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Brazil Has Its Problems.
Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 21.—(By mail.)—Four hundred thousand rifles bought during President Hermes Fonseca's administration, the anxiety of certain warring European Powers to get these rifles and President Wencelau Braz' strict ideas of neutrality have ensnared Brazil in a nasty international tangle.

When Brazil bought the rifles three years ago Europe laughed. It asked what Brazil's army of ten thousand men would do with 400 thousand rifles. But when the war broke out, England and Russia especially, remembered and immediately approached certain members of the official circle of Brazil and, it is said, were assured they had reason to hope the rifles would be on the firing line "pronto" if not sooner.

The assurers failed to consider one man. President Braz takes his duties seriously and President Braz put his foot down on these hopes.

"Nothing doing," said he "contrary to the laws of neutrality." To make his refusal emphatic he discharged his secretary, Sr. Lafayette de Carvalho, accused of being head of the clique that promised to get the rifles.

It is said the British government was not content to let the matter rest. Accusations are published with bitter comments in the Brazilian press that England exerted pressure upon the Brazilian government to make Brazil sell the rifles and violate the laws of neutrality.

According to these accusations, Rothschilds, London bankers, who held a large amount of Brazilian treasury bills which fell due on January 1st, insinuated that these bills could be taken up in rifles. Despite financial embarrassment, President Braz paid the notes in British gold.

Then came a proposal from a "neutral" syndicate in Argentina to buy the rifles, and when that was refused another company made propositions. President Braz stands pat and the accusations and rumors are being investigated by a federal senate committee.

Wood Alcohol Almost Fatal

Pendleton, Mar. 13.—Two swallows of wood alcohol, a deadly poison, almost caused the death last night of Miss Josie Pedro, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pedro of this city. Prompt measures saved her life, and while her condition is described as hopeful today, the danger has not yet passed.

According to her own story told after she got over the most violent effects of the poison, Miss Pedro last evening had an engagement to attend a picture show and having a headache, thought to stop it by taking a few swallows of whiskey. She went to the cupboard but, finding no

whiskey, thought a little alcohol would have the same effect. A bottle of grain alcohol and one of wood alcohol stood beside each other and, she states that she secured the poison mistake and drank two swallows before she discovered it.

Even then she did not realize her danger and drank a little beer to take the taste out of her mouth. She was telling her sister of the mistake when she was seized with a violent spasm. Dr. J. A. Best was hastily summoned and worked with her several hours before he could stop the convulsions. Antidotes were administered and other measures taken. Though the spasms stopped, it was 4 o'clock this morning before a blindness left her.

Dr. Best stated this afternoon that unless an inflammation of the lining of the stomach resulted, that she would recover rapidly.

"Pork" Not Sought.

Spokane, Wash. March 7.—Business interests in Spokane will not participate in any scramble for "preparedness pork," declares William S. McCrea, president of the chamber of commerce in a letter to persons behind a movement seeking to hold a conference of Pacific northwest business men in Spokane to discuss preparedness in its relation to this section of the country.

"Such a conference must be held a high plane of patriotism," stated Mr. McCrea in a letter outlining the views of Spokane business men. "It will defeat its object and be valueless if we simply make it a coming together of commercial bodies for seeing how much each community or each district can get for itself.

"The great plans being made for the increase in the navy and the enlargement of the army will radically change the permanent equipment of the government for handling these two arms of the service. Army posts will have to be enlarged, new armories constructed for the militia, great storage warehouses provided and an additional naval base such as you propose at the mouth of the Columbia river will undoubtedly be a necessity.

"A great conference of all of our business men could well be held to consider just what these changes will mean to the life and to the business communities of the northwest. We must not hold this conference upon such basis that it will look as though we were inaugurating a 'pork barrel' campaign. On the other hand, we must not lose track of the fact that local sentiment will be injected in all parts of the country. We can not well ask for the location of institutions where they would not be contemplated in a broad, well prepared plan, but we should stand together to see that such a plan is carried through and institutions that



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belong in the North Pacific country are not taken by local influence to other parts of the Coast or parts of the country."

The conference will be held in Spokane March 27 and 28.

Shakespeare Would Go To Bed Early

Stratford-On-Avon, March 1—(By Mail)—If William Shakespeare lived today he would not spend long night hours penning literature for future generations in his home on Stratford's main thoroughfare.

Lights are prohibited in Stratford. The mayor's council has decided that until the war is over Stratforders shall go to bed with the chickens or spend their evenings in darkness. The recent Zeppelin raid on the Midlands is responsible for the order.

In peace time tourists from all parts of the world came here to see where and how Shakespeare lived. The town council is simply taking precautions in order that there will be something left for tourists to see after the war.

Tourists Close Bond Street Shops

London, March 13.—Bond street, London's aristocratic show shop thoroughfare, is suffering heavily on account of the war, it was learned for the first time today. Some Bond street shop owners already have appeared in court requesting a reduction of their valuation and have summoned witnesses to prove their cases. Evidence elicits that there now are thirty-three vacant shops in New Bond street and ten in Old Bond Street, whereas beginning of the war. Many shopkeepers have moved their stocks to there was not a single vacancy at the less expensive neighborhoods.

There is practically no sale for luxurious laces, expensive jewelry, Chinese porcelains, Italian embroideries, paintings by old masters and hundreds of other articles usually bought by the rich.

The situation, according to the Bond street salesmen, is chiefly due to the absence of American and Continental buyers. The British trade is practically nil.

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Manitoba Voting On Prohibition

Winnipeg, Man., March 13.—Distribution of liquor by government liquor stores through most of western Canada within five months, will follow if the McDonald prohibition act, upon which the people of Manitoba are voting today, passes. Under the provisions of the act, liquor could not be legally sold in bars, clubs or wholesale houses within the province of Manitoba. Men with families would be allowed to import booze into the province for home consumption. This clause of the act led to the presumption that if the act passes, Cupid's business may be boosted so the bachelor may have his nip. Breweries can manufacture liquor inside the province for sale outside the province only, the law stipulates. Those engaged in the retail liquor business must close up May 31. These men will receive no compensation for their losses which will amount to millions of dollars if the act passes. Alberta will go dry July 1, and Saskatchewan already is anti-hotel-saloon territory. In these provinces government stores distribute liquor.

To Build Toll Gate Road.

Pendleton, March 13.—According to C. A. Galloway of Elgin, one of the Union county commissioners, the road from Elgin to Weston through Toll Gate will probably be built during the coming year. Mr. Galloway states that Union county will build her end of the road, spending \$15,000 or \$20,000 to secure a good grade. At present the road in use in Union county is a toll road and not under the jurisdiction of the county court. The road coming out at Weston will connect with the macadam highway there. Mr. Galloway does not think the proposed bond issue in Union county will carry this year.

Fire Is Mystery

Meontology, March 13.—Headquarters building at the Presido here was burned at four o'clock this morning. Though it is believed to have been caused by defective wiring, military authorities are investigating. Water was turned off when the fire started. The first cavalry left here for Mexico last night.

Home From Baker.

Mrs. Claude Seranton has returned from a visit with friends in Baker.

La Granders Visit in Portland.

Mrs. Lavey and daughter Miss Barbara, are in Portland on a visit with friends.

Moorhouse Moving.

Pendleton, March 13.—Major Lee Moorehouse has almost completed the moving of his office from his old location to his new location in the Eagle-Woodman building.

Attending Funeral of Aunt.

Mrs. Horace Knapp went to Union this morning to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Lydia Haynes. Mrs. Mart Clark and Mrs. Jake Clark, of La Grande, are sisters of Mrs. Knapp and nieces of the deceased.

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