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EDISON TO AID UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN NAVY

Inventor Offers Services as Call to Duty—Other Prominent Scientists to Assist Proposed Bureau of Invention and Development for Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Announcement by Thomas A. Edison of his acceptance of Secretary Daniels' offer to head an advisory board of civilian inventors for the proposed bureau of invention and development in the navy department, was received with gratification today by naval officials.

Mr. R. S. Hutchison, personal representative of Mr. Edison, called on Secretary Daniels today and informed him of Mr. Edison's acceptance of the invitation.

Secretary Daniels conferred with Rear Admirals Griffin, Taylor and Strauss, the naval officers who handle the problems of ordnance, construction, engineering and electricity, as to the best way to get the benefit of the advice of citizen inventors.

"What we want to do in this matter," said the secretary, "is to appeal to the American inventive genius to work for the navy and to study what we ought to do. We want them to give us the best they can. Already since this war began much has been done with our own resources.

"For the first time in twenty years we have had an opportunity to test the kind of ships and ammunition that we have in actual naval warfare. Al-

WILSON STUDIES GERMAN NOTE

CORNISH, N. H., July 13.—President Wilson devoted his attention today to a detailed study of the situation growing out of the receipt of the latest German note on submarine warfare.

GERMANS DRIVE AT VERDUN VIA WOEVRE REGION

Further Advances Reported at Souchez—Labyrinth Attack Beaten Off—French Airships Attack Station—Renewed Activity on Eastern Line—Allies Advance 200 Yards.

LONDON, July 13.—Further German advances in the vicinity of Souchez, where the cemetery was captured from the French early on Monday, are reported from Berlin.

Hard fighting continued in the Woivre region, where the Germans are believed in Paris to have resumed the drive at Verdun.

Thirty-five French aeroplanes swept over the railroad station serving the Catonne trench regulation and that of the Apremont forest. One hundred and seventy-one bombs were dropped and several fires were started.

Coincident with this news comes reports through Petrograd that Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army has been strongly reinforced and that it will soon resume active operations.

NICHOLSON NOW EXALTED RULER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 13.—The grand lodge of Benevolent Protective Order of Elks opened its session here today with the election of officers, a mere formality which installed James K. Nicholson of Boston as grand exalted ruler, succeeding Raymond Benjamin of California.

MORE WARNINGS OF SHIP DISASTERS

NEW ORLEANS, July 13.—Two more letters signed "Pearce" in which the writer threatens disaster to British merchant and cable ships, were delivered here today by mail, one to an afternoon newspaper and the other to the chief of police.

HUERTA STATES WILL NOT SHED MEXICAN BLOOD

Former Dictator Tells of Hopes, Purposes, Wealth and Ideas of America—Hopes to Go Back to Mexico to Sleep in His Grave—United States Fine Example for Mexico.

(Copyright, 1915, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.) EL PASO, Tex., July 12.—It was a different Huerta with whom I dined today. We were in the same little private dining room of the Hotel Sheldon, where he used to give his famous wine dinners like a Nero.

Then he was surrounded by his glittering staff officers. Now he sat alone except for me. In place of his gold and bridle uniform of the Mexican army he wore an old, brown hand-me-down suit of winter weight and a soft shirt and collar.

That same broad, bulldog jaw is there still, and the deep lines of cruelty flank his nostrils on each side. But even his old Oaxaca Indian face has fattened with high living and lack of exercise, and the Huerta of today does not look fit as did the general who drove the Orozco revolution across the border after Bachimba.

Then he was the guest of the United States army. He was given wine dinners in this same hotel and gave others in return. He was the biggest man in Mexico and was received with salutes and troop escorts and vivas!

"Many things have happened, my son, since last we ate together here," General Huerta said as he seated himself at the table where he was to eat and I was to get my promised interview for the Mail Tribune.

"Much do I prefer to speak of your own country, of the United States. When I was here before I had seen nothing more of your great country than I could see here on the border.

"Your women are the most beautiful I have ever seen in any of my

SMALL BOYS HURL STONES AT LIBERTY BELL

WALLA WALLA, Wn., July 13.—The first act of vandalism in connection with the trip of the Liberty Bell occurred yesterday between Pendleton, Oregon, and this city. Boys standing on a high bank by the side of the track threw rocks at the bell and one hit it squarely, but apparently did not damage it.

HIS FORTUNE A FEW FADED FLOWERS



Huerta, the ex-dictator of Mexico, now a U. S. A. prisoner. The camera and artist have combined to picture him.

RUSSIANS FORTIFY RUMANIAN BORDER AGAINST INVASION

BERLIN, July 13.—A dispatch to the Tagblatt from its correspondent at Czernowitz, Bukovina, says: "The Russians are fortifying their Rumanian border. Many thousands of men are at work digging trenches parallel with the border and building barbed wire entanglements.

The Russian government of Bessarabia borders Rumania on the east. Austria-Hungary is reported to have pledged Rumania to undertake the conquest of Bessarabia and transfer it to the Balkan state in exchange for Russia, on the other hand, has attempted to win the support of Rumania for the allies by promising the cession of the Hungarian territory of Transylvania, which borders Rumania on the west.

SUBSCRIPTION TO BRITISH WAR LOAN TOTALS 3 BILLIONS

LONDON, July 13.—The total subscription to the war loan amounted to close to \$3,000,000,000, according to the statement made by Reginald McKenna, the chancellor of the exchequer, in the house of commons today.

PREMIER PLEDGES CANADA'S SUPPORT TO CARRY ON WAR

LONDON, July 13.—"Four days before the war broke out, I telegraphed to the imperial government that if there were war, Canada would regard it as her own," Sir Robert L. Borden, the premier of Canada, told a cheering audience at a luncheon given in the house of commons this afternoon.

A. Bonar Law, British minister of the colonies, in a toast to "Canada and the War," expressed the opinion that the help of the dominions was likely to prove a decisive factor. He hoped that one result of the upheaval would be the welding of the empire in unbreakable bonds.

LAWSON APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

DENVER, Colo., July 13.—Edward P. Costigan, of counsel for John R. Lawson, denied a new trial yesterday, previously having been sentenced to life imprisonment for the alleged murder of John Nunn, said today that an appeal to the state supreme court would be taken soon as the necessary formalities can be completed.

OFFICERS LEAVE ARMY TO INSTALL POWDER PLANT

Secretary Garrison Accepts Resignations of Officers in Army Ordnance Bureau Who Have Been Offered Posts with Companies Holding Large European Contracts.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—On the theory that the safety of the country must rest upon the adequate development of its commercial gun and ammunition factories, Secretary Garrison announced today he had decided to accept the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel Odus C. Horney and Major William A. Phillips of the army ordnance bureau, who have been offered posts with companies holding large munitions contracts from European belligerents.

The resignations have been pending for several weeks while Secretary Garrison asked Attorney-General Gregory for a legal opinion as to his power to hold the officers in the government service. The department of justice has not yet determined the question and meanwhile Mr. Garrison decided to act.

The skill of Colonel Horney and Major Phillips lies in the construction of new plants. The plan they will build, Mr. Garrison said, may in future prove of vital importance to the American government. It is more important, he said, that a large number of plants be ready to turn out ammunition than that the most expert officers be held to the work of superintending those already in operation.

"This question of developing more factories," Mr. Garrison said, "may mean the difference between safety and disaster to the country. These men are expert in the installation of machinery to make guns and ammunition. The mere superintendence of plants already installed can be done by less expert men."

BUILD POSTOFFICES ACCORDING TO NEED

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The treasury department hereafter will construct postoffices and other federal buildings in accordance with the needs and importance of places where they are located instead of spending all that congress appropriates. In some instances expensive postoffices have been built in towns where the postal receipts were not sufficient to maintain them.

GONZALES FEEDS STARVING PEOPLE OF MEXICO CITY

Order Being Rapidly Restored—Telegraph Lines Repaired—Railroad Communication Opens Tomorrow—Soup Kitchens Being Established—Corn and Baby Supplies Needed.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—A delayed cablegram from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City received by the state department today stated that in evacuating the capital, after resisting as long as their ammunition lasted, the Zapata forces had departed quietly, heeding the appeals of the diplomatic officials not to carry on street fighting.

GALVESTON, Texas, July 13.—Distribution of food has begun in Mexico City under the direction of General Pablo Gonzalez and additional supplies of provisions are being forwarded to the capitol from Vera Cruz, according to reports reaching the constitutionalist consulate here today.

Large forces of workmen are busy on the telegraph lines and communication is expected to improve rapidly. The accumulation of messages, Consul Silliman reported, run into the thousands.

Railroad communication will not be fully effective until tomorrow. Through passengers go forward today by changing at Puebla. Ten thousand bushels of corn in sacks and all sorts of food for babies are needed in Mexico City, according to a message from Consul General Shanklin, filed in Mexico City at 10 a. m. yesterday.

STRIKE THREATENS TIE-UP REMINGTON MUNITION FACTORY

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 13.—Practically no progress was made today toward a settlement of the labor trouble at the Remington Arms company plant which promises, unless speedily composed, to involve some 8,000 machinists and iron workers in the city, despite conferences between officials of the arms company, the Stewart Construction company of New York, which has charge of the new construction work of the plant and the leaders of the various labor organizations.

The labor leaders are trying to fix the responsibility for the issuing of an order directing the millwrights employed at the plant to join the carpenters' union. The arms company disclaims responsibility for it, the labor leaders say, and so does the construction company.

An immediate effect, it was stated today, would be the curtailment of the shipment of war munitions should the strike continue. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, said today that he had been informally advised that he was to be asked to act as arbitrator in the Bridgeport labor trouble, but that as yet the request had not been received. He was given to understand that if he were to act the matter would be brought here, as he finds it impossible to go to Bridgeport.