

EDISON'S HELPS IS PLEASING TO NAVY

Daniels to Make Known Additional Members of Board Only as They Accept.

LEGAL SNAG ENCOUNTERED

Law Forbids Acceptance by Government of Voluntary Service, but Secretary Says He Can Ask Advice of Anyone.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Mobilization of the inventive genius of the country to aid in working out naval problems...

Me. Edison having consented to take up the task presented to him as a patriotic duty...

Details to Be Perfected. "As I said in my letter to Mr. Edison, the secretary in a statement issued tonight...

An informal conference with the chief experimental work done by steam engineering and construction and repair was held this morning...

"The country does not know the far-reaching experimental work done by Admirals Griffin, Strauss and Taylor. They and their assistants have for months been studying every new development brought out by the war in Europe...

Government Men to Be Chosen. "The selection of members of the advisory committee requires careful thought, but I hope to announce them shortly."

"With Mr. Edison so willingly and cheerfully responding to my request, I feel sure that the advisory council, which the names are all selected, will be composed of men of such prominence as to make the country feel that what it is possible for the human mind to do will be devised for our navy. By the creation of this machinery no suggestion will be overlooked. Ideas impracticable in their details, but which contain the germ of possible revolutionary improvements, will be scrutinized, both by our own naval experts and by men whose brains are peculiarly fitted for detecting possibilities in suggestions of this kind."

The names suggested to Mr. Daniels as possible members of the new board were those of Charles P. Steinmetz, one of the world's authorities on electrical engineering; Hudson Maxim, inventor and maker of guns and explosives; Orville Wright, one of two brothers who led the world in aeroplanes; Simon Lake, submarine inventor; Lewis Nixon, shipbuilder and former naval officer; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone; John Hays Hammond, Jr. and R. A. Fessenden, radio communication experts; J. B. Walker, editor of a scientific magazine and an inventor of note, and a score of others, many of them former navy officers now in private life.

Voluntary Service Forbidden. From Rear-Admirals Taylor, Strauss and Griffin the secretary today sought opinion as to how his plan could be carried out. He will discuss the situation also with his recently created advisory council when it meets next Thursday.

Attention was drawn today to an act of Congress prohibiting the acceptance by the government of voluntary services. As there is no provision for remuneration for the proposed board, it was suggested that law might prove an obstacle and require a specific authorization by Congress. Mr. Daniels said he had not examined the law, but he thought it would be possible to avoid conflict with it.

"I can ask advice of whom I please," he said. "It is not necessary there should be definite and legal organization."

The bulk of the work in testing new devices and reviewing suggestions must fall upon the department itself, the secretary explained, and for that reason he could not create a bureau of invention and development to which the civilian experts will be an advisory board. What officer will head this bureau has not been disclosed, but the name of Rear-Admiral Bradley Fiske, attached to the Naval War College but now on special duty in Washington, was mentioned in departmental gossip.

OFFICE IS SOUGHT AGAIN

CLACKAMAS HEALTH OFFICER IS CANDIDATE FOR REAPPOINTMENT. Term of Dr. J. A. Van Brakle Will Expire This Month—Others Are Mentioned for Position.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The first term of Dr. J. A. Van Brakle, said to be the only osteopath who is a county health officer in the United States, expires this month and the County Court is expected either to reappoint Dr. Van Brakle or to name one of the several other candidates for the position.

Dr. Van Brakle, who has held the position for almost two years, is a candidate for reappointment. Owing to changes in the health department, it is not certain, although he received the united support of that body when first elected. Dr. Orel Welsh seeks the position, and it is understood that Dr. W. E. Hemstead is willing to accept the position, although he is not an active candidate.

Circuit Court, and one case was taken to the Supreme Court of the state. However, Dr. Van Brakle, who had the active support of the state association of osteopaths and who was offered the financial assistance of the National organization, won and is generally recognized as County Health Officer.

ST. JOHNS ASKS CITY AID

Council Petitioned to Reduce Water Rates and Improve Roads.

Residents of St. Johns and representatives from other points on the Peninsula decided at a general meeting held Tuesday night in the old St. Johns City Hall that they would stand together for the development of the Peninsula. K. C. Couch presided as temporary chairman of the meeting and invited expressions from the audience. After discussion it was decided to unite on the following propositions:

First—That St. Johns residents go on record as favoring the early completion of the proposed Peninsula road from Klamath Falls to the town, along the old St. Johns road, to and through Lower Albina, shortening the present route by about twenty miles, and that the Council be asked to push the improvement as rapidly as possible.

Second—That the meeting ask the Council to take immediate steps to secure the reduction of the water rates in St. Johns, making them the same as those of the city of Astoria, and the causes that led to annexation to Portland.

Third—That the meeting ask the Council to retain the old City Hall in St. Johns as a community meeting place and for the use of the firemen for the purpose of the firemen.

Fourth—That the meeting ask the Portland Council to make St. Johns a sub-police station for policing the Lower Peninsula.

On motion, Chairman Couch appointed a committee of ten, composed of H. W. Bonham, E. C. Geeslin, A. W. Marjole, A. C. Martin, A. W. Davis, Dean Knowles, L. Lowe, M. D. Dean, L. E. Walker and W. J. Edmundson, to appear before the Council and present these requests.

MINE BUREAU HEAD DIES

Dr. J. A. Holmes, Federal Director, Passes Away in Denver.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—News of the death in Denver of Dr. John A. Holmes, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines at Washington, was received here today. Dr. Holmes was regarded by his assistants in the service as the father of the Bureau of Mines. By constant and untiring efforts he has largely reduced the death toll among the underground workers. He also was accredited with making "safety first" a national movement. He took it for the slogan of the Mines Bureau's work, and it spread to all phases of industry.

"The saddest part of it all," said Van H. Manning, acting director of the Bureau, today, "is that Dr. Holmes was a devoted and efficient worker, his devotion to his duties in behalf of the safety of the million miners in the United States."

ADMEN TO HAVE PICNIC

Delegates to Vancouver Convention Arrange Outing at Oaks.

Members of the Ad Club who were members of the delegation to the convention at Vancouver, B. C., last year will have a picnic this afternoon and evening at The Oaks. Since the delegates to the Vancouver convention were invited to a social club and have held a number of pleasant functions in the past few months, they are determined to give the women of the Admen to go to the Oaks in the afternoon and the men will join them at 6 o'clock, after offices have closed. The refreshments will be prepared by the women, under a committee consisting of Mrs. Walter Evans, Mrs. T. J. Baldwin and Mrs. A. G. Clark.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED

Body Struck by Train May Have Been Dead Before Being Hit.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—An unidentified man, evidently a laborer, was killed on the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company tracks on the Oregon City-Portland line at about 1 o'clock this morning. The man, roughly dressed, apparently had been lying across the track when the train struck him, killing him instantly. Members of the train crew thought on finding the body, that the man had possibly been dead before being struck and there was a suspicion of foul play.

CITY'S WOOD IS PROBLEM

Right to Sell Except at Auction Questioned by Official.

Fearing that the city has no right under its charter to sell wood except at auction, Municipal Purchasing Agent Wood has asked City Attorney La Roche for an opinion on the legality of the sale of 10,000 cords of wood produced at the camps for the unemployed last winter. Only six cords so far have been sold.

Purchasing Agent Wood says the city charter provides that no city property shall be sold except at public auction.

BLIND WILL "SEE" BELL

Special Invitation Issued by Mayor Is Accepted.

Blind people of Portland are to "see" the Liberty Bell on its visit tomorrow. Mayor Albee yesterday extended an invitation to all blind persons to report at the City Hall at 9 A. M., where they will be taken in charge by a squad of police and allowed to feel the bell.

ITALY'S WAR CHIEF

General Cadorna Placed Beside King in Minds of Enthusiastic People.

TALENT SOON RECOGNIZED

Insistence on Discipline Illustrated by Sending Own Son to Original Regiment, Away From Line of Favoritism.

BY CAROLYN WILSON. (Copyright, 1915, by the Chicago Tribune. Published by Arrangement.)

ROME, July 14.—In Italy, as in all other countries at war, the commander-in-chief of the army has sprung overnight into a worship approaching idolatry—into a popularity which even the presence of the King at the front in the midst of his troops has done little to dim.

Pictures of him appear alongside those of the royal family on the mantelpieces in the humblest cottages. And many a devout mother, praying for the safety of her son at the front, commends him alike to God and General Cadorna.

Cadorna is not a new man, not an unknown man, as was the case with Joffre. Although without a great deal of practical experience, nevertheless he has long been an accepted authority on things military. His books on tactics, on attacks and on discipline have been manuals of all the Italian army officers.

Environment Always Military. He comes of a military family, and never known other influence or environment. His father was a general. Cadorna who commanded the Fifth army corps at Costozza and Verona during the wars of 1848 and 1859 with the Austrians. And later, in 1870, this same veteran was foremost among those who fought for the separation of church and state and took Rome from the Pope.

So that since earliest days—for the present General Cadorna was born in 1850—he has heard nothing but the talk of war around him, the hatred of oppression, whether that oppression was the church or of the Austrians. He has known what it is to go to bed nights with dread of the Austrians in his heart, and he does not know whether the morning would find him fatherless, as was the case of his father, who was killed in 1859 at the time of the last Austrian war.

So that is why the country people say to you sometimes: "He knows—our General—what is in our hearts. He, too, has gone through it all."

And he has only 16 he has entered in the military school at Milan—that same school which turned out the staff of our young officers, of whom I traveled to Bologna last week—and then at 15 he went to the academy at Turin.

After that came more severe courses at the Scuola di Guerra, which is only for the cleverer of the students; and always he did more than the average of his class. Always he was thinking of new plans, new strategies. He was the one to propound original theorems, to suggest new, interesting and hard studies for his class.

He was made Captain in 1875, and just as he was about to enter the promotion, not only in Italy, but in France, for his mastery analysis of the technical side of the Franco-Prussian war. Soon after he began, a little timidly at first, in order not to irritate his superiors, to try to put in practice some of his beliefs about tactics.

Later in swift succession came the higher grades, Brigadier-General, General in 1897, and the rank of Commander of the army corps stationed at Genoa, and Chief of Staff in 1914.

Reflection Tempered Enthusiasm. In character he is representative of the land from which he comes—Piedmont—a section of Italy radically different from the rest. Piedmont has always been French rather than Italian. His natives have the sternness of the French—their keenness of insight, combined with the sunny temperament of the Italians. But they do not live in dreams, and, above all, they have the unifying attitude of mind. They like organizing, and to them is due the unity of the Italian nation of today.

Cadorna has tempered with reflection. He is not a big man, nor is he impressive looking. His drooping mustache gives him, indeed, an unimpressive look, and, although he is active, alert, with a superb carriage, one does not forget that he is 65 years old.

The one thing for which Cadorna is admired more than anything else is the book he wrote in 1898, which has been called "Rites Concerning Large Field Units and Rules of Fighting," and this last year has been brought up to date under the title, "Frontal Attack and Tactical Skill."

This book is often quoted these days as giving Cadorna's theory of army discipline. He writes: "It is impossible to obtain success in war if the normal discipline is not accompanied by a firm and truly heroic discipline of the intelligence. The first quality renders the mass docile and obedient in the hands of its chiefs. The second quality makes it possible for the chiefs to direct the action with a unity of opinions and methods which is indispensable to useful results."

"The contents of the present book tend to discipline the intelligence of the commander in the fundamental principles and the coordinated essential lines of frontal and mass attack."

"Since it is only natural that the simplest and most necessary ideas do not succeed in permeating old habits and in being completely and promptly assimilated unless there is a strong will over all which descends throughout the hierarchy of the army, constant stimulating by the chiefs is necessary for the constant and intelligent application of the rules of this book."

And later he adds: "Besides, I shall personally see that everything proceeds on the lines that I have laid down." Cadorna is a pitiless disciplinarian. His son—his only one, in fact—has been his aide-de-camp for some time. At the beginning of the war he sent him off to join his original regiment, the Florentine Lancers, in order that he might not escape through unconscious favoritism some of the hardships of war.

Cadorna married, in 1881, the Marchioness Giovanna Balbi of Genoa and has six children, three sons and three daughters, two of whom are nuns in Florence.

JAPANESE NAB SPACES

All Contracts Made With Foreigners Are Revoked.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Serious confusion in the entire shipping trade of the Far East was reported today by Consul-General Anderson, at Hong-

kong, to have resulted from the order of the Japanese government reserving for Japanese shippers all space on ships operated by the Japanese subsidized trans-Pacific liners. Under this order, the Consul-General said, all space in the Japanese ships heretofore allotted shippers at Hongkong, Shanghai and Keelung, Formosa, having merchandise for the United States now is withheld.

All contracts and agreements made with non-Japanese shippers for space during June and July are revoked, even stevedore passenger space being taken over for Japanese goods, and arrangements for shipping of merchandise are made with the possibility of extension order in view.

According to Mr. Anderson, the restriction will accentuate the freight shortage in the Philippine trade and will still further delay thousands of American goods, and the National Convention of Theta Delta, the National Fraternity, which closed its five days' session today. S. D. Allen, of Eugene, Or., was among the four speakers at the annual banquet held tonight. He and Dr. A. M. Webster, of Portland, were prominent figures during the convention, both heading important committees.

NORTHWEST WINS HONORS

Marsden Cup Is Awarded at Theta Delta Fraternity Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—(Special.)—The Pacific Northwest won the Marsden cup for attendance honors on a mileage basis at the 64th annual convention of Theta Delta, the National Fraternity, which closed its five days' session today. S. D. Allen, of Eugene, Or., was among the four speakers at the annual banquet held tonight. He and Dr. A. M. Webster, of Portland, were prominent figures during the convention, both heading important committees.

Other speakers tonight were G. A. Ketherington, of Philadelphia, member of Liberty Bell Committee, Norman Hackett, the famous actor, of New York City, and Arthur Purdie, of Boston.

Seward J. Spoor, of New York City, was re-elected president of the fraternity today.

The fraternity's endowment fund, used to promote scholarship, was increased by \$2000 subscribed on the floor of the convention today. It is one of the largest national scholarship funds in the country.

KAISER SEES WAR'S END

London Paper Credits Emperor With Settling October as Peace Date.

LONDON, July 14.—The German Emperor, according to the Times, in a speech to a deputation of bankers, who had insisted on his intervention in order to point out to the Emperor the financial difficulties of the situation and the risk attending the continuance of the campaign through another winter, said that the war would end in October.

The bankers are alleged to have declared that even if the war was brought to an end immediately and an indemnity obtained, Germany's position would be difficult, but that if the war were prolonged the German Empire would become utterly bankrupt.

It was in reply to these representations, according to the Times, that the Emperor is understood to have declared that the war would end in October.

GERMAN OPERA OPPOSED

New Yorkers Display Antipathy to Familiar Music.

NEW YORK, July 14.—(Special.)—Although no definite steps have as yet been taken, it is true that there is strong feeling among subscribers against performances of German opera at the Metropolitan Opera-house next season. Many boxholders are in a quiet summer propaganda against the performance of works which come from Germany.

Those most active here will come from Autumn to convince Giulio Gattilucci, director of the Metropolitan Opera-house, that German operas may well be omitted for a while from the repertoire.

The campaign is discussed with greatest fervor in Newport and Roslyn, Bar Harbor and Lenox.

NEW LIBRARY CONSIDERED

Need of Larger Quarters in Alberta Taken Up by Association.

The Library Association is considering the matter of new quarters in the Alberta district to replace the present quarters in a storeroom on Albert and near as far as the region of Haultain-Haltouchet. This station served the region of the Calonne trenches and that of the forest of Apremont. Important stores of every kind, and particularly ammunition, were concentrated there. Our aviators dropped on this objective 171 bombs. The Germans started several fires. All of our machines returned, although they had been violently canonaded.

The party expects to leave for the East about midnight.

WOODBURN ASSEMBLY ENDS

WOODBURN, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The six days of Ellison White Chautauqua closed in this city tonight with a lecture by ex-Senator Edger J. Burkett, of Nebraska, against government ownership of railroads.

The Chautauqua was so largely attended throughout and such a success in every way that arrangements were made and a contract entered into to have it again next year in June, more than 60 citizens guaranteed the speaker tickets, over half of which have already been subscribed for.

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PRINCE IS CHECKED. Paris Reports German Retirement in Argonne. FRENCH LINES ARE BENT. Attack Made by Squadron of 35 Aviators on German Station and 171 Bombs Dropped Are Said to Have Started Many Fires.

LONDON, July 14.—A check to the army of the German Crown Prince in the Argonne forest and the forced retirement of the Germans in the face of an energetic counter attack by the French is told of in the latest French official communication. The Germans, it is asserted, had attacked with heavy forces from the road between Binarville and Vienne le Chateau, after a preliminary battle of violent character in which asphyxiating gases were used.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Michael Miller, a Russian, aged 31, was held in \$2500 bail for examination in the West Side Court a few days ago on a charge of selling 21-year-old Louis Volosky for \$15 for immoral purposes. Miss Natalie De Bogory, who is an investigator for the Society for the Prevention of Crime, met Miller and the Volosky girl in an East Side coffee-house by appointment several nights ago. Miller appeared willing to sell the girl to her. An appointment was made and Miss De Bogory gave Miller three marked \$5 bills. Superintendent Harber of the society with several headquarters detectives arrested him and found the bills in his possession.

Under the Russian flag there are enough people to populate Great Britain, Germany and France, and have some left. Thin Folks Who Would Be Fat. Increase in Weight Ten Pounds or More. A Physician's Advice. "I'm certainly give most anything to be able to eat a few pounds and stay that way, declares every assessor of this man or woman. Such a result is not impossible, despite past failures. Thin people are victims of mal-nutrition, a condition which prevents the fatty elements of food from being taken up by the blood as they are when the powers of nutrition are normal. Instead of getting into the blood, all the fat and flesh producing elements stay in the intestines until they pass from the body as waste. To correct this condition and to produce a healthy, normal amount of fat the nutritive processes must be artificially supplied with the power which nature has denied them. This can best be accomplished by eating Sargol tablet with every meal. Sargol is a scientific combination of six of the best strength-giving fat-producing elements known to the medical profession. Taken with meals it mixes with the food and turns the sugars and starches into rich, ripe nourishment for the tissues and blood. Its effect is remarkable. Reported gain of from 10 to 25 pounds in a single month are by no means infrequent. Yet its action is perfectly natural and abnormally Sargol is sold by grocery stores everywhere and every package contains a guarantee. While Sargol has produced remarkable results in the treatment of hypochondria and general stomach disorders it should not, owing to its remarkable flesh-producing effect, be used by those who are not willing to increase their weight 10 pounds or more.—ADV.

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