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MILITARISTS SCHEMING TO REGAIN POWER

OFFICERS OF OLD SCHOOL SAID TO HAVE WHIP HAND AND WANT KAISER BACK

YEARN FOR "GOOD OLD TIMES"

Emperor Thinks Germans Erred When They Put Him Aside—Hint at Suspension of Armistice

Basel, Feb. 27.—The monarchists of Germany are contemplating an early coup d'etat, is the opinion of some of the Berlin correspondents. They say the old officer class has been gradually getting the whip hand since January 13 and now holds the government in its power. It is intended to restore the old order.

These militarists are said to be loyal to the emperor and are said to be storing munitions in their homes for emergency. The Kaiser's assertion yesterday that "Germany will soon repent for having overthrown his monarch" would seem to strengthen the belief that the militarists are planning a surprise.

Geneva, Feb. 27.—Swiss newspapers have a Berlin dispatch saying that owing to the sudden suspension of the armistice negotiations the German commission left Spa for Berlin. The reason for the suspension is not given, and it is believed to be suspended only temporarily as there has been no intimation of a crisis.

London, Feb. 27.—Lloyd George declared today that the blockade of Germany could not be raised until Germany had signed the peace treaty making war impossible.

SHIPBUILDING WILL RECEIVE ATTENTION

Some of the prominent business men of the state have asked the State Chamber of Commerce to meet within a few days and assist in fathering a plan to organize a \$50,000,000 corporation to build wooden ships on the western coast. F. S. Bramwell, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, has been notified of the proposed meeting and will endeavor to make arrangements to attend the meeting which will probably be held at Portland. The date for the meeting has not yet been announced. It is evident that the business men of Oregon do not intend to lie down and wait for business to come to them, but intend to wake and go out after it.

JOSEPHINE RAISES \$1204 OF HER QUOTA

Reports received by E. L. Coburn, chairman of relief work campaign, show a total of \$1,204.07 subscribed. All of the districts are showing good work.

School district No. 12, Ficket Creek and Ferry, with a quota of \$10, raised \$29.25; while school district No. 27, Wolf Creek, with a quota of \$35 raised \$75; and school district No. 11, Jerome Prairie, with a quota of \$30 raised \$45.

Grants Pass has raised approximately \$700 of their \$750 quota, but the city has not been completely canvassed.

The East school raised \$20.60, while the High school raised \$58.65. The High school is 100 per cent, as every student and teacher contributed.

PIEZ WOULD STOP DELAY AND PARLEY

Refuses Increased Pay Over War-Time Scale and Gives Last Word to Shipyard Strikers

Washington, Feb. 27.—Labor agreements between shipyard operators and employees, made by the shipping board's adjustment commission during the war and expiring March 31, will be superseded by a system designed to "stop hampering the yards and coddling the men," Charles Piez, director general of the emergency fleet corporation said today. The government does not intend, he added, to yield to any of the demands for increases in pay over war-time scales, which have been the cause of strikes in Seattle and San Francisco and threaten a strike at Hog Island.

"I have told the boys that an end comes to every pie," said Director Piez, "and that the last piece is on the plate now. Any increases in ship construction costs from now on will be met by the cancellation of ship contracts. We are down to the last of the margin on all appropriations and we don't intend to finish out our commitments by leaving the half-built hulls sticking up in the air in the yards."

"We had to do a good many things during the war," he continued, "and the result of the Macy adjustment board was to re-establish a horizontal scale all over the United States. Now we intend to adjust the government's participation in the management and financing of shipyards. Wage scales will be determined by district boards, so far as possible, with the government as a factor in organizing them."

"In the meantime, strikers who break the Macy board agreement and ask for more pay will not be dealt with until they come back to work. If I have anything to say, there isn't much use in collective bargaining if the bargain is to be kept when it suits the men and broken when it doesn't."

"The United States will not long continue to build ships at \$600 a ton when they are being turned out on the Clyde for \$140. It isn't that I don't want to pay high wages. I do, to the men who can earn them. We've got a lot of men in the yards who can't and won't. The effect of the horizontal wage scale has been bad from every point of view, but its chief bad result is measured in the increased cost of ships. We want high wages for the men and high output for both yards and men. That is our chance to reduce costs."

HOW TO CONTROL THE ONION THIRIPS

The onion thrips is an insect so small that it is almost invisible to the unaided eye, but it is prolific, and the most serious menace to the onion-growing industry of this country. It causes an annual loss to this crop alone estimated by specialists of the United States department of agriculture to be at least \$2,250,000. Though the insect has a particular liking for onions, it preys upon other garden and truck crops, such as cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers and melons, and also has a ravenous appetite for greenhouse and many ornamental plants, particularly roses. To aid growers in identifying this insect and preventing the losses for which it is responsible, Farmers' Bulletin 1907, "Control of Onion Thrips," has recently been published by the U. S. department of agriculture.

BELIEVE TANKER WAS LOST WITH ENTIRE CREW

Port Orford, Ore., Feb. 27.—A ship's cabin bearing the name "George Loomis" was found on the beach here. It is believed to be the first definite indication that the oil tanker last seen in a heavy storm off the Oregon coast several weeks ago sank with all on board.

LEGISLATORS HOLD OVER BUT MAY QUIT TODAY

HOUSE PASSES MEASURE TO CARE FOR DELINQUENT CHILDREN, GIVING \$6,000

POSTPONE MALHEUR LAKE BILL

Senate Concurs in House Minor Amendments to the \$5,000,000 Reconstruction Bill

Salem, Ore., Feb. 27.—Plans to adjourn the legislature last night failed, but it is expected that an adjournment will be made today.

The house passed the measure creating a commission to care for delinquent and dependent children, appropriating \$6,000 for the purpose. The senate concurred in the house minor amendments to the \$5,000,000 reconstruction bond bill.

The senate indefinitely postponed the bill relinquishing Malheur lake to the government for a bird preserve.

The bill by Mrs. Thompson, to regulate livestock running at large, by county vote, was killed in the senate.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 27.—A fight on the lieutenant-governor resolution is waging in the senate.

PORTLAND PROPERTY MAKES A REMARKABLE GROWTH

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—From 1899 to 1918 the valuation of property in Portland has increased from \$28,570,892 to \$395,200,640, according to a report compiled in the office of Henry E. Reed, county assessor.

KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB \$3,000,000 AFFAIR

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—A corporation with a capitalization of \$3,000,000 to be known as the Kentucky Jockey Club is to be formed to take over the four Kentucky racing plants, Latonia, Lexington, Douglas Park and Churchill Downs, upon which options were recently taken by a syndicate of Kentucky horsemen.

In the announcement, it is declared that among the objects sought in the consolidation is the placing of racing on a higher plane in the state, and the belief is indicated that this can best be done by widely scattering the stock among breeders and racers of thoroughbred horses themselves.

The capitalization will be divided into \$1,000,000 of preferred stock and \$2,000,000 of common stock.

POOR PLACE FOR NEWLYWEDS TO SET UP HOUSEKEEPING

New York, Feb. 27.—Be glad you don't live in Turkey. A Red Cross man writes that eggs in Constantinople are 30 cents apiece. They're not passed by the censor, either. Bread is 80 cents a loaf, milk 90 cents a pint, butter \$4 a pound and sugar \$2 a pound. Imagine feeding a flock of wives at those prices. Two army officers, says the Red Cross man, stopped over night at a hotel and had to pay \$235 for lodging, breakfast and dinner. Wonder what they had to give the hat boy?

HAPGOOD NOMINATED MINISTER TO DENMARK

Washington, Feb. 27.—Norman Hapgood of New York has been nominated as minister to Denmark, succeeding Dr. Maurice Egan, who has resigned due to poor health.

WILSON WILL SPEAK ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

GREAT PEACE LEAGUE MEETING PLANNED AT NEW YORK. TAFT WILL BE THERE

PALMER NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

President, Carrying Large Flag, Leads Parade in Honor of Returning Soldiers

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson has accepted an invitation to speak at New York next Tuesday night on the eve of his sailing for France. The meeting will be one of the various societies to form a league of nations. Former President Taft is expected to speak at the same meeting.

Washington, Feb. 27.—A. Mitchell Palmer has been nominated by President Wilson to be attorney general. His resignation as alien property custodian has not been announced, and no intimation is given out who may succeed him in that office.

Mr. Palmer will probably take his new office on March 4, on which date Mr. Gregory has asked to be retired.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson, marching with swinging stride and shouldering a big flag, led the parade down Pennsylvania avenue in honor of the returning soldiers. Army airplanes and dirigibles hovered overhead. An army captive balloon broke away from its moorings and swept over the city and landed nine miles away. Pilot Lieutenant McMilland is believed to have jumped from the parachute.

ONLY THE REGULARS TO BE KEPT OVERSEAS

Washington, Feb. 27.—General Pershing notified the war department today that "divisions now in the American expeditionary forces excepting those with regular army designations" would be returned to the United States in the order of the arrival of their respective divisional headquarters in France. This was interpreted as meaning that all divisions except the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh would be returned as shipping was available.

Combat troops not assigned to divisions will be returned in the order in which their services can be spared and a similar policy has been adopted regarding service of supply troops except that as far as possible these also would be returned in the order of arrival in France.

General Pershing said he estimated the movement of troops, based on tonnage known to be available and on the German shipping soon to become available, as follows:

March, 212,000; April, 221,000; May, 248,000; June, 207,000.

The general said that based on these estimates divisions would be returned in the following order:

March: 27th, 30th, 85th, 37th and 91st. April: 26th, 83rd, 82nd, 35th and 42nd. May: 32nd, 28th, 33rd, 80th and 78th. June: 89th, 90th and 79th.

PRINCESS PATRICIA MARRIED

London, Feb. 27.—Princess Patricia of Connaught and Commander Alexander R. M. Ramsey were married at Westminster Abbey today noon.

CLEMENCEAU AT WORK

Paris, Feb. 27.—Premier Clemenceau resumed his official duties today.

NEW DAY DAWNING FOR THE STOCKMEN

Improved Control of Animal Diseases Gives Assurance of a Brighter Future for That Industry

Washington, Feb. 27.—"Recent results in the control of animal diseases give a vision of a new day in which the American stock raiser, freed from the ravages of some of his foes and with others brought under subjection, can pursue his calling in greater security and increase his contributions toward supplying the growing needs of the world."

That is the encouraging outlook for American farmers in fighting an annual preventable disease loss of \$175,000,000, as described today by Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of agriculture, U. S. department of agriculture, before the agricultural committee of the American Bankers' association.

After expressing appreciation for the help of American bankers and other business men in fighting animal diseases, Dr. Mohler said: "Through the joint efforts of federal and state agencies and of stockmen generally, spurred on by the unusual requirements of the present, we are pressing more vigorously than ever before our assaults against enemies that have too long preyed on our flocks and herds."

"The most striking example of what has been and what may be accomplished in the systematic stamping out of animal diseases is the campaign for the eradication of the southern cattle ticks," he said. In a little more than 10 years the area infested by these parasites has been reduced from 728,565 to 270,936 square miles, the area freed from ticks amounting to 458,529 square miles, or 63 per cent of the whole. Ticks are charged with direct losses calculated at \$40,000,000 annually and with far greater losses indirectly.

"Hog cholera doubtless has caused heavier losses than any other single disease," declare the federal officials. The annual loss varies from year to year, but has been estimated to average \$40,000,000. The country-wide death rate from hog cholera in 1917 was but 42 to the thousand, the lowest in 35 years and a wonderful contrast to the 144 to the thousand in 1897 and the 118 to the thousand in 1914.

"It would be a mistake, however, to suppose that these results herald the immediate extinction of hog cholera," said Dr. Mohler. "The immensity of the problem is such that it can be attacked successfully only when the states and local organizations are in a position to cooperate with the federal government. The first and most important steps have been taken already and the rest appears to be largely a matter of time and education."

"I WONT WORKS" ROUNDED UP AT PORTLAND TODAY

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—Twenty-two members of the I. W. W. are under arrest today following a raid on the I. W. W. hall here yesterday afternoon by federal, city and county authorities.

A large quantity of literature and posters was seized. Of the 22 arrested, five are foreigners. Proceedings will be started for their deportation. The others are charged with vagrancy.

ALLIES REPULSE REDS WHO SUFFER HEAVILY

Archangel, Feb. 27.—Bolshevik troops on Monday attempted a counter attack against newly gained allied positions on the Murmansk front but were repulsed, losing heavily. The Bolsheviks used an armored train in their ineffectual attempt.

LAW MAKERS MUST WAIT FOR PRES. WILSON

INFORMS SENATORS THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA SESSION UNTIL HE RETURNS

BELIEVES LEAGUE INEVITABLE

Says if Republicans Defeat Victory Loan Bill They Alone Will Be Responsible for Failure

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson in conferring with senators reiterated his determination to not call congress into extraordinary session until he returned from France again. He said that if the republicans defeated the Victory loan bill to force an early session they alone would be responsible for the failure.

Regardless of the attitude of the senate the president said there would be no session of congress until his return. He said the success of the league of nations plan was inevitable.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson told members of the congressional foreign relations committee that unless the United States entered the league of nations the league would fall and chaos and turmoil beyond description would result in Europe. Views of republican members opposing the league constitution as reported to the peace conference apparently were not changed by the long dinner conference with President Wilson at the White House. This opinion was expressed by both democratic and republican senators.

President Wilson denied that the league plan would interfere with the Monroe doctrine, declaring that the doctrine would be guaranteed by all the member powers in the world society.

LAND GRANT REVERTS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

Washington, Feb. 27.—The Sinnott bill reverting title in the federal government to 93,000 acres of land in Douglas and Coos counties, Oregon, known as the Coos Bay wagon road land grant, became a law today with the signature of President Wilson.

CALIFORNIA AUTO RACE TAKES PLACE MAR. 15

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 27.—The Santa Monica road race, in former years a noted event in the automobile world, will again take its place in the sports of the southland on March 15 when a field of cars, expected to include two score entrants, will leave the mark for 33 trips around a 7.6 miles course, or a total distance of 250 miles.

A temporary grandstand to seat 10,000 persons has been ordered. The race has been sanctioned by the American Automobile association, and will be managed by a committee from the Motor Car Dealers association of Los Angeles. Entry blanks have been sent from New York by the A. A. A. and pending their receipt no announcement of entrants will be made. It was said for the race committee, however, that 16 noted drivers have already announced their intention of competing, and that Ralph De Palma will be on hand with a special car of noted make.