

NATION HAS SYMPATHY OF FRANCE

PARIS PRESS PRAISES ROOSEVELT FOR FORGING VICTORIOUS AMERICAN SWORD

FRANCE FEELS DEATH OF COLONEL IS NATIONAL LOSS

Many High Tributes Paid to the Dead Ex-President by Newspapers of Sister Republic—Claim Roosevelt for Seven Years Was the Most Powerful Man in the World.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—"The sudden and premature death of Roosevelt will be felt in France as a great national loss," declared the Petit Journal. The phrase seems to sum up the sentiments of all the morning newspapers on the death of the colonel.

"During seven years," says the Journal, "Roosevelt was the most powerful man in the world. In that short period he found the means to revolutionize national opinion, to provide the United States with a fleet; to settle the Russo-Japanese conflict and to create a great international power which today undertakes to create a society for the future."

Le Gaulois, the royalist organ, says: "This paladin of the heroic ages was at the same time the most far-sighted of modern statesmen. He forged the American sword which has been victorious, and he showed his country the way when it was still groping."

"Humanity, justice and law," says the Figaro, "were not for him mere respectable entities, but familiar realities, to be accepted always and unhesitatingly."

Stephane Lausanne, in the Matin, quotes Colonel Roosevelt's farewell words to him when he recently left the United States as follows:

Roosevelt's Message to France.

"I have no message to send to France. I have given her the best I had. If over there you speak of me, tell them simply that I have but one regret, that I was not able to give myself."

The Temps says:

"The man who has disappeared so prematurely will be not only one of the greatest figures of his time, but the incarnation of one of the greatest stages in America's management of public affairs, both internal and external. . . . For the historian he undoubtedly remains the first American statesman who directed his country in two directions, apparently divergent, but really parallel, interior reform and world policy."

The Journal des Debats concludes its sketch of Colonel Roosevelt as follows:

Raised America to Great Heights.

"No man raised the morale of the American soul to a greater height by insisting more on the necessity of sacrifice, but a sacrifice intended not to be a vain sacrifice for the great ends which humanity holds before as its ideals."

"It is in this way that the great fighter, an entering into eternal repose, will have deserved lasting glory and the supreme gratitude, not only of his own country, but of the whole world."

TURKEY WARNED

Allies Threaten to Send Force Into Caucasus to Settle Trouble.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The allies have served notice on Turkey that unless the Turkish commander of the garrison at Medina surrenders immediately, the forts on the Dardanelles will be destroyed entirely, it was learned today. Fighting is still going on in the Caucasus between the Georgians, Armenians and others, and British forces have been sent into the Caucasus to force the two Turkish army corps to depart, which is expected to end the fighting.

CARRANZA BLOCKS TRIBUTE TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Information has reached Washington that after Senator Lodge in the Mexican congress, introduced a resolution, December 15, congratulating President Wilson on his international policies, President Carranza sent for the chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs and strongly opposed enactment and the resolution died. It was called up in the Mexican senate toward the close of the session, but was sidetracked by a group of the senators leaving the chamber to prevent a quorum.

JUMPS THROUGH CAR WINDOW

A MINING EXPERT BELIEVED KILLED BY STRANGE ACT

Goes Through Window of Pullman in His Sleep, It is Thought—Clothes and Money Left.

H. I. Ellis, of Kellogg, Idaho, jumped to his death from a lower berth in the Spokane to Boise Pullman car on Union Pacific train No. 6 some time early Tuesday morning. He broke both windows of his berth and went through the broken glass without his clothing. No motive is assigned for his act. He left all his clothes in his berth, with a \$500 check from the Bunker Hill Sullivan Mining company, some loose change, a handsome gold watch and a ticket to Weiser.

Trainmen and passengers assume that he acted under the influence of a nightmare. There was blood on the side of the car where Ellis cut himself going through the window. Ellis was quiet and apparently sane Monday evening. He went through the window some time before morning between Air Junction and Umatilla.

It is generally believed that he killed himself, but up to Tuesday night his body has not been found. No one in Weiser knew him.

Ellis is understood to be a mining expert of some repute who was sent to Weiser in the interests of the Guggenheims to inspect mining property in a district north of that city.

Section men yesterday found Ellis' body alongside the railway track the other side of Pendleton. He was quite dead, and his body was badly bruised and cut.

NEW YORK PAYS HONOR TO DEAD

GIVES LAST TOKEN OF RESPECT TO ROOSEVELT.

Silence Reigns in Great City as Remains Are Laid to Rest at Oyster Bay.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—While the whole nation was mourning the passing of former President Roosevelt, this city, in which he was born and to whose citizens he was perhaps most personally familiar, paid tribute Wednesday to his memory as his body was being laid to rest at Oyster Bay. Old Trinity's chimes began the funeral toll and as the sound was wafted upon the air the bell in the cupola of New York's historic city hall merged its mournful cadence with that of Trinity and hundreds of other churches in the upper and lower reaches of Manhattan—a last token of affection for all that was mortal of a great American.

Precisely at 1:59 p. m. and until 2 o'clock, for one minute virtually every phase of industry in Greater New York stopped, including the wires of the press associations. The roar of subway, elevated and surface cars ceased and the hum of marts of trade was hushed. In the morning 800,000 public school children held special exercises in their class rooms, in which the life of Colonel Roosevelt and the ideals of Americanism for which he stood were made the subject. In the afternoon schools closed as a mark of respect.

Street traffic was virtually suspended, when 12,000 New York policemen, at the moment of burial and while the bells were tolling, doffed their caps in silent memory of the man who, a quarter of a century before, had brought the police department up to a marvelous degree of efficiency.

PLUNGE IS FATAL

Two Aviators Missing When Machine Drops Into River.

PAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 9.—Lieutenant Harley H. Pope of Bedford, Ind., and Sergeant W. W. Flemming, of Providence, R. I., who were in an airplane which plunged into Cape Fear River near here early last night, are believed to have been drowned.

The wrecked plane was raised today by soldiers from Camp Bragg, but no trace of the missing men has been found.

BILL TO PROVIDE FOOD MUST TAKE REGULAR COURSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Refusal to grant the request of the chairman of the house committee on appropriations to give priority over other legislation of his bill to provide \$100,000,000 to feed the liberated peoples of Europe, rejected by President Wilson, was announced this afternoon by the house rules committee.

JURY SAYS GUILTY IN BERGER CASE

NOTABLE CASE AT CHICAGO ENDED YESTERDAY, AFTER LENGTHY TRIAL.

FIVE SOCIALIST LEADERS FACE 20-YEAR SENTENCE

Federal Jury Finds Victor Berger and Four Others Guilty of Violation of Espionage Act—Twenty Years Is Maximum Sentence—Berger Protests Innocence.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Five leaders of the Socialist party were found guilty by a jury after five hours and five minutes' deliberation in Federal Judge Landis' court Wednesday of conspiracy to violate the espionage law by delivering public speeches and circulating published articles with the willful intent of causing insubordination, disloyalty and refusal of duty among the military and naval forces of the United States and with interfering with the recruiting service and the enforcement of the selective draft law.

The men found guilty are: Victor L. Berger, congressman-elect from Milwaukee and editor of the Milwaukee Leader.

Adolph Germer, national secretary of the Socialist party.

J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the American Socialist, official publication of the Socialist party.

William F. Kruse, national secretary of the Young Peoples' Socialist league.

Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, Socialist writer and lecturer, former director of the literature department of the Socialist party and author of "The Price We Pay," "Why We Should Fight," and other anti-war pamphlets. Twenty Years Is Maximum Sentence.

The convicted men face prison terms of from 1 to 20 years, a fine of from \$1 to \$10,000, or both, at the discretion of the trial judge, who will fix the punishment later.

Attorneys for defendants immediately presented a motion for a new trial. Judge Landis fixed January 25 as the date when he will hear arguments on this motion. The five defendants were taken in custody in the court room but a few minutes later released on their old bonds of \$10,000 each.

Seymour Stedman, chief counsel for the defendants, declared that the case will be appealed to the United States supreme court if necessary to keep his clients out of prison.

Jury Respects Roosevelt.

The jury halted in its labors for five minutes at 11:45 a. m. out of respect to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt.

Out in the corridor the defendants, their lawyers and friends were ordered by the bailiffs to remove their hats while the city paid its respect to the dead statesman.

With the exception of Berger, who appeared nervous, the defendants listened to the reading of the verdict without emotion. Berger said:

Berger Makes Statement.

"The verdict is a surprise to me. I thought the jury would acquit me on the case made out. I am no more guilty of the charge than the judge on the bench. I have been a citizen of this country and stood for the principles for which I have been tried for thirty-seven years. Now if I am to be persecuted for them I shall accept my fate like a man."

Luper Finishes Report on New Sparta Irrigation District for the Settlers

Arriving in La Grande from Baker last night and then journeying on to attend a meeting of the irrigation congress Rhea Luper, for a long time with George Cochran's water department, announced that he had just completed all data pertaining to the new irrigation district at Sparta which will water, when completed, a large section of the dry lands of that vicinity. He bespeaks success for the project and announces that it is not only feasible, but entirely practical.

MINNESOTA'S NEW EXECUTIVE SWORN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—Governor J. A. A. Burnquist took the oath as chief executive of Minnesota at noon yesterday.

The administration of Minnesota of affairs for another term will be strictly in Republican hands. Every state officer elected in November was Republican. Both legislative branches, which witnessed the oath of the governor at noon, are Republican in majority.

NEW YORK TIED UP BY STRIKE

15,000 MARINE WORKERS IN THE METROPOLIS QUIT WORK

City Cut Off From All Supplies and Thousands of Commuters Up Against It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—What is expected to be one of the most paralyzing labor disorders in the history of New York broke out today when 15,000 marine workers at this port stopped work. As a result the metropolis is practically isolated from food and fuel supplies and thousands of commuters have been prevented from coming to their work in the city. The ferry traffic is almost at a standstill.

It is understood that the men struck because the boat owners refused to arbitrate questions in regard to working conditions.

RENTAL IS HUGE

Uncle Sam Pays \$53,603,437 for Pennsylvania System.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—An annual rental of \$53,603,437 is provided in the government contract with the Pennsylvania lines, east, and six subsidiaries. It was announced today by the railroad administration.

La Grande's Experience Is Considered in Portland

The city of Portland is not making satisfactory progress in fighting the influenza epidemic. While good results are said to have been secured there by the use of the Lloyd serum, there were 289 new cases and eighteen deaths reported in the city Tuesday.

Yesterday the Portland Oregonian commented editorially on the situation in La Grande as follows:

NO TIME FOR A TIMID HAND.

"The city of La Grande, in its war on influenza, has adopted the drastic measure of closing, 'for protection of public health, all picture shows, churches, Sunday schools, public gatherings, public funerals, lodges, public and private dances.' The experiment has been in operation for a number of days, and it has not stopped the epidemic. On the contrary, there is much protest against it and a demand that a quarantine of the whole public be abandoned for isolation of the patient and his household."

"The La Grande Observer prints statements from local physicians and all agree that individual sequestration, and not complete paralysis of the public life of the town, is a preferable remedy. One doctor favors a 'rigid quarantine of all who are afflicted.' Another says the present orders are 'wholly useless.' A third says the 'ban on ordinary business is of no avail,' and advocates a 'firm quarantine.' A fourth is convinced that the only way is to 'stick religiously to the quarantine of patients.' A fifth wants a 'binding quarantine.' A sixth says:

"People who are coughing and sneezing should be carried for and isolated, but so far as this ban on the town is concerned, it is of no consequence. The quarantine is also over-estimated, I think, and it restricts itself down to the care of those who have the disease. Give them proper care and do not let them run around and we will soon see a decided change for the better."

"The experience of La Grande appears to be common to other places. There is no known specific or sure treatment. A quarantine on public meetings and on business activities is only a 'half measure,' and household isolation is not a panacea."

"But the trend of evidence is, nevertheless, toward individual isolation. It is a rational measure, and, if properly applied, it should be of great service. The facts probably are, however, that it is never thoroughly enforced."

"There is a revival of the epidemic in Portland. It is said to be due to holiday gatherings. If so, the contagion was carried there by persons who had been exposed. Many of them were members of families who were sick with influenza. Clearly, the quarantine did not include them."

"If individual quarantine is to be the policy of the local authorities, there should be no timid hand directing or enforcing it."

LOYALISTS WINNING IN BERLIN

HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS ENABLING GOVERNMENT TROOPS TO DEFEAT REBELS.

TRUCE MADE YESTERDAY WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Ebert Hopes to Soon Have Complete Control in German Capital—More Reinforcements for Him Are Being Rushed to City—Will Propose Negotiations Again.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—A large force of German troops, supporting the Ebert Socialistic government, entered Berlin this afternoon and defeated the Spartacists after violent fighting. The truce declared yesterday proved to be a failure, and the rioting flared up again after the negotiations for an armistice had fallen through.

Chancellor Ebert issued a proclamation saying that the government must accept the Spartacists' challenge to fight it out, and he is confident that they will succeed in overthrowing the rebels.

The terrorist movement has spread to Silesia, where the Spartacists have prevented the miners at the Beuten collieries from going to work. The rebel forces in Silesia are well armed with machine guns.

In bloody fighting in the streets of Berlin the government troops, which now include a regiment of cavalry, with their reinforcements, drove the rebel troops from the Wolff bureau building, with the loss of only four of their loyal soldiers killed. The Spartacists troops were also driven from the Tiergarten and from adjacent streets.

Heavy reinforcements for the government troops are still being rushed to the city, where the loyal forces are still battling to recapture the public buildings held by the Spartacists.

The fighting is reported as being constant and very sanguinary. The government's position was strengthened during the day and at 6 o'clock this evening traffic was resumed on the urban cars. It is believed that the government, when it has succeeded in gaining the upper hand, will again attempt to negotiate with the Spartacus leaders to cease fighting and thus avoid further bloodshed.

Rebels Proclaim New Government.

BERNE, Jan. 9.—Information has been received here to the effect that the insurgents in Berlin have proclaimed a new government.

Allied Troops on Way.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9.—Dispatches received here say that reports are current in Berlin that allied troops are on their way to occupy that city, at the request of Chancellor Ebert. American troops, it is said, will be sent into the German capital to restore order.

IDAHO MAN MEETS DEATH IN EAST

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—John H. Emory, a hotel man of Cascade, Ida., was killed and his brother Joseph severely injured Wednesday night when struck by a hospital automobile ambulance while crossing a street on the way to a railroad station.

ROOSEVELT CANAL MEMORIAL PROPOSED

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Lieutenant Governor Channing Cox sent a telegram to Senator Lodge Wednesday, asking him to introduce in congress a resolution providing for the changing of the name of the Panama canal to "the Roosevelt canal." "In this manner," said Lieutenant Governor Cox, "there would be linked together for all time the name of this great American leader and this great American contribution to the world."

WILSON WANTS BUT ONE ROLE

PARIS, Jan. 9.—Le Temps says it is able to state that President Wilson has officially informed Premier Clemenceau that he does not desire to be considered at the peace congress as the head of a state, but only as the prime minister of his state.

Le Temps says the United States Constitution makes the president not only the head of the state but the head of the government and that President Wilson will claim only the right to the prerogatives of the head of state at the peace conference.

ROAD WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

MEETING TOMORROW CALLED FOR THE ONE PURPOSE.

County Court Is Seen to Be Anxious to Push Highway Program for Union County.

There will be a special meeting of the county court tomorrow to consider the one subject of highway construction. It is a special meeting because at regular county court sessions there is so much work of various kinds that road matters do not get the attention in a concentrated manner that the court would like to give.

It is known exactly what plans may be adopted but there is rumor to the effect that some members of the court are favorable to putting a rock crusher at work in the Grande Ronde river at Island City, where it can be attached to electric current for power and grinding out road material the remainder of the winter. The haul would be short and practical, for there is no time that the truck could not haul a good-sized load of crushed rock and gravel to the road between Island and La Grande or between Island and Moss chapel. By spring it is argued that piece of road would be covered with a sufficient crushed rock surface and the fine gravel could then be put on and rolled making a good road for next season. Extension of this work could be followed during the summer to the Booth lane and from Booth lane on to the Sand ridge, giving the whole north end of the valley a highway of value and one of permanency.

IS MADE ONE OF 12 APOSTLES

MELVIN J. BALLARD IS GIVEN ADVANCEMENT.

Known in La Grande and Has Visited Here a Number of Times at L. D. S. Church.

Announcement was made today that Melvin J. Ballard who, for a number of years, has had charge of the mission work for the northwestern states with headquarters in Portland for the L. D. S. church, has been advanced to the quorum of apostles.

This appointment comes from the changes made necessary by the death of President Joseph Smith, and Mr. Ballard will be located in Salt Lake.

With great favor by the L. D. S. people the new appointment is looked upon as a personal acquaintance with him. He has on several occasions visited this city.

REBELS VIOLATE ARMISTICE TERMS

PARIS, Jan. 9.—At the last meeting of the armistice commission, Marshal Foch called attention to the action of Germans who, he said, while evacuating Poland and the Baltic provinces, left their arms with the Bolsheviks, thus violating the conditions of the armistice. Marshal Foch added that Germany would be held accountable for the damage done by the Bolsheviks thus armed.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A concurrent resolution passed by the senate this afternoon sets February 9th for a joint session of congress to eulogize the life-work of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. The resolution, which specifically cites that President Wilson be present was introduced by Senator Wadsworth of New York.

MURPHY HOME FROM CORVALLIS S. A. T. C.

Dr. Ray F. Murphy, who has been stationed at Corvallis as dental surgeon at the S. A. T. C., has been discharged from the army, and returned to La Grande this morning and will be back in his office tomorrow.

"In examining the teeth of the boys in the service," Dr. Murphy said, "it was found that more than 60 per cent needed extensive dental work and by placing their teeth in good condition not only their health was improved but they were situated in the care of their teeth and in the future will continue to keep them in proper shape. The effect of this dental education will be far-reaching as it has been proven beyond a doubt that a large part of suffering and disease to which mankind is subject, enters the system through the medium of an unsanitary mouth."

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pohman of this city, at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning, January 9th, a son. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

CITY BOARD KEEPS BAN ON SHOWS

CLOSING RULES WILL BE KEPT IN FORCE FOR A FEW DAYS YET.

ONLY TWENTY-FIVE HOMES NOW UNDER QUARANTINE

Matter Discussed at Meeting of Commissioners Last Night—Other Routine Business Attended To—Reports of City Officials Received—Water Shortage Imminent.

Considerable routine business was transacted at the regular meeting of the board of city commissioners held in the city hall last night. The reports of the various city department officials which were not available at the first meeting this year were presented and read last night. These included the reports of the street and water formen, the city attorney's report, the treasurer's report, and the report of the city manager. This last mentioned one is printed in full elsewhere in The Observer today.

There was nothing of special import in the treasurer's report. The statements presented by the foreman of the water works indicated, however, that the city might find itself confronting a serious situation there before the winter is over, unless precautionary measures are adopted. The supply at the present time is just sufficient to meet the demand in the city, and the lake contains at the present time 10,000,000 gallons, which is lower than the officials like to see.

Water Shortage Thought Imminent.

The matter of the water supply was dealt with also in the report of the city engineer, R. H. Neal. Mr. Neal stated that he had been looking into the conditions at the reservoir and he anticipated that the city would be facing a water shortage within a short time. The water in Beaver Creek, which supplies the reservoir, is quite low and the creek is full of anchor ice. Mr. Neal made a suggestion to the board that they buy a chlorine filtering plant and have it ready to make the water of La Grande river fit for use, in case it becomes necessary to supplement the city's supply from this source. The estimated cost of such a plant would probably not exceed \$1000, and the opinion was expressed that the plant could be returned if it was not found necessary to use it. February has been found to be the hardest month of the year upon the water supply, and the board decided to take immediate action upon this matter.

The low level of the water in the lake, the city engineer added, is largely due to a leak in the small dam at the intake, through which one-third of the water in the lake escaped.

To Go After Speeding Motorists.

Mr. Collier suggested that he be allowed to engage a third policeman, preferably a motor-cycle cop, to enable the force to cope more satisfactorily with the problem of speeding motorists. Violations of the traffic regulations are very numerous, he said, and he expressed his intention of getting after the offenders immediately. When the board took no definite action on this suggestion last night, it is very likely that their attention to it will not be long delayed.

Another item brought up in connection with the water department was the flooding of water mains, which has resulted in the cutting off of some parts of the city from the regular supply. Instead of having these thawed out by the laborious and expensive process of digging down to the pipes and thawing them out, an electric thawing machine is being used at a small cost and with a great saving of time.

Fire Chief Has Trouble.

The city fire chief was on hand with a request that the board give him permission to secure a hot air attachment for the carburetor of the engine in the fire truck, and asked also that a better grade of gasoline be secured for him. He complained that with the poor grade of gasoline which he is using at present it is impossible to speed the truck up sufficiently to take high gear, and they have gone two or three blocks. He was instructed to get further information concerning the attachment he wanted.

Closing Orders Discussed.

The closing orders, which have been the cause of such a fuss in the city of late, received some more slight discussion by the board again last night. Dr. Brownson, president of the board, thought that with conditions as much improved as figures he had seen, the closing orders should be dropped.

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