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AMERICANS READY FOR BERLIN MARCH

Soldiers on Rhine Would Welcome Order.

PROSPECT BRIGHTENS DAILY

Rupture of Negotiations at Spa Held Significant.

ARMY IS FULLY PREPARED

Recent Action Believed to Indicate Radical Change in Policy of German Government.

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The American army on the Rhine would welcome eagerly a glimpse of Berlin and the chances appear suddenly brighter today, following the break of economic negotiations at Spa. The rumor in Germany that notice of her repudiation of the armistice has already been given finds the staff of the army of occupation, which is fully prepared for every possible contingency, on edge for further developments.

An inspired German news bulletin stating that Germany intends to maintain a firm attitude in economic, shipping and food propositions, and that this may lead to revocation of the armistice, surprises no one in well-informed circles here.

While the bulletin obviously was put out in Berlin, primarily for purposes of the Rhine front, it is believed, the rupture of negotiations at Spa may well mark a radical change in Germany's policy with complete repudiation as the next step.

All Possibilities Considered.
This possibility has always been considered in military calculations on the Rhine front. The army of occupation has never forgotten for an instant that a state of war exists until a peace treaty is signed.

The possibility of the revocation of the armistice, the resumption of warfare and the need of "looting" Germany has fully justified the American military policy of not relaxing discipline one iota and of keeping the army of occupation at the top of fighting form by hard daily drilling, elaborate maneuvers and practical battle demonstrations.

A tour of our front lines in the bridgehead is vividly reminiscent of actual war conditions. Our outposts on the edge of the neutral no man's land keep watch just as seriously, day and night, as if fighting was still on. All roads at the ultimate front are heavily patrolled and interlocking machine-gun nests, equipped with new Brenneke's, are ready in our front line beyond the Rhine.

Alarms Frequently Sounded.
False alarms are frequently sounded to keep the men on the qui vive. The sound of rifle, machine-gun and light and even heavy artillery firing is heard frequently in the bridgehead as the American battalions are turned loose to fight sham battles with an imaginary enemy but with live ammunition, thus keeping the veterans in battle form and accustoming the draft replacements to actual fighting conditions.

There is even bloodshed, for accidental casualties are unavoidable. I am authoritatively informed that the army of occupation could move toward Berlin within an hour after receiving orders. Despite, or perhaps, because of the possibility of a "tour" to Berlin, the lot of the doughboys in the Rhine-land is brighter than in any other part of the world. In some credible military circles, the opinion is expressed that, in the near future, many men will be in no hurry to get home, but will want to stick around to revel in the joyous time that is coming.

Spring Comes Prematurely.
Unusually, the last few days have seen a joy-of-life wave roll over the American area. Another reason is that an abnormally premature spring is here, apparently to stay. On trees and shrubbery, buds are green and, according to native prophets, the Rhine valley will be in leaf in another week. German girls and doughboys may be seen carrying home pussy willows; not together, of course, for the anti-fraternization law is still on the statute books of the army of occupation.

Snowdrops and violets are the first robins on the Rhine have been reported and the men on leave show unmistakable signs of spring wanderlust as they roam around the Coblenz sirets and cafes, which are cheerful again since the extension of the hours to 10 P. M. This has proved a very popular measure with the men as well as with the cafe proprietors, whose business had been nearly ruined by the brief spell of military temperance.

Cafes Have Good Music.
The cafes again offer a wealth of good music and attractions, the Rhine-land making a big bid for military business with its featured offering of "The Brunhild Corsets." The spring weather has also increased the popularity of steamer excursions on the Rhine. Several thousand doughboys are daily avail themselves of the opportunity of the Lorelei rock excursion steamers passing Coblenz, with bands playing at full blast and doughboys and Y. M. C. A. girls dancing on deck, are the source of infinite entertainment.

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FLOWERS HIDE HUGE COAST DEFENSE GUNS

CAMOUFLAGE TELLS OF PROTECTION UNSUSPECTED.

Great Mortars During War Placed in Private Gardens in New York City and Elsewhere.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Huge mortars, standing on concrete emplacements and abundantly supplied with half-ton projectiles, were erected during the war among the flowers and shrubbery of private gardens in New York city and elsewhere along the Atlantic coast, ready to repel attacks of German naval or airships, Maximilian Toch, one of the first American camoufleurs, told the New York section of the American Chemical Society tonight. Mr. Toch described how honeysuckle, morning glory, and ivy, as well as plants had been employed to conceal or lower the visibility of coast fortifications.

Ambrose Channel, the mouth of New York harbor, was protected, in addition to the guns in the regular army forts, by mortars having a range of 12 miles, said Mr. Toch. Some of these mortars, he declared, were placed two and a half miles inland on private estates and so concealed by arrangement of trees, shrubbery and flowers that passersby were ignorant of their presence. They were manned by army gun crews, ready for instant action.

The camoufleur described also his work in disguising navy yards and docks along the Atlantic coast, near the Pensacola and Key West bases, which were exposed to attacks by German raiders and submarines operating in the South Atlantic.

ISSUE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED

Half-Billion Block of Certificates of Indebtedness Absorbed.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The issue of \$500,000,000 certificates of indebtedness, subscriptions for which closed yesterday, was oversubscribed by \$32,241,000, the treasury announced today. Every federal reserve district except Boston equaled or exceeded its quota, and "in this respect the issue was the most successful except one which has been offered in anticipation of the victory loan," said the announcement.

The aggregate amount of subscriptions for certificates to be redeemed out of proceeds of the victory loan to \$4,378,000,000, not including the \$500,000,000 of the newly announced issue.

SUFFRAGE VOTE FORECAST

Passage of Amendment by Next Congress Expected.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Senators Brandell of Louisiana and Calder of New York predicted passage of the woman suffrage amendment by the next congress in addresses at the opening here today of the new campaign for national recognition of equal suffrage.

Although he predicted changes in the amendment as defeated by the senate in the congress just adjourned, in order to eliminate opposition, Senator Brandell said it was "safe to predict victory for the measure when it is again presented." He advised a "legal, legitimate and orderly" campaign in its favor.

JOBS AWAIT WEATHER MEN

Returned Meteorologists Are Asked to Accept Positions.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Six officers and 115 men of the meteorological detachment of the signal corps, who arrived today on board the Mongolia, found offers of positions waiting for them on their arrival. They were urged to return to or accept positions with the weather bureau of the country.

NORTH NORWAY DISTURBED

Revolution on Russian Pattern Now Being Agitated.

CHRISTIANIA, March 7.—A strong revolutionary agitation is being carried out in Finnmark (the northernmost part of Norway), by an organization which is planning a revolution on the Russian pattern, according to a report from Kirkenals to the Afterposten.

KINGDOM IS RECOGNIZED

Serbs, Croats and Slovenes Affected by Swiss Decision.

PARIS, March 7.—The Jugo-Slav commission in Paris informed the Associated Press today that the Swiss government had officially recognized the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

STRIKE IN CUBA SPREADS

Transportation Tied Up and Industries at Standstill.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The general strike in Cuba has spread, according to advices to the state department today, until transportation in fully half of the country is tied up. Practically all industries are at a standstill.

CANADIAN TROOPS RAMPANT IN WALES

Many Killed and Injured in Camouflage Riots.

MUCH PROPERTY IS DAMAGED

War Casuals Enraged by Delay in Embarkation.

CAVALRY IS CALLED OUT

Stores of All Kinds Raided and Destroyed by Discontented Men. Quiet Finally Restored.

LONDON, March 7.—From eight to 27 persons are estimated to have been killed and from 75 to 73 wounded in rioting during the last three days at the Kinnel military camp at Rhyll, Wales, according to a Liverpool dispatch received here tonight. Great property damage was caused, the dispatch adds.

According to latest reports from Liverpool the riot was started by malcontents. There were 25,000 Canadians in the camp awaiting demobilization and embarkation. The men who caused the trouble were war casuals who had served for three years or more in France. They complained that their embarkation had been postponed while other men who had seen less service were sent home.

After the destruction of stores of all kinds on Tuesday by the discontented men, the situation took a more serious turn Wednesday when the cavalry was called out, but was forbidden to use its arms.

TROOPS INTERCEPT RIOTERS

Troops from Chester intercepted the rioters in their march upon Abergele, near Rhyll, and also prevented a threatened raid on the latter place. Five rioters were killed and 40 injured in the course of this fighting, it is reported.

There was further shooting early Thursday morning, but at no time was there organized firing by any armed party. Most of the deaths were due to crushing, it was said. An unarmed and major holding the Victoria cross, and believed to be from New Brunswick, is reported to have been virtually trampled to death while attempting to defend the officers' quarters against great odds.

The Daily Mail says the Canadian authorities restored order without the assistance of British troops, and declares that the matter is solely one for Canadian disciplinary action.

Canadian Officials Firm.
The Canadian officials have informed the war office that they do not desire any increase in shipping facilities as a consequence of the outbreak, as they do not intend to be coerced by the rioters.

Later on Thursday numbers of the men paraded in Rhyll. They made noisy demonstrations, but committed no damage. The outbreak began Tuesday night (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

END OF STRIKE IN NORTH IS EXPECTED

ELEVEN OF 21 UNIONS IN SEATTLE MAY RETURN TO JOBS.

Voting in Progress, but Result Not Announced; Radicals Are Suppressed by Conservatives.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—Through authentic sources it was learned tonight that two of the 21 shipyard unions now voting on whether or not to return to work pending the outcome of a wage conference arranged for Washington, D. C., March 17, have voted to continue the strike begun January 21. One of these was said to be the steam and operating engineers. The name of the other union was not divulged by strike leaders.

Notwithstanding reported action of these two unions, unofficial sentiment expressed in labor circles holds to the belief that 11 of the 21 unions will vote to return to work, thus ending the strike. Two have already so voted. Today the Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers' union, the largest shipyard union, took its ballot. Unofficial reports of the meeting said that attempts by radical members to sidetrack a secret ballot were defeated and that several radicals attempting to speak were greeted with cries of "radicals, sit down."

Chairman Miller of the strike conference committee and other representatives of the metal unions will leave tomorrow for the meeting in Washington.

TACOMA, Wash., March 7.—With balloting on the referendum proposing an appeal today to work in the shipyards proceeding in the last of the metal trades unions to hold meetings and even completed in some of the smaller unions, strike leaders were considering means today for holding the strikers of Tacoma together in face of the expected vote to return to work, until they can go back as a body. Strike officials stated that some of the strikers, suffering real privations and anxious to get to work, might not await the result of the entire district vote.

The Tacoma strike committee issued an appeal today to all metal tradesmen on strike to await the official order to return, if the referendum being taken indicates the wish of the majority to call off the strike.

"The workers must remain solidly in their present status until the conference committee of Tacoma and Seaside in whose hands the program of action has been left, can canvass the district vote and outline a programme," a statement says.

TAX PROVISION EXPLAINED

Ruling on Incomes of Husband and Wife Is Issued.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—In computing income taxes, a husband and wife having incomes from separate sources, may each apply the lower rate of 6 per cent to the first \$4000 of income. The internal revenue bureau in explaining today this feature of the law, emphasized, however, that the higher rate of 12 per cent applies to the balance in each case.

Under the new revenue act, it was explained, the normal tax rates as well as the surtax rates are applicable separately to the net income of each individual. In claiming personal exemption either the husband or the wife may claim it, or they may divide it between them in any manner they may choose.

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REPUBLICANS OPEN CAMPAIGN OF 1920

Chairman Hays Leading Figure in Twin Cities.

PRELIMINARY PLANS ARE LAID

Vigorous Argument Made for Extra Session of Congress.

4 STATES IN CONFERENCE

Senator Kellogg Flays Non-Partisan League and Governor Buenquist Makes George Creel Target.

ST. PAUL, March 7.—Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, reinforced by state leaders of national note, formally opened the preliminary campaign for the 1920 election in the Twin Cities today and tonight.

From the moment Hays arrived in St. Paul, shortly before noon, until the northwest rally at the St. Paul auditorium was closed late tonight, he was the leading figure in a series of meetings and conferences, which authorized him to cross and recross the Mississippi.

Mr. Hays talked straight politics and vigorously argued for an extra session of congress in a luncheon address in Minneapolis at noon. He talked with prominent republicans from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana in St. Paul and Minneapolis and was whirled to the state capital late this afternoon, where he spoke before a joint session of the state legislature.

Hays Discusses Loyalty.
Mr. Hays, United States Senator Frank B. Kellogg and Governor J. A. A. Buenquist were the principal speakers at the northwest rally tonight.

Hays discussed loyalty, reconstruction and congress. Kellogg reviewed republican achievements, assailed the non-partisan league and George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information.

"We have always said 'we join ourselves to no party that does not follow the flag and keep step to the music of the union,'" said Mr. Hays in his address tonight. "The republican party has not only followed the flag and kept step to the music of the union—the republican party has carried the flag and made the music for the union."

REPUBLIC TO BE PRESERVED

"We will not forget that while we fought to make certain the rights of free government in the world, we have a republic to preserve in this country; that we are a representative government, not a bolshevik synecdoche; that while there is nothing in this country that we would not take and use for necessary war purposes, such taking must be for war purposes only. The republican party from its inception has stood against undue federalization of industries and activities. There must be strong federal regulation, but not federal ownership."

"Let us not for a moment lose sight of our principles." (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

CABLE SEIZURE HELD MOVE FOR OWNERSHIP

COUNSEL FOR PETITIONERS, C. E. HUGHES, MAKES CHARGE.

Congressional Resolution Authorizing President's Action Is Declared Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Arguments before the supreme court today on appeals from federal court decrees dismissing injunction proceedings brought by the Commercial Cable and Commercial Pacific Cable companies in an effort to prevent government control of the cables, developed charges by Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the petitioners, that the action of the government five days after the armistice was signed was a step to promote government ownership and the reply by Solicitor-General King for the government that the seizure was necessary for the national defense.

Mr. Hughes contended that the congressional resolution authorizing the president to take over cables was unconstitutional.

Solicitor-General King contended that the courts had no authority to inquire into the president's action in taking over the cables.

UTAH TO BAR CIGARETTES

Nevada Also to Prohibit Making and Sale of Near-Beer.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 7.—The senate of the Utah legislature today passed 31 to 6 an anti-cigarette law, which, it is said, will absolutely prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes or materials for their manufacturing in the state. The measure now goes to the house for action.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Mar. 7.—The manufacture and sale of near beer is prohibited in Nevada under a decision announced this morning by the state supreme court.

Passage by the senate of the anti-cigarette measure was one of the biggest surprises of the present legislature. At no time had it been considered seriously by its opponents. The measure as passed by the senate makes it a misdemeanor and is considered unusually drastic. Comment at the capitol after the senate's action indicated that the measure might meet defeat in the house.

\$500 OFFERED FOR TALK

Buffalo Kindergarten Body Wants Mayor Hanson to Give Address.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Mayor Hanson today received a telegram from the free kindergarten association asking him to address the annual convention of the association at Buffalo, March 22 to 27. The association offered him \$500 for one address on "Americanism."

Mayor Hanson is still confined in his home with a severe attack of neuritis. He was reported not so well today and with considerable swelling in the right hand.

ALLIES GET MORE LOANS

U. S. Turns Over \$178,000,000 for Use of European Nations.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The treasury today established new credits of \$18,000,000 for the Czechoslovak \$40,000,000 for Belgium, \$100,000,000 for France and \$20,000,000 for Italy, making a total of \$184,000,000 credits for all the allies to date.

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OLD THIRD OREGON HEROES WELCOMED

Dinner and Dance Feature of Entertainment.

ALL PORTLAND SEES PARADE

Thousands Cheer as Train Arrives at Station.

OVERSEAS VOYAGE IS TOLD

Mothers, Wives and Sweethearts Show Emotion as the Boys Aight From Coaches.

Of all the homecomings there has been none more eagerly anticipated than that of the first contingent of the old Third Oregon, and there has been no greater welcome than that which those bronzed fighters received as they swung off the train at 7:50 o'clock last night.

The darkening shadows of late evening served in many instances to conceal the outburst of unchecked emotions of mothers, wives, sisters and brothers, who so bravely stood the grief of separation.

The special troop train carrying five officers and 217 men steamed into the union station 50 minutes later than scheduled at the depot and along the line of march would have waited a week to pay homage to these game lads.

Whistles Give Signal.
Aboard the rattler were 10 Oregon men of the 162d infantry (old Third Oregon), 45 members of the 116th engineers (old Oregon engineers), 60 fighters of the 161st infantry (old Second Washington), 27 North Dakota national guardsmen, 12 Montana national guardsmen and two men of the 117th engineers who hail from the northwest.

Every whistle in Portland shrieked as the train pulled across the steel bridge. The men have been 14 months abroad. Several are wounded.

Officers in the party follow: Major D. K. Weather, Indiana, medical corps, who will return to Camp Dix; Captain John W. Grant, medical corps, 164th infantry; Captain H. L. Keeney, Portland, medical corps, goes back to Camp Dix; First Lieutenant L. H. Compton, Salem, and Lieutenant J. V. Schur, 325 Greenwood avenue, Portland.

Boys Welcomed at Troutdale.
The general reception and welfare committees which met the train at Troutdale were composed of City Commissioners Bigelow, Barbur and Pennington, Chairman Overbeck, Secretary Berg, Mayor M. E. Marcellus, William Reid and Brigadier-General Charles F. Beebe representing the governor.

Commissioner Bigelow, acting for Mayor Baker, handed Lieutenant Schur the key to the city.

The parade was under way at 8:55 o'clock.

Hundreds of Portland folk cheered as the parade proceeded from the station up Sixth street to Gilaan street, Gilaan to Third street and Third street to the auditorium. Last night's procession was not of the nature of past reception parades. The men marched in columns of squads with relatives and friends and crowds of Portland folk following in the rear. The Multnomah Guard band led the enthusiastic horde.

Musical Numbers Please.

Song leader Jenkins, of the Young Men's Christian association, led the crowd at the auditorium in community singing. William H. Boone played the organ as the battalion, relatives and friends were relieved later by Professor Frederick W. Goodrich, Mrs. Fred L. Olsen, Miss May George and Mrs. Herman Politz sang. T. T. Strain was in charge of the dance.

The Oregon boys of the 162d in last night's party are members of companies D, L and M. They are en route from Camp Merritt, the remainder of the men coming from Camp Dix (Wrightstown, N. J.). Along with the regular organizations was a Camp Dix casual company which contained a few Oregon and Washington men. Lieutenant Compton was in command of the 162d detail, the rest of the men aboard being under the orders of Lieutenant Schur. The Montana national guardsmen served with the 162d infantry regiment, while the North Dakota chaps are of the 161st. The entire party was a part of the personnel of the 1st division.

Reception Wins Praise.

Five or six different "overseas designations" are on the shoulders of that many different groups. Lots of the men bear the mark of the sunset division which is a pretty design composed of the setting sun in yellow color on a field of red.

"Receptions and welcomes may be given forever, but this one will live long in the memory of these men," said Lieutenant Schur last night. "I wish to thank our relatives and friends for this great ovation and I am mighty proud to be from Portland."

Upon arrival at the Auditorium the programme scheduled was run off. Six hundred seats were reserved at the front of the auditorium for the overseas men. The opening ceremonies were brief, so that the dances arranged in the south wing of the building could be commenced quickly. Chaperons stand (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3.)