



BRITONS UNEASY OVER WILSON VISIT

President Will Outrank Other Delegates.

ANOTHER QUESTION IS RAISED

"Freedom of Seas" Policy Somewhat Disturbing.

FEARS HELD GROUNDFLESS

Executive Will in No Way Compromise With Germans, Declares Northcliffe Correspondent.

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LONDON, Nov. 20.—(Special)—Although the probability of President Wilson visiting Europe already has been discounted by repeated rumors, the official announcement of the President's probable early arrival is causing some commotion.

The President, as the ruling head of America, will outrank other delegates, whose sovereigns and presidents remain in the background.

The Reuter's Washington dispatch announcing the President's visit to Europe "for the purpose of taking part in the discussion of the main features of the treaty of peace" again brought into prominence Wilson's "freedom-of-the-seas" policy.

The diplomatic correspondent of Northcliffe's Evening News reassures the doubters by repudiating the German suggestion that President Wilson would be found to be Germany's friend on two points wherein she was most interested.

"If the Huns imagine President Wilson will be a German advocate at Versailles, they are indulging in the most grotesque of all miscalculations whereof they have been guilty since 1914.

"Mr. Wilson brought America into the war to combat Germany's idea of freedom of the seas, which was, of course, to convert the ocean highways into a playground for pirates.

As indicative of a section of British opinion which will admit no compromise on the question of British sea power, the conservative Globe reproduces an extract which was circulated in the United States, concerning which it says:

"We need not believe that it represents any considerable body of American opinion until the contrary is proved, though we can understand that, with such views in circulation, Germany confidently counts on making mischief between the allied and associated governments."

HUNS SEEK JAPAN'S HELP

Tokio Chamber Head Says Japanese Are True to America.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.—S. Shiba, secretary of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Japanese Trade Commission now in this country on its way to Europe, said today that no one in America knows the extent of Germany's efforts through the war to attain Japanese support.

"We now want to enlist, as a reward of that proof of friendship, the ingenuity of American business and its ability to organize for the development of Asia, particularly China. Japan alone cannot do it. She does not want to do it."

LADYBUGS TO SAVE CROPS

Great Catches to Be Distributed to Eat Plant Lice.

Plans are being completed for the collection of lady bugs to be scattered in grain and dairy lands of Oregon and Washington infected by plant lice.

BESLER "BEATS" WAY OUT

Hun Governor-General Leaves Russia in Unheroic Manner.

ZURICH, Nov. 20.—General Hans von Besler, the German Governor-General of occupied territories in Russia, a Munich newspaper says, left Warsaw in an unheroic manner.

YANKEES LONG HELD BY HUNS RETURNING

PRISONERS, RELEASED, MAKE WAY ACROSS LINE.

Men's Physical Condition Varies. Red Cross Is Establishing Stations for Relief.

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—American prisoners released by the Germans are making their way singly and in pairs across the line at various points.

The American Army has passed stations at various points along the American sector of occupation where prisoners can be received. Eventually they will be concentrated at four main camps at Chaudeney, Revigny, Chelles and Saleux.

The returned men give varying accounts of their treatment by the Germans. The physical condition of the returned men also varies.

The American Red Cross is establishing relief stations at the four concentration camps.

BERNE, Switzerland, Saturday, Nov. 16.—There are in Switzerland 16,000 interned prisoners of French, British and Belgian nationality who now will be repatriated, while 14,000 Germans still remain on Swiss soil.

The Swiss government has been informed that a greater number—perhaps 50,000—of German and Austrian soldiers who before the war were residents of Switzerland intend to return. The government, however, has ordered the frontier closed to troops of the central powers because of the danger of admitting men infected with Bolshevism or anarchism.

BERNE, Nov. 20.—Arrangements have been made for the transportation of 100,000 Italian prisoners of war from Austria and Germany to Italy by the way of Switzerland.

The injured aviator is Hobson Tupper, of an aero squadron at Mineola, N. Y. Lieutenant Eliworth Gaskell, of New York City, was killed.

The aviators, assisting in the united war work campaign here, had been dropping pamphlets when the machine was seen to dive suddenly toward the ground and burst into flames.

PASSPORTS ARE IN DEMAND

Thousands Seek Permission to Go to Europe.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—More than 100,000 persons have applied since the armistice was signed for permission to go abroad. Customs officials here announced that no passports for foreign travel would be issued except in necessity.

Applicants who can show that their proposed trips are to visit dying relatives or friends, to conduct business which cannot be handled except by personal contact, or who have Government missions, would be permitted to sail, it was said.

\$14,000,000 BONFIRE PLAN

Immense Stores of Opium to Be Burned at Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Fourteen million dollars' worth of opium purchased by the Chinese government from foreign opium merchants at Shanghai is to be destroyed, according to a cablegram received today from Peking by the Chinese legation.

The opium, which is packed in 1200 chests, will be burned at Shanghai under a mandate soon to be issued by the President of China, the dispatch said. Foreign and Chinese residents of Shanghai will be invited to witness the event.

FARMERS' PROBLEMS AIRED

Secretary Houston Confers With Agricultural Journal Editors.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Farm problems, especially as they relate to the Department of Agriculture's programme for next year, were discussed by Secretary Houston today at a conference with the editors of 39 agricultural journals from various sections of the country.

Secretary Houston will meet the editors again tomorrow.

EAGLE BOATS ARE USEFUL

Big Submarine Chasers to Be Used in Coast Patrol.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Eagle boats, the big submarine chasers being turned out by the Ford plant at Detroit, will be used to make up the Navy's deficiency in gunboats for coast patrol work.

Secretary Daniels said today that they had been found admirably adapted for use about insular coasts.

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He escaped from the Polish capital by concealing himself on a Vistula river barge.

STEVENS IN LINE FOR PRISON HEAD

Warden Murphy to Resign at Early Date.

EX-SHERIFF IS WELL KNOWN

Governor Refuses to Confirm or Deny Reported Change.

PRISON COSTS HELD HIGH

Formal Announcement Probably Will Be Withheld Pending Report of Marion Grand Jury.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special)—Information obtained from a reliable source is to the effect that Warden Charles A. Murphy, of the State Penitentiary, will be asked by Governor Withycombe to resign before the first of the coming year.

His successor will be ex-Sheriff Robert L. Stevens, of Multnomah County, now in New York, where he is connected with a manufacturing concern.

The change, it is understood, will not come until the Marion County grand jury makes its final report. This report will come within the next few weeks at the latest, it is expected, and shortly thereafter it is believed announcement of the appointment will be made.

The suggestion to Warden Murphy that he resign will be predicated upon the fact that the costs at the State Penitentiary have been increasing at a rate which the Chief Executive deems unwarranted.

Change Regarded as Certain. Governor Withycombe today declined to discuss the situation when asked as to the developments which are pending, but the source from which the information came is unimpeachable and there is no question that Sheriff Stevens will be given the place and that he will be given it before the first of the year.

The prospective appointee was for three terms Sheriff of Multnomah County. He originally came to Portland from the East to accept a position with the Ladd & Tilton Bank and was teller of that institution for several years. He also has accumulated considerable property in Portland and for many years was considered among the more substantial citizens of the state.

At one time his name was prominently mentioned as possible candidate for Governor. He seriously considered taking the step but withdrew his name for business reasons.

Governor Withycombe and ex-Sheriff Stevens have been friends for years and the appointment comes as a natural one. The former Sheriff had an excellent record in office, his friends said, and he attained quite a wide reputation throughout the United States in his official capacity.

The State Penitentiary has been a (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

TRADING WITH ENEMY STILL IS FORBIDDEN

WAR YET ON, ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN REMINDS PUBLIC.

A. Mitchell Palmer Says That He Is Busy Taking Over For Property Despite Armistice.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, in a statement tonight said the signing of the armistice does not change his functions or affect his policies in any way.

"The United States and Germany," said Mr. Palmer, "are still at war and the trading with the enemy act is still in force. The alien property custodian therefore will continue to perform the duties which that act lays upon him and will carry out the evident intent of Congress with relation to enemy property, until final peace shall come.

"As long as the trading with the enemy act is in force, it remains the duty of all persons having the custody or control of enemy property in this country to make report thereof to the alien property custodian.

"Speaking generally only two classes of property have been or will be sold. These are: First, the enemy interests in partnerships, branches or agencies to which licenses to do business have been refused, or to which licenses have been granted for the purpose of liquidation. In these cases, in order to liquidate, we have been compelled to sell property of various kinds.

"Second—The enemy owned shares of stock or other interest in American corporations where the enemy holding is large enough to influence or control the management of American industrial and commercial concerns."

RIVER BOAT NEARLY SINKS

Joseph N. Teal Strikes Driftwood and Hull Is Punctured.

The river steamer Joseph N. Teal, arriving in Portland from The Dalles last night, struck a heavy piece of driftwood near Swan Island in the lower harbor and stove a hole in her bow.

She arrived at the Ash-street dock in a sinking condition, with her siphons unable to handle the water pouring into her hull.

The fireboat David Campbell was sent to her assistance after she docked, and early this morning the steamer was pretty well pumped out. The crew was rapidly unloading the cargo.

PRESIDENT MASARYK SAILS

Chief of New Czechoslovak Republic on Way Home.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk, first president of the newly created republic of Czechoslovakia, sailed for Liverpool today on the British steamship Carmania. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Olga.

He expects to go to Prague to assume office and later to attend the peace conference.

SLIGHT TREMOR AGAIN FELT

Eagle Rock, North of Los Angeles, in Center of Quake Belt.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 20.—A slight earthquake shock centering apparently at Eagle Rock, a suburban town north of here, was experienced today.

It was much less pronounced than the shock felt yesterday southwest of the city. (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

HAND OF HUN SEEN IN BREWERS' WORK

Evidence of Alleged Boycott Plot Adduced.

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Senators Told How Organization Listed Candidates.

TWO WITNESSES EXAMINED

Major Humes Undertakes to Show Brewers Were Connected With German-American Alliance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Evidence relating to political activities of brewers and their alleged efforts to boycott firms and individuals antagonistic to the liquor business was adduced today before the Senate committee investigating brewers' propaganda and the purchase of the Washington Times by Arthur Brisbane.

Major E. Lowry Humes, who is conducting the inquiry for the committee, also undertook to show from documents produced by officers of the United States Brewers' Association a connection between that organization and the German-American Alliance. The charter of the alliance was revoked recently by Congress after a Senate committee had investigated its activities.

Candidates' List Given. Major Humes put into the record lists of candidates for public offices who, he said, were to be supported by the brewers' association and the alliance and also a statement which he asserted was prepared for C. J. Hexamer, of Philadelphia, ex-president of the alliance, at the office of the brewers' association. The statement, Major Humes declared, was German propaganda.

Only two witnesses, Hugh Fox, secretary of the Brewers' National Organization, and John Gardner, Philadelphia, former chairman of the organization committee, were examined today.

Witness Closely Questioned. Fox was questioned at length regarding the war said to have been waged by brewers of antagonistic firms and individuals. Some firms named were the John Wanamaker Company, the Cadillac, Packard, National and Reo automobile companies, the Heinz Company, Goodrich Tire Company, American Rolling Mills, Middletown, Ohio; Fox Typewriter Company, Maryland; Baltimore Casualty Company; Proctor & Gamble Company, Grassell Chemical Company, of Cleveland; some subsidiary companies of the Standard Oil Company, United States Steel Corporation, S. Kresge Company, Red Raven Water Company, American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, Republic Rubber Company and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway.

Fox denied that any of the firms named had been blacklisted, saying the association's purpose merely was to (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

HUNS BEAR WATCHING, SAYS LORD READING

JUSTICE, NOT REVENGE, SOUGHT BY ALLIED NATIONS.

More Lofty and More Noble Spirit Among World Peoples to Replace Horrors of War.

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 19.—(British wireless service.)—Germany gave way not because she had changed her views, but because she knew she would be absolutely beaten, declared the Earl of Reading, who has been mentioned as one of British peace delegates, in a speech in London today.

Lord Reading said the allied countries should continue to be watchful of Germany and the utterances of her statesmen.

"We do not require revenge; France has not asked for revenge," said Lord Reading. "What we did wish and what we were determined to have, both in France and England, and in all the nations associated in this great cause, was that justice should be meted out to those who were responsible for the awful horrors of the last four and a half years.

"We must see to it that out of these terrible scenes of horror and desolation there will arise a more lofty and more noble spirit among the peoples of the world who would understand each other better, who would have greater love for each other as members of the same humanity and who would strive together to concentrate all that there is in them for the preservation of liberty and in particular for justice in the world of the future and for the progress of humanity."

If this should come about, he concluded, out of the war must come a benefit to all in the world.

GERMANS FREE AMERICAN

Former Editor of Paris Liberator Three Years in Military Prison.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20.—A Berlin dispatch dated Saturday says Edward Holton James, an American lawyer, once editor of the Paris Liberator, has been released from the military prison at Moabit, after more than three years' imprisonment on a charge of carrying on anti-monarchical propaganda in connection with Dr. Karl Liebknecht.

The dispatch adds that Mr. James appears to be none the worse because of his confinement and that he is returning to the United States.

Edward Holton James was born at Prairie Du Chien, Wis., and graduated from Harvard in 1896. After practicing law in Seattle he left for Paris in 1908, and a few years later came into National prominence through his association with Edward F. Mylius, a Belgian, in the publication of the Paris Liberator.

Mr. McCone was secretary for the state Socialist party until one year ago. He was employed as editor of a paper published by the Columbia River Shipbuilding Company, and was on his way to work last night when he was arrested. McCone was 30 years old and married. He lived at 1699 East Sixteenth street.

The complainant was Mrs. L. Bryant, who told the police that McCone had tried to entice her 15-year-old son away in his automobile.

OREGON BOYS AT HOSPITAL

Soldiers Classed as Casualties Reach San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Twenty-five young veterans of the battles of Soissons, Chateau-Thierry and the Somme, all classed as casualties, arrived here today for treatment in the Letterman General Hospital at the Presidio. Among them were: Corporals John R. Dickson and Roger O'Meara, Page 2; and Private Fred Schmidt, Salem, Or.

OREGON STANDS SIXTH

Record Made in Sales of War Savings and Thrift Stamps.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 20.—(Special)—A statement issued today by the Treasury Department shows that in total sales of war savings and thrift stamps to November 1, Oregon stands sixth in rank in sales per capita and also sixth for the month of October. Washington ranks ninth in sales per capita to date and fourth for October.

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VICTOR M'CONE, IN AUTO, DROWNS SELF

Car Driven Into Willamette After Arrest.

STATUTORY CHARGE MADE

Ex-Secretary Socialist Party Flees From Police.

BODY QUICKLY RECOVERED

Widely Known Portland Man Asks Permission to Take Auto to Garage, Then Dashes Into River.

Victor J. McCone, formerly secretary for the state Socialist party, was drowned at 7:45 o'clock last night when he drove his automobile off the approach to the Sellwood ferry into the Willamette River at the foot of Spokane avenue.

McCone had just been arrested on a statutory charge by R. C. Brown, a patrolman, and the police believe that he committed suicide.

Patrolman Brown reported to Captain Inskeep that he agreed to let McCone drive his automobile to his garage after the arrest. Instead of going to the garage, the policeman says, the prisoner drove toward the river at a high rate of speed, closely pursued by the patrolman in another machine.

Body Is Recovered. The fugitive's car dived down the steep approach to the ferry with no check in its speed. Brown stopped his own car with difficulty on the edge of the bank.

From his own machine the policeman saw McCone rise to the surface twice, and then disappear. The body was recovered by the harbor patrol and taken to the morgue.

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Secretaryship Is Resigned. McCone's career with the Socialist party came to an abrupt and dramatic end in September, 1917, when he was held at Lewiston, Idaho, by Federal authorities on a charge of violating the espionage act. His arrest had occurred a month previous, while he was en route to attend the National conference of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace, of which he was an organizer.

Declaring that he had experienced a complete change of heart, and that the Socialist party had been preempted by those inimical to its best interests, McCone sent a message to the Oregon Socialist party, announcing his resignation as secretary and renouncing his membership.

War on Hun Favored. McCone asserted that the Socialist party had been "used" by the defense of a man named Fields, secretary of the Idaho Socialist party, sentenced to serve 12 months for failure to register under the military draft. McCone returned to Portland to meet the fiery reproof and repudiation of his former party-mates.

Residence Is Riffled. He told the police, upon his arrival, that he found his residence rifled of books and documents by local members of the Socialist party, who had entered and made the search against the protests of his wife.

Just a few days later, in Arion Hall, the Socialists gathered in force and formally read McCone out of the party, charging him with "party treason," and with having "sold out." Vituperation was heaped upon the ex-secretary, but he held firmly to his stand.

During the last six months McCone had edited the Pilot, yard publication of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, having previously worked for several months as a machinist at that plant.

CAMP PROJECTS ANNULLED

Contracts for Construction at Nine Posts Canceled.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Construction projects at nine Army camps were canceled today by the War Department.

They include erection of a hospital and barracks at Fort Omaha, Neb.; cast-iron towers at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; and Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; a liberty theater at Camp Greene, N. C.; a storehouse at Camp Taylor, Ky.; a radio school, radio buildings and steel hangars at North Camp Jackson, S. C.; installation of additions to water supply system at Camp Meade, Md.; and railroad crossing improvements at Camp Funston, Kan.

JOHN BULL DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF HIS MAGIC FLUTE.

