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## GREAT STRIDES IN IMPROVING PUBLIC LANDS

MILLIONS OF ACRES ADDED TO COUNTRY'S CROP ACREAGE IN LAST TEN YEARS

## TEXAS LEADS ALL THE STATES

Uncle Sam Boasts 6,717,000 Farms, With One-Fifth Total Area Under Cultivation

Washington, Apr. 1.—More than 56,000,000 acres have been added to the country's aggregate crop acreage in the last ten years. Statistics just announced by the department of agriculture show the country's aggregate last year to have been 367,738,000 acres, or 605,840 square miles. That is more than one fifth of the total land area of continental United States, almost two and one-half times the size of the state of Texas and about ten times the land area of the entire New England states. The number of farms in the United States is estimated at 6,717,000.

Texas has the largest aggregate crop acreage with 25,328,000 acres, or a little more than one-sixth of her total land area.

Kansas is second with 22,588,000 acres, or almost one-half of her entire land area.

Illinois is third with 21,727,000 acres, or about three-sevenths of her land area.

Iowa in fourth place is very close to Illinois with 21,612,000 acres, which is about three-sevenths of her land area.

Oregon has 2,281,288 crops acreage, including 52,000 farms.

## 40 PEOPLE DROWN

Bristol, Pa., Apr. 1.—From 10 to 40 persons were killed or drowned late yesterday when a temporary scaffolding extending around the stern of a boat on the ways at the Merchant shipyard at Harriman, near here, collapsed, while nearly 150 persons were standing on it to view the launching of the freighter Waukau.

## JUMPS 3,300 FEET TO TEST NEW PARACHUTE

Seattle, Apr. 1.—R. E. Caddin, an American soldier, leaped from an airplane and was carried 3,300 feet safely to earth yesterday near Camp Lewis. The leap was to demonstrate a new style parachute attachment.

## REDS TURN HEAVY GUNS ON ALLIES IN RUSSIA

Archangel, Apr. 1.—Bolshevik artillery subjected the allied railway front and positions south of Odozerska to the heaviest bombardment in many weeks. Meantime, the enemy is moving considerable forces through the woods, indicating that an attack may follow soon.

## SALEM BUSINESS MEN TO SCRAP BURLESON

Salem, Ore., Apr. 1.—The city council has authorized the mayor to appoint a committee to consider establishing a municipal telephone system in event the public service commission allows the increase in telephone rates. The council asserted that a plant could be established for \$200,000 and give service at 70 per cent of the present cost.

## REIGN OF TERROR GRIPS BUDAPEST

Communists Have a Plan of Their Own—Famine Feared—Allies Start Troop Movement

Prague, Apr. 1.—The communists have set up a reign of terror in Budapest, according to a member of the Czechoslovak mission who returned today. A famine is feared and the coal situation is grave. The population hoped for allied intervention.

London, Apr. 1.—Bucharest reports say that entente troops are being landed at Constantza, on the Black sea coast, en route to Hungary.

London, Apr. 1.—Serious rioting occurred today at Frankfurt on the Main, it is reported. Crowds attacked the police station, released prisoners and set fire to buildings, but order was eventually restored.

## IDAHO TRIES CUTTING DOWN HER EXPENSES

Boise, Idaho, Apr. 1.—Forty-eight state departments and offices went out of existence yesterday and reorganization of the state government into nine divisions, each headed by a commissioner directly responsible to the governor, is taking place today. A bill authorizing these changes was passed by the recent legislature at the request of Governor D. W. Davis.

The nine commissioners will comprise a governor's cabinet, thus bringing to the chief executive centralized control of the state's administrative civil offices, which heretofore had been loosely coordinated. No attempt had been made by legislatures in creating new offices to modify the original scheme of government adopted at statehood to absorb the new branches without overlapping of responsibility and functions, so that the governor was being held responsible for administration failures which he was powerless to prevent, it was argued to the legislature.

## VOTERS FEW AND FAR BETWEEN IN JAPAN

Tokio, Apr. 1.—A revised election law, having been approved by the privy council has been introduced in the house of representatives. Mr. Tokunami, the home minister, introduced the bill with an explanation that the government's motive is doing so was to meet the altered conditions of the times as well as the nation's advancement in political thought.

Public interest in the bill centers in the clause extending the franchise. The number of voters under the existing law is 1,460,000 or 2.6 per cent of the total population, the minimum tax requirement being \$5. The present bill would give the vote to 2,800,000 persons with the payment of at least \$1.50 in taxes as the standard.

## MINERS ARE ENTOMBED IN COLORADO COAL MINE

Trinidad, Colo., Apr. 1.—Thirteen men are reported entombed in the Empire mine of the Empire Coal company near Aguilar, Colo., which was wrecked by an explosion of gas yesterday morning.

Twenty-three out of 26 miners who were in the mine at the time of the explosion, came out by a connecting shaft an hour after the explosion and reported that the fan which had not been wrecked was working and that conditions were good for the safety of the men entombed.

## PRESIDENT SAYS TIME HAS COME FOR RESULTS

Does Not Seek to Shift Responsibility For Slowness—Foch, Given Full Power, Leaves For Spa—Reparation, According to French Method, a Sticker

Paris, Apr. 1.—President Wilson today explained that he was willing to accept his share of the responsibility for peace conference delays. He was careful to point out that slowness was not due to any single country or its representatives, and declared emphatically that time for talk is virtually finished and now was the time to show results.

Paris, Apr. 1.—General Foch leaves tonight for Spa to discuss with Erzberger of Germany the allied demand that Polish troops be permitted to use the port of Danzig. He has full power to negotiate.

The Germans are reported to be concentrating large forces in eastern Prussia, under General Hindenburg, to defend the railway line from Danzig to Posen.

Paris, Apr. 1.—Commenting on the six amendments to the covenant suggested by Elihu Root, it was said by one of the legal specialists associated with the American conference delegation that he believed all the amendments were acceptable to the American delegation.

Paris, Apr. 1.—A feeling of apprehension over the lack of progress on the peace treaty persists in American circles, although it is said in authoritative circles that the differ-

ences which have arisen have not reached a status of a dead-lock. The principal difficulty has been found in settling upon reparations, according to the new method of payment demanded by the French.

Paris, Apr. 1.—Supplement of Italy's frontier question contemporaneously with that of France was insisted upon by Premier Orlando of the conference delegation, with President Wilson today. The president agreed to study the Italian question.

London, Apr. 1.—President Wilson today informed other members of the delegation that no American soldiers should be used in any trouble in Eastern or Southeastern Europe, according to a dispatch received here.

Paris, Apr. 1.—What is construed as a warning that the world could not long countenance further delay in the adjustment of peace, was delivered to all the allied premiers and military representatives of the associated powers by President Wilson yesterday. He arose in the conference and solemnly told the conferees of his belief that they should do all in their power to unite on the peace terms upon which a treaty might be presented to Germany.

## MAN WITH 16 PINTS FACES TRIAL TODAY

A man registering at the Swinden rooming house Saturday night, under the name of S. Wood, was arrested Monday forenoon by Chief of Police McLane, on the charge of bringing liquor into the state. He was placed under a \$350 bond to appear for trial and his case is being heard before Judge Holman at the courthouse this afternoon. The judge's office is filled with spectators, many of them women.

Wood had one grip containing 15 pint bottles of whiskey, and a small box supposed to have been packed with bottled goods, but which could not be located by the chief of police. For his bond, Wood had a great assortment of valuable jewelry which was accepted in lieu of money for his bond.

## PORTLAND OUT TO RAISE \$40,000 FOR ROSE FESTIVAL

Portland, Apr. 1.—A campaign for the raising of a fund of \$40,000 with which to meet the expenses of the Victory Rose festival, was started here yesterday.

Airplane flights will feature the amusements. Several Oregon aviators will be among the entertainers.

## HERE'S ARGUMENT FROM ENTIRELY NEW ANGLE

Cincinnati, Ohio, Apr. 1.—Despite the fact that water may become a more popular drink in Ohio after May 26, when the state goes dry, prohibition will result in sale losses of more than \$100,000 a year to the Cincinnati waterworks, according to W. F. Von Hoens, comptroller.

He estimates that Cincinnati breweries, distilleries, manufacturers of accessories of intoxicants and saloons annually consumed water for which they paid the city more than \$100,000 and this income will be discontinued under prohibition.

## LIBERTY TO THOSE WHO LIVE AS REDS DICTATE

Budapest, via Geneva, Mar. 31.—The Hungarian government has sent a delegation to Berlin to conclude a treaty of alliance against the entente allies.

German officers formerly belonging to Field Marshal Mackensen's army have arrived in Budapest to reorganize the Hungarian army along German lines. The army now numbers 100,000 men.

Budapest, Mar. 31.—The plunge of Budapest into anti-capitalism continues with feverish efforts to show that the reign of law and order is undisturbed. The city is outwardly quiet, since the first few days in which there was much looting, especially of jewelry shops. As a result of the looting, it is reported, 150 persons were executed by the new regime, their communistic ideas apparently being too violent.

The new freedom exists for those who are willing to live as the government dictates.

Seattle, Wash., Apr. 1.—The world's championship hockey series between Seattle and Montreal has been called off as five members of the Montreal team and their manager have the influenza.

## BAKER GIVES ASSENT TO ENGLISH OFFICERS

Washington, Apr. 1.—Secretary of War Baker has approved the request of the British military authorities in Turkey that they be permitted to arrest James Spohr, naturalized American citizen, and his wife on charges of treason. Spohr and his wife are declared to be "closely associated with the head of the German spy system in Palestine and among the British Indian subjects." They will be brought to the United States for trial. Spohr had been professor of a university at Jerusalem.

## PEACE PLANS ARE WORRY TO 'BIG 4'

Whole Week Wasted and Delegates Are Not in the Best of Temper to Proceed

Paris, Apr. 1.—Unless conditions in the peace conference change for the better, the world is likely to be treated to a great sensation, says a special Paris correspondent for the Chicago Tribune here. A considerable number of those greatly concerned in the peace negotiations feel that nothing is to be gained by concealing the true situation.

The truth of the matter is that an impasse has been reached in the session of the so-called "big four." All of last week was wasted. The thing nearly came to a head Saturday and the condition grows worse.

Early in the week it was thought that an agreement on the subject of reparations had been reached. The French accepted the American principle that reparation should be gauged by the amount of damage the allies had suffered and the amount of Germany's ability to pay, probably between \$20,000,000,000 and \$30,000,000,000.

The French have shown a disposition to accept no adjustment that did not in a large measure approximate their demands. So it was felt that when the French agreed to the American method of adjustment of the reparation problems peace might be in sight.

But the whole situation has changed. In some way not yet fully understood outside of the inner council, Premier Clemenceau insisted upon making the reparation agreement dependent upon the territorial question affecting the Saar valley. The French position was that the whole valley of the Saar should be ceded outright to France by German.

While there is no information of what took place it is to be assumed that both President Wilson and Lloyd George protested.

But details of what occurred are not necessary to an understanding of the true situation that confronts the peace conference. The big men of the world are in a deadlock and their tempers are not of the best.

## STATE MADE MONEY FROM PUGS IN THE RING

Milwaukee, Wis., Apr. 1.—Wisconsin profited to the extent of approximately \$16,000 from its five per cent share of the receipts from boxing bouts in the last two years, according to the biennial report of the boxing board.

The report shows that the state collected \$37,989.32 since the sport was legalized. The expenses of the commission have been \$21,587.61, leaving a balance of more than \$16,000 in favor of the state.

In addition to the war, the epidemic of influenza cut into the receipts of the commission as the sport was just getting back on its feet when the "flu" ban gave it another setback.

## MEAT PACKERS RELEASED FROM FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Washington, Apr. 1.—All meat packers were released today from food administration control, under a proclamation signed by President Wilson at Paris.

## METHODISTS TO RAISE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

Portland, Apr. 1.—Of the 500 Methodist Sunday schools in the Northwest, 166, or one-third, have already underwritten \$100,000 of the \$105,000,000 Methodist centenary, according to an announcement by Dr. W. C. Wases, centenary representative for Sunday schools in the Northwest. This is probably a better showing than any other section in the country can produce, said Dr. Wases.

## DEBS WOULD TIE COUNTRY UP IN STRIKES

THREATENS DIRE THINGS TO U. S. IF NOT GIVEN A RE-HEARING AT ONCE

## SAYS HE WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Is at Liberty on Bail But Confined to His Bed With Lumbago.—Refuses Reporters Interview

Akron, Ohio, Apr. 1.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, has threatened to call a general strike of his party throughout the country unless he is granted a rehearing in the courts on charges upon which he was convicted under the espionage act.

Debs was confined to bed with a bad attack of lumbago at the home of Mrs. Margaret Prevey here when notified that the United States supreme court had refused him a rehearing. He refused to see newspaper men, but through Mrs. Prevey issued the following statement to the press today:

"The matter is in the hands of my attorney, Seymour Stedman, of Chicago. I do not know what legal action they will follow as I have received no word from them as yet. "Unless something further can be done, the program of the party to tie up the country in a general strike will be fulfilled. I am prepared to fight to the end."

Mrs. Prevey said Debs' condition is not serious, and that he will be able to be out within a few days.

Cleveland, Ohio, Apr. 1.—No action will be taken in the case of Eugene V. Debs until the receipt of the supreme court decision, which will take about 30 days, federal court officials said today.

In filing his motion for a rehearing Debs claimed the court's opinion amounted to the trial of a person for an undisclosed "state of mind," that he had been denied the privilege of showing his motive in making the speech for which he was convicted and that the court had failed to decide all of the questions presented to it for review.

Unless executive clemency is obtained, Debs now must serve his sentence. He is at liberty on bail.

## PITTOCK LEFT ESTATE OF NEAR \$8,000,000

Portland, Apr. 1.—Valuing the estate of the late Henry L. Pittock at nearly \$8,000,000, the appraisers of the estate completed their work this morning and filed with the clerk of Multnomah county a 41-page report showing in detail their estimates of the worth of the estate left by the late pioneer published exclusively to his heirs under a will which provides for a trusteeship until 1939.

Mr. Pittock's most valued single possession was his 470 shares out of 700 shares outstanding in the Oregonian Publishing company, appraised at \$3,762 a share, or \$1,768,140 in the aggregate.

## PORTLAND MAYOR IS FOR WESTERN LEAGUE

San Francisco, Apr. 1.—Mayor George Baker, of Portland, who is here on his way home from Washington, has proposed a "league of western states" for advancing the economic and industrial interests of the Pacific coast. He would have all the chambers of commerce, labor unions and rotary clubs join.