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AX FALLS ON GRAIN MEASURE

President Wilson Vetoes Annual Agricultural Appropriation Bill Because of Price-Fixing Amendment

OBJECTS TO \$2.40 a BUSHEL FOR MINIMUM

Says Farmers Depend on Stimulation of Rate on Wheat in Order to Give Best Service

WASHINGTON, July 12.—In vetoing the \$28,000,000 annual agricultural appropriation bill because of its amendment fixing the government guaranteed minimum wheat price at \$2.40 a bushel, the president informed congress today that he did not believe the farmers of America depend upon a stimulation of price to do their utmost to serve the nation and the world at this time of crisis.

The president said the patriotic spirit of the farms has been "worthy of all praise and has shown them playing a most admiral and gratifying part in the full mobilization of the land."

Both Sides Considered. Congress was informed that the president did not believe that such inelastic price provisions as contained in the bill could be administered in a way that would be advantageous to the producer and consumer because they establish arbitrary levels which are quite independent of the normal market conditions.

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PATIENT MAY BE SUICIDE

Albert M. Roemer of Portland Believed to Have Died in Willamette

Albert M. Roemer, a patient at the state hospital for the insane, is believed by Superintendent Steiner to have committed suicide by drowning himself in the Willamette river Thursday night after escaping from the institution. A hat and coat belonging to Roemer were found on a raft yesterday. Roemer's home is at 4405 Eighty-ninth street, Southeast, Portland, where he has a wife and several children. Coroner Clough does not believe Roemer made away with himself, but that he went in bathing and left his clothing on the raft as a ruse or that, through his insane condition, he went away and forgot them.

Roemer was working outside the hospital when he escaped. Bridge-tender Irwin reported seeing a man on a raft of logs near the Spaulding mill with his hat and coat off when he went off duty at 6 o'clock Thursday night. When he returned to duty yesterday morning the coat and hat were still on the raft.

A letter found in the coat gave evidence of suicide. The letter apparently was written to a friend, but the name was not mentioned. Roemer said in the letter that he was not improving and that he was lonesome without his wife. He asked his friend to feed the cows well during the dry weather so they would give more milk and the letter contained other matter which a sane man might have written. Roemer was committed from Multnomah county in April, this year. He had lost the power of speech through paralysis and heart trouble, which he was afflicted with before he entered the institution. Superintendent Steiner says Roemer's physical condition had improved. He was 42 years old.

Two Falls City Men Are Taken to Dallas Hospital

DALLAS, July 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—Two Falls City men, Dick Ferguson and Abe West, were brought to the Dallas hospital this week for treatment following accidents in that city. Ferguson, who is a man past 60 years old, fell backwards off a scaffold ten feet high and severely injured his back and head. At first it was thought that his back was broken but after a thorough examination only minor injuries were located. He is doing well at present. West sustained a broken leg by being struck by a broken singletree while hauling logs at the Cleveland sawmill near that city.

SCOTT'S MILLS MAN IS VICTIM

Private Ray U. Nicholson Listed Among Those Succumbing to Disease

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The army casualty list today shows: Killed in action, 9; died of wounds, 7; died of disease, 7; died of airplane accident, 2; died of accident and other causes, 4; wounded severely, 15; wounded slightly, 1; wounded, degree undetermined, 2; missing, 5; total, 52.

The list includes Private Ray U. Nicholson, Scott's Mills, Or., died of disease.

Administration Contract Accepted by Railway Men

NEW YORK, July 12.—Railway executives embracing every important transportation system in the country, their legal advisers and a committee representing the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, held a joint session here today to further discuss a standard form of contract acceptable to the government, the railroads and holders of such securities. At the conclusion of the conference T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the railway executive advisory committee issued a statement accepting in the main the contract recently formulated by the federal administration, subject to modifications already practically guaranteed. These, it is said, concede a greater measure of protection to payment of interest on bonds.

"The securities owners' association whose holdings are estimated at fully \$4,000,000,000, did not concur in the action of the railroad men and adopted resolutions instructing their council to prepare amendments to the proposed contract.

SLACKERS KILL RANGER.

BEAUMONT, Texas, July 12.—Alleged draft evaders shot and killed State Ranger J. Dudley White and severely wounded Ranger W. I. Rowe near Broadus, in the Piney woods of San Augustine county today, according to word received here today. A posse is being organized.

NORWEGIANS ON CAPTURED BARK LANDED SAFELY

Submarine Commander Orders Crew to Sea 300 Miles Off Cape Race

MANX KING ABANDONED

No Explosion Heard—Ship May Have Been Left Afloat

AN ATLANTIC PORT, July 12.—A German submarine, appearing 300 miles off Cape Race on July 6, captured the Norwegian bark Manx King and ordered the crew of 19 to take to the boats, it was learned tonight when the survivors were brought here on a British steamship which picked them up at sea. The survivors said they did not know what became of the bark, whether she was sunk or converted into a raider by the Germans. The Manx King, 17129 gross tons, left here two weeks ago. She is the first craft to meet a U-boat so far north. The crew explained they became excited and promptly obeyed the order to abandon the bark. Pulling away rapidly, they were overtaken by darkness before seeing what disposition had been made of the sailing vessel. None of them reported having heard or explosion. The Manx King was built at Stockton, England, in 1884. She was registered at Frederikstad and owned by T. Wilhems and Axel Jacobsen. She was commanded by Captain Helgeson.

Picture Reveals Neat French Lad As Her Protege

Americans who "adopt" fatherless French children through the Society for the Fatherless Children of France do so "sight unseen," but Mrs. F. W. Selee, who lives near Salem, was much pleased the other day when she received a letter from her protege together with his picture. Rene Loze is the little French lad's name, and Madame Loze, his mother, also wrote a pretty letter of gratitude for the assistance extended by the American woman.

The French government pays 10 cents a day for the support of children whose fathers have lost their lives in the war. Americans "adopt" the French children by contributing to their support through the Society for the Fatherless Children of France of which A. L. Mills of Portland is treasurer for Oregon, all contributions in this state going through his hands. Each person contributing is assigned a particular child.

Mrs. Selee has translated from the French the following letter received from Rene who lives with his mother in Paris:

"My Dear Benefactress: I am not very big, as I am only 7 years old, but I am trying to make your acquaintance by sending you this letter, and enclosing my photograph with it. Thanks a thousand times for your gift of 48 francs, which reached us quite safely.

I send you, dear madame, my best kisses. Rene Loze."

A large number of persons in or near Salem have adopted French children and one mother and her son near here have raised and sold turkeys to obtain the necessary money.

SUBTERRANEAN IN PROPERTY SALE IS SUSPECTED

Inquiry Begun Into Purported Disposal of German-Owned Stock

SEIZURE MAY FOLLOW

Three Large Concerns Involved in Palmer's Latest Investigation

NEW YORK, July 12.—Suspicion by A. Mitchell Palmer that German interests have practiced subterfuge in the purported sale of German-owned chemical company stock in America to American interests has resulted in an inquiry begun here today by Merton E. Lewis, state attorney general.

Stock which German interests, chiefly the gold and silver refinery of Frankfurt, Germany, owned before the United States entered war, in three allied chemical companies in America, have for several years been earning huge dividends. In the face of this, some of this stock was sold to American interests at nominal prices, according to investigators. It is the purpose of the alien property custodian to learn whether the stock transfer was merely a deception and whether or not this stock is today controlled by German interests.

If this is proved, it was indicated, the next step would be seizure by Mr. Palmer of the three American concerns—the Roessler and Hasslacher Chemical company of New York; the Niagara Electro-Chemical company, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; and the Perth Amboy Chemical company of Perth Amboy, N. J.

These three concerns before the war were controlled by the Frankfurt refinery, with American interests owning 45 per cent of the stock. By wireless just before America entered the war, seven per cent more was transferred to these American interests, according to today's testimony, making 52 per cent American-owned.

Carson Says Ulsterites Are Constantly Tortured

BELFAST, Ireland, July 12.—Sir Edward H. Carson, leader of the Irish Unionist party, at a meeting of Orangemen here, said the position of the Ulster leader was one of grave anxiety. He government was constantly torturing and terrorizing the Ulsterites, Sir Edward said, and in the midst of this great world war, the indignity was put upon them of being threatened with subtraction to those who had not the faintest conception of what the words "freedom and liberty" meant.

\$30,000 Fire Destroys Western Coeurage Plant

PORTLAND, July 12.—Fire tonight in the plant of the Western Coeurage company caused damage estimated at \$30,000. The blaze was believed to have been caused by an overheated motor.

DONEY WILL LECTURE ON WAR SUBJECT

President of Willamette University Arrived Home Last Night and Will Give Address Sunday Night

SIX MONTHS SPENT WITH ALLIED ARMIES

Returning Educator Is Met on Columbia River Highway by Family

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university, arrived in Salem last night after six months in the war territory of France. Dr. Doney's first public appearance in Salem will be at the army Sunday night when he will address a mass meeting on his impressions of the war.

Church services will be dispensed with Sunday night and will give right of way to President Doney.

Arrangements for the address were made yesterday through Dean George H. Alden of Willamette and officers of the Salem Commercial club. Returning home yesterday, President Doney left his train at 8 point on the Columbia River highway east of Portland where he was met by his family who motored from Salem to meet him. The Doney family drove into Portland, leaving there at 8 o'clock last night and continuing their drive into Salem.

President Doney was given a leave of absence of six months on pay by Willamette university's board of trustees that he might go to France under the direction of the Young Men's Christian association as an observer and inspector of Y. M. C. A. war work and of soldier life in France. He was behind the lines with the French, British and American armies and was heard by the soldiers of those nationalities in numerous addresses. His impressions, gained from a thorough study of conditions, will be given the people of Salem in the lecture Sunday night. The mass meeting will begin at 8:15 o'clock. Justice Lawrence T. Harris of the supreme court will preside.

Soldiers on Furlough Visit Rickey Friends

RICKEY, Ore., July 12.—Last week the people of Rickey claimed two soldiers as their guests. Bob Wheeler and Fred Diekmann were home on a furlough, staying from Friday until Sunday. Miss Hazel Harris and Irene Caplinger motored to Vancouver, Wn., recently to see Frank Harris who has been in the hospital. Miss Bessie Stewart of Stayton has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Caplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schunk are now domiciled at the white home for the summer. Jacob Tuleja was in Oregon City on business Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney received a card recently stating that their son Edward had arrived safely overseas.

Miss Sally Diekmann was home Sunday from Portland. Her sister, Mrs. Jim Budlong, will remain indefinitely with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Diekmann. Miss Irene Sweeney, a university classmate of Hazel Harris, is visiting Mrs. Harris this week.

Darwin George was the weekend guest of Miss Myrtle Whitney. Milton Magee and Hazel Harris motored to Scott's Mills Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Magee's sister-in-law.

Mrs. W. D. Homer and Mrs. Francis Schunk are both confined at home with measles. Virgil Gisher is now the owner of a motor cycle. W. P. Tallon and E. J. Whitney have both lost their pet dogs. One was poisoned and the other mysteriously disappeared.

Senators Asks Equal Recognition in West

WASHINGTON, July 12.—At a conference today with John D. Ryan, director general of aircraft production board, western senators urged that manufacturing plants in the west be not discriminated against in the awarding of contracts for airplanes and motors. Director Ryan assured the senators that fair treatment would be given. Attending the conference were Senators Chamberlain of Oregon; Phelps of California; Pittman of Nevada; Walsh of Montana, and Kendrick of Wyoming. The senators said western states are eager to participate in the constructive work of the war and the aircraft director should, like the ship ping board and the navy department, give contracts to existing concerns, which have shown their ability to construct planes and motors.

Hazel Carter Is Dead; Father Is Salem Resident

A daring college girl, Mrs. Hazel Blausner Carter, who made a desperate attempt to get into the trenches in France a year ago, while disguised as an American soldier, died at Lordsburg, N. M., Thursday. She was the daughter of Peter A. Blausner of Salem and was 23 years old. Mrs. Carter's husband is in France. They were married in November, 1916. She smuggled her way on the ship which was bearing her husband to France, from their home in Arizona. While nearing their destination aboard the transport, her disguise was revealed and she was sent back to Hoboken, N. J.

GERMANS LOSE STRONG POINTS AROUND CASTEL

GERMANS LOSE POINTS French Attack Over Front of Approximately Three Miles

VILLAGE CAPTURED

Line Brought Forward in Merris Sector by British Since Tuesday

PARIS, July 12.—French troops attacked over a front of approximately three miles between Castel and north of Mally-Raineval, (in the Picardy sector) this morning, according to the war office statement issued tonight. The village of Castel, the Anchien farm and a number of strong German positions were taken and 500 prisoners were captured. The attack penetrated the German lines to a depth of more than a mile.

GAINS AT MERRIS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 12.—British operations in the Merris sector since Tuesday have brought the line forward to within a bout a quarter of a mile west of that hamlet and secured for the British complete observation of German positions in the village.

Yesterday the British gained another strip west of Merris. At one point four Australians ventured across No Man's Land and by a quick assault captured between 20 and 40 prisoners. A considerable body of British troops was sent forward to exploit the victory. The British line was pushed forward without much opposition and more than 150 prisoners, with a number of machine guns, had been captured up to today.

This morning the operation was still being continued at various points and one strong position was captured south of Merris. Prisoners of the discipline of their troops in this zone is not up to the mark. Some older men of the fourth Bavarian division refused to go into the line again. It appears Prince Franz had made them disgruntled by several severe lectures because they had allowed the British to capture so many prisoners.

The death of Major James B. McCudden has cast a gloom over the British air service. McCudden, who had been credited with fifty-eight victories, was killed July 9, when something went wrong with his machine. OBSTACLES ARE SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The conviction is gaining ground here that German high command has encountered serious obstacles in pressing the offensive on the western front. They cannot believe the attack would be deferred voluntarily when it is obvious every day's delay works against success. Secretary Baker said today nothing definite is known here as to the reason that compelled the German delay. He made it clear that the failure of the enemy to react against repeated successful local counter-attacks were accepted as onlusive evidence that German offensive was being held in check by some consideration other than the purely practical one of preparing the storm troops.

The pressure of local operations by the allies from Ypres to Rheims continues. Not a day has passed for more than a week in which some territory has not been wrested from the enemy. It is reported that nearly six thousand prisoners have been taken. RAIDERS ARE DRIVEN OFF

LONDON, July 12.—The official statement issued by the war office tonight reads: "A raid attempted by the enemy this morning in the neighborhood of Buequoy, southwest of Arras, was driven off with loss to the enemy. "Except for some hostile artillery activity in the Hinges sector and at (Continued on page 3).

HERTLING CLAIMS TO HAVE PEACE FEELING

Says Country Has Been Waiting Years to Hold Out Hand Toward Securing "Honorable" Terms

"PACIFIC SPIRIT" IS ROUSED BY BENEDICT

Blame for Murder of Ambassador at Moscow Laid on Allies

LONDON, July 12.—Debate on the general political situation was opened in the Reichstag on Thursday by Imperial Chancellor von Hertling, who discussed the retirement of Dr. Richard von Kuehnemann, the German foreign secretary, the foreign policy of the government and economic problems arising from development in the east. According to a German official wireless message, the imperial chancellor said: "I maintain the standpoint of the imperial reply to the peace of Pope Benedict. The pacific spirit which inspired this reply has also inspired me. At the time I added that this spirit must not give our enemies free conduct for an interminable continuation of the war.

SIX AMERICAN PLANES TAKEN

Another Added to Previous List—Men Thought Uninjured

BERLIN, via London, July 12.—All six of the American airplanes which attempted to bombard Coblentz yesterday have fallen into German hands. The capture of five was reported yesterday and an official report issued today said that the one remaining machine had been shot down.

NO DOUBT AS TO FATE.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Announcement in the German communiqué today that the sixth plane of the American squadron which attempted to bomb Coblentz had been shot down left doubt as to the fate of the occupants. It was believed here that the men in the other five machines reported yesterday from Berlin as being in German hands were captured unharmed.

The Berlin statement yesterday said the five machines fell into German hands and their failure to return was reported today in General Pershing's communique. Officers here believe that the five planes were forced to land either by reason of a storm or because they ran out of gasoline and it was assumed that the fliers destroyed their machine before being captured. American aviators have carried out a number of raids behind the German lines, but this is the first time that a raiding expedition has met with failure so far as reports here show.

Noted Scientist and Author Passes at Home

NEW YORK, July 12.—Stephen Farnum Peckham, college professor, chemist and author of numerous scientific works, died today at his home in Brooklyn. He was 82 years old. Born in Providence, R. I., Professor Peckham was graduated from Brown university. He held the chairs of chemistry at Washington college, the University of Maine, and the University of Minnesota.

Noblemen Sell Estates in Fear of Revolution

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, July 12.—Austrian prisoners confirm the reports that a large number of noblemen are selling their estates in Bohemia and Moravia because they fear a revolution. It is said that Count Czernie, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has sold all his lands in Bohemia and Count Henry Clam Martini, former premier, said a revolution was probable in Moravia and he was selling his lands there.

Compulsory Service Bill Passed by Cuban House

HAVANA, July 12.—The bill to establish a compulsory military service in Cuba following four days of bitter debate, was approved by the house tonight by a vote of 45 to 26. By previous agreement a committee consisting of three conservatives and an equal number of liberals was then appointed to revise the bill. As it now stands, the bill would make eligible to draft all able-bodied males between 20 and 30 and would be perpetual in its operation. The liberals have strenuously opposed it on the ground that it is an exact duplicate of the Prussian law.

THE WEATHER

Fair; gentle westerly winds.