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Douglas Fairbanks Not To Make Bond Speech

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—The engagement of Douglas Fairbanks, motion picture actor, to speak here April 20 in the interest of the liberty loan drive in the tenth federal reserve district, was cancelled tonight, it was announced by E. E. Violette, chairman of the speakers' bureau of the district.

Mr. Violette said he had taken this action following receipt of a letter from Fairbanks' representative, in which a parade led by the mayor and city officials, with at least fifty automobiles was asked to meet the actor and convey him through the streets. The letter also suggested, Mr. Violette said, that the governor and his staff be invited to participate in the parade.

Davies Replies to Partisanship Charge

WAUSAU, Wis., March 28.—Joseph E. Davies, Democratic candidate for United States senator, speaking at a mass meeting here tonight, replied to the charge of partisanship in this campaign as launched by Senator Smoot and other Republican leaders in the senate.

"Party politicians are trying to whip up old partisan feelings," said Mr. Davies. "It won't work. This is the darkest hour of the war. Nothing could be more unfortunate than disunion between the executive and

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SENATE FLARES UP WITH MORE PARTISAN TALK

Senator Williams Renews Attack on Representative Lenroot

VICTOR BERGER SCORED

Mississippi Senator Declares Socialist Should Be Interned

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Partisan feeling flared up in the senate today when Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, renewed his attack upon Representative Lenroot, Republican, candidate for the senate from Wisconsin, whom he charged yesterday with being lukewarm in loyalty to the government in the war.

The Mississippi senator declared Senator La Follette of Wisconsin should be expelled and that former Representative Victor Berger, the Socialist candidate for senator, ought to be interned.

During the debate which followed and continued intermittently most of the day, Republican senators defended Mr. Lenroot, while Senators Reed of Missouri, Ashurst of Arizona and Owen of Oklahoma, Democrats, deplored partisan division at such a time.

Senator Smoot Shows Letter. Senator Smoot of Utah, Republican, who attacked President Wilson yesterday for alleged partisanship, read a letter stating that Joseph E. Davies, Democratic candidate in Wisconsin, "had skipped to Chicago" when a conference was called to consider withdrawal of himself or Mr. Lenroot to insure a loyalty victory.

Senator Ashurst said yesterday's debate was "miserable twaddle," and in a plea for harmony and unity in the war, Senator Reed contrasted the bitter battle in France with the senate's attention to the "miserable little political contest in Wisconsin."

"I appeal to the senate," said Senator Reed, "to have done with these miserable politics. No line can be drawn between loyal Democrats and Republicans. Let the election in Wisconsin go on. In any event a loyal man will be returned."

Democrats Are Criticized. Senator Gronna vehemently criticized the Democrats for references to disloyalty made by Senator Williams.

"Your own actions condemn you," Senator Gronna said. "You appear to be more interested in your party's candidate for the senate in Wisconsin than you are in the thousands and in the millions of brave boys who are now fighting for freedom. I do not know of any war that has been won by lip service."

Senator Gronna declared he would support the president in every way wherever that support is necessary for the winning of the war. He declared that it has been noticeable to him that those who were the loudest in their cry of disloyalty, were not those who have sons in the army.

Senator King of Utah, Democrat, interrupted to say honor because of his fidelity to the United States. I deprecate exceedingly that there should be any appearance of political debate on the floor."

Referring to James Thompson, Senator Gronna said, vigorously pounding his desk with clenched fist: "I know him plenty and know that he is just as loyal as the senator from Mississippi. He's not disloyal."

Senator Gronna, deploring the political discussion said that most German-Americans are now patriotically supporting their government.

"It will not strengthen the United States to wound the feelings of these people," he said. "I deprecate any speech that will cause them to feel they are objects of suspicion, accusation, or positive hostility. They deserve all the more honor because of their fidelity to the United States. I deprecate exceedingly that there should be any appearance of political debate on the floor."

Bee May Supplant Carrier Pigeon for War Zone Duty. WASHINGTON, D.C., March 9.—That the ordinary bee may supplant the dog and the carrier pigeon as a despatch bearer in the war zone is regarded as a possibility of the near future. It is well known that experiments to this end have been carried on in England and it is said that the matter has also received consideration from officials of our own War department.

The bee, like the carrier pigeon, guided by its marvelous instinct, returns to the hive from wherever he may be liberated. Tiny despatches, which can be deciphered with the magnifying glass, can be attached to its breast.

But something better still has been found. By an ingenious process the wings of the tiny insect are sensitized, and by means of microscopic photography the message is imprinted thereon.

Drager Likely to Run for Treasurer Again. It is being rumored around town that the friends of D. J. Drager, the present county treasurer, are advising him to run for a second term in office, and while Mr. Drager has not yet fully made up his mind to do so, it is thought that he will probably attend to the wishes of friends. He is one of the staunchest Republicans in the county.

VISITORS SEE NEW ATTRACTION IN WASHINGTON

Army Khaki and Navy Blue Supersede Civilian Clothes in Hotels

24 HOUR DAY IS RULE

Reflection of Sturdy Resistance of Nation Seen in Capital City

WASHINGTON, March 24.—War-time activities have intensified the attractions of the nation's capital for the visitor. To those who came here before the United States entered the war the city's chief charm lay in the proud swell of the capitol dome, the stately outline of the Washington monument, the deliberations of the nation's lawmakers or the magnificent vistas of shodded avenues.

Now, all that has been enhanced by millions of uniformed men, the sights of hundreds of foreign officers, and the swift evolutions of airplanes overhead—but most potent to even the casual observer is the realization that the vast machinery of a mighty government is at work on a war. Everywhere, there are evidences of putting the nation on a war basis.

In hotel lobbies, theatre foyers and clubs, the army khaki and navy blue have superseded conventional evening clothes. The walking stick has given way to the swagger stick or the sword.

Boom Town Conditions Prevail. The great influx of new government workers made a semi-somnolent city take on the aspect of a "boom" town. Hotel facilities of the city were not only severely taxed—they were swamped. The excess population then overcame a system of boarding houses which for years had given ample accommodation to many thousands of transients.

Finally the housing problem became acute that hundreds of government workers were compelled, because of inability to get rooms, to relinquish positions they had come to the capital to take.

First a stir of activity penetrated the government departments; then it was transformed into a tide of concentrated effort that gave the sedate scenes, the appearance of military operations. Armies of clerks who for years had finished the working day at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, remained to toil much later. Some work in night shifts. Department buildings blazed with light, and cabinet members joined their subordinates in the general rush of overtime work.

Almost from the beginning of the war, Secretary Baker remained at his desk night after night with rare exception, and his example has been emulated by heads of many department bureaus.

In the navy department, a twenty-four-hour day watch in the bureau of communications keeps Secretary Daniels constantly in touch with the fleet. To the wireless towers standing bleakly silhouetted against the sky at Arlington across the Potomac come messages from the transport fleet crossing the Atlantic and the destroyers that race through the waters of the war zone in search of the submarine.

From the communication office there have come since last April many messages of joy and sorrow to a war-anxious people. Naval officers who make flying trips to Washington while waiting for transports to take on coal and troops tell human interest yarns of the war work of the navy. Censorship regulations deter all from revealing knowledge of strategic movements or devices, but intimate tales of the wardrobe so far toward giving a perspective of the daily achievements of the men who wear the blue.

Sentries Give Capital War Look. From the sentries who nightly face their posts about the White House to the foreign officers and enlisted men seen on the streets and in the theatres, the war atmosphere is unmistakable.

The British, French and Italian

HUNS PREPARE TO MEET U. S. Preparations Made to Meet Anticipated Crisis When Air Fleet Comes

FRENCH FRONT, March 13.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Great preparations are being made in Germany to meet the anticipated crisis in fighting in the air when the United States is ready to put forth its real strength in that branch of the war. Evidence observed here indicate that Germany is planning to forestall the American effort in this direction.

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Until a few months ago German aviators were recruited almost exclusively from the ranks of the officers. Now would be aviators are recruited from the lower ranks also. Still the proportion of officers remains almost overwhelming.

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soldier can be found "fighting it over" wherever they meet. Britain's Mulvane, Learoyd or Ortheris has become a "pal" with Pierre of Giovanni. LA times a decorous government clerk hears the refrain of a coggled verse that runs: "We beat you at the Marne. We whipped you at the Alsne. We gave you 'ell at Neuve-Chapelle. And 'ere we come again!" At the capitol, the work of enacting legislation to provide the executive branches of the government with extraordinary war powers has moved forward swiftly. Party lines largely have been obliterated in the general effort to make America efficient in the great conflict.

If Washington reflects accurately the war spirit of the nation, America has braced herself for the great task in which no phase of the immensity of the great duty of the nation in the emergency has been disregarded.

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a series of examinations which become increasingly difficult as the training progresses. The entire period of instruction is about six months for a pilot.

Those who intend to become observers are put through a special course, which comprises artillery spotting, photography, wireless telegraphy, meteorology, map-reading and the drafting of reports. All observers are army officers, those for the artillery spotting being chosen from artillery batteries, while for reconnaissance work they are selected from any other branch of the service.

Bombing aviators form a special class by themselves and go through a thorough training in calculating height and distance. They practice the dropping of missiles while seated on an elevated airplane framework, beneath which is stretched an endless leather belt running at varying speeds. On this belt is painted a landscape. The pupils are equipped with steel arrows and directed to drop them upon certain objects in the landscape.

Rich Finnish Family Robbed in Petrograd. AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—The following story is told by the Cologne Gazette's special commissioner in Petrograd as typical of the extraordinary conditions prevailing there. He says: "An automobile taking a rich Finnish family home was stopped in Petersburg street by another auto whose armed occupants stripped the clothes from the travelers and stole half a million rubles worth of property. The police were powerless but a private detective ran the robber band to earth and found it consisted of a Russian prince and his body servants."

NEWSPAPERS IN PARIS SPRING UP

Despite Decreased Circulation, Nine New Dailies Begin Business

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The birth rate of newspapers was never so high in Paris since paper became scarce. Long established dailies have trouble in finding and paying for the news-print paper needed for their reduced circulation yet there seems to be paper for unlimited numbers of new sheets. Six new morning

that he had been living on the proceeds of highway robbery for a month. This he asserted was his only means of existence because he had been completely despoiled and ruined by the Bolsheviks. He submitted that if he is to be punished, others who drove him to the deed should be punished first."

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