

HOKE SMITH HOLDS UP PRINTING OF INDUSTRIAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Many weeks ago the house of representatives passed a resolution ordering the printing of 100,000 copies of the final report of the commission on industrial relations, and 10,000 copies of the testimony taken by the commission.

About four months have passed since this resolution went through the house and it is still held up in the senate, largely as the result of the hostile attitude of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, with a clique of reactionary senators of both parties acting in sympathy with him. When the matter comes before the senate where practically all business of this character is done by unanimous consent, Smith or one of his assistants objects to its consideration.

The investigation made by the industrial relations commission cost the people \$250,000. It is the first genuine exposition of industrial conditions in the United States ever accomplished by an official body. Thousands of people have written to members of the house and senate begging for copies of the commission's report only to be informed that it is not yet in print.

Congress is nearing that period when business becomes congested and nothing can get proper attention, so if this important report is to be printed, now is the time for the people who want it to make known their wishes in emphatic terms to their senators, demanding that Hoke Smith shall not longer be permitted to block it.

DUST OF EGYPT AT STAR THEATER TODAY

When Mr. Albert E. Smith and Mr. J. Stuart Blackton entrusted the manuscript of "The Dust of Egypt" to Director George D. Baker they gave him a story of unique and wonderful pictorial value to produce. It told in vividly contrasting scenes of the complexities of modern civilization, into which a capricious, wilful little Egyptian princess, of three thousand years ago, was reincarnated and flung pell-mell, bewildered and frightened, yet still preserving her dignity and royal poise. The selection of the cast was the first important step and Edith Storey was given the part of the princess. Antonio Moreno was chosen to play opposite her, as a modern clubman of wealth and high social standing, and the balance of a long cast of principals were selected from the Vitagraph's famous stock company.

FRENCH RESIST GERMANS

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Ypres on November 10, five days before the battle ended, and the first French battle in Champagne March 18, 1915, also closed with a violent assault.

Concluding Efforts

In these operations the assailants hoped to surprise the defender by an unexpected effort and to wrest from him by taking him unawares, the reward of their own sacrifices. General Petain, the French commander at Verdun, was not caught napping, but foresaw the possibility of such a move and straightened and strengthened his line in anticipation of it.

The battle continues, but with perceptible dwindling of its violence. The French commander's plan is to engage the least possible number of men, so as to retain the maximum number of formations for the ulterior operations which are to be entered upon at a moment which he will consider opportune and which probably will be decided upon by him when he considers that the Germans have wasted all the men they are willing to sacrifice.

Since the beginning of the battle the Germans have employed thirty-two divisions, it is asserted, and it is impossible for them long to continue their efforts on the present scale.

To the Stockholders of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Assn.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting, will be held in the public library, Main street, Medford, Oregon, on the 9th day of May, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT & PRODUCE ASSN. By R. C. Washburn, Secretary, A. C. Fiere, President. Dated, Medford, Oregon, April 8th, 1916.

SWISS NEUTRALITY IS PRO-GERMAN AS SHOWN BY BEANS

By ROBERT MOUSTIER.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Beans! In that one word you can express the status of the neutrality of Switzerland, or rather its "neutrality."

Enter the word in the presence of a Swiss official and a German agent—this combination is not rare in Switzerland—and you will immediately assume in their eyes the position of a French or English spy. They will not mistake you for a bean merchant, because the episode of the beans has borne fruit, so to speak.

The war had not continued long before there came such a cry as this from Switzerland: "We are starving! The allies will not let us have food." The people who did the loudest yelling were some 300,000 Germans and Austrians within the Swiss borders, and the pro-German German-speaking Swiss, who constitute 70 per cent of the little republic's population, increased the volume of the noise.

And the other "neutrals" said: "What a shame that these inoffensive folk who have given Swiss cheese, Swiss watches, Swiss milk chocolate, dotted Swiss and Swiss tours to the world, should now be in the throes of starvation!"

So the French and English let supplies go through to the inhabitants, and even went out of the way to sell the inhabitants products needed.

Then Italy entered the war, and again came the cry, "We are starving," and the Swiss mountains echoed, "We are starving."

Switzerland thereupon ordered thousands of tons of beans and other food supplies from England, France and Italy. The Swiss authorities guaranteed that the beans, etc., were for Swiss consumption.

The allies, suspicious, had their agents follow those beans from the time the beans crossed the Swiss until the very same beans crossed the Swiss border the second time—into Germany, as they say.

Previous to this bean episode the allies had protested again and again to the Swiss government against violations both of its alleged neutrality and of its word of honor, but Swiss officials went on being pro-German, especially in matters which meant money in their pockets and the pockets of their countrymen.

The allies in Switzerland have their eyes open now and nothing goes into Switzerland from France and Italy until it is proven the goods are for Swiss consumption.

Diplomatic Secret.

The beans, whose history I described, have until now been more or less a diplomatic secret, but a violation of neutrality that disturbed even the pro-Germans of the Swiss became public property recently at the court-martial of Colonel Maurice von Wattenwyl and Colonel Egli, of the general staff of the Swiss army.

The evidence showed that the two colonels had been caught in the act of communicating to the military attaché of the German legation at Bern, Major Count von Bismarck, information that they obtained daily of the movements of the French and Italian troops along their frontiers as well as the confidential data sent to the Swiss war department from its military attachés at the English, Belgian and French headquarters in France and Flanders. Yet the commander in chief of the Swiss army, General Urie Wille, ordered the acquittal of the two colonels.

General Wille is related by marriage to Major Count von Bismarck.

Gott Strafe England.

Even now Colonel Egli and Colonel Wattenwyl remain on the closed terms with the German attaché, and the German attaché frequently goes to the home of the Swiss commander in chief.

To this day brigades bearing the legend, "Gott strafe England," are sold in the streets of Swiss cities, and nobody has ever heard of the vendors being punished for violating Swiss neutrality.

Nevertheless, the Swiss value their "neutrality" highly. In fact, the pro-German Swiss population complain that so far the guarding of Swiss neutrality has cost almost \$75,000,000. The strongest defenses, the greatest precautions and the most soldiers are on the Austrian and German frontiers.

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ARMY AND NAVY ALONE COUNT IN DIPLOMACY-WHITE

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The United States will never assume its place in the family of nations until politics cease to play an important part in the selection of American diplomats and in the army and navy, declared Henry White, former ambassador to France, in an address at today's session of the convention of the Navy League of the United States. He was speaking on "The Baneful Influence of Politics Upon Our Foreign Relations."

"If there is one conviction more deeply rooted in my mind than another," said Mr. White, "it is that the respect in which a nation is held by others is in exact ratio to the fleets and armies which are believed to be looking in the distance and prepared to back up if necessary its diplomatic representations. Foreign powers know that political considerations or the length of purse strings usually outweigh any known fitness in the selection of the chiefs of our foreign embassies and legations, they know that our army and our navy are for the first of these reasons not in the highest state of efficiency, and that 'preparedness' has become a domestic political issue."

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, spoke on "Why Congress is Reluctant to Develop the Navy," and declared that until eighteen months ago not one man in a hundred realized that our navy had lost its international standing and drifted downstream from a good second to a bad third.

ILLINOIS VOTING PARTY PRIMARIES

CHICAGO, April 11.—Illinois voters participated in the second presidential preference primary held in the state. Election of delegates at large and district delegates to the national convention and election of state central committeemen are the principal questions at issue. On the presidential preference ballots there is only one candidate on each ticket—President Wilson on the Democratic and Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman on the Republican. Women can vote only on the presidential preference question.

The struggle within the republican party as to the choice of Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, or Roy C. West, present national committeeman, to head the delegates at large, has created a heated contest. The republican delegate at large ballot, on which eight are to be chosen, carried nine names. Eight have pledged themselves to Senator Sherman and one, John Maynard Harlan, has made his campaign in favor of Colonel Roosevelt.

The democratic ballot carries thirteen names. All save one have expressed preference for President Wilson.

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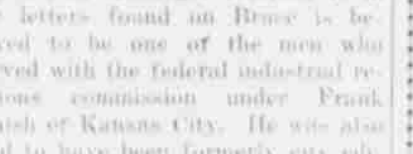
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at on the doorstep in front of the body with a pile of rocks to keep the page away.

The Don McGregor referred to in the letters found on Bruce is believed to be one of the men who served with the federal industrial relations commission under Frank Walsh of Kansas City. He was also said to have been formerly city editor of the Minneapolis News. Some of Bruce's letters were from J. R. Walker of Denver. Another was from W. M. Lammers of Chicago. Some of the letters referred to "Walsh and the commission."

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THOUSAND CASES OF BEER SEIZED AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., April 11.—One thousand cases of beer were seized on a snow in the east waterway of the harbor. Ownership of the beer has not been determined. It was hauled to the police station in an automobile.

The beer, which was made in a San Francisco brewery, was consigned, according to marks on the cases, to "J. Janzen," Seattle, whose name is not in the city directory. The snow tied up in the waterway early this morning and two laborers began to unload the beer. The police had already been notified of the strange proceeding and the prosecuting attorney's office issued a search warrant, under authority of which the liquor was seized.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$40,000,000 was passed by the house today by a vote of 210 to 133.

The bill now goes to the senate. In the course of debate a motion to recommit the bill and cut it to \$20,000,000 was made by Representative Humphrey of Washington, and supported by Republican Leader Mann.

An amendment by Representative Good of Iowa, adopted after a hard fight, proposed that no part of the appropriations be used for work done by private contract if the contract price were more than 25 per cent in excess of the estimated cost of doing the work by government plant.

DOUGLAS FIR IS SATISFACTORY FOR WRAPPING PAPER

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The immense possibilities of developing southern pine and Douglas fir sawdust and other waste into wrapping paper have been reviewed for the members of the United States senate committee which has under discussion the proposal to increase the scope of the laboratory investigations, in the following memorandum on the production of Kraft wrapping paper from southern pine and Douglas fir, by Chief Forester Henry S. Graves:

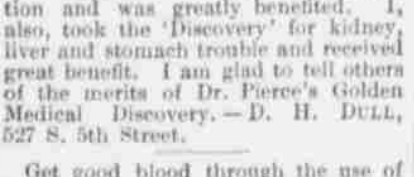
"Kraft wrapping paper from southern pine—The waste incident to the production of southern pine is of sufficient quantity to produce the enormous amount of approximately 20,000 tons of paper per day. Laboratory experiments have determined the suitability of this material for the manufacture of Kraft wrapping paper by the sulphate process and it now only remains to determine to what extent the laboratory results are applicable on a commercial basis. "Kraft wrapping paper from Douglas fir—What has been said of the possibility of southern pine is largely applicable to Douglas fir. While the laboratory experiments with this species have not progressed to the same point as with the southern pine, the indications are that Douglas fir is also well adapted for production of Kraft paper and subsequent to the completion of the suggested work on pine, it would be my idea to utilize the experimental equipment secured for this purpose in similar work in the west with Douglas fir. Wrapping paper in this territory is at present

secured from other western paper mills supplying either sulphite pulp or from eastern and European mills supplying either sulphite or Kraft wrappings. In the latter case, it is of course necessary for the western consumers to pay freight charges amounting to about \$15 per ton. The laboratory recently made paper of Douglas fir which tested a solid to a pound, putting it in the class with the strongest wrapping papers made in the United States.

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