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LAW DISCUSSES AMERICA'S ENTRANCE INTO EUROPEAN WAR

LOWELL MELLET OBTAINS FIRST INTERVIEW WITH CHANCELLOR.

DECLARES GERMANY'S RESOURCES ARE SCARCE

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asserts Germany's Credit With Own People Is at a Low Ebb—Her Allies Are in Worse Shape—If Question Is One of Financial and Industrial Staying Powers Allies Can Win by Themselves.

(Copyright, Lowell Mellett.) London, March 28.—(United Press)—If war becomes solely a question of the financial and industrial staying power, the Allies' victory is certain. "We have sufficient resources," was the declaration of A. Bonar-Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the first interview with an American correspondent.

"Has the effect of America's entry into the war been considered?" he was asked. "America's resources are greater than any of the Allies, but it is outside the province of a member of the English government to discuss America's possible action," he answered. "We have steadily refrained from doing so but if war becomes a question of staying power, American resources will make all the difference in the world."

"As long as the country has credit, it can fight. Germany's resources, financial and otherwise, are practically confined within her own borders. "Evidence tends to show that Germany has lost or soon will lose credit with her own people. Other resources may give away sooner. Austria is less able to support herself alone. Turkey and Bulgaria are now supported by others."

French Hope U. S. Troops Are Coming

Paris, March 28.—(United Press)—"We wish to see American troops here as soon as possible," Secretary-General Jules Cambon told American correspondents today. "The public is confident that American military aid will come, and such aid will be enthusiastically welcomed. The new government's policy is more active," said Cambon, and he continued, "Germany actually is in hard straits."

Camels Are In Baker To Inaugurate D.O.O.K.

Forty Will Cross Arabic Deserts Tonight—Lodgemen Return Tomorrow Morning.

With a goodly part of a baggage car needed to carry the frisky camels, trappings, cans of zem zem water and goats milk, liberal portions of heated sands and other essentials to a lively journey over Arabic deserts, 28 members of Kahled Temple, Dramatic Order of Knights of Korassan, of this city, left today noon for Baker. A ceremonial for a class of about 40 will be staged there tonight. The tyros who will get the benefit of the brigand invasion are entirely Baker Knights of Pythias. Frank Baker, of Wallowa, Marion Davis, of Union, and others were in La Grande last evening to attend dress rehearsal ceremonial at which time three tyros were duly acquainted with the horrible mysteries of the order.

Among the lodgemen are: Officers—R. V. De Lile Greene; G. E., Joe Green; S. N. Y. Stoddard; M. J. A. Mattott; S. Riley; S. Vehr; S. M. F. Davis; E. Hopple; E. Nelson; S. Rees; T. Frawley; M., Frank Baker.

Escorts—A. C. Haynes, J. A. McCarthy, W. T. Potts, Chas. Henderson, Harnden, Hokansen, Oliver, McCarthy, McCormick, Barton, Faulk, Byers, N. Riley, Marker, H. Richardson, Harley Richardson.

The lodgemen will return tomorrow morning.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., March 28.—(United Press)—Today's weather forecast is: rain with southerly winds.

SAY MEXICO-GERMAN MENACE CAN BE HANDLED

FOUR MORE NATIONAL GUARD REGIMENTS HAVE BEEN CALLED.

RAIDS AND BORDER TROUBLE ARE EXPECTED

Washington Does Not Think Carranza Will Heed German Machinations—Indications Are That Germans Are Now Fleeing Mexico—No Indications of Real Military Danger.

Washington, March 28.—(United Press)—While realizing possibilities of trouble from Germans and Mexico, authorities today declared the government was prepared to cope with the situation. Indications are against any real military danger. Raids and border troubles are expected. Indications are that many Germans are fleeing Mexico and concentrating in Torreon. Many fear internment. Even if Germans do stir up trouble in Mexico, the scope of their activities are limited. It is thought unlikely that Carranza will heed German machinations.

More Regiments Called. Washington, March 28.—(United Press)—Four more national guard regiments, first West Virginia, seventy-fourth New York, second Connecticut, and second New Jersey have been called.

Milk Takes Flyer; "Canned Cow" High

Portland, Ore., March 28.—(United Press)—The leading brands of condensed milk today advanced thirty cents a case wholesale, putting "canned cow" out of the ten-cent retail class. Butter jumped to 43 cents wholesale, the local market resulting in dollar a two-pound roll at grocery. The advance is due to the fight between the creameries, condenseries and cheese factories for milk.

WOMEN TO DECIDE IF WOMEN TO VOTE

Des Moines, Ia., Mar. 28.—(United Press)—Referendum by women exclusively as to equal suffrage possibility is proposed for Iowa. The senate passed without debate by a vote of thirty-four to seven a joint resolution referendum at election in 1918.

Say Examinations Thorough.

The physical examination for West Point is thorough in all respects, says Ellis Williamson, who has just returned from Vancouver where he took the physical examination for West Point. The candidate is required to strip down and all muscles and ligaments are tested. Any defect of the eyes, ears, nose or throat, poor teeth, color blindness or anything of a similar nature, are causes for rejection. The heart is tested under natural conditions and then after running for five minutes in order to see if the heart action is perfect. The army physicians who comprise the examining board are very competent and all defects are certain to be found.

Father Powers Will Instruct Children In Patriotic Duty

Coming Generation Will Be Told Their Duties To Country in Crisis Such As At Present and Their Duty When They Are Grown.

Father E. J. Powers, rector of St. Joseph's church, who is giving a mission in the Roman Catholic church, tomorrow morning will celebrate a children's mass asking for aid for this country's executives in the present crisis. A hundred children will attend and 75 will receive communion. Father Powers will speak to the children upon their duties to the country in the present crisis and tell them what their duties will be in crises which may come when they are men and women. Tomorrow will be known as Children's Welfare Day in the Catholic Sisters' school.

FIVE HUNDRED RECRUITS FOR THIRD SO FAR

GOVERNOR ASKS CITIZENS TO BE CAREFUL OF THEIR DISCUSSION

REGIMENT TO REACH WAR STRENGTH SOON

Third Regiment O. N. G. Needs 750 More Men, Says Lieutenant Colonel May, To Bring Regiment To War Basis Asked By The Government.

Portland, Ore., March 28.—(United Press)—Five hundred have been recruited into the Third Oregon since Sunday. However the regiment is still short 750 men, Lieutenant Colonel May announced this afternoon. The regiment is expected to reach war strength the first of next week. Only ten per cent of the applicants have been rejected.

Governor Issues Proclamation. Salem, Ore., March 28.—(United Press)—"I earnestly implore the people of Oregon to refrain from discussion of the loyalty of any citizen," reads the proclamation of the governor. "Unfounded rumors in these strenuous times may prove extremely disastrous," the proclamation said.

Operetta Pleases The Audience

Over \$100 Made in Library Benefit—There Were No Failures of Participants—Orchestra Does Well.

"The Wild Rose," an operetta, which was given last night by the Neighborhood club for the benefit of the La Grande library, scored a big success, clearing over \$100. The house was filled to capacity and the operetta went off without a hitch. Each one in the cast showed much talent, accuracy, and precision in doing their part. Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. Norman Freese are to be congratulated on their directing as the players showed the effect of careful training and management.

Miss Leona Newlin was pleasing in the leading roll and Miss Mary Newlin scored a big hit as "Bobby." The settings in each act were beautifully carried out, the garden scene being especially beautiful.

The orchestra received much applause and the club is very appreciative of its efforts. It is composed of the following musicians: Mrs. W. W. Berry, snapp; Kenneth Gekeler, violin; A. Snapp, clarinet; Mrs. Snapp, cello; and Mr. Wilde, cornet. Mrs. A. L. Richardson sang between each act.

The aesthetic dancing was good and the waltz movement especially so. Taken altogether the operetta scored a success and requests have been made to have it repeated but nothing definite has been settled.

Baker High Girls To Give Operetta Here

Forty Baker high school girls, coached by Mrs. A. C. Strange, will give an operetta in the La Grande high school auditorium Friday night, April 6. The girls will come to La Grande on a special train and it is thought 100 or 200 Baker people will come with them. The visitors will pay their own expenses, the La Grande high school will furnish the auditorium and the local school and Baker will equally divide the profits. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents. The operetta starts at 8 p. m.

Dr. J. P. Graham Is Very Seriously Ill

Physician Has Not Been Well But Though Nothing Of It—Condition Still Serious.

Dr. J. P. Graham is at the Grand Ronde hospital in a very serious condition. He was operated upon hurriedly last night for gangrenous appendix. Doctors Holt, Hall, Richardson, Biggers, Bacon and others, were in the surgery at the time of the operation. Though in a serious condition Dr. Graham is reported as resting easily.

IRISH MEMBER'S QUESTION INDICATES CUNARDER SUNK

ARMY, NAVY, MARINES NOW WORK TOGETHER

All men who are desirous of entering any branch of the services of the United States whether Army, Navy or Marine Corps are requested to leave their names and addresses with Sergeant Rice in the Marine Corps recruiting station in the postoffice building. Sergeant Rice will catalogue these names and thus have all men ready on the spot when the other recruiting parties arrive in this city.

Bullet From Chinese Gun In Recent Fight Narrowly Misses Girl

Hole Made Through Coat and Folds of Dress of La Grande High School Junior.

Miss Isis Bryant, niece of Mrs. C. H. Bidwell of Island City and a junior in the La Grande high school, narrowly escaped injury in the recent Chinese shooting on Adams avenue. Miss Bryant was walking west on Adams avenue between Young's confectionery and the postoffice when the shooting occurred but turned and ran east when she heard the shots. She saw Mrs. George fall but it was not until later that she discovered that a bullet had pierced her coat and two folds of her dress, missing the body by but an inch or two. Miss Bryant was badly frightened.

HOPS SHOOT SEATTLE CHINAMAN

Seattle, March 28.—Ah Wah, a laundryman and said to be a member of the Bow Leong tong, was shot and probably mortally wounded on the street at Twelfth avenue and Terrace street about noon by two Chinese, who, Wah says, are members of the Hop Sing tong.

CHICAGO WILL BE FREE OF WHITE PLAGUE IN 10 YEARS

Chicago, March 28.—(United Press)—This city's battle against the Great White Plague will be won within ten years if the present decrease in deaths continues.

This announcement was made today by Dr. John Dill Robertson, city health officer. Decreased consumption of alcoholic liquors, the Sunday closing law, purification of the city's milk supply and a general hygienic education campaign have made marked inroads against the yearly toll of tuberculosis, Dr. Robertson said.

"We are reaping the reward of persistent propaganda against the disease," said he. Insanitation, communicable methods of disease, public drinking cups, promiscuous spitting, bad housing, too much liquor and not enough out door life have been fought."

Penitentiary Won't Be Bad.

Salem, Ore., March 28.—(United Press)—The penitentiary of the future will be almost a pleasing place in which to live, according to the opinion of Captain Charles A. Murphy, warden of the Oregon state prison. "The penitentiary of the future will be a mixture of school, church, medical school, psychological laboratory, mechanical workshop and diversified farm," he said. "A few very strong cells will always be necessary, but in the majority of cases only the unarmed guards will be required, mental and moral control taking the places of dungeons and bars."

DRIVE AGAINST DOGS STARTS IMMEDIATELY

City Manager Currey announced this morning that the drive against unlicensed dogs would start tomorrow morning. Under the Oregon law dogs are classed as property and are taxable. This permits the police to arrest the owner if the dogs are not licensed and to hold the owner for non-payment of taxes. This is the action the city police has been instructed to take.

WILLAMETTE GLEE SINGS TONIGHT

The Willamette Glee Club will sing in the La Grande high school tonight, beginning at eight o'clock.

ADMIRALTY SECRETARY McNAMARA REFUSES INFORMATION.

QUERIES TO GOVERNMENT IS FIRST INTIMATION

"Not in Public Interest" to Know Says McNamara—Only Known Cunarder to Have Been Sunk Is Laconia and Belief Is That Another Has Been Torpedoed or Has Struck a Mine.

London, March 28.—(United Press)—Queries concerning the Cunarder reported sunk, the number of casualties and whether the ship was mined or torpedoed were asked the government by the Irish Nationalist member of the House of Commons Gunnel today.

Secretary of the Admiralty McNamara replied that information was "not in the public interest" and refused to disclose the information. The only Cunarder known to have been sunk recently was the Laconia. It is presumed that another Cunarder is referred to.

GERMAN SAYS FOOD IS OVERESTIMATED

Amsterdam, March 28.—(United Press)—German food dictator Batocki admitted today that the Reichstag committee had overestimated the food supply, according to Berlin advices. Batocki is quoted as saying increased production was impossible owing to the lack of labor and enormous transportation difficulties.

CANADIAN EX-SOLDIERS PLAN ASSOCIATION

New Westminster, B. C., March 28.—(United Press)—The European War Veterans association is the name favored for the Dominion-wide organization of returned soldiers. The returned soldiers association of this city has gone on record in favor of this title.

Many believe that the European War Veterans' association is but the seed from which will spring an organization of veterans greater even than the American Grand Army of the Republic.

Kaiser Has Diabetes Is Hamburg Report

Berne, Switzerland, March 28.—(United Press)—The Kaiser is suffering from a mild case of diabetes and is undergoing treatment, is a Hamburg wireless report received here today. Physicians assured the Kaiser that careful treatment will effect a cure. The emperor's condition is causing anxiety.

French Capture Positions.

Paris, March 28.—(United Press)—The French have captured important positions in the region of Leilly and Neuville, and have made further progress near North Ailette, it was officially stated. A heavy artillery duel is progressing near the lower forests of Coucy.

ARTISTS WOUNDED FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

New York, March 28.—(United Press)—An exhibition of the remarkable moonlight paintings of Francois Charles Cachoud, the Frenchman, was opened to the public at the Anderson galleries here today to raise funds for artists who have been wounded fighting for France.

M. Cachoud is a native of Chambray, Savoy, is a Knight of the Legion of Honor and the only painter in France who has devoted himself to the painting of moonlight scenes exclusively. Madame Iswolski, wife of the Russian Ambassador to France, is one of the sponsors of the charity, which is being promoted by the French in America.

New Railroads In Japan.

Tokio, March 28.—(United Press)—The Imperial Railway Board is contemplating the construction of 28 new railroads in Japan. They will total 1,135 miles and will cost the Japanese people \$89,583,000.