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LONDON HEARS THE KAISER WILL RETURN TO CLAIM THRONE

GOVERNOR ASKS SQUARE DEAL FOR BUILDERS

APPEALS TO WILSON TO PROTECT OUR MAIN INDUSTRY. WANTS CONTRACTS TO HOLD

OPPOSES MERGER OF STATES

Orders Worth Hundreds of Millions of Dollars May Be Lost—New Legislation Necessary

Salem, Ore., Nov. 29.—Governor Withycombe has appealed to President Wilson, asking that the wooden shipbuilding contracts be not cancelled. The governor strongly opposed the suggestion that Oregon and Washington wooden ship districts be merged.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Government war contracts, involving hundreds of millions of dollars, are rendered doubtful by a decision of Comptroller Warwick of the treasury, that orders have not been legally executed unless they were actually signed by a responsible government contracting agent and the contractor. The war department has submitted a form of cancellation under which it is proposed to abandon without unjust loss to the contractors, thousands of war supply contracts, but the comptroller refused to approve. New legislation will be necessary to permit the framing of agreements for cancelling.

YUMA HAS 33 YEARS OF DAILY SUNSHINE

Yuma, Ariz., Nov. 29.—For the past 33 years a hotel here has displayed a large sign announcing to the public it will serve free meals every day the sun fails to shine on Yuma. It is a tradition of the house that there has never been occasion for making good the promise conveyed by the sign. According to old inhabitants, there has not been a day in more than 40 years during which the sun failed to shine.

OUTPUT OF AIRPLANE LUMBER IS STAGGERING

Portland, Nov. 29.—More than 132,066,288 feet of first class airplane lumber was produced in the Pacific northwest during the war through the efforts of the spruce division of the United States army signal corps, it was announced here. In addition 14,000,000 feet of lower grade lumber was shipped for use in less important wooden parts of airplanes.

WILL DISCUSS MATTERS IN BERLIN SAYS PAPER

Amsterdam, Nov. 29.—Representatives from England, France and the United States will arrive in Berlin shortly to discuss the question of the armistice, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette.

AUSTRIA TO BRING GUILTY TO TRIAL

King Charles, Grand Dukes and Many Generals to Be Prosecuted for Bringing on War

London, Nov. 29.—The Vienna government intends to bring to trial all persons responsible for the war, including former Emperor Charles, Count Berchtold, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, when the war broke out, and Count Czernin, foreign minister at a later period, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today. The Austrian grand dukes and a number of generals are also to be tried, according to these advices.

Berlin, Wednesday, Nov. 27.—The German-Austrian national council is negotiating with the Hungarian and Czech governments for the purpose of securing their cooperation in the publication of diplomatic pre-war documents and in an investigation into the responsibility for the conduct of the war, the Vienna correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung reports.

Recent revelations have been made he says, to the effect that former Emperor Charles has secretly drawn 1,500,000 crowns on the army account while charges involving Archduke Frederick and other high officers in connection with army contracts also are to be looked into.

THOS. J. MOONEY GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 29.—Governor Stephens has commuted Thomas J. Mooney's sentence to life imprisonment. The fate of Mooney is now no longer in doubt, but whether the strikes called for December 9 will be carried out is an open question. Labor leaders are disappointed at their failure to secure pardon for Mooney. Mooney declares that he would rather hang than "be condemned to a living grave."

Washington, Nov. 29.—The commutation of Mooney's sentence does not in any way settle the case from the viewpoint of organized labor, says a statement from Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, who takes the position that perjury in connection with Mooney's conviction makes a new trial imperative.

KING CHARLES TOLD TO LEAVE AUSTRIA

Copenhagen, Nov. 29.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria has been informed by the Vienna government that he must leave Austria, due to the counter-revolutionary movement there.

WASHINGTON MAY ENTER INSURANCE BUSINESS

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 29.—That the state of Washington go into the fire insurance business and do away with the fight over the proposed increase of 10 per cent in fire insurance rates by private companies, was suggested by City Commissioner Fleming to the city council recently.

On motion of Fleming, the council adopted a resolution pledging the support of the city to the insurance commissioner of the state of Washington in his fight against private companies, and asking the citizens of Spokane to lend their aid.

WOULD CAUSE COLLAPSE OF PRESENT REVOLUTION

Planning For Triumphant Return—Bavaria Wants Separate Peace—Lloyd George Says Germany Must Pay Cost of War to Limit—"Sub" Pirates Will Be Punished

London, Nov. 29.—The Daily Mail says that the former German emperor contemplates an early return to Germany to reclaim his throne, according to news received in London through neutral sources of high standing.

The revolution in Germany is being managed by officers of the German high command with the view of causing its eventual collapse and the triumphant return of the emperor.

Copenhagen, Nov. 29.—Prince Maximilian is favored as first president of the German republic, by democratic circles.

London, Nov. 29.—The liberal party in Baden has issued a proclamation demanding a complete breach with Berlin, according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

Paris, Nov. 29.—It is believed that Bavaria will probably ask to have separate plenipotentiaries at the peace negotiations and will claim conditions of separate peace.

New Castle, Nov. 29.—Premier Lloyd George declared in a speech that Germany must pay the cost of the war to the limit of her capacity. He said that the submarine pirates must be punished and that whoever devastated the lands of another country ought to be responsible for it. He declared that the authors of the war should be sternly dealt with.

THINKS ALASKA MECCA FOR WORLD TRAVELERS

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—The vast undeveloped reaches of Alaska's 586,400 square miles of valleys, streams and mountains offer a suitable habitat for America's returned soldiers, in the opinion of E. O. McCormick, of San Francisco, member of a commission authorized by Secretary Lane to make a survey of the northern territory.

The reports of Mr. McCormick, vice president in charge of traffic for the Southern Pacific company, and two others, L. O. Gabany, chemist and geologist, and George C. McFadden, coal mining expert, both of Chicago, are to be used. McCormick said, in connection with Secretary Lane's plan to establish returned soldiers on the land and to acquaint the American people with opportunities offered in the territory.

"Alaska is to be the mecca for discriminating world travelers. It is the dream land of artists," he said.

The territory's 120,000 reindeer, developed from 1,280 imported from the government between 1892 and 1902, will figure in the effect to supply the world with food, McCormick said. Fox farms, where animals bearing pelts worth \$2,500 each have been developed, and skunk farms are among the many unusual pursuits of the region, he said.

"On the way to Fairbanks, reached over a solid automobile road are the Matanuska coal fields, where coal is being developed in commercial quantities. These and other features of the vast mining district tapped by the railroad were given particular attention by other members of the commission. Forests of spruce, from which some was taken for America's newly built planes, fir and other timber lie along the railroad.

"In this district are produced the finest of vegetables—potatoes, beets, carrots, 16-pound cabbages, rhubarb four feet high and fine celery. Native grass in places grows eight feet high. Alaskan berries are already widely recognized."

SENATE APPROVES REPEAL

Washington, Nov. 29.—The senate finance committee has approved the repeal of increased postage rates, abolishing the zone increase on second class rates, to be effective upon enactment of the bill. Reduction of the first class rates would be effective July 1.

POLES MASSACRED JEWS SAYS BERLIN

Capture Lemberg and Murder and Burn—Charred Bodies Fill the Streets

Berlin, Wednesday, Nov. 27.—The charge that the Poles, after capturing Lemberg, the Galician capital, sacked the Jewish quarter, where the victims numbered several thousands, is made by the the Lemberg correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, who says he left the Galician city November 24. He telegraphs his newspaper from Breslau as follows:

"Since Friday Lemberg, which has been the scene of desperate street fighting, is again in the hands of the Poles, after having been stubbornly defended by the Ukrainians. The casualties among the soldiers and civilians are estimated as in excess of 1,000. A large section of the inner city was completely destroyed. Immediately upon entering the city the Poles proceeded to sack and burn the Ghetto district. The streets were filled with the charred bodies of murdered Jews. The Polish authorities declined to take measures to halt the slaughter. Polish legions roped off the streets leading to the Ghetto and methodically proceeding to pillage, rapine and burning."

AUSTRIA LOST FOUR MILLION MEN IN WAR

London, Nov. 29.—Austria-Hungary lost 4,000,000 men in killed and wounded during the war. Eight hundred thousand were killed, according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

SOUTH AMERICA HIT BY UNION LABOR BOYCOTT

Buenos Aires, Oct. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The building and repair of vessels of the allied nations in this port has been almost stopped by a labor union boycott on Brazilian pine. As this was the only lumber on the local market the boycott on its use halted all woodwork on ships.

The boycott is believed by shipping agents here to have been evolved by Germans and Spaniards in Buenos Aires partly as a hindrance to Allied shipping. It has been alleged for a year or more that German funds and German ingenuity were behind the labor organizations here which are directed by Spaniards.

HOLD FREEDOM OF SEAS AS A TRUST FOR ALL

Winston Spencer Churchill, in speaking of the "freedom of the seas," gives his views on the subject as follows:

"From the battle of Trafalgar to the end of the 19th century we were absolutely free at sea. We were the only nation whose ports were open to the world, whose markets were unrestricted by any tariff and whose coastwise trade was not held as a national monopoly. Even our kith and kin from the United States, whose affections and aid have been so dear to us; never practiced that broad, liberal policy which we, for a century of unchallenged supremacy have shown upon the sea. If other nations of the world are content to allow us to keep the supremacy of the seas without demur it will be because we hold it as a trust for all."

ALLIED LEADERS TO HOLD PRELIMINARY MEETING

London, Nov. 29.—The meeting of the allied leaders in London next week will be preliminary to the peace conference, the Daily Express says. Colonel House and Premier Orlando of Italy will be there.

ALLIES DEMAND HOLLAND GIVE UP THE KAISER

GERMAN LEADERS STRIVE FOR POWER, STARTING A REVOLUTION WHICH IS NOW ON

SOLE MAKES ANOTHER APPEAL

Conflicting Reports About Famine—Thousands Said to Be in Line for Their Daily Soup

London, Nov. 29.—The entente allies have decided to demand that Holland surrender the former emperor of Germany to justice, according to the Daily Express.

London, Nov. 29, 3:25 p. m.—The Berlin government, according to a news dispatch from Copenhagen, has sent a telegram to the former German emperor in Holland, demanding the formal abdication of himself and the crown prince.

London, Nov. 29.—At a Berlin meeting of the soldiers' and workmen's council, Herr Barth, secretary for social policy in the Ebert Ministry, declared that a counter revolution was in full swing, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

Several generals have issued counter revolutionary proclamations and have attempted to dissolve the soldiers' and workmen's councils.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The German-Austrian National council is negotiating with the Hungarian and Czech governments for the purpose of securing their cooperation in the publication of diplomatic pre-war documents and in an investigation into the responsibility for and conduct of the war.

Hamburg, Wednesday, Nov. 27.—Foreign Secretary Solff has brought the charge that the Hamburg soldier's and workmen's council is in independent communication with the Russian soviet government.

The extreme radicals in Hamburg are now in editorial control of the official organ, the Red Flag.

Indications point to an early rupture between the independent socialists and Spartacus group in Hamburg.

Zurich, Nov. 24.—Dr. W. S. Solff, the German foreign minister, has addressed the following note to the allied powers:

"According to an additional note sent to the armistice convention by the allies, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Alsace-Lorraine must be evacuated within a period of 15 days. This evacuation must be made in three stages, each to be marked on the map. The third stage has already been reached and encroaches upon the Rhine country.

"It seems possible that this encroachment may have been made with a view to attempting the annexation of these territories to Alsace-Lorraine. The protest of the members of the German commission has not been considered. The German government makes most solemn protest against all attempts intended to deprive Germany of these territories."

S. A. T. C. TO DEMOBILIZE

Washington, Nov. 29.—Complete demobilization of the Student Army Training Corps, comprising hundreds of units, has been decided upon. Secretary Baker announced that the demobilization would start immediately.