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## UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MAY JOIN IN EAST

### ENORMOUS QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES IN EASTERN SIBERIA ARE AT STAKE

### VITALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION

An Early Decision Will Probably Be Made, As the Matter is of International Importance

Washington, Mar. 1.—The cabinet has discussed the Japanese-American-Siberian enterprise, but has come to no decision. It was the opinion that Japan was better equipped to proceed quickly alone, if well supported.

Washington, Mar. 1.—An early decision probably will be reached on the momentous question as to whether America and the entente allies shall join Japan in a campaign in eastern Siberia to counteract possible German activities in that quarter and save the great supplies of military stores accumulated at Vladivostok and interior points on the Siberian railway.

It has been understood that this decision might await the arrival in Washington of Viscount Ishii, the newly appointed Japanese ambassador to the United States, but it was said today that recent developments including increasing pressure from entente sources, very likely would cause a more speedy determination of the question.

It is learned that this is not regarded as a problem for the consideration, at the present stage at least, of the supreme war council in France, which, if it treats the subject at all, will deal with it only as a military matter after the question of policy has been decided by the governments of the entente allies and America.

It is freely admitted in official circles that this is a very great question indeed. A radical departure from established rules of international law would be involved in the forcible entry into a neutral country, and consideration must be given to the possible effect upon the Russian people of such a course in their relations to the present war.

## COUNT MINOTTO A GERMAN PLOTTER

Washington, Mar. 1.—Count Minotto, son-in-law of Louis Swift, the packer, has been ordered held for action by the attorney general, but has not been ordered deported, as several government departments have asked. The department of labor charges that Minotto has been notoriously associated with German officials, as his father, who also was suspected.

## HUNS DELIBERATELY PLOTTED FOR A WAR

Paris, Mar. 1.—Foreign Minister Pichon announces that just before the war, Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg informed France if she decided to remain neutral Germany would require her hand over the French fortresses of Verdun and Toul, during the war with Russia. Pichon says this proves Germany deliberately rendered war inevitable.

St. Louis, Mar. 1.—The joint receivership of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad was dissolved today by order of United States Circuit Judge Sanborn and United States District Judge Lewis, the first ruling made on rail receiverships since the government assumed control of the common carriers.

## MADISON EJECTS NON-PARTISANS

Mayor Robinson Refuses to Permit Non-Partisan League to Meet in City. They Adjourn to Farm

Sioux Falls, S. D., Mar. 1.—A meeting of nearly 300 members of the Non-Partisan league which was scheduled to be held at Madison, S. D., last night, was prevented by orders of Mayor Robinson of Madison, according to advices received here tonight. Mayor Robinson in a telephone conversation, declined to state the exact grounds for his action, but declared that the meeting had not been advertised previous to yesterday. The meeting was held later in a farm house.

## FOOD REGULATIONS ON AT CAMP LEWIS

Camp Lewis, Mar. 1.—Food conservation regulations in force among civilians will be observed in Camp Lewis in the future, an order to this effect having been issued today at divisional headquarters.

Hereafter there will be no wheat products served in any of the messes and other eating places at Camp Lewis on Mondays and Wednesdays and the evening meal every day will be wheatless. The order prohibits the serving of pork and pork products on Tuesdays and Saturdays and decrees a porkless meal daily.

The camp bakery and all messes are instructed that all bread served at camp shall contain at least 20 per cent wheat substitutes. Food conservation will affect the Y. W. C. A. bureaus, where hundreds of officers eat daily as well as the messes and restaurants.

## BIBLE STUDENTS OF WENATCHEE MOVE ON

Wenatchee, Wash., Mar. 1.—A man giving his name as Rev. Charles Martinich, an Austrian, of Vancouver, B. C., who says he has been naturalized in Canada, was picked up by the local council of defense here yesterday, given an examination and notified that his plan of holding meetings in this city would not be tolerated.

The man had advertised a series of meetings. He aroused suspicion, however, and when asked the following questions, stated that he did not desire to make an answer:

"Are you a member of the Red Cross?"  
"Have you purchased Liberty bonds?"  
"Have you purchased thrift stamps or savings certificates?"  
"Are you wholeheartedly and unreservedly backing the government's war program?"

He admitted that he was not. Immediately a meeting was called, at which were present members of the Chelan County Council of Defense, including Mayor Gray, Sheriff McManus and other citizens. Chairman Gellatly, of the council of defense, presided. Questions were also propounded by Captain Roedy, of Troop 1, and others.

Martinich claims to belong to the International Bible Students' association. He says he is neutral; that he is a "citizen of heaven."

The meeting was held just before noon, and the man was asked by Sheriff McManus to present himself for further examination later.

No meetings will be held in this city by the stranger. This entire propaganda against the government is being promulgated under the guise of religion, the man claiming that he is a conscientious objector. The local organization is said to have eight or ten members, besides a number of others who are said to be in sympathy with it, but are not holding membership.

## GENTLE PEACE THREATENING RUMANIA NOW

IT IS DEMANDED THAT FERDINAND ABDICATE IN FAVOR OF HIS BROTHER

### MAY BE REFERRED TO PEOPLE

Rumanians Declare They Will Not Accept Peace Unless Assured Negotiations Are Acceptable

Jaasy, Mar. 1.—An official note has been received, saying Rumania has decided to enter peace negotiations with the central powers. It is declared she will not accept peace at any terms, but must be assured that negotiations will be acceptable.

London, Mar. 1.—Peace terms submitted to King Ferdinand, of Rumania, by Count Czernin, of Austria, demand the king's abdication in favor of his brother, Prince William, or a referendum in Rumania regarding his successor, according to a Berlin dispatch.

## HEALTH CONDITIONS GREATLY IMPROVED

Washington, Mar. 1.—Rapid improvement in health conditions at all army camps in the United States with the passing of winter, is shown in reports for the week ending February 22, made public today by the war department.

"Admission, non-effective and death rates for all troops show a material reduction from corresponding figures for the preceding week," the statement says. "Measles, pneumonia and meningitis continue to decline."

The total number of deaths in the regulars, national guard and national army was 164 for the week, of which 81 were due to pneumonia.

## ATTEMPT IS MADE TO DESTROY BIG HOTEL

San Diego, Mar. 1.—Two sticks of dynamite have just been found in the trash barrel of the Maryland hotel. The contents had just been sent to the incinerator in the basement and it is believed to be an attempt to blow up the hotel, where many army officers are stopping.

## AMERICA WILL AID JAPAN IN SIBERIA

Washington, March 1. Whatever action Japan shall take in Siberia will have the sanction and support of the entente and the United States. Should an expedition be sent through Vladivostok and Harbin to hold the Trans-Siberian railway and prevent the seizure of the enormous amount of supplies stored at various points from the Pacific to the western Russian frontier, Americans will participate together with other entente forces.

It already is being made plain, however, that any such expedition will have no part in the crushing of the real Russian people. Its object will be to prevent Germany securing advantage of the Bolshevik betrayal of the Russian people, and this will be clearly set out, not alone by President Wilson, but by the Japanese authorities and the responsible spokesmen of the entente.

## PETROGRAD IS ABANDONED BY AMBASSADORS

NORWEGIAN CONSUL WILL REPRESENT AMERICA FOR THE TIME BEING

### AFFAIRS UNEXPECTEDLY WORSE

Bolsheviki Government Reported As Intending to Return to Petrograd With Their Headquarters

Stockholm, Mar. 1.—The American embassy has left Petrograd for Volodga by railroad. The Norwegian consul took over the consulate. This seems to indicate the situation in Petrograd is unexpectedly worse. The British and French embassies have also left.

London, Mar. 1.—Although the American, British and French embassies have left Petrograd, the Bolshevik government is reported as intending to return their headquarters there, after having left.

London, Mar. 1.—A Russian statement says, Russian delegates to Brest-Litovsk have been informed that hostilities will cease only when the peace treaty is signed and three days are allowed for negotiations, beginning today.

London, Mar. 1.—Dispatches seem to indicate that the German advance into Russia has been resumed.

Berlin, Mar. 1.—The German war office announces that Austro-Hungarians have begun an advance into Ukraine.

## SHORTAGE OF SHIPS IS SERIOUS PROBLEM

Chicago, Mar. 1.—Figures showing an acute shortage of shipping were given out tonight by Edward Harding, chairman of the executive board of the National Patriotic societies.

According to these figures, the present shortage is 7,435,894 tons gross—almost 1,500 vessels of 5,000 gross ton each. It is declared that the total tonnage usable by the United States and its allies today is 4,435,894 gross tons less than it was in the fall of 1914.

These figures take account of tonnage built and subtract the amount lost through submarine activities. It was estimated that to this shortage must be added 3,000,000 tons as the minimum necessary for the United States to transport and maintain 1,500,000 soldiers in the war zone.

Estimates were that 2,000,000 tons will be the maximum of building to be expected from Great Britain in 1918 and revised productions are that the United States may not exceed 3,000,000 tons this year. This gives a probable additional tonnage of 5,000,000.

## \$100,000,000 MORE FOR RED CROSS WORK

Washington, Mar. 1.—Informally announcing that another campaign to raise \$100,000,000 would be held within a week beginning May 6, the American Red Cross war council said tonight that to date practically \$87,000,000 of the first \$100,000,000 had been appropriated. The additional funds now sought, the statement said are necessary to keep up the war work, which includes services to the co-belligerent nations, as well as to the American fighting men.

## THOMAS J. MOONEY LOSES HIS CASE

Governor May Intervene, He Has Letter From the President, but Refuses to Comment

San Francisco, Mar. 1.—The supreme court has denied Thomas J. Mooney's application for a new trial, deciding there was no reversible error. Money must hang unless Governor Stephens intervenes. Following a report by a special mediation commission, the president recently wrote Governor Stephens, who had refused to divulge the contents, as it might influence the supreme court decision.

## CANCELLED STAMPS ARE NOT DESIRED

Washington, Mar. 1.—No cancelled postage stamps are wanted by the Red Cross, which today issued a statement advising people not to waste time and energy in saving and forwarding them.

"Somebody, somewhere, started one of those pleasant, but likely to be annoying fictions, and the idea has spread that the American Red Cross has devised a method of extracting dyes from cancelled stamps and using the dyes," said the statement. "Large quantities of such stamps have accumulated through the good will of persons who have thought they are doing something to help win the war. The stamps are of no use to the Red Cross."

## PRESIDENT WILL ENLIST EXPERTS

Washington, Mar. 1.—The senate has adopted a resolution authorizing the president to call skilled experts in industry or agricultural, for immediate military service.

### YAKIMA, WASH., HAS EARTHQUAKE VISITATION

Yakima, Wash., Mar. 1.—An earthquake was felt over all this portion of the Yakima valley at 3:45 this afternoon. The shock lasted only a moment, but was violent enough to rattle dishes, sway buildings and frighten domestic animals. No damage was done by it.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIER IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Calgary, Alberta, Mar. 1.—Physicians announced today the condition of H. C. Brewster, Premier of British Columbia, was critical. The premier is in a hospital here suffering from pneumonia, having been taken from a train several days ago while en route from Ottawa to Victoria.

## SCOTCH WILL BUILD TUSCANIA MONUMENT

Port Ellen, Scotland, Mar. 1.—It is proposed to erect a monument in the center of the island of Islay, one of the Inner Hebrides, to commemorate the soldier dead of the Tuscania. Probably the monument will take the form of a huge granite column, with the names of the victims carved thereon, and the site will be a knoll facing the Atlantic ocean on a high elevation, from which can be seen on a clear day, three different points where the Americans are buried.

The first proposal to erect the monument came from residents of the island and a modest fund was started for this purpose, even before the burials were completed, but when the American officials were consulted they declared they would gladly assume responsibility for the project.

## MINERWERFER BATTERIES DESTROYED

SWIFT RETRIBUTION IS METED OUT TO GERMANS WHO GASED AMERICANS

### GROUND CHURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Shells Fall Near Door of Telephone Dugout and Blocks Passageway, But Operators Stay on Job

With the American Army in France, Mar. 1.—Swift retribution fell on the German batteries which bombed Americans with gas shells.

The American heavy artillery obliterated it. The minerwerfer batteries had made many direct hits. Timbers were thrown high into the air, gas explosions resulted, and the ground was churned upside down.

Six Americans have died from gas shells thus far. Eighty are in the hospital, but most of them are not in a serious condition.

While an empty American ammunition train halted at the place called Deadman's Point, a stray enemy shell dropped nearby, killing two men and two horses and wounding four men.

A shell exploded in a town behind the lines, near the door to a telephone dugout, blocking the passageway, but the operators continued their work, called for help and soldiers were sent to clear the passageway.

With the American Army in France, Mar. 1.—A strong German attack, followed by a heavy barrage fire against the American trenches in the Chemin-des-Dames sector was repulsed with losses to the attackers.

The well-placed American machine guns sent streams of bullets into the advancing enemy and as the German barrage fire lifted, the American artillery quickly laid down a curtain of fire, the Germans retiring without a single prisoner.

There were no American casualties.

Five French soldiers were wounded during the fighting. The Americans stayed in their dugouts until the proper time, when they jumped to the guns and fought like veterans.

Yesterday one officer and one man were killed and two were wounded by enemy shell fire. One American soldier was "gassed." The Germans made a gas attack also in this sector, firing 50 projectiles of high per cent gas and 20 per cent explosive shells.

One American soldier is dead and eight are suffering from the effects of poisonous gas, so far as reported, but it is probable that more casualties will develop, as in the Toul sector.

Paris, Mar. 1.—After a violent bombardment the German attack on the Aisne front, east of Chavignoul, a hand-to-hand struggle followed, terminating in an advantage to the French, who threw the Germans back, inflicting heavy losses.

Berlin, Mar. 1.—Ten Americans have been captured by Germans near Chavignoul, on the French front, the war office announced here today.

## TIMBER AND LUMBER TO BE COMMANDEERED

Washington, Mar. 1.—A bill has been introduced by Senator Chamberlain and has been unanimously endorsed by the military committee, to empower the president to commandeer timber or lumber needed for the army, navy or shipping board.