

HANDS OFF SILESIA; POLES WARN BRITAIN

Interference With Plebiscite Not Tolerated.

TROUBLE TODAY POSSIBLE

English Control Officer Announces Purpose to Watch Proceedings in Schoppnitz Vicinity.

KATTOVITZ, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Threats by the Poles that they will shoot British officers should they appear in Schoppnitz tomorrow, the day of the upper Silesian plebiscite, have reached Colonel Crichton, British control officer here. He announced he would watch the Schoppnitz vicinity, where anti-German sentiment is reported to be most bitter. Two officers had been detailed previously to watch the village. Fears are expressed that the population, which is known to be armed, will attack the soldiers in these districts tomorrow.

Rifle and machine gun fire was heard along the lower Polish border last night as the Poles celebrated their anticipated victory. Heavy explosions early in the morning continued the celebrations with dynamite.

There is a threatening situation at Rybnik, where a German automobile carrying foreign newspaper correspondents was fired on today as it passed a Polish settlement.

UPPER SILESIA RICH STAKE

Loss of Porvance Would Be Vital Blow to German Nation.

BERLIN, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Upper Silesia where 2,500,000 Germans and Poles will vote in the plebiscite tomorrow to determine whether that province shall remain German or be annexed to Poland, is a rich stake. The two nationalities are contending for a territory about 500 square miles in area or approximately the size of Connecticut. In one year 20,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Upper Silesia; besides, it has vast deposits of iron, zinc and lead.

The dispute over its possession which results from the clause in the Versailles treaty providing for the plebiscite has made Upper Silesia one of the storm centers of Europe. The situation there for many months has been tense with both sides heavily armed and the possibility of civil war always present. The inter-allied council of ambassadors repeatedly postponed the election which even now seems fraught with grave possibilities.

The loss of Upper Silesia would be a serious blow to the industrial strength of Germany.

"It would be impossible to carry on the war except for the resources of Upper Silesia," declared the German Chancellor von Brüning in 1917. Assertion that without Silesia's natural resources, Germany would not be able to redeem her treaty pledges or to work out her own reconstruction" was emphasized before the allied reparations commission in London on March 1.

The Germans, since 1740, when Frederick the Great wrested the country from Poland, have developed the country into one of the greatest mining and industrial districts of Europe. Germany, it is claimed, cannot live without its coal. Poland, stricken and devastated, looks to Upper Silesia to save her economic life and make her a real nation. Hence the bitterness of the present struggle.

Antagonism between the two peoples is also said to have been intensified by the fact that the large landowners and manufacturers in the disputed region are mainly German, while the Poles, for the most part, are workmen and small farmers.

Numerically, the population is 57 per cent Polish, 40 per cent German and 3 per cent other nationalities.

An American relief worker in Upper Silesia said of the controversy: "Both sides are fighting to win and large amounts of money have been poured into the country for propaganda purposes to keep the population stirred up and create enmities among a people who wish to live in peace. The population is nearly equally divided between the Poles and Germans. The wealth and education are German and the Poles would have about as much influence as the Mexicans would have in a plebiscite in Arizona, were it not for other considerations."

Among these other considerations was the decision of the supreme council in ordering the plebiscite "within 18 months of the establishment of the inter-allied commission." This mission took control of the region on February 1, 1920. Since then there have been frequent clashes between the rival nationalities. The Poles have charged that while the French forces have been sympathetic toward them, the British and Italian officers have pursued another course, some scions of aristocratic families, for social reasons, living on friendly terms with the wealthy German landowners and industrial leaders. The postoffice, railroad and political authorities also were allowed to remain German and this is regarded as another Polish handicap.

The greatest "wrong" claimed to have been suffered by the Poles, however, is the fact that the inter-allied commission has permitted the existence of the German "Schutzwehren," a military organization recruited throughout Germany and which is charged with oppression and provoking outbreaks. The Germans also are accused of trying to terrorize the Poles.

Upper Silesia is bounded on the east by Poland, on the south by Czechoslovakia and on the west by Germany.

CREDIT MEN WILL MEET

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE OPENS IN SEATTLE MONDAY.

Four States Will Be Represented in Discussions of Problems of Business Risks.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Delegates from Oregon, Idaho and Montana, as well as members of this state, are expected in Seattle Monday for the northwest conference of credit men.

The programme will start at 8:30 Monday morning with a breakfast at the New Washington hotel.

After breakfast the delegates will go to the convention room in the Washington, where there will be a "community sing" at 9:15. The business session will be opened at 9:30 by J. J. O'Reilly, chairman.

The rest of the morning will be

taken up with discussions led by J. H. Tregeoe, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Credit Men, and the following conferences: "The Moral Risk a Study: Its Distinguishing Features and the Responsibility of the Credit Manager for Its Proper Handling," led by E. D. Ross of Portland; "A Study and Analysis of the Economic Effects of the Great War; Its Reaction on World Credit and the Effect of Its Enormous Waste on World Wealth and Production," led by A. E. Rowe of Spokane, and "Character in a Business Asset; How Character in a Credit Risk Can Be Determined and How the Lack Should Be Interpreted," led by C. O. Bishop of Tacoma.

There will be a lunch at 11:45. The afternoon session will open at 12:45, with two discussions led by Mr. Tregeoe, and a number of conferences.

JONES SHIP BILL FOUGHT

RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED IN ALASKA LEGISLATURE.

Sentiment Seems Unanimous in Favor of Action Protesting Alleged Discriminations.

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 19.—(Special.)—Sentiment in the Alaska legislature today seems almost unanimous in favor of a resolution, introduced by Senator Collins yesterday, characterizing the proposed Jones bill against Alaska, made in the so-called Jones shipping bill enacted by the last congress, as contrary to the constitution of the United States. The resolution would instruct the territorial attorney-general to test the law in an open fight to have Alaska placed on the same footing with the rest of the country.

Senator Collins said section 27 of the marine act excludes Alaska from enjoying the benefits of through routing. This, he asserts, is a vicious law, throttling the industries and advancement of Alaska. It was believed here that funds will be provided to carry the fight clear through to congress.

A flood of protests has been started into Washington from different sections of Alaska against the proposal of Secretary Cummins to Secretary of Interior Fall for the removal of Colonel Frederick Mears as head of the Alaskan engineering commission. The Fairbanks commercial club has telegraphed Senator Heisk, protesting against the legislature's going on record as favoring the removal of Mears.

The Anchorage Commercial club and many individuals are reported to have telegraphed Secretary Fall and Delegate Sutherland against the Cummins suggestion. Argument was made against disrupting the organization when the railroad is so nearly completed in Alaska. It was believed the legislature would take up the matter.

Senator Collins fired the first constitutional gun in the legislature when he introduced a bill to abolish the territorial shipping board, created at the suggestion of Governor Biggs at the last session.

An appropriation of \$200,000 was made to operate the territorial steamship line. The commission spent, according to a report, \$24,000 for investigations, which the governor declared saved the territory a million dollars in proposed increased freight rates.

DAWSON, Y. T., March 19.—(Special.)—The busiest season in many years, with the first indications of the spring rush to the gold and silver fields of the valley.

Many old timers, unable to secure work outside, are returning and the regular mail stages are bringing many newcomers. New arrivals are also coming in on foot. Work will begin in about 10 days on a machine shop employing 50 men to turn out dredges for the upper Dominion. Gold Run creek and the Klondike valley.

WATER FRANCHISE ISSUE

Bend Referendum May Be Held on Grant to Mayor.

BEND, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—An ordinance granting to E. D. Gillson, mayor of Bend, a franchise to install and operate a water works system in this city may be tested by a referendum vote, it was indicated here today from many sources, after the council's action of last night became known. The franchise, as outlined in the ordinance, has no strings attached and does not even specify the source of water supply. Although no consideration has been mentioned, one member of the council declared his belief that the franchise should be worth \$500,000. The council's vote on the ordinance was unanimous.

The city has been served for years by the Bend Water, Light & Power company, which is contemplating a \$70,000 investment to bring mountain water from Tumalo creek to Bend.

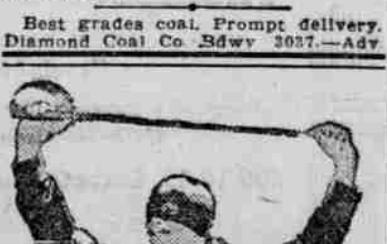
Sealed Indictments Returned.

SALEM, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The Marion county grand jury today returned three sealed indictments. Neither Sheriff Bower nor District Attorney Heisel would give any information as to the identity of the indictees.

Rifle Team Organized.

With about 50 members, a rifle team has been organized in the ranks of Portland post, American Legion. A charter has been granted to the team and the rifles and equipment are en route.

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GOTHAM HAS FULL WEEK

Irish, Pro-Germans, Flower Show, Ban on Blondes, Crime and Politics Occupy Metropolis.

BY JESSE RENDERSON.

(Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) NEW YORK, March 19.—(Special.)—This was Old Home week for the American eagle. Twenty-one days ago, when the ex-kaiser's sympathizers filled Madison Square garden with pro-German uproar, it began to look as though about the only nationally unpopular in New York was the American. But the surge which swept the city then found an outlet Friday evening in a burst of pro-Americanism. In the same hall the American Legion rallied around the Stars and Stripes, while 100,000 other Americans clawed one another in a fine frenzy of effort to cram into the arena and relieve their pent-up emotions.

Two days before this meeting there were two events that filled the city with varied emotions. Thursday saw a St. Patrick's parade of 30,000 marchers, a parade shunned by the Irish societies favoring De Valera, and by those led by Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander E. Anderson as chief marshal. Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson was a mass speaker at the pro-German mass meeting and has consequently been under fire from the American Legion.

Service for Soldier Dead. The other event, one Wednesday, was one that struck deep into hearts. It was the service on a pier in Hoboken for 1508 soldier dead. The bodies of these heroes who fell in Belgium and France for the sake of the allied cause were brought here by the transport Somme. Among the 1508 there were 292 New York men, who, when last they looked on their old home town, had seen it with flags flying and bands playing and the whole population lining Fifth avenue to cheer them as they marched away.

Second to these events was the eighteenth international flower show, which the Walker river valley has had its name changed to Topaz lake. The former name was regarded as unsuitable, because there is very little alkali in the water. The change was confirmed in a legal publication connected with the Walker river irrigation district.

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BIG FEDERAL JOBS SENATORIAL JINX

Candidates Clamor While Oregon Solons Dicker.

EAST AND WEST CLASH

Stanfield Wants to Fill Offices of Marshal and Attorney, But McNary May Not Conform.

There are four big federal jobs in Oregon worth while. These are collector of internal revenue, collector of customs, United States marshal and United States district attorney. Jobs of secondary importance are appraiser, federal prohibition director and surveyor-general. The fattest plum of

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At any rate, this is the view taken by Mr. Huntly and divers others of western Oregon, who feel they can fill the position with credit to themselves and Uncle Sam. Thus the aspirants of western Oregon for collector of internal revenue and for collector of customs have been greatly heartened of late and feel that their chances have improved vastly.

Providing Mr. Peare is eliminated from the field, the job is certain to go to the Willamette valley. Senator McNary may or may not have a preference, but if so he has been careful not to indicate it. Mr. Huntly has supporters who have been supporters of Senator McNary in the past. The senator also is said to have before him the request of Henry Hansen, a newspaper reporter, for the job.

Senator McNary Considered. There is no assurance that Senator Stanfield will name the marshal and district attorney, for Senator McNary has friends who look to him to plant them in those positions, and so Senator McNary may, as senior senator, insist on doing the naming himself in which event the two collectorships might go to eastern Oregon.

Just what Senator Stanfield wants to do and may do, and what Senator Stanfield thinks Senator McNary will do or want to do, are questions which an anxious crowd of office seekers will try to propound to Senator Stanfield when he arrives in Portland some time this week.

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VICTIM FIGHTS ROBBER

Highwayman Flees When Revolver Is Grabbed From Hand.

When A. O. Ophelm, 29 1/2 East Sixth street north, was ordered by a masked robber to "stick 'em up" near the corner of East Sixth and Oregon streets early yesterday morning, he reached his arms aloft and knocked the revolver from the highwayman's hands, according to his report to the police.

In the melee the weapon was discharged, the bullet penetrating Ophelm's coat and overcoat. The gun fell to the ground as the footpad turned on his heels and fled into the darkness. Ophelm picked up the revolver and took it to police headquarters shortly before noon yesterday, when he reported the attempted robbery to the police. He described the highwayman as being about 23 years old and wearing a black overcoat and black mask.

Salem Guard Officers Named.

SALEM, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Allen G. Carson and Paul R. Hendricks today were promoted to first lieutenant and second lieutenant of company M, Oregon national guard, with headquarters in Salem, according to Adjutant-General White. They will succeed Glen R. Rice, first lieutenant, and Leslie R. Burdette, second lieutenant, who have resigned.

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