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ORGANIZE TO PREVENT DRY NATION

DEFINITE CAMPAIGN AGAINST NATIONAL PROHIBITION HAS BEEN STARTED.

TOBACCO INTERESTS ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED

Mass Meetings and Conventions Are Planned Throughout Nation in June—Branches of Organization Will Be Established in Twenty-nine States—No Liquor Men Connected.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, March 15.—The organization of an association to oppose national prohibition of the liquor traffic was announced tonight, with the avowed "prime purpose of making the national prohibition amendment forever inoperative." Application for incorporation under the laws of New York state will be made next week, it was said. Among the applicants will be Percival S. Hill, president of the American Tobacco company; Harriman of the Harriman National bank; and Michael Friedham, president of B. Altman. No person who is officially connected with the organization has any interest, directly or indirectly, with the liquor business, it is declared.

Plans for the organization of branches in twenty-nine states have been effected, it is announced, and 100,000 persons are said to have applied for membership.

Stands for Personal Liberty.

The organization, it is declared, stands on the principle of "personal rights and liberties," and is "opposed to the introduction of any bills in congress or in the various state legislatures of any legislation that will differentiate between light wines and beer and whiskey."

The organization, the statement declares, is as strongly opposed to prohibition by constitutional amendment of the manufacture and sale of tobacco, cigarettes, cough drops and gum as it is to the prohibition of intoxicants.

Plan Educational Campaign.

In addition to organizing a campaign to influence public opinion "for maintaining the standards of personal liberty by all lawful and proper means," the organization also proposes to disseminate information regarding the political, social and economic effects of the prohibition of alcoholic beverages as a means to promote temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages, and opposing any movement to limit or discontinue the use of tobacco.

"The organization will hold mass meetings April 19th, the anniversary of the firing of the first gun in the war of the American Revolution," the announcement says, "and forty-three conventions are planned between June 1st and June 15th."

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, March 15.—For Oregon: Rain in the west Sunday; rain or snow in the eastern portion, possibly with northerly winds.

BANKER FACES TWO CHARGES

JEROME S. MANN, PORTLAND, INDICTED YESTERDAY.

Misappropriation of Bank Funds and Falsifying Reports to Comptroller Charged.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, March 15.—Two indictments were returned today by a federal grand jury against Jerome S. Mann, former cashier of the First National bank at Lennton, a Portland suburb, on charges respectively of misappropriation of bank funds, and of making false reports to the comptroller of the currency concerning the bank's condition.

Mann's indictment grew out of the case against J. L. Pattison, head of the Pattison Lumber company and former director of the bank, who has recently been indicted on charges of defrauding the bank by use of forged bills of lading for lumber, and he is accused of having connived at these illegal operations on the part of Pattison. The sum involved is $140,000.

MAY DEFER LEAGUE PLAN

PRELIMINARY TREATY EXPECTED WITHOUT DOCUMENT.

Paris Council Decides That League Will Be Included in the Final Treaty.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Although it will be included in the final treaty of peace, the League of Nations may not be in the preliminary treaty, it was said today in official circles here, after Secretary Tumulty's announcement in New York that he had been informed by President Wilson that the council in Paris had decided that the plan would be part of the treaty.

Officials here expect that the preliminary treaty will be between the victorious powers and Germany only, that it might be characterized as a final armistice, and as such need not be submitted to the senate for ratification. They said that the preliminary document in every particular would be included in the final treaty, which would present the full terms of peace, which must be agreed to by all the warring nations.

U-48 SENT DOWN BY DESTROYER

ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE FROM SPANISH PORT FOILED.

Submarine Had Been Interned for the Past Year in Ferrol Harbor, Where It Sought Refuge.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 15.—The German submarine U-48, while attempting to escape from the port of Ferrol, Spain, last night, was chased by a destroyer and sunk, according to a Havas dispatch received here today from Madrid.

The U-48 took refuge at Ferrol in March, 1918, and was interned. The attempted flight was observed and the torpedo boat Antlo went in pursuit. The German submarine was sunk just outside the Ferrol roads. The crew of the U-boat was saved.

When the German submarine sought refuge in Ferrol a year ago, her propellers were unshipped by the authorities of the Spanish port, and her guns and ammunition were taken out, according to dispatches from that place. The captain had declared, when he took refuge in Ferrol, that his boat had been severely damaged in a fight with three ships. The U-boat carried a crew of thirty men, and for a time a Spanish warship guarded her. In 1917 the U-48 was reported off the Bermudas.

Senator Chamberlain Makes Statement in Opposition to League

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military affairs committee in the last senate, said in an address here tonight before the Mississippi society that the defeat of the treaty of peace and another war would be preferable to the treachery to fundamental American rights which he declares the League of Nations will effect. He dwelt particularly upon the statement of Count Ichi, the Japanese ambassador at the peace conference, who said that the League of Nations plan embodied racial discrimination.

Trouble Brewing Again In Councils of the Metal Trades Unions

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—A resolution has been introduced at a joint meeting of the Metal Trades councils of Tacoma, Seattle and Aberdeen calling upon the men to forge their work Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to walk out because of the new restrictions and conditions imposed by the shipyard owners. An amendment was introduced to strike out the time of the walkout. President Taylor of the Seattle Metal Trades council, has declared himself as opposed to the resolution.

ATTENDS FARMERS' MEETING

P. H. Spillman, county agriculturist, was at North Powder attending a farmers' meeting yesterday.

DEMOCRATS QUESTION MR. CLARK

CHAMP CLARK IS PLACED ON THE GRILL BY HIS OWN PARTY

CHARGED WITH OPPOSING THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Mays of Utah Wires Sharp Request to Clark to Either Verify or Deny the Charges—Claims All Other Public Men Have Taken Stand on League, Even to William J. Bryan.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Champ Clark was asked today for a declaration regarding his position in respect to the League of Nations, in a telegram sent to him at New Orleans by Representative Mays of Utah, who resents the former speaker's declaration that "the league constitution has as much chance of being ratified as you have of being pope of Rome."

Mr. Clark has publicly denied making any such statement. Mr. Mays, whose message was made public tonight by the organization of the Democratic members of the house, who opposed the selection of Clark as majority leader in the next congress, says the former speaker's reference to the league was made the day Senator Reed spoke against the proposed alliance and that Clark had declared the argument unanswerable.

"All other prominent men," the message read, "have announced their position on this vital matter. Even Mr. Bryan, from his sick bed, declared that the league was the greatest forward step toward peace in the last one thousand years, though suggesting minor amendments. May we ask what are your suggestions, as we desire that you came out like other public men assuming leadership in official positions? We remember that you did not vote for the war resolution, and that you spoke and voted against the selective draft urged by President Wilson. We remember your attitude throughout the period of the war, as being out of sympathy with the administration and the majority of your democratic colleagues.

"Do you propose to act in harmony with the majority view, or do you propose to compel the majority to act in accordance with your view? Are you with Lodge, Penrose, Borah and Reed, or are you with President Wilson for a League of Nations?"

HUN SHIPS COMING SOON.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, March 15.—Several hundred American officers and seamen of the cruiser and transport forces have already been sent to French ports to take over the German ships as they are delivered, it was learned here today. They are to be supplemented by men from naval forces stationed abroad. The first German ship is expected to arrive here shortly after April 1st.

WILSON ABSENT FROM SESSION

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL MEETS WITHOUT PRESIDENT

Important Matters Keep Chief Executive Busy—Colonel House Delegated to Attend.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 15.—The supreme war council met this afternoon at 3 o'clock. President Wilson was not present.

It was announced that the president had important matters demanding his personal attention and that inasmuch as the final military and naval terms were not to be discussed today, he had decided to absent himself from the sessions of the council. The president sent Colonel House to attend the war council's meeting.

ENGLAND WILL CONCEDE POINT

THINKS PROPER PLACE FOR THE LEAGUE IS FINAL PACT.

Will Not Oppose President, However, if He Insists on Inclusion in First Treaty.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 15.—If President Wilson insists that the League of Nations plan be incorporated in the preliminary peace treaty, Great Britain, it is understood, will concede the point, although still believing that the preliminary draft is not the proper place for the inauguration of the league. They declare that the proper place for it is in the final peace pact.

This attitude was indicated today after the announcement that the American delegates are strongly desirous of including the League of Nations plan in the preliminary treaty as well as in the final pact.

The British do not wish to delay the organization of the league, but they express the keenest desire for the immediate signing of the preliminary peace treaty in order to immediately alleviate unsatisfactory conditions resulting from the continuance of the armistice.

In order to get immediate action it is proposed to strip the preliminary compact of all extraneous matters, which belong to the inclusion of the league. The League of Nations, under the British program, would come up immediately after the conclusion of the preliminaries, and would be added, with any amendments, as part of the final pact.

LINCOLN SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

EUGENE, March 15.—The Lincoln high school team tonight became winners of the state interscholastic basketball championship, by defeating Salem, 27 to 14.

BAKER WILL MAINTAIN CAMP LEWIS

SECRETARY OF WAR MAKES A STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN PORTLAND.

DISCHARGES FOR SOLDIERS INSIDE FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

Big Camp in Washington State to Remain Permanently Established for Military Purposes—Major General Peyton D. March Accompanying Baker on Trip.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, March 15.—The United States secretary of war, Newton D. Baker, arrived here late today, accompanied by Major General Peyton D. March, chief of staff. They were met at the station by a few federal officers and went away to Vancouver, Wash., to inspect the army post. Later the party returned to Portland and the secretary was the guest of Will Moore at a dinner at a hotel, with only a few invited guests present. Secretary Baker and General March go from here to Tacoma and Camp Lewis.

"This is simply a trip of inspection," said Secretary Baker. "Neither General March nor myself have ever seen Camp Lewis and we wish to familiarize ourselves, so that when the future army program is mapped out we will have it in mind.

"Camp Lewis will always be used for army purposes," he said, "the site having been selected by the government a long time ago. I do not expect that it will be used as a great mobilization camp, however, but it will be continued for military purposes.

"The Vancouver post will also be maintained, but whether it will be turned back to the engineers or to the infantry I do not know at this time.

"One of the principal things that brought us on this trip is to give us information which will enable us to carry out demobilization of the soldiers faster than is now being done. We want arrangements so made that no man, unless he is an exceptional case, will have to be held in one of these camps for a longer period than forty-eight hours. We want to have everything ready, so that his record, pay, physical examination, and other details will be attended to and within forty-eight hours of his arrival his discharge can be given him."

Nearly Half Million in Property Is Swept Away by a Tornado

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 15.—Four hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed by a tornado which swept over a portion of Saunders county, about forty-five miles north of Lincoln yesterday, killing one person and injuring several others, according to reports received here today.

DANIELS SAILS FOR EUROPE

WILL VISIT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND STUDY NAVIES

Hurrah Time Held When Official Leaves the Shores of the United States.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, March 15.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, and a party of naval experts sailed from here for France today on the transport Leviathan, to study naval and aviation problems. They will visit Great Britain and Italy and will be away until about April 1st. The secretary is accompanied by Mrs. Daniels.

An army guard of honor and an army band, Vice Admiral Greaves, representing the navy, Major General David R. Shanks and Brigadier General George McManus, representing the army, and Admiral Grout, of the French navy, met the secretary and party as they arrived at the pier, where the ceremonies corresponded to those accorded President Wilson on his first trip to France. The Leviathan fired a salute of nineteen guns as she turned into the river, and she commenced her voyage at 4:30, flying the secretary's flag.

TERMS WILSON TOO EXALTED

DANGER IN LEAGUE SEEN BY COL. GEORGE HARVEY.

States Opinion That Test of Sentiment of the Nation on League Proposal Inevitable.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHICAGO, March 15.—Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, in an address here tonight before an assemblage of bankers, declared that the league covenant as drawn is doomed to failure. The substance of the plan, he said, will not be abandoned.

Colonel Harvey declared that the United States is only a catspaw at the peace conference, that no foreign power cares for the welfare of this nation and that none of them give a thought to America's existence, except to gain advantage and to get control of the vast resources of this country. He stated at the outset that he would not under any circumstances injure the president, but he declared that Americans are too prone to make a fetish of their chief executive, to the extent of regarding his every act as approaching the divine and to be practically immune even to discussion.

The speaker said that we are in danger of divesting our nation of her most cherished traditions and of sacrificing our sovereignty.

"The president's league proposition is perpetual," he said. "It is a covenant from which none of the parties can withdraw with honor or without in effect declaring war upon the rest of the world.

"The president is so fully committed to his project and so firmly determined to have the support of the people of this country that a test of the sentiment of the country is inevitable," Colonel Harvey declared.

"Whether he will succeed in convincing the delegates of the other powers of his ability to so entwine the League of Nations in the peace treaty proper as to enable him to coerce the senate is doubtful, but it is hardly a question of his fetching home some kind of proposition on which to raise a definite issue," the speaker concluded.

Durant Wins the Auto Race Over Hearne By Ten Seconds

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 15.—Cliff Durant came home over the Santa Monica automobile race course ahead of his team mate, Eddie Hearne, today, winning in three hours, four minutes and forty-five seconds for 250.8 miles, in laps of 7.369 miles each. He won a prize of $4000.

Hearne's time was three hours, eleven minutes and fifty-nine seconds, as second man he won a prize of $2500. Louis Lecocq was third, in three hours, fifteen minutes and twenty-eight seconds, winning $1500, and Eddie Pullen came in fourth, in three hours twenty minutes and forty seconds. He won $1000.

SAYS YANKS SENT HOME LIKE CATTLE

OREGON SENATOR CHARGES DISGRACEFUL TREATMENT OF RETURNED MEN

CHAMBERLAIN DETERMINED TO INVESTIGATE STORY

Tells Washington Audience That Soldiers Have Been Shipped Across the Continent From Atlantic Ports in Cattle Cars, Fed on Canned Food—Spirit of Patriotism Endangered.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Charges that American soldiers from the western states were moved from Atlantic points of debarkation to their homes in cattle cars were made by Senator George Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military affairs committee in the last senate, in an address last night before the Mississippi society here.

"I will not tell you where these gallant boys debarked," exclaimed the senator, "because I propose to investigate these cases further, with a view to definitely fixing the responsibility, but the story was told to me today that these boys, overjoyed at getting back to America's shores, were placed in cars used for carrying live stock, with no light except that which could be given by candles and nothing to eat but canned goods.

"In this way they traveled for days. Do you think that as they proceeded on their journey they promulgated any additional love for the country for which they have suffered and sacrificed so much? They were in constant danger of becoming infected with the spirit of disregard of the institutions of their country. What kind of spirit do you think treatment of this kind will inspire?

"Of course, I know that the head of such a great department can not be in constant touch with the details of the work, but the man immediately in charge should certainly be held responsible, and Americans will demand a reckoning at his hand. The work of the department for taking care of the soldiers is one of the most severe and should be faced with candor, with open honesty and with unflinching courage. Nothing can be gained by concealing the truth."

July 4th Will See Big Peace Celebration Staged in Tacoma, Wash.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—Tacoma will invite all the northwest to join with her on July 4th in a great Northwest Peace jubilee, it was announced tonight.

The jubilee will extend over the entire week, with auto races the main feature, and will be held directly under the supervision of the city itself. The Commercial, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, inter-fraternal organizations and the Knights of Columbus at present have representatives on the general committee, but fraternal and religious societies and other organizations will be asked to aid in the arrangements.

THREE SHIPS BRINGING MEN

7000 MORE OFFICERS AND MEN ON WAY HOME.

Soldiers of 37th Division and Casual Companies for Several States Are Represented.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The departure from France of three transports, with 7000 officers and men of the American army, was announced by the war department here today.

They are due at New York and at Newport News March 23rd. The transports carry four New York detachments of the 37th division, headquarters company, for Camp Sherman. The headquarters, ordnance, medical and machine gun companies of the 148th infantry, 37th division, and casual companies for Ohio, New York, Texas, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts Colorado, Idaho and South Carolina.

Spring Medicine