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SOME HOT AND SOME VITRIOLIC WORDS.

The following special correspondence from Washington, dated yesterday, is slightly caustic, not to say sulphuric and caustic; but it outlines and gives a hint of the things that are going to happen in the political field in the United States.

What is going to take place in American politics in the next two years is hinted at in the cogent remarks of a patient at Debarkation Hospital No. 3 in New York. This soldier has just returned on one of the hospital ships, and his views may be taken as representative of the sentiments of the other 2,000,000 men who were with him in France.

"Organization or no organization, I'll tell you one thing," declared this Pershing Crusader, "there are some birds on the top of the heap now that are going to be treated awful rough when we get back into civilian clothes. There's a lot of Representatives in Congress that are goin' to represent somebody besides the national association of old ladies, male and female, or else they're goin' to work at some other job."

The country may rest assured that this soldier does not include in the "national association of old ladies" the party that contributed six of its members in congress to the fighting force of the nation, and that was insistent in season and out of season for adequate equipment in cannon, aircraft, tanks, poison gas, etc., for the men at the front. When he spoke, however, he did have in mind the officials at the capital who have been responsible for providing soft berths in Washington for men physically fit to fight, and whose places could have been filled as well by men with slight disqualifications for military service.

It will not be many days before he and his comrades will have formed an organization in this country, analogous to the Grand Army. It will be the nucleus which every officer and soldier will join when he gets back home, and within a year the most powerful influence on the political life of the United States in existence will have become an actuality. A new broom sweeps clean. This veterans' organization will be not only new but strong, and filled with a virility that will brook no opposition to its program.

The 2,000,000 voters who will be restored to the country in the next year will come surcharged with emotions that military discipline has compelled them to suppress. But a discharge from the service carries with it the privilege to vent their feelings as they please. The result will be such an overturning of the party responsible for the conduct of the war that its return to power again in this country will not be possible while the veterans of the Great War or their children are alive to prevent it.

Trotsky puts Lenin under arrest. Which is nothing to worry about. Anything may happen in Russia, under Bolshevik rule.

The Bolsheviks (Spartacides) in Germany are evidently getting the worst of it. The orderly people of Germany must surely have a great desire to keep their country from descending to the condition of Russia.

The flu is bad in Salem. But probably not worse than in most communities in Oregon. So members and officers of the legislature will probably be as safe here as they would be anywhere in the state, with the same observance of preventive measures.

Jonkheer Ruijs de Beerenbrouck, prime minister of Holland, says that his government will "uphold the ancient principle of sanctuary" in the case of the Kaiser and will neither force him to leave Holland nor give him up to the allies.

Senator Chamberlain is "functioning" again. In spite of his charges last winter to the effect that the war department had broken down and

best thing proposed is to devise ways to convert the gas into other chemicals which can be utilized in the industries. There will be a big waste connected with the matter in any case, as the gas has cost a lot of money and even if it is turned into some useful product most of its value will have to be sacrificed.

DON'T WORK IN BRITAIN.

Writing from London, Herbert N. Casson, tells the Boston News Bureau that the telephone system in Great Britain has been owned by the government since 1911.

The government promised to reduce the rates and improve the service. "On the contrary," says Mr. Casson, "after seven years of hopeless muddling we have higher rates, fewer telephones, and a service that will soon be as bad as that of Paris or Tokio."

These are facts worth taking into consideration while the subject of government ownership is up for discussion in this country.

A London newspaper is quoted as having given the advice: "If you are in a hurry don't telephone-walk."

In other words, the telephone system is a high-speed device for people who are not in a hurry.

RAILLESONED MAILS

It appears that in the past year about 100,000 parcel post packages have been stolen from the mails. The manager of the parcel post department of a New York insurance company reports that in eleven months 50,000 packages that had been insured by four companies had been removed from the mails.

It is declared by the head of a large mail order concern in New York that the parcels which reach their destination that insurance companies now decline them as risks and certain other goods are nearly as hazardous.

The entire responsibility for this deplorable situation can be laid off to the door of the postoffice department, presided over by the versatile Mr. Burleson. His appointee have charge of a parcel post package from the moment it leaves the hands of the addresser until it is delivered to the addressee.

JAP KNITTERS

Cotton goods are becoming the basis of Japanese prosperity.

Already she has taken away the great market in China which formerly went to England and America.

She is making metal and shell buttons in tremendous quantities and selling them all over the world.

She is making great strides in her manufactures of steel and brass and iron.

She is sending to the United States a steadily increasing amount of woolen goods.

Her potteries are turning out wares that compete everywhere with the domestic product.

She is sending knit goods even to Great Britain, the birthplace of woolen manufacture.

The war has made Japan a manufacturing nation to be feared in any market.

The aptitude of her people for such work, their imitative ability, the low wages paid to her laborer, all give her an advantage in foreign trade that she fully realizes and intends to utilize.

The war has opened to her new marketplaces, and she proposes to hold them.

Yet there are many in the United States who talk pleasantly of giving tariff favors to all of our allies in the war.

To give her reduced rates because of war companionship will be fatal to many an industry in this country, and the fact should be realized before such talk goes too far.

What we must have is a protective tariff; and it must be high, too, on all goods in which Japan has become proficient in their production.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Flu at least no worse. Probably worst is past. Hope they may now run it out of town.

The czar is again reported alive; and the story goes that it was a Demon who was shot.

In the language of the street, in the case of all these reports, "you may take it or leave it."

One of the rumors has it that the Argo hotel is to be taken over by the Salem hospital authorities.

A waiting world wants the peace conference to get down to brass tacks.

The weather man is noncommittal. But any old Oregonian can tell him that when the wind gets from the south, good and strong, this part of the winter will be over; and the chances are that this is all the coming of the next period of shortest days.

"It has got to be almost treason to criticize," complains Senator Chamberlain. Oh, no, it hasn't. The war has been conducted with the using will not suffer for lack of it.

The London papers feature the marked difference in the views of Premier Clemenceau and President Wilson on the question of the restoration of the system of unlovely alliances of Europe.

The ravages of influenza among the coast guard of Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut is another indication that the epidemic conquers those who by their physical condition and powers of endurance would seem best able to resist it.

It may not be out of place to hope that we Americans will maintain an attitude of modesty with regard to the accomplishments of the nation in the war. Overenthusiastic expressions of pride might create a false impression among our allies.

LOAFERS

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health and framed resolutions prohibiting advertising of special sales, holding of public funerals and loitering in public places.

In order to cope more effectively, with the epidemic, City Health Officer J. Ray Pemberton was given permission to hire a conveyance to be used by the visiting nurses working under the direction of Williamette chapter of the Red Cross.

Several homes are in sore straits on account of the flu.

Mr. Bryant said last night that the number of cases reported in the last two days is less than usual.

Mayor Albin last night requested that people do their banking early in the day instead of waiting for the 3 o'clock lineup at the last minute.

"It is of the utmost importance that this rule be rigidly enforced by the health department," he declared.

Speaking of the request from the Red Cross that a municipal hospital be established he said: "The Red Cross believes that the public demand for an emergency hospital is great. If that is correct I will stand by anything right to meet the case."

"This places the city physician in an embarrassing position, but I feel safe in saying that the board of health holds the value of human life

above any monetary consideration. If the people feel that the hospital is a necessity the board is ready to stand by them.

As both myself and Dr. Pemberton look upon it, the situation is practically the same today as it has been. There has been a slight decrease in the number of reports this week with only 26 for Sunday and Monday and 12 on Tuesday.

Local dentists at a meeting yesterday morning decided to take the lead in closing up places of business by refusing to receive patients until the ban is lifted.

BERGER GUILTY

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defendants, declared that the case will be appealed to the United States Supreme court if necessary to keep his clients out of prison.

The jury halted in its labors for five minutes at 11:45 a. m. out of respect to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt. Out in the corridor the defendants, their lawyers and friends were ordered by the bailiffs to remove their hats while the city presented its respect to the former president and statesman.

"The verdict is a surprise to me. I was certain that the jury would acquit us on the charge made out by the government. I am no more guilty of these charges than the judge on the bench."

Anchorage, Alaska, Seeks To Join Outside World

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 15. (By Mail)—Anchorage wants the United States government to operate a passenger and freight steamship line between the states and Alaskan ports.

Recently the local chamber of commerce adopted a resolution asking the government to establish the line as a necessary adjunct to the railroad being built by the government between Seward and Fairbanks, two Alaskan ports.

Officials of the Anchorage chamber say they are urging the government to adopt this line as a remedy for the infrequent water transportation facilities now provided by private steamship companies.

The chamber has also asked the government to entrust the Alaska Engineering commission with the task of building wagon roads and trails as "feeders" for the government railroad.

FORT YUKON, Alaska, Nov. 30. (By Mail)—Ice in the Yukon river here is two feet thick in places. Al- ready the thermometers have registered as low as thirty-five degrees below.

CHARGES MADE REVOLT INCITED FOR OLD REGIME

Allegations to Effect That Russia Seeks Old Autocratic Government

MONEY IS CIRCULATED

Ambassador to United States Said to Be Fostering Alleged Plot

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Charges that Boris A. Bakhmetoff, a Russian ambassador to the United States is helping to foster a counter revolution designed to restore the old autocratic regime were made here today by Alexander Brailovsky, editor of the Workman and Peasant at the convention of delegates representing Russian workmen in the United States.

As proof of his assertions, Brailovsky declared M. Bakhmetoff who is now in Paris to attend the peace conference, has had printed in this city Russian bank notes to the amount of \$5,000,000 rubles.

"We can prove the authenticity of these statements at any time," Brailovsky declared. "Those notes have been printed in denominations of 25 and 100 rubles and have been circulated by Bakhmetoff both here and abroad for the purpose of defeating the purposes of the present government in Russia."

FIND SOME OF BOAT'S CREW

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 8.—The first officer and three men of the crew of the small steamer Kestrel who started out in a gasoline launch to seek aid when the Kestrel ran out of fuel oil 240 miles from here, have been picked up at sea by a government vessel according to a radio message received here tonight.

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We eat too much meat which clogs Kidneys, then the Back hurts.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine.

Jad Salts is harmless; expensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

Of much interest to their many friends in Salem, is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruth E. Thayer, of Portland to Oscar H. Smith, formerly of Salem.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. A. L. Hutchison of the Presbyterian church of Portland on January 4.

Mr. Smith has just recently been discharged from the quartermaster's corps at Fort McDowell, Calif. He is a son of O. G. Smith, 653 North Winter street and a brother of Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. Roscoe Dickey, Archie H. Smith at Camp Lewis, William M. Smith in France and Fred J. Smith.

He is associated with a jewelry firm in Portland where the couple will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Van Doren returned Tuesday night from St. Paul, Minn., where they have visited with relatives. Mrs. Van Doren has been gone since before Thanksgiving and Mr. Van Doren joined her there for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Richard E. Harbert, who is covering from the influenza, expects to leave soon for Riverside, Calif., to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Constable. Her husband, Sergeant Harbert, is now at Camp Lewis but as soon as he has received his discharge will join his wife in California. Mrs. Harbert was Ora E. Constable before her marriage.

The wedding of Myrtle J. Bruder and Lyle Waring was solemnized at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bruder, 356 Union street. Rev. H. E. Pemberton performed the ceremony.

The bride came to Oregon about two years ago from Missouri and has made her home in Salem since that time. She was employed as clerk at U. G. Shipley's. Mr. Warren is interested in the feed business with his father. After a short trip to Portland they will make their home in Salem.

Mrs. F. A. Legg and daughter, Miss Margaret Legg returned Tuesday night from Portland. Miss Legg has been visiting with friends in Portland since the holidays.

Miss Murial Steeves went to Portland yesterday to visit with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Laban Steeves. Mr. and Mrs. Steeves are both recovering from the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cherrington are enjoying a visit from their son, George A. Cherrington and wife. Mr. Cherrington has just received his discharge from the service at Vancouver barracks.

F. W. Bell, of Rickreall, spent Wednesday at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. E. Carrier.

Miss Mabel Baughey, a teacher in the Independence schools, is visiting at the home of her sister in Silverton. The Independence schools have been forced to close on account of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Delano have as their house guest Lieutenant William D. Pearson of Portland.

E. Fritz Slade arrived Monday evening from Camp Hancock, Va. Mr. Slade enlisted about a year ago following a short ordnance training course at the University of Oregon. He is a brother of Mrs. John J. Roberts.

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