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COLONEL CONDEMNS POLICY OF INACTION

America Declared to Play Ignoble Part.

MAKING OF MUNITIONS UPHELD

"Roll of Dishonor" Proposed for Those Who Refuse.

GERMANY CALLED BRUTAL

"Professional German-American," Says Roosevelt, Has Shown Himself Enemy of Country as Well as Humanity.

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt, in an address tonight at the military instruction camp here, declared that for 13 months the United States had "played an ignoble part among the nations," in that it had "tamely submitted to seeing the weak, whom we had covenanted to protect, wronged," and "had seen our own men, women and children murdered on the high seas without action on our part."

The ex-President condemned the Government for having "not taken the smallest step in the way of preparation to defend our own rights."

Making of Munitions Defended.

Germany he condemned as utterly brutal and ruthless in its disregard of international morality, and declared that it "would be a base abandonment of morality" for American manufacturers of munitions of war to refuse to make shipments "for the use of the armies that are striving to restore Belgium to its own people."

Munition makers who refused to make such shipments to the directors of international morality, he said, on a "roll of dishonor." He added that they should be encouraged so that they may be able to hold our own when "the hour of peril comes to us in our turn."

Pacifists Censured With Politeness.

His speech follows in part: "Free citizens should be allowed to do their own fighting. The professional pacifist is as much out of place in a democracy as is the politician himself, and he is no better citizen than the politician. Probably no body of citizens in the United States during the last five years have wrought so efficiently for National decadence and international degradation as the professional pacifists, the peace-at-any-price men, who have tried to teach our people that silly, all-inclusive abolitionist treatise and the utterance of fatuous platitudes at peace congresses are substitutes for adequate military preparedness."

Antidote for Hyphenated Poison.

"Camps like this are the best possible antidotes to hyphenated Americanism. The events of the past year have shown us that in any crisis the hyphenated American is an active force against America, an active force for wrong doing. The effort to blot two flags on the same flag pole always means that one flag is to be taken down and the hyphenated American invariably holds the flag of the United States underneath. We must all be Americans and nothing else."

There exists no finer body of American citizens in this country than those citizens of German birth or descent who are in good faith Americans and nothing else.

The leaders among the professional German-Americans have preached and practiced what comes perilously near to treason against the United States.

America's Part "Ignoble."

"For 13 months America has played an ignoble part among the nations. We have tamely submitted to seeing the weak, whom we had covenanted to protect, wronged. We have seen our own men, women and children murdered on the high seas without action on our part. Inasmuch as we as a Nation have done nothing whatever for National defense during the past 12 months, it is well that private individuals should have tried, however ineffectually, to provide some kind of substitute for proper governmental action. The Army officers and enlisted men have put all good Americans under a fresh debt by what they have done in connection with this camp, and we owe much to the private citizens who have advanced the money without which the camp could not have been held."

Ten men have had to pay for the privilege of learning how to serve your country. For every one man like yourselves who can afford to come here there are a hundred equally good American citizens, equally patriotic, who would like to come and are unable to. It is undemocratic that the young farmer, that the young hired man on a farm, that the hard working clerk or mechanic, or day laborer, all of whom wish to serve the country as much as you do, and are as much entitled to

ASPARAGUS TIPS NOT FOR OHIOANS

AUDITOR PRUNES BILL OF EXPENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Cocktails Also Ruled Out Though Member Says They Lived Only as Civilized Folks Should.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The high cost of living, or the cost of high living, exemplified by asparagus tips, ice cream, cocktail glasses, a few bottles of liquor and similar items, has caused friction among members of the Ohio Commission at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and A. V. Donahay, State Auditor, according to a statement made today by Newton M. Miller, directing Commissioner.

NO PORTLAND FIRM BIDS

Wisconsin Firm Lowest on Building of Survey Steamer.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—No Portland firm submitted a bid for the construction of the new coast survey steamer Surveyor, which is to be built for the Alaska and Pacific Coast service. The lowest bid from the Pacific Coast was that of Mare Island Navy-yard, \$209,308. The Seattle Construction Company bid \$219,800.

THE LOWEST BID SUBMITTED WAS THAT OF THE NAVY-YARD AT PORTSMOUTH, N. H., \$143,250, AND THE LOWEST BID FROM ANY PRIVATE YARD CAME FROM A WISCONSIN FIRM, \$133,000.

The contract probably will be awarded next week. There is only \$150,000 available, and this fact will exclude most bids.

MRS. SPRECKELS DIVORCED

Wife of John D., Jr., to Be Wedded Again in Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—A final decree in the divorce proceedings of Mrs. Edith Spreckels against John D. Spreckels, Jr., both of San Francisco, was signed today. Mrs. Spreckels' attorney immediately called the fact to Mrs. Spreckels at Honolulu, for whose marriage to Frank W. Wakefield, also of San Francisco, a license was issued there yesterday.

The final decree specified that it did not interfere with a property settlement and an agreement for alimony, made in December, 1912. The alimony granted at that time was \$350 a month, with \$100 additional for each child. The children were given into Mrs. Spreckels' custody by an agreement which the final decree recognized.

FRANK STRONG VISITS CITY

Former President of University of Oregon Here With Family.

Frank Strong, formerly president of the University of Oregon, but now chancellor of the University of Kansas, is in Portland, registered at the Imperial. He arrived late yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Mr. Strong served as the head of the Oregon institution for two years, leaving in June, 1902, for the University of Kansas. He was succeeded at the University of Oregon by F. L. Campbell, the present president. Chancellor Strong expects to spend several days in Portland.

FRENCH MONEY DECLINES

Credit Loan Too Small to Restore Equilibrium of Exchange.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—French money today was worth less than yesterday in foreign exchange markets notwithstanding the establishment here of a \$20,000,000 credit loan to the French government. The establishment of the loan already had been discounted, and the sum lent was too small a fraction of the total amount due for American supplies to bring about equilibrium.

The rate on francs was quoted today at 58. Yesterday a dollar bought 1.32 francs.

OREGON APPLES CHOSEN

Squirrels at Fair Pass Up Fruit From Other States.

ONTARIO, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—That Oregon squirrels passed up nice juicy apples from Kansas, Missouri, Washington and other states and hunted until they found a box of Oregon apples before they would eat any, is the story brought back from the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco by A. L. Covkum, a local banker.

Several squirrels that have been on exhibit made their way to the Agricultural building. Several boxes of apples were tested, but when they reached the Oregon exhibit they had a feast.

LITERACY TEST IS URGED IN NEW YORK

Measure Advanced at Stormy Session.

NATIONAL FEELING IS HIGH

War Issues Injected Into Debate on Constitution.

BOND OF LANGUAGE URGED

William Barnes Declares Limitation of Franchise to Those Who Can Read and Write English Is Vital.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 25.—A proposed amendment to the state constitution providing that all voters be able to read and write English, was advanced to the order of final passage by the constitutional convention today by a vote of 70 to 61.

Advancement of the measure was preceded by the stormiest session of the convention, in which National feeling ran high, and frequent references were made to the war and its possible effect on this country.

Bond of Language Advocated.

Speakers for the proposal included William Barnes, who contended that the ability to read and write English would tend to cement the American people more closely together and increase patriotism. Opponents argued that an educational qualification was unnecessary and would tend to restrict immigration.

Delegate Frank Mann injected the war atmosphere into the debate. He referred particularly to an argument that "the American people are confronted with possibilities of war with a power many of whose people are in this land, and at this time those people who have not learned the English language and who are reading papers in sympathy with this foreign country are a menace."

German Proud of Ancestors.

"I am a proud descendant of the German race," Mann said, "and I never have been so proud of it as during the last year in observing the achievements of the nation of my ancestors. The only reason Germans in America read German papers is that they are the only source of truth Germans get about the war in Europe."

In supporting the proposal Mr. Barnes declared that giving the franchise only to those who can read and write English was vital. "A nation that speaks different languages never can be entirely a united nation," he said. "We are establishing what really would be a state language for the purpose of unifying our people. Our ballot is written in English and in order for the voter to vote properly and intelligently he should be able to read what is on the ballot."

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MOTIVE OF PASTOR'S MURDER CONFUSING

Woman, War Strangely Mingle in Crime.

HATRED OF ALLIES INTENSE

Pro-German Utterances, Love of Parishoner, Recalled.

LIFE OFTEN THREATENED

Clergyman in Slav-Lithuanian Community Found Dead, After Receiving Anonymous Letters, With Wound in Throat.

GARY, Ind., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Federal and state authorities tonight were endeavoring to establish a motive for the murder of Rev. Edmund Kayser, pastor of St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tolleston, Ind., a suburb of Gary, who was shot and killed in his home late last night by several persons, who bound his body with cord and left it in a nearby lot.

Three reasons for which men have died since man was born—war, women, money—loom tonight in the shadows behind the murder. The pastor's agitation on behalf of Germany and his bitter hatred for the United States, as well as the allies, for months had been notorious.

Woman Mentioned in Case.

One theory advanced by H. B. Snyder, postmaster of Tolleston, was that the preacher's tragic end was the culmination of a series of anonymous letters which he had received warning him to cease his attentions to a woman in Gary.

"Several months ago Mr. Kayser turned over to me a batch of threatening letters," said Postmaster Snyder. "The letters warned him to cease his attentions to a Gary woman. A postal inspector questioned the woman, who denied having any relations with the pastor."

The identity of the woman became known tonight. She is Mrs. Mary Krause, one of his parishoners, and a wife and mother.

German-American Colony Founded.

Rev. Mr. Kayser was the founder of the colony of Tolleston, a German-American settlement on the Indiana sand dunes, and it is related that he had expressed an ambition to be a pseudo-Kaiser over the community. Outstanding facts of the murder are: Rev. Mr. Kayser has been attacked frequently because of his unbridled utterances on behalf of his native land—Germany—during the present war. A secret "inner committee of pro-allies" had proscribed his life in solemn council. He had been bombarded with anonymous letters to this end. He had demanded police protection and applied

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Wednesday's War Moves

AN OFFICIAL report issued tonight regarding recent operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula set at rest rumors which have been in circulation for several days crediting British troops either with having cut off or outflanked the Turkish forces opposed to them. The report says that while the ground gained is of great value, the true objective has not been reached.

In the first attacks early in the month the Australians and New Zealanders reached the summit of Sari Bair and Chunuk Bair, commanding positions on the Gallipoli peninsula. In the failure of the British to reach the summit and were compelled to retire again.

The report admits heavy British losses, but adds that those of the Turks must have been heavier.

Although the British hold a front of 12 miles along the west side of the peninsula and at some points have penetrated a considerable distance into the interior, the Turks are making a stubborn defense of their positions, but the allies have confidence that with the strong forces at their command and the assistance of the fleet, the Dardanelles will be forced before the arrival of the unfavorable weather, which is due towards the end of September.

Weather conditions also are playing a part in the operations on the eastern front. It is reported that the roads in Courland are softening already as the result of continued rains and that the Germans are finding it more difficult to move forward their artillery. They are still trying, however, to force back the Russians who are holding the line between the rivers Aa and Dvina, and say they have been successful at one point at least.

General Eichhorn, who captured Kovno, is advancing eastward, according to Berlin, while progress is reported by each of the five armies which are marching on Brest-Litovsk. One of these armies—that on the southwest front—is said to have broken through one of the advanced positions of the fortress. General Eichhorn's plan apparently is to march rapidly on Vilna and, after occupying that town, to attempt an advance to Minsk, thus placing his army on the Russian line of retreat from the Bug, while Field Marshal von Mackensen and Prince Leopold of Bavaria continue their efforts to envelop Brest-Litovsk.

As Grand Duke Nicholas still has several lines of retreat open to him and his rearguards heretofore have shown their ability to hold off the Austro-Germans until their retirement was effected, military writers of the allies do not believe this plan will succeed.

The only event of importance reported from the western front is the capture by the Germans of a portion of a trench they lost to the French in the Vosges. Elsewhere it has been only a repetition of artillery, hand grenades and mine fighting.

Heavy fighting continues on the Austro-Italian front, and the Italians say they have captured the head of the Stimo Valley in the Tonale zone.

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Austria recalls ambassador to Japan and hands Japanese ambassador his passports.

Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, announces that the 100,000 men asked for in the first instance have joined the colors.

French and British fall back between Maubeuge and Donon, forming strong line, following German victory.

Duke of Wurtemberg's army reports victory in march through Belgium.

Condition of Americans Abroad Improves.

NORTH DAKOTA IS COMING

Battleship Will Be Sent to Regatta at Astoria in September.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe received a telegram today from Secretary of the Navy Daniels, that the battleship North Dakota would be sent from San Francisco to Astoria to participate in the regatta there in September.

The Governor received telegrams of appreciation today from Astoria. Regatta Chairman Harley wired, "Come down and we will give you some real thanks."

AIDERS UNEQUAL TO FLOOD

American War Vessels Still Doing Relief Work in China.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Flood damage in the Canton region of China is so extensive that it is impossible to give adequate relief.

Admiral Winterhalter, commanding the Asiatic fleet, has reported that the gunboats Wilmington and Callao still were engaged in aiding the relief work organized by the American Consul-General at Canton, and would be kept at work as long as they could be useful.

WOOLEN MILL IS BOUGHT

Bishop & Son, of Pendleton, Become Owners of Washougal Plant.

The Washougal Woolen Mill, operated for the past three years by Bishop & Son, of Pendleton, under a lease, yesterday was bought outright by the Bishops. The consideration is understood to be \$45,000.

The mill will be used for the manufacture of blankets. The Pendleton Woolen Mills, also operated by the Bishop people, is used for the almost exclusive production of Navajo blankets.

MR. LEWIS TRIES TO OUST HIGHWAY AIDE

Act Amazes Members of Commission.

OBEEDIENCE TO BOARD IS CAUSE

New Phase Placed on Friendly Suit Agreement.

BREACH OF FAITH CHARGED

State Engineer Advises Chief Deputy Vouchers Will Not Be Approved and Secretary Olcott to Be Asked to Audit.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The controversy as to whether John H. Lewis, State Engineer, or E. I. Cantine, chief deputy highway engineer, is the acting state highway engineer, assumed another angle today, when members of the State Highway Commission announced that Mr. Lewis had attempted to discharge Mr. Cantine. The reason given by Mr. Lewis was that Mr. Cantine had decided to disregard his orders and obey those of the Board.

Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay, composing a majority membership of the Commission, expressed themselves as being unable to understand why Mr. Lewis had attempted summary action in view of his agreement a few days ago that a friendly suit be brought to settle the controversy.

Breach of Faith Charged.

While loath to make the statement, both said they knew of no other way to describe the action of Mr. Lewis other than a breach of faith.

A meeting of the Commission has been called for tomorrow, when Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay will vote to direct Mr. Cantine to continue in charge of the work.

Secretary of State Olcott has not divulged his attitude as to this phase of the case.

In his letter to Mr. Cantine, Mr. Lewis says he will not approve vouchers for work done under the supervision of Mr. Cantine. Secretary of State Olcott will then be asked to audit the vouchers, and, if he declines to do so, it is probable that a mandamus suit to compel him to audit them will be filed.

It is believed that if the suit is filed all phases of the controversy will be placed before the courts for determination.

State Treasurer Amazed.

Charles L. McNary, Supreme Court Justice, will represent the Governor and State Treasurer in case of litigation, and Attorney-General Brown probably will represent Mr. Lewis.

"I am amazed that Mr. Lewis should have violated his agreement that a friendly suit be instituted to end this controversy," said State Treasurer Kay. "The members of the Board and Mr. Lewis agreed to the arrangement, and it was understood that nothing more would be done until Attorney-General Brown had agreed on a form of friendly suit."

"This action of Mr. Lewis is not only a violation of the agreement, but of the highway law. The law provides that the chairman of the Commission, who is the Governor, shall appoint a chief deputy for the State Engineer, who shall have charge of the highway work, and Mr. Lewis has no power to discharge him."

"I deem it advisable to confirm in writing the substance of our various conversations since the meeting of the State Highway Commission on August 1.

Reason for Discharge Explained.

"At this meeting you gave the Commission to understand that you would not in the future follow my instructions in connection with certain highway work. It therefore becomes necessary for me to dispense with your further services.

"You will, of course, understand that this office will not assume any responsibility for work which you may perform in the future, nor will it approve vouchers on accounts in connection with such work. I trust that this action will not in any way disturb the friendly personal relations which have existed between us in the past."

Famous Irish Dramatist Dies.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—James Connor Roche, an Irish dramatist, actor, poet and formerly a war correspondent, died yesterday in a hospital here. He became famous as the author and leading actor of "Bory of the Hill," which ran 400 nights here.

