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"War" Breaks Out on Ford's Peace Ship

PACIFISTS ON BOARD IN JULY CONSERVATIVES

EXTREMISTS RIDICULE WILSON'S PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM ROUGHLY.

SEVERAL TO QUIT WHEN CHRISTIANIA IS REACHED

Peace Appeals Sent Out by Wireless to All Crowned Heads of Europe by Ford—Failure to Gain Ends by War Suggests an Attempt to Do it by Peaceful Methods.

BY CHARLES STEWART
Aboard Oscar II, Dec. 13.—(Wireless to Land's End, England)—War has broken out aboard Ford's argosy. Several delegates are preparing to quit the party at Christiania because they claim extreme pacifists in the party have adopted insulting attitudes toward their comrades who uphold President Wilson's preparedness program. Henry Ford is trying to prevent open disruption. A serious split is feared however.

Peace Appeals Click.
New York, Dec. 13.—Wireless machines on Ford's peace ship clicked out appeals for peace today to all crowned heads of Europe. A wireless to the United Press this afternoon told of Ford's appeals being sent out, each praying that the rulers halt slaughter and prevent creation of more bereavement among wives and mothers. It suggested an immediate truce pending mediation, meditation and discussion in the Ford peace court to save soldiers from "facing each other in the bitter winter trenches."

The messages declare that war has been tried for 16 months but has been unable to solve the problems. Therefore the belligerents should try peace. The appeals said reconciliation is possible because all belligerents are fighting for the same objects—love of country and national tradition.

FINAL PROOFS FILED.

Several Visitors Transact Business in Land Office Today.

Final proofs were made by two parties today in the U. S. land office. Mary Barker of Meacham filed proof on her Umatilla Indian land entry and had as witnesses before Receiver Bramwell and Register Skiff John L. Barker and George D. Hilyard, both of Meacham, as witnesses of her contentions.

David Osiah May of La Grande filed proof on a homestead and his witnesses were Chas. B. Perryman and Fred Pehrman, both of Perry.

The Cornucopia Mines Co. of Baker county forwarded a check this morning for \$810 as part payment for a mineral application. W. S. Bowers acted as agent for the company.

Lean L. Carroll of Heppner filed a homestead application.

Lemons Grown in Union.

The lemon crop in Union is light this season, but there is one in North Union that has reached a considerable size, at the Serrine place, says the Republican. The tree blossomed last February and the lemon is just reaching maturity. The tree has been inside and protected from the weather.

MOVIES FIGHT FILMS BARRED

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS BAN MEASURE.

No Transportation of Interests Sort Permissible.

Washington, Dec. 13.—An act forbidding importation and interstate transportation of prizefight motion pictures, was held constitutional by the supreme court today. This will cut off fancy premiums paid in the past to fighters for moving picture rights.

SUSAN ANTHONY PAGEANT TONIGHT

FOUR HUNDRED WILL BE REVERED BY WOMEN.

Four Hundred Will Participate in Historic Pageant in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Susan B. Anthony as she was when a young woman, when in her quaint hoop-skirts and tight protecting shawl she ventured almost alone into the capitol and pleaded with jeering congressmen that women be given the vote, will tread the boards here tonight in the monster pageant to be given by suffragists in honor of her memory.

Hundreds of her followers, representatives of the 4,000,000 women voters of the west and congressmen and senators have reserved seats in the big convention hall. The pageant was obtained by Miss Hazel Mackaye.

There will be 400 participants in the ten historic episodes portraying the dramatic moments in the fight of the suffrage pioneer to secure recognition for her cause. Symbolic friezes telling of the growth of the movement will be posed between the episodes, while a chorus of a hundred women will sing.

Mrs. Florence Kays Hanson, professional reader, will impersonate Miss Anthony. Other prominent suffragists will impersonate their leaders of the past as follows:

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Charlotte Stanley; Lucretia Mott, Miss Catherine Reynolds McCormick; Wendell Phillips, Jants R. Daly; Mrs. Amelit Bloomer, Mrs. Margaret Hopkins Werrell; Daniel Anthony, Howard Treat; Mrs. Daniel Anthony, Mrs. Ruth Pierson; Hannah Anthony, Miss Leandra de Grande; Mary Anthony, Miss Margaret Pierce.

PORKERS ARE BEAUTIES.

Experiment Station Hogs Attain Perfection.

Lee Evands hauled over from Union yesterday twelve hogs from the Union Experiment station to be delivered to the Grande Ronde Meat company. The porkers weighed 3222 pounds when they were loaded in the wagon and the loss on the trip through shrinkage was 62 pounds. Another load of twelve hogs will be delivered next week.

The feeding of hogs has been carefully recorded and in the butchering there is to be also close records kept, so that the superintendent of the experiment farm, Robert Withycombe, will be able to note the results. The deductions will be made from the kind and quantity of feed, the length of time in fattening and the net weight when dressed.

Peculiar Facts About Well Known People.
Berlin, Nov. 15.—(By mail)—During the Lusitania note discussions Ambassador Gerard always wore a red necktie when he went to the German Foreign office. Asked one day why he did this, he replied: "Fire red, you know, shows that you mean business."

LIGHT VOTE UP TO NOON

FIVE HUNDRED ONLY HAD CAST VOTES AT 1:45.

Heavy Taxpayers Slow in Voicing Sentiments on Issues.

At 1:45 this afternoon only 500 votes had been cast in the city election in progress today to select a city commissioner and to voice opinions on the charter question. Comparatively few women had been voted at the noon hour but this afternoon the suffrage rights were exercised by a more liberal number. A peculiar phase of the voting done this morning is that the general trend of voters was such as are not prominent taxpayers.

The polls close at 7 o'clock tonight.

WILL OPEN DRUG STORE.

Adolph Newlin Secures Lease on Room in West-Jacobson Building.

Carpenters are busy arranging shelves and fixtures in the corner room of the West-Jacobson building which it to be occupied by Adolph Newlin as a drug store. The place will be known as the "La Grande Pharmacy." The new proprietor states that the most of the fixtures are already on hand and that a complete stock of goods has been ordered and the arrival of the same is expected soon. He figures on being ready for the opening about the 20th of the month.

CHAMBERLAIN INTRODUCES COMPULSORY ARMY BILL

Varied Degree of Training Provided Between Ages of 12 to 23 Years

Washington, Dec. 13.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon has introduced a bill advocating compulsory military service to raise the citizen army which the administration advocates. The bill proposes everyone not excused for physical, religious or other specific reasons, be obliged to serve between the ages of 12 and 23.

Between the ages of 12 and 17 males would be members of cadet corps. Between 18 and 23 they would form the citizen army. Between the ages of 12 and 14 Chamberlain advocates calisthenics without arms. Between the ages of 14 and 15, rifle training and calisthenics. From 16 to 17, the same with 10 days of annual military camp life. The citizen army would have 20 days annually in training camp for drill, in groups divided into geographical sections.

STORE IS SOLD.

August Fluhrer Disposes of Fourth Street Grocery.

George Cannell of Shosone has purchased the Fourth street grocery at M and Fourth. The store has been owned and operated for some time by Mr. and Mrs. Fluhrer, the sellers in the deal, which was consummated through the Security Land & Savings company.

Make Levy Soon.

While it was planned that the county court would meet today to fix the final levy for the coming year, Commissioner Townely didn't get back from the Portland meeting in time. It is anticipated that the commissioners will gather within a day or two to name the definite levy.

SERBIAN CAMPAIGN FINISHED

Berlin, Dec. 13.—(Wireless to Sayville)—Teuton submarines have sunk 508 vessels, with a total tonnage of 917,819 since the war began, it was officially announced today.

Serbian Conquest Ended.
Berlin, Dec. 13.—(Wireless to Sayville)—The Teutonic conquest of Serbia is completely driven from the country. Bulgarians have annihilated two English divisions at Lake Dorian, the war office has announced.

Allies Turned Back.
Athens, Dec. 13.—Confirmation has reached here of the rumor that Allies excavated Giegvell and Lake Dorian, Southeastern Serbia. Bulgars are reported to be within five miles of the Greek line. Since Saturday the Allies have been retreating into Greece, but it is expected they will make a stand hourly.

AUSTRIAN PASSES.

Burial Held Today—Son Only Relative at the Funeral.

Nick Canich, aged 53, was a victim of a rock slide near Vincent last week. He died Friday night from the injuries and was buried this afternoon from the Bohnenkamp chapel. Canich is survived by a son who is here and two daughters and a wife in Austria.

YOUNGEST AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE.



Dr. D. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Minister to United States and Mrs. Koo.

Dr. D. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese minister to the United States, who is the youngest minister a nation of the importance of China has ever sent to the United States, has just returned from Europe with Mrs. Koo. She is the granddaughter of Prince Ching and daughter of Tang Shao Yih, both famous Chinese statesmen. Mrs. Koo is now going to establish herself in Washington, where she and her husband will go into American society. He is a graduate of Columbia University and he has many American friends.

TRADE REVIVAL TO BE DISCUSSED BY BUSINESS MEN.



President of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, he has called a tariff conference in Chicago, where 300 middle west business men will consider "business after the war."

REVIVOR CASE SET.

Great List of Witnesses in Government Action Indicated.

Subpoenas are being served in Eastern Oregon for witnesses in the government action against the Oregon Lumber company of Baker. H. W. Nibley of this city is one of them and must be in Portland January 5th. That the witness list will be tremendous is shown by the fact that in Salt Lake alone nine witnesses are summoned to serve in the revivor of the case of the United States against the Oregon Lumber company, which comes up in the United States district court at Portland, Or., Dec. 15. They have been summoned by L. H. Smyth, deputy in the office of the United States marshal. The names of the witnesses on whom Mr. Smyth served subpoenas are as follows: Jedediah Ballantyne, William Purdy, Charlotte Richardson, Chauncey W. Richardson, Sarah Richardson, William W. Richardson, all of Ogden, and John W. Bright, near Lewiston, Martha A. Geddes and Joseph E. Hyde of Logan.

Miss Eva C. Erb has been named special stenographer for the government and the examinations of the witnesses will be conducted in Ogden by C. L. Reames, United States district attorney from Portland, or an assistant. The testimony of these witnesses will be used by the government in the trial at Portland.

The original suit was brought against David Eccles, as president of the Oregon Lumber company. The government alleged fraudulent title to timber lands and while the case was pending Mr. Eccles died. This ended the suit until revivor proceedings were instituted by the government bringing suit against estate of David Eccles, of which David C. Eccles, his son, is administrator.

DAIRY EXPERT OFFICE COMES

GOVERNMENT-STATE PROJECT CENTERS HERE.

F. W. Kehrl will Promote Dairying from Central Office.

Government and state endeavors to promote dairying in Eastern Oregon have their hub in La Grande. F. W. Kehrl, field agent for co-operative work in that line, this morning established headquarters for Eastern Oregon in the Federal building, and from now on will be at the service of dairymen. He stands ready to answer and solve all problems coming before the milk producer, be it feeding, breeding, silo and barn construction, milk testing or any of the other side issues of dairying.

Mr. Kehrl will not be in La Grande all the time however. He will visit Malheur county, for instance, next week and may be gone until after the first of the year. His mission is out among the dairy men giving free aid and advice.

Milk testing associations, designed to employ a milk tester on a co-operative basis with the purpose in view of weeding out inferior cows in a whole county or section, rather than one herd, is his mission in Malheur county now and similar plans are afoot for all dairy sections.

This branch of government and state work was formerly located at Hermiston but comes here as a more suited center.

I. C. C. ASKING CONGRESS FOR GREATER SCOPE

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION SWAMPED WITH DUTIES SAYS REPORTS.

VALUATION OF RAILROADS REPORTED WELL UNDER WAY

Annual Report Sets Out that Subsidiary Bodies Are Needed to Handle Some of the Work—List of Cases Heard During Year Tabulated—Steel Car Issue Up.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A recommendation that the membership and powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission be increased by Congress is contained in the annual report of the commission made public today. The commission points out that the increased volume of its work makes relief imperative. It also asks power to delegate to subsidiary bodies portions of its work, while retaining control thereof by the commission, so work may be expedited. Other important recommendations are:

Steel Cars Urged.
That there be appropriate and adequate legislation upon the subject of control of railway capitalization. That the commission be given right of access to carriers' correspondence files. That the use of the steel cars in passenger trains be required and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited.

The work of physically valuing the railroads is well under way, the commission reported. By January 1, surveys will have been completed on about 50,000 miles of track. A rate of 50,000 miles a year is expected, so the 250,000 miles of road will be finished in four years. This work is tabulated to date in the office of the commission. The country has been divided into five districts and from twelve to fifteen survey parties are at work in each. No attempt to fix prices on the property surveyed, will be made until the commission collects more information on costs and prices.

Communication Lines Appraised.
The work of valuing the telegraph and telephone lines also is well under way. In its report the commission nowhere suggests that the valuation work may be made the basis for government ownership.

Complaints Reach Thousands.

The commission during the year received 6,500 complaints on the informal docket and 6,690 special docket applications for authority to make refund in which repayment was ordered to the amount of \$312,864.81. The number total of formal complaints was 64. The commission conducted 1,543 hearings, in which were taken 200,438 pages of testimony. Among the investigations concluded were those of the alleged guilt of the United States Steel corporation or its subsidiaries charged with giving or receiving unlawful rebates; and that of conditions surrounding the transportation of petroleum and anthracite coal; the western rate and the Rock Island cases.

War Oddities.
London—The National Association of Grocery Assistants announces the girl clerks taking the place of men are not a great success.

TRUST PERMIT BEING SOUGHT

FOREIGN MARKET CONTROL IS SOUGHT.

Joseph N. Teal Argues for Lumbermen Before Commission.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Western lumbermen today pleaded before the Federal Trade commission to obtain permission to form a trust to control the foreign markets. Joseph Teal of Portland submitted a voluminous brief.