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STATES CRY FOR BLOOD OF STATES

Balkan War Is Imminent--Lack of Restraint Among Populace Will Lead to Serious Trouble

LONDON, Oct. 17.--War in the Balkans is imminent today, according to statements made in diplomatic circles here. It is felt that the lack of restraint among the populace of the smaller Balkan states will lead to serious trouble.

The big powers are willing to await the action of a conference, but Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, it is feared, will commit some overt act that will start hostilities. These circumstances, under the circumstances, of controlling the people of these smaller states who have set their hearts on war.

Would Lynch Newspaper Man. BELGRADE, Serbia, Oct. 17.--A mob of Servians attempted to lynch the local correspondent of a Vienna newspaper today and attacked a number of other Austrian residents. The city is in a turmoil. Nearly all the Austrian residents of the town have taken refuge in the embassy of Austria-Hungary and others have armed themselves and barricaded their homes prepared to resist attack.

The Serbian people seem to be determined to force Austria into a declaration of war, since King Peter has refused to declare war.

LONDON, Oct. 17.--Stock exchanges in all the great capitals of Europe today reflected the pessimistic outlook following the announcement that Austria and Bulgaria will refuse to accept the program of the powers.

London stocks have slumped steadily since the war loomed up again over Europe. The brokers and heavy dealers apparently are more impressed with the seriousness of the prospect than ever before.

FIRES STILL ARE RAGING UNCHECKED

Many Towns in Path of Forest Fire--Survivors Tell of Experiences in Heart of Flames

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 17.--Forest fires today are sweeping uncontrolled through the northeastern counties of Cheboygan, Presque Isle and Alpena in the lower peninsula, according to advices from the fire zone. Great areas of forest are being annihilated hourly by the flames, fanned by a southwest wind.

Alpena City, on Thunder Bay, the shipping point for large outputs of grain from the northern part of the state, is again threatened with destruction. The fire kept across the boundary lines of the city, and only by the hardest work is it kept back. Cheboygan on the south channel of the Mackinac strait is menaced on the three land sides by fire. The intense heat is driving the women and children to the protection of vessels in the stream.

CHEBOYGAN, Wis., Oct. 17.--Bishop Charles B. Williams, of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, who was reported to have been killed yesterday at Metz in the forest fires, returned here today, worn out after a hard fight against the flames.

"I arrived here early this morning after having been fire-bound at Hagonsville, near Metz. I had a narrow escape from death in the fire that destroyed Metz. We fought fire at Hagonsville all night Thursday and all day Friday.

"This whole country about here is afire and a steady southwest gale has been blowing for three days. Reports say that many persons have perished in the remote forests.

"When I left Hagonsville the reports of disasters were continually coming in. This whole country is a fire-trap. Nowhere in it is there adequate protection."

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HAFER WILL BUILD FACTORY IF HIS OFFER IS ACCEPTED

RAY REPLIES TO QUERIES

Dr. Ray Replies to Pertinent Questions Regarding Proposition

Dr. C. R. Ray, for the Condor Water & Power company, has answered a number of questions regarding the offer of his company to furnish the city water, as follows: Question--What would be the water rates under the Condor Water & Power company proposition as compared with the other water propositions?

Answer--They would be lower, because the Condor proposition will not cost as much as the other propositions and because the Condor Water & Power company's operating expenses and maintenance will be less than the other water propositions. The water rates would be fixed by the city council.

Question--Does the Condor Water & Power company make any charge for pumping? Answer--They do not, except they get 75 per cent of the profits inside city limits and all the revenue derived from the sale of surplus water (not used by the city outside city limits.

Question--Who pays operating expenses? Answer--The operating expenses outside of the city limits are paid by the Condor Water & Power company; the operating expenses inside of the city limits are paid by the Condor Water & Power company out of the revenue and are guaranteed less than the city operating expenses would be under like conditions.

Question--What would be the advantages of the city owning and operating its own water system? Answer--This can only be judged by past experience, the result of which was that the city did not pay expenses, but went in debt. Municipal operation in other cities in the whole country has been in the majority of instances disastrous.

Question--What is the result of the operation of the lighting plant by the Condor Water & Power company? Answer--The city is getting most of its street lighting free and getting a revenue now at the rate of about \$1000 per year. Whereas under the city management in the past the lighting rates were higher and the service poorer, and every year the city went more in debt.

Question--What would be the advantages of the Condor Water & Power company operating the water system and pumping from Rogue river? Answer--The city would own and control the system; the water would be pure because it would be filtered; the system would cost less; the water rates would be less than under city operation under like conditions; there would be no longer of litigation over water rights; the pipe line from Rogue river would furnish the city 50 per cent more water than any other proposition.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION BRINGS ITS SESSION TO CLOSE The following is the resolution unanimously adopted at the annual county Sunday school convention for Jackson county, Oregon, held in the First Presbyterian church of Medford, Ore., October 12 to 14, 1908, at the close of the session:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the people of Medford for their generous hospitality in the entertainment of delegates, to all those who rendered such delightful assistance to the newspapers of the county for their generous notices of our work, to the pastor and trustees of the First Presbyterian church for the use of their beautiful church, to Secretary Phipps, Dr. J. V. Gilligan, Rev. Robert McLean and Hon. John Barrett for valuable services rendered.

OFFICERS OF ORCHARDS COMPANY IN MEDFORD F. Hoxworth Randall and D. G. Hiddings, both executive officers of the Rogue River Valley Orchard company, are in Medford and will remain here for some time looking after the interests of their company.

WILL MEAN MUCH TO LABORING MEN AND MERCHANTS

New Plant Will Have Three Times Present Capacity of Box Factory Owned by His Company--In Woods Another \$150,000 Payroll to Obtain.

The acceptance of the water proposition made by Edgus Hafer, manager of the Crater Lake Lumber company, means the immediate establishment in Medford of a box factory with a payroll of \$150,000 a year. It means another payroll of a like amount to be expended in the woods, a total of \$300,000 a year, or \$25,000 a month. In the general offer of Mr. Hafer this fact has been overlooked by a great many people. Mr. Hafer in outlining his proposition says:

"The timber holdings of the Crater Lake Lumber company represent about 75,000 acres, cruising 550,000,000 feet, and box factory plant for a term of 15 years, cutting 30,000,000 feet of lumber per annum, representing a payroll of \$150,000 per year not including the running of logging camps and sawmills, which represents an additional payroll of \$150,000 per year. It is our company's intention to add to our timber holdings equivalent to whatever timber is cut each year, so that we will have perpetual operation to assure sufficient timber for fifteen years' cutting in advance.

Will Build at Once. "Should our water proposition, as presented to the city of Medford, be accepted it is our intention to start immediately upon the construction of a manufacturing plant in Medford which will handle three times the amount of lumber of our present plant at Medford. We have two sawmills located in our timber, which can be started immediately and therefore there would be no unnecessary delay as far as the constructing of the water system is concerned. The proposition we have presented to the city will mean a great deal to the laboring men of this winter. All of the materials will be manufactured locally. The cost of the installation of our overhead pipe line system figures close to \$165,000, of which there would not be a cent of \$20,000 spent outside of the territory over which construction of pipe line is to be made. This alone means the keeping of at least \$100,000 in our velocity which, if another proposition were accepted, would be spent outside of the buying of pipe.

More Than Railroad. "The building of an overhead system with a flame in connection with a great deal more to Medford than the extension of the Pacific & Eastern to the lumber. This may seem absurd to some, but should the railroad be extended to the timber it would immediately offer transportation for products which could be manufactured in the timber belt and shipped from there on through shipments, which would mean nothing more than the making of a whistling station of Medford. By the construction of a lumber plant the lumber cannot be manufactured into finish materials, such as siding, rustic, flooring, mouldings, sash and doors, boxes, etc., without first delivering the lumber at this end of the line, as such products could not be flamed on account of getting wet in transportation. This means that every thousand feet of lumber manufactured will have to be put into its finished product at this end, representing a cost of at least \$5 per 1000 feet to be expended locally on every thousand feet of lumber manufactured.

No Monopoly. "It has been the impression of some that we are contemplating the monopoly on transportation of lumber. This is not so. We expect to make the flume a common carrier and would be very glad to transport lumber for any one of a very nominal charge. We furthermore would offer all assistance possible to secure new establishments to encourage new sawmills, as we are in position to handle their entire output."

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Swings are being congratulated over the arrival of a heir, who made his appearance Sunday morning.

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KINNEY ASSIGNS HIS PROPERTY

William Ulrich Named as Assignee--He Owes Over Eighteen Thousand

Thomas J. Kinney, of Jacksonville, yesterday made an assignment of his property to William Ulrich in favor of his creditors. Mr. Ulrich immediately took hold of the store owned by Kinney and is taking stock at the present time.

The debts against the property total some \$18,000. Of this amount there is \$6,000 owed by Kinney to Antonio Rose, Judge E. E. Kelly, of this city, represents creditors to the amount of some \$7,000. In all probability J. D. Heard will be named receiver of George E. Neuber, who recently assigned his property to Mr. Kinney. He owed Kinney some \$2,500 at the time his affairs were turned over. This is said to have been the cause, in a way, of Kinney assigning his property.

The debts against the Neuber property amount to about \$14,000. To offset this Neuber has the finest fitted saloon in Southern Oregon, billiard tables, mines and some 700 head of stock. It is highly probable that he will be able to pay each creditor in full.

ADMIRAL BOB GIVES LOEB GENTLE DIG IN THE RIBS NEW YORK, Oct. 17.--"Mr. Loeb is undoubtedly one of the best men who ever served as secretary to a president," writes Rear Admiral Evans, U. S. N., retired, in the November number of Hampton's Broadway Magazine, on sale here today. "But I am sure I could keep him busy for a long time denying things if I published everything the president has said to me."

"Fighting Bob's" gentle dig at Loeb is occasioned by Loeb's denial at the time the battleship fleet sailed from Boston Roads that it would stay but a few months on the Pacific Coast and then return to the Atlantic seaboard. "The assertion was made by a paper that attributed its information to an authoritative source.

That source has now turned to be no other than Admiral Evans. After denouncing his levitating of the president at the time of the fleet departure, he says: "The first time I was authorized by the president to say to the officers and men of the fleet that after a stay of a few months in the Pacific the fleet would return to an Atlantic port via the Suez canal."

The admiral then explained that this message was conveyed to them by signal the first night at sea and announced to the officers at the ward room dinner. A newspaper man sent the message to his paper and it was printed and immediately denied by Loeb.

COPPER COMPANY PAYS FOR DAMAGE TO CROPS KENNETT, Oct. 17.--The Mammoth Copper company has purchased a "smoke gasometer" from W. R. Sheppard, a farmer living two miles east of Redding and at least ten miles south of the Kennett smelter. Sheppard claimed that the fumes from the smelter damaged vegetation on his 170-acre farm in the years 1907 and 1908. By an agreement made between him and the Mammoth Copper company the corporation pays Sheppard \$200 for the damage alleged to have been incurred and also \$100 every year that the smelter is kept in operation hereafter. The Mammoth Copper company is particularly, however, to deny that the smoke or fumes from the smelter caused any damage to Sheppard's vegetation. The agreement has been filed for record.

MISS ELKINS' DUKE EN ROUTE TO AMERICA ROME, Oct. 17.--After purchasing \$60,000 worth of jewels from a Turin firm and presenting each officer of his ship, the Reginald Elena, with a pair of gold sleeve links, Duke d'Abruzzi has disappeared. Although absolutely nothing can be learned of the duke's whereabouts, it is whispered that he will soon turn up in America.

Uncle Joe is Confident of Being Returned to House



UNCLE JOE CANNON AND HIS ENERGETIC POLITICAL OPPONENT

MARSHALL, Ill., Oct. 17.--Uncle Joe Cannon, in spite of the fact that he is having the political fight of his life in striving to be re-elected from the Eighteenth Congressional District of Illinois, has expressed himself as confident of the outcome. His opponent, Henry C. Bell, is spending most of his time in reaching for the labor vote and is meeting with gratifying results. "Uncle Joe's" prestige, however, is proving a strong factor in his fight for reelection.

"I have not the least doubt," said Mr. Cannon, "but that I will be returned to the house. I will have to admit, though, that I have the fight of my life on hand."

Republican leaders are said to be getting together in a combine to keep Uncle Joe from again being chosen speaker of the house if he is elected.

ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5 FLEET REACHES PORT SUNDAY

Council Sets Date of Election on Water Question--Second Election Fleet Sends Wireless That It Will Anchor at Yokohama Tomorrow

The election to settle which one of the three water propositions offered to the city is the one that the people want will be held on November 5; the second election, if necessary to get a majority of the votes, is to be held November 7. So decided the city council in a session held Friday afternoon.

The three propositions were submitted by Edgar S. Hafer, for the Crater Lake Lumber company; C. R. Ray, for the Condor Water & Power company, and one by I. L. Hamilton. The first brings the water from the Big Butte springs, the second from Rogue river and the third from Fish lake.

The session of the council Friday afternoon was a very short one, the matter being settled in a short time. In the absence of Mayor Reddy Councilman Trowbridge acted as mayor.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 17.--Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, who is here with his partner, George C. Woodson, from here, today denied himself to newspaper men who were anxious to find out the truth or falsity of the rumor that he would marry Elma Goodrich. Goodwin referred all newspaper men to his partner, who reiterated a statement made last night by the actor. Goodwin said: "I returned from Europe seven weeks ago. While there I did not see Miss Elma Goodrich."

"I am now an actor, business man and newspaper publisher--for I have a Reno paper--and minor. Is that not enough to keep me busy without hunting around for more domestic troubles? I guess so."

Lost in Mountains; May Have Perished

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Terrill was hunting deer with his brother, Hoyde Terrill, and John Mitchell. They returned to camp early in the afternoon and awaited Herman Terrill's return. A man who lives on a homestead nearby came down to the camp about dusk and asked if one of the hunters had not been lost, as he had heard three shots fired in rapid succession, the usual signal of the lost hunter. He stated that he had replied with one shot, but was unable to secure a response.

TRYING TO DETERMINE UNDERGROUND DRAIN TO LAKE KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 17.--A camp has been established at the Tule Lake outlet, and work will be carried on under the supervision of a government engineer, to determine if an underground outlet can be found that will be of practical value in draining the lake.

Work on sections of the Klamath project are now completed and the force of laborers has been transferred to Tule Lake, Clear Lake Dam and other work in the project. The Keno Canal, within the city limits, is now completed as far as the Moore power house and water has been turned on.

MURDERER OF DUNHAM ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE SHERMAN, Tex., Oct. 17.--William Hatfield, alleged to be J. C. Dunham, who murdered six persons near Joplin, Mo., six years ago, is in the confinement today at the jail here because of an attempt to escape.

The jailers found pieces of sash, filings and crushed brick in the cell. The attempted jail break is believed by the authorities to indicate that Hatfield is the man wanted by the California authorities.

With the arrival of a steamer from San Jose today it is rumored that Hatfield's attorneys will double their efforts to prevent extradition of their client.