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PLUNDER IS OBJECT OF SPARTANS

GOVERNMENT AFTER A LIVELY FIGHT CLEARS OUT EAST- ERN BERLIN SUBURBS

CONDUCT OF SPARTANS WAS MOST BARBAROUS

Described as Worse Than the Bolsheviks of Russia—All Well-Dressed Citizens Were Robbed and Many of Them Killed—Prisoner Also Killed.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
COPENHAGEN, March 13.—The German government forces after lively fighting, succeeded in driving the Spartans out of the eastern section of Berlin, including Lichtenberg, Berlin dispatches filed Wednesday say. The occupation of the district was carried out by government troops and considerable quantities of arms were captured. The losses on the government side were not heavy. A message says: "The acts of brutality and cruelty by the Spartans have been fully confirmed."

Robbed and Killed.
LONDON, March 13.—The behavior of the Spartans in Lichtenberg was worse than the Bolshevik cruelties in Russia, Berlin advices received in Copenhagen and transmitted by the Exchange company say. All well-dressed citizens appearing in the streets were robbed and many were killed. Several persons were decapitated and the heads were carried through the streets by female Spartans. The government troops, it is added, continue to kill every prisoner they take.

Plunder Was Object.
LONDON, March 13.—Dispatches say that the nature of the fighting between the government troops and Spartans in the eastern suburbs of Berlin seem to indicate that the Spartans groups were formed for no other purpose than to plunder the city.

GERMANS SHOW RESENTMENT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 13.—Negotiations at Posen between the German delegates and members of the inter-allied mission to Poland to confer over the Polish frontier situation, has been broken off by the German delegates. It is reported that this was done "as a protest against their treatment by the allies."

WARSAW GREET'S MISSION

American Relief Train to Poland Is Welcomed by Paderewski.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The city of Warsaw gave an enthusiastic welcome to the special relief train bearing the American Red Cross mission to Poland and twenty-five cars of foodstuffs, hospital supplies and clothing, according to reports received in Paris and cabled here today. Premier Paderewski adjourned a cabinet meeting to welcome the mission.

ALASKA SOLDIERS WANT THEIR DISCHARGES

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 13.—Protests have been filed in the office of Governor Thomas Rigg, Jr., by two corporals and six privates from Fort Seward against the alleged refusal of Major White, commanding officer at the fort, to receive applications for discharge from military duty. The governor, in response sent a protest to Major White against the holding of Alaska draft men longer than essential. The commanding officer denied that he was holding up discharges.

GREAT ACCT COLLECTED

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Mar. 13.—Fifty varieties of flowers, each having been planted in the garden of an adobe house which has recently been converted into a tea-house here. Gardener who planted the shrubs say the collection is one of the largest on the coast.

VICTORY LOAN BONDS ARE TO MATURE WITHIN NEXT FIVE YEARS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Victory Liberty loan campaign will open Monday, April 21, and close three weeks later—Saturday, May 10.

Secretary Glass announced the dates (Wednesday night, together with the fact that the short term notes maturing in not over five years would be issued instead of longer term bonds. The amount of notes to be offered was not disclosed, but it has been generally understood that the loan would be for a minimum of \$5,000,000,000 with the treasury reserving the right to accept all over subscriptions. Mr. Glass said the interest rate on the notes and the amounts to be exempted from taxation would not be determined until a week or two before the campaign, as they would be based upon financial conditions at that time. It was intimated, however, that the notes might bear interest in excess of 4 1/2 per cent, the interest rate on the third and fourth loans.

Short Term Notes Best.
"After studying financial conditions in all parts of the country," said Mr. Glass, "I have determined that the interests of the United States will best be served at this time by the issuance of short-term notes rather than of longer term bonds which would have to bear the limited rate of interest of 4 1/2 per cent."

"The Victory Liberty loan will, therefore, take the form of notes of the United States maturing in not over five years from the date of issue. These notes will be, as were the Liberty loan bonds, the direct promise to pay of the United States, will be issued both in registered and coupon form, and the coupon notes will be in final form and will have attached the interest coupons covering the entire life of the notes. I am hopeful that the notes in final engraved form will be ready for delivery by the opening of the campaign on April 21."

Hopes to Keep Bonds at Par.
"I am led to adopt the plan of issuing short-term notes rather than long-term bonds largely because of the fact that I believe that a short-term issue will maintain a price at about par after the campaign is concluded far more readily than would a longer term issue. "I have not yet reached a conclusion as to the rate of interest and exemptions from taxation which these notes will bear because this decision must be based on conditions existing at the opening of the campaign."

Resources of Reserve
Bank May Be Open
to Director Hines

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 13.—The extent to which the federal reserve system can be used to assist in financial operations of railroads, pending an appropriation by congress, was discussed Wednesday between Secretary Glass, Director General Hines, Governor Harding of the reserve board, and officials of the war finance corporation. It was not determined whether railroad notes, secured by railroad administration warrants, which may be issued to the roads, might be eligible for rediscount with federal reserve banks. This procedure would open up the vast credit resources of the federal reserve system to the railroad companies, but indications were that a special rule of the reserve board would be required to make this possible, and members of the board were represented as not anxious to adopt such a rule. This left the plans still in an indefinite state, to be worked out in further conferences during the next week.

LABOR COUNCIL HITS BURELSON
OAKLAND, Cal., March 13.—Resolutions forwarded today to President Wilson by the central labor council of Alameda county ask that Postmaster General Burelson be removed from office because of his attitude toward the employees of the telephone and telegraph companies.

MEDALS FOR SOLDIERS
CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 13.—The Wyoming legislature has authorized the issuance of bronze medals for every soldier enlisted from the state. One side will contain the soldier's name and rank, the other an inscription: "In recognition of loyal service in the world war, from the state of Wyoming."

OLCOTT INQUIRES IF
HE CAN RESIGN AS THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, March 13.—In a letter to the attorney general, Governor Olcott today asked for a speedy solution of the question whether he could resign as secretary of state without giving up the governorship. He pointed out that it is particularly now, when great problems confront the state, that there should be three minds working on them and the board of control instead of two minds with three votes, the acting governor points out.

REPUBLICANS LAY PLANS
St. Paul Considered as the Meeting
Place for National Convention.

ST. PAUL, March 13.—St. Paul is being officially considered for the Republican national convention next year if it became known today. The possibility of holding the convention in the local auditorium was discussed with Will H. Hays, the national chairman, when he conferred with leading Minnesota Republicans here recently.

COLLEGE MAN HAS
RETURNED FROM BRAZIL

CORVALLIS, March 13.—Horace Cardinal, a 1916 O. A. C. graduate, has returned to the United States from Brazil, where he was employed by the Brazilian department of agriculture at Rio de Janeiro for two years, to accept a position at extension work in horticulture at the University of Missouri. While at O. A. C. he met Miss Norma Madell, he secured a teaching laboratory, who later became his wife. He is a member of the S. A. E. fraternity.

THREE ARE INJURED IN EXPLOSION

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN BOILER ROOM OF CORBETT BUILD.

ING, PORTLAND.

ELEVATOR OPERATOR IS OVERCOME BY THE FUMES

Hospital Authorities Say That Chief Engineer James Asher, George Udy and Claud Hoffman, Employed in the Boiler Room, Are Probably Fatally Injured.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 13.—A boiler in the basement of the Corbett building exploded today, probably fatally injuring Chief Engineer James Asher, The elevator operator, Miss Pauline Hendricks, was overcome by smoke and steam when the elevator was stalled between the basement and the first floor. The cage had to be torn apart to liberate her. Everybody was ordered from the building until the fuel oil fire was extinguished. There was slight damage to the building. Injuries Probably Fatal. A later report from the hospital authorities stated that Udy and Asher and Claud Hoffman, another man of the engine room force were injured to such an extent that they probably would not recover.

WALTER O'TOOLE IS A WAR HERO

LA GRANDE REARED BOY HAS GREAT RECORD OVERSEAS

Participated in Many Battles and Received Numerous Decorations in Recognition of Service.

Mrs. F. L. Meyers has received from Mrs. J. B. O'Toole a photo of her son, Walter, also the following clipping from the Dubuque, Iowa, Herald: "Probably the most decorated war hero who has yet visited Dubuque College is Sergeant Walter O'Toole of the 6th regiment, United States marines. "Sergeant O'Toole arrived in France September, 1917, and returned to the United States the 7th of this month, having spent fifteen months overseas. "He participated in the battle at Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry, Soissons, second battle of the Marne, and St. Mihiel. He received several serious shrapnel wounds in the stomach at St. Mihiel, having previously been wounded in the arm by a machine gun bullet at Soissons. "The following decorations have been received by him: French Croix de Guerre with one palm; allied campaign star; bar indicating participation in the second battle of the Marne; and regimental citation of the United States of honor. This last named citation has been given to only three residents in the world—the Fifth and Sixth regiments of the United States marines and the crack Alouette Chasseurs of the French army. This badge of honor was personally conferred by General Petain. "Sergeant O'Toole is one of eight men left of his company of 250. "Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole were former residents of La Grande and were members of the business and social life of the town. "Walter was born here and was eight years of age when the family moved to Weiser, Idaho. They are now living in Wisconsin.

COUNT TISZA STARTED WAR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BERNE, March 13.—A priest here charges that the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife at Sarajevo in 1914 resulted from a deliberate plot by the late Count Tisza, former Hungarian premier who is held to be responsible for the war. The priest was the spiritual adviser of the archduke and his wife.

AMMUNITION FROM U. S.
SENT TO MEXICAN ARMY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
EL PASO, Tex., March 13.—On a permit by the United States government, 150,000 rounds of ammunition, which was purchased in the United States some time ago but could not be crossed, was permitted to cross the border here Wednesday for the Mexican federal army in the northern part of Mexico. It will be used by troops in conducting a campaign against Villa.

LEWISTON WANTS THE FIGHT
LEWISTON, Ida., March 13.—The Lewiston Commercial club telegraphed to Tex Rickard for conditions necessary for a proposal for the Willard-Dempsey fight to come to Lewiston.

GENERAL PERSHING SHEDS TEARS IN SAYING GOOD BYE TO BOYS

NEW YORK, March 13.—Tears rolled down the cheeks of General Pershing while visiting the wounded officers and men aboard the hospital ship Morry, at Bordsays, February 27, according to the stories of the 381 soldiers who arrived here Wednesday on the ship from the French port.

General Pershing made two visits to the ship with his staff. It was said, on each occasion he passed through the lines of wounded men in the double tiers of cots on each side, and prayed and comforted them. Once he stopped at the cot of a wounded marine who had lost a leg. He shook the soldier's hand, and in a tone of pride and sympathy declared: "You boys are wonderful fighters!"

Nothing Too Good for Them.
Later he came across a young soldier in the surgical ward, who was badly crippled. The general, with fatherly solicitude for his welfare, remarked: "Boy, you are a real man!" Then, addressing the others in the ward, the tears came to his eyes, and the old fighter, who had won fame in the Indian uprisings, the Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection and the great war, extolled the valor of the new veterans. "Nothing is too good for you," he commented, as he bade the boys good-bye.

KAISER WANTS TO MOVE.
Desires to Go to Riviere or Egypt on Account of Health.

GENEVA, March 13.—It is reported from Basel that the former German emperor has complained against his residence in Holland. It is asserted that he has declared that the climate is disagreeable and that he desires to go to the Riviere or to Egypt on account of his health and that he has requested Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission, to make representations to the allies to this effect.

WEATHER FORECAST
PORTLAND, March 13.—For Oregon: Rain, moderate southerly winds.

Hun Envoys to Be
Virtual Prisoners
While in France

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 13.—When the time for the signing of the peace treaty arrives, it is understood, Germany's representatives will be housed in one of the palaces at Versailles, and will not be permitted to enter Paris, as the French government does not care to undertake to afford protection to Germans in Paris.

While the German signatories will not actually be prisoners and must not be treated as such, public sentiment against Germany is so high in Paris that the French government is unwilling to risk unpleasant incidents which might occur were the official German representatives to appear publicly.

CHARLES OF AUSTRIA
REPORTED TO BE ILL

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
GENEVA, March 13.—The former Austrian emperor, Charles, is again seriously ill from a nervous breakdown according to advices from Innsbruck. His wife, Zita, is employing every means to leave Austria for the Riviera, but has been unable to obtain French passports. She also is said to be in bad health.

VASSAR GIRLS TO VERDUN

NEW YORK, March 13.—Seven young women sent to France as a Red Cross unit organized by Vassar college, have been designated by the French government to take charge of relief work at Verdun. It was announced here Wednesday night. They will begin Saturday relief of refugees who have been forbidden until now to return to the desolate district which was the scene of such desperate fighting.

PLAN FOR WORLD REVOLUTION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 13.—The Russian soviet with the object of promoting a plan for a world-wide communist revolution has appointed a new minister known as the "international commissary," a dispatch says. The appointee is a Swiss named Moore, who is a friend of Lenin and Trotsky. He is given unlimited financial and political powers at Moscow.

CABLE IS REPAIRED

NEW YORK, March 13.—The cable between Honolulu and Midway islands has been repaired and communication with the Philippines, China and Japan, by way of San Francisco, has been restored. The Commercial Cable company announced Wednesday.

DENY OVERSEAS FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Naval department officials Wednesday denied reports from Spokane, Wash., that a trans-Atlantic flight would be attempted in May by naval dignitaries. They said the name of Albert J. Perry, who announced in Spokane that he had been ordered to leave May 8, J. C. to proceed for such a flight, could not be found in the department records.

JOHNSON SAYS FIGHT WAS A FAKE

IN SIGNED ARTICLE COLORED PUGILIST SAYS WILLARD CON- TEST WAS FRAME-UP

THIS CLAIM IS DENIED BY PRESENT CHAMPION

Says That Johnson Needs Money and Is Trying to Put Over Another Match and Claims That There Is Nothing to the Charges—Will Not Fight Any Colored Man.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
HAVANA, March 13.—Jack Johnson in a signed article given to the Associated Press declared his fight with Jess Willard here four years ago was prearranged and that he allowed Willard to win for \$30,000, the moving picture rights and the promise of aid to settle Johnson's difficulties with the federal authorities. He says that unless Willard agrees to fight him within a reasonable time he will claim the world's title, the proceeds of the bout to go to Clark Griffin's bat and ball fund.

Willard Says "Nothing to It."
LAWRENCE, Kans., March 13.—Jess Willard said today in reference to Johnson's claim: "Johnson simply needs money and is trying to put over another match. There is absolutely nothing to the charges. It is simply a crude joke. I do not intend to fight Johnson or any other colored man."

GIRL IS KILLED BY UNCLE

MINNEAPOLIS, March 13.—Wellington Michaels, 25 years old, stabbed to death Nellie Chapel, 14-year-old daughter of his sister, Mrs. Duane Chapel, in front of the Chapel home at Maple Plain, about 16 miles from Minneapolis. Michaels, who is a cripple, was captured and could give no reason for his act. It is believed he is demoralized.

CLOCKS TO GO AHEAD AN HOUR

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN STILL IN EFFECT.

Repeat of the Law Was Not Adopted, Although There Were Many Protests Sent to Congress.

The clocks are all to be set ahead one hour on Sunday, March 30, just the same as they were last year. This is under the daylight saving plan that was adopted mostly as a war garden measure and it has not been repealed. There was a strong protest against the measure and at the same time industrial districts wanted the law retained. There was no change made, so the clocks are to go ahead one hour and this is to continue till the last Sunday in October.

GERMANS WORK IN EGYPT.

Vreugandists Are Blamed for Recent Disturbances.
WASHINGTON, March 13.—German propaganda in Egypt is blamed for recent disturbances at Cairo, which resulted in the deportation of a number of political agitators. The state department has been advised that the disturbances had been suppressed with a number of fatal casualties in fighting between the military forces and mobs.

**WOMAN GIVEN POSITION
ON HARVARD FACULTY**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 13.—The first woman to hold a position on the Harvard university faculty will be Dr. Alice Hamilton of Chicago. Announcement was made Tuesday night of her appointment by the board of overseers as an assistant professor of industrial medicine in the Harvard medical school.