberlain is expected to lay bare the wait-til-we-are-ready policy of the government.

U. S. Infantrymen Killed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Three United States infantrymen were killed in action on the western front in France, January 21, according to dispatches from General Pershing. No details of the engagement were given. The dead soldiers are Privates Albert Cook, of New York; Harry Garman, of Virginia; Leo Radl, of Ohio. Three other soldiers were reported as having died from pneumonia.

Industries Resume Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—All those industrial plants closed five days ago under terms of the fuel order, reopened for operations today. It is impossible to say what the effects have been, except that ships needing coal got the supply necessary enabling them to sail. The congested railroad situation is changed but little, and bad weather conditions nullified much of the good that it was hoped would be accomplished by the shut down.

Oregon All Right.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The department of labor declared today the reports of labor shortages in Oregon ship building districts were entirely unfounded, and warned unskilled workmen not to go there unless they had secured a position in advance. It was given out that loggers would be needed in Oregon by spring time. All men who anticipate going to Oregon for work are urged to register their names at the Portland office, so that they can be ready to go when notified of openings.

Seven Hour Day Urged.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—A universal seven hour day during the remainder of the war, instead of the present spasmodic suspension of industries by the fuel administration, for the purpose of conserving coal and relieving the railroad congestion, was suggested by Samuel Gompers, in a speech to the United Mine Workers here today.

AUTO COLLIDES WITH FREIGHT CAR THIS A. M.

L. L. Matthews, who operates the Reston stage line out of this city, narrowly escaped serious injury before seven o'clock this morning at the Oak street railroad crossing when the Dodge automobile he was driving was struck by a wood car which was "kicked" in on the side track adjacent to the Kenny Lumber yard by the switch engine. Two passengers besides the driver were in the car at the time the accident happened, but fortunately no one was injured, other than experiencing a nerve racking ordeal.

It seems that Mr. Matthews, who is considered a very cautious driver, was proceeding leisurely down Oak street and when nearing the crossing peered in both directions to ascertain whether or not any trains were

coming. No seeing or hearing of the approach of the wood car, which was hid from view by the Kenny building he attempted to cross with the result that the car struck the front end of the machine, tearing off the lights and radiator, crumpled the fenders and sprung the front axle. The pavement being wet, is believed to have lessened the damage to the machine and probably saved the lives of the occupants. When the auto was struck it skidded completely around and was pushed, so to speak, along in the direction the wood car was moving. Had the automobile turned over it is the opinion of those who witnessed the accident that all the occupants would have been more or less injured.

FOUR OUT OF FIFTEEN PHYSICALLY UNFIT

According to information received from County Clerk E. H. Lenox, secretary of the local exemption and draft board, 15 first division registrant recruits were examined by Dr. E. B. Stewart at the armory today. Four of this number were found to be physically unfit, the residue were accepted and will be mailed notification to that effect.

DR. MULKEY ADDRESSED STUDENT BODY TODAY

Dr. E. S. Muckley, of Portland, addressed the student body of the high school and faculty this afternoon at the auditorium and his discourse proved decidedly interesting. Mr. Muckley particularly dwelled upon the fact of being optimistic in order to accomplish things in this life, remarking that "the true optimist was the fellow who caught all the lemons thrown at him and made them into lemonade." The gentleman is a most entertaining speaker and the Roseburg public will be given an opportunity to listen to this distinguished gentleman next Friday evening at the Liberty theatre when he will deliver one of his popular lectures on "After the War, What?" Dr. Muckley was formerly pastor of the First Christian church at Portland.

COOS COUNTY ELOPERS ARE HEADED THIS WAY

Sheriff George Quinn today received a telephone message from the Marshfield authorities to be on the lookout for a fellow by the name of Fairchild, who eloped with a 16-year-old Coos county girl. According to the information received here Fairchild is 21 years of age and is well known in that section where he has lived for some time. The couple are believed to be headed this way, traveling the wagon road, as it is known positively by the Coos county officials that the eloping couple did not take a train out of Marshfield.

JOHN TOWNSEND PROPERTY IS SOLD

C. A. Parvin, who has been in the city looking after business interests, returned this afternoon to Portland. The gentleman just recently acquired all the property owned in Roseburg by John Townsend which consisted of three houses and several lots, and since making the purchase is, B. Perrine, the local real estate dealer, has disposed of two of the houses, one on Blakeley street and the other on Short street, to E. M. Seelye, a Melrose rancher, who bought the property for speculative purposes.

MILLION AUSTRIANS WORKERS ON STRIKE

Disregard Appeals of Leaders To Return to Their Employment.

ARE WEARY OF THE WAR

Hunger and Distress Imposed Since the Struggle Began is Cause of Present Uprising—Anti-Germanism Feature.

(By Associated Press.)
ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD, Jan. 23.—With more than one million workers out on a strike, coupled with reports of rioting and minor disorders throughout Austria-Hungary, the situation in the dual monarchy is intensely befuddled, according to news dispatches that have leaked through despite the censor's attempt to stifle information to the outside world. The German censorship bureau has also prohibited German newspapers from telling their own people of the true conditions existing in Austria. It is also known that combined efforts of Austrian statesmen to quiet their people in their insistent demands for peace have apparently failed. The trouble that has brought about revolt of the laboring classes in Austria-Hungary is a mixture of war-weariness, hunger and anti-Germanism. The common people who are bearing the burden of the struggle are unable to see where any good can come from a continuation of the war, and the hunger, disease, privation of every sort that has been heaped upon them is having its effect. Leaders hope that if peace can be patched up at Brest-Litovsk it will enable the government to quell the increasing unrest and tumult, but German attitude on occupied territory has blocked negotiations. The central powers have also been unable to agree on peace terms with Ukraine, which would result in supplying food to Austrians.

Seven Hundred Lost.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—By the sinking of two British ships by enemy submarines in the Mediterranean three weeks ago, 718 lives were lost, was officially stated today.

Strikes Halted.

Under the influence of the government's reassurances regarding peace, and the promises of measures to alleviate workmen's grievances, the strike movement in Austria is thought to have been halted. However, there is considerable alarm in the central empires over Austria's unrest. Reports from Vienna indicate that a majority of the factories there resumed work today.

Stranded Cruiser Bombed.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—British airplanes hovering over the stranded Turkish cruiser, Goeben, which lies near the entrance to the Dardanelles, were twice successful in dropping bombs on the ship.

Must Fight On.

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 23.—Nottingham Frank Purdy, of the Annual Labor conference, stated today that if Germany would not accept the terms offered by President Wilson and Lloyd George, "we must fight on."

TO ORGANIZE AFTER THE PRIMARIES

No attempt will be made to reorganize the republican state central committee until after the primary election next May, says today's Oregonian. At that time the republican voters in the different counties will select their county central committees, who in turn will name their county representative on the state committee. At a later date these state committees will convene and organize by electing a chairman, secretary and members of an executive committee.

consideration. But there is ample time for me to make an announcement if I should decide to run. In the meantime, I have nothing further to say."

INVITATIONS OUT FOR LIVE STOCK MEETING

Great interest is being manifested in the coming live stock meeting which is to be held at the court house January 30. Noted speakers have been secured for the occasion which promises to surpass anything of its kind ever attempted in this section of the country.

County Agriculturalist C. J. Hurd, who has charge of the program, is busy making final preparations for the big event and all stock raisers and others who are interested in this important work are urged to be present.

The crying need of the nation, in view of the magnitude of the task we have on hand, is that of feeding our own troops who are now fighting "over there" as well as those of our allies, is heavier production of food stuffs and to insure the best quality of stock as well as to aid production along the best practical lines, is the paramount purpose of the meeting and the plans for which are now well under way.

The following invitation is being sent broadcast over the county by County Agriculturalist C. J. Hurd. "I am sending you this personal invitation to attend the stockmen's meeting at the court house on Wednesday, January 30. This will be an all day meeting and every minute will be interesting.

"Professor Potter, head of the animal husbandry department of the Agricultural College will speak both morning and afternoon. Mr. R. A. Blanchard, agriculturalist for the Livestock Bank, of Portland; E. E. Saville, editor of the Western Farmer and other noted speakers will be present at the meeting.

"It is planned to organize both the cattle and swine breeders at this time, or at least the matter of organization will be discussed. We are surely expecting you. I want you to ask your neighbors to come also."

DANCE AT ARMORY HELD THIS EVENING

The benefit dance to be given this evening by Unit No. 1, of North Roseburg, at the armory, promises to be well attended and the evening a very enjoyable one. Plans are all complete for the occasion. Ott's orchestra will furnish the music and all those who take pleasure in this pastime will be assured of a good dance program and in the meantime assist a very worthy cause.

SAILOR LADS RECEIVE NAVY COMMENDATION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Floyd Herman Bates, of Baker, Oregon, and Frances Blair, of Larimer, Wyo., pharmacist mates, were today commended by Secretary Daniels, of the United States navy, for gallantry in attempting to save a drowning bather at Ocean Beach, Calif. Neither of the recruits had ever been in the surf before.

ROY NORRIS DIES FROM A GUN SHOT WOUND

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller were visitors to the city today from their home at Dillard.

According to a telephone message received in this city late this afternoon Roy Norris, aged 16, who resides in the vicinity of the Mt. Alto ranch, was accidentally shot and killed while hunting with a companion by the name of Roy Campbell, who fired the shot that took the young man's life. Whether the unfortunate boy was mistaken for a deer or some other animal could not be learned.

MAJOR HOUCK WRITES FROM "OVER THERE"

Royally Entertained on Trip Across—No Serious Mishaps Occurred.

"BIG JOB AHEAD OF US"

The Major Feels That We Will Win—However, Cost Will Be Great—Urges Food Conservation.

Mrs. George E. Houck and son today received three letters from Major Houck, who is now with the American expeditionary forces on foreign duty "somewhere on the other side." The letters left a "foreign port" January 1 and are all marked with the customary "passed by censor." Below these words, Major Houck signed his name, rank and division, and if the letters were opened and read before allowed to enter the mails all evidence that would tend to disclose this fact had been carefully covered up.

Extracts taken from the messages show that the trip across was a pleasant one, although the major wrote of the monotony of seeing nothing but "ocean" all the time, which to the landsman is not pleasing scenery for any great period. If any German subs were encountered on the long voyage the fact was not mentioned and it is the presumption that the trip was made without serious mishap.

Evidently everything possible is being done "over there" for the entertainment of the troops. Major Houck writes "The arrangements that had been made for the entertainment for the troops in transit were greatly appreciated. Each evening the dining room was turned into a "movie show" and some very fine films were shown and music was furnished throughout by a large phonograph which was kept going continually. A great many of the men had colds, owing to the fact that they had been used to sleeping in tents at the training camps and the change to a closed room caused them to be infected more easily. One lonely little sparrow was discovered in a life boat (aboard ship) when we got well out to sea and the men were throwing it crumbs. On landing we found a cold and exceedingly damp air. There are many historical places that are intensely interesting which are visited by the men at every opportunity."

Major Houck spoke of the urgent necessity of food conservation in the United States setting forth the fact that we, as a nation, will be forced to feed the allies to a great extent as well as our own troops, many of whom are now in service, and the millions more that are soon to be fighting "over there."

An instance of real and unadulterated German propaganda is cited. "The German prisoners," continues Major Houck, "will not believe that they (meaning U. S. soldiers) are United States troops, having previously been told by their officers that they (U. S. troops) are the English dressed up in the Yankee uniform and that the United States has failed to land any troops for service on foreign soil." This bit of camouflage has been ground into the mind of the German soldier, who refuses to believe otherwise.

"Over there" matches and soap are luxuries and the major was forced to pay ten cents a box for matches which sell for one cent here. Mrs. Houck is unable to send matches to her husband, but she immediately ordered a box of soap, which will be forwarded to the major at once.

Judging from the closing words of one of the letters, Major Houck, from first hand information obtained, feels that the task before the United States is no small one. It reads: "Well, we will have some time of it before the Kaiser is finally licked, but it can and will be done. Tell them at home that we will know that we have had a war, however, before the job is done."

CORP. WOLCOTT SOME WHERE IN ENGLAND

The following communication was received today from Corporal Vernon Wolcott, a member of the 162nd Infantry division, who is "somewhere in England," with the American expeditionary forces:

"Well, we are still in England, but expect to move to France in the near future. Haven't been doing much here except resting up from the trip across. My squad is still on baggage detail and today is the first work we have done in the last three days. The camp where we are now is fine, but bathing apparatus is scarce. The little town is surely a picturesque

English village. Narrow streets, little quaint shops and all, like you read about and see in the pictures. I visited an abbey today that was built in the year 1010. Some old church, isn't it? Can't give you the name as that is forbidden. The people think lots of the American soldiers here and are always glad to stop and answer any question you may ask. The money proposition is so funny here, but I can almost count it correct now. You have to have English money before the shops will trade with you. The American Y. M. C. A. exchanges the money for us with a little commission. We haven't received a bit of mail yet, but I am sure we will soon as we reach France, and believe me that will help lots. How's everyone in Roseburg after Xmas? We had our Xmas dinner yesterday and this is what we had: Turkey, rice and potatoes; no bread, nothing to drink and a vacancy of salt in all."

Corporal Wolcott is well known in this city, having formerly been a member of company I, 3rd Oregon, and was stationed in this vicinity for several weeks last summer, on guard duty.

ROADMASTER GERMOND LIKES PATROLING SYSTEM

According to County Roadmaster M. B. Germond, who has inspected many of the county highways in the past few days, the patroling system recently put into operation over the county is already having a telling effect for the betterment of roads. Ditches are being opened, culverts are being cleaned out, mudholes are being dragged and other work is now in progress that will eventually place our roadways in first class condition. Under the present plan an organization is being perfected under the direct supervision of Mr. Germond, who says that "value received" is the point that he and his subsidiaries will strive to achieve.

"Many district roads," said Mr. Germond, "are in as good condition now as in the best time of the year. This is due to the fact that the roads are being worked at the right time. The Pacific highway south of this city is in splendid condition, and south of Myrtle Creek to Riddle the highway is perfectly dry."

GARDEN VALLEY FRUIT GROWER CANDIDATE

The name of Chas. A. Brand, of the Overland Orchards, is being prominently mentioned in this city to again serve the people of this county in the legislature as representative, the office he so efficiently held during the last session of the Oregon legislature. His wide experience from an agricultural standpoint, his excellent executive ability and the fact that he has already served a term in the legislature, which fully acquainted him with the workings of this body, makes him a most formidable candidate, his many friends infer.

Mr. Brand was not in the city today and the report that he would be a candidate at the coming primary election could not be confirmed, but it is quite probable that he will be, according to the announcement coming from his friends.

HONOR GUARD MET LAST EVENING

The Girls National Honor Guard met last evening in the armory and classes in first aid and telegraphy were held with quite a large attendance. The girls are intensely interested in knitting sweaters for the soldier boys and are working diligently at their worthy task. The large shipment of yarn received not long ago by the Honor Guard organization has been disposed of already and when completed thirty sweaters will be finished. The first soldiers to get these sweaters will be the 4th company coast artillery contingent, composed of Douglas county men, and it is needless to say that they will be tremendously appreciated.

R. H. S. WINS FROM SUTHERLIN.

A one-sided contest occurred in the high school gymnasium last evening when the local high school boys and girls basket ball teams played a return game with the Sutherland high school team. In the boys' game the score was 28 to 9 in favor of the locals and the score was 35 to 4 in favor of the local girls. At the conclusion of the games a delightful stepping party was enjoyed at the armory.

M. L. Stevens, one of Looking Glass' prosperous farmers, was in Roseburg today looking after business matters. The gentleman reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

Mrs. W. J. Brand, who has been at Myrtle Creek visiting at the home of Mrs. Grafton Worthington, arrived home today and after visiting briefly with relatives here will leave for her home at Edenbowser.

MILD WINTER INCUBATES APHIS

County Fruit Inspector Tells Of the Damage Wrought by Plant Lice.

SPRAY ROSE BUSHES

"Time to Control Them Now," Says Mr. Pearcey—Black Leaf 40, Nicotine Preparation Will Bring Desired Results

(By Earl Pearcey, County Fruit Inspector.)
Observations indicate a severe infestation of plant lice or aphid on rose bushes, due largely to our mild winter. Ordinarily these little pests die off in the winter, leaving but a few to start the life cycle again in the spring, but this year they have not been checked by the weather. Abnormal propagation is already in progress as an examination of the tips of the new shoots on the rose bushes in the city will show.

Unless checked they will cause a great deal of damage to the bush as the insects live by sucking the juices, thereby robbing the plant of its food. The result will be weak plants with few roses during the summer. It is surprising the rate at which these plant lice increase. It has been estimated that under ideal conditions a single pair would be responsible for a colony of 1,600,000,000 aphid in a season due to the rapidity with which the generations mature.

The time to control them is now, while they are still relatively scarce and weak. The best remedy for this pest is a spray known as Black Leaf 40, a nicotine preparation on sale at all seed stores. It should be diluted 1 part to 1,000 of water. Soap suds have often been used effectively. A small hand sprayer is necessary, care being taken to hit each aphid with the spray. The killing action is by suffocation as the insects breathe through a series of pores along the ventral side of the abdomen.

It is time to prune rose bushes. Cut out as much of the old wood as possible and prune the new or last year's shoots back quite hard. Manure the ground well and strong healthy bushes will repay one with its roses in the summer. Those expecting to plant roses should do so soon. If in doubt as to varieties to plant or methods of pruning the rose this office will be glad to assist.

HUNTING BARGAINS AT HOME IS GOOD POLICY

In these days when all of us are asked to be thrifty and saving, one of the first things we think of is to buy less and to save as much as possible on each purchase when we do buy. As a matter of fact, this is a good plan to follow at all times; but there may be a tendency on the part of some of us to carry on our search for "bargains" so far from home.

We don't want to forget that the trade we take away from our own community helps to build up some other community or city from the growth and prosperity of which we do not ourselves get any benefit. If your home town merchants ask you a higher price than you are asked to pay by outside merchants for the same line of goods, it isn't any more than fair to discuss the situation with your home storekeepers, giving them a chance to explain why their prices are higher than those you can buy for elsewhere. There may be some reason that will be worth your learning about—some difficulty which you can help straighten out to your advantage as well as theirs, if the matter is brought up for frank discussion.

You and your family and your neighbors like to trade at an up-to-date store. If such a store can be made possible by co-operation between you and your neighbors and your local merchants—if a strong, pull-together feeling can be established in your community—then that community will be progressive, will forge ahead towards better streets, better roads, better schools, better places of amusement, better and more influential churches, better social and business advantages for yourself and your young folks. It is this spirit of community co-operation that almost invariably results in good for all concerned. If it is kept alive and actively participated in by one and all.—Oregon Farmer.