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WAR PLUNGE NOW UP TO ROUMANIA

King Calls Session of Cabinet Council to Decide Which Way the Nation Will Jump in the European Strife

Rome, Nov. 19.—Roumania's course in relation to the war hangs on the decision of a cabinet council now in progress at Bucharest. The king unexpectedly called this extraordinary session after politicians, diplomats and soldiers were reported to have agreed that neutrality on Roumania's part is no longer possible.

Roumanian action is uncertain. The king and his supporters are pro-German. The people favor not so much all the allies as they do Russia. The Russians, fearing that the king will win, are concentrating troops on the Roumanian border. The Austrians, fearing that the allies will triumph, are massing great forces on the Roumanian frontier.

Facing these two fires, the cabinet session is destined to be vitally important, it is believed.

ADVERTISE NORTHWEST APPLES THROUGH THE EAST

Spokane, Nov. 19.—Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 may be expended in a new campaign to advertise the fruit of the northwest. The Northwestern Fruit association yesterday adopted resolutions asking the executive committee of the growers' council and the shippers' league to work out plans which will be submitted to the annual meeting of the growers' council in January, later being sent for approval to all local organizations throughout the northwest.

SERBIAN ARMY IS MAKING ITS LAST STAND AT BORDER

Vienna, Nov. 19.—Nearly surrounded in the mountains bordering on Novibazar, near the Montenegrin border, the shattered Serb ranks are making their last stand.

Remorselessly the central powers are closing in upon the remnants, daily gathering new tolls of prisoners. Indications point to the capture of the Serbs, though they are desperately trying to make their way into Montenegro and Albania.

Bad weather, however, is hampering the operations of the central allies and their troops are suffering great hardships.

Concerning the operations against the Russians, the war office emphasized the significance of Austrian gains around Czartorysk by picturing the burial of 2,500 Russians and the finding of 400 fresh graves.

On the Italian front feeble attacks were reported, though indications of a big battle at Goritz were passed with the remark that the town had again been shelled.

UNUSUAL OPERATION TO SAVE SUICIDE'S LIFE

Roslyn, Wash., Nov. 19.—To save the life of Joe Harper, a barber, who attempted suicide by taking bichloride of mercury, physicians opened his appendix, through which they drained his intestines. The appendix will be kept open several days. The operation is considered an unusual one. It has been performed only a few times in the United States.

15 MEN ARE STILL ENTOMBED IN THE RAVENSDALE MINE

Ravensdale, Wash., Nov. 19.—Six more bodies were recovered during last night from the third level of the Northwestern Improvement company's mine. This brings the total number of bodies recovered up to 16, with 15 still entombed.

All hope that any of the men still in the mine following Tuesday's explosion would be found alive was definitely abandoned yesterday. Gangs of men, working in shifts of six hours, pounded steadily at the twisted mass of timbering and coal and dirt still blocking the entrance to the third level, and during the night succeeded in penetrating the corridor.

It was expected that all bodies would be recovered before night. The bodies recovered last night were those of Pat Dowd, Thomas Speck, Joe Krajno, Noah Goodman, Jack Muncie and an Italian whose identity was not learned.

The body recovered yesterday has not been identified.

The first of the mine victims' funerals were held yesterday and will continue as rapidly as bodies are brought up. Rising water in the mine threatened to block rescue work for a time yesterday, but the pumps were repaired and started.

With at least \$75,000 to be paid in pensions by the state industrial insurance commission as a result of the explosion, there is only \$8,613 to the credit of the Northwestern Improvement company in the accident fund.

A levy probably will be made on other mines, to be paid back gradually.

THINKS T. R. WOULD BE BONNIE FIGHTER FOR CANADIANS

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Asked concerning a report that Colonel Roosevelt had offered to join the Canadian regiments in Flanders, Minister of Militia Hughes said today:

"He would make a bonnie fighter. I have heard rumors of such an offer, but it was not made to me. I'd be delighted to give him command of a division."

New York, Nov. 19.—"The colonel has no comment to make," Roosevelt's secretary answered today concerning the Ottawa report that he had offered to join Canadian forces in Flanders.

SPECULATING 'EGG BROKERS NOW FACE FINANCIAL RUIN

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Nov. 19.—The "egg kings" who planned to garner a financial harvest by selling their goods to the allies at war-time prices, are wig-wagging to the public for help. The allies did not buy as expected. Hence, the "kings" have been caught with a surplus, complicated by prospects of a mild winter which promises to make the hens lay more than usual.

In 24 cold storage plants are over 1,000,000,000 eggs, or 10 eggs apiece for everybody in the United States. Unless housewives come to the rescue and buy storage goods, several of the egg brokers will face financial ruin.

While prices are still well up, a few more weeks of mild weather may send the storage product down to 20 cents a dozen.

TWO PLANS FOR WATER SYSTEM UP TO VOTERS

Referendum Petition Asks for Submission of Question of Purchase of Present Plant at \$120,000, and Council Votes to Submit Also the Proposition of Issuing \$80,000 Bonds for the Building of an Entire New System

The voters of Grants Pass can choose between two propositions for the municipal ownership of the water plant, or it can reject both, at the election to be held on December 6. One proposition which will appear upon the ballot through the initiative petition route provides for the purchase of the present plant at \$120,000, bonds to be issued for that amount bearing five per cent interest if a majority of the voters favors the purchase. These bonds will be accepted at their par value by the owners of the plant and will be payable in installments for a period of 20 years. The resolution providing for the submission of the purchase proposition to the voters was adopted upon the affirmative vote of five members of the council, Burke and Davis opposing.

Immediately after the adoption of the resolution providing for the vote upon the purchase plan, Councilman Caldwell moved that the voters also be given an opportunity to vote upon a bond issue of \$80,000 for the construction of a new water system. The mayor called attention to the likelihood of being unable to sell bonds for the construction of a new plant with a competing plant in the field, but Caldwell thought that if the owners of the old plant would accept bonds in payment for it, that probably some contractor could be found who would build a new plant and take bonds in payment. Caldwell met the argument that \$80,000 might not build a new plant complete with the statement that if not sufficient more funds could be provided later. This motion for the submission of the bond issue plan for the new plant to the voters carried, five councilmen voting in its favor. Those opposing were Messrs. Burkhalter, Demaray and Herman. An adjourned meeting of the council will be held for the adoption of the ordinance necessary to put this issue up to the voters.

Budget is Adopted

The finance committee presented its report covering the estimates for expenses for 1916. Under the budget a tax levy of 16 mills will be required, 8 mills for general purposes and 8 for special levy. This levy upon the assessed valuation within the city of \$2,666,770 will produce \$21,334.16 for each fund, a total of \$42,668.32. Other sources of revenue make a total of \$50,050 available during the coming year.

A levy of 16 mills is the limit allowed under the charter, so that the council finds itself obliged to cut its garment according to the cloth available. It could find little opportunity for pruning over the budget of last year, and could provide for practically no new work. The general levy of eight mills would raise \$2,840 for general government. From this fund comes the salary of the auditor and police judge, at \$1,350. Last year \$1,500 was allowed for this item, the auditor being obliged to furnish his own office help. The attorney's salary is placed at \$300, a reduction of one-half from the salary paid during 1915. The treasurer's salary is \$240 per year, and \$800 is provided for office supplies, expediting the city books, elections, etc.

For the police department the budget provides \$2,500, salary for the chief at \$1,200, for one policeman at \$1,020, for specials at \$120, and incidental expenses of \$180.

The estimated expense of the fire department is taken care of in a fund of \$2,760, of which \$960 is salary for the fire chief, \$1,000 for his assistants, \$400 for volunteers and \$400 for maintenance.

The sanitation fund includes a salary of \$100 for the inspector and expenses of \$20, a total of \$120.

For public works it is estimated that \$3,940 will be needed. This sum includes all the street work, maintenance of city team, street sprinkling and cleaning, and like items of expense. The council is this year combining the office of engineer and street superintendent with that of park superintendent, eliminating the salary for the latter. For park work there is provided \$300 for labor, a like amount for water and power, and \$40 for materials. The salary of the engineer and superintendent of streets and parks is placed at \$960.

The estimate for street lighting for the year is \$5,000, and for water \$2,900.

The special levy is made to care for interest on bonds, 4 1/2 mills covering the interest on the \$200,000 issue of railroad bonds. Other bonds outstanding and bearing interest are \$19,000 sewer bonds, \$30,000 funding bonds and \$5,500 fire truck bonds. For unliquidated claims against the railroad fund a levy to raise \$700 is provided. A levy to provide \$1,200 for the library is included in the budget.

When the budget was under consideration by the council a communication from the Taxpayers league was read. The organization commended the economy of the last year, but asked for reduction in a number of the salaries the coming year. As the salaries to be paid will be determined by the council to serve during 1916, the present council did not attempt to make the reductions requested, the only place where the budget as prepared by the committee was changed being in reducing the allowance for auditor from \$1,500 to \$1,350. The league asks that the auditor be paid \$1,200; the chief of police, \$900; policeman, \$780; fire chief, \$840; assistant, \$720; that there be no provision for the sanitation fund; library fund reduced to \$750, and that the street and sewer fund be reduced to \$800. It also asks that the plumber's license be paid into the general fund instead of going to the inspector, and that the city teamster be under the direction of the street department.

AUSTRO-GERMAN CARDINALS WILL GET PASSPORTS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Rome, Nov. 19.—The Italian government will issue passports permitting Austro-German cardinals to pass safely through the war lines in order to attend the consistory at the vatican in December.

This unexpected permission is regarded as another straw in the peace wind, and is interpreted as meaning that the government knows of peace plans by the vatican.

The public is uncertain how to appraise reports that the pope is about to renounce claims to the temporal power as a means to securing the government's permission to participate in future peace conferences. The government's action indicates that reports that Cardinal Hartman of Cologne is bringing peace suggestions from Germany are given some weight.

O.-C. LAND GRANT CONFEREES WILL MEET AGAIN DEC. 1

Salem, Nov. 19.—The conference over the disposition of the land in the Oregon and California grant between representatives of the Southern Pacific and the committee appointed at the land grant meeting a few weeks ago ended last night without anything being accomplished.

The committee resolved to meet again December 1.

In the meantime Ralph Moody and B. A. McAllister, the railroad representatives, will acquaint the railroad of the views of the committee and it is proposed that plans will be submitted whereby an agreement can be reached.

Unless some definite plan is submitted by the railroad no further attempt at a compromise will be made. Real action at the conference was impossible because of the fact that the railroad representatives could only listen to the proposals of the committee and could promise nothing.

The plan for the disposition of the land in the grant, submitted by Governor Withycombe, was the only definite one discussed at the conference.

In effect it was that the lands be sold at their market value and the surplus above the railroad's equity be divided between the state and the railroad, the state's share to go into the school and reclamation funds.

VILLISTA TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED TOWN OF TORREON

El Paso, Nov. 19.—Colonel Hipolito Villa, at Juarez, announced today that the Villistas under General Canuto Reyes have occupied Torreon. He claimed the garrison fled without a fight.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 19.—Douglas was without definite information today as to the outcome of yesterday's clashes in Sonora between Carranzistas and Villistas. Both sides claimed victory.

General Obregon reported that after several hours' fighting he routed a Villa force at Del Rio.

Hermosillo was badly battered by artillery in a second fight, according to Carranzista reports.

No credence was placed in the rumors that General Villa had been seriously wounded in a previous engagement with Carranzistas at Hermosillo.

CORONER'S JURY PROBES DEATH OF BOLLINGER BABY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Nov. 19.—A coroner's jury of six eminent medical and surgical men pondered today over the death of Mrs. Anna Bollinger's baby. Their verdict was expected this afternoon. It was believed the jury not only would exonerate Dr. Haisselden for his decision not to operate and thus possibly prolong the child's life, but would commend him for his course.

Baby Bollinger, dressed in dainty clothes, made in anticipation of its birth, was placed in a little casket today and buried in a vault. The casket was carried to the cemetery in the same carriage with the father and a few relatives.

PROSPECT FOR NAVAL BATTLE IN THE CATTEGAT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Nov. 19.—Prospects of a big naval battle in the Cattegat were seen here today following reports that a British squadron of cruisers and destroyers entered the Cattegat after 25 German torpedo boats and a big cruiser passed the Swedish coast heading into the Cattegat.

I. W. W. POET IS SENT TO HIS DEATH

Man Condemned for the Murder of Two, Is Shot by Utah Firing Squad in Spite of Plea Made by Wilson

HILLSTROM'S WILL
Hillstrom, I. W. W. poet-wanderer, left this will behind when he was executed today: My kind don't need to fuss and moan. Moss does not cling to a rolling stone. My body! Oh, if I could choose, I would to ashes it reduce. And let the merry breezes blow My dust to where some flowers grow. Perhaps some fading flowers then. Would come to life and bloom again. This is my last and final will. Good luck to all of you. Joe Hill.

Salt Lake City, Nov. 19.—Fighting in an insane frenzy, Joe Hillstrom, Industrial Worker of the World, went to his death before the state firing squad in the yard of the state penitentiary at 7:42 a. m. today.

In some unknown way he had concealed a broom handle in his cell. When the door was opened, he leaped at his guards, swinging the club over their heads fiercely and severely cutting one on the scalp and face.

But guards overpowered him in the twinkling of an eye. Until he came out of his cell he had shown no signs of resisting. He had been nervous, but unwavering in the cold calmness that had marked him for months. Guards were taken by surprise.

"I'll die fighting," he screamed. "Not like a coward."

As he continued to struggle, powerful guards pinioned his arms to his sides.

They urged him to be quiet and take his medicine like a man. When further resistance was useless, he settled suddenly into an apathetic calm.

"Now I can die with a clear conscience," he said.

The march of the firing squad commenced. Warden Pratt and a deputy led. Two physicians followed. Then came Hillstrom between two deputy sheriffs.

Hillstrom's eyes were not blindfolded until he was taken into the prison yard. It was his wish to face the squad with open eyes, but a thick heavy band of cloth was tightly placed around his eyes and his head.

He walked to the death chair with a swinging stride. When he came opposite the door of the prison blacksmith shop, behind which were stationed the five riflemen, Hillstrom passed the 32 witnesses in their places. He tried to remove the blindfold, but was prevented by the straps which had been drawn around his arms and waist. He was led to the big congress chair, about 20 paces distant from the five holes in the door of the blacksmith shop, from which the glittering muzzles of the rifles protruded.

Guards quickly shoved him into the death chair and buckled more straps about his legs and arms, rendering him helpless.

He straightened up and moistened his lips with his tongue. Physicians

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