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PHILIPPINOS WORKING HARD FOR FREEDOM

MISSION AT WASHINGTON ASKS IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR 10,000,000 PEOPLE

GREATEST THING ON EARTH

If Granted, Americans Will Be Looked Upon as Bearers of Good Will and Protection

Washington, Apr. 12.—The most earnest and systematic campaign for Philippine independence that has ever been made in the United States is now under full headway.

This work is being directed by "The Philippine Mission," officially empowered by the Philippine legislature to proceed to America and work for independence, and "to promote better understanding, greater confidence, and closer economic relations between the United States and the Philippines." Members of the mission declare that the 10,000,000 inhabitants of the islands are practically a unit for independence.

In presenting the resolutions of the Philippine legislature to Secretary of War Baker, a member of the commission said:

"The Philippine mission, Mr. Secretary, is here charged with a high and solemn obligation. It is enjoined with a noble and sacred trust. It is instructed to present the great cause so essential and necessary to the happiness and existence of the entire Philippine people. I refer to our national birthright to be free and independent. We, therefore, formally submit hereby the vital and urgent question of Philippine independence to you, and through you, to the government of the United States in the confident hope that it shall merit a just, righteous, and final settlement.

"Sir, when our national independence shall be granted us, the world will know that the people of America are indeed 'bearers of the good will, the protection, and the richest blessing of a liberating rather than a conquering nation,' and that it was our liberty, not your power, our welfare, not your gain you sought to enhance in the Philippines."

Washington, Apr. 12.—Recommendation of executive clemency for 52 persons convicted under the espionage act have been sent to President Wilson by Attorney General Palmer. This is in line with the policy of clemency inaugurated by Thomas W. Gregory, and approved by President Wilson several weeks ago, through extension of clemency in 55 cases.

JAPS WANT AMERICAN DISTILLERY PLANTS

Louisville, Ky., Apr. 12.—Japanese agents are negotiating with American distillers for the purchase of machinery in their plants after prohibition becomes effective. The machinery would be shipped to Japan for use in distillation of whiskey theme, according to Y. Kawahara, agent for a Japanese-American importing concern.

A bill before the Japanese diet would prohibit use of rice in the manufacture of sake, the Japanese national drink. Japanese distillers now want foreign made machinery in which corn and other cereals can be substituted for rice, Kawahara said. He added that 24,000,000 bushels of rice are used annually in making 300,000,000 gallons of sake. American distillers are reluctant to sell their machinery now, in view of the suit to test the constitutionality of the prohibition law.

RECEPTION FRIDAY FOR THE SOLDIERS

Red Cross to Give Public Entertainment at Courthouse for Boys Who Have Returned

Announcement was made today by the local chapter of the American Red Cross that there will be a public reception to returned soldiers and sailors, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, at the county courthouse. This reception has been planned for some time and since so many of the soldiers and sailors have returned, the community will have an opportunity to mingle with them and show some appreciation for their splendid service in our country's cause.

The plan, while not definitely matured, provides for a few short talks by the returned soldiers and sailors, in the court room, the whole matter being rather informal. The occasion will also be utilized by a short presentation of facts concerning the next liberty loan drive. These and other matters will continue until the dancing hour, when the orchestra will furnish music for those inclined to dance. Punch will be served and in the basement will be offered an opportunity for those inclined to patronize a cafeteria.

No admission will be charged at the door, and everything, including dances, punch and eatables, will be free to the soldiers and sailors. To every one else a charge will be made sufficient to defray the necessary expenses. The Red Cross does not expect to make any profit.

The chairman announces that there will be other good things in sight for those who wish to attend.

BOARD EXPLAINS THE INCREASE IN RATES

Washington, Apr. 12.—The wire control board, giving figures on which the increase in telegraph rates were based, reminds the public that while the increase in other prices has been 100 per cent, the telegraph service has been rendered at pre-war prices, and that the increase now is only 20 per cent.

Washington, Apr. 12.—Approximately 1,500 officers and men will be engaged under Rear Admiral Strauss in the dangerous task of removing the 57,000 mines which American naval forces laid in the North sea anti-submarine barrage. Eighteen mine sweepers, it was learned today, will be used, and attached to the fleet as tenders will be 20 submarine chasers now overseas.

COL. LEADER SPEAKS AT MONDAY LUNCHEON

The Chamber of Commerce Monday noon luncheon will be served by ladies of the local Red Cross. There will be only one speaker, Col. John Leader, of the University of Oregon. To those who have never had the pleasure of hearing the Colonel, this is an opportunity that should not be passed up. Those who have met him will need no urging to attend the luncheon. Come early and avoid the rush for seats.

HOCKEY PLAYER WAS U. S. ARMY DESERTER

Tacoma, Wash., Apr. 12.—Bernard Morris, Canadian subject, has been convicted by court martial at Camp Lewis on the charge of being a deserter from the United States army for failing to report for draft, and was sentenced to two years at hard labor on Alcatraz Island. Morris was a professional hockey player for Seattle.

YANKS' STAND BLAMED ON THE BOLSHEVIKI

SOLDIERS WHO REFUSED TO FIGHT GOT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE REDS

GENERAL MARCH DISCONCERTED

Says He Cannot Recall Another Instance Where Americans Refused to Go Into Battle

Washington, Apr. 12.—Company 1 of the 339 infantry has been identified by General March as the unit which recently refused to return to the front line trenches in the Archangel sector when ordered to do so by its officers.

A supplementary report of the incident said it was worthy of note that the questions put by the men of the company to their officers were "identical with the questions which the bolshevik propaganda advised that they put to them." The department has not received copies of the leaflets and General March is extremely anxious to secure one. He said:

"In all my long service I do not recall another instance where American soldiers did not want to go into the fight. They have always said 'lead us to it.'"

SINN FEINERS PREPARE FOR NEXT ELECTION

Dublin, Apr. 12.—The Sinn Feiners are preparing very thoroughly for the capture at the next election, of complete control of the Irish local bodies. The work of canvassing and propaganda already had begun. As no other organization is similarly preparing, it is considered likely that the Sinn Fein plans will be successful, and that in the majority of cases the local governments will pass into Sinn Fein hands.

JAMES LIUM ENTERS CLOTHING BUSINESS

A deal was consummated yesterday wherein James Lium becomes a partner in the Peerless Clothing Company store of this city, with Roscoe Bratton as senior member of the firm. Mr. Lium took up his new duties today and the business will be conducted along the same lines as heretofore.

For a number of years Mr. Lium was bookkeeper at the Josephine County bank, later joining the U. S. navy. Having recently been discharged from the service, he resumed his old position at the bank.

C. H. Baldwin, who has been assisting Mr. Bratton at the store, will remain indefinitely with the new firm.

RABIES BEING ERADICATED FROM CENTRAL OREGON

Bend, Ore., Apr. 12.—If present conditions continue the central Oregon ranges will be free from rabies this year, according to Stanley G. Jewett of the United States biological survey, who arrived in Bend today. The number of coyotes decreased last year, and ranchers are taking better care of their dogs, he says. There is a possibility that some cattle may have become infected, a number of deaths in Klamath Marsh having been reported.

DEMobilIZATION RECORD

Washington, Apr. 12.—Demobilization has reduced the total strength of the American army to 1,930,506.

JAPANESE ARE DETERMINED TO KILL KOREANS

REPORTED TO HAVE STARTED WHOLESALE MASSACRE AT SEOUL ON MARCH 28th

SEVERAL THOUSAND KILLED

Churches and Schools Destroyed and Women Stripped and Beaten Before Street Crowds

San Francisco, Apr. 12.—The Japanese began what was described as a massacre in Korea at the capital, Seoul, March 28, according to cablegrams received here today by the Korean National association from the native Christian pastor.

The message said the Japanese troops, fire brigades and civilians are shooting, beating and hooking the people mercilessly throughout Korea and have killed several thousand. Churches, schools and the homes of leaders were destroyed. Women were stripped naked and beaten before the crowds. Especially were the leaders of families imprisoned and severely tortured.

Doctors are forbidden to care for the wounded. A foreign Red Cross is urgently needed.

PARENTS KIDNAP THEIR OWN CHILD

Portland, Ore., Apr. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harth, wards of Multnomah county, suddenly appeared at the Waverly baby home here today, where the 15 months old child had been sent by the juvenile court, overpowered the matron and escaped with their child. If apprehended, they will be charged with kidnaping. Their five children were taken from them yesterday because they were unable to support them.

FRUIT DAMAGED IN YAKIMA VALLEY BY FROST

Yakima, Wash., Apr. 12.—Apricots and early peaches of the upper Yakima valley were killed by last night's frost, during which the temperature in places dropped as low as 23 degrees. No damage was done to other fruits or crops. Peaches in the lower valley are reported unharmed. The Selah district had its lowest recorded April temperature, but few of the fruit buds were out sufficiently to be killed.

LAUREL CHAMPION SENT TO SOUTH CAROLINA

A very fine young son of Laurel Champion farrowed September 2, 1918, out of Escalon Polly, a daughter of Grand Leader 2nd, that was herself junior champion sow of the 1916 Oregon state fair, was recently sent by F. R. Steel from Winona Ranch, of this city, to Moss Bros. St. Matthews, South Carolina.

That the long trip did not hurt the young boar is indicated by the fact that he weighed 240 pounds in growing rig at one day under six months.

Washington, Apr. 12.—America's battle fleet was augmented last month by ten new destroyers and one submarine besides the super-dreadnaught Idaho, which will join Admiral Mayo's forces upon their return from Guantanamo bay, Cuba, within a few days. Five auxiliary ships also were completed in March and present expectations are that more than 150 additional ships will be delivered before the end of the year.

MONROE DOCTRINE IS NOT DISTURBED

No Other Changes Have Been Made by League of Nations in the Covenant

Paris, Apr. 12.—With the single exception of the amendment exempting the Monroe Doctrine from being affected by the covenant, no vital changes have been made by the league of nations commission in the covenant, which has concluded its consideration. No date has been set for the plenary session of the conference.

Paris, Apr. 12.—The text of the covenant will be published within a few days, it is announced. It is not ready for the plenary session, except for bringing the French and English texts into accord.

AERIAL BATTLESHIPS WERE BEING PLANNED

London, Apr. 12.—"Aerial battle-ships" would have been developed if the war continued another year, declares Lord Weir, the British minister of air forces. Just before the armistice, aviators were successfully using guns which fired shells instead of bullets.

Lord Weir said that aerial photography had been so developed that accurate photographs of the earth were taken from an altitude of four miles. In all, 6,000,000 such pictures had been prepared by the Royal Air forces. The speed of fighting airplanes had been increased from 90 to 141 miles an hour and the engine power from 80 to 300 horse power.

125 YANKEES ARE BLINDED AS RESULT OF THE WAR

Washington, Apr. 12.—There were but 125 cases of total blindness and less than 4,000 amputations in the American forces engaged in the war. This is stated by the bureau of war risk insurance in an announcement concerning the bureau's activity in supplying crippled soldiers and sailors with artificial limbs and otherwise caring for the wounded and disabled.

PORTLAND MEETING TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting called by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and Senator Sinnott, at Portland, will be held in that city Tuesday evening, next, according to a telegram received today by F. S. Bramwell, president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bramwell is undecided as to whether he will be able to attend, but if not he will appoint someone to represent the local chamber. It is also stated that G. A. Hamilton will attend and that Judge C. G. Gillette will be present at the meeting, or send a delegate to represent the county court.

The meeting is for the purpose of taking steps to recover \$6,500,000 from the government, which has been paid in for the sales of public lands.

ORDER ISSUED TO TAKE E. V. DEBS TO PRISON

Cleveland, Ohio, Apr. 12.—The supreme court order for Eugene V. Debs to be taken to the federal prison of West Virginia to begin his ten year sentence for violation of the espionage act has been issued.

RACIAL EQUALITY FOR JAPS

Paris, Apr. 12.—It is reported that the league of nations commission has adopted the Japanese amendment on racial equality by 11 out of 17 votes.

COAL MINING MORE DEADLY THAN WARFARE

CHAIRMAN OF SCOTTISH MINE WORKERS MAKES STATEMENT AND CITES STATISTICS

1,240 ARE KILLED EACH YEAR

Accidents Average 160,000 a Year. Workers Crowded Into Small Unsanitary Houses

London, Apr. 12.—Mining is more deadly than war, declared John Robertson at the government's inquiry into the coal industry of Great Britain. Robertson is chairman of the Scottish Union of Mine Workers.

"The extent of the danger to the miner is not realized even in the mining districts," he said. "There are 1,000,000 persons employed in and about British coal mines. In the ten years from 1907 to 1916 there was a total of 12,400 men killed, or an average each year of 1,240. In the last 20 years the yearly average of accidents was about 160,000, or a total of about 3,250,000. The miner is always on active service; he is always in the trenches."

It was stated that in one mining district there were 2,768 persons living more than five in a single room, 1,237 more than six to a room, 510 more than seven to a room, and 190 more than eight to a room.

"Think of the conditions in these single rooms," the witness continued. "Pit clothes drying in front of the fire in the same room where the family sleep; sickness, accouchement. How can the children have a chance after the woman has spent her day cleaning? The miners come home from work, and it has all got to be done over again. Do we wonder that the women folk lose heart?"

Arthur Balfour, an industrial expert, representing the government, said to the witness: "If the conditions are as you say, they must be righted;" and a representative of the coal owners said he entirely agreed that something must be done.

Asked by Mr. Balfour to what he attributed the high cost of living in the mining districts, the witness answered: "Profiteering."

"I think prices are too high," he went on, "because natural wealth is in the hands of individuals, and the worker gets a very, very small share."

"Are not prices too high," Mr. Balfour asked, "owing to the restriction of production?"

"No," the witness replied, "the worker, in my opinion, does too much. No one can accuse the worker of underworking. The failure is in the distribution of production, and not in production itself. We have solved the question of production. What we have to solve is the question of distribution."

ALLIED POWERS WILL OSTRACIZE BAVARIA

Berlin, Apr. 12.—Reports from Munich say an agreement has been reached between the central council and the communists. This is taken to mean that the moderate elements in the city have gained the upper hand.

A dispatch from Hamburg says the German government has announced that the entente powers have informed it that Bavaria will not be included in the conclusion of peace and measures will be taken to prevent entente foodstuffs from reaching Bavaria.

Basel, Apr. 12.—The soviet republic at Munich was overthrown Friday by force of arms, according to Berlin newspapers.