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AID IS GIVEN SIMS IN FIGHT WITH DANIELS

Naval Officer Substantiates Some of Charges Already Made in Sensational Fight Before Committee

DANIELS CHARACTER HELD TO BE OBSTACLE

Hard to Gain His Attention to Matters of Great Importance

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Not only was the navy department without comprehensive plan for naval participation in a war when the United States severed relations with Germany, but Secretary Daniels disapproved the general plan drawn up by the bureau of operations and submitted in March, 1917.

SENATE WOULD MAKE ANY PEACE

Desire to End State of War Prevails Among Many at Washington

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FRAMEWORK IS UP FOR STATE PLANT ON STOUT CREEK

Leroy Ledgerwood, Professional Hatchery Expert, Named Superintendent and Is On Job

Ready for the hatching of trout some time during this spring and soon after the turning out of salmon is the word that comes officially relative to the new state hatchery now in process of construction on Stout creek, a mile and a half this side of Mehama.

The cost of the hatchery will be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Of this the legislature appropriated \$5000 and the remainder will be paid from the fish and game fund.

SALEM WOMAN'S CLUB FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

MEASURE PROVIDING FOR MILLAGE TAX IS ENDORSED

Organizations Throughout State Report Daily to Churchhill—Marion County League Unique

One of the latest organizations in the state to go on record in support of the 2-mill tax bill for support of the elementary schools is the Salem Woman's club which has adopted a resolution declaring "That this club of representative women goes on record as endorsing the 2-mill tax for the elementary schools and pledges its support for this measure before election and at the polls on May 21."

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COUNTY MUST MAKE USE OF NEW HOSPITAL

More Economical to Contribute to Proposed Structure Than Build Separate Place for Indigents

Can Marion county legally appropriate \$25,000 toward building the proposed new hospital?

FARMERS ARE AMONG GENEROUS DONORS

Substantial Contribution Is Made by Electrical Workers' Union

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GIVES HIMSELF TO CHILLY MILL RACE

'DANGEROUS DAN' MCGREW PAYS AND CROWD WATCHES

Air is Cold and Water Looks Cruel, But Co-Eds Have Compassion and Camera Click

Though resplendent in all the glory of a purple and old gold bathing suit he shivered and scratched his head dubiously. Around him clustered the eager photographers, snapping and re-snapping.

Near, but not too near, ventured the sympathetic co-eds breathlessly awaiting the fatal moment. Among them were scattered members of the sterner sex, both friend and foe.

Below him flowed the turbid waters of the old mill stream, bearing on its breast the rumble of the woolen mill, and in its heart an icy chill, the last of a hard winter.

One last look around to be sure that all the pictures that should be taken had been taken and that the dramatic moment had arrived, one last effort to control his widely separated locks of hair; one last little shiver just out of respect for the ominous seriousness of the rushing water; one nobly planned but feebly executed dive and "Dangerous Dan" McGrew, foremost of Willamette's spell-binders gave himself to the waters of the mill race yesterday to pay a bet that the junior class recently lost for him in the freshman race.

For 50 yards he struggled manfully down stream to a spot where proud and eager friends seized his chill form and drew him out into a dry world. Latest reports are that he still lives.

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J. E. Hoolden, adjutant of the Utah legion, testified that organized propaganda to discredit government aid and undermine the American Legion was being disseminated by the I. W. W. throughout the country.

While some soldiers had been misled into joining that organization, the rank and file, he said, stood firm against such influences.

Urging immediate relief, J. G. Scragham, of Nevada, of the executive committee of the legion, declared there was "seething unrest among former service men and women who felt they had not received a square deal."

"They are chafing with unrest and believe congress should take action for their relief," he said.

Hoolden told the committee that while partially disabled and in hospitals, attractive young women gave him I. W. W. literature, which said the government had protected munition workers, war contractors and others from great losses, but had done nothing for former soldiers.

These pamphlets urged ex-servicemen to join the I. W. W.

In the Utah mining camps the I. W. W. outnumber the former army men six to one, and are making vigorous efforts to wipe out legion organizations," Hoolden said.

Any beneficial legislation for former service men should include dependents of those who died or were killed, declared Mrs. Herman H. Birney, of Philadelphia, representing the War Mothers of America.

"Our first duty should be to the relatives of those who did not return and to the wounded," she added.

Representative Hallivan, democratic Massachusetts, supporting the proposed relief plan, declared soldiers had returned from France to find an orgy of reckless spending, and as a result felt they had received a "raw deal."

No adequate compensation has been made to them," he said, "and the only example of the government's gratitude was the sixty dollar tip they received upon discharge."

SOVIETS YET HOLD POWER IN GERMANY

Ebert Government in Berlin Still Unable to Control Situation Left by Late Revolutionists

LONDON, March 23.—According to the Rotterdam Telegraph, says the London Times correspondent, all the west German workers council were to meet Wednesday at Essen to decide what their attitude to the situation would be. From the preliminary discussions, says the Telegraph's correspondent in Berlin, it looks as though it is planned that the soviet councils will be abandoned and all the socialist parties in the Ruhr district will co-operate.

The same newspaper learns that a charge of high treason has been lodged against General Ludendorff, former chief commissary of the German army.

RUHR AND WESEL ARE SCENES OF FIGHTING

U. S. Joins Allies in Opposition to Intervention in Favor of Ebert

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—The Telegraph's correspondent, who returned to Holland yesterday from Essen to escape the censorship, today prints a purported explanation of the movement in the Ruhr district.

All parties, he says, took action against the Kapp government. As soon as they started fighting, however, the militia, who also were anti-Kapp, but were charged with maintaining order, were obliged to suppress the workers' movement.

Communists, says the correspondent, did their utmost to make the chaos greater and establish a soviet government, for which the red army is fighting. They comprise at least 100,000 and probably 150,000 men, but lack officers and are handicapped by a heterogeneous mixture.

Truce Arranged. BERLIN, March 24.—Herr Giesberg, minister of posts and telegraphs; General Braun, chief of staff of the reichswehr, and Imperial Commissioner Severing, have begun negotiations with representatives of the soviet dictatorship in various towns and, according to one report, the commission has been charged to find a basis for an agreement. The present position is a 24 hour truce, renewable daily and terminable on 24 hours notice.

The newspapers are reappearing after an interval of 11 days.

LONDON, March 24.—Latest dispatches received here indicate that fighting has ceased temporarily in the Ruhr district.

Allen Hands Off. BERLIN, March 24.—A semi-official statement concerning a report from Paris regarding negotiations between France and Germany as to the sending of troops to the Ruhr region, issued here today, said:

"There is no question of the sending of 100,000 soldiers to the Ruhr district and military reinforcements would be employed only in the case of most urgent necessity. It goes without saying that any troops entering the Ruhr with the permission of the entente would evacuate the region immediately after order was restored."

An Erfurt dispatch says the insurgents at Gotha surrendered unconditionally at 8 o'clock Wednesday. The leaders fled.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The United States is understood to have decided to join with Great Britain and Italy in opposing any military action by the allied governments to force preservation of order in the Ruhr valley where the Ebert government is confronted with a revolutionary movement.

Ambassador Wallace at Paris, it was said, has been informed of this government's position.

Workers Lose at Wesel. BRITISH, Rheinisch Provinz, March 24.—The workmen's forces here said to have been beaten back more than one mile at Wesel today, although the fighting was never intense and the situation was regarded as rather quiet. It is reliably estimated that the besieged in the city number about 5,000 and that there are 2,000 men on the line. Figures as regards the workmen are less reliable but it is said they number 15,000 or more.

A German observation airplane passed over Wesel today.

REPORTED CAPTURED. COBLENZ, March 24.—It is reported here that West is being captured by the Red army.

The Ruhr district is quiet today. The government troops have retired.

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THE WEATHER Rain; moderate westerly gales along the coast.