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GREAT LABOR ALLIANCE OF TWO MILLION

ENGLAND'S WORKMEN DEMAND SHORTER HOURS, BETTER WAGES AND CONDITIONS

JOHN BULL MUST USE TACT

Machinery of Triple Alliance is Well Oiled and Guided by Leaders of Ability

London, Mar. 19.—Labor's triple alliance, which just now is demanding much from the employers of England in the way of shorter hours, higher wages, and living conditions such as never before dreamed of by British workmen, numbers approximately 1,500,000 men with auxiliary forces of some hundreds of thousands more. Its demands have been taken very seriously by the government.

The triple alliance, which is regarded as one of the most powerful labor bodies in the world, is made up of the miners' federation of Great Britain with 800,000 members, the national union of railway men with 450,000, and the transport workers' federation with 250,000. Outside it but dependent upon its action, because a strike of the triple alliance means unemployment for them, are the national council of colliery workers, locomotive engineers and firemen, the railway clerks' association, and a number of others.

The machinery of the alliance is simple. There is a small consultative committee made up of the chairman and secretary of each of the three organizations, while the three executives meet at least twice a year. Each body retains complete freedom to take action on its own behalf, joint action being confined to questions of national importance and questions of principle. Before a matter can be considered by joint action it must be fully approved by the executive of the body which raises it. The approval of at least two of the organizations must be obtained before any joint action can be taken.

To the present the alliance has not been called upon to test its power to the point of drastic action, but it has been far from idle. In 1916 it laid before Mr. Asquith, then premier, a reconstruction program which included the demand for full state maintenance, falling work, of all workers during the period of reconstruction, a demand which is now being pressed upon the government. It was active in pressing for better pay, pensions and allowances for the soldiers.

The alliance decided to postpone action in the industrial field until after the war, but each of the three bodies drew up its plan for reconstruction, and these national programs were mutually discussed and considered in common. It is these which the government now faces under a threat of action that may plunge the country into the greatest industrial upheaval it has ever known.

BANKER'S WIFE KILLED IN GARDEN BY A BOMB

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 19.—The police are trying to explain the killing of Mrs. George Greenwood, wife of a prominent San Francisco banker presumably by a bomb explosion in the garden of her home here last night. A threatening letter was sent Greenwood early last year, signed "C. C. of C.," similar to a letter received by Governor Stephens before his mansion was dynamited at Sacramento in 1917.

REVENUE MEN WILL VISIT CITY AGAIN

Will Be at Courthouse March 27 to 29 to Assist Those Who Failed to Make Returns

The Courier received today the following letter from Milton A. Miller, collector of the internal revenue service at Portland:

"Portland, Ore., Mar. 19.—By direction of the commissioner of internal revenue I am authorized again to station my deputies at various points throughout the state to assist those who failed to complete income tax returns within the required time, and to render any other service that may be necessary or desired. Any adjustments of income taxes should be made now, as an extensive 'drive' for delinquents will soon be undertaken.

"Income Tax Officers G. R. Harper and G. V. Wimberly will be at the courthouse at Grants Pass, Ore., from and including March 27 to and including March 29th, 1919.

"It is the wish of the department that every one interested should take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the visit of these officers."

JAS. TILLER, OF CANYONVILLE, ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY GUN

Canyonville, Ore., Mar. 19.—Jas. Tiller, 14, accidentally killed himself yesterday, five miles east of Canyonville. The boy had hid his rifle in the brush while he came to town and when he went back to get it, pulled the gun toward him by the muzzle. The gun was discharged killing him instantly. He was the son of James Tiller of Days Creek. His older brother and two other men were with him at the time.

4,000 STRIKE FOR THREE CONCESSIONS

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 19.—Four thousand workers of men's clothing, in 40 factories, struck today for a forty-four hour week, recognition of the union, and a 30 per cent increase in wages.

91ST DIVISION WILL SOON SAIL FOR HOME

Washington, Mar. 19.—Assignment of practically all the units of the 91st division and several organizations of the Fifth army corps for early convey home is announced. Thousands of Oregon men are in the 91st division.

The war department announced that the 147th regiment, field artillery, originally with the 41st division, will return with the 32nd division which is scheduled to return to the United States in May. This regiment included old batteries A and B of the Oregon National Guard.

CITY BURDENED WITH TOO MANY BUFFALOES

Thermopolis, Wyo., Mar. 19.—Thermopolis probably is the only municipality in the country suffering from too many buffalo. The state has a herd of them here and has offered them for sale because the herd has grown more rapidly than the state can care for them.

And only recently William Clayton of Thermopolis purchased from W. D. Turner of Fort Garland, Colo., the famous General Palmer herd for \$40,000. These also are for sale, Clayton hopes to dispose of his herd singly or in groups to zoological gardens and Col. George M. Silvey, superintendent of the state reserve, hasn't any plan to get rid of his charge but hopes someone will take them off his hands.

ASQUITH MAY PRESIDE OVER PEACE LEAGUE

MILITARY TERMS OF PEACE TREATY AMENDED SO YANKS CAN COME HOME

SIGN TREATY IN TWO WEEKS

Each Country to Settle Its Own Labor Problems Without Invoking League of Nations' Aid

London, Mar. 19.—There is strong feeling in political and diplomatic circles in Paris favoring inviting Herbert H. Asquith, former British premier, to become the first president of the league of nations, according to the Daily Mirror.

Paris, Mar. 19.—The military terms of the peace treaty have been amended by eliminating the clause providing for the control of German armament for a definite period. Admiral Benson, of the United States, pointed out that the original terms committed the United States to virtually indefinite occupation of Germany which would delay the return of troops and amount to annulling the sovereignty of Germany.

Paris, Mar. 19.—Inclusion of the league of nations covenant in the preliminary peace treaty will not delay the signing of the treaty, which is hoped to be done within two weeks, Lord Roberts Ceel said. Three amendments to the covenant have been submitted.

Paris, Mar. 19.—The commission on international labor reached an agreement today on all points. The American contention that each country settle their own internal labor problems without invoking the league of nations, prevailed.

FLU BLAMED FOR MARRIAGE

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 19.—Marjorie Raah would be divorced. She says she acted rashly in yielding to the pleas of Asa Raah when she was in a weakened condition due to the flu.

PRAISES RED CROSS WORK AT OMSK AMONG THE ANTI-BOLSHEVIK FORCES

(An Associated Press correspondent who was sent from Tokio across Siberia to Omsk, in Southeastern Russia, to report the situation of the All-Russian Government there, has forwarded by mail several interesting articles showing what the American Red Cross is doing for Russians in that remote city and giving some important sidelights on the problems faced by the anti-Bolshevik forces having headquarters at Omsk. One of the first of the articles forwarded from Omsk by the correspondent follows:)

Omsk, Feb. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Praise for the work of the American Red Cross is a dominant note of public expression here. The organization has opened a well-appointed hospital four versts outside the city of Omsk, with 400 beds and 250 patients, chiefly Russians, with a few French. The hospital is capable of holding 1,000 beds, if necessary.

The Omsk hospital is merely one of a series of philanthropic medical institutions which have been organized in Siberia, mainly through the efforts of Dr. R. B. Teusler, of Tokio, the chairman of the Red Cross commission to Siberia. He has been travelling about to points in the inter-

GOV. OLCOTT APPOINTS MAY ADJ. GENERAL

REPLACES ADJUTANT GENERAL BEEBE, WHO ASKED TO BE RETIRED FROM SERVICE

MAY SERVED WITH 3RD OREGON

James Withycombe Had Held Position for White, Who Resigned to Enter War As Major

Salem, Ore., Mar. 19.—Governor Ben W. Olcott has appointed Colonel John L. May adjutant general of Oregon, replacing Acting Adjutant General Chas. Beebe.

Colonel May returned from France last week where he commanded the 162nd infantry, the old Third Oregon.

The late James Withycombe, former governor, had held the position open for Adjutant General White, who resigned to enter the war as a major. White is now lieutenant colonel on General Pershing's staff.

Governor Olcott says Major White will be given the position when he returns. Adjutant General Beebe asked to be retired.

"RED" RUPERT STILL AHEAD OF THE HOUNDS

Gold Hill, Ore., Mar. 19.—Posters are still searching for Red Rupert in Southern Oregon and along the California border, but no definite clues of his whereabouts have been discovered. It may depend upon the authorities of other states to arrest him later on, unless more encouraging results are obtained soon.

"GOVERNMENT CONTROL" RAISES PASSENGER RATES

San Francisco, Mar. 18.—Flat increase to 3 cents a mile of all passenger rates on and after April 1 was announced by the officers of the United States railroad administration here today. The increase was provided in general order No. 28, issued June 10 last.

U. S. NAVAL GUNS MAKE FINE RECORD

Have Range of 26 Miles and Dropped First Shells September 6 at Rethondes

London, Mar. 19.—The big United States naval guns, some of which have a range of 26 miles, dropped 789 shells on seven objectives on the western front during the last few weeks of fighting with what a naval report prepared at headquarters here terms "remarkable accuracy." The report further says that they were among the strongest guns on the western front.

In summarizing this navy activity, the report says the first shipment of these guns arrived at St. Nazaire, France, July 25, 1918. The first gun was mounted August 5, it left St. Nazaire August 18, and arrived at firing point August 24. All guns were mounted by August 17 and all had been concentrated at Hannefont by September 26. The firing record shows the first shot was fired on September 6 by a gun stationed at Rethondes and firing at Tergnier. The firing really got under way September 14 and was kept up continuously until 10:59 a. m. November 11, one minute before hostilities ceased. The last shot from Thierville dropped into Longuyon.

The guns were taken from the surplus of 25 per cent of ordnance allowed each battleship. Each gun was mounted on a railway truck and the complement for each consisted of eight cars and a locomotive. The most effective work was done by guns at Thierville firing at Moncennes and Longuyon, by guns at Soissons firing at Laon and those at Charny firing at Montmedy.

SHOOTING OF RIGGS STIRS ALL MEDFORD

Harrison Riggs who was shot a week ago by Deputy Sheriff McDonald has so far recovered that it is now known that he will suffer no permanent injury from the effects of the bullet wound through his shoulder. Sensation has returned to his right arm and hand which were paralyzed until a day or two ago. Mr. Riggs is now sitting up. He will be able to leave the Medford sanitarium in a week for his home, but it will be a month yet before he will be able to work. The superintendent of the Frink orchard of which Riggs is foreman, has thoroughly investigated the shooting and announced that the company will back up Riggs in every way.—Medford Tribune.

Riggs was shot at night by McDonald near a country ranch house, when he refused to stop when commanded to do so by McDonald. With other men in the automobile, Riggs shot his car ahead and escaped. McDonald fired several shot at the car, one bullet passing directly between two men in the rear seat and striking Riggs in the shoulder.

CANADA AND IRELAND CONNECTED BY WIRELESS

London, Mar. 19.—The establishment of a wireless telephone between Ireland and Canada has been announced by the Marconi company.

BOLSHEVIKS WIN ONE BATTLE AND LOSE ONE

London, Mar. 19.—Russian non-Bolshevik forces were defeated by the Bolshevik troops and have retreated toward Odessa from the north, according to a report received here.

Saloniki, Mar. 19.—Greek troops defeated Russian Bolshevik troops at Kherson, northeast of Odessa and advanced about 12 miles, it is officially announced. The Greeks captured prisoners and material.

JOSEPHINE IS NOT IN THE DRY PROCESSION

STATISTICS FROM WATER MASTER'S OFFICE SHOWS 28,911 ACRES IRRIGATED

FIGURES ARE SURPRISE TO MANY

Statement Does Not Include Proposed Irrigation Projects, Such As Louse Creek and Others

Although Josephine county is supposed to be dry, not only by the grace of God, but also by the vote of the people, especially during the summer months, yet the statistics in the office of District Water Master M. L. Opdyke show there is considerable wetness in Josephine county.

There has been adjudicated by the state water board and permits issued for the irrigation of 28,911 acres of land in this county. Of this amount of irrigation 19,493 acres comes under the regular adjudication, while permits have been issued since the adjudication for 8,418 acres more, while there is an estimated acreage that is irrigated for which there are no permits and the streams have not been adjudicated of 1,000 acres. For the irrigation the state has allowed 500.38 second feet of water, or 20,015.20 miners inches, the allowance averaging 1/57 second feet per acre.

The above figures do not include any of the proposed irrigation projects, such as the Louse creek reservoir, or any of the proposed projects from up Rogue river.

In addition to the above appropriations there has been appropriated for mining and power purposes 3,233.29 second feet or 128,931.6 miners inches, most of it being for mining purposes, there not being to exceed 100 second feet appropriated for power purposes, and the above appropriations do not include those of streams not adjudicated, like the Illinois river and several tributaries.

Relative to the irrigation of the county, all of the projects are privately owned or company or neighborhood ditches, and have been constructed and developed by the irrigationists themselves, and with few exceptions are the result of small irrigation projects.

For irrigation the records show 519 appropriators of water, making an average of about 55 acres to each appropriator, yet the appropriations range from 1 acre to 100 or more acres.

The number of irrigated acres in this county is constantly increasing, as new permits are being taken out all the time, and many springs and small streams are being developed which a few years ago went unnoticed. Many improvements are being made in the handling of the water which allows of a larger acreage to be irrigated with the same amount of water and also land is being put in better shape for irrigation.

LIFE-TERMER KEPT WORD AND RETURNED

Salt Lake City, Mar. 19.—James M. Shockley, a life-termer at the Utah state prison, convicted of murder in connection with killing two street car men, recently was allowed his temporary freedom in order to visit his aged mother at Bell, Mo. He made the round trip in ten days and no account of his movements were kept by the prison officials. Warden George Storts asserts that he allowed Shockley to make the visit feeling that the prisoner would keep his pledge to return. Shockley has taken to literature since his incarceration 15 years ago and several of his stories have appeared in prominent magazines.