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RECOGNITION FOR GERMAN RULE BELGIAN PROVINCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The United States has sent a formal note to Germany which, without discussing the sovereignty of Belgium, expresses a willingness to make such arrangements as may be necessary with the German military authorities in de facto control of Belgium, for the continuance of American consular service there.

The American note should have been delivered in Berlin by today. Although the first note from Germany did not explicitly raise the issue, officials of the Washington government in making their reply carefully avoided any expression which could be construed as a political recognition of Germany's control of Belgium.

The decision of the United States has been awaited by Central and South American governments, who instructed their diplomatic representatives to discuss it in the Pan-American Union. The note from the German foreign office, sent identically to all neutral governments, announced that certificates of authority of all neutral consuls "had expired."

No reference was made in either the German note or the American reply to the status of the diplomatic officers, American Minister Brand Whitlock will continue at Brussels, where he is in active charge of Belgian relief work.

In its reply the United States declares that it considers a consul not a political, but "a commercial representative," who derives permission to do business, irrespective of his legal right, from the authorities in direct control of the district to which he is assigned. In view of the German military occupation, the United States further asserts that it "is not inclined to question at this time the right of Germany to suspend ex-officio."

UTAH INTERESTS FINE BUSINESS MEN

Gay Conner has received the following letter from A. Levy and J. Zetner Co. of San Francisco dated January 23:

"We are pleased to learn that the prospects are good for a beet sugar factory in the valley, and we hope it will be put through. It means considerable to a community to have an industry of that kind, and your valley especially needs it at the present time. Furthermore, those Utah interests, as you call them, are always mighty nice interests to do business with. They may have a code of religion that we don't always approve of, but they are invariably straightforward and as honorable a bunch to do business with as you will find anywhere."

Portland Livestock Market: PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 1225; steady to higher. Steers, prime light, \$7.50@7.75; heifers, prime, \$5.75@6.50; bulls, prime, \$4.75@5.50; stags, prime, \$3.50@6.00; calves, price, \$6.00@8.50.

SUPERIOR TO THE PEOPLE

THERE are over 100,000 anglers and hunters in Oregon who pay annual licenses, a special tax for a special purpose. These license holders have a statewide organization, comprising many thousands of members, and have unanimously expressed the desire that the license money be expended under the direction of the state game and fish commission—yet the house of representatives voted to disregard the wishes of these license payers and Saturday voted to divert the money into the general fund, leaving the commission without funds.

There seems to be something about public office that makes the legislator imagine himself superior in judgment to the people who send him there. Time and again we see legislators voting for measures against the expressed wish of constituents—and among such actions was the passage of the Schuebel bill, diverting the hunters' and anglers' money into the general fund.

The ordinary citizen is not much interested in politics—and then only at election time. He is, however, keenly interested every day of the year in hunting and angling and things pertaining thereto. Two-thirds of the male electors of Oregon are hunters or anglers and will keenly resent any attempt by legislators to cripple this resource.

This fact was shown when, without statewide organization, the initiative bill closing the Rogue river to commercial fishing was passed by a majority of 16,000 at the general election in 1910. With the statewide organization now in existence, the majority for any measure that concerns the existence of the fish and anglers' recreation will receive an overwhelming vote.

The anglers and hunters ask only what is just. They pay the license for a stated purpose and they want the money used for that purpose. In his inaugural address Governor Withycombe says:

For the department of fish and game I bespeak your friendly consideration. The commercial fisheries provide our third greatest industry, and everything that can be done, on a business basis, toward the natural and artificial propagation of fish and their protection is entitled to support. From the standpoint of recreation the resources of the state in fish and game are of great consequence, and should continue to be, as they are today, one of Oregon's strongest attractions to the visitor as well as a healthful boon to the resident.

In the conduct of this department economy and business-like procedure are essential, not only on behalf of the taxpayer, but in justice to the work itself, whose continuance upon a worthy scale can only thus be assured. Whatever method may be followed in handling the revenue derived from fish and game licenses, it is my opinion that justice to the sportsmen of the state, who exclusively provide this money, demands that it should be expended for fish and game propagation and protection. Centralization of administration and responsibility in this department, as in others, is highly desirable.

It is true that Governor West opposes this, and takes the contrary view. In this he reverses his former position, as he was formerly a strong advocate of the fish and game commission and aided its creation. His efforts to personally manipulate the commission thoroughly disorganized its work and impeded its usefulness and was one of the biggest mistakes of his regime.

It is not the personnel of the commission that the sportsmen of the state are fighting for—it is the principle of having money paid for game and fish protection and propagation used for any other purposes. They want it used for the purposes for which it was paid, and this can best be done by a non-partisan commission organized for the purpose. They do not want the fish and game work made political spoils.

Legislators who seek the destruction of the state game and fish commission are working against the wishes of a majority of their constituents.

THOUGHT IT A CITY PAPER

To the Editor: On account of my absence in San Francisco and the many matters to attend to here on my return, I have not had an earlier opportunity to write you in regard to your special edition. I had a copy of the paper placed on my desk and on examining same came to the conclusion that it must have been an issue of one of the large papers in Portland, but on referring to the headlines I was agreeably surprised to find that it was the special edition of the Medford Mail Tribune. You certainly did yourself credit in getting up such a valuable publication, covering as it did the entire resources and opportunities of the Rogue River valley. I hope that your citizens fully appreciate the time, labor and expense taken in getting together such a valuable publication. It can be referred to as a reliable reference on the activities in the Rogue River valley, at least until you issue the next edition. I heartily congratulate you on your enterprising and I extend to you my best wishes for 1915. Sincerely, JOHN W. SCOTT, General Passenger Agent Southern Pacific Company, Portland, January 23, 1915.

Clearing the Calendar

(Ben Lammpan in Gold Hill News.) I stood in the prisoner's dock—maw's face was wet with tears—and heard the drone of the judge's voice sink down to, "Twenty years." Seemed like I dreamed and fought in a choking strife for breath, and but for the tick of the court-room clock the place was mute as death. Somebody screamed, and I woke as they led poor maw outside; something within me stretched and broke and I knew that hope had died. Never no more to come back, never no more to be free—never to see the clear stars alpine or feel the flood in my veins like wine—never to smoke a pipe at noon under the apple tree. Nobody smiled at me, nobody scowled or jeered; and out of the state attorney's face something like pity peered; the sheriff touch my arm and looked right hard at the floor, back of the sizzling, gazing crowd somebody gasped and swore. My voice came back to me then, dull for the death of tears. I echoed it over again, "The Judge said, 'Twenty years.'" Never no more to go home, never no more to be loose—never to hear the hill pines sing or watch for the deer at the hidden spring—never

A STRANGE WOMAN

Madame Winteroth, noted clairvoyant, palmist and trace medium who created such a sensation in our city just before the holidays is back again. All who are interested in their past, present or future, don't fail to see this gifted woman. 144 corner South Central and Ninth streets. 262

The Evils of Denominationalism

Dr. J. Lawrence Hill. The question as to the advantages or disadvantages attending and accruing from the division of the Christian Church into sects and denominations has been freely and abundantly discussed and often by those who could see but one side to the question. But the facts we have to face as we contemplate the history of denominationalism do not present to our view a very pleasing spectacle. It has been a stumbling block both to the believing and unbelieving world. It has been the one fruitful source of persecution, the hotbed of bigotry, the greatest obstacle to progress, that has ever fallen in the path of the religion of Christ. He has been, and is, wounded in the house of His friends. It is today a reproach to Christianity, a source of envy and jealousy and bitterness and misunderstanding among His followers, and too often a cause of weakness, division and defeat instead of a source of strength and a bond of union.

There are, at least, two great evils to which denominationalism is apt to lead. They both grow out of a tendency to cherish denominational interests at the expense of other interests of far greater importance. The preservation or promotion of a sect is not the highest ideal of Christian service, and yet sometimes it becomes the ruling passion with those who are supposed to be responsible for its welfare. The desire to get members into our church in order to see it grow leads to serious abuses. The building of prejudicial barriers against other Christian bodies is fraught with evil consequences on both sides of those barriers—to those inside as well as those on the outside. The I-am-hollower-than-thou spirit

is thus encouraged. Men are thus led to regard themselves as being peculiarly privileged, and fall to heed the apostolic injunction to "look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." We are led to make denominational distinction the test of Christian character, while it is plainly said that as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Being unable to acknowledge as Christians those who differ from us in matters of faith and practice, we are cut off from all co-operation and fellowship with them, and count as our antagonists those who, in view of the great and awful interests at stake in our great fight with evil, should be our friends and co-workers. Christianity thus divided is weak and ineffective. Its forces are contending against each other, while evil laughs to see the struggle go on.

Another great evil to which the over-anxiety to conserve denominational forms and interests leads directly is that no sooner is a denomination led out to clear grounds sufficient to form a distinction and claim a name than a halt is called, and no further advancement is made, or can be made, by that company. Their theological platform is marked out, stakes are driven, a creed is stereotyped, which, like the famous laws of the Medes and Persians, change not. Progress in that line is forever checked, and if any one has the temerity to advance beyond those lines he must step over denominational boundaries, be counted out of the fold, branded as a heretic and doomed to an eternal hell. It is thus that the work of reformation has been carried on. No church or denomination was ever known to arise

in a body and pull up stakes for a forward march. No such thing as denominational reformation ever took place. Steps upward and onward must be taken by individuals only, and that too in spite of the effort of the church to throw obstacles in their way, and to heap reproach upon them for daring to think and act for themselves other than what the denomination to which they belong has prescribed for them. We are aware that the above is a fearful impeachment for sectarianism and denominationalism as we have seen them operate all through the past, and as we see them operating today. But who will say that the arraignment is unjust and the statement of the case untrue? The remedy is found in the entertainment in our hearts and in exhibiting to all men of a large-hearted spirit of charity that grants to others the same considerations, the same credit for honesty of purpose and purity of principles, the same freedom that we ask ourselves. Let us remember that God is our common father, and let us not forget with what forbearance, with what loving and tender pity, He regards our crooked pathway, our moral obliquity, our spiritual blindness. See how patiently He bears with us in our partial views of truth and how He waits for us to come to the unity of the faith, to the fullness of the stature of the perfect man in Christ. While we especially love those associated with us in church fellowship and capacity let it not be with a Pharisaical love which excludes others just as beloved of God, just as useful in His cause, just as sincere and devoted as are those of our own household.

STOCKS CONTINUE TO MAKE GAINS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Stocks showed general gains at the outset of today's session and the undernote was distinctly firm. Changes were nominal, however, and trading was moderate, there being an absence of last week's heavy overture. Mexican petroleum was the feature of the special group with an advance of over two points. Coppers advanced in response to the higher price for the metal. Smelting and American Cans rose fractionally. St. Paul, Atchison preferred and Louisville & Nashville were lower, with some ease of the prominent shares by the end of the first half hour.

THRILLERS AT STAR THEATRE TWO DAYS

If you like motion pictures with a punch to the story that will make you hunch to the arm of your chair like you would if you were on a steamer in a storm you should visit the Star Theater today and tomorrow. The program consists of a greater number of thrilling adventures and daring adventures than has ever been shown on the screen during any one performance.

Of course the most attractive and the one that has created the greatest sensation of any drama ever shown is the Exploits of Elaine, but it followed closely by The Hazards of Helen, which has enough thrills in the thousand feet shown to make 5000 feet of the ordinary thrilling drama, and while both of these subjects abound with situations that are exciting they do not show any of the blood and thunder that is so obnoxious to most visitors to the theaters. There is also a Selig western, Wade Brent Pays, the Hearst-Selig News, in pictures, and a Pathe comedy.

COMMUNICATIONS

Put City in Beet Growing To the Editor: If the amount of acreage signed up for sugar beets is not sufficient, why could not the city of Medford sign up for at least 100 acres and utilize some of the land within the city limits that annually grows up in weeds? A call for volunteer property owners issued through the columns of the Mail Tribune, who would be willing to allow the city to cultivate their (at present) unsalable lots, should meet a ready response. The results would benefit the city in advertising and sightliness, if nothing else. The property owner would receive a similar benefit and an interest would be stimulated in the sugar beet industry. SUBSCRIBER. Medford, Jan. 23. Eaton Grateful Salem, January 21, 1915. To the Editor: I appreciate very much the posi-

ICELAND GOES ON WATER WAGON

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25, via London, 1:23 p. m.—The parliament of Iceland, 34 of whose 40 members are elected by popular vote, has passed a measure forbidding the sale of alcoholic liquors. All the remaining stock in the Danish dependency has exported.

BRITISH AIRSHIPS WRECK 400 AUTOS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25, via London 2:17 p. m.—The British air raid last week on the town of Essen resulted in the destruction of 400 war automobiles, according to a correspondent of the Handelsblad. These cars were in a repair shop which was wrecked by British bombs. The Germans have been compelled to take over a private automobile factory at Aix-la-Chapelle where hundreds of Dutch workmen have obtained employment.

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DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat and take Salts for Backache or Bladder trouble—Neutralize acids. Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad. Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dove" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them. With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them. If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

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