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SIMPSON SAYS CITIZENS HAVE GONE TO SLEEP

NORTH BEND MILLIONAIRE IN WASHINGTON "PLUGGING" FOR ROOSEVELT ROAD

WANTS OREGON'S SUPPORT

Fight Only Half Won for Coast Road; State Chambers Should Get Busy Immediately

According to L. J. Simpson, state booster from North Bend and one of the few millionaires in Oregon, the people of the state are not following up the Roosevelt highway program with very much zeal since voting the bond issue of \$2,500,000.

In company with other boosters from Oregon Mr. Simpson has been in Washington working in behalf of the highway. He is making an appeal to the entire state to awaken to the need of support and has sent the following message broadcast over Oregon:

"Oregon gave support to the measure at the referendum early in June, but seems to have forgotten that support from the government in assuming half the expense of building the road is as vitally necessary if the people of the state really want the road.

"Please have the state chamber at and the Portland Chamber of Commerce and as many influential citizens of the state as possible, wire the Oregon delegation to use their best efforts in the support of appropriations for the Roosevelt highway. Do not believe this measure is receiving serious consideration. Words of support will help materially at this time."

MEXICO HOLDS BEER SALES FOR SCHOOLS

Douglas, Ariz., July 16.—Although "dry" by virtue of a proclamation by General P. Elias Calles, constitutional governor of that state, a number of the municipalities of Sonora, Mexico, have hit upon a plan resulting in swelling the public funds.

Special permission is obtained from the state capital for the sale of beer for one day or longer, the proceeds to apply to public debts. Recently in Cananea, the largest American mining camp of the states, sales of beer have been held for the benefit of the public school fund, there being no money in the district treasury to pay the teachers.

BEND HAS VISIONS OF NEW RAILROAD

Bend, Ore., July 16.—The first announcement of proposed new railroad construction in Oregon since the war was formally made here today when J. W. Foster, of Portland, construction engineer, who stated that the company which he represents, will build from Mount Angel, on the west side of the Cascades, to Bend, by way of Sisters, for the newly incorporated Portland and Southeastern Railway company.

Construction will not start until government control has come to an end, but this, Foster believes, will be early in September. From Bend, the railroad, he said, will be pushed southeasterly into Nevada, where it will ultimately tie into the Western Pacific.

CZECH CHILDREN ARE ALL STUNTED

Those 12 Years of Age Like Little Tot's of Six; Poorer Classes Living Mainly on Weeds

Prague, Szecho-Slovakia, July 16.—One-third of the school children in Czecho-Slovakia are absent from school every day on account of hunger, according to Red Cross investigators' report. Many of the children in the schools were found so weak from lack of nourishment that they could not hold their heads erect. Frequently children had to be carried home because they had not the strength to walk.

Miss Edith Hoyt, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Ethel D. Earle, of New York City, two of the trained social workers sent by the Red Cross into 17 towns in the Erzbrige district, reported that in this section 90 per cent of the children were actually starving. To relieve this situation, arrangements have been made for the establishment of public kitchens throughout the country. The Americans are supervising their operations and the distribution of food supplies to them.

"The children were undernourished and backward," writes Miss Hoyt, "both physically and mentally. They showed signs of tuberculosis, rickets and anemia. We went through school room after school room asking, 'How many have had no breakfast this morning?' In a class of 48, 19 little hands went up. This was typical of the situation throughout the district.

"Nettles, a weed, form the principal item of diet in the poorer homes, and only one town we visited had any potatoes. We entered many houses unexpectedly, in order to obtain a true idea of conditions.

"Among the school children, rickets—softening of the bones due to lack of fats—prevails universally. Children of seven are like children of four. Children of ten or twelve are the size of a normal six-year old. Their faces are gray with pallor, and abnormally sad and gloomy."

CARGO CARRIER CRIPPLED

Washington, July 16.—Badly leaking and in a sinking condition the American steamer Allison, cargo carrier of the shipping board, en route from Portland, Maine, to Norfolk, was picked up today by the steamer Lakeview and towed safely to Delaware breakwater.

FORD CAR GOES OVER BANK ON EVANS CREEK

A Ford car driven by a man named Van Gothen went over the grade near Bybee Springs, on Evans creek, Tuesday forenoon and the six occupants of the car had a narrow escape. Dr. Loughridge was summoned and he states that the Ford was badly wrecked, the top, steering wheel and one wheel being wrenched off.

As the Ford started on its mad flight a woman holding an 11-months old baby in her arms tossed the child aside and it escaped with only slight scratches. Other occupants of the car did not escape so easily and Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Crawford were hurt to such an extent that they were confined to their bed. Aside from Mrs. Graham, who is from Los Angeles, the occupants of the car live on Evans creek.

The accident happened by young Van Gothen losing control of the Ford.

MEXICO BEGINNING TO MANUFACTURE AUTOMOBILES

Mexico City, July 16.—The first automobile ever constructed in Mexico appeared recently in the capital having come from Monterrey where it is said, arrangements are being made for building the machine in quantities.

FORD DOES NOT EXACTLY KNOW WHAT HE KNOWS

GETS NETTLED IN DEFINING "IDEALIST" AND "TRAITOR;" ALMOST CRIES KAMERAD

DON'T LIKE WITNESS STAND

Says Idealist Is One Who Works Against His Country and Admits Benedict Arnold a Traitor

Mount Clemens, Mich., July 16.—In a moment of petulance today, Henry Ford admitted on the witness stand that he was an "ignorant idealist." Subsequently he reversed the statement, saying that he made it to end a grilling by the attorney.

This was one of the alleged libelous charges the Chicago Tribune made against Ford. Attorney Elliott Stevenson for the Tribune had been asking questions to establish that Ford was ignorant. During the examination Ford defined a traitor as one who works against his government and defined an idealist as one who helps others make a profit.

Attorney Stevenson then said to Mr. Ford: "I guess we will let the question of 'ignorant idealist' rest right there." Later, evidently with Arnold Bennett vaguely in mind, Mr. Ford described Benedict Arnold as a traitor.

DON'T WANT HOMES TO BECOME SPEAKEASIES

Washington, July 16.—Wayne Wheeler, general counsel for the anti-saloon league, told the senate judiciary sub-committee that congress authority to fix one-half of one per cent as the maximum alcoholic content of beverages was clear and said to sell up to two and three-quarters per cent beer would defeat the purposes of national prohibition. He said the prohibitionists are not asking that possession of liquor bought before July 1st for personal use be prohibited, but merely wanted the amendments to prevent homes from becoming "speakeasies."

Seattle, Wash., July 16.—After deliberating less than one hour, the coroner's jury impaneled to determine the cause of the death of Frederick A. Dowsey, special agent of the United States shipping board here, May 2, returned a verdict that Dowsey died of natural causes, probably apoplexy, and was not murdered as had been alleged.

PLAN IMPROVEMENTS AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Owing to the heavy patronage at the bathhouse at Riverside park, the committee in charge are planning to make immediate improvements at the place, in the way of building additional dressing rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, and will also install two toilets.

A ticket-selling campaign was started today for the purpose of raising about \$300, which is estimated to be the amount necessary for the improvements. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and can be purchased from any of the following committee: T. P. Cramer, N. F. Macduff, Geo. C. Sabin, Dr. E. C. Macy, Geo. E. Lundberg.

Every evening the park is dotted with automobiles and the bathing resort filled with swimmers. The water registers about 63 or 70 degrees.

WILSON GETS NERVOUS AND WANTS TO TALK

INDIFFERENCE OF REPUBLICANS GALLS AND HE INVITES SENATORS TO WHITE HOUSE

AIM TO UNITE DEMOCRATS

Chamberlain Especially Invited, While President Desires to Talk With Senator Lodge

Washington, July 16.—President Wilson has decided to invite republican senators to call at the White House to discuss the peace treaty and league of nations. Secretary Tumulty announced that Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, is one of the 15 republicans the president is desirous to confer with.

The president's invitation was extended to all members of the senate and he stood ready to answer any questions they felt like asking. Senator Chamberlain was among those especially invited.

Those close to the president hope the conference will result in the establishment of harmonious relations between the chief executive and Oregon's senator. After the conference Senator Chamberlain said he discussed the president's itinerary and was certain that Wilson would speak in at least three places in Oregon, including Portland.

22,571 PEOPLE FLOCK INTO YOSEMITE PARK

San Francisco, July 16.—According to the report made public by the superintendent, the month of June, 1919, showed a heavier travel by far into the Yosemite National Park than has ever been recorded for any one month. June, 1919, brought a total of 14,635 visitors as compared with 8,213 for the same month last year, of which number 10,009 came in 2,797 private automobiles as compared with 5,992 people in 1,667 private cars in June 1918.

The total travel to June 30th for the current season was 22,571 in contrast to 12,126 up to the same date last year.

WILL INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT COMMISSION

Salem, Ore., July 16.—Governor Olcott has named a committee of nine to investigate the state industrial accident commission, to reassure the public as to the way the law was administered.

A HOT WEATHER FISH STORY FROM PORTLAND

Portland, July 16.—How would you like to snare a Royal Chinook salmon weighing 82 pounds and closely resembling a whale in size?

This is what was done in the Columbia Saturday by setnet fishing for salmon for the Pillar Rock Packing company, owned by Everding & Farrell, of this city. The feat is vouched for by Harry Spurlock, grain and feed buyer for the firm.

Saturday, Spurlock made the trip to the cannery and while there saw the fish; declared by old timers who have been catching salmon for the last 30 years or more, to be the largest ever taken from the river. He says it weighed exactly 82 pounds and was so bulky that it required two men to get it from the boat to the cannery.

FOOD STUFFS TAKE TUMBLE IN BERLIN

Illicit Dealers Frantic In Efforts to Unload Huge Stocks Since the Blockade Was Lifted

Berlin, July 16.—Prices of all provisions have fallen with a crash as a result of lifting the blockade on Germany. Illicit dealers with huge concealed stocks brought them out in a panic to unload before the competing supplies could enter Germany.

Great stores of coffee, cocoa, butter and sausages appeared. Coffee prices fell from 40 marks to 20 marks, and 15 restaurants still maintain absurdly high prices.

VON TIRPITZ ABSOLVES "WILLIE" OF RESPONSIBILITY

Berlin, July 16.—Germany as a republic will not be able to rise again, Admiral von Tirpitz declares in a book that he will publish soon. The revolution threw away Germany's chances for greatness, he said. He absolved the ex-kaiser of responsibility for the war.

The admiral expressed the belief that the German navy should have been strong enough to obtain a better peace.

Bethmann-Hollweg was blamed with "monopolist control" of the war. Von Tirpitz charging that the former chancellor kept the ex-kaiser himself and the army and navy staff officers away from Berlin.

IDAHO'S GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR HELP TO FIGHT FIRES

Boise, Ida., July 16.—Governor D. W. Davis today made a direct appeal to Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, for assistance in fighting the raging fire in the Thunder mountain district. He voiced strong sentiment in favor of quick action, as the fire is spreading in many directions and threatens the national forests and also millions of feet of lumber owned by the state of Idaho and private interests.

BRITISH MAY WITHDRAW ENVOY FROM VATICAN

London, July 16.—The British government is considering withdrawing its envoy from the Vatican, it was announced here today.

ITALY MAY FAVOR GERMANS, IS FEAR

New York, July 16.—There is a certain amount of danger that the attitude of the allies will lead to such close relations between Germany and Italy that the latter country will come to look upon the Teutons as their staunchest friends in the opinion of Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, who has just returned from Rome.

"I do not mean by this," he said, "that there is a possibility of an alliance between the countries. I do not think there is. But Italy needs coal and raw materials of various sorts for her industries.

"Germany supplied a great part of them before the war and is making preparations to do it again. She will spend money developing Italian industries and will edge her into favor."

Page had many complimentary things to say of the Italian part in the war which he declared is not appreciated.

"They had two million casualties," he said. "Five hundred thousand men lost their lives."

Page has returned to the United States to hand his resignation to the president.

REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED

Coblentz, July 16.—A republic has been proclaimed in Birkenfield, in the area of occupation, and a complete separation from Oldenburg has been proclaimed.

SOLDIERS TELL OF CRUELTY IN MANY PRISONS

BRUTAL ASSAULTS COMMITTED BY OFFICERS IN CHARGE WITHOUT PROVOCATION

"HARD BOILED" SMITH A TERROR

Soldiers Said They Were Glad to Eat Potato Peelings and Dipped in Swill Barrel for Relish

Washington, July 16.—Six former American soldiers testifying before a special house committee investigating alleged cruelties to military prisoners in France, declared that merciless assaults were committed without provocation on the prisoners by arrogant officers in charge of the prisons and camps. Only one of the witnesses, all of whom were charged with being absent without leave, was convicted, the others having been acquitted of the charge and dismissed.

"The bastille," "the stockade," "prison farm No. 2," and "St. Ann's hotel," also known as "the brig," were the places named by the witnesses as the scene of the alleged cruelties, which were said to have extend over several months in 1918. Some officers in charge of the prison camps, it was said, have been convicted by court-martial and others were awaiting trial.

Lieutenant "Hard Boiled" Smith, one of the prison camp officers, was mentioned frequently, while others named were Lieutenants Mason and Sullivan and Sergeants Ball, Wolfmeyer and Bush.

"Did they try the general in charge of the camp?" asked Chairman Royal Johnson, who left his seat in congress to serve with the army abroad.

"Not that anyone heard," responded the witness.

When Lieutenant "Hard Boiled" Smith was tried at Tours early this

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INMATES OF ASYLUM HELP HARVEST FLAX

Salem, July 16.—Because of a necessity for speed in saving the state flax crop, the board of control has decided to organize a crew of 50 inmates of the hospital for the insane to help the convicts, and another crew of 20 from the boys' training school. Fifty-four convicts are working, but the crop of flax is being sunkilled.

REDS WIN BATTLE

London, July 16.—Ekaterinburg, 160 miles east of Perm, was captured Monday by the bolsheviks, a Russian wireless dispatch says.

CHINESE BANDITS ARE REAPING "HARVEST"

Tokio, July 16.—Advices from Antung, Manchuria, on the border of northern Korea, tell of continued outrages by Chinese mounted bandits on the upper reaches of the Yalu river. A band of several hundred raided the police station at Changbu and carried away arms and ammunition. On the following day the residences of the wealthy people were attacked and sacked of their contents. Subsequently about 20 persons including officials of a lumber mill were carried off by the bandits as hostages, probably for purpose of ransom. The Chinese government has organized a punitive expedition.