



ARMY MEN OFFER INSULT TO CHIEF

Young Officers, in Convention, Make Mistake.

ERROR THOUGHT NOT INTENDED

Resolution Inviting President to Speak Voted Down.

RECONSIDERATION PROMPT

Incident of Adverse Vote Held to Be Due More to Stupidity Than to Any Vicious Intent.

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PARIS, March 17.—(Special by Wireless.)—Discussion of a serious nature has arisen over a plan to organize the American expeditionary force into a veterans' association in combination with a similar enterprise on foot in America.

The climax was reached Saturday in a situation so grave that it could not be kept quiet, in spite of strenuous efforts to do so, and the disclosure came as a shock, not only in army circles but also to all Americans in Paris.

Serious Mistake Realized.

Whether or not by unintentional error, the fact remains that 500 American soldiers who were gathered at the Palais de Glace were led into voting down a resolution to invite President Wilson to address them. Later on a motion to reconsider the former vote, inspired by realization of the serious mistake that had been made, was adopted, nine groups voting against reconsideration and 27 for it.

Adjournment shut off further proceedings and so the record of the meeting shows that the commander-in-chief of the army was exposed to an affront which was not effectively withdrawn or corrected.

Explanation Minimizes Slight.

Men who attended the meeting say they are quite certain that those who voted against the motion to invite the president were actuated solely by the belief that he was too busy to be troubled by the request. This explanation is probably largely true, but there is also reason to believe that certain individuals took advantage of the occasion to play politics and to swing the assembly in such a manner as seemingly to align it against the president.

There is deep resentment over the affair, and this is the feeling not only of those who are supporters of the president, but also of those who oppose him politically. Even his political opponents are angry at what they regard as a slight upon the chief executive.

Meeting Not Really Representative.

It is said in palliation of the affair that Saturday's meeting was not really representative of the American forces in France, for no provision had been made for the selection of delegates. Preliminary plans for an organization had been put in the hands of several officers, among them Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who afterward went to America, where he is supposed to be working on the project. It was wholly dissociated with Saturday's proceedings and his cable to the meeting showed that he merely expected cooperation on the part of the Paris elements, and did not anticipate an attempt here to complete an organization.

Colonel Clark Presided.

There were only eight enlisted men at the meeting, the other participants being officers from different branches of the service. Lieutenant-Colonel Bennett Clark, president, and it fell to him to put the motion on the invitation to the president, and to declare the result. The vote was taken viva voce. With the announcement that the vote had prevailed came the realization that the meeting had offered a gratuitous insult to the president.

Several of the officers expressed themselves indignantly. In the vote for reconsideration, it was provided that wishes should be expressed by groups, and it was then that nine groups voted against it. Although that was a minority expression, the motion prevailing, it was ranked, and it is expected at the adjourned meeting today will be laid aside until an assembly really representative may be held.

Incident Held Stupid.

Aside from the presidential incident, those who are interested in the plan are apprehensive lest an organization in France may disaffect many at home, who will regard it as an effort to make the organization purely an A. E. F. affair, instead of including all who were under arms.

One young officer who was present said the incident of the adverse vote was due more to stupidity than to vicious intent, adding that it reacted more upon those responsible for it than upon the object of it. Many who wished to have the association perfected here say they will now wait until they return to America rather than suffer their names to be associated with a project that has fallen under such a cloud.

Navigation on Danube Resumed.

PARIS, March 17.—Navigation has been resumed on the Danube river, according to dispatches received here from Prague.

JOBS, REGARDLESS OF CONGRESS, PROMISED

EMERGENCY BODY ORGANIZED TO AID SERVICE MEN.

Committee Representing Government Agencies Plans to Help Solve Unemployment Problem.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Governmental agencies called together by the council of national defense organized today the emergency committee on employment for soldiers and sailors as a step toward filling the gap caused by demobilization of 90 per cent of the field force of the United States employment service, for which congress failed to provide funds.

A committee was appointed to collect immediately all available information as to work being done and prepare a comprehensive plan of operations. Greaveson B. Clarkson, director of the council, is chairman, the other members being Colonel Arthur Woods, special assistant to the secretary of war; John W. Hallowell of Boston and E. H. Greenwood of the council.

Colonel Woods said it was not intended to create any elaborate machinery for the work, but to use the skeleton organization of the United States employment service and the existing 2000 volunteer bureaus for furnishing jobs to service men. He declared nothing could be accomplished by creating sentiment for ruthless discharge of worthy civilians and said readjustments could be made which would make unnecessary any such action.

BOND ELECTION CARRIES

North Unit Irrigation District Votes to Bond for \$5,000,000.

MADRAS, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—The north unit irrigation district bond election for \$5,000,000 held today, carried by over 70 per cent, there being a majority of 137.

This is the second bond election that has been carried in this district. The first was invalidated owing to defective procedure. This election definitely shows the feeling of the residents of the district for irrigation, as the bonds carried this time 20 per cent stronger than before. The district comprises approximately 100,000 acres, all privately owned land and a greater part of it under cultivation.

Secretary Lane told Anderson in Washington this project would receive early consideration.

WIND 66 MILES AN HOUR

Heavy Southerly Gale Strikes Oregon-Washington Coast.

ASTORIA, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—The southerly gale which struck this section unexpectedly last night proved to be a hummer. The wind attained a rate of 66 miles an hour at North Head and has continued strong in gusts during the day. The rainfall was quite heavy.

On account of the storm work was suspended at the Marine Iron works plant today. So far as reported no damage has resulted either to shipping or ashore.

TOBACCO MEN MAY SUFFER

Profiteers Said to Be Liable Under Revenue Act.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—Profiteering in tobaccos, cigars and cigarettes, it was said, will be given little sympathy, according to a statement made today by W. T. Beekle, deputy collector of customs. The revenue act of 1918 is said to provide against undue raising of prices to the public, with strong penalties for violations.

Complaints have already been made here the tobacco and cigarette dealers were charging more for their wares than the increased taxes justified.

SPOKANE PLANS MEMORIAL

Auditorium May Be Built in Honor of Men Who Fell in War.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—Recommendation for the erection of a memorial auditorium in honor of inland Empire men who gave their lives in the world war was made by a special committee of the local civic reconstruction committee at a meeting today.

The committee decided that the structure should cost approximately \$1,000,000 and be financed by the sale of stock through popular subscription. It should be open next year, it was recommended.

SCHOONERS BRAVE GALES

Vessels From Storm-Swept Fishing Banks Bring Much Fish.

SEATTLE, March 17.—Reporting foaming gales and snow squalls on the North Pacific fishing banks, three schooners, the Pioneer III, the Tillicum and the Constitution, arrived here today from Alaska waters with nearly 60,000 pounds of fish.

Sixteen days of gales were reported by Captain E. A. Jacobson of the Pioneer. Time and time again his vessel was nearly swamped, but each time came up like a submarine, he said.

FOUR WEEKS' NAP FINISHED

Army Officer Asleep a Month Is Awake and Well.

PORT WORTH, March 17.—Lieutenant Clark Wright of the 345th field artillery is awake after a four weeks' sleep.

Physicians who had failed to arouse him agree that either an attack of the influenza or too close study in the army caused the long sleep. He appears to be in fairly good health.

SOLDIERS INDORSE MILITARY SYSTEM

Free Expression Obtained by Questionnaire.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING URGED

Boys Declare They Are Benefited by Army Life.

DISCIPLINE IS NECESSARY

Majority Hold Existing Relations Between Officers and Men Service Is Essential.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Overwhelming indorsement of a universal military training system, coupled with equally strong support of the existing disciplinary relationship between officers and men of the army was expressed by a representative group of selective service men of the 11th division, Camp Devens, Mass., just before the organization was demobilized last January.

The opinions of 1380 men, with an average length of service of 10.7 months were obtained through a carefully arranged questionnaire system, with every safeguard provided to insure absolutely free expression of opinion and with such distribution in the division as to make the answers representative.

The report on the inquiry was made public today at the war department. It is headed:

Citizen Soldiers Testify.

"Our military system as it applied to America's citizen soldiers." Although half of the men questioned were rated as dissatisfied with military life, the report shows that 85.5 per cent of the replies expressed the soldier's belief that he personally had been benefited by his army life, 79 per cent were glad of their training aside from feelings of patriotism and 88 per cent favored universal military training as a national policy. A substantial majority agreed that the existing relationship between officers and men was necessary and disapproved the social mixing of the rank and file.

The largest number of suggestions as to improvements in the service received had to do with better fitting uniforms.

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CHRISTIAN CHILDREN RETURNED TOO QUICKLY

AMERICAN RELIEF COMMISSION HAS NOT ENOUGH FOOD.

Turks to Be Required to Provide for Expatriates for 3 Months and to Restore Stolen Property.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. (Copyright, 1919, by the New York Herald Company. Published by Arrangement.)

FEHA, March 17.—The allied high commission recently ordered the Turks to return the Christian children taken by them during the atrocities in Armenia. The Turks have been turning out the children before the Christians are ready to receive them. Two thousand were given up at Militia, where the Armenian population has been terribly thinned.

Ten thousand of these children are now at Constantinople and the American relief commission is asking that they be required to provide for them three months and to restore the stolen property and also evacuate all Armenian houses they occupy.

The food supplies are leaving for the interior of Asia Minor on a 20-car train guarded by British soldiers, a detachment of which were landed. From Beirut another detachment with supplies has gone to the Caucasus. Relief is the real factor in settling the political disturbances in the near east.

FLYERS TO STOP AT SALEM

State Fair Grounds Afford Good Landing for Airplanes.

SALEM, Or., March 17.—The state fairgrounds here will be the landing place of a fleet of airplanes as they fly northward early in June to participate in the Portland Rose Festival. The war department is expected to contribute about a dozen planes to the entertainment at Portland.

They will be sent from Mather Field, Sacramento.

SLEEPING SICKNESS FATAL

Two Deaths Reported in Boston and Suburb of Brockton.

BOSTON, March 17.—Two deaths attributed to lethargic encephalitis were reported by physicians in this city and Brockton today. Mrs. Michael S. Ruser, who had been asleep for nine days died last night.

The other victim was a child 4 years of age.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT STARTED

French Airmen Reported on Way From Africa to South America.

LONDON, March 17.—It is reported among airmen that a flight across the Atlantic ocean is being attempted by a French lieutenant named Fontan.

He is reported to have started from the French African port of Iakar for Pernambuco, Brazil, by way of the Cape Verde islands and the St. Paul rocks.

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WASHINGTON STATE REQUIREMENT MET

Work of Recent Legislature Satisfactory.

ALL DISTRICTS RECOGNIZED

Comprehensive Road Programme to Be Undertaken.

NEW COMMISSIONS NAMED

Irrigation, Reclamation, Buildings and Labor Questions Disposed of by Sixteenth Session.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—As the purposes and effects of legislation enacted by the 16th Washington session which closed last week become more apparent and better understood, the results probably will prove more nearly generally satisfactory to the state than the work of any preceding session. Unusual opportunity offered this year equitably to distribute benefits as well as obligations of the heaviest constructive programs the state has undertaken, and even preliminary analysis of what has been accomplished legislatively shows that all important requirements of this character have been evenly met.

With the exception of what are commonly classed as non-ethical dentists, it can be said that every geographical and occupational division represented received what it most wanted. Tooth-pulling ethics still prevail, but a person may be hanged for another form of murder because of the recent legislation.

In the senate the session began with what was familiarly styled a "shovel" uprising against the rules committee. In the senate the session ended with a unanimous vote of confidence in and appreciation of the same committee. As a legislative premise, Senator P. H. Carlson and Senator Howard D. Taylor, who served respectively as president and president pro tem of the senate for a larger part of the session, were gratuitously accorded possession of hairy hides and horns beneath their coats and hats. As a parting acknowledgment they were even more gratuitously accorded solid silver and china sets.

The house organized with its customary business.

CAR BUILT OF CONCRETE

Illinois Central Railroad Will Use New Coal Carrier.

CHICAGO, March 17.—The first reinforced concrete freight car ever built was delivered today to the Illinois Central railroad for operation in its coal service.

The car is light, its walls being one and one-half inches thick and the floor two and one-half inches thick. It has been tested for a capacity of 100,000 pounds.

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WILSON SCORES AGAIN IN DIPLOMATIC FIELD

ALLIES AGREE TO PUT LEAGUE IN GERMAN TREATY.

Question of Han Fleet and Giving Economic Freedom to Poles to Be Settled President's Way.

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PARIS, March 17.—(Special by wireless.)—President Wilson has scored one outright victory and will add two more within the next few days.

He has swung France and Britain into line on his plan of incorporating the league of nations in the German treaty, his success necessitating an official disavowal of Foreign Minister Pichon's opposition expressed Sunday.

Having made certain of this point, he devoted himself to advancing two other phases of the American programme and unless the unexpected occurs, Tuesday's developments should show definite approval of his position.

The first concerns the sinking of German warships, which tonight seem certain to meet this fate, for reasons regarded as imperative.

The second matter goes to the base of peace foundations, and is considered among the most important steps the president has taken since he launched the league of nations.

It may be defined in brief as a formal commitment to complete economic freedom after the war, in consonance with the 14 points and in opposition to the French and British efforts to impose restrictions upon German exports and imports along lines published in these dispatches last week.

LABOR BUREAU TO CLOSE

Washington Offices Handicapped by Lack of Funds.

TACOMA, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—Because a filibustering congress failed to appropriate funds to keep in operation the United States labor department employment bureau in Tacoma will close its doors Friday, it was announced today by F. A. Keasal, superintendent of the office here.

Offices in all cities of the state, with the exception of Seattle, will close at the same time through lack of funds. According to Mr. Keasal, the employment service in the state was left with only \$2500 a month to run on.

ANTI-TIPPING LAW INVALID

Iowa Supreme Court Holds Measure Unconstitutional.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 17.—Ruling on a test case, the Iowa supreme court today held the state anti-tipping law unconstitutional.

The court, declaring that under the constitution all laws of a general nature shall have uniform operation, pointed out that the anti-tipping law applied to employes only and that there is nothing in it to prevent employers accepting tips.

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CONVICTS RUPERT AND HARDY ESCAPE

Men Flee to Hills After Robbing Prisoner.

POSSE AND DOGS IN CHASE

Two Fugitives Who Fled With Men Now at Large Taken.

RESISTANCE IS EXPECTED

Both of Convicts From Multnomah County and One of Them Is Said to Be Well Armed.

escaped convict, was captured by Warden Stevens' posse, headed by Buck Phillips, near Gold Hill at