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## OLCOTT WANTS TO RESIGN ONE OF HIS OFFICES

### ASKS IF HE WILL STILL BE GOVERNOR IF HE RESIGNS AS SECRETARY

## DOES NOT SEEK MORE POWER

### On March 26 Highway Commission Will Receive Bids on Five Highway Improvement Projects

Salem, Ore., Mar. 13.—In a letter to the attorney general today, Governor Olcott asked for the speediest solution of the question as to whether he could resign as secretary of state without giving up the governorship.

The governor pointed out that particularly now when great problems confront the state there should be three minds working on them, on the board of control, instead of two minds with three votes.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 13.—The state highway commission at their meeting at Portland on March 26 will receive bids on five highway improvement projects, two in Umatilla, one in Yamhill, one in Lane and one in Wheeler county.

Toledo, Ohio, Mar. 13.—Eugene V. Debs in an address said that Trotsky and Lenin "were the foremost statesmen of the age." He called the supreme court judges "bewhiskered, powdered old fossils, who never decided anything."

## "OREGON," A NEW BOOK HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED

J. B. Horner, professor of history and head of the department of historical research at the Oregon Agricultural College, has just issued a book entitled "Oregon." The book deals with the history of the state, her great men and literature and is dedicated to the heroes and heroines of Oregon.

Mr. Horner begins his history with the earliest account of this great state and relates most of the important events from that date up to the present time. Besides the historical part of the work, the book is beautifully illustrated and contains choice selections from Oregon poets. It is on sale at bookstores and is a book that should be of great interest to all Westerners.

## WILL FIGHT DUEL WITH PLANES AND MACHINE GUNS

Paris, Mar. 13.—The first aerial duel in history was arranged today. The principals are Captain Schreiber and Captain Vaudoirane. They will use Nieuport single seat machines, equipped with machine guns. Their seconds, Captain Wadon and Pilot Babo will take the air at the same time.

The circumstances resulting in the duel were not learned. The exact date of the encounter was not given out, but it was expressed to be shortly.

## WYOMING SOLDIERS TO GET BRONZE MEDALS

Chenay, Wyo., Mar. 13.—The Wyoming legislature has authorized the issuance of bronze medals for every soldier enlisted from the state. One side will contain the soldier's name and rank, the other an inscription: "In recognition of loyal service in the world war, from the State of Wyoming."

## U. S. AND BRITAIN SCRAP FOR CABLES

### Two German Cables Cut During War By British Claimed by England. Legal Experts Argue

Paris, Mar. 12.—Realizing the possibility of a virtual monopoly of cable communications by Great Britain should her claim to the captured German cables be sustained, the American delegates to the peace conference are endeavoring to make a strong presentation of their case. The naval experts were unable to agree and the supreme council referred to legal experts the question of title. These experts are being pressed by the Americans for a decision.

Early in the war the British cut the two German cables from Emden to America by way of the Azores and also the cable between Monrovia, the Liberian capital, and Brazil. They took one end of the German-American cables to Halifax, thereby securing another trans-Atlantic line for themselves. The other cable they gave to the French government.

The British now claim that these cables are prizes of war. They do not intend to allow their return to Germany or to regard them as subject to disposition by the peace conference. The American delegates, however, contend that the cables were unlawfully cut and unlawfully reconnected, because the United States was not at war when this was done and had an interest in them. Nor, they claim, was there proper warrant for the cutting of the cable between Liberia and Brazil, as both these countries were neutral.

## CLOCKS WILL BE SET AHEAD ON THE 30TH OF MARCH

Washington, Mar. 13.—Under the daylight savings law all the clocks in the United States are supposed to be turned forward one hour at 2 o'clock in the morning on Sunday, March 30, and all of the railroads in the United States, including those outside government control will be ordered to make their schedules conform to the new time.

A movement to repeal this daylight saving law was started in the last congress, but the protest from working people in industrial centers poured in in such bewildering numbers to members of congress that the repeal was never passed. Under the law, the saving period runs to the last Sunday in October, on the morning of which day at 2 o'clock the clocks will be turned back one hour to observatory time.

## GERMANS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO PAY FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 13.—A balance sheet drawn up from official data by the Paris information shows the state of account on February 1 as between France and Germany for destruction and damage to railway plants:

- On the debit side, destroyed by the Germans:
  - French northern railway systems, 2063 miles of track.
  - French eastern railway system, 1,437 miles of track.
  - Bridges, aqueducts and culverts destroyed, 1,510.
  - Tunnels destroyed, 12.
  - Telegraph and telephone lines destroyed, 1,987 miles.
  - Railway building destroyed, 590.
  - Food depots destroyed, 165.
  - Metal tubing and pipelines destroyed, 20,000 tons.
  - Twenty-five great machinery repairing centers have been entirely wrecked or seriously damaged, including those of Lille, Douai, Arras, Valenciennes, Cambrai, Rheims and Verdun.
- On the credit side:
  - One thousand three hundred and eighty-five engines and 34,971 cars surrendered by Germany to France out of the 2,600 engines and 70,000 cars stipulated by the terms of the armistice.

## ARMED ALLIED INTERVENTION ASKED BY DUKE

### IF REFUSED, ASSERTS THAT RUSSIA WILL SHORTLY BECOME HOPELESSLY DESPERATE

## LIVE IN FEAR OF BOLSHEVIKS

### Willing to Do Own Fighting, But Want Allies to Help Hold the Ground Won From Reds

Paris, Mar. 13.—Former Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, who arrived in Paris recently from the Crimea, told the Associated Press today that unless armed allied intervention in Russia began at once, the situation in Russia would be so hopelessly desperate that it would take years to restore a semblance of order in eastern Europe.

The former grand duke, who is a brother-in-law of the former emperor, continued: "I do not ask the allies to fight for us. We merely ask them to keep order in the territories wrested from bolshevism by the governments already fighting in the soviet."

"I came here in January in an attempt to help my country as a private citizen. I thought I would find justice and sympathy at the peace conference but have been disappointed, as I found visible only personal intrigues, party politics and national egotism."

"I requested President Wilson to receive me, but he replied through his secretary that he was too busy with peace conference matters. What matter can be more momentous to the peace conference than the Russian problem? I asked to be allowed to go to England, but was refused a passport, yet they received Kerensky. I dare not request permission to visit America, not wishing to invite a rebuff."

Referring to the proposed conference on the Princes Islands, the grand duke said that the proposal was a mistake, as the bolsheviks are claiming that the allied governments have recognized them because they feared the bolsheviks.

"On January 25," the grand duke continued, "seven days after the Princes Islands proposal, the bolsheviks led my two brothers and two cousins from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul and shot them without trial."

"They never would have dared to do this unless they had been sure of the moral support afforded by the semi-recognition by the peace conference."

"Had President Wilson come out strongly and surely with a repudiation of and non-recognition of the bolsheviks, it would have encouraged the governments warring against

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## MINERS PREPARING FOR BIG CONVENTION

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 13.—Mining men from many parts of Canada and the United States are expected to attend the International Mining Convention to be held here March 17, 18 and 19, according to the local mining officials who are arranging for the meeting.

T. A. Rickard, San Francisco, mining authority, editor, student and traveler, will be one of the principal speakers at the meeting. He will talk on "Mining as an Investment." Mr. Rickard, it is said here, is known in nearly every mining community on the globe, having spent years journeying and visiting mines.

## HUNS GETTING SAMPLE OF OWN BRUTAL ACTS

### SPARTACANS APPLY METHODS OF OLD GERMAN GENERALS ON BERLIN PEOPLE

## GOVERNMENT LOSSES SMALL

### One Version Is That Spartacan Groups Are Formed for Sole Purpose of Plundering

Copenhagen, Mar. 13.—German government forces, after lively fighting, succeeded in driving the Spartacans out of the eastern section of Berlin, including Lichtenberg, a Berlin dispatch filed Wednesday says. The occupation of the district was systematically carried out by the government troops.

Considerable amount of arms and munitions were captured. Losses on the government side were not heavy. The message says "the bestial acts of cruelty by the Spartacans has been fully confirmed."

London, Mar. 13.—A dispatch says the nature of fighting between government troops and the Spartacans in the eastern suburbs of Berlin seems to indicate that the local Spartacan groups were formed for no other purpose than to plunder the city.

Paris, Mar. 13.—Negotiations at Posen between the Germans and members of the inter-allied mission to Poland over the Polish frontier situation have been broken off by the German delegates, it is reported, "as a protest against their treatment by the allies."

## VICTORY LOAN DRIVE TO START ON APRIL 21

Washington, Mar. 13.—The victory liberty loan campaign will open Monday, April 21, and close three weeks later, Saturday, May 10.

Secretary Glass announced the dates today, together with the fact that short-term notes maturing in not over five years would be issued instead of longer term bonds. The amount of notes to be offered was not disclosed, but it has been generally understood that the loan would be for a minimum of \$5,000,000,000 with the treasury reserving the right to accept all over-subscriptions.

Mr. Glass said the interest rate on the notes and the amounts to be exempted from taxation would not be determined until a week or two before the campaign, as they would be based upon financial conditions at that time. It was intimated, however, that the notes might bear interest in excess of 4 1/2 per cent, the interest rate on the third and fourth loans.

## BRITISH PLANNING GREAT AIR SERVICE

London, Mar. 13.—Actual construction work already has been begun in connection with the projected Cape to Cairo Air Service, the British air ministry announces. Aerodromes are being set up every 600 miles, the present non-stop limit, from one end of Africa to the other, the principal ones being built at Cairo, Khartoum, and two in German East Africa, at Kampala and Ujiji.

The route then passes into Rhodesia, and along the course of the railway to the cape. Long before the famous Cape to Cairo railway is in operation it is confidently expected that airplanes will be covering the route on regular schedules. The distance is 5,200 miles.

## BOILER EXPLOSION IN CORBETT BLDG.

### Three Injured, While Girl Elevator Operator Is Imprisoned—Cage Torn Apart for Her Release

Portland, Ore., Mar. 13.—A boiler in the basement of the Corbett building exploded today, probably fatally injuring George Udy and severely injuring Chief Engineer Jas. Asher. The elevator operator, Miss Pauline Hendricks, was overcome by smoke and steam when the elevator stalled between the basement and the first floor. The cage had to be torn apart to liberate her.

Everybody was ordered from the building until the fuel oil fire was extinguished. Only slight damage was done.

Later the hospital authorities stated that Udy, Asher and Claude Hoffman, another man of the engine room force who was injured, all would probably die.

## DRINK-CRAZED MAN SENDS THREE TO HOSPITAL

Chicago, Mar. 13.—Two policemen and a civilian are in hospitals today with bullet wounds inflicted by a man barricaded in his own house, while the latter lies in a morgue with part of his head blown off by turning his weapon against himself. From 10 o'clock last night until 1 o'clock this morning, George Ondeck, real estate dealer, held more than half a hundred policemen at bay, exchanging shot for shot and driving the besiegers to cover to adjacent fences, sheds and cottages. When Ondeck was reduced to his last cartridge he turned his rifle against himself.

Forty-five minutes later the police crept cautiously into the house. Ondeck lay dead on the floor. The house was filled with gas, a besieger's bullet having broken a gas pipe. In a rear room, lying on the floor and close to the walls, were Mrs. Ondeck and her several children, where they had thrown themselves to escape the bullets.

Ondeck is said to have been drinking and the police were hunting him with a warrant charging cruelty, sworn out by his wife. They had gone to the house when the eldest boy had hurried to the nearest police station to summon aid against the father who was threatening the family. Three of them went and were fired upon. They summoned the reserves.

## HOW PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE WILL START

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 13.—All of the clubs of the Pacific Coast baseball league are quartered at their respective training camps and undergoing their workouts preliminary to the regular training season. Along with the veterans, there are dozens of newcomers who are being given an opportunity to show their knowledge of the game. A few of these may be heard from. The majority, as a rule, fail to pass muster. The various training grounds together with the respective managers on whom will devolve the task of building up teams are:

- Portland, Crockett, Cal., McCredie.
- San Francisco, Santa Clara, Cal., Graham.
- Salt Lake City, Pittsburg, Cal., Herr.
- Seattle, Taft, Cal., Clymer.
- Vernon, Vernon, Cal., Essick.
- Sacramento, Sacramento, Cal., Rodgers.
- Oakland, Oakland, Cal., Howard.
- Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Cal., Killifer.

The season will begin on Tuesday, April 8, which is one week later than has been the opening date of the past, thus allowing additional time in which to round up the teams. The pairing of the teams for the opening day games are: Seattle at San Francisco, Oakland at Sacramento, Los Angeles at Portland and Vernon at Salt Lake City.

## JOHNSON SAYS HE SOLD OUT TO JESS WILLARD

### FORMER WORLD'S CHAMPION SEEKS ANOTHER BATTLE WITH GIANT WHITE MAN

## WILLARD TERMS IT BIG JOKE

### Asserts "Big Smoke" Is Down and Out and Wants Money—Will Not Fight Colored Men

Havana, Mar. 13.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion pugilist of the world, in a signed article given to the Associated Press, declares that his fight with Jess Willard here four years ago was a pre-arranged affair and that he allowed Willard to win for \$30,000, all moving picture rights, and the promise of aid to settle Johnson's difficulties with the federal authorities.

Johnson now says that unless Willard agrees to fight him within a reasonable time he will claim the world's title. The proceeds of the bout would go to the Clark Griffith's bat and ball fund. A Cuban congressman is backing Johnson.

Lawrence, Kan., Mar. 13.—Jess Willard said in reply to Johnson's statements that the latter simply needs money and is trying to put over another match; that there is absolutely nothing to the charges—it is simply a big joke. Willard "does not intend to fight Johnson or any other colored man."

## FOCH'S GREAT PLANS COWED THE GERMANS

San Francisco, Mar. 13.—Writing from Verdun-sur-Meuse, L. Beauman, former division engineer for the Stockton division of the Southern Pacific, and now engineer, maintenance of way, in the zone of advance, says that at Mont Homme, (Dead Man's Hill), a short way from Verdun, the engineers came across the "Crown Prince Tunnel" where comfortable hotel apartments had been constructed and equipped with the latest Teutonic conveniences, including a subterranean brewery. After the St. Mihiel drive, Beauman reveals that the allies were preparing the super-drive of the war near the Swiss border, and trains were moving thither on double track every nine minutes. It was knowledge of these preparations that caused the Germans to conclude peace on any terms.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 13.—Announcement is made here that business men of Portland and Salem, who are interested in the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company of Salem and the Crown Willamette Paper mills of Oregon City, will establish a paper mill in Salem on the site of the old Salem Flouring mills. The construction of the plant, it is said, will begin at an early date and will involve an investment of \$500,000. F. W. Leadbetter, of Portland, is the moving spirit in the project.

## LAYS BLAME FOR WAR ON HUNGARIAN COUNT

Berne, Switzerland, Mar. 13.—A priest here charges that the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife at Sarajevo in 1914 resulted from a deliberate plot by the late Count Tisza, former Hungarian premier, who was responsible for the war. The priest was spiritual adviser of the archduke's wife.