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Deal With Beer-Makers Held Undeclared.

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Editor Declares He Has Always Supported U. S.

PAPER DEAL IS DEFENDED

Transaction Held to Be Wholly Business Affair—Control by Mr. Hearst Is Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Arthur Brisbane explained today to the Senate committee investigating brewers' and German propaganda...

He also was questioned regarding his business relations with William Randolph Hearst, sentiments expressed in his editorials and other matters.

Mr. Brisbane told the committee that he arranged the loan for the purchase of the Times with C. J. Feigenspan, a brewer of Newark, N. J.; that the transaction was a business affair...

Pro-Germanism Disavowed. The witness denied allegations of pro-German sentiments in editorials he has written, saying he always has supported the cause of the United States...

Hearst Unaware of Deal. Mr. Brisbane said that William Randolph Hearst knew nothing of his purchase of the Times until after the transaction was completed...

Reflection on U. S. Denied. "No, I do not think so," the witness replied. "I thought then and I think now that England has not always been renowned for her unselfishness."

Attitude Toward Beer Known. The witness told the committee that his attitude toward the use of beer and light wines brought him in touch with brewers...

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LABOR COUNCIL VOTES TO DEFER WALKOUT

FEDERAL INQUIRY AWAITED BY PORTLAND UNIONS.

Letter From Samuel Gompers Urges Against Strike Over Mooney Matter at This Time.

The general strike threatened for next Monday, on behalf of Thomas Mooney, was abandoned so far as Portland is concerned, when the Central Labor Council last night adopted a resolution to this effect.

Most of the unions, including even those which voted in favor of the strike, are bound to rescind this action by reason of the fact that their committee, representing them on the general strike committee, approved the resolution and its presentation to the Central Labor Council.

The resolution was voted through the council without a dissenting voice and with practically no discussion.

A letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, saying that the Federation executive committee requested that there be no strike over the Mooney matter, was read prior to introduction of the resolution deferring the strike.

Pertinent paragraphs of the resolution follow: "Whereas, Though we feel that the object which was to be attained (i. e., a new trial for Thomas Mooney) has not yet been accomplished, we nevertheless feel that a strike at this time is fraught with much danger, and appreciating the fact that though our full object has not been attained, Mooney will not hang while his innocence is being established; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we defer action on the strike until the Federal Government can fully present its case, proving that fraud was used in Mooney's conviction; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Central Labor Council recommend to all affiliated unions that strike action be deferred for the same reason, and that instead of immediate strike action being taken, we urge that all unions which have not yet sent a special delegate to this committee do so at once, and that this committee continue its activities to bring about the objects sought by organized labor."

A resolution presented by Local No. 44, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, calling for organization of a trade union defense committee for the states of Oregon, Washington and California, was referred favorably to the strike committee, which is continued in existence.

After learning the decision of the Central Labor Council against a general strike to influence a new trial for Tom Mooney, the Metal Trades Council last night voted to concur in the strike committee's decision.

Officials of the Metal Trades Council asserted that no final action has been taken with reference to the Macy award.

WOMEN NEEDED ON FARMS. Urgent Demand Voiced at Livestock Exposition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—An urgent demand for women to turn to farm work was voiced by speakers today at the International Livestock Exposition and Horse Fair.

Mrs. William Hubert, New York, executive secretary of the United States Agricultural Land Army, said 1,000,000 more men will be needed in this country to plant, cultivate and harvest the 1919 crop, with which it is hoped to feed a hungry world.

She said women were particularly adapted for certain kinds of farm work and urged that they respond in large numbers to the country's emergency call.

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They will confer there with the Zionist political committee and with other representatives of the Zionist organization in reference to Jewish problems for the peace conference.

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BRITISH TO OPPOSE CONSCRIPT ARMIES

Abolition of Draft in Europe to Be Demanded.

ENGLAND WOULD KEEP NAVY

All Arguments Against Sea Policy Declared Vain.

SUPREMACY DEEMED VITAL

Winston Spencer Churchill Outlines Country's Position in Coming Peace Conference.

DUNDEE, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press).—The British representatives at the peace conference will demand general and absolute abolition of conscription throughout Europe.

Winston Spencer Churchill, Minister of Munitions, made this announcement in a speech here tonight.

On the other hand, Mr. Churchill declared that Great Britain was determined to maintain its naval supremacy, despite any opposition which might develop.

"We enter the peace conference," said Mr. Churchill, "with the absolute determination that no limitation shall be imposed on our right to maintain our naval defense. We do not intend, no matter what arguments and appeals are addressed to us, to lend ourselves in any way to any fettering restrictions which will prevent the British navy maintaining its well-earned and well-deserved supremacy."

The British naval authorities have decided that it will be unnecessary to demand the return of Heligoland to Great Britain by Germany, Mr. Churchill declared. He also said the government had decided upon the nationalization of the railways.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Winston Spencer Churchill's announcement regarding the nationalization of the railways has stirred up the greatest interest here. No details of the government's policy have yet been made public.

Public Is Interested. "I am still in the dark; I know no more than the newspapers have published," a prominent railway official told the Associated Press.

The public is eagerly awaiting the specific programme to be announced.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(British Wireless).—Sir Auckland Geddes, president of the local government board and Minister of National Service, in a public address said that the line of policy advocated by the coalition government was a peace which, so far as a enemy powers were concerned, should be based on stern justice, and so far as those men who planned and started the war were concerned, should be founded

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Daily Casualty Report.

Table with columns: Reported Today, Total, Killed in action, Died of wounds, Died of disease, Died of accident, Total deaths, Wounded, Missing and prisoners, Total casualties.

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VIOLENT TREMOR FELT IN NORTHWEST CITIES

HOUSES SHAKE AND WINDOWS RATTLE AT VICTORIA.

Quake Recorded at Vancouver at 12:45 This Morning—Seattle in Path of Disturbance.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—Vancouver was violently shaken by an earth tremor at 12:45 this morning. The tremors, which appeared to be from north to south, were felt for two minutes. A distinct rumbling was noticeable.

Occupants of tall buildings were especially affected by the disturbance, many being seized with nausea. The shock was felt in all parts of the city, many persons being awakened by the shaking of furniture and tumbling of dishes. In some sections the shock was reported so severe that persons rushed from their beds to the street, fearing that their homes were coming down on them.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 6.—A pronounced earthquake of several seconds' duration was felt here at 12:45 o'clock this morning. Houses shook and windows rattled all over the city. Island points in the immediate vicinity also reported noticing the disturbance.

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—What was believed to be an earth disturbance was felt in Seattle at 12:45 o'clock this morning. The tremor shook buildings in the downtown district.

FOOD CONTROL IS DELAYED

Hoover's Appointment Awaits Sanction of President Wilson.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—It is understood that the proposal to appoint Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, director-general of allied relief, was discussed at the conference of the premiers of France, Italy and Great Britain, which has been in progress since the absence of representatives of the United States. It was decided that no action would be taken until President Wilson arrives in Europe.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—(By the Associated Press).—Arthur E. Dunning, secretary of the American Association of Commerce and Trade of Berlin, has been summoned to Spa (former German headquarters where the armistice commission has been in session) for the purpose of conferring with the American military authorities and Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator.

11 KILLED BY EXPLOSIONS

Destruction of Du Pont Building Laid to Dropping of Detonator.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Dec. 5.—Eleven men were killed and 23 injured here late today by four explosions which destroyed the detonator assembling building of the Du Pont powder works and shook the countryside for miles around. Fire which followed the explosions caused little damage.

Officials of the company said tonight they believed an employee, assembling French fuse detonators, which are filled with fulminate of mercury, had dropped one of them, setting off the 25 or 30 pounds of fulminate which was in the building.

VETERANS TO STAY ABROAD

Tried Soldiers to Be Used Until Peace Is Declared.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Secretary Baker today said that he believed today that none of the veteran divisions of the American Army in France will return home before peace formally is declared. He indicated that the tried fighting men would compose the bulk of the forces to be kept in Europe for the present.

Heretofore the understanding has been that the Rainbow Division and two or three other famous units would be brought home soon, leaving their places to be filled by some of the newcomers.

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CREEL CONTROL OF PEACE NEWS STIRS

Senator Warns People to Make Allowances.

CABLE RATIONING CRITICISED

Danger That Truth Will Not Be Told Is Foreseen.

CUMMINS PLAN IS KILLED

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Decides Against Proposal to Send Committee to France.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Senators were agitated again today when they read news dispatches from Paris to the effect that all official information from the peace conference will pass through the hands of George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information.

"This did not constitute their idea of free and open communication from Versailles to the American people, Senators declared.

Cable "Rationing" Discussed. Senator Johnson of California started the debate today by informing the Senate that there were reports that Edgar Sisson, of the Committee on Public Information, was to be in charge of arrangements for "rationing" cable space for transmission of the press reports on the peace conference. Senator Johnson said he hoped that George Creel, chairman of the committee, would not censor the reports.

Senator Sherman, of Illinois, said the dispatch merely confirmed his fears, but blamed Congress for delegating authority to the Administration when it authorized the taking over of the cables.

"We have heard very much about the mode of communication between Paris and this country of the peace conference proceedings and we have been told that there is no restriction on the news which would come to us respecting that proceeding," said Senator Johnson.

"Rationed" News Questioned. "I am very glad, indeed, that we have thus been told and I take it that that will be the fact; based on the fact that the Senate may be informed, for perhaps some have not read this particular dispatch, I wish to read a dispatch appearing this morning upon this subject."

Senator Johnson read the dispatch telling how official American statements must pass through Creel and answered: "I am not concerned with the legal aspects of the President's trip. He determined to take it and we make the best of his determination, but I am concerned with what may come to America of the proceeding of the peace conference; and I am concerned whether the news that comes to us shall be rationed and censored."

Creel Seniorship Opposed. "I want to call the attention of my colleagues to this news item sent by cable from Paris so that they might, with me, if their views be similar to mine, protest against a Creel rationed news from Paris or any censored information that shall come to us from the peace conference."

Senator Watson read extracts from President Wilson's message to Congress Monday, and Postmaster-General Burleson's recent statement to show that the announcement from Paris is inconsistent with the declared attitude of the Administration toward any restrictions on information from the peace table. Senator Walsh, of Montana, interrupted to say that a rationing of cable "space" would be necessary to make the amount of the news matter square with the cable capacity.

Senator Issues Warning. "I am not complaining so much about the system of rationing as I am about the man who is to do the rationing," Senator Watson retorted. "I desire to say that my contention was that George Creel was to be taken over in France in order that he might send forth all of the news that came to this country regarding the deliberations at the peace council. That is exactly what I believed then and it is precisely what I believe now."

"This article simply confirms me in that opinion. I am not disturbed about the rationing; I am not disturbed about the capacity of the cables, but I am disturbed about the man who is to have absolute charge of every word that comes to this country respecting the deliberations of the peace council."

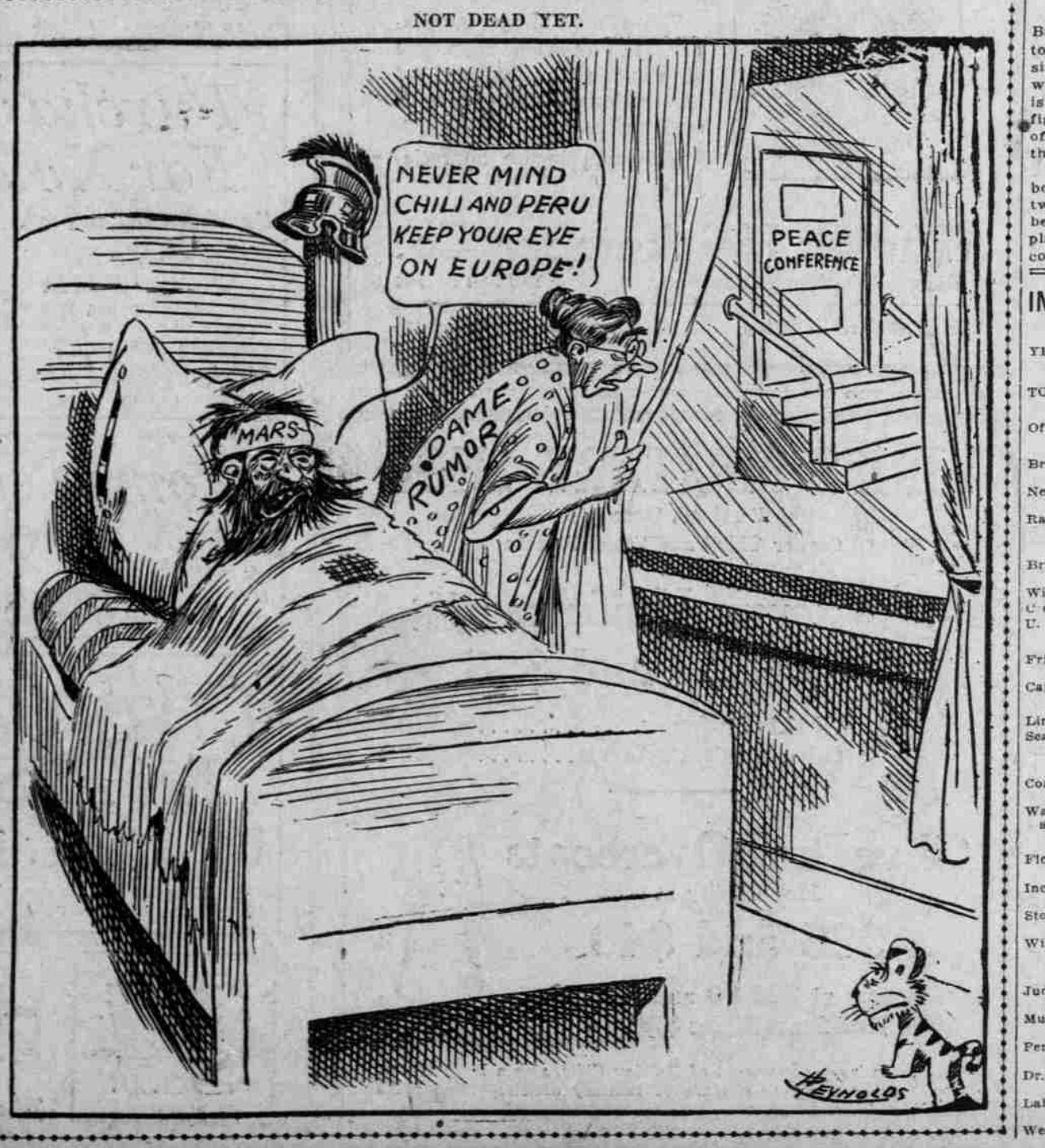
"That man is George Creel and I express purpose of censoring it all and having charge of it all."

"I again want to warn the American people that if George Creel is to censor the words sent here and if nothing is to be put on the wire except the things of which he approves that they should make a great allowance for its truthfulness and accuracy."

"I am not complaining about the exercise of the power now that it has been assumed by Mr. Creel," said Senator Sherman. "It was delegated and made possible by friendly action in this Senate. What I am complaining about is that Congress has been derelict in its duty in permitting such power to be delegated. I expected it to be exercised and I fear I shall not be disappointed."

By unanimous vote today the Senate

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