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PORTLAND IS OUT OF THE PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR MEXICO, AS SEEN BY EDITOR

Carranza and Obregon Look Like Good Team to Carry Out Redemption of Southern Republic, Says McClure

HUNGRY EUROPE HAS EYES ON TREASURES

Peril to United States Also Unless Country Is Thoroughly Organized Soon.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—(P. N. S.)—S. S. McClure, publisher and editor of New York, arrived here yesterday after spending several weeks on the Mexican border studying the situation there, with special bearing upon the future of the southern republic under Carranza and Obregon. McClure was favored with personal meetings with both men, and was the guest of General Obregon for some days.

The New York Journalist gave his impressions of the Mexican situation, and expressed the view that it looked hopeful, provided Carranza and his military chief remain together, and provided also that Carranza shall surround himself with a strong state organization.

"Mexico is a great treasure house, exposed to the world," said McClure. "It has wealth beyond human conception. At this period, when a redistribution after the European war probably will start, the Mexican situation for Mexico is dangerous. I went there from New York in October to take a long view of the case; to study it from the possibility of invasion from without."

"My impression is that Mexico must be thoroughly organized in the next year. Great statesmanship and means the strong influences of the United States being exerted to form an organization that would be based upon the economic and military resources of both countries.

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FAY FAILS TO TELL ON MEN WHO PROVIDED CASH TO GET BOMBS

Alleged Leader of Conspiracy Against Allies Offers to Plead Guilty for Immunity.

New York, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Robert Fay, leader of the alleged anti-allied bomb conspiracy, failed in his discussions with federal officials to divulge the names of "higher-ups," the authorities said this afternoon. He offered, however, to plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy. He was not promised immunity.

Fay had confessed many details of his work to Chief Flynn of the United States secret service and these facts were given to the United States marshal.

That he was supplied plentifully with money was Fay's claim. Officials have evidence tending to support his story that he was a Prussian soldier who came here to destroy ships bound for Germany's enemies.

Taken in connection with revelations of former Austrian Consul Gorlick of San Francisco, Fay's story is expected, when divulged completely, to furnish evidence that may cause vast surprise as to the alleged activities of diplomatic and civilian personages in efforts to hamper United States munitions trade.

Further facts, it is believed, were given by Fay today in a conference with Prosecutor Knox and Chief of the Secret Service Flynn, at which a stenographer was present. It was expected that facts he divulged will be presented to the grand jury before night.

Washington, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Acting director of President Wilson, a corps of secret service men and special agents of the department of justice have been assigned to the work of running down the numerous plots resulting from the European war.

The department of justice will press all cases to a speedy trial and will do its utmost to have an eye on everyone against whom its agents can obtain evidence.

It is understood that the state department will demand the recall of any attaché of foreign embassies who in any way are found implicated in the plots.

Reports from New York that Robert Fay had made a confidential confession to William Flynn, chief of the secret service, including the names of all who had aided him, the amounts of money received and by whom contributed, are being investigated by the department of justice.

Says Millions Spent in U. S. Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Charges that a billion dollars and \$40,000,000 had been spent in the country in the last three months for anti-allied propaganda work under the direction of German Ambassador von Bernstorff and Privy Councillor Albert were published today by the Providence Journal. The Journal claimed to have records showing \$10,000,000, actually received in that time. None of the money, the paper said, went for legitimate purposes. Much of it was claimed, was spent in bureaus maintained for the purposes of getting Toulton workers out of American munitions plants with a view to crippling production.

WILSON CRITIC IS REINSTATED BY PRESIDENT

Assistant Postmaster in Illinois Town Who Said President Should Not Remarry, Is to Get Position Back.

Washington, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Reinstatement of Assistant Postmaster Burkitt at Winnetka, Ill., removed because he criticized President Wilson's engagement, was ordered today without any ifs and hovevers about it. The president, distressed at the dismissal, acted quickly, while the post-office, it was understood, was prepared to support the dismissal on other grounds. He ordered that Burkitt be reinstated.

The fact that Burkitt had been dismissed because he commented that the president "should wait a year before remarrying," came to the attention of the White House last night.

Burkitt's superior had called attention to alleged demerits against Burkitt, but had made a particular issue of Burkitt's statement. This statement Burkitt admitted, but professed he means no disrespect. His superior objected with disloyalty.

In announcing the reinstatement instructions, the White House said it knew nothing of the charges. Burkitt was asked if he offered the discharge, and he replied that he knew nothing of the case.

In announcing the president's course, Secretary Tumulty commented: "This is a free country. Commenting on the fact that Burkitt, as a matter of civil courtesy, was entitled to a hearing regarding the alleged demerits, but that he should have been consulted before the incident, it was not believed that these will be pressed."

The president is understood to feel that owing to the nature of the charges that he should have been consulted before Assistant Postmaster General Roper approved Burkitt's dismissal.

Assistant Postmaster General Roper commented that the case is being held in abeyance pending investigations. "Meantime," he said, "Burkitt stands suspended."

Blames Postmaster. Winnetka, Ill., Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—"I feel in my heart that I will be back on the job tomorrow," commented George Burkitt today when he heard that President Wilson had ordered his reinstatement as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill.

"I am a holdover from the Taft administration," he said, "and when Postmaster Kloeffer was appointed, he said he was going to get me. He has credited me no many statements regarding President Wilson's marriage, which I never made. I mentioned it only once, several weeks ago. That was in general conversation with a friend and the next governor of the state. I think anyone should wait at least a year after his wife's death before remarrying and I think President Wilson should wait longer." Any other remark credited to him is untrue.

HUGE BOMBARDMENT BEGUN BY ALLIES ON FRONT IN THE WEST

LATE BULLETINS

Operates on Mayor Mitchel. New York, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Mayor Mitchel was hurried to the Roosevelt hospital this afternoon and operated on for appendicitis. Physicians said his case was acute.

Spanish Steamer Wrecked. Bordeaux, France, Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—The Spanish steamer Bernabe was wrecked off the mouth of the Gironde river today and 10 sailors drowned.

Villa Takes Horses. Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 15.—(P. N. S.)—General Rodriguez Villistas before evacuating Naco, confiscated 250 horses belonging to the "Canaan Cattle" company.

Army Experts to Meet. Washington, Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—Secretary of War Garrison today appointed a board of army experts to take up the question of establishing permanent businessmen's training camps. Major Conner of the war college here is chairman of the board.

Snow in New York State. Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—The first snow of the season fell here today.

Famous Pianist Asks Divorce. Reno, Nev., Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Charging cruelty, Tina Lerner Bachner, noted Russian pianist, today sought divorce from Louis Bachner, Berlin musician and director. They were wedded in New York in 1909.

Bulgars Take Tevete. London, Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—The Bulgarians recaptured Tevete Sunday, according to a Reuter dispatch from Saloniki today.

Would Neutralize Islands. Durban, N. C., Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—"Neutralization" of the Philippines was advocated by former Secretary of State Bryan today.

Italy Insists Liner Ancona Was Fired On Without a Warning

Austria Assumes Responsibility for Attack, Saying Ancona Tried to Escape.

Rome, Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—The admiralty today reiterated that the Ancona was torpedoed by a German submarine, contradicting the statement of the Austrian ministry of marine.

Notes will be sent to all neutral governments, protesting against the sinking of the liner and denying that she carried munitions of war or persons of military efficiency.

CHURCHILL NOT RESPONSIBLE IN ANTWERP MOVE

Former First Lord of the Admiralty in Statement to House, Says Ill-Fated Expedition Was Kitchener's.

London, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Baring the inner secrets of his erstwhile office of first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill informed the house of commons today that the Dardanelles expedition was a "gamble." Yet it was a gamble taken after mature reflection, he indicated.

"I regarded the Dardanelles enterprise," he explained, "as a legitimate gamble for a prize of incalculable value, with a reasonable chance of winning. On that basis, I went before the ministry and accepted full responsibility for initiating it."

Tells of Antwerp Plans. "A midnight conference was held at Kitchener's home, October 27," Churchill said, "and at that conference I was informed that the plans for the Antwerp expedition were far advanced. I offered to go to Antwerp and report the situation, and they offered a naval division, which Kitchener accepted."

The Dardanelles expedition was decided upon January 28 at a war council headed by the British admiralty and reported declared favorably.

Move Balked Germans. The man who has now resigned his cabinet post to fight the enemy from the western trenches, defended the Antwerp expedition and the British government as a "folly," to the extent of saying it forced the Germans later to battle on the Yser instead of farther south in France. He declined, however, any part in sending the expedition which failed.

The idea of sending the army to Antwerp originated with Lord Kitchener and the British government after mature and profound and elaborate consideration.

Wants Facts Published. While members and galleries listened breathlessly, Churchill made impassioned defense of his every act while head of the British admiralty and repudiated suggestions that he had overruled all advisers.

He declared he used his best judgment in making the distinction of British warships in the North sea in such manner as to protect the English coast.

Regarding the operations of the British fleet in the Pacific, Churchill said: "I cannot conceive why the story of the Falkland islands battle should not be told. My successor has my full permission to publish all details. Publication of the official records will vindicate responsibility for that and Admiral Cradock."

Referring again to the Dardanelles, Churchill declared Admiral Carden, replying to inquiries, had reported that the Dardanelles could not be rushed. It could be reduced gradually by bombardment. Sir Henry Jackson, commander of the Mediterranean fleet, concurred in this opinion, Churchill said.

Churchill declared that he always had consulted Lord Fisher before acting on important matters. He did not explain the differences which led to Fisher's retirement.

Day of Thanks Is Proclaimed By Governor

Declared That Oregon and United States Have Special Reason for Appreciation of Blessings.

Salem, Or., Nov. 15.—Declaring that Oregon and the United States the months of 1915, just drawing to a close "have been full of the blessings of peace, in welcome contrast to the great war which has ravaged so many of the less fortunate countries of the world," Governor Withcombe today designated Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving day.

He declared in the proclamation that "Each and every one of us has much for which to be grateful, individually and as citizens of our country and state," and calls upon the people of Oregon to "pause from their labors, and of that day, to think to him who watches over all for the bounties and blessings by him bestowed."

Chapman Pleads for Good Feeling Toward Railroad

Speaker Asks for "Proper Atmosphere" on Land Grant Conference.

C. C. Chapman today pleaded with the members council of the Chamber of Commerce to assist in creating an atmosphere favorable to the Southern Pacific Railroad company in connection with the O. & C. land grant conference, which is to be held between state officials and railroad representatives at Salem Thursday.

He spoke for the railroad company as substitute for William M. Colvig, tax agent of the company, who was scheduled to outline the company's attitude. Mr. Colvig was reported ill.

Political Future Feared. Chapman said that state officials and other members of the committee representing the state were all politicians, therefore were afraid to take any action that might seem favorable to the railroad.

On the other hand, he said, the railroad company was "scared to death," but was relying on the courts to protect its interests. He declared that the railroad feels it has a right to hang onto the lands as long as it wants to, and use some or all of the timber and some of the stone.

"There is the Southern Pacific company trying to save its property," said Chapman, "and that of its interests, which must either come out of its pocket or from revenue from the lands."

"What we need in this state," he continued, "is a settlement more favorable to adjusting the land question in fairness to the railroad."

Chapman said he doubted if anything could be accomplished at the first two or three conferences between Chapman and the railroad company, as all will be scared.

VOTE PORTLAND OUT OF PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Failure of Rail and Steamship Lines to Make Cheaper Rate for Team Induces Directors to Take Action.

SALE OF FRANCHISE IS TO AWAIT FINAL MOVE

Manager McCredie Is Only One to Cast Vote Against Ousting of Beavers.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Portland was voted out of the Pacific Coast league today by the directors of that organization in their annual meeting here.

This action was taken because the Southern Pacific railroad refused to grant the rates that were in effect in previous years, the present rate being so high that there is a deficit, instead of a balance, at the end of each series in Portland.

The transportation committee of the league will meet with the passenger officials of the Southern Pacific within a week or 10 days and if the old rate is restored, which is not likely in view of the oft repeated statement of the railroad officials, Portland again will become a member of the league.

If the rate is denied a meeting will be held later in the year to decide where to transfer the Portland franchise.

The vote of the directors was five to one for forfeiting the franchise, Manager McCredie of Portland being the only director to vote no.

Salt Lake was unanimously chosen as the meeting place for the session of 1916.

The directors voted to make the status of the Salt Lake club the same as that of other members of the league. Last year the Salt Lake owners guaranteed McCredie of Portland the season and made so good that the directors decided to let the club come in on an equal basis for 1916.

An early meeting will be held in January, when schedules prepared by all of the owners will be submitted.

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight; with strong southerly winds.

JAMES N. SUTTON, RAILROAD MAN, DIES SUDDENLY IN JITNEY

Life Recently Saddened by Death, Divorce and Other Troubles.

James N. Sutton, east side freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and one of the best known railroad men in Portland, died on his way to his home in a jitney this afternoon.

Hardening of the arteries is believed to have been responsible.

Sutton had not been feeling well for some time and started home unusually early today for that reason. He got into the bus at East Third and Morrison. At East Twentieth street Thomas A. Murphy, a friend, got in and a little conversation followed.

Sutton's life had been saddened of late years by a sequence of troubles. His son, James Sutton, was found dead in a mysterious circumstance at Annapolis Military Academy about six years ago. Another son, Redondo Sutton, lieutenant in the aviation corps, fell in his airplane last summer and was seriously injured. A divorce suit and entanglements over property further aggravated his life.

Deputy Coroner Smith took charge of the body.

Adriatic Report Is Branded as Canard

New York, Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—Reports that the steamship Adriatic had been sunk by a German submarine were denied in a statement issued here today by an official of the International Mercantile Marine. It said:

"The White Star liner Adriatic arrived in Liverpool Friday afternoon. It will sail for New York November 24."

Cold Wave Sweeps Gulf States Zone

Washington, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—The season's coldest wave swept the gulf states today and moved north toward the Atlantic coast. The first snow storm in Northern Ohio was reported.

Zeppelin Fired by Russians' Cannon

The Zeppelin en route to bombard Minsk yesterday was set afire by the Russians, and, although it turned back and reached the Grodno lines, was burned up completely, according to dispatches received here today from Frankfurt. The crew was saved.

Seattle Woman Robbed.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—(P. N. S.)—Mrs. Charles D. Stimson of Seattle, registered at the Palace hotel, reported to the police today that her purse, containing \$50, was lost or stolen from her Saturday evening.

Labor Would Stay Death for I. W. W.

Federation Will Ask President to Intervene to Prevent Execution of Hillstrom Friday.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—The American Federation of Labor will appeal to President Wilson in an eleventh hour effort to save Joe Hillstrom, I. W. W., from the Utah firing squad.

Hillstrom is slated to die Friday for murders he committed at Salt Lake City a year since.

Thomas Mooney brought the issue before the convention today, declaring that the trial had been conducted to determine Hillstrom's connection with the McNamara and other labor cases rather than to find if he were guilty of murder.

When the question was referred to the ways and means committee, it decided on an appeal to Wilson, asking that he intervene to get a writ of error from the Utah supreme court.

Charles W. Miller, Organizer of Mount Hood Railway, Dead

Well-Known Attorney Who Came to Oregon 44 Years Ago, Passed Away Today.

Charles W. Miller, organizer of the Mount Hood Railway company and connected with the company until purchased by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, died at his home, 468 Rodney avenue, at 3 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for nearly 14 months.

It was nearly 10 years ago that Mr. Miller began his activities which culminated in the formation of the Mount Hood Railway company. At that time he was a member of the firm of Miller & Miller, attorneys. He became well known through his connections with the company.

Mr. Miller was 56 years old and was

Pastor Has Advanced Ideas.

Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 15.—Rev. T. H. Simpson of the First Presbyterian church, who before his call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church was known as the "tougher pilot," because of his interest in the loggers, and for whom he acted as a missionary, is attracting much attention in religious circles by the novelties which he has introduced since he became pastor. He first placed a social hall in the basement, with a poolroom, and now he has introduced a victrola to give his people, as he states, the best there is in the line of music.

Grey Not in War Committee.

London, Nov. 15.—(L. N. S.)—Foreign Minister Grey was omitted from the cabinet war committee at his own request, Premier Asquith told the house of commons today. He will attend the war committee's meetings when his advice is needed, however. Grey still bears full responsibility for the conduct of his office, Premier Asquith said, by way of setting at rest rumors of dissenation centering about the foreign minister's office.

Lord Cecil stated the government was