

SPRUCE DIVISION DEMOBILIZATION WILL START SOON

General Disque Returns From
Conference in Washington
With Order for Demobilization.

EQUIPMENT IS TO BE SOLD

Announces That Allies Own 70
Per Cent of Entire Invest-
ment; Total Value Not Given.

Demobilization of the members of the spruce production division will be under way within the next two weeks and will proceed just as rapidly as the men can be released, according to Brigadier General Bruce P. Disque, in command of the spruce division, who returned to Portland Thursday night after an absence of three weeks spent in Washington in conference with army officials.

The entire division will have been discharged from service within the next four or six months.

"The men will be released just as rapidly as possible," said General Disque. "Of course, there is a lot of work yet to be done in cleaning up and caring for the timber that is down and in guarding against possible fire risks. The first men discharged from the spruce division should be on their way home within the next two weeks, and the bulk of the men in the division will probably be out of the service within the next six weeks or two months, although it will probably be four to six months before the work of demobilization is completed."

Much Work Ahead

"The work immediately ahead of us," continued General Disque, "will consist in concentrating our men and in cataloging the property controlled by the spruce division, all of which will be advertised broadcast throughout the United States and sold to the highest bidder."

The property referred to by General Disque consists of 12 lines of railway built especially to meet the needs of spruce production, between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 feet of lumber already down, an immense quantity of logging and sawmill machinery.

General Disque refused to make an estimate on the value of this property, which has been placed at approximately \$10,000,000 by logging and lumber authorities. Whatever the value, however, he stated that 70 per cent of it was owned by the nations allied with the United States—Great Britain, France and Italy.

Allies Invest Heavily

Although it has been generally understood that the allies were interested in the spruce production investment, the fact that the bulk of the investment was controlled outside of the United States comes as a somewhat startling revelation. Great Britain is the most heavily interested of the allies.

Of the 12 railroads controlled by the spruce division at least four of them should be available for public service, according to General Disque. These are the two north and south roads at Yaquina, south of Toledo, Or., the line on the Olympic peninsula in Washington and the line in Pacific county, Wash.

General Disque ventured the assertion that, in spite of the high price of material and high labor costs, due to the war, these properties had been most economically constructed, due to the spirit of the men engaged in the work.

In fact, he stated, the railways, all of which are standard gauge and built with a view to permanence, were constructed at a saving of not less than 33 per cent under the cost of private lines.

Disque's Return Eagerly Awaited

All operations in the production of

spruce ceased immediately after the announcement of the signing of the armistice by Germany and the subsequent cessation of hostilities.

Construction work on two additional cutup plants was also abandoned, and the 10,000 men engaged in getting out airplane material throughout the Northwest have been anxiously awaiting the return of General Disque with the announcement of the future plans for the disposition of the men and equipment involved in this work.

MAN AND WOMAN HELD AS SUSPECTS

Arrests Are Made in Connection
With Murder of Twombly
and Bridge Holdup.

Two suspects, a man and a woman, whose actions on last Tuesday night are now under investigation, were brought to police headquarters Thursday night by Inspectors Coleman and Morak, and booked on minor charges. Floyd Richardson, 22 years old, who has served time for minor offenses and has been accused of highway robbery, and Frankie Johnson, on whom morphine was found, were placed under arrest at Eleventh and Washington streets at 9:40 o'clock and are now held in the city jail.

While the police have no direct evidence to connect the pair with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Twombly, and the holdup of Interstate Bridge Tender Herman, a thorough investigation of their actions will be made before they are released.

The couple will be held over until Tuesday and in the meantime the police investigation will be continued.

The entire activity of the police department for the past two days has been centered on the apprehension of the pair of murderers. Every avenue of escape from the city has been closed, every machine in any way corresponding to the murder car has been checked up. A report from Hood River Thursday told of a car resembling in a way the mysterious machine, which passed through that city. A man and woman companion, who tallied with the description of the murderers, were in the machine.

Ryan to Leave Air Service; Needed in Industry, He Says

Washington, Nov. 22.—(U. P.)—John D. Ryan, second assistant secretary of war and director of air service, has sent his resignation to Secretary of War Baker, effective as soon as convenient. In his letter of resignation, Ryan said:

"Labor and industry of the country must be quickly adjusted from a war to a peace basis and the copper production is one of the most vital to the country's welfare. I believe I can do much in helping to bring about stable conditions and that I should take up the work immediately."

Secretary Baker has accepted the resignation, asking Ryan to remain in office until plans for contract cancellations and demobilization of the air forces are completed.

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Most Efficient Service.

By E. G. Fitzhamon

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London, Nov. 22.—The "mystery ships" of which hitherto only hints have been allowed to filter out of the censor's office, represent the British naval architect's most notable contribution to the war's wonders.

It is no longer a secret that only three of these marvel ships have been constructed, but they have accomplished many amazing achievements.

Your correspondent is informed the most famous feat was recorded when Foreign Minister Balfour was rushed across the Atlantic in three days. That was at the time the Siberian situation was so acute it made the presence of the British force in that region imperative. The almost unbelievable speed of the ship is credited with having saved a precarious situation.

Another Startling Voyage

Another "mystery ship" enabled a party of British officers some months ago to reach Vancouver in eight days from here, via Halifax. The officers were urgently needed to join the allied Siberian expedition.

On another occasion the British admiralty was warned that a German raider had eluded the blockade and was pirating on the high seas. Immediately two "mystery ships" were rushed in quest of the raider. The result was that in less than 24 hours the raider was rounded up and sunk.

Later another German sea marauder eluded the British, but was caught in 17 hours by these sea-hounds of marvelous speed and power. Many other achievements of almost incredible value are related of these strange craft.

Terrific Power Developed

It is stated on excellent authority that these "mystery ships" are considerably larger than destroyers and speedier. They have smaller coal room and carry less ammunition and a smaller amount of food and supplies. This is believed to account for their remarkable speed in reaching distant ports. The engine-room is larger than that of the destroyers, enabling them to develop terrific power.

It is asserted the ships have attained 54 knots an hour in special tests and more than 1000 knots a day in all sorts of weather, in Atlantic waters.

Their only armament consists of one huge gun turret on each end, containing 15-inch guns able to sink anything afloat, while their speed enables them to overhaul any craft.

They are also equipped with bombing hydroplanes, which appear suddenly from "nowhere," and with a direct hit can cripple the most powerful super-dreadnaught which the terrific gunfire of the vessel can then sink.

Seattle, Nov. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Alvin Adams, 20-year-old Kansas City soldier, was found guilty of murder for killing Milton R. Raymer, a chauffeur, June 27 last, by a jury in the superior court here today.

Adams deserted from Fort Worden and came to Seattle expecting to make his way to his home in Kansas City. Mo., where he was drafted. Adams told the Portland police, where he was arrested, that he employed Raymer, driver of a taxicab, to take him to Redmond, Wash. He said he had no money and when Raymer demanded \$1 for the fare he shot the driver, robbed him, threw the body into the woods and drove the car to Portland. His defense was insanity.

Sons and Daughters Keep Anniversary

The Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War held an open meeting in library hall Tuesday, commemorating the fifty-fifth anniversary of President Lincoln's address in dedicating the soldiers' Gettysburg cemetery. Speeches were made by Fred Lockley, recently returned from overseas, Y. M. C. A. service; Judge Guy C. H. Cortis, Judge J. B. Cleland and Rev. J. B. Isaac. Mrs. Fred L. Olson sang the Star Spangled Banner and Miss Ruby Gregor played a violin solo. Mrs. Mabel Warren Windnagle accompanied. C. J. Schnabel presided.

5 Aviators Escape From Prison Camp

Boston, Mass., Nov. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Captain James Norman Hall of Colfax, Iowa, well known in the literary world as author of "Kitchener's Mob," Lieutenant Charles Russell Codman, member of a prominent Boston family, and Lieutenants Robert Browning and Henry Lewis, all of the United States aviation service, escaped from a German prison camp just before the armistice was signed. A long distance telephone message from Washington to Codman's parents told of the escape.

GENERAL STRIKE IS UP TO UNIONS

Central Labor Council Checks
Mooney Demonstration Up to
Referendum Vote.

At the request of the Metal Trades Council of Portland, the Central Labor Council Thursday night passed a resolution submitting the question of a general strike in this city and vicinity to a referendum vote of all the affiliated unions as a demonstration against the hanging of Thomas J. Mooney in San Quentin, California, December 13.

The following telegram was sent to President Wilson:

We are making this earnest and serious appeal to you to take necessary steps that Thomas J. Mooney be granted a new and fair trial. All unbiased people believe Mooney convicted on perjured testimony.

Mooney's execution will gravely affect industrial relations at this time. Justice to Mooney will clear the atmosphere. It is a national question. May we not hear from you before Thanksgiving day?

Samuel Gompers was addressed by telegram as follows:

The labor movement on the Pacific coast is aflame with resentment because the instruments of the law in California fail to see justice done. Thomas J. Mooney. Resolutions calling for general strike are being passed by Central Labor councils and local unions in various cities. The Central labor council of Portland has before it a resolution of such nature. Action being withheld in hopes American Federation of Labor and the president of the United States will see that Mooney is given a fair trial under federal supervision. The seriousness of situation warrants immediate attention. Wire answer.

The returns will be taken up and action considered by the Central Labor Council on Wednesday or Friday night of next week.

The strike, if ordered, will begin on December 1. The molders, streetcar employees, meatcutters and other unions have already endorsed the idea.

The consideration of the resolutions and motions in connection with them occupied practically the entire time of the Central labor council for over two hours and a half. The unanimous sentiment of the delegates appeared to be that Mooney had not been given a fair trial, and that his pardon should only be with a view of giving him such trial.

The Central labor council Thursday night adopted a resolution condemning the attitude of Postmaster General Burleson in regard to telephone industrial disputes and asking President Wilson to remove him.

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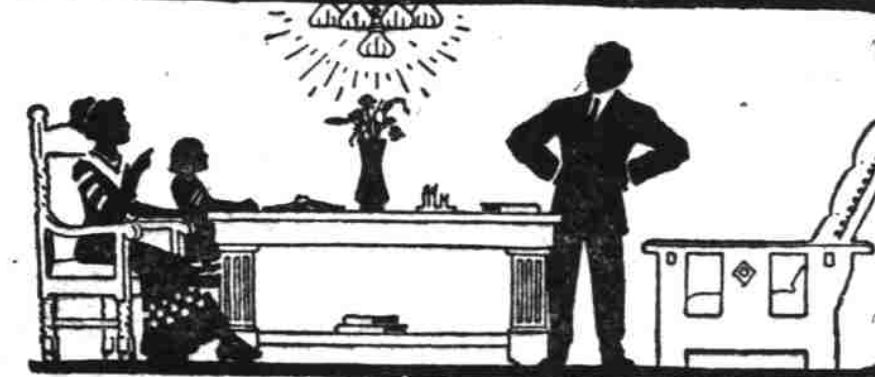
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