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HUN FACTIONS STILL STRIVE TO GAIN POWER

REFUSE TO GIVE POLES USE OF RAILWAYS TO RUSH TROOPS TOWARD VILNA

WOULD HAVE TO ASK THE ALLIES

Arrest of Prominent Men in Munich By Police Causes Greatest Sensation in the Empire

London, Dec. 31.—Germany has refused to accede to the demand of the Poles that Polish troops be permitted to use the railroads from the Polish border to Vilna, according to Warsaw advices. Berlin based her refusal on the ground that permission from the entente powers was necessary.

Munich, Dec. 31.—Seventeen prominent men in a conference at a hotel here, including one Bavarian duke, were arrested by the police last night, assisted by 20 members of the local soldiers' council. The arrests caused the greatest sensation, since the revolution is accused of aiming an attack on "existing institutions."

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—A congress of the Spartacus group in session in Berlin have adopted a resolution declaring that "no honorable proletariat must have anything to do with the Independent socialists."

London, Dec. 31.—Von Hindenburg has telegraphed to the German industrial magnates, saying that he would support the British occupation of Berlin, it is reported here.

CONSTANTINOPLE FIRED BY RIOTING TURKS

London, Dec. 31.—Disturbances at Constantinople continue and great fires have broken out in the Parkmakapal quarter of Pera, across the Golden Horn from the city proper, and the suburb of Kadi Keul. The Turkish chamber of deputies is reported to have dissolved.

SEATTLE TO SPEND VAST SUM TO HONOR DEAD

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31.—A \$500,000 Victory Memorial cathedral is to be built in Seattle by St. Mark's Episcopal church in memory of the American men who served and died in France, according to an announcement made by Rev. Ernest Vincent Shaylor, rector of St. Mark's Parish. Architects are working on the plans, the announcement asserted.

Twelve windows in the cathedral, according to preliminary plans will be named in honor of twelve of the nations allied in the war with the United States. Bronze tablets bearing the names of Seattle men who fell in battle are to be placed in the building. A Victory Tower with chimes has been proposed.

DR. MARIE EQUI TO McNEIL'S ISLAND

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—Dr. Marie Equi, woman physician, has been sentenced to three years at McNeill's Island and was given a \$500 fine for violation of the espionage act. Dr. Equi's woman companion was sent sprawling on the floor of the courthouse corridor by William Bryan, representative of the department of justice, who declared that the women blocked the way and insulted him.

SAYS POPE WILL SEND NO DELEGATE

Vatican Wants Roman Question Settled—Hopes for Much From Conference With President

London, Dec. 31.—Mgr. Ceretti under-secretary of state at the Vatican and special envoy to London to hold a conference with President Wilson, granted an interview in regard to whether the pope will have a voice in the peace conference, and on the Roman question.

"I can authorize you to deny," he said, "that the pope wishes to send a representative to the peace conference. They are repeating today what was repeated to satisfy years ago and has been always categorically denied. You may be convinced that the Holy See till now has not done anything to solicit an invitation, and take part in the peace conference because there was no occasion for it."

The correspondent understood from the last words that he meant to refer to the peace program of President Wilson which is based on practically the same as Pope Benedict XV. expressed in his famous peace note.

In regard to the Roman question, Mgr. Ceretti denied the report that a strip of territory reaching from Rome to the sea would be granted in order to permit the papacy to travel without touching Italian territory. He said the Vatican wanted to see the Roman question solved, and that the steps taken led to the hope for a happy solution.

INDIANS MAKE PEACE AFTER YEARS OF WAR

Sitka, Alaska, Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

War, mostly of the smoldering variety but which in past generations has blazed and drawn blood, no longer exists between the Sitka and Wrangell clans of the Kock-Wan-Ton caste of the Thlinket Indian tribe of southeastern Alaska. Peace was declared at a meeting November 11, the same day on which the world war armistice was signed.

Democratic principles, taught the younger Indians by the United States government teachers, prevailed at the peace conference. The Indians decided to set aside their tribal customs. Disputes, the Indians decided, in the future will be settled by the white man's law, instead of by hostilities.

No Indian now living can remember the time when the Sitkas and Wrangells were at peace. There has been bad blood between them for years. The last futile attempt to make peace took place in the early eighties, when Jack Yaquan, father of one of the delegates at the last meeting, led his tribe of Sitkas to Wrangell to make peace. A war cry greeted their arrival and nearly all the visitors were massacred by the Wrangells. Chief Yaquan was among the Sitkas killed.

Old men of the tribes, it is said, refused to let the hostility die and endeavored to keep alive the fires of hatred. With the passing of many of the old tribesmen, however, the younger men, imbued with the ideas of modern civilization taught them in the government schools, decided they wanted peace.

PERSHING SAYS 15,000 MORE WILL RETURN

Washington, Dec. 31.—General Pershing has notified the war department that additional units with a total strength of approximately 15,000 men have been assigned for early convoy home.

PEASANTS IN RUSSIA ALARM LENINE GOV.

WHEN LOWER CLASSES REVOLTED EARLY THIS MONTH WERE HARD TO SUBDUED

SAYS AMERICAN FORCES SAFE

Volunteer Army, Aided by French Force, Marching North From Roumania Toward Kiev

Paris, Dec. 31.—The attitude of the Russian peasants in the region of Moscow is alarming the Lenine government, according to the Petrograd correspondent to the Journal. Early in December the peasants actively revolted and it was a week before they were subdued.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Favorable reports on the situation in the Archangel region of Russia, where some unofficial accounts have pictured the North Russian, allied and American forces as facing destruction at the hands of the Bolsheviks in overwhelming numbers, has been given the state department by a representative of the Archangel government.

The Bolshevik soldiers are offered by Germans, consequently they are able to make good use of artillery and the rapid-fire guns, but they have no stomach for fighting that does not keep them at a distance from their opponents.

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—A volunteer army and a French force are advancing from Roumania through Bessarabia toward Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, according to a report from Odessa.

SWEDISH OFFICER PLAYED INTO HANDS OF BOCHE

London, Dec. 31.—Charges of flagrant abuse of neutrality by a Swedish official have been made in the prize court here by Sir Frederick Smith, attorney general. He asked for condemnation as a prize of \$2,500,000 worth of wool, seized in seven vessels and claimed by the Royal Swedish army administration. The wool, the attorney general alleges, was bought with German money for use in Germany.

This was one of a series of cases, Sir Frederick Smith asserted, in which the late Swedish government, or Lieutenant-Colonel Wikland, head of the equipment section of the Swedish army, lent its name improperly as consignees. Wikland, who had not been repudiated by the Swedish government, Sir Frederick said, had bought goods with funds supplied by Germany.

"These are grave allegations," said the attorney general. "It is not quite clear where the money came from, but there were sham shippers and sham consignees of a commodity of which Germany was in desperate need, and either or both lent themselves to chicanery in order that this court and the representatives of the British navy might be misled."

OREGON WEATHER

Fair, continued cold. Gentle winds, mostly northerly.

ITALIANS' RESIGNATION MAY DELAY THE CONFERENCE

Paris, Dec. 31.—The resignation of three Italian ministers may delay the opening of the preliminary peace conference until January 15, according to the Echo de Paris.

U.S. NEXT TO GREAT BRITAIN IN SEA POWER

SECRETARY DANIELS SAYS IF LEAGUE FAILS WE NEED THE BIGGEST NAVY

JAPAN'S POWER IS UNKNOWN

Asserts That Future of United States Navy Depends Entirely Upon Decision at Versailles

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily Press says 517 ships were added to the British navy since the outbreak of the war. Of this number seven were battleships, five battle cruisers, 26 light cruisers, 17 monitors, 230 destroyers and 232 mine sweepers and special service vessels.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Unless a league of nations or other tribunal that will make certain the limitation of international armament is established, the United States must build the greatest navy in the world, Secretary Daniels today told the house naval committee.

"It is my firm conviction," declared the secretary, "that if the conference at Versailles does not result in a general agreement to put an end to naval building on the part of all the nations, then the United States must bend her will and bend her energies, must give her men and give her money to the task of the creation of incomparably the greatest navy in the world."

With the completion of the proposed new three-year building program, adding 10 dreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, 10 scout cruisers and 130 smaller craft to the fleet, America still will rank second in naval strength to Great Britain, said the secretary, who appeared before the committee to make his final recommendations for the 1920 naval bill which the committee is considering.

"Does the president back the policy to make us the first naval power in the world?" asked Representative Kelly of Michigan.

"Yes, if competitive building is to continue," said Mr. Daniels. "We are now easily the second naval power, but this program will not make the first."

"CHUB" HARVEY WITH ARMY OF OCCUPATION

The Courier today received the following letter from Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Harvey, who are visiting with their son, C. L. Harvey, in Glendale. "Chub" is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey:

"Chub is over the Rhine. We received a letter from him, dated November 26, at Reisdorf, Luxemburg, in which he says: 'We have been following the retreating Germans. Are now about nine miles from the German border. We hiked through Belgium and Luxemburg and expect to hike quite a ways into Germany. We sure received some fine welcome in Belgium. Bands met us on the roads and escorted us into the towns. Had big receptions and parades. Have not had to sleep out a night since we have been on the march. Always shelter of some kind, and have had plenty of blankets. There was sure a happy bunch over here when the fighting stopped. It's almost too good to be true.'

"So you see, Chub is with the army of occupation. Later news says the Sixth Marines are over the Rhine."

"That was a mistake about Grandma Edith being dead. She is able to sit up."

"Snowed some here last night, but it has all melted and has rained some today."

BURLESON RAISES OPERATORS' PAY

Effects Most All Employees of Telegraph Systems Now Under Government Control

Washington, Dec. 31.—Increased wages, effective tomorrow, for employees of all departments of the telegraph systems under government control, except employees at "non-functional" offices, and messengers, has been announced by Postmaster-General Burleson.

Employees who have been in the service over a year and half get a 10 per cent increase; those employed a less length of time will receive 5 per cent.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Railroad telegraphers and station agents were given a further wage increase today by Director General McAdoo, retroactive to October 1.

Under the previous order, to which telegraphers objected strenuously, the basis for calculating increased pay was made by dividing the rate in effect last January 1 by the number of working days in the year, which included generally Sundays and holidays. Under the new order, this divisor is 306, which eliminates Sundays and holidays. To this is to be added the 13 cents per hour advance granted by the former order. The new order also applies to station agents but excepts agents whose duties are purely supervisory, and those at small non-telegraph stations.

The supplement provides for payment on the eight hour basis, with overtime at the rate of time and one-half. This overtime rate does not apply to work Sundays and holidays, however. The supplement also provides for elimination of vacations with pay, giving instead an additional increase of two cents in the hourly rate. This is to apply to all railroads irrespective of existing practices.

PHILADELPHIA BOMB ARTIST IS ARRESTED

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Superintendent of Police Mills announced this afternoon that he had made an arrest in connection with the bomb explosions last night in the homes of three prominent men in public life, supposedly in revenge against the judicial police enforcing the law against sedition and the displaying of the red flag.

Superintendent Mills said: "The man is probably responsible for the explosion, as he has been connected actively in Bolshevism and with the I. W. W." The officers will not let lawyers or the man's relatives see him.

WILSON FEELS GRATIFIED

London, Dec. 31.—President Wilson returns to France feeling gratified with the progress which has been made toward the achievement of his peace ideals.

Phil Bates, of Portland, well known throughout the state for his efforts in advertising Oregon to the world, is in the city this afternoon on business connected with the Tourist Association.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN ADJOURNED SESSION

The city council met last night in adjourned session and paid up all, or practically all, bills for this year. All members were present except Councilmen Launer and Knips. The next regular meeting of the council will be next Thursday night, when the newly elected officials will be sworn in. It will thus be the first meeting of the new council, and at that time the city recorder's annual report will be heard.

CELEBRATION DINNER DRAWS MANY MEMBERS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENJOYS FIRST LUNCHEON IN MANY WEEKS

SPEECHES AND MUSIC ENLIVEN

Prof. Powers of O. A. C. Talks on Irrigation—Much Chrome Produced Near Grants Pass

The Chamber of Commerce met last night in their newly renovated rooms, for the first time in several weeks. The meeting was a celebration dinner and was attended by many member and their ladies. The turkey dinner was served by the Red Cross ladies in their usual excellent manner.

President Bramwell, at the end of the meal, extended a New Year's greeting to those present and spoke of the work the Chamber had accomplished during the past year, referring to the thousands of dollars spent in this city for supplies by the chrome operators, this being due to the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in securing the chrome haul to this city due to road improvement. He also spoke of the irrigation projects and the probable immediate construction of the north side ditches. Mr. Bramwell says there are parties now writing the Chamber regarding the construction of a re-duction plant in this section, which will have a pay roll of thousands of dollars each week.

Prof. W. L. Powers, of the O. A. C., was then called on and gave an interesting talk on irrigation matters, pointing out the need and the value of irrigation. He spoke encouragingly of the project which is intended to water the section down the river on the north side.

T. P. Cramer, who attended the meeting in Portland for the formation of a state Chamber of Commerce to affiliate with a national body, gave an interesting report of the meeting, and President Bramwell, who was also at the meeting, spoke of the value of the organization.

Fred A. Williams, who leaves Grants Pass soon for Salem to take up his duties as member of the public service commission, was called on and spoke of his 10 years in Grants Pass. He praised the people of this section and said he had been in all sections of the United States, but considered Grants Pass the ideal place for a home. In the course of his remarks Mr. Williams stated that one third of the chrome produced in the United States was produced between Grants Pass and Crescent City.

Mrs. A. N. Parsons delighted the audience with a vocal solo, and graciously responded to an encore.

The renovating of the club rooms adds greatly to their appearance and attractiveness and the efforts of Landford Williams are appreciated by the members.

TO RELEASE SINN FEINERS

London, Dec. 31.—The release of all Sinn Feiners interned in England is expected immediately. Count Plunkett, elected to parliament in the recent election, has already been released.

McGOVERN MEETS DEATH IN THE PRIZE RING

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31.—Terry McGovern, pugilist of Philadelphia known in private life as Frank Dileo, was injured in a match with Frankie Britt, of New Bedford, last night and died today. His skull was fractured by hitting the floor. Britt has been arrested.