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Senate Tables Gore Resolution

VILLAGE OF DOUAMONT IN GERMAN HANDS

BERLIN CLAIM TO THAT EFFECT VIRTUALLY ADMITTED BY PARIS.

CRUEL LOSS SUSTAINED BY ATTACKING FORCES

Heavy Action in Various Parts of the Western Front Going on Today—Germans Claimed to be Driving Past Doumont but Paris Disputes This Rumor.

London, March 3.—The village of Doumont center of much fighting, four miles northeast of Verdun, is now in German hands. A Berlin official statement today claimed capture of the village and 1000 prisoners. Paris has officially admitted the enemy reached the town. Berlin also said she now is driving west and southwest from the village, but Paris said Germans suffered cruel losses and a struggle for possession of the village continues.

French claimed repulse of attack east of the village Vaux and Germans are bombarding the region southeast of Verdun, while French fire across the Meuse plain prevents the Teutons advancing.

German airmen bombarded Verdun and Berlin has admitted the British gained near Ypres, at the northern end of the western battleline, but didn't indicate the extent.

Close fighting has developed in the Labasse canal while a French attack at Argonne was repelled.

Dead Turn Hills Gray. Paris, March 3.—Renewal of the German attack on Verdun has convinced military experts the Kaiser's offensive is a real thing. The cost is ghastly. German dead have strewn the woods, so the hills from a distance, seem covered with a strange gray-green growth.

Because of the German preparations and shelling, critics believe the drive against Verdun is not a feint, mindful, though of the possibility of a sudden thrust at Champagne and Aisne.

GOODALL SENTENCED.

Jail Penalty Given but Paroled if Fine is Paid.

Scott Goodall who was yesterday found guilty of cruelty to animals, was last night sentenced by Judge Knowles. The court affixed the maximum fine of \$100 and 60 days in the county jail, but later paroled the jail sentence providing Goodall would pay the fine immediately. This he will likely do.

Girls Plead for Reception Invitations

Washington, March 3.—Spectacular in a display of magnificent gowns and handsome uniforms, the White House promises a most glittering assemblage tonight when the President and Mrs. Wilson will hold a reception for army and navy officers. Shimmering braid, sparkling medals and clanking swords will predominate.

The army and navy reception is always welcomed as the most colorful event in White House circles. It has been anticipated by scores of requests for invitations from the young ladies of Washington who are anxious to see and meet Uncle Sam's handsome land and sea officers. For weeks the White House clerks have been besieged from all sources to use their best efforts for invitations for the event.

But these beseechings have proved futile since the first reception held this winter. Fairly overwhelmed by the crowd which swept into the White House at the Pan-American reception, the President and Mrs. Wilson decided to do much of their own selecting of guests. The President's aides of protested that they were considerably embarrassed when prominent persons requested invitations. The President said he would relieve them. Hence all invitations now pass an Executive board, to wit, that of the President and his wife.

As a result the reception tonight promises to be more or less exclusive. There will be the army and navy hosts in large numbers, some favored congressmen and the elite of Washington's society and a few hundred perhaps not "so elite."

The President and Mrs. Wilson will be assisted in the receiving line by the wives of the cabinet officers.

FEMALE EMPLOYEE RULES CHANGED

RETAIL MACHINERY WILL BE WHOLLY UPSET.

Forty-Eight Hours Each Week is Limit Hereafter—Effects Saturday Night Shopping

Another change in the schedule of working hours for women, girls and minor boys is causing considerable agitation about La Grande today.

The Industrial Welfare Commission has issued an edict that hereafter no woman, girl or minor boy shall work more than 48 hours each week, and another ruling says that no such person shall be employed for more than six consecutive days or eight hours each.

It will be remembered that considerable trouble was experienced in La Grande when the Industrial Welfare Commission came to the front with its first ruling, but a compromise was effected whereby 54 hours work was permitted during the week and things settled down to normal under that ruling.

Now comes a change which will materially effect every business house that employs female labor, for the Saturday night shopping hangs on this law. Forty-eight hours as a week does not permit under present arrangements, stores to use their regular help on Saturday evenings, and as a result the whole business fabric of the retail end will have to be revised if the Commission holds to its recent ruling.

On Monday in Portland the Commission will grant a hearing to employers and it is expected that many communities throughout the state will be presented.

JOURNAL OFFICE ATTACKED

Providence Paper, Bitter Against Germans, Feels Explosion.

Providence, March 3.—Investigation of the fire and explosion in the Providence Journal office last night has convinced authorities today that anti-air agents are visiting retribution upon the paper for recent exposures of Austrian and German activities. The damage is comparatively small.

MINES IN FULL SWING.

Copper Company Turning Out Great Production at Fancy Prices.

That the copper mines out of Salt Lake are running at full tilt, having big payrolls and receiving in return fancy prices for their ore, and that the railroad yards at Salt Lake are jammed with cars, are some of the interesting indications of good times in the Rocky Mountain district brought to La Grande today by Waldo Geddes who is here from Arthur, a mining town 16 miles from Salt Lake. He expects to spend a few days here visiting relatives and his friends.

WILL BUILD AN OFFICE.

Permit Granted to E. C. Davis for Addition to North Side Plant.

An office room 16x18 feet is to be built by Contractor Horstman for E. C. Davis the tombstone dealer. The building will be erected on the east side of the main shop which is located near the fair grounds. This building will afford better facilities, giving Mr. Davis accommodations office, a roomy workshop and ample store room.

King Cole Makes Regular Visit.

Old King Cole, the jolly old soul, who sells the Rumley products throughout Eastern Oregon, is in La Grande chasing up new business. He contends that Eastern Oregon is in better shape than ever before in her history and that prosperity is perching on every rock and hilltop from Ontario to Pendleton.

Stock Wintered Well.

R. D. Hamilton, one of the prosperous stockmen of the valley, was in La Grande today on business. He said: "Yes, this winter is a little bad and none of us like it, but when I stop to consider the water and range and grain land in Grande Ronde I can stand a little wind and be happy. My stock wintered very well and I will not lose any, so why not feel satisfied. In fact, I know of no one in this valley who has not good and sufficient cause to be happy and contented. It is the greatest place in the country, and if you don't believe it just do a little traveling around and compare other localities with the Grande Ronde."

ADMINISTRATION HAS THE BACKING OF CONGRESS IN GERMAN SHIP CONTROVERSY

House Expected to Enact a Similar Action Immediately

FOURTEEN SENATORS STAND FIRM AGAINST WILSON

Washington, March 3.—Amid dramatic scenes, unparalleled since the declaration of war upon Spain, the senate today carried out the plans reached last night and by a vote of 68 to 14 tabled Senator Gore's resolution warning Americans not to travel on armed ships.

Gore Votes with Foes. Senator Gore himself voted with what he knew was the majority, doing so that he might himself call the measure from the table, for a reconsideration later.

The vote upholds, from the senate side, President Wilson's position on the international situation. The program this morning was made doubly tense by the premature announcement of Senator Gore last night concerning alleged statements by President Wilson, regarding the possibility of a break with Germany. The new turn of events which overshadow the main issue came when Senator Gore, while the Senate sat in rapt amazement, related a story that the President at a conference with the congressional leaders a week ago, declared Germany's insistence on her submarine policy would probably result in a breach of diplomatic relations, that the breach would probably bring war, and that a "state of war might not be of itself and of necessity, an evil to this republic, but that the United States by entering upon a war now might be able to bring it to a conclusion by midsummer and thus render a great service to civilization." Gore claimed he did not say the story was true, but it came with such a concurrence of testimony and such marks of truth that he felt he could not withhold it.

After the Senate adjourned, President Wilson denied the Gore statement and Chairman Flood of the house foreign committee, who was at the White house conference the night President Wilson is supposed to have made the statements discussed by Gore, issued the following statement:

"The president never said anything in my presence that could be construed as justifying the report heard by Senator Gore that war would not be unwelcome to the president. On the contrary, the president said he was working night and day to keep the country out of war."

Substitute Bill Killed. McCumber opened the fight, offering a substitute resolution declaring it the duty of every American to abstain from right to travel on armed ships until the submarine business is settled. The resolution was tabled. James then demanded a vote on the Gore resolution.

Gore Sprung Surprise. Senator Gore sprung a surprise by submitting an amendment to his own resolution, and asked permission to discuss it. The amendment amounted to an ultimatum to Germany. It stated that death of an American through submarine attack would be deemed cause for war.

Subsequent developments showed time the young man stumbled and in catching his balance threw up his foot. It caught the saw from underneath.

Murchison's own version of the accident is that he gave Owen a push and that Owen in turn pulled Murchison forward at the same time in a friendly scuffle. Murchison instinctively threw up one leg, the saw passing through the instep in the twinkling of an eye, leaving the heel intact. While it was virtually necessary to make a reamputation at the hospital to remove fragments in the wound, there still remains a stub upon which it is expected he will be able to walk when healed.

The wounded boy was protected by the State Industrial Insurance commission, for his hospital, doctor and incidental expenses, and some substantial remuneration for loss of his foot is certain.

WOODSAW AMPUTATES FOOT

Guy Murchison, 18 April 13th, lost the major portion of one foot about 5 o'clock last evening when he stumbled and fell into a woodsaw on which he was working at the Lynch-Steward wood yards. He is at the hospital today and probably will suffer no other ill effects than the distressing loss of his foot. Prompt first aid was given by Mr. May who was unloading wood nearby and who quickly applied a crude tourniquet which partly stopped the flow of blood. Guy was then rushed to the hospital and his father, John Murchison who lives at 1904 U avenue, was notified at Summerville where he was visiting a brother. The boy's mother was also advised of the accident at once.

Miles Owen and Guy Bradshaw were employed with the Murchison lad at the time, and Bill Marks was a by-stander. Just before quitting

SOCIETY WEDDING STAGE IS SET

LITTLE FOLKS WILL EXEMPLIFY THEIR ELDERS.

Mary Mildred Ridenaur and Jack Kirtley Will "be Married" a La Tom Thumb.

Chief actors in tonight's "Wedding:" The groom, Jack Kirtley. The bride, Mary Mildred Ridenaur. The minister, Jack Dennis. Maid of honor, White Elizabeth Stilwell.

Ring bearer, Judith Snodgrass. Best man, John Girdler. Bridesmaids, Edna May Wilson, Dorothy Brown, Lois Nelson, Majorie Reynolds. Ushers, Edward Burkman and Jack Collidge.

Additional performers—ten flower girls, two grand fathers and grand mothers, fathers and mothers of the bride and groom, the ministers wife, aunts of the groom, cousins of the bride, two sisters of the bride, bachelor friends, 12 waiters and many couples of guests.

Tom Thumb's wedding is ready for wedding march signal. This afternoon the finishing touches were put upon the juvenile actors who are to act the noted comedy story this evening at the Methodist church beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. Some 65 or 70 little folks will enter into the playing parts either as principals or guests. Miss Hume, who is directing the production last evening handed out the costumes, and the little boys and girls present will make their debut in full evening dress and party gowns at an early age.

The production is brim full of laughter, and the little folks will furnish oceans of fun—that part is a certainty. They will go through the wedding ceremony, have refreshments served, and in every way carry out a complete exemplification of a society wedding. The admission is 25 cents.

BIG ZEPPELIN FALLS.

London Reports Two Machines Crash to Ground in Flight.

London, March 3.—A zeppelin, evidently hit by artillery, fell at Exhezee, Feb. 21, damaging a house and injuring 18 children an Amsterdam report says. Another fell at Malsnault.

PREPAREDNESS DISCUSSED

Mt. Emily District Hears Discussion at Literary Meeting.

George Cochran delivered an address last night before the Mt. Emily Literary Society on the subject of "Preparedness" and a large crowd greeted the speaker.

Some views expressed by Mr. Cochran were that the government should produce all of its nitrates for the agricultural uses of the country by establishing plants at various points. In case of war, the speaker said, these plants could be taken over and would produce the chief ingredients of nearly all explosives. Such plants are too expensive for private capital as they cost approximately \$25,000,000 each. The United States today has not a single plant and is importing over \$60,000,000 worth of the product annually for fertilizer, besides vast quantities used in the manufacture of war materials.

He also regarded hard surface roads as absolutely necessary in time of war and of the greatest worth in the development of the arts in peace. He said at least three trunk lines should cross the continent and that a road should be built on each coast.

SLATER RELATIVES RETURN

Majority of out of Townsmen at Funeral Return to Homes.

A majority of those who came from out of town points to attend the Mrs. Slater funeral yesterday, have returned home. These include Hon. W. T. Slater of Portland, Furnish Slater and wife of Portland, Mrs. Sarah Tuttle and John Garret of Elgin. Frank S. Slater of Canyon City remains a guest of his brothers here for a short time.

PUGET SOUND WINS.

Naval Committee Recommends Big Appropriation for Coast.

Washington, March 3.—The Senate naval committee today unanimously reported a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 to equip the Puget Sound navy yard for battleship construction.

Merchants Decorating.

Baby decorations are now being placed in the different stores and by tomorrow evening when the Saturday night crowds throng Adams avenue the sight will be pleasing to everyone.

BANKS MUST RESTORE BIG GRAFT MONEY

CAANDIAN JUDICIARY BEGINS PROBE OF ROAD WORK. SCANDALS.

REWARD OFFERED FOR MISSING BANK MANAGER

Many Thousands Spent Illegally Through Bad Checks in Road Work Graft—Inquiry is on and Banks Will be Forced to Pay Back the Sum Lost.

Regina, Sask., March 3.—Judicial inquiry into the graft on the provincial government started today. The government announced that all banks which cashed the illegal checks in the road work graft, amounting to \$18,000 will be forced to reimburse the government.

A reward of \$1000 has been offered for the arrest of the branch manager of the bank at Ottawa, who is a fugitive from justice.

It is believed the bank will be held responsible for the provincial funds illegally distributed by the missing manager.

Smokers in Bad Luck.

London, Feb. 16.—(By Mail)—Smokers undoubtedly were the worst frightened class in England recently when the government announced last night the absolute prohibition of tobacco importation into the British Isles.

The order reducing paper and other importations caused widespread interest, but were not terrifying. Tobacco users were genuinely scared. They recovered part of their courage when tobaccoists announced there was a two year's supply of the weed in England. Nevertheless, a stiff increase in prices is generally looked for, though the English press declared it can see no reason for it as yet.

The big dailies immediately began figuring on how to get down to a paper famine basis. Arrangements were made for a committee to apportion the supply to the various publications.

There was no question from the first, however, that the new order meant a reduction in the dailies' size, the damming of the previous flood of cheap books and the utmost economy by private individuals and retail merchants in the use of stationery for correspondence, envelopes, wrapping paper and other purposes.

Reduction in the supply of building materials seems unlikely to be seriously felt, building operations having been for the most part suspended since the beginning of the war. Restrictions on the entry of timber, however, do promise to make the cost of firewood practically prohibitive in the near future.

The embargo on fruits has been the subject of considerable criticism, on the ground that such commodities are not luxuries but legitimate food. Comment has been especially bitter in circles interested in the South African fruit trade, which has been in process of being built up slowly for some time and is threatened now with ruin.

Of furniture and furniture woods and veneers there is said to be some supply on hand but nothing to last two years, as in the case of tobacco; and the prediction generally is made that furniture prices speedily will reach a prohibitive figure.

In part the new regulations are made with a view to compelling economy by the English people. It is conceded, however, that the main purpose is leave more room in ships touching at English ports for foodstuffs and munitions.

The entire British mercantile marine being, in one way or another, under government control at present, there will be no difficulty in enforcing the new orders.

Quarantine at State's Prison. Salem, Ore., March 2.—Discovering that two more cases of smallpox had developed, the penitentiary officials decided yesterday afternoon to put the institution under quarantine. This makes six cases in all. All of the prisoners have been vaccinated, and every precaution is being taken to keep the disease from spreading.