

BRYAN SILENCED BY CANADIAN JEERS

Silver Tongue Tied at Toronto, Ont.

SOLDIERS PREVENT HEARING

"What About the Lusitania?" Shouted at Speaker.

ORDER SET AT DEFIANCE

Chorus of Hoots Drowns Out All Attempts at Friendly Greeting to Former Secretary of State of United States.

TORONTO, Can., Feb. 28.—William Jennings Bryan was refused a hearing when he appeared at Massey Hall here tonight to address a prohibition meeting under the auspices of the Dominion Alliance.

Returned soldiers caused the disturbance by shouting various epithets.

"What about the Lusitania?" they also demanded in chorus.

The first disturbance came before Mr. Bryan's entry, when the chairman told the audience they were to be honored by listening to the fraternal delegate of the Anti-Saloon League of America, "one of the foremost citizens of our ally."

But-Calls Rise in Chorus.

The chairman refrained from mentioning Mr. Bryan's name as long as he could, but when it came out at last, it was greeted by a chorus of cat calls and cries "We don't want him."

The chairman appealed to the audience. It was not a good thing for the city they were doing, he said, and "a bad thing for the cause we represent."

Then Mr. Bryan came in and pandemonium broke loose. Most of the audience stood up, waved handkerchiefs and cheered him, but the answering hoots from the gallery out-lasted the cheers.

For five minutes Mr. Bryan tried to make himself heard, but it was no use. The interruption kept right on, and the interrupters sang "Rule Britannia," forcing the audience to join in that and "God Save the King."

New Shakes Their Fists.

They yelled about the Lusitania and sang "Over There" and "We Won't Go Home Until Morning." Men stood up and shook their fists at the American ex-Secretary of State. Soldiers showed the service button on their coats and shouted defiance at those who pleaded for a hearing for the speaker.

Enthusiastic prohibitionists who wished to hear Mr. Bryan hurled across the hall counter calls of "put them out" and "where's your fair play?"

The chairman was heard to say something about ejecting the interrupters. He was greeted with cries of "Who's going to do it?"

Mr. Bryan took his seat.

John H. Roberts, of Montreal, made an attempt to speak, but was told to "get the khaki on."

Appeal to Gallery Fails.

Then a man of the army medical corps dressed in uniform was hoisted on the platform.

"Boys, they are fighting for freedom at the front; they are also fighting for freedom of thought. Why should we interrupt the meeting?" he appealed to the gallery.

The appeal was in vain. "God Save the King" was sung again and the soldiers in the gallery shouted "Take Bryan out and we will walk out. We'll let any man speak, but not pro-German."

After the band had played another air, Mr. Bryan made a brief, but futile attempt to make himself heard. Then he took a chair to the edge of the platform and talked to the reporters, the noise never ceasing for an instant.

Nebraska Makes Statement.

"I am here by invitation," said Mr. Bryan. "I come as the representative of 25,000,000 of the people who have banded themselves together in various organizations for the promotion of prohibition. I have spoken in one hall tonight before an audience that gave not only respectful, but enthusiastic attention."

"I find that less than 5 per cent, probably more nearly less than 2 per cent of this audience refuses to allow the rest of the audience hear me speak."

"Ordinarily, those who interrupt a meeting are put out because they refuse an overwhelming majority the right to hear. In this case, I am not willing that force should be used to eject the men from the hall. I would rather that the meeting should break."

WEST TAKES LEAD IN BUILDING SHIPS

COAST YARDS ARE AWAY AHEAD OF ALL OTHERS.

Eastern and Southern Mills and Builders Slow, According to Fleet Corporation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—To accomplish more rapid delivery of Southern pine timber for shipbuilding operations, the Emergency Fleet Corporation is putting logging experts into the forests to assist in locating trees for the heavier lumber.

No slow has been the delivery of the heavier timbers that the corporation is obtaining from the Pacific Coast 3969 cars of fir lumber for use in Eastern and Southern yards. The wooden building programme, it was declared today, is at least a month behind the schedule, with little hope of catching up.

On the Pacific Coast both wooden and steel construction is proceeding at a much more satisfactory rate than along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. One plant at Seattle launched one steel ship yesterday and turned over to the Fleet Corporation another one complete. This plant, operated by the Skinner & Eddy Company, recently established a world's record for completing a ship in quick time.

In an effort several months ago to speed up deliveries, the corporation increased the price it is paying for ship timber by more than a million dollars, but even this has failed to speed up the Eastern and Southern mills as much as had been hoped. At one time the corporation threatened to commandeer mills if the timber was not delivered faster.

STAMPS ARE NOT WANTED

Red Cross Issues Statement Blocking Cancelled Stickers' Movement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—No cancelled postage stamps are wanted by the Red Cross, which today issued a statement advising people not to waste time and energy in saving and forwarding them.

"Somebody, somewhere, started one of those pleasant, but likely to be annoying, fictions, and the idea has spread that the American Red Cross has devised a method of extracting eyes from cancelled stamps and using the dyes," said the statement. "Large quantities of such stamps have accumulated through the goodwill of persons who have thought they are doing something to help win the war. The stamps are of no use to the Red Cross."

ITALIANS HEAR U. S. MUSIC

American Band Gets Enthusiastic Reception in Rome.

ROME, Wednesday, Feb. 27.—The American military band which came here from France with the American military mission to Italy, paraded through the main thoroughfares of Rome today and received an enthusiastic reception. The band went to the top of the Janiculum to pay homage to the memory of Garibaldi, whose monument adorns the hill.

Before an enormous crowd stirring speeches were delivered by American Ambassador Page and General Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian hero. The American and Italian anthems were played by the American band.

PNEUMONIA PLAGUE GROWS

Dread Disease Spreads From Northern China to Southeast.

PEKING, Feb. 28.—Plague of the pneumonic type which has been prevalent in Shansi province, Northern China, since the beginning of the year, has spread southeastward to the province of Anhwei. During the present school year, it is reported to have occurred at Fengyang, 100 miles northwest of Nanking.

The infection is said to have been taken into Fengyang by a soldier from Kalgan, a town in Chihli province, 110 miles northwest of Peking.

PUNISHING PARENTS PAYS

Chicago Superintendent Has Found Remedy for Truancy.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Halling parents of truant boys into court instead of the boys is doing more to break up truancy than the old system. W. J. Bodine, superintendent of compulsory education, asserted in a report made public today. During the present school year, he says, more than 200 parents have been fined or sent to the house of correction.

HENS BEARING EGG MARKET

Fresh Gathered Extras Drop to 43 Cents in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Thanks chiefly to the extraordinary energy displayed by the American hen during the last week, the wholesale price of the highest grade of eggs, known to the trade as "fresh gathered extras," fell from 52 and 55 cents a dozen Saturday to 43 cents today in this market.

PREMIER CRITICALLY ILL

British Columbia Official in Serious Condition From Pneumonia.

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 28.—Physicians announced today the condition of H. C. Brewster, Premier of British Columbia, was critical.

The Premier is in a hospital here suffering from pneumonia, having been taken from a train several days ago while en route from Ottawa to Victoria.

WOMEN HELD UNFIT FOR SECTION GANG

Miss Goldmark Points Out Dangers.

SERIOUS HAZARDS INVOLVED

Relative of Brandeis Reports to Wage Commission.

MANY AT HEAVY TASKS

Employment of Female Labor on Railroads Declared to Be Increasing—Some Lines of Work Declared to Be Suitable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A special session of the railroad wage commission was held today to hear Miss Pauline Goldmark, sister-in-law of Associate Justice Brandeis, tell of the employment of women on railroads.

In the course of her informal report she expressed an unfavorable opinion of the section gang as a place for women.

She gave figures to show that women are being hired in increasing numbers for heavy work, her statement contradicting in some instances the testimony of railroad executives.

Miss Goldmark appeared as representative of the Consumers' League of New York, and other organizations. Her testimony was given informally and will not be included in the record until she has incorporated it in a formal statement.

Many Lines Taken Up.

Women were first employed in any numbers by the railroads about a year ago, Miss Goldmark said, at the instance of the railroad war board. They were put on the clerical positions experimentally, but their use has been extended until now they are in the freight yards, section gangs, shops and roundhouses.

While much of the work is suitable to them, many occupations involve heavy physical strain and other hazards. Miss Goldmark doubted the advisability of employing women on section gangs for work out of doors in all conditions of weather and without proper attention to their physical welfare.

Work Should Be Standardized.

"In order that there shall be no wasteful use of labor and to reduce the turnover," she recommended, "it is important to make an investigation and standardize the work for which women may be employed before their numbers increase. One railroad employs 400 on one division and another has a total of 1817 women workers."

Miss Goldmark declared white women were lifting weights as much as 50 pounds in work as drill press operators.

"Are women used in England in the same occupations or in harder work?" asked Secretary Lane, chairman of the commission.

"They are used in England in the operation of street railroad services and also as station agents and in other occupations," she replied.

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ECONOMIC BLOW AT GERMANY FAVORED

COMBINE AFTER WAR IS PROPOSED IN RESOLUTION.

Chamber of Commerce of United States Declares That Teuton Militarism Must Yield.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An overwhelming vote in favor of a resolution warning German business men that an economic combination will be formed against Germany after the war unless the danger of excessive armament is removed by making the German government a responsible instrument controlled by the people, was announced tonight by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the conclusion of a preliminary canvass of its organization members.

The vote as recorded to date is 1204 to 154.

A referendum on the resolution was ordered on January 12 and copies were sent to each of the 1000 local commercial and industrial organizations comprising the National Chamber. Each organization has from one to 10 votes, according to its membership.

Following is the resolution:

"Whereas, The size of Germany's present armament and her militaristic attitude have been due to the fact that her government is a military autocracy, not responsible to the German people; and

"Whereas, The size of the German armament after the war will be the measure of the greatness of the armament forced on all nations; and

"Whereas, Careful analysis of economic conditions shows that the size of Germany's future armament will fundamentally depend on her after-war receipts of raw materials and profits from her foreign trade; and

"Whereas, In our opinion, the American people for the purpose of preventing an excessive armament, will assuredly enter an economic combination against Germany, if governmental conditions in Germany make it necessary for self-defense; and

"Whereas, We believe the American people will not join in discrimination against German goods after the war if the danger of excessive armament has been removed by the fact that the German government has in reality become a responsible instrument controlled by the German people; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America earnestly calls the attention of the business men of Germany to these conditions and urges them also to study this situation and to co-operate to the end that a disastrous economic war may be averted and that a lasting peace may be made more certain."

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT

Yakima Valley Visited by Tremor Violent Enough to Rattle Dishes.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 28.—An earthquake was felt over all this portion of the Yakima Valley at 3:45 this afternoon.

The shock lasted only a moment, but was violent enough to rattle dishes, sway houses and frighten domestic animals. No damage was done by it.

RECEIVERS ARE RELIEVED

First Action of Kind Taken Since Government Took Control.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—The joint receivership of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad was dissolved today by order of United States Circuit Judge Sanborn and United States District Judge Lewis, the first ruling made on rail receiverships since the Government assumed control of the common carriers.

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SPEEDY ACTION IN SIBERIA NECESSARY

Entente Pressure Too Great to Ignore.

MOMENTOUS ISSUE AT STAKE

Fear Expressed Russians May Resent Intervention.

SITUATION NOW CRITICAL

If U. S. and Allies Do Not Join In With Japan, That Nation Is Likely to Be Impelled to Proceed on Its Own Account.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An early decision probably will be reached on the momentous question as to whether America and the entente allies shall join Japan in a campaign in Eastern Siberia to counteract possible German activities in that quarter and save the great supply of military stores accumulated at Vladivostok and interior points on the Siberian railway.

It has been understood that this decision might await the arrival in Washington of Viscount Ishii, the newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to the United States, but it was said tonight that recent developments, including increasing pressure from entente sources, very likely would cause a more speedy determination of the question.

Supreme Council to Act Later.

It is learned that this is not regarded as a problem for the consideration, at the present stage at least, of the supreme war council in France, which, if it treats the subject at all, will deal with it only as a military matter after the question of policy has been decided by the governments of the entente allies and America.

It is freely admitted in official circles that this is a very great question indeed. A radical departure from established rules of international law would be involved in the forcible entry into a neutral country, and consideration must be given to the possible effect upon the Russian people of such a course in their relations to the present war.

Russian Action Feared.

Already there has been some apprehension that great numbers of Russian soldiers, rather than return to their farms and shops, would voluntarily join the central armies, and some evidence of a foundation for this fear is found in Berlin dispatches announcing the entry into the German army of several regiments of Manchurians.

On the other hand growing indications that Japan cannot much longer be restrained from taking some action in Siberia are causing serious consideration of the Japanese invitation to the entente allies and America to participate.

AMERICANS CRUSH GERMAN ASSAULT

HEAVY ATTACK IN CHEMIN DES DAMES IS REPULSED.

U. S. Boys Inflict Losses on Teutons, Who Retreat—Gas Used on Yankees by Ruthless Enemy.

(By the Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 28.—A strong German attack following a heavy barrage fire against the American trenches in the Chemin des Dames sector was repulsed with losses to the attackers.

The well-placed American machine guns sent streams of bullets into the advancing enemy and as the German barrage fire lifted the American artillery quickly laid down a curtain of fire, the Germans retiring without a single prisoner.

There were no American casualties. Five French soldiers were wounded during the fighting.

The Americans stayed in their dugouts until the proper time, when they jumped to the guns and fought like veterans.

Yesterday one officer and one man were killed and two were wounded by enemy shell fire. One American soldier was gassed. The Germans made a gas attack also in this sector, firing 50 projectiles of high per cent gas and 20 high explosive shells.

One American soldier is dead and eight are suffering from the effects of poisonous gas, so far as reported, but it is probable that more casualties will develop, as in the Toul sector.

There was an attack Monday, but the number of casualties to the American troops in this sector since they became engaged cannot be determined. All the killed and wounded in these operations are from the New England states.

A stray German shell fell today on an American ammunition train, killing and wounding four soldiers. A town behind the American line was shelled, one soldier being killed and five wounded. A dozen shells fell in the town.

The American artillery today obliterated a mine-throwing position held by the enemy.

WAR CABINET CONDEMNED

Portland Labor Council Opposed to Senator Chamberlain's Bill.

Resolutions condemning United States Senator Chamberlain's war-cabinet bill were adopted by the Central Labor Council last night. Objections to the measure were based on the grounds that it undertook to usurp governmental functions properly belonging to the President, and that in the appointment of such a cabinet of only three members, labor probably would be excluded from representation.

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TWO NON-PARTISAN LEADERS ARRESTED

Violation of Espionage Law Alleged.

CHARGE BASED ON PAMPHLET

President Townley and Secretary Gilbert Accused.

MEN ASSERT CONSPIRACY

Head of League Declares That Detection by Government Is Simply to Supply Hostile Newspapers With Headlines.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, was arrested here today on a warrant charging him with conspiring to discourage enlistments and to obstruct the draft.

The charges were based on a section of a pamphlet issued last June in which the "war issues" of the league were put forth among other features included in its propaganda. Joseph Gilbert, secretary of the league, was arrested on a similar warrant.

Pamphlet Is Defended.

In a statement issued by Mr. Townley, the pamphlet is said to have "set forth principles exactly in line with the domestic policies and international war aims expressed by President Wilson."

"Hundreds of patriotic men have pruned its statements," he continued. "Copies have been in the hands of Federal authorities for nine months. The Postoffice Department has never questioned our right to circulate it. These facts speak for themselves. My arrest is simply for the purpose of supplying hostile newspapers with sensational headlines in their efforts to discredit the league, even though to do so it is necessary to override every constitutional right."

Men to Be Free on Recognizance.

J. E. Palmer, assistant Attorney-General, ruled today that Sheriff Carter make arrangements to take Mr. Townley and Mr. Gilbert before a Ramsey County magistrate, where recognizance would be arranged.

A warrant was sworn out by Albert R. Allen, prosecuting attorney of Martin County, charging the two men with "conspiring to conspire seditiously to teach men not to enlist in the United States Army to fight Germany."

The warrants upon which Townley and Gilbert were arrested are entirely separate from a warrant sworn out several days ago at Lakefield charging Townley with sedition. The Lakefield warrant was never served.

Pamphlet Sent Through Mails.

The pamphlet, upon which the warrant for the Non-Partisan League's arrest is based, was issued last June and has been freely circulated through the state. It is a 32-page affair, entitled "The War Programme of the National Non-Partisan League." It urged conscription of excess profits and suggested the conscription of wealth. The pamphlet has been freely sent through the mail, and no apparent attempt has ever been made to withhold the pamphlet from the public.

MADISON MEETING PREVENTED

Mayor Robinson Refuses League Permission to Assemble.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 28.—A meeting of nearly 300 members of the Non-Partisan League, which was scheduled to be held at Madison, S. D., this afternoon, was prevented by orders of Mayor Robinson, of Madison, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

