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RUSSIA NOW WITHDRAWS MEMORANDUM

Allied Objections Reported To Have Been Heeded.

KING ENTERTAINS ENVOY OF THE REDS

Plans for Reconstruction of Central Europe are Actually Being Discussed Today.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Apr. 22. — Russia has withdrawn the memorandum submitted yesterday in answer to the report that the allied experts on Russian affairs, says a Havas general dispatch. Strong objections had been made to the memorandum in allied quarters.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, Apr. 22.—Russian Soviet Minister Tchitcherin gave the Italian socialists and communists a shock today by meeting King Victor Emmanuel here and accepting the king's invitation to luncheon on an Italian dreadnought.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, Apr. 22.—The French delegation to the economic conference protested against the German reply tot the allied note in which the Germans stated that they would refrain from discussing Russian questions settled in the Russo-German treaty. The French contend that the Germans under their reply, ma yinsist upon discussions of other Russian questions.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, Apr. 22.—Actual work on the plan for reconstruction of Russia started today by experts representing the soviet government, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Czecho-Slovakia and Holland.

ABDUCTOR ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, Apr. 22.—Police battered down a door in a West Forty-fifth street house today and rescued 16-year-old Minnie Zarienbok, who said she had been kidnapped and held prisoner for 10 days. A man who said he was William Weissinger, 23, was arrested on charges of abduction and assault.

NEW STATUS IS TO BE ASKED

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, T. H., Apr. 22.—A new status for Hawaii in the government of the United States, with a vote for its delegate to Congress, will be asked by Harry Baldwin, delegate-elect from this territory, as soon as he reaches Washington, he announced here prior to taking ship for the mainland.

"I understand that a clause in the constitution relative to the personnel of the House of Representatives, renders it difficult for the representative of a territory to reach the dignity of a vote," he said. "However, in the light of altered circumstances since the Constitution was adopted and in view of the present day importance of both Hawaii and Alaska, I do not think the thing is impossible."

AD CLUB IN DRIVE FOR MORE FUNDS

S. D. Crowe is at Head of Committee that Will Endeavor to Raise Funds for Its Operation.

With the Portland Exposition for 1925 now practically a sure thing and feeling the necessity of conducting an intensive campaign of advertising in the east, with a heavy financial responsibility in operation in the Old Oregon Trail association, with a considerable quota to meet in the Intermediate Rate association, which has just won the first lap of its fight against the short haul clause, with expensive graphic sign boards to be erected in stragetic points such as Salt Lake, The Dalles, Spokane and Pendleton for the purpose of directing trade to Union and Wallowa counties with the scenic wonders of these two counties as the drawing card, with the campaign in behalf of extensive irrigation and drainage and the multitudinous duties of a commercial organization to perform, the Union County Ad club is face to face with imperative need of more membership.

Under the direction S. D. Crowe, chairman of the club finance committee, the membership campaign will begin next Wednesday.

The club had been operating at approximately one-third the expense attached to similar clubs throughout the state but the necessity of increasing the scope of activities particularly along the lines of increasing tourist traffic through eastern Oregon now that the Old Oregon Trail is practically finished, and pave the way of reaping benefit from the World's Fair in Portland, the institution must have an increas in financial income," explained President C. E. Short, before his departure for Portland Thursday. He said further:

"The officers feel that they have now demonstrated that the Union County Ad club is not an organization for business men only but that it has at heart the welfare of things and propositions that make for a better community and better citizenship for all. Commercial associations have long since dropped the idea that the chief motive is to protect and improve conditions for commercial enterprises—in this particular case about four years of activities have convinced the people that it is not a selfish institution. While results obtained and work done may not seem worth the effort to those who are not familiar with the many details that fall to the Ad club, still the activities have been such as to prompt the most flattering comment from metropolitan papers and expert publicists of the northwest."

What men familiar with civic affairs in other communities and other states is demonstrated in an interview on this subject with Rev. Geo. H. Quigley, pastor of the Methodist church. He says:

"A city's prosperity calls for the cooperation of its merchants, mechanics and professional men. Effective cooperation calls for organization. Experience in other cities of the size of La Grande has taught me that on enthusiastic, well conducted Commercial club is better than several. Among other advantages, it butter stresses the "Get-together" spirit without which progress is slow and uncertain. I, therefore, heartily endorse the "Ad" club and pledge it my support."

NEW USE FOR SAUSAGE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Apr. 22.—Sausage as a shock absorber saved the life of E. J. Craddock, truck driver, here today, according to his opinion expressed in a report to the police.

Collapse of Recall Move

Civic League Candidate Refuses to Stand By Charges of League.

(By Associated Press)

KLAMATH FALLS, Apr. 22. — The collapse of the movement to recall Mayor Wiley came yesterday when J. T. McCullum, candidate for the Klamath county civic league, declared he had opposed the movement from its inception and was convinced that the business men were also opposed. The league had charger Wiley with lack of prohibition enforcement.

Walter M. Pierce's Candidacy Results In Stopping Trip

Chairman Day Says He Doesn't Want His Committee to Get Tangled Up in Politics.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 22—The state tax investigation committee today cancelled plans for hearings next week at Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany, Salem, McMinnville and Oregon City until after the primaries. Chairman Day said that the reason was that they did not want to get mixed in politics as Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for nomination for governor, is a member of the commission.

Idaho Hen Claims To Be Best Egg Layer

La Grande hens are not the only ones that can lay record sized eggs. From Kuna, Idaho, Scott A. Wheatley writes the Observer of an egg that is larger than the claimants for honors in the big egg size produced here this year. Mr. Wheatley's letter says:

"In the issue of The Observer of April 7th, you printed an account of an egg from Mr. Jenson's farm. He may have the championship of Oregon but he is still behind Idaho as I got an egg last week that measured eight inches around the long way and six and three-quarters the other and weighed three and seven-eighths ounces. Mine however, was from a pure bred Wyandotte which is a larger hen than a Leghorn."

MINERS DESERTING.

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Apr. 22.—Some mine workers of the anthracite region will not return to the mines when the suspension is over, for they are buying farms. No less than a dozen Columbia county farms have been purchased during the last week by miners.

Most of the transactions have been for cash, the miners paying their life's savings, in some instances, for farms which range in size from 30 to 100 acres.

Behind the Bars

General Semenoff, Cossack leader, photographed in his cell at New York where he was held in default of a bond in a civil suit.

EXONERATE FIRE CHIEF OF PORTLAND

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—Fire Chief Young was exonerated of all charges today by findings of the special investigation conducted by City Commissioner Bigelow. The charges were formally filed by Inspector Pullen of the fire marshal's office and accused Young of drunkenness, inefficiency and misconduct. Young and a dozen or more fire department members yesterday testified denying the charges.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 22.—Five deaths were reported early today as the result of an explosion yesterday of a gasoline tank and gasoline tank wogan at Downey. Five others are in a critical condition.

(By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Apr. 22.—The Washington-California race was again postponed until this afternoon at 2 o'clock owing to the rough water.

Financing of Soldier Bonus

Finance Committee Decides To Confer With Legion.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22.—A plea for financing the soldiers' bonus was discussed today in a conference of senate finance committee republicans but no definite decision was reached. Before there is a conclusion, said Chairman McCumber, representatives of the American Legion will be called.

Trial of Hecker is To Be I nPortland Is Announced Today

Police Claim to Have Evidence That Crime was Planned in Multnomah County.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 22. — Russell Hecker is to be tried in Multnomah county on a charge of killing Bowker unless new developments change the decision of District Attorney Meyers. The law provides, he said today, that where a crime is committed partly in one county the trial can be held in either. He declared that the state has evidence to prove that much of the planning for the murder was done in Multnomah county. Hecker is to be arraigned in police court this afternoon. The state will ask a continuance until tomorrow.

Directors Have Named Officers for the Year

The newly elected board of directors of the La Grande Country club held their first meeting last Wednesday evening and chose the following officers for the coming year:

Earl Stoddard, president; J. J. Carr, vice president; N. W. Frees, secretary; Chase Bohnenkamp, treasurer.

Every effort will be made to put the golf course in condition for an early playing season. New oiled sand is being put on the greens and the fairways smoothed down.

The directors selected the following men to act with them on the board for the coming year: Dr. A. L. Richardson, H. E. Dixon, Chas. Reynolds, Claude Scranton, Howard O'Brien, C. E. Short, Chas. Bingner and Elmer Stoddard.

A FREAK LANDLORD.

VENICE, Cal., Apr. 22—Benjamin Brodsky loves children. He has opened an apartment house here. He announces that no unmarried persons may rent apartments. Families including more than one child will have their rent scaled downward at the monthly rate of $5 a child. Every apartment where a child is born will be credited with one month's rent. A newly married couple also will be given a month's rent, but if at the end of a year they have no children, their rent will be doubled.

ELOPERS ARE CAPTURED AT PORTLAND

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Left Here in Company of Man, Presumably To Marry Him.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 22 — Helen Peck, 15-year-old La Grande girl is being held by the Women's Protective division of the police department today pending the arrival of a member of the family.

Two detectives took her into custody last night at the Union station at the request of the family which sought to prevent her marriage to Hayden T. Wells, aged 33, of Oregon City, formerly of La Grande.

Miss Helen Peck, daughter of J. J. Peck, 1804 Cove avenue, left La Grande yesterday morning on No. 17 in company with a man answering to the name of H. Wells.

Prompt action was taken on the part of the local police and word was received this morning from the Portland police that they had been apprehended and were being held. The girl will face a delinquency charge but it is yet doubtful as to whether a complaint will be filed against Wells.

The couple are being held at Portland pending the arrival of word from the La Grande police.

NEW POLITICAL SPORT FOUND

(By Associated Press)

BUDAPEST, Apr. 22.—A new occupation, open only to young huskies not afraid to fight at the drop of a cabbage, has come into being here as a result of intensive campaigning for the pending elections.

Candidates opposing the government have met with such pronounced hostility that they now employ as many athletic young men as their campaign funds will permit to act as bouncers, body guards, spotters and shields for the speakers.

Opposition candidates decided to buy protection after dozens of their meetings had been broken up by bands of the notorious "Awakening Hungarians," who acquired remarkable skill at heaving cabbages and soft tomatoes, nil-smelling bombs and occasionally bricks during fits of political enthusiasm.

The bouncers are stationed at various points through the hall and galleries and on the speaker's platform. Those in the audience attempt to quell disturbances at the source, but should a stray vegetable break loose and heads for the stage, there is always some of the hired help ready to jump in front of the speaker for an instant.

On the rare occasions when there are no disturbances the huskies act as clappers. In many of the gatherings this is said to require almost as much courage as speaking, for an outburst of applause from any section of the house is sure to bring a collection of missiles.

SCHOONER TO CIRCLE WORLD

(By Associated Press)

ABERDEEN, Wash., Apr. 22.—A tour around the world by the lumber schooner Elinor H., owned here, which recently left Vancouver, B. C., with 1,700,000 feet of lumber, will consume from 10 to 18 months, according to weather conditions the vessel encounters.

RAILROADS WIN CASE IN U.S. COURT

Railroad Labor Board Loses In Injunction Case.

ANOTHER STRIKE IN THE AIR NOW

Shop Crafts Take Exception to Farming Out of Shop Work and Ask for Strike Vote.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Apr. 22. — Federal Judge Page today upheld the Pennsylvania railroad in its suit to test the power of the United States railroad labor board by refusing to dismiss temporary injunctions recently grainted by Judge Landis restraining the board for censuring the road for violation of the board's decrees.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Apr. 22. — Threat of another railroad strike was indicated when the shop crafts employes union voted at the biennial conference to ask 600,000 members to vote on a strike as a protest against railways ignoring the railroad labor board decisions of farming out shop work, said B. M. Jewell, of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor.

SOVIETS INVITE U. S. BUSINESS

MOSCOW, Apr. 21.—Soviet Russia is ready to waive numerous technicalities and make it extremely easy for representatives of big American firms to reach Moscow if they have serious intentions and actual financial backing, but is more or less "fed up" with American promoters, George Chitcherin, Commissar for Foreign Affairs, told The Associated Press correspondent in an interview.

When the correspondent told Chicherin that many American business men desiring to reach Russia lost much valuable time because of red tape, the commissar said Russia had to be careful whom she let in but was not trying to thwart those with legitimate business.

"We have had painful experiences with persons representing themselves as having big backing and in reality having none," he added; "so we have to investigate the applications for admittance. But if persons representing really big concerns and having serious intentions want to visit Russia, it will not even be necessary for them to apply in person to one of our legations or missions for a vise. They can save valuable time by conducting these preliminaries through their representatives abroad.

"Prompt economic reconstruction of Russia and the world is not possible without American participation," he continued. "For eample, there are great concession is awaiting capital in Siberia, particularly along the Ob and Irkutsk rivers. Timber, coal and iron ore are there and in many places there is excellent soil and good climate. Only American capital could or would undertake such a magnificent, worth-while task as the development of this country. It is a task for American pioneer spirit, opening up a new country when America itself has no more great openings for pioneers."

Bishop Scores Ways of Young People of Today

MERIDEN, Conn., Apr. 22. — Bishop Thomas Nicholson of Chicago, addressing the New York East Methodist-Episcopal conference today, said that whereas older generations did their courting on the way to church and prayer meeting, the present young folk "dopt the way of Fatty Arbuckle or Roxy Joyce" and attend resorts "where the church is a joke and the 18th amendment a laughing stock."

"In a survey of churches which was recently made," the bishop continued, "I found that more members had become backsliders than were actually members of the churches themselves. Men are tired of coming to church and listening to dry sermons that have no application [illegible] sary to make them feel that the church is something more than life insurance against perdition. The church nowadays should clean up the cities and help to keep the morals of its particular community sound."

L. F. Powers of Chicago, before the laymen's association of the conference, attributed the real cause of the high cost of living to sin.

"Sin in its broad meaning costs this country more than $10,000,000,000 annually," he asserted, and added "do you realize that right in this great Christian nation 65,000 girls are lost every year, largely through commercialized white slavery traffic which the united Christian laymen could wipe out in [illegible]"

IT LOOKS LIKE MORE ROUGH WEATHER

Wanted an Education; Face Expulsion For it

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Apr. 22.—With Louis T. Orr of Chicago standing firm in his determination to refuse to wear the freshman cap and facing possible expulsion from the University of Michigan as a result, a second freshman, Jesselyn Van Tyne of Ann Arbor, professor's son, has joined Orr in the fight on college tradition.

Van Tyne, like Orr, has declared he is attending the university "to obtain an education; not to follow traditions of the school."

The undercloss conduct committee, composed of sophomores, has asked Orr's expulsion from the school and it is rumored it will consider Van Tyne's case. Officials of the university have made no decision. In the past these officials have supported all recommendations of the committee.

Orr's father, a Chicago attorney, is expected to arrive here today to support his son.

Van Tyne is the son of Professor Claude H. Van Tyne of the university history department.

Weather

Tonight rain and Sunday cloudy.