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GREAT BRITAIN IS PREPARING BATTLESHIPS FOR HOSTILITIES

STOPS LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND COALS SHIPS

Germany Unofficially Warns England to Keep Hands Off of Moroccan Situation or Prepare for War—Kaiser Cuts Pleasure Trip Short.

London, July 27.—The London Globe in an exclusive story, declares that the war department has stopped all leaves of absence on the part of any member of the several warships. The second division of the battleship fleet has been ordered to coal as quickly as possible. The war department will not deny or affirm any reports and it is generally accepted as meaning that the crisis is near in the German-Spanish, English-France situation.

King Breaks Down. London, July 27.—Utterly worn out by the grave possibility of war between England and Germany, following closely upon the fight over the veto bill and the coronation ceremonies, King George is today reported to be in a serious condition and his physicians are administering oxygen to him.

Naval circles are highly excited over the order, as it is believed that the order means that the admiralty is preparing the fleet for the quickest possible action in the event that war is declared between England and Germany.

RACE EVENTS ARRANGED

DRIVING CLUB READY FOR FIRST MATINEE. Three Pacing Races, One Mixed, Driving Exhibition and Running Events Make up Card.

The following events have been arranged for the first matinee of the riding and driving club: Pacing race—Hassalo by Eus La Fontaine, Lady Gray by Jim McKay. Pacing and trotting—Lady by Jack Robinson, Alton B. by Spences Carter, Victor by W. R. Graham and Priscilla by Ole Olson.

Sentiment is more disquieting than ever, as a result of the belligerent tone of the German Press, which has practically announced Germany's intention of fighting, unless England recedes from her attitude in the Moroccan situation.

Germany Makes Threat. Berlin, July 27.—Bitter indignation prevails here today as a result of the statement of Premier Asquith at London today in which Asquith intimated that England might interfere in Germany's and France's Moroccan matter. It is generally admitted that if Germany maintains her present attitude hostilities must ensue.

MOTHER ORDERED TO GIVE UP CHILDREN

In continuance of the efforts being made to take the Whitworth children, Gladys and Juanita, from the custody of their mother, landlady of the rooming house above the Cash Meat market, an order has been secured from Circuit Judge Phelps by Deputy District Attorney W. C. E. Pruitt directing Sheriff Taylor to take charge of the children until further proceedings are taken.

Opposition Leader Balfour, followed and said that the opposition would join "whole heartedly in dealing with Moroccan matters."

The German press today warns England to keep her hands off the Moroccan situation, asserting that it is a matter for settlement between France and Germany without England's aid and intimating that a declaration of war will follow a refusal on the part of England refusing to allow the two contending countries to settle their dispute in their own way.

The foremost among the aggressive newspapers is the Lokal Anzeiger, which in an evidently inspired article declares that Great Britain has adopted a policy of unwarranted intervention and open hostility toward Germany.

Germany is not disposed to tolerate this wanton interference and issues a warning to England to keep her hands off," it says.

The press unanimously supports the government in its attitude toward Great Britain and it is believed the government is advising the editors as to their editorial utterances.

By the same order, the father and mother of the children, who have been divorced, are cited to appear in court August 2 to show cause why the decree of divorce should not be modified by depriving the mother of the custody of the children.

The father is Perry Whitworth the well known marshal of Echo. He secured a divorce from his wife last spring and at that time the children were placed in the care of the latter by the decree of the court.

The Woodburn schools require the services of 18 teachers.

Some History. At the solicitation of the East Oregonian Judge Fee today told of efforts he made while mayor to get the overhead wires removed from Main and Court streets.

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Durham, N. C., July 27.—Seventeen persons were killed and forty injured today at Hamlet, N. C., in a head-on collision between a local freight on the Seaboard air line and a special excursion train from Charlotte, N. C., in a head-on collision, second section of the express.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED COMMENDING DR. WILEY

Washington, July 27.—Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, whose "condign punishment" was recommended by Attorney General Wickersham, may get praise from the house of representatives.

WOOL TARIFF IS AMENDED BY LA FOLLETTE BILL

Republicans, See Handwriting on Wall and Support Measure

Washington, D. C., July 27.—The substitute to the Payne wool tariff bill, fathered by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, today passed the senate by a vote of 48 to 32. The bill was passed after another bill which was urged by Congressman Underwood, leader of house democrats, had been rejected.

Its winning was a big surprise. The republican majority evidently believing that wool revision was sure to come sooner or later, preferred the La Follette plan to Underwoods, which meant a greater slashing of the tariff.

On the floor Senator La Follette said that his measure meant an average reduction of about 37 per cent under the Payne wool duty, while the Underwood bill would reduce them 44 per cent.

Previous to adopting the La Follette amendment the senate by a vote of 14 to 6 rejected his amended wool bill.

Among the thirteen republicans who voted for the La Follette bill were Senators Bourne of Oregon, Poindexter of Washington and Works of California.

The wool bill now goes to a conference with the house, where it is probable an agreement will be reached between the conferees and the measure will be put up to the president.

It is believed that the passage of La Follette's bill will put President Taft in the most perplexing dilemma of his administration, by his being forced to choose between the revision of the wool schedule adopted by democrats and progressives and the duty of vetoing the bill reducing duties in a schedule which he declared "indefensible."

HOOSIER GOVERNOR TAKES RAP AT SUPREME COURT

Auburn, Ind., July 27.—Attacking the decision of the supreme court in the Standard Oil and American tobacco cases, Governor Marshall of Indiana today asserted that the time had come when individual voters must drive "the interests" out of politics.

Referring to the trust decision, he said: "As deadly a blow as may be struck at our system of government by judicial make law, as by the most corrupt legislature."

Bailey Resigns Committee.

Washington, July 27.—Disgruntled, owing to the methods of the senate in taking testimony in the various investigations—notably Lorimer's investigation—Senator Bailey, of Texas today resigned from the committee on privileges and elections. His resignation was accepted.

REMONSTRANCES ARE RESULT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING

So Declares Mayor Murphy—Thinks Names Will be Removed When Understood

Declaring his belief that many of the signers would remove their names from the remonstrances to street paving when they fully understand the working of the new ordinance, Mayor Murphy at the meeting of the council last night appointed next Wednesday night as the time for taking up the remonstrances and extended an invitation to all interested persons to attend the meeting.

"It is a problem of education," he said, "which confronts us, and I believe that many of those who are protesting against paving under the new plan will reconsider the matter when the ordinance is explained."

Several of the remonstrators were present at the meeting last night, among them Henry Craig, T. J. Tweedy and Dr. I. U. Temple and they were all given an opportunity to be heard. From their remarks it was apparent that they were dissatisfied because they believe the assessments which have been made are inequitable.

Mayor Murphy explained that the assessment as made was in nowise final but merely a first approximate and that the council would sit as an assessment board to adjust and equalize the assessments.

"The council does not want to be unjust in any instance," he said, "and will listen and consider carefully every complaint before the final figures are made. We admit there are discrepancies and inequalities but they will not be allowed to stand. I am positive that these remonstrances are the result of misunderstanding and if the people interested will attend the meeting next week, much of the confusion will be cleared away."

City Attorney Bailey and City Engineer Kimball will, within the next few days, go over the remonstrances carefully to determine whether or not the signers represent 80 per cent of the total area of the districts and they will be ready to report at the next meeting.

Underground Wires Not Mentioned.

Contrary to expectations, the question of underground wires did not come up at the meeting last night. It was thought that Councilman Strain would ask that an electrical engineer be employed to investigate conditions here but it is understood that he has not yet secured a line on a competent man whom he could recommend.

Other Business. Practically the only other business transacted last night was the allowing of a claim of \$4500 of the Coast Bridge Company as a first installment on payment of the Main street bridge.

Bishop of Verdun, contriver of the iron cages, which were too small to allow persons confined in them to stand upright or to lie at full length was the first to be shut up in one.

Wires Should Go.

In the view of Judge Fee this is an appropriate time for the council to require the removal of the poles and the overhead wires. It is a logical time to act in view of the further paving work to be done.

PRESIDENT TAFT ENGINEERED "CONTROLLER BAY AFFAIR"

IN SPECIAL MESSAGE, HE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY

Exonerates His Brother Charles and Classes "Dick to Dick" Letter as "Wicked Fabrication"—Denies Meeting Richard S. Ryan.

Pinchot Talks.

Washington, July 27.—Gifford Pinchot today said: "The president's defense of his course in the Controller Bay matter, shows how hard it is to make a good excuse for his bad mistake." He said the president's message left the matter wholly untouched, that the secret opening of lands gave the Ryan interests an opportunity to acquire the key channel to Controller Bay before the public knew what was happening.

Does Not Explain.

Senator Poindexter, whose resolution called forth the president's special message on the Controller Bay situation, said today that the explanation had failed to explain.

CONFESION IS VERIFIED

BANKER SHOWS DEPOSIT SLIP FOR LORIMER CASH

Money Had Been Banked by Cashier's Father Who Said It Was Payment For His Vote.

Washington, July 27.—Testifying before the Lorimer committee today, H. D. Holtzlaw, a son of State Senator Holtzlaw, presented evidence that his father's confession, that he had been bribed to vote for Lorimer, was correct.

Young Holtzlaw is cashier in the State Bank at Iuka, Illinois. He presented deposit slips, showing that his father had deposited \$2500 in the State Bank at Chicago, June 16th, 1909, the date the elder Holtzlaw said he received the bribe.

SUN SETS FIRE TO TRAVELER'S CLOTHES

To have some matches in his trousers ignite by the heat of the sun and to have part of his clothes burned from him is the experience which W. H. Mitchell, a traveling man from Los Angeles, is relating to friends in this city and, in substantiation, he is exhibiting a badly burned hand, a duster with one side burned and a pair of trousers ruined by fire.

It was while driving to Pendleton from Echo, he says, that the incident occurred. He was first apprised of the fire by the smell of burning cloth followed quickly by a painful hotness on one of his legs.

Thompson vs. Lewis. New York, July 27.—"Cyclone" Johnny Thompson, the Sycamore, Ill., fighter, and Willie Lewis have been matched to go ten rounds before a local boxing club this evening.

STANLEY COMMITTEE NOW IN NEW YORK

New York, July 27.—The Stanley steel investigating committee arrived from Washington today and took up its quarters in the city hall where the hearing into the financial organization of the trust in 1907 during the panic and its compact with the harvest trust. Scores of Wall street financial lights will be summoned as witnesses.

Steamer on Rocks.

Tokio, July 27.—The Canadian-Pacific liner, Empress of China, is fast on a submerged reef off Naha. Light, forty miles from Yokohama. The passengers have been transferred and it is believed the vessel will be floated.

More Bones Found.

Havana, July 27.—Recovery of more bones was made today from the wreck of the sunken ship Maine. This makes a total of fifteen skeletons found. The remains of 53 more are to be located yet.

JUDGE FEE SAYS PEOPLE SHOULD ACT IF COUNCIL WILL NOT

Judge James A. Fee, former mayor of Pendleton, is an advocate of requiring the overhead electric wires to be placed underground. He believes the city has the legal right to order that improvement; that the members of the city council should take action to that effect and that if they fail to do so the people should take the matter out of their hands and pass such an ordinance under the initiative.

done. Prior to the paving the mayor recommended that the overhead wires be removed and all poles be taken off Main and Court streets. However, after the paving had been decided upon the time was short, the electric company held it could not do the work within the necessary time, and that the expense would be too great.

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At that time and since Judge Fee has investigated the subject with a view to ascertaining the rights of the city in the matter. He holds that the city has authority under its police powers to order the wires and poles removed. The municipality has not the power to bargain away a privilege

Improvements Promised. In the course of his interview today Judge Fee also recalled promises made in behalf of the electric company while the Washington-Oregon company was seeking to enter Pendleton a year and a half ago. At