DELAY IN DISARMING IS PUZZLING WORLD

People Said to Be Wondering What Obstructs Action.

U. S. MOVE IS SUGGESTED

Harding Is Declared to Have Good Opportunity to Signalize New Job by Calling Conference.

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(In his radio despatch today, Mr. Henderson, who speaks for liberal thought in Great Britain, asks when some concrete step will replace the talk of world disarmament. He sees possible light in Russia, but takes a gloomy view of the allied policy respecting German reparation.)

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LONDON, March 19.—(Special by Wireless.)—Amid the maneuvering of governments on the question of disarmament, the peoples of the world, who are not only ready but eager for concerted disarmament, are wondering where the difficulty of making progress lies.

The United States has a big shipbuilding programme, it seems, but is ready to discuss armament reduction.

Great Britain, owing, it is said, "to the great naval increase in the naval strength of the powers," is being called upon by the government to increase its navy so that it always may be the equal of any other single power.

Still the first lord of the British admiralty declared he welcomed the hint thrown out by President Harding regarding a disarmament conference at an early date. He said the suggestion would not only continue to meet the most cordial and helpful response her, but that he himself would take part in the discussions.

Competition Kept Up.

In the meanwhile, unless something definite is done, navy competition promises to proceed apace. British labor has lined up whole-heartedly in support of immediate steps to obtain international disarmament. It has gone so far as to propose that no further commitments for naval expansion be entered into until efforts to bring about disarmament have been rejected by the leading powers of the civilized world.

Labor feels that these powers should be approached at once with the request that joint consideration be given to the possibilities of disarmament. What is required for one of the leading nations to take the initiative?

President Harding could not better signalize his advent to the high office he now holds than by issuing in the name of the American republic an invitation to the other governments of the world to take part at once in a disarmament discussion.

American Initiative Suggested.

The European powers seem to be too busy liquidating the war situation to make a move, but great good for the whole world might result from the powerful initiative of America.

A large share of interest in London this week has centered about the British-Russian trade agreement, which is a significant event, likely to lead to important developments internally as well as internationally. It not only has given a definite new turn to British politics in relation to Russia, but is almost certain to introduce more liberal inquiries into the Russian policy of the allies, and perhaps to exercise a steadying influence in Russia itself. For the past two years it is admitted that the hands of the soviet rulers in Russia have been strengthened by outside military assaults. They have been able to maintain their sway by rallying the Russian people to resist these assaults.

Outbreak Thought Significant.

With the fire of outside accusation and assault definitely quenched, it remains to be seen to what extent the soviet government can count upon willing support of the Russian people. The events of the past three days in Russia have been closely watched here. The Kronstadt outbreak is regarded as significant, and while it may not lead to a complete change of government, it indicates a serious cleavage internally.

What has been certain during many months past is that the allied policy of hostility has been a big asset to the bolsheviki and a nobstacle to the particular form of government, soviet or otherwise, that the Russian people themselves desired to live under. While the present agreement relates exclusively to the resumption of trade relations, it is sure to exercise a strong influence in the direction of political and diplomatic readjustments. A satisfactory working of the trade agreement doubtless would lead to the conclusion of a formal peace.

French Objection Possible.

The action of the present government in this matter may not commend itself to France, but it will be approved by Italy, and means a big step toward general peace in Europe.

Another outstanding event of the week is a movement by British labor contemplating the sending of a special commission to Germany to investigate the condition of the workers there. British workers already are deeply concerned as to the possible effect of these proposals on their own condition, and they fear that the reparations recovery bill now before parliament may have the effect of making them pay part of the German indemnity indirectly. The situation admittedly is a complicated one, economically and otherwise.

When the allies, for instance, have ascertained capability to pay, then they will have to determine what they can themselves afford to receive without undue disadvantage to their own interests.

There is a feeling here that the burden of the present proposals will not fall wholly on the German people.

Obituary.

NEWPORT, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Frederick Greenbrook, an early-day farmer, died on his Big Creek farm near Newport March 8 from heart disease. Mr. Greenbrook was 76 years old and had been identified with the upbuilding of Lincoln county since 1877.

Born in Denmark, he became a sailor at the age of 12 and sailed every sea, finally finishing in the great lakes after marrying Miss Mary Leveque, a French Canadian, in Chicago when he was 35 years old. Once he was the sole survivor of a wreck in the Indian ocean and he was wrecked on several other occasions.

Coming to Oregon, he helped to clear land now in the center of East Portland and then moved to his late residence. He was on the surveying crew which laid out the Yaquina bay branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, then under private ownership. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a charter member of Newport Masonic lodge, though he first joined a Masonic lodge in Chicago in 1869.

His widow, two sons, Edward, member of Yaquina bay coast guard crew, and Joseph, residing on the farm, and one daughter, Mrs. Helena Perrin of Newport, survive. The funeral was held in Newport, burial following in Eureka cemetery here.

EUGENE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ada Hendricks Smith, wife of Richard Shore Smith, attorney here, died yesterday in Los Angeles, according to a telegram received last night by her cousin, Miss Elma Hendricks. The body will be brought to this city. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Thomas G. Hendricks, pioneer merchant and banker, and was born in Eugene.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held here yesterday for S. Kasaishi, pioneer Japanese rancher of the Dee district, who 14 years ago purchased a logged-off tract and developed one of the banner strawberry ranches of the section. The pioneer Nipponese rancher was not only prominent among his fellow countrymen but was well known and liked by white acquaintances. There was a large attendance at the funeral. Rev. Mr. Sato of Seattle officiated. Interment was at Idlewilde cemetery. Mr. Kasaishi, who was 54 years of age, was a victim of appendicitis. He is survived by his widow and two small daughters.

BERT L. TAYLOR IS DEAD

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL TO NOTED "COLYUMIST."

Writer for Chicago Tribune in Last Days of Illness Frequently Mentoins It in Articles.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Bert Leston Taylor, noted humorist, familiary known as "B. L. T," the initials with which he signed his daily column, "A Line o' Type or Two," on the editorial page of the Chicago Tribune, died of pneumonia today at his home here.

He was born in Goshen, Mass., in 1866, entered newspaper work in Plainfield, N. H.; edited the Duluth News-Tribune for three years before coming to Chicago. He founded his Tribune column in 1901, but two years later went to New York to contribute to Puck, the Sun and other publications. He returned here in 1909 to resume the conduct of his column. Among his better known writings were "The Well in the Woods," "The Pipe Smoke Carry," "The Charlatans," "Motley Measures" and "A Line o' Verse or Two."

During the last days he was able to work, "B. L. T." frequently referred to his illness in his writings. Printing an item from a small Wisconsin paper in which a typographical error made an advertisement read:

"Three-year-old cold for sale," he added:

"We have one we will dispose of at a sacrifice and will throw in a prescription pint."

Another day he said:

"We ought to go to bed for two or three days and cure a particularly vicious attack of bronchitis; we are just walking around to save funeral expenses.

The mail received by Mr. Taylor was voluminous. Thousands of readers admired his humor and the struggle among them "to make the line" with some witticism had become a daily practice.

It was his pride that after the first years of "The Line," B. L. T. became independent of all supervision. Often "A Line o' Type or Two" disagreed with other columns on the editorial page.

NEW WATER PROJECT UP

THE DALLES WANTS RIGHTS ON EAST FORK OF HOOD.

Conference of City and Members of State Water Board to Be Held Tomorrow Night.

THE DALLES, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—With the $25,000 Mill creek dam and storage reservoir project defeated by the voters of The Dalles at a special election, opponents of the project for the augmentation of the present city water supply are now devoting theri energies toward a counter proposal, to embody all of the virtures and none of the faults of the Mill-creek enterprise. According to Dr. Fred Thompson, city health officer and leader of the opposition which defeated the bond issue, the only absolutely pure and sufficient source of supply within reach of The Dalles lies in the east fork of Hood river. In this he has the backing of a number of local business men.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting with the state water board in which an effort will be made to secure a water right on the east fork of Hood river, which will not conflict with the water supply used for irrigation purposes in Hood river valley. The United States land office in The Dalles is said to have promised right of way for a pipeline across the government forest reserve in case the project should be adopted.

A meeting of the local water commission will be held Monday night, at which time one member of the water commission and two members at large representing the city will be appointed to serve on the commission which will appear before the state water board.

LESS MEAT IS CONSUMED

American Appetite Slumps Ten Pounds Per Capita.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Americans ate ten pounds less meat per capita last year than during 1918, but 11 pounds more than during the first war year, according to figures made public today by the department of agriculture. The consumption of meat and lard combined last year was 154.3 pounds per capita.

Less meat was produced, less exported and less consumed in 1920 than in either of the two preceding years, the announcement said. Beef consumption has fallen from 78 pounds ten years ago to not quite 56½ pounds per head of population last year. Veal was said to be gaining steadily in favor and calves marketed last year were more than double that of six years previous.

Jews Organize Defense.

LONDON, March 19.—(Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)—A Jewish defense guard has been organized throughout Russia and Ukraine to protect Jewish communities against pogroms, according to M. Salzman, a relief representative of Canadian Jewry, who has just returned here from Russia.

FIVE BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR HART

State Investment in Farm Loan Bonds Stopped.

REALTY TITLE PROTECTED

Appropriation of $100,000 for Union High School at Bremerton Meets Executive Disapproval.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Governor Hart today vetoed senate bill 80, senate bill 75, house bill 104, house bill 130 and house bill 80. Senate bill 80 is an "act making farm loan bonds a lawful instrument and a lawful deposit for certain purposes." In explaining his veto on this measure Governor Hart says:

"Two reasons might be given for making any class of bonds eligible for investment of public funds. First, on account of a shortage of this class of securities to supply such demand. Second, to stabilize and raise the price of such securities. Surely the first condition does not exist at this time, nor will it for some time to come. I cannot see any reason for rushing in to make federal farm loan bonds eligible for investment of our school funds at a time when we cannot take care of our bonds and when the federal farm loan bank is not functioning and the validity of its bonds has not been established by the courts. We had better continue to invest our trust funds in unquestioned and unquestionable securities."

Real Estate Titles Kept Clear.

In vetoing house bill No. 130, Governor Hart explains his action as follows:

"From time immemorial the people have been taught to look to the records in the office of the county auditor for notice to the public of condition of title to real estate.

"Filing and recording certificates of delinquencies in the county auditor's office is not much of a burden upon the people who deal in this class of securities, and I know of no good reason for maintaining a portion of the chain of title to real estate in the office of the city treasurer. The only effect of this bill would be to cloud titles and increase litigation, and it is therefore vetoed."

House bill No. 130 is an "act relating to certificates of delinquent local improvement assessments and amending sections 7581 and 1015 Pierce's code."

In vetoing house bill 80, which limited redemption of land belonging to minors or insane people to seven years after sale for delinquent taxes, the governor says the thought of depriving anyone of property while laboring under legal disability is so repugnant to public conscience as to be impossible.

High School Bill Vetoed.

Senate bill 75, appropriating $100,000 for construction of a union high school at Bremerton, on argument that the district is financially handicapped by exemption of the navy-yard property from taxation, is another veto recorded today, justified by the governor as follows:

"There is no doubt regarding the burden the people of Bremerton are carrying in providing schools and school facilities for the children residing there. Whether the navy-yard is an asset or a liability, I have no doubt there are numerous localities in the state that would be willing to accept the plant with all the things that go with it, even to the extent of furnishing school facilities as required.

"In fact only three or four years ago, Pierce county paid $2,000,000 to locate an army cantonment in that county, and at the same time permanently took from their tax rolls real estate of that value. I do not cite this with intent to express any opinion as to the profitableness of the bargain but merely to show what different localities will do. It is claimed that the federal government has many millions of dollars' worth of property in Bremerton not on the tax roll. Grant it. The government put all the wealth there, while in Pierce county the people deliberately took the property off the tax roll.

Dangerous Precedent Seen.

"I cannot believe this is a fair disbursement of state funds. I cannot see wherein the taxpayers of distant parts of the state can be justly taxed for this appropriation. Besides, this is a most dangerous precedent and opens the vaults of the treasury to every locality that makes some kind of a showing of need of assistance.

"In fact this bill scarcely had been introduced before a half dozen other more or less deserving and somewhat similarly situated communities had started like measures, and one of them passed one house of the legislature and came near passing the other."

An appropriation of $5000 for extermination of squirrels and other injurious rodents is disapproved by the governor because in his opinion legislative liberality in providing funds for state college field and extension work makes the extra squirrel appropriation unnecessary.

Seattle Police Relied Upon.

House bill No. 104, also vetoed, is an "act prohibiting the maintenance of games for hire in the vicinity of the University of Washington and providing penalties for violations."

Governor Hart explains his veto of house bill No. 104 as follows:

"I can see no good reason for limiting the provisions of such a bill as this to the vicinity of the state university. Amendments offered in good faith in the house to extend its provisions to the state college and normal schools were strenuously and successfully objected to by the friends of this measure and the charge made on the floor that this was intended to cover one particular poolroom was not denied.

"I cannot believe the Seattle police less capable of keeping pure the moral atmosphere around an institution of learning than are those of Pullman, Bellingham, Cheney or Ellensburg, fully relying upon the city authorities to act promptly and effectually whenever complaint shall be made by the regents or president of the university."

ASTORIAN SOVIET ENVOY

Santori Nuorteva, Finnish Editor, High in Red Councils.

ASTORIA, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—That the Russian soviet government is planning to send Santori Nuorteva as ambassador to the United States, if diplomatic relations are reestablished, is stated in advices received from Helsingfors by the local Finnish paper, Toveri.

Nuorteva was secretary to Ludwig I. A. K. Martens, bolshevik agent in the United States, and left this country last fall while the senate investigation was in progress. He went to Canada and thence to England. He was deported from there to Finland. According to reports received here Nuorteva has acted as chief Russian foreign commissar of northern Europe. He was editor of the Finnish paper heref from 1911 to 1914.

NEGRO HANGED BY MOB

Prisoner Accused of Attack on Aged White Woman Is Victim.

WATER VALLEY, Miss., March 19.—Adolphus Ross, a negro charged with attacking an aged white woman yesterday, was taken from the jail here by a mob today and hanged.

His body was then riddled with bullets.

WRITING RECORD BROKEN

MARY HOLMES, PORTLAND, STAR IN JOURNALISM.

Gerald Rutherford, Also of This City Winner of First Prize in Oregon Agricultural Contest.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Mary Holmes of Portland, daughter of Mrs. Edith Knight Hill, student in industrial journalism, broke the department record for the number of column inches of printed matter published in a single term—1506 or 70 columns. Miss Holmes was not competing in the industrial news writing contest for students, as she was winner of this contest last term.

Gerald Rutherford of Portland, was winner of this contest, with a total of 749 inches. Wayne Davis of Pomeroy, Wash., took second place. Honorable mention was given John Richardson and Lois Payne of Portland, and W. Verne McKiney of Hillsboro, Or.

M. L. Hall of Portland, won contest B, class work only, with 173 inches to his credit. L. M. Moss of Hood River, was second. Honorable mention was accorded to Robert H. Johnson of Redmond, Or., M. I. Pardee of Corvallis, Or., and Clyde M. Alexander, of Dalhena, Wash.

The most successful writer of feature stories was Wayne K. Davis of Pomeroy, Wash. Hazel Bursell of Monmouth, Or., was awarded second prize. Mary Holmes, Anita K. Davis and Gerald Rutherford, all of Portland, were given honorable mention.

Walla Walla Auto Show Ends.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—The Walla Walla automobile show ended tonight with a dance in the show rooms. As a result of the show several hundred dollars was raised for the Chinese relief fund, all admissions going for this purpose. A street pageant in which $250,000 worth of automobiles were in line was held this afternoon.

Miss M. E. Broad, now nearing her 80th year, recently retired from her position as a forewoman in the big chocolate mills in Dorchester, Mass., after 57 years of continuous service.