

GARY DINNER HAS DEEPER MEANING

Finance, Labor and Industry, as Well as Politics, Believed Involved.

DEFENSE PLAN INTERWOVEN

Equilibrium of Business in Event of War Regarded as Important Consideration — Status of Steel Trust Has Bearing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Gary dinner in New York, which was attended by Colonel Roosevelt and influential men in both the Republican and Democratic parties, is beginning to take on a deeper and more important significance than has been attached to it by politicians generally.

It is being made to minimize the political significance of the dinner, but behind the scenes, its questions of finance, labor and industry of vital interest to the entire country.

A Government suit for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, of which Judge Elbert H. Gary, host at the dinner, is executor, is pending before the Supreme Court on an appeal by the Government from an adverse decision in the New Jersey Circuit Court.

Momentous Change May Result. If the dissolution of the Steel Corporation is ordered, it will result in the formation of a new organization of its finance, including its huge investments and deposits.

Related industries must be separated, their securities divorced and exchanged, new heads and organizations selected and perfected and the business conducted by these individual concerns disorganized and interrupted during the period of reorganization.

Delay in the prosecution of plans for the upbuilding of the country, as it is the chief source of supply for steel needed on battlefields.

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Big National Questions Considered.

In his annual address or message to Congress, read at the opening of the session two weeks ago, the President suggested the advisability of a consulting committee of industrial and transportation experts to assist the military authorities in working out a plan for mobilization and concerted action in the event of war.

It is no wild guess to say that from the leaders in the industrial world at the Gary dinner, there may be selected one or more members of this special committee for the defense of the country, and prominent men here are of the belief that this, with all the other momentous questions alluded to in the equilibrium and safety of business conditions and political affairs in this country, were considered by the men gathered about Judge Gary's hospitable board.

It is such was the underlying purpose of the dinner, its importance, its weight, whatever political significance there may be attached to it by those who are now giving sole thought to the various moves on the political checkered board.

PIONEER OF 1847 GONE

MRS. MARTHA A. HILL, 81, DIES AT INDEPENDENCE.

Entire Married Life, Commencing in 1851, Passed on Donation Claim on Banks of Hickman.

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Martha A. Hill, mother of Independence, passed away at her residence here early this morning, after an illness of several weeks. She was a pioneer of 1847.

Mrs. Hill was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, in 1834, and when 13 made the trip to Oregon, where she was located on the banks of the famous Hickman, where she lived with the Birch family for many years.

She was the daughter of Hanson Virgin, and married Henry Hill in July, 1851. They settled on a donation claim where the City of Independence now stands, and she was one of the first donors of land for city enterprises, public buildings, churches, railroads and parks.

Mrs. Hill was the mother of nine children, four of whom survive her. L. R. Hill, Homer Hill, Verd Hill and Mrs. Garland Hill Cole, all of whom were with her at her death. Her husband died in 1904, and since that time she had been the head of her own household, living on the original claim, the house being contiguous to the City of Independence, just outside the limits.

The funeral will be held from the family residence at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday, and interment will be in the old pioneers' cemetery at Hickman. Dr. Dunsmore will conduct the funeral services.

ALASKAN MILITIA POSSIBLE

Secretary of Interior and War Department Favor Move.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—Alaska should have its own militia, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Lane, and with proper encouragement from the War Department, he believes a thousand men, mostly of less, could be brought into such an organization. In 1902 the War Department decided no useful organization of militia could be maintained in Alaska under the existing conditions, although the War Department believed it was both practicable and desirable to maintain a force of militia in Alaska, particularly in the vicinity of Juneau.

Since then no move has been made to remedy conditions, although it is thought possible the passage of a militia pay bill may open the way. "The time seems opportune for such organization," says Secretary Lane, "and if this can be effected a force of militia 1905 or more in number can be enrolled, whose personnel would include men of previous experience in the militia of the various states and who are now seasoned Alaskans."

WHERE WHITEHOUSE HONEYMOONERS SPENT CHRISTMAS.

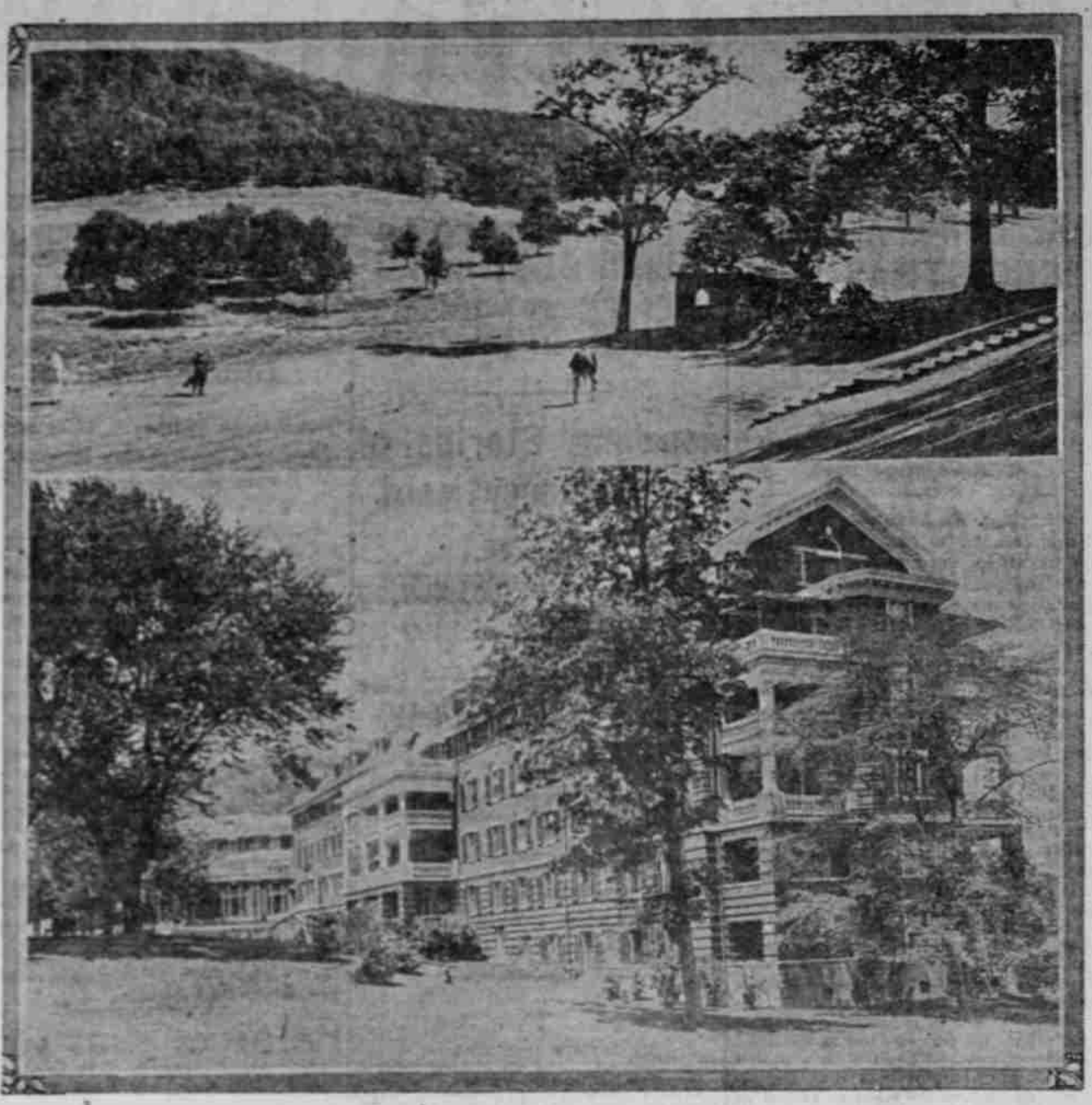


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GOLF LINKS AND HOTEL AT HOT SPRINGS, VA. HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—President Wilson and his bride, the former Mrs. Norman Galt, are making the most of their honeymoon stay here. Blue skies, a bright sun and mild temperatures are Nature's conspirators in the plot to provide a maximum of happiness and good cheer for the happy couple.

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WHEAT IN DEMAND

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One year ago when we reduced the price on ROYAL CLUB COFFEE from 40c to 35c, we told you it was only temporary—that we were sharing with you the saving to us in an exceedingly low, "war time," coffee market—that as soon as the market went up we would have to restore the original 40-cent price.

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5 PROVINCES REVOLT

Uprising Against Return of Monarchy in China Big.

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TROOPS ON REBELS' SIDE

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