

CRITICISM BLAMED FOR HIGHER RATES

New Zone System on Second-Class Matter Thought Due to Press Attacks.

FEDERAL WASTE AT ISSUE

Recent Magazine Comment Derogatory to Congressional Efficiency, Wisdom and Integrity: Representatives Belittled.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—If the whole truth were known, as of course it cannot be, it would probably appear that the enactment of the zone system of postage rates on second-class matter was due in some degree to a spirit of resentment which has grown in the minds of members of Congress against the press, and particularly the magazine interests of the country. Quite likely no individual member of the Senate or House based his vote upon any conscious feeling of resentment, and yet there has been for a long time evidence of a growing feeling among members of the National Legislature that Congress has been ill-treated and that the periodical press has forfeited some of its right to special consideration as an educational institution.

For many years there has been a practice among the larger newspapers and magazines of making derogatory comments upon Congress as a whole, upon its efficiency, its wisdom, and even its integrity. Without making specific charges against individual members, many papers have been throwing out inferences and casting slurs which cannot do otherwise than lower Congress in the estimation of the people of the country. Since charges are not made or insinuations directed against any particular man, no particular member of Congress feels called upon to make a defense.

Unfair Criticism Charged.

After having charged the periodical press with making unfair insinuations against Congress without pointing out specific instances, it would manifestly be inconsistent to conclude this present article without pointing out a specific and typical instance in which a periodical has been unfair to Congress. Take as an illustration an article in the issue of the Saturday Evening Post for July 6. In the issue of the Post above mentioned was a short article entitled "Drowned in Speech," in which it was asserted that "not more than 1 per cent of the debate that goes on in the Senate is ever read by as much as 1 per cent of the National electorate. As a means of informing and influencing public opinion Senatorial debate has become almost negligible."

To the ordinary reader that paragraph means that practically 99.99 per cent of the debate in the Senate is wasted time and effort. The Post could just as truthfully have said that not more than 1 per cent of the contents of a public library is ever read by as much as 1 per cent of the readers who have access to that collection of books.

The inference to be drawn in one instance would not be drawn in another. The importance and the value of the debate is not in the fact that people read or not read it, but the fact that it is there as a record of what has been done and the reason why it was done, so that the National electorate may have a true picture of which to judge of the manner in which their chosen representatives have fulfilled their trust.

Post Comment Quoted.

"In another portion of the same article, the Post says: 'Under the rule of unlimited debate, talk in the Senate deteriorated, in point of real effectiveness upon public affairs, until nearly to the level of dinner-table and club smoking-room conversation. Largely it served no other purpose than to induce the speaker's pleasure in hearing himself talk.' That gives an entire illustration of the general charge against the Senate's inefficiency without naming any individual in particular, but bringing the whole membership into disrepute because of the assumed vanity of some members who are charged with consuming time because it gives them pleasure to hear themselves talk. A member of Congress who would not feel resentment at that statement would be more than human or less than human.

There may be individual instances in which Senators and Representatives talk for the pleasure of hearing themselves talk, but any man who has been around the halls of Congress for any considerable time knows that such is the exception rather than the rule. In general, members of Congress participate in debate either because they hope to convince other members that their ideas are best or because they wish to justify themselves to their constituents.

These quotations from the Saturday Evening Post are not made for the purpose of discussing or answering that periodical. They are presented for the purpose of illustrating the unfair insinuations cast in a vague and indefinite way upon members of Congress, belittling that body in the minds of the people and arousing in the members of the body a feeling of resentment which undoubtedly had its influence in causing members to withdraw from the periodical press the low postage rates which they have heretofore enjoyed.

SLACKER TAKEN AT TACOMA

M. A. Welsh Held to Appear Before Federal Grand Jury.

TACOMA, Wash., July 13.—(Special.)—With oldish lines in his face, hair as gray as a man of 40 years and a nervous disposition, M. A. Welsh, aged 26, was arrested today as a slacker.

Welsh was taken before United States Commissioner Raymond J. McMillan. He admitted that he was under the draft age, but declared that he is unfit for duty as a soldier, and thought he did not need to register.

Commissioner McMillan bound him over to the next grand jury, his bond having been set at \$500. He was taken to the county jail.

Federal Agent Sentenced.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Following his conviction on a charge that he placed Miss Florence Russell in an illegal resort here, Isadore Costanzo, a United States secret service agent, was sentenced to a year in the county jail by United States District Judge Maurice D. Tooling here today. Costanzo was suspended as a secret service employee following the filing of the charge against him.

It is estimated that Australia has cows enough to give each man, woman and child in the island continent three, while Argentina can do even better. There are five cattle to each inhabitant in the big South American republic.

MAJOR MITCHELL'S BODY ARRIVES AT HIS HOME.



The Arrival of the Body of Major John Purroy Mitchell, Former Mayor of New York, at the Home of His Mother, 447 West One Hundred and Sixty-second Street, New York.

Major Mitchell was killed a week ago last Saturday in a fall from an aeroplane in Louisiana. From his home his body was taken under military and civic escort to the City Hall, where it lay in state from 3 P. M. Wednesday to 9 A. M. Thursday. The funeral was held Thursday.

CHINA TO HELP WIN

Ships Will Contribute Toward Defeat of Germany.

CONTRACTS FOR 4 CLOSED

Government Yards at Shanghai Will Turn Out Vessels for U. S. Programme Involves Outlay of \$30,000,000.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—China has been added to the list of nations building merchant ships to help defeat Germany. The Shipping Board today awarded to the Chinese Government yard at Shanghai contracts for four cargo vessels of 10,000 tons each, and took options for the building of 80,000 more tons.

The entire programme will involve the expenditure of perhaps \$30,000,000. Approximately 35,000 tons of steel will be shipped from this country, but the engines and other equipment will be built in China. Deliveries are to begin in six months after the steel is received.

Officials regard the contracts as destined to further cement cordial feelings between the United States and the new republic of the Orient.

China has been eager to take a part in the war, having felt the weight of German tyranny in Germany's efforts to expand in the Far East.

Chairman Hurley, in his search of the world for tonnage, found that the country was splendidly equipped to make a substantial contribution by building ships.

The Chinese government yard, known as the Kiangnan Dock & Engine Works, ranks as one of the most efficient yards of the world. It has 12 yards, with all necessary shops, and a drydock capable of accommodating vessels 544 feet long.

Eight former German steamers, seized by the government of Uruguay, have been chartered to the United States, adding 62,000 tons to the merchant marine.

By the terms of the contract with Uruguay, all eight ships or their equivalent tonnage will be allocated to war trade with that country.

SOLDIERS TO HAVE NEWS

Service Will Be Sent to France Daily by American Association.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Arrangements to distribute neighborhood news to all of the American fighting forces abroad have been perfected by the United Press cable service bureau of the committee on public information, directed by Walter S. Rogers. This new feature will be put into effect immediately.

The service will be sent to France daily by wireless. The reports will be delivered free of toll to the United Press in France, and where no news can be distributed, bulletins will be supplied for posting on bulletin boards. Reports will be copied also by the wireless plants of American warships wherever stationed.

WEST ON WAY TO EUROPE

Ex-Governor Will Represent Shipping Board Abroad.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 13.—Former Governor Oswald West arrived here today on his way to Europe, where he will represent the Shipping Board.

In conjunction with T. A. McIntire, of the Oregon Planning Mill Association, Mr. West is endeavoring to induce the Aircraft Production Board to sanction more extensive planning work on airplane spruce on the Coast in order to save freight space and relieve the labor situation in the East.

LEGAL ADVICE TO BE FREE

Men in Military Service to Benefit by System Being Formulated.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Free legal and business advice for all men in the military service and their families at home, wherever they may be, soon will be available. The War Department an-

nounced tonight that a complete system for the purpose is being worked out by the judge advocate general of the Army, the American Red Cross, the Council of National Defense and the American Bar Association.

Men in camps or in the field are advised by the division or camp judge advocate, where the problem must be settled at the man's home the home service section of the Red Cross will handle it, with the assistance of a local legal advisory organization.

NUNCIO TO GO TO CHINA

POPE MAY SEND MONSIGNOR JOSEPH PETRELLI.

Same Move in 1885 Caused France Minister to Threaten to Break Relations.

PARIS, July 13.—The news of the Vatican's decision to appoint a papal nuncio for China is calculated to make a deep impression upon the French diplomatic and church circles, in the view of the Rome correspondent of the Petit Journal.

He recalls that Pope Leo XIII in 1885 appointed a nuncio to Peking. The French minister at the Vatican threatened that France would break off relations with the Vatican if the plan were carried out. Pope Leo cancelled the appointment, the correspondent adds.

The Rome correspondent of the Havas Agency says that the name most frequently mentioned in connection with the Peking post is that of Monsignor Joseph Petrelli, the apostolic delegate to the Philippines.

COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE

McAdoo Provides for Hearings of Livestock Shippers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 13.—Director-General McAdoo has advised Senator Chamberlain that the office here cannot undertake to pass directly upon petitions of Eastern Oregon shippers for more favorable rates on livestock sent into Idaho for summer feeding.

The Director-General said, however, that a committee with members from both Coast and intermountain regions will be appointed to sit at Portland and hear questions of this kind, subject to appeal to the Director-General.

Jackson Registrants Prompt.

MEDFORD, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—Out of 166 registered in Jackson County's 1918 class, 142 have returned their questionnaires to the Local Board. Of this number 67 claim no exemption. The local board classified 90 to dependency in class 1, part of which will be forwarded to the District Board division number 2 at Eugene for classification with reference to occupation. All class 1 men of 1918 class will be called for physical examination July 19.

Farm Labor Call Not Deferred.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 13.—Responding to petitions from Eastern Oregon farmers, submitted to him by Senator Chamberlain, Provost Marshal-General Crowder has ruled that as in other states the call of farm laborers under the draft cannot be deferred, but he adds that skilled farm laborers are not placed in class 1.

Use Coconut Oil for Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle and is very harmful. Just plain muilified coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless) is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily, and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get muilified coconut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.—Adv.

PLOT TO BE BARED

Case Involving Newspaper Men Will Be Reopened.

W. L. WIRBELAUER ACCUSED

German Attempts to Locate British Ship Bases Will Be Investigated by Federal Grand Jury Sitting at New York.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Inquiry into the German plot exposed before the United States entered into the war to send spies from this country to England to locate bases of ships of the British fleet so that they could be attacked by submarines will be reopened on Monday by the Federal Grand Jury here, it became known today.

Albert A. Sander and Charles W. Wunnenberg, sentenced in March, 1917, to imprisonment as principals in the conspiracy, will be witnesses in a proceeding against W. L. Wirbelauer.

Sander, a newspaper writer, and Wunnenberg, a marine engineer, both pleaded guilty and checkmated efforts of the Government to learn who was behind them.

According to John C. Knox, Federal prosecutor, the two plotters sent George Vaux Bacon, Charles E. Hastings and other newspaper reporters, to act as spies in England and forward reports to a "master German spy in Holland." Bacon and Hastings have been sent to prison for a year each. Sander and Wunnenberg got two years each, all under a section of the Federal code prohibiting the sending of military expeditions or enterprises from the United States to another country.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The House today passed the Senate bill repealing the act incorporating the National German-American Alliance, after a debate of only a few minutes.

The interest of all foreign insurance companies classed as enemies or allies of enemies are being closed out and the

New Arrivals of Watches

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remaining properties taken over by the alien property custodians.

Mr. Palmer announced today there are four marine companies, 13 fire companies, two life companies and one casualty company, in addition to four companies incorporated in the United States, but under enemy ownership.

Before the war these companies enjoyed a very large patronage in the United States and the destruction of their plants will set free a large amount of insurance to be replaced with American companies.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Formal request by counsel for Mrs. Adolphus Busch, widow of the St. Louis multi-millionaire brewer, for return of her property taken over by the alien property custodian, has been made on the ground that Mrs. Busch has lost her enemy status now that she is in the United States after visiting relatives in Germany.

SAN ANTONIO, July 13.—Oscar Biermann, a band sergeant convicted at Camp Travis of disloyalty, was sentenced to life imprisonment today, but the reviewing officer reduced the term to 30 years.

The sentence of 99 years in prison returned by a court martial at El Paso against Corporal John C. A. Kramer, Company C, 21st Machine Gun Battalion, has been approved.

CHERRY CROP IS \$60,000

Milton-Freewater District Sends Out Thirty Full Carloads.

MILTON, July 13.—(Special.)—A \$60,000 cherry crop for the Milton-Freewater country has just been marketed, according to lately compiled reports from the four shipping houses of the twin cities.

This figure, which includes returns on 30 full carloads which averaged between \$1500 and \$2000 per car, proved quite a surprise to the fruit men themselves, inasmuch as fear was entertained early in the season that the crop would be short on account of frost just as the blossoms were falling.

ARIZONA JACKIES WIN CUP

Crack Navy Oarsmen Row Three Miles in 30 Min., 10 Sec.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The Battenburg Cup, carrying with it the rowing championship of the American battleship fleet, has been awarded to the race boat crew of the Arizona, which won from the Nevada's crew in the final test on July 4.

The three-mile course was covered in 30 minutes and 10 seconds, despite the fact that one member of the victorious crew broke his oar in the first quarter.

Lansing to Take Vacation.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 13.—Secretary of State Lansing and Mrs. Lansing arrived today at their summer home at Henderson Harbor for a month's vacation.

Baker to Observe Bastille Day.

BAKER, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—Baker tomorrow evening will observe the French national holiday with patriotic exercises in the public park. All

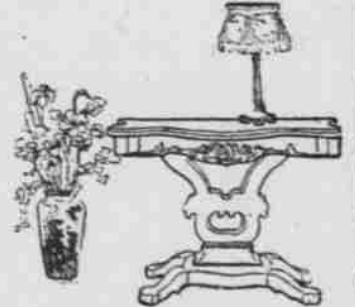
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The Government advocates plenty of fresh air in the home but when you keep the windows open in summer the dust comes in.

With the O-Cedar Polish Mop you collect this dust. At the same time you polish your floors you beautify them.

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