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REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE IS PLANNING

GREAT MOVE TO ELECT A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS AT NEXT ELECTION

TO HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Conference to Be Composed of National and State Committees, Congressmen and Governors

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Will H. Hays, of Indiana, the new republican national chairman, has a big proposition in contemplation. It is likely to develop into the first big and concrete move that he will make to elect a republican congress in November and a republican president in 1920. The idea, in substance, is to have the republican national committee call a nation-wide conference, to be held some time in April, probably in Chicago. The purpose will be, if such a session is summoned, to have a free and full discussion of national political affairs and, if found advisable, to prepare a statement that, in effect, would be the republican national platform adjusted to conditions that have arisen since the Chicago convention of 1916.

The statement would be in accord with the "clean-sweep" policy adopted at St. Louis recently, when Mr. Hays was elected chairman, and the executive campaign and advisory committees of the Hughes campaign were eliminated.

It is understood that the men who would be expected to sit in such a conference would be members of the republican national committee, chairman of the republican state committees of the various states, all of the republican United States senators and republican members of the house of representatives, and the republican governors of states. The tentative plan of action includes preliminary conferences, during which Chairman Hays would work out the constituency of the new executive committee which he is to suggest and which will be elected, in fact, by the national committee, in accordance with the new rule embodied in the Howell resolution adopted at St. Louis, directing that all committees, henceforth, having to do with national party organization, shall be elected by the committee and not appointed by the chairman.

SIAM HAS A NEW NATIONAL EMBLEM

Bangkok, Siam, Feb. 18.—The national flag which used to be a representation of the famous white elephant on a scarlet ground has been replaced by a tri-color, composed of red and white stripes at each end, with a central blue strip double the width of the others. The official announcement of the changes sets forth that it has been made as a symbol of the advance in civilization, made by Siam on the occasion of her ranging herself on the side of the allies, whose flags also display three colors.

FAVORS EQUAL PAY TO WORKING WOMEN

Chicago, Feb. 18.—J. Ogden Armour took the witness stand, in the packing house investigation here today. He declared himself in favor of equal pay for women doing the same work as men, and believed packing house employees should get extra pay for holidays and overtime. He is willing to consider the adoption of an eight hour day.

CRESCENT CITY IN HARBOR BILL

Chrome Ore Was Important Factor in Obtaining Favorable Action for Crescent City Project

Early in January the Chamber of Commerce sent to Director-General McAdoo and the Oregon delegation in congress telegrams, setting forth the presence in Josephine county of extensive chrome deposits and of the immense body of Port Orford cedar on the coast, suitable for airplane construction, and urging the necessity of extending the C. & D. C. railroad and the development of the Crescent City harbor project as war necessities. In response thereto the Courier is in receipt of the following dispatch, which conveys the welcome intelligence that the harbor project will be included in the rivers and harbors bill:

Washington, Feb. 18.—Rogue River Courier, Grants Pass, Oregon. Am practically certain the Crescent City project will be included in the forthcoming rivers and harbors bill. Chrome development being an important factor in obtaining favorable action.

W. C. HAWLEY.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED RAMP OF ROSEBURG

Portland, Feb. 18.—Federal District Judge Wolverton today denied Floyd Ramp's motion for a new trial and set tomorrow for sentence. Ramp is a socialist, of Roseburg, Ore. He wore a red ribbon in his button hole, but remained calm while arguing and claimed he did not have a fair chance or get a fair jury. Ramp was arrested at Roseburg, charged with sedition.

DUTCHMAN UNDER ARREST FOR SPYING ON AMERICANS

Rotterdam, Feb. 18.—A Dutch shipping engineer has been arrested by the river police charged with espionage on behalf of Germany. According to the police he represented himself to the captain of steamships coming from the United States as an inspector for the port authorities and thereupon took copies of any information which he thought useful from the ship's logbooks.

AMERICANS EXCEL IN ARTILLERY SNIPING

With the American Army in France, Feb. 18.—Artillery sniping or rather sharpshooting has been so successfully carried out by the American batteries that the Germans have begun "strafing" operations, shooting "mustard shells" (gas shells) at the offending Yankees. Thus far the German efforts have resulted only in sending one private to a hospital.

The American private was outside of his dugout when the "mustard shell" exploded near by. He did not feel the effects of the shell immediately, having been masked.

Our gunners have become so expert they are able to pick off individual men behind the enemy lines.

The commanding officer of one battery, observing what appeared through his glasses to be a German officer emerging from a supporting trench which crossed exposed ground ordered the gunner to "get him."

The gunner planted a shell directly ahead of the German officer, who was knocked down but immediately picked himself up. Then the gunner dropped another shell at what appeared to be only three inches over the German and this time the officer did not stir.

A group of five Germans came out of dugout to bring in their comrade and were picking him up when the gunner landed a third shell directly into the group.

AMERICANS PREPARING FOR ACTION

GENERAL PERSHING MAKES A TWO DAY INSPECTION OF YANKER SECTOR

WEARS "TIN HAT" AND GAS MASK

Germans Try to Outwit Newcomers by Various Ruses, But No Far, Are Not Successful

With the American Army in France, Feb. 18.—As time for more active operations on the western front approaches, the American force is widening its sphere of activity.

American troops now hold a sector east of St. Mihiel. American artillery is helping the French in Champagne and infantry, with French units, are now holding the front lines in one of the most famous battle fronts in the world.

On the American sector Germans have tried to outwit the newcomers by various ruses, including false signals, tapping wire, charging wire entanglements with electricity and other methods, but they have been out-manuevered every time.

General Pershing has just made a two day's inspection of the American sector northwest of Toul, in a "tin" hat, with a gas mask swung over his chest. He walked through the trenches and asked the men how they were being fed and treated. They assured him they were satisfied.

AUTOCRATIC POWER BITTERLY OPPOSED

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Watson, in supporting the senate draft of the administration railroad bill, denounced the provisions of the Overman bill, giving the president wide powers to re-organize war branches, as unconstitutional and autocratic, and conferring unheard-of powers and providing that this autocratic power shall continue one year after the war. "Why this provision?"

NEW AMBASSADOR KN ROUTE FROM JAPAN

Washington, Feb. 18.—Viscount Kikujiro Ishii has been appointed ambassador from Japan to the United States and will soon reach Washington, succeeding Ambassador Sato.

HUSTON WOULD HAVE ALL SPIES SHOT AND SYMPATHIZERS SENT TO GERMANY

Senator S. B. Huston, of Portland, was the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon this noon, and his address fully came up to the mark set by Toastmaster E. E. Blanchard, who introduced the speaker, in a complimentary speech.

Mr. Huston complimented the Chamber of Commerce on the success of the luncheon, and the work of the Red Cross and other war work stating that Josephine county is often spoken of in Portland as the county so often at the head of the list. The senator has two sons now in France and his speech naturally centered on the conflict now being waged. He said in part:

"If we lose this war, we lose everything. We subject our wives and daughters to the fate of the women of Belgium and northern France and we make our sons the slaves of the Huns of central Europe. It would be better if our cities and

HOSTILITIES ARE RENEWED BY GERMANY

HUNS MOVING AGAINST SLAVS HOPE TO SEIZE ESTHONIA AND LIVONIA

SERIOUS RIOTS IN PETROGRAD

Bolsheviki Capture Kiev, After 4,000 Killed, 7,000 Injured and Aviators Bomb City

Stockholm, Feb. 18.—Germans have resumed war measures against Russia, according to the Social Democrats. Their objectives are the seizure of Esthonia and Livonia.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—Communication is again restored with Petrograd. Delayed reports tell of serious rioting and indicate that the Bolsheviki power is waning.

An ultimatum has been sent to Rumania, demanding that they evacuate Bessarabia.

Petrograd, Feb. 9.—(Delayed).—The Bolsheviki have captured Kiev, principal city of Ukraine, after 4,000 were killed and 7,000 wounded. Bolsheviki aviators bombed the city. Polish troops have defeated the Bolsheviki, 85 miles southwest of Minsk. Rumanians threaten Odessa.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—German forces are already being concentrated in Ukraine to attack the Bolsheviki, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Tidd, and declarations looking to the active prosecution of the war against the Bolsheviki in North Russia also will be made at Berlin next week.

German authorities are anxious regarding the fate of German prisoners in North Russia, whom the Bolsheviki are holding as hostages and who, Berlin dispatches say, may be killed if the Bolsheviki are driven to desperation. Germany has already served notice on the Bolsheviki authorities that she will enforce reprisals if the German prisoners are harmed.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has notified Berlin that Austrian troops must not be used against Russia to support any policy which Austria has not approved, but only for purposes of self-defense against marauding bands.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—The Bolsheviki are making wholesale arrests of Germans in Russia and holding them as hostages, according to a Riga dispatch received by way of Berlin. Three hundred Germans

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FIELD HOSPITAL BOMBED BY HUNS

American Patients Uninjured, But Suffer From Shock—Hospital to Be Removed to Safe Place

With the American Army in France, Feb. 18.—An American field hospital in a town within our lines apparently was the target for a German airplane which flew over it last night and dropped several unusually heavy bombs.

The hospital, in which were a number of sick and wounded officers and men was the building nearest the places where the German aviator dropped two different sets of bombs.

Fortunately none of the missiles reached their mark, although the hospital patients and the residents of the town were severely shaken by the explosions. American anti-aircraft guns engaged the enemy, but without success.

The hospital probably will be moved to a less dangerous spot.

400,000 PROSECUTIONS IN PRUSSIA DURING 1917

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—Close upon 400,000 prosecutions for infringing the food regulations were conducted in Prussia in 1917; 151,421 fines of varying amounts were inflicted and 1,781 persons were sentenced to terms of imprisonment. The courts are congested with cases of this description.

TWO LONDON RAIDS AND 27 ARE KILLED

London, Feb. 18.—In a raid over London Saturday night 11 were killed and four injured. Only one machine penetrated to the city and dropped one bomb. One German airplane dropped into the sea.

Last evening one of seven machines flew over London. Casualties were 16 killed and 37 injured.

FRENCH NEWSPAPERS ABUSE STATESMEN

Paris, Feb. 18.—"The right of a newspaper to abuse members of the government is unquestioned and must be observed," says an official statement announcing that a provincial censor has been disciplined for suppressing an article which, according to the statement, "did not allude to military or diplomatic affairs, but merely contained the usual insults concerning M. Clemenceau."

TEDDY ROOSEVELT HAS ANOTHER GRANDCHILD

New York, Feb. 18.—A son was born today to Mrs. Archie Roosevelt. The colonel says he is perfectly "delighted" with the eighth grandchild. Archie Roosevelt is a captain with General Pershing.

WAR INSURANCE TIME EXTENDED

Portland, Feb. 18.—The following telegram has been received by the State council of defense for Oregon from George F. Porter, chief state councils section, council of national defense, Washington, D. C.

"The time for filing applications for war risk insurance has just been extended by congress to April 12th. Automatic insurance, however, has ceased entirely and no man is now insured by the government unless he has applied. This makes voluntary application doubly important. Have your publicity man spread news through the state and continue campaign to bring family influence to bear on men not yet insured."

JOHN KINGERLY IS FOUND DEAD NEAR YONCOLLA

COMMITS SUICIDE BECAUSE DEPENDENT AT THE DRAFTING OF HIS ONLY SON

DEATH RESULTS FROM POISON

His Son, George, Underwent Physical Examination Friday and Was Placed in the First Class

Roseburg, Feb. 18.—In a fit of despondency through worry over the possibility of giving up his only son for army service, John Kingery, one of the most prominent and highly respected pioneer farmers of the Yoncolla district committed suicide Saturday morning at the family home near Yoncolla, death resulting from the effects of a deadly drug which the unfortunate man took.

According to a report reaching this city, Mr. Kingery arose earlier than usual Saturday and without any special show of nervousness or worry repaired to a distant apartment in the house where he committed the terrible act, later being found by his wife. It is the supposition of several Yoncolla residents that the old gentleman worried himself into doing the deed through fear of his son's immediate chances of being drafted into the army, the deceased having made the statement some time ago that he would take his life should his son be taken to war.

Garrow Kingery, the son, was in this city Friday where he underwent the physical examination and was placed in the first class list—he having been in the fourth class until then, when he requested another examination, and it is thought that upon returning home and informing his father of his first class placement, the worry and strain of losing his son was too much for the old man to stand, therefore prompting the sad deed.

The deceased was 60 years of age and had resided on and operated one of the finest farms in the Yoncolla district for the past 40 years, the Kingery family being among the best known pioneers of the county, and their many friends and acquaintances were intensely shocked to learn of the untimely death of the unfortunate gentleman. Mr. Kingery is mourned by a wife and his son, Garrow, who is one of the most prominent young farmers of Yoncolla district.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES NOT OPPOSING HIGHER WAGES

Washington, Feb. 18.—Railway executives who appeared before the railroad wage commission, said they were not present to oppose wage demands of employees, but to give information of service to the commission in making recommendations for increases.

GENERAL SIBLEY DEAD AT ROCKFORD, ILL.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 18.—Brigadier General Frederick W. Sibley died in this city today, aged 68 years. He served in Indian campaigns and during the Spanish-American war.

SHIPYARD STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

New York, Feb. 18.—The carpenters' strike on the Atlantic seaboard shipyards is over, according to John Rice, national organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Several thousand who are now out are expected to return to work tomorrow.