

HUGHES TALK MUCH ABUSED IN GERMANY

Secretary's Speech Called Wilsonian in Type Although Admittedly Intended to Be Impartial

AMERICAN IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR MISERY

Editorials Say That America Plunged Central Europe Into Trouble

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press) — Secretary Hughes' Philadelphia speech called here in brief draws adverse criticism from the conservative and junior organs which purposely complain that the utterances of the American cabinet chief provide no concrete help for Germany in her present sorry plight.

The conservative Tages Zeitung says Mr. Hughes' statement is obviously intended as impartial, but it is regrettable that Washington remains "under the influence of French propaganda and fails to recognize that not France, but Germany is threatened and needs security for the future."

Prosperity Doubtful
"If what Poincare understands by security becomes a reality, namely, the complete and permanent subjection of Germany for America's toleration," the newspaper adds, all good wishes for Germany's prosperity amount to naught.

The pan-German Deutsche Zeitung says the speech was of the "Wilsonian type" and the monarchist Reichs Bote exclaims bitterly: "American statesmen are fond of making high flown speeches, but when they come to deal with Poincare's tyranny and oppression of a defenseless people they shrug their shoulders and say that Europe is not of their business notwithstanding the fact America by its participation in the war plunged central Europe into misery."

Thought New Policy
The Vossische Zeitung, the only other commentator, declares the speech is the starting point of a new American peace policy for Europe and emphasizes the importance of the fact that France and Great Britain have been driven to the recognition of the necessity of applying new methods in solution of the reparation problem.

The Boersen Zeitung's interpretation of Secretary Hughes' speech is that it shows clearly the United States is keeping a watchful, interested attitude. America's attitude, says the paper, remains as before, mainly concerned with military armaments. If the race for armaments is not halted, then the United States "will simply throw over its expressed desire for a peaceful, just solution of all differences, and revert to a ruthless policy of power."

Hawaiian Man Accused Of Murder Is Stowaway

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 1.—Catalino Bitonio, alias Luis Labor, 19 years old, a stowaway, was arrested when the trans-Pacific liner Niagara arrived here today and held on a charge of a murder in Honolulu. He was identified by a tattooed steamer on a shoulder and three vaccination marks, this description having been cabled after he boarded the vessel in Honolulu. Catalino Bitonio was one of eight Filipinos who recently went on trial in Honolulu charged with slaying Francis Wright, a Hawaiian of mixed blood. Bitonio failed to appear in court after the court recessed November 23. He had been at liberty on bail of \$10,000.

THE WEATHER

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LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)
Maximum temperature, 50.
Minimum temperature, 29.
Rain, 6.4 feet; rising.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, southeast.

BUILDERS OF OREGON



George A. White, Adjutant General of Oregon

By W. McDUGALL
"Prophets are not without honor save in their own country."
The true meaning of that quotation came to me most forcibly after reading Marquis de Lafayette's official history of the American Legion and learned of the remarkable work credited in the book to an Oregon Resident, George A. White, of Salem. In California and other states I have visited his great work seems to be known of and appreciated to the fullest extent and yet little seems to have been done or said about it here in his own home.

ALL FOREIGNERS HIT IN NEW PLAN
WATKINS OF OREGON PROPOSES TAX ON IMMIGRANTS TO RAISE SOLDIER BONUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Payment of a soldier's bonus with funds raised by a poll tax of \$250 on each immigrant and \$50 on every alien resident, a tax of two per cent on gross income of foreign corporations in the United States, an increase in the inheritance tax and an excess profits tax is proposed in a bill drafted by Representative Watkins, Democrat, Oregon.

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COUNTY CENSUS IS REPORTED ON

Persons of School Age Total 15,411, Mrs. Fulkerson Reports
A gain of 467 in the school census is shown by the reports just made up by Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county school superintendent. The complete census for Marion county shows that there are 15,411 persons between the ages of 4 and 20 years. The figure last year was 14,944, according to Mrs. Fulkerson.

NAVAL COURT ENDS SESSION AT SAN DIEGO

Four Officers Receive Full Acquittal By Court—Eleven Were Tried

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 1.—With the full acquittal of Lieutenant Commander Richard H. Booth today the greatest series of court-martials in the history of the navy came to an end. Commander Booth, who commanded the destroyer Chauncey when that ship with six others crashed to destruction on the rocks at Honda September 8, was fully exonerated of the negligence charges against him, released from technical arrest and restored to duty.

When the verdict fully acquitting Booth was returned the vindicated officer thanked the members of the court and was congratulated by his friends. The acquittal came after only a short deliberation by the court, which had just heard the arguments on the case. In the argument of the defense it was brought out that the loss of the Chauncey probably saved the lives of all the sailors clinging to the overturned destroyer Young a few hundred yards distant the night of the disaster.

With the completion of Commander Booth's trial the court's work is over and its members are on their way back to their stations. Formal dissolution of the court is to be ordered by the convening authority, Admiral Samuel S. Robinson, battle fleet chief.

Convicted November 5 the court tried 11 officers, found two guilty of culpable inefficiency, one guilty of negligence, fully acquitted four, and returned acquittal verdicts in the four other cases.

NEW ORDINANCE GOES IN MONDAY

Parking in Business District for More Than One Hour Prohibited

Monday morning will see Salem assuming true metropolitan aspects when the 60-minute parking ordinance goes into effect. This will apply every day except Sunday. Advocates of the ordinance point out the fact that it will permit out-of-town visitors to park their automobiles close to the stores.

A majority of Salem medical men are against the ordinance, as they will be forced to leave their automobiles some distance from their offices. The city council stands ready to amend it, but has decided to give it a fair trial first.

The district governed by the new ordinance is Commercial from the north side of Ferry to the south side of Chemeketh; Liberty from the north side of State to the south side of Court; State, from the east side of Commercial to the west side of High and Court, from the east side of Commercial to the west side of High.

TARDY STATEMENT GIVEN STATESMAN

Chairman Meyers Reviews Activities of Local Red Cross Chapter

The Oregon Statesman in its desire to be fair, publishes the statement H. W. Meyers refused to give the paper until after it was news. The statement is not one of which the author would be expected to be very proud. It deals in glittering generalities and skillfully evades the issues that were raised by Miss Holsinger.

Before leaving town Saturday morning, Miss Holsinger came to the Oregon Statesman office and stated that she had been fairly quoted in every particular, and left other information which it is not necessary to publish at this time. The Oregon Statesman has only one purpose to serve and that is to have the Red Cross do the work of which it is capable. It seems that the time has come to make a change in the presidency and Mr. Meyers should permit his resignation to be accepted. He will if he is sincere. The letter in full is given below:

"An irreparable injury and injustice has been done by the field director of the Red Cross, so asserts Henry W. Meyers, chairman of Willamette chapter since 1917. It is needless for anyone to be reminded of what a godsend the (Continued on page 3)

REPUBLICAN PARTY BREACH IS WIDENING

Lodge Reappoints Old Committees With New Assignments for Places Left Vacant by Election

GILLETT NOMINATED OVER ALL OPPOSITION

Democrats Decide on Garrett for Candidate for Speaker of House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The progressive bloc made its first major attack today in its campaign of insurgency against the Republican leadership of the new congress.

In the house, where its numerical strength is greatest, it openly but unsuccessfully opposed nomination of Speaker Gillett as the Republican candidate for the speakership, and announced there were votes enough in sight to block his election unless important concessions in committee assignments and modification of house rules were made by the party organization.

On the senate side, the opposition was of a passive character. When the Republican senators assembled to re-elect Senator Lodge to the majority leadership, they found that not a single member of the bloc had responded to the party conference call and that Senator Borah also was numbered among the missing.

While the breach in the majority party thus was widening, the Democrats were consolidating their position in the hope of taking whatever advantage may be offered by the situation of the opponents.

Garrett Nominated

House Democratic members met tonight and agreed on Representative Garrett of Tennessee as the party candidate for speaker, but the meeting was only a formality, since the selection had been agreed upon months ago.

The Democrats of the senate, who also have settled all their difficulties over leadership, will hold a brief conference Monday, just before the 68th congress convenes.

Developments of the day indicated no disposition by Republican organization leaders of the house or senate to make concessions to the insurgents. On the contrary, house leaders declared they would be a party to no negotiations and were prepared to let the progressives show what strength they could poll on the first ballot for speaker.

While organization leaders in the senate made no pronouncement, they adhered to their original plan of leaving to the opposition the initiation of any senate organization fight. Also, Senator Lodge in filling the two vacancies on the committee on committees, did not give representation to the progressive bloc.

Longworth Leader

Longworth of Ohio was elected Republican leader of the house without opposition, but two candidates were nominated for speaker against Gillett—Cooper of Wisconsin, a leader of the progressive bloc, and Madden of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee. Gillett received 190 votes, Cooper 15, and Madden 8, while one vote was cast for Little of Kansas.

Voting for Cooper were Clegg, Davis, Keller and Knutson of Minnesota; Laguardia of New York; Sinclair of North Dakota, and all Republican members of the Wisconsin delegation except Cooper, who cast his ballot for Madden, as did Gillett, James and Woodruff of Michigan; King, Michaelson and Reid of Illinois, and Schall of Minnesota. Sprull of Kansas cast the one ballot for Little.

Leaders of the progressive bloc asserted that when the votes come for the election of a speaker they will be able, not only to hold the 15 who voted today for Cooper, but will draw enough strength from those supporting Madden to make certain a deadlock.

Many Are Absent

With 11 Republicans of the total membership of 225 absent today, Republican leaders estimated that at least half the number would be unable to attend the opening session of the house, thereby making the prompt re-election of Speaker Gillett still more doubtful. The organization had counted on the support of a (Continued on page 2)

INDIANA LAD WINS TITLE OF CORN PRINCE

13-Year-Old Boy Wins International Prize for Best 10 Ears of White Dent

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.— Maurice Lux, a 13-year-old boy from Shelbyville, Ind., tonight won the title of "corn prince" of the International Grain and Hay show here when his ten ears of white dent corn won over several hundred other junior entries.

Besides winning a part of the \$12,000 prize money given by the Chicago Board of Trade, young Lux also annexed the junior corn cup won last year by Glenn Thares also of Indiana.

THREE DAYS LEFT BEFORE ELECTIONS

Free Trade or Protection Will Be Decided by 18 Million Voters

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—England's opposing political armies of protection and free trade are having a final resting spell tonight and tomorrow in preparation for the three strenuous fighting days before Thursday next, when approximately 18,000,000 electors in England, Scotland, Wales and northern Ireland will go to the polls and cast their votes in the third general election since the war.

All forecasts of the results have been extremely cautious and even those political prognosticators who seem certain that the present government will be returned to Westminster are not at all sure that its majority in the house of commons will be sufficient to put through its program of tariff reform, an issue which brought about the dissolution of parliament and the appeal to the voters.

The issues of the present campaign have cut across the traditional party platforms, making predictions as to the outcome difficult and inability to gauge the women's attitude adds to the uncertainty of the result. On general lines the return of the conservative government with a workable majority in the house of commons means the beginning of a tariff wall around England, somewhat similar to that around the United States. Victory for the Liberals means that England will continue as a free trade country, with the magnetic personality of Lloyd George dominating the cabinet, although Mr. Asquith would head the government for a time at least. If the unexpected should happen, and the Labor party be returned victorious, it would mean that the rule of the two historic parties which have alternately governed England for two and a-half centuries, would end, and Westminster palace would house its first socialist house of commons.

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EIGHT MORE DAYS TO WIN DIAMONDS

"Get on the Honor Roll" Is Slogan in Statesman's Big Contest

Miss Gleinna Russel of Marion, Oregon, leads the contest today with 298,500 votes.
Miss Nellie Paumala of Salem, Oregon, is close second with 298,425 votes.
Mr. William Hunt of Salem, Oregon, 292,000 votes.

"And once again the scene was changed." Out from the maze of heavy voting unbounded enthusiasm and untiring efforts there sprang to the front today another leader, another candidate, who shall set the pace for the next twenty-four hours, another candidate by her own efforts and the enthusiasm of admiring friends shall dictate to the public for the next twenty-four hours, the manner of a prospective of a capital prize winner. The leadership honors today go to the towns of Marion, Dallas, Aumsville and Salem.

Several New Candidates

There are several new candidates on the list today. Some of them assume high positions for their first appearance. This shows that there is absolutely no limit to the interest one's friends will take in the campaign when they are boosting for a popular friend. When one stops to consider that (Continued on page 3)

ITALIAN DIKE BREAKS; MANY ARE STRICKEN

Artificial Lake at Dezz Overflows and Breaks Through Dam—Three Villages are Swept Away

300 PEOPLE ARE LOST SAY MILAN REPORTS

Lake Situated 500 Feet Above Sea Level—Tragic Scenes Follow Break

ROME, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press)—A great dike has burst near Bergamo, about 40 miles northeast of Milan, flooding three villages.

The dead number 300, according to a Milan dispatch to The Tribuna.

MILAN, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—The huge artificial lake at Dezz, near Bergamo, has overflowed and broken through the dike, the water sweeping down through the valleys, overwhelming villages and drowning inhabitants by the scores. The number of victims is computed at 300 or more by some of the authorities. The heavy rains which have been falling for the past few weeks, caused the streams to overflow and filled the lake to the bursting point. Millions of cubic yards of water were let loose, and the terrific force of the flood swept everything before it. The village of Dezzo, originally containing 600 inhabitants, and the adjacent villages of Menaggio and Teveno, were directly in the line of the rushing waters and were inundated. Many of the people, however, were apprised of the break in the dike and fled together with other refugees in the hills.

Above Sea Level
Red Cross relief has been organized and the government is using all efforts to aid the sufferers.

The artificial lake was situated in the fertile valley of Camenico, about 500 feet above sea level. The bursting of the dike was followed by tragic scenes. The whole valley of Dezzo is devastated, and eight villages at least have been blotted out.

Dezzo, itself, was completely destroyed by the waters, which covered every house. Only the church steeple can be seen. Five generating plants were so badly damaged that the city of Bergamo is without lighting power.

The stricken people number in the thousands, and army units have been dispatched to the devastated zone to open kitchens. Army engineers will give every possible aid in the reconstruction work.

Reed Not Candidate For Governorship

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 1.—The second announcement by a man generally expected to seek the Republican nomination for governor in a campaign next year that he would not do so was made by Mark E. Reed of Shelton, speaker in the house of the Washington legislature, in a statement that will be published tomorrow morning by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Reed's statement lauded the administration of Governor Hart, who announced November 19 that he would not seek re-election.

In part, Mr. Reed's statement follows: "The business enterprises of which I am the active head are passing through a period of development which calls for the closest attention. My partners in business are not actively engaged in the management. Within the next two years my boys, who have been fitting themselves by education, will actively enter the business organization. "I feel that my first duty is to my family and to those who have trusted me."

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