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LLOYD GEORGE HOLDS A LEAD IN THE HOUSE

IS EXPECTED TO HAVE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

SINN FEINERS ELECT ONLY 26

Asquith, Former Leader of the Liberal Party, Defeated—Halls From Fife, Scotland

London, Dec. 28.—All indications are that Premier Lloyd George and his government will have an overwhelming majority in the new house of commons.

Lloyd George was re-elected to his seat in parliament from Wales. Herbert Asquith, former premier and leader of the Liberal party, has been defeated for his seat in the house of commons from Fife, Scotland.

Returns thus far show the coalition Unionists elected 127, the coalition Liberals 56, Unionists five, Liberals two, Labor 23, Irish Nationalists one, Sinn Fein 26, and the Independents one.

London, Dec. 28.—Posters will appear in every parish in Ireland today, announcing that the Irish republic has come into being, says the Express. The central Sinn Fein council has been re-established in Dublin and calls itself the Irish parliament.

London, Dec. 28.—It is probable that the Laborites will be the second strongest party in the house of commons, as the Sinn Feiners will refrain from attendance, but the Laborites lost two of their strongest leaders in Arthur Henderson and Philip Snowden, who were defeated. The results thus far are: Coalitionists, 396; non-Coalition, 144.

FAMOUS U. S. ATHLETE IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Paris, Dec. 28.—A 2,000-foot fall killed Captain Hobey Baker, famous American flyer, it was learned here today. He fell at the Tours aerodrome, where he was waiting to proceed home.

Hobey Baker was one of the most renowned athletes ever developed in the United States.

BELIEVE MOST WOMEN WILL HOLD THEIR JOBS

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 28.—It is the general opinion among employers that women who have been taking the places of men in Idaho during the war will retain these positions. William T. Wallace, manager of the Idaho Power company in an interview on this subject says that he feels women can fill many positions better than men, in his company, and he has proved his contentions during the war. He does not think many women will lose their positions particularly if they were indoors.

Women proved so successful in the box factory in the Boise Payette company, that they will be retained. Women have occupied many positions in the machine shops of the Oregon Short Line, and a large number will be retained. Women were also employed in the canneries, these will be retained. Having few factories, most of the women of Idaho have been employed as elevator operators, clerks and some few as printers. In many instances they have been said to have given equal satisfaction with men. In but one case on record have they received equal pay with men, that is in a Boise print shop.

SOUNDS WARNING TO BIG POWERS

Cardinal Gibbons Says He Does Not Fear Labor Situation Nor Spreading of Doctrines

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, in a statement on Christmas eve, expressed his views with regard to the immediate future of America in the following words:

"Fears as to the labor situation, fears about the spread of socialism and kindred doctrines do not trouble me. The only apprehension I might have would be with regard to the consolidation of control of the great public interests of the country in the authorities of the government itself. These interests are vast and wide reaching and control the well-being of millions of men, such interests as the railroads and the telegraphs as well as others. I should be sorry to see these things put under the direction of any federal administration. The men employed in these industries and utilities would form the preponderating interest in any administration and would tend to perpetuation of power. I believe in a division of power and think it best for the country."

ARMY'S QUICK WORK IN SHIPPING LOCOMOTIVES

New York, Dec. 28.—The shipment of American built steam locomotives weighing 73 tons each and assembled all but the smoke stack and the tender so that they could move away under their own steam within a few hours after their arrival in France was among the accomplishments of the United States army transport force under stress of war and has since been continued.

More than four hundred of these locomotives were so shipped from New York in a few months, it was learned here with the lifting of the war censorship regulations, and these were in addition to 1,200 which were shipped in sections—nine to a locomotive packed in cases. The ships used to transport the locomotives, complete, were of a special type with three holds, each hold measuring 60 by 102 feet entered by hatches 39 feet wide and 42 feet long.

Into each of the three holds was placed 12 locomotives—36 to a ship. For a bed or flooring on which they rested for the voyage, was used more than 3,000 tons of steel rails. The locomotives when in position were braced with heavy wooden beams and the space between the boilers to the level of the top of the steam dome packed solid with highly compressed baled hay.

On this hay another flooring was laid, and on this floor was placed the tenders—the smoke stack, with more baled hay or other light cargo, packed in the space where coal is to be carried. On top of the tenders was packed still more cargo to the deck level, and during the "rush days" the above deck space filled with crated airplanes. When completely loaded with the 36 locomotives and other cargo, each vessel was carrying a dead weight of 14,000 tons in addition to ship machinery, bunker coal and crew supplies.

OLD INDIAN FIGHTER IS SERIOUSLY BURNED

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 28.—Captain Ivan D. Applegate, octogenarian who served in the Indian wars and one of the first Indian agents of Klamath county, was probably fatally burned today. His nightgown caught fire while standing in front of his fireplace at his home early this morning.

VILNA MAY FALL INTO HANDS OF BOLSHEVIKS

POLISH CHIEF OF STAFF SHOWS FIGHTING FRONT—DEMANDS PASSAGE FOR TROOPS

POLES ASK ALLIES FOR HELP

Bolsheviki Murdering Those Who Oppose Them—Lenine Raising an Army of 3,000,000

London, Dec. 28.—Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, is threatened by an advance of Bolshevik troops, according to a Warsaw dispatch.

The Polish chief of staff has demanded a free passage for his troop trains over the lines now in German hands, from the Polish frontier to Vilna.

If the reply is unfavorable, the Poles will begin to march into Lithuania. The Poles have asked the allies to send officers to accompany the troops.

Russia is striving desperately to form some sort of a stable government, but progress is slow, with the Bolsheviks murdering all who oppose them. The situation has settled down to almost a civil war, and the latest reports would indicate that some decisive battles may soon be fought. Lenine has announced his intention of raising an army of 2,000,000 soldiers by spring. Many of the returning soldiers are said to be joining the ranks of his army, through fear.

1,100,000 YANK TROOPS NAMED FOR DEMOBILIZATION

Washington, Dec. 28.—Over 1,100,000 American soldiers at home and abroad have been designated for demobilization since the armistice was signed. General March announced.

ARMED BOLSHEVIKS WHIP THE PEOPLE IN LINE—AGITATORS FROM NEW YORK

London, Dec. 28.—The Bolshevik government in Russia is described by a man who recently returned from that country as "a carpetbag government of the most flagrant sort." Theoretically, he says, the Bolshevik government is popular and supposed to represent the will of the working masses throughout Russia. In practice local Soviets have been bowled over whenever they failed to satisfy Moscow officials, and outsiders have been placed in control. A large proportion of the traveling commissars who go about Russia on armored trains to keep the local Soviets in line are declared to be agitators from New York and London.

The government is described as analogous to such a rule as might be imagined to originate with workmen in New York and Chicago. Carrying out the analogy, such a government would recognize the political rights of nobody but workmen in New Orleans and San Francisco. It would overthrow by arms any government in Seattle or San Antonio which did not reflect its own views and would deny the ballot to all persons possessed of property. Under such a government New York and Chicago politicians would be sent with armed trains to overthrow Soviets in St. Louis and Detroit which failed to obey the mandate of the central governing board. Dakota wheat farmers and Texas cotton growers would be forced to surrender their products to armed crusaders at whatever price the central Soviet officials chose to pay. Banks

GEN. PERSHING LAYS DOWN NEW RULE FOR HUNS

HERETOFORE GIVEN A FREE REIGN, GERMANS GET TASTE OF OWN MEDICINE

TO CHECK ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE

Boche Must Carry Identification Cards and Give Up All Weapons and Ammunition

Coblenz, Dec. 28.—Rules for the guidance of the inhabitants of the regions now occupied by the American troops have been issued by General Pershing. Hitherto General Pershing has not interfered in local affairs.

The Germans had come to believe that such conditions would continue, and while there has been no serious incident, General Pershing believed it best to check any tendency toward abuse.

Each inhabitant must carry his identification card and give notice of changing his habitation. Weapons and ammunition must be surrendered. Crowds are forbidden, and a military court will deal with anyone attacking or impeding the soldiers.

SENATOR JONES TAKES TRIP IN AN AIRPLANE

Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Jones of Washington, started to New York today in an army airplane, piloted by Lieutenant Logg.

Minneapolis, New York, Dec. 28.—Senator Jones has completed his trip. He will fly back to Washington Monday.

Honolulu, Dec. 28.—A Tokio cable to the Nippon Jiji here says that the Japanese war department has announced that half of the Japanese troops in Siberia will be withdrawn soon.

KAISER AND HINDY RAN LIKE RABBITS

Both Lived far Behind Front Lines and Ran for Holes at First Warning of Airplane

Spa, Belgium, Dec. 28.—The former headquarters of the kaiser and his general staff is disclosing some extraordinarily queer facts these days about the men who engineered the world war. Take for one, Hindenburg, Germany's superman, about whom reams have been written disclosing him as a fearless Napoleon. As a matter of fact he spent a great deal of time in a wonderfully constructed "funk hole" or dugout underneath the grounds of his villa here.

Spa is so far from where battle lines used to be that it was almost a day's journey in a fast motor car to get within sound of the big guns. The kaiser, too, had a similar hiding place at Neubois, near a comic opera trench system about which he is said to have paraded for the benefit of the motion pictures. At each of their villas, there were delicate electrical instruments which would set up furious buzzing whenever an airplane approached anywhere near. At the first sound from this contrivance Hindenburg and the kaiser used to run to shelter, it is reported. People who worked about Hindenburg's establishment said that he was continually running for cover.

ARLINGTON, WASH., MAN UP FOR WHITE SLAVERY

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—Glen A. Campbell, of Arlington, Wash., has been sentenced to three years on McNeill's Island for white slavery, under the Mann act. The complaining witness was a 17-year-old girl a ward of Campbell's.

U. S. MANUFACTURERS GRAB TRADE IN SOUTH

New York, Dec. 28.—United States manufacturers and exporters have increased their trade in Brazil and other South American countries by more than 160 per cent since the beginning of the war, according to J. W. Sanger, trade commissioner of the United States, government bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, who recently returned from a survey of the business opportunities south of the equator.

"Imagine ten large stores in one big city and one of these stores doing more business than all the other nine combined," declared Mr. Sanger, "and that will give you some idea of the position we are in today. It is an amazing record. We are now selling South American countries more than half of everything they import. Our total export trade is now counted in billions of dollars."

U. S. MAY IRRIGATE 20,000 ACRES IN MONT.

St. Ignace, Mont., Dec. 28.—Engineers of the United States reclamation service have arrived here to investigate the storage possibilities of Placid lake in the heart of the Mission range of mountains, for a proposed irrigation project of 20,000 acres between Missoula and Huson.

One of the schemes of water supply for this project is to tap the Blackfoot river above Bonner, bringing the water down through Missoula to DeSmet. Other sources of supply will be storage reservoirs in the mountains.

Congress has appropriated \$100,000 for investigation and preliminary surveys looking toward reclamation of land for returning soldiers.

WILSON SAYS UNITED POWER MUST PREVAIL

ADDRESSES ENGLAND'S MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AT FAMOUS GUILD HALL

PRESIDENT IS 62 YEARS OLD

"Must No Longer Be Balance of Power Which Might Unsettle Peace of the World"

London, Dec. 28.—Speaking in the historic Guild hall at a gathering of England's most distinguished statesmen, President Wilson reaffirmed the principle that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must produce a concert of power which would preserve it.

London, Dec. 28.—King George called at the president's apartments at 10 o'clock this morning and wished him many happy returns. The president is 62 years of age today.

THREE REAL ESTATE DEALS TRANSACTED

George W. Potts recently purchased the A. F. Melonius tract of land near New Hope. Mr. Potts and family are now living on the place.

Elmer G. Morey has purchased one acre of land with a five-room house on North Tenth street from Mrs. N. F. Clements.

E. D. Stephens, of Galt, Cal., has purchased a 200 acre farm of E. H. Wise, near Holland. There are about 80 acres of this farm in cultivation and under irrigation and it is now planted to clover and alfalfa. Mr. Stephenson and wife have moved onto the land and expect to make their future home there.

The above sales were all made by Isaac Best of this city.

BATTLEFIELDS BOTTED WITH SALVAGE CREWS

Behind the Lines in France, Nov. 27.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—This land of recent battles is a queer land now. Over the shell torn villages and blasted woods, the pitted fields and the ruin of all that once was, is a strange quiet. The winter sky is lacking in airplanes and reat flocks of crows have taken their place.

A few villagers have crept back to see what remains of their homes and holdings, but they are few and probably the winter will have passed before reclamation and reconstruction are undertaken on a large scale.

Along the roads repaired and re-bridged for the allies' advance into German territory, long camion trains move slowly and always southward. They travel leisurely now, for the need of hurry is gone. They bring back the salvage of battlefields, all the things that go to make war, abandoned or captured.

Truck load after truck load of rifles and shells, of water bottles and haversacks, cartridges, machine guns, bayonets and trench knives and pistols, mess kits, overcoats, caps, an endless catalogue of paraphernalia are brought in. The battle zone is still full of it all, in heaps and racks, waiting salvage.

Albany, Ore., Dec. 28.—J. E. Balch an Albany brakeman, will probably recover, though he fell 40 feet off a railroad trestle near Summit shortly after midnight last night. He was unconscious four hours.