

DISQUE OWES HIS PLACE TO MR. RYAN

Ex-Spruce Chief Admits His Obligation.

INTER-RELATION IS TRACED

Probe Committee Brings Out Seims-Carey Connection.

SPRUCE METHOD DEFENDED

Disque Tells Committee He Abhors the Cost-Plus System, but Was Forced to Adopt It.

Brigadier-General Bruce P. Disque, retired, former head of the spruce division and president of the spruce production corporation, summoned before the congressional committee of inquiry yesterday in this city, closed his first chapter of official narrative with the admission that he owes his present position in New York City to the interest and introduction of John D. Ryan, the former director of aircraft production, official of the Milwaukee railroad and a frequent figure in prior statements made to the house subcommittee.

Testimony further adduced was to the effect that Mr. Ryan is a director of the American International company, sole owners of G. Amsinck & Co., of New York, of which General Disque is president; and that the American International is also a stockholder in the Seims-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh corporation, builders of the Olympic peninsula spruce line to Lake Pleasant. The seeming link of inter-relation is one that the congressional committee has sought throughout its inquiry.

Interesting Facts Elucidated.

General Disque, who hastened from New York to defend his policies as spruce production chief, and who requested permission to appear before the congressional committee in this city, had spent the day telling of the formation of the spruce organization, detailing its methods and refuting charges made against the character of its output and the manner in which the work had proceeded. The session, almost to the close, had been comparatively uneventful, though touched here and there with flashes of feeling.

"What is your position now?" queried Chairman James A. Frear, of the committee, as the afternoon session drew to a close.

"I am president of G. Amsinck & Co., incorporated, an importing and exporting concern, in New York city," answered General Disque.

Ryan Connection Revealed.

"Who introduced you to the parties who gave you the appointment?" pursued the chairman. "Let me make it definite—did John D. Ryan introduce you?"

"He introduced me—he was one of the persons who introduced me," replied the witness.

In this connection it was apparent the chairman harked back to the Clallam county, Washington, contracts of the Seims-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh corporation which have been given a compulsory contract for the construction of the spruce road through the Olympic peninsula, under alleged circumstances which elicited the charge that the road was constructed for the eventual purpose of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

"And recommended you for the position?" continued Chairman Frear.

Ryan's Influence Conceded.

"And recommended me for it," responded the witness, evenly. "In all probability his recommendation had very much to do with my getting the position."

General Disque said that at the close of the war, during a visit to Washington, he had intimated to Mr. Ryan that an ex-army officer, who had abandoned a civil position as warden of the Michigan penitentiary, was in a natural quandary concerning his future.

"I told Mr. Ryan my situation," explained General Disque, "and asked him to look around and see if he could find some place for me, as I would be glad of it. The result was that Mr. Ryan heard of this vacancy in New York."

"He has been out here and been over our operations, and has been familiar with everything we have been doing, so far as he could be in that position, and he recommended me. His recommendation apparently had enough weight to get me assigned where I am today."

Salary Personal Matter.

At this juncture, on the ground that it was a personal question, General Disque declined to name his present salary, beyond saying that it is not quite twice what he had been offered to resume the wardenship of the Michigan state prison. Chairman Frear pressed him with the statement that his present salary is currently rumored to be \$30,000, but received no definite confirmation.

"I was offered salaries practically as good in two places out in this country," asserted the witness, "that Mr. Ryan and none of his friends had anything to do with."

"We will see if we can get a closer connection," commented the chairman, and turned to questions regarding the Seims-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh corporation.

BRITISH EX-SEA LORD WANTS NAVY JUNKED

Baron Fisher Says Power on Ocean is Not Needed.

London in Throes of Economy Fight. Cabinet to Discuss Finances.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The campaign for administrative economy is gaining momentum daily. Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the house of commons, and J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, came to London today especially to hold a meeting of the cabinet. It is understood that the discussion was centered around national finance.

The demand of Baron Fisher of Kilverstone, former first sea lord, for the virtual scrapping of the navy, half of which is already obsolete, on the ground that a big navy is not required by the world, has been defeated. It has been printed in all the newspapers here and has caused a great sensation. Naval experts consider that Baron Fisher's proposal is much too drastic and fears are expressed that there is imminent a great fight between the advocates of a small and a big navy.

AUTOS EXPOSED IN FIELD

Thousands of Government-Owned Cars Await Sale.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Hundreds of automobiles, many of them uncrushed, have been held in fields at Camp Holabird, Baltimore, since last February, awaiting sale by the government, the special house war investigation committee was told today by Major R. E. Evans, stationed at the Baltimore camp.

Asked by Chairman Reavis, Nebraska, how many automobiles were exposed at the camp, Evans said 4000 were uncrushed and 7000 others were in pine crates. Delivery of trucks and pleasure cars from the factories continued until five months ago, Evans said.

MASSES HELD FOR TREATY

Referendum on Ratification Would Be Favorable, Says Mr. Boyd.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Eighty-five per cent of the American people would vote to ratify the peace treaty, including the league of nations covenant, without amendment or substantial reservation, if the question was submitted to a "popular referendum," William R. Boyd Jr., national campaign manager of the league to enforce peace, declared here tonight in a report submitted to that organization.

CARUSO MAY CUT MEXICO

Tenor's Breaking of Engagements Would Cost Him \$300,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Enrico Caruso, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company, and Mrs. Caruso arrived here today from Italy on the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi.

OIL DIVIDEND INCREASED

Two Petroleum Companies to Give Shareholders More.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Increased quarterly dividends were declared today by the Mexican Petroleum company and the Pan-American Petroleum company.

BIG HUN INDEMNITY PAID

Million for Killing Frenchman Private Gift of German.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—(Via London).—The indemnity of 1,000,000 marks paid to France for the killing of Sergeant Paul Mannheim in Berlin last July was the gift of a private person, desiring to see the matter settled, according to the Vossische Zeitung.

U. S. OWES \$26,596,701,648

Increase in Debt Since July Is \$796,668,111.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The United States owed \$26,596,701,648 at the close of the treasury business August 30 than on the last day of July, making the total national debt \$26,596,701,648. Issuance of additional treasury certificates in anticipation of forthcoming payments on taxes and the victory loan accounted for the large increase.

HOOD SHORT ON SUGAR

Jobbers Limit Shipments With Canning in Full Blast.

HOOD RIVER, Sept. 3.—(Special).—With the canning season at its height an acute sugar shortage has struck here.

JAPAN HELD READY TO QUIT SHANTUNG

Pledge to Be Kept Within Year, Says Diplomat.

CHINA TO GAIN, NOT LOSE

Terms of Restoration Stated by Foreign Secretary.

NIPPON TO RECALL TROOPS

Territory to Be Kept Open to Trade of All Nations, Says Member of Peace Delegation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Restitution of the province of Shantung to China by Japan within a year was predicted here today by Yosuke Matsuoka, secretary in the foreign department of Japan, and a member of the Japanese peace delegation. Mr. Matsuoka has just arrived here from Paris on his way to Japan.

"I should not be at all surprised," he said, "if our government opened within a very few months, or even a few weeks, negotiations with the Chinese government with a view to settling the Shantung question in a way satisfactory to all concerned."

In a statement of the Shantung question, Mr. Matsuoka said: "To those of us who have participated in the peace conference, there is not the shadow of doubt that Japan will withdraw from Shantung at the earliest possible moment. The peace treaty requires Germany to hand over to Japan all the documents relative to Shantung within three months after the treaty comes into force. When this is done, Japan will immediately take steps toward the restitution which Japan has pledged herself to make in favor of China."

Japan's Terms Stated.

"The terms on which Japan will restitute Shantung are now fairly known to the world. Briefly stated, the main points of these terms are:

"First—Japan to restore Kiaochow, the German leased territory, to China."

"Second—In returning Kiaochow to China, Japan, in the interest of all nations, asks only one thing, namely, that the territory be open to international trade. It is only as a natural corollary of this proposed measure that Japan also desires to establish an international, not a Japanese, settlement in the city of Tsingtao. In the Sino-Japanese agreement of May 25, 1915, a Japanese settlement was to have been (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

MANAGERS DENY END OF STRIKE IS IN SIGHT

Stagehands' Demand for Closed Shop is Bar.

Writers' Association Working for Settlement, Threatens to Produce Own Plays.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Arthur Hopkins, unofficial spokesman of the producing managers, flatly denied today reports that the end of the actors' strike was in sight. These reports gained currency this morning after the close of a conference last night between the striking stage hands and the managers, at which, it was admitted, the question of the recognition of the Actors' Equity association was discussed by the producers.

Another meeting of the Producing Managers' association held this afternoon adjourned shortly after 5 o'clock without reaching a decision in the situation. It was understood, however, that the only bar to a complete settlement was a demand from the stagehands' union for a closed shop for the actors.

The managers, it was reported, are insisting that equal recognition be granted the Equity and Fidelity associations. The Equity had previously announced that for the present it would not insist on a closed shop. Another meeting of the managers was called for 8 o'clock tonight.

At the opening of last night's conference it was reported that the managers stood 26 to 5 in favor of the recognition of the Actors' Equity association. These six, it was said, included several of the most powerful members of the Managers' Producing association, however. These objectors are said to have been won over to the plan by granting recognition to the Equity and trying out the new arrangement for six months.

Pressure for a settlement was brought by the Stage Writers' Protective association, affiliated with the Authors' League of America. They endeavored to obtain assurances from the Equity association, that the open shop would be continued in the theater so far as the actors were concerned. Their campaign then was to demand that the managers reopen their playhouses. Failing to do this, the writers planned to threaten to withdraw their plays from the managers by writs of mandamus and produce the shows themselves.

FLORENCE OR IN DARKNESS

Electric Light Plant at Mouth of Siuslaw Burns.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 3.—The electric light plant at Florence at the mouth of the Siuslaw river was destroyed by fire this morning and the town will be in darkness for some time to come. The plant was owned by G. G. Bushman of Eugene. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

ALLIES TO FORCE ROUMANIA'S HAND

Ultimatum to Be Sent on Course in Hungary.

RELATIONS MAY BE CUT OFF

Time Limit Set to Evacuate Invaded Land.

LOOT MUST BE YIELDED

Requisitioned Goods and Rolling Stock to Be Redistributed Among Claimants.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—The supreme council today decided to send an ultimatum to the Roumanian government regarding her course in Hungary.

The ultimatum, couched in drastic terms and with a time limit, will be delivered by an envoy of the council. Should Roumania refuse to comply with the terms within a given time, diplomatic relations will cease and the allied envoy will bring away with him from Bucharest the allied diplomatic representatives there.

The text of the ultimatum will not be given out until it is delivered to Roumania. It is understood, however, that it will deal mainly with the subject of reparation and the evacuation of Hungary by the Roumanian army.

Allies to Handle Reparation.

With regard to reparation, the allies, it is indicated, will insist that Roumania recognize that all goods and rolling stock requisitioned by the Roumanian army in Hungary must be handed over to the allies to be distributed among the states having claims against Hungary in a proportion to be assigned by the peace conference.

The envoy has not been selected, but it is believed he will be a Frenchman.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The political situation in Hungary is marking time pending approval by the entente of the proposed new government and of the stipulations attached to the resignation of Premier Friedrich and his cabinet. There is an evident reluctance on the part of the socialist element to accept office without a clear understanding of its position before the entente and the consequent assurance of some degree of stability for the proposed regime.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—Only one change from the original territorial terms of the Austrian-peace treaty appears in (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

MODERN METHUSELAH 131; MARRIED AT 125

AGED MOUNTAINEER IS 126 YEARS OLDER THAN SON.

Birthday Celebrated With First Ride in Auto; Eyes Good, Mind Clear.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 3.—John Shell, said to be the oldest living man in the United States today, celebrated the 131st anniversary of his birth here.

The aged mountaineer celebrated his birthday by taking his first automobile ride. He told friends that this is the first birthday on which he did not work and said he was anxious to get back to his farm, on which, he said, there is a mortgage.

Shell told newspaper men that he does not expect to live to see another birthday. "I am getting old," he said. He came from Leslie county to attend a fair.

Mr. Shell is exhibiting himself at a fair here, and will use the money derived in paying off the mortgage on his farm, he said.

Shell was first married at the age of 19 and lived with his first wife for more than 50 years. He lived 15 years in one house. He is the father of 29 children, the oldest now living being more than 90 years of age.

Six years ago he married again at the age of 125. By his second wife he has one child, a boy aged five years. He was at the advanced age of 74 during the Civil war. He was born near Knoxville, Tenn. 12 years after the battle of Bunker Hill, and was full grown when the war of 1812 began.

He bears his age well. His mind is clear and his eyesight is far better than that of many men still in their youth.

HOME-MADE PLANE DROPS

Pilot and Passenger Severely Hurt in 1000-Foot Tumble.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 3.—W. C. Buell, pilot of a locally-built airplane, and Whiting Hendricks, a passenger, were badly injured today when the plane in which they were flying went into a tail spin at a height of 1000 feet and came to the ground just over the Oregon line south of Walla Walla.

Buell succeeded in righting the machine before it reached the ground, but not soon enough to make a safe landing. "Both men were in their seats when found," Hendricks had a fractured skull, a broken leg, and had scalded wounds, while Buell suffered injuries to a leg. Both are in St. Mary's hospital here.

W. C. Buell, the pilot, was formerly in the army aviation service and has been acting county agricultural agent for several months when he resigned August 1 to go into the commercial flying business.

NATIONAL MINES WANTED

British Colliery Workers Decide to Vote on "Direct Action."

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The coal miners in conference here today declared themselves in favor of taking a ballot on the question of direct action and resolved to vote in favor of such ballot at tomorrow's meeting of the triple alliance of the transport workers, miners and railway men.

The miners adopted in its entirety the recommendation of the national executive committee that the government scheme for dealing with coal miners be rejected and decided to nominate for nationalization of the mines at the trades union congress at Glasgow on September 8.

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PRESIDENT STARTS 10,000-MILE TRIP

Many Cities Will Hear Treaty Analyzed.

PARTING OVATION IS GIVEN

Mrs. Wilson and Large Staff Accompany Executive.

TOUR RECOGNIZED AS HARD

Personal Physician Taken; Speeches to Touch High Costs and Other Home Topics.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—President Wilson left Washington tonight for a country-wide speaking trip to tell the American people at first hand of his part in the peace negotiations and to make a personal appeal that the peace treaty be ratified without amendment.

The president's special train, on which he will live nearly all of the time for the next 25 days, departed at 7 o'clock. The first leg of the trip of nearly 10,000 miles will be completed tomorrow morning in Columbus, O., where he will make the first of his 30 scheduled addresses.

The president and his party reached the station at 6:45 o'clock and received an ovation from the crowd. After escorting Mrs. Wilson to their private car, the president returned to the platform, where he chatted with friends until the time for his train to leave.

Many States to Hear President.

Accompanying the president in addition to Mrs. Wilson were Joseph P. Tumulty, his secretary, and Rear-Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his physician. Nearly 30 newspaper correspondents were aboard the train in addition to the force of official stenographers and secret service men.

The trip, perhaps the most arduous ever undertaken by a president, will carry Mr. Wilson and his party as far west as the Pacific coast, almost to the Canadian border on the north and almost to Mexico on the south. He will speak in every state west of the Mississippi except four, and will make up for the omission of these speeches in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Although newspaper correspondents held in confidence in the interest of safety to the presidential train, it is understood that most of the stops will only be for three or four hours. In Des Moines, Seattle, Los Angeles and Louisville, however, where Sunday stops are made, the president will have opportunity for brief respite. In Seattle he will review the Pacific fleet.

Vigorous Schedule Fixed.

The speaking schedule is a vigorous one from the start. After his address at Columbus tomorrow Mr. Wilson will go to Indianapolis in time for an evening mass meeting. Then he will continue westward, reaching Des Moines Saturday for the week-end.

The following week will take him far into the west by the northern route, with speeches at Omaha, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Bismarck, Billings, Helena, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle. After that will come Portland, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Reno, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Denver, Pueblo, Wichita, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Memphis and Louisville. The return to Washington will be on September 29.

In addition to this schedule of addresses, Mr. Wilson is expected to make some shorter speeches from his train at intermediate stops.

High Cost Topic to Be Touched.

Although it is expected that the president will devote most of his attention to the peace treaty, he probably will also touch on the high cost of living and other domestic problems. It has been pointed out that much of his itinerary lies in the northwest, where labor and social unrest has been pronounced.

President Wilson, in a final conference today with Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, before his departure, expressed confidence that the treaty without amendment or "destructive reservations."

The president told Senator Hitchcock that in all of his addresses during his trip he expected to emphasize the railroad question on the cost of living, the legislative question and all reconstruction problems.

Senator Hitchcock, who is the leading spokesman for the administration in the treaty fight in the senate, told the president he was positive all amendments to the treaty would be defeated. The president, the senator said, expressed satisfaction with what he believed was a "clean-cut issue" over amendments.

Covenant to Be Analyzed.

Senator Hitchcock said the president in his addresses planned to analyze the treaty and especially the league of the treaty and especially the league of nations covenant in detail.

"He feels that, although there has been considerable debate in the senate the people should really know what is in the treaty," said the senator. The president, Senator Hitchcock added, plans to refrain from personal criticism of opponents of the treaty. An appropriation of \$15,000 to defray expenditures of senators who plan to follow President Wilson on his peace-treaty speaking tour to the Pacific coast was proposed in a resolution today by Representative Newton, republican, Missouri.

