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ROOT DISCUSSES PRESIDENT'S PLEA ENDURING PEACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The world peace address of President Wilson to the senate was interpreted by Elihu Root in a speech here last night as an admission that there is no way out of war except by preparation for war, and as a denunciation of the course of Germany.

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AMERICAN SHELL GAME

SECRETARY DANIELS of the navy announces that inasmuch as the British government has refused permission to the Hadfields Limited, of Sheffield, England, to make shells contracted for by the United States government until the war ended, the department will begin the erection of its own projectile factory to stop the exactions of the American munition trust, which displays its patriotism by liberally contributing to the "preparedness" propaganda, and trying to hold up Uncle Sam.

Hadfields Limited, of Sheffield, England, submitted bids on 16-inch shells at \$513 per shell. The lowest American bidder wanted \$775 per shell. Furthermore, the British concern offered delivery in sixteen months, while the American firms want to take thirty-six months to do the work.

The fact is that American munitions manufacturers are so busy with profitable war orders that they do not want to supply their own government with shells. Their patriotism is of that variety which requires to be excessively stimulated with gold to make it work.

We are getting tired of that kind of patriotism. The American navy must be built up and must be supplied with munitions, and we haven't got thirty-six months or any other months longer than the shortest possible time in which these shells can be manufactured. Furthermore, we don't want to have to depend upon a foreign munitions-making concern to supply the American navy with ammunition.

There is just one way out, and Secretary Daniels realizes it. The last naval bill—the building program of August 29, 1916—provided \$1,411,222 for erecting a government plant for the manufacture of projectiles. A beginning has been made on this plant, and Secretary Daniels is about to ask congress to double the appropriation for the projectile plant.

Congress should not hesitate to do it. Furthermore, congress ought to realize that the greater the facilities which the government itself has for manufacturing its own munitions, the more likely the government will be to get reasonable bids for furnishing such supplies.

We have put up with dollar patriotism about as long as we can stand it. Meanwhile, the Bethlehem Steel is cutting fabulous "melons" and advertising liberally throughout the land in the effort to prevent the erection of the government's competitive plant.

CHAMP CLARK'S CANDIDACY

THE best thing about Champ Clark's announced candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination in 1920 is that it probably cannot survive the four years it must live.

The worst thing about it is that the division it will cause among democrats throughout the nation will probably react upon democratic congressmen. This will greatly increase the difficulties of President Wilson and the democratic leaders in congress in working out a consistent legislative program.

It is to be expected that Clark will use his great influence with a certain element in the lower house to further the interests of his candidacy. The house membership is so evenly divided between the democrats and republicans that even under the most favorable conditions it is going to be difficult for the democrats under the president's leadership to redeem the party's platform pledges.

Clark has the same right as every other man to aspire to the presidency, but the interjection of his candidacy into the delicate situation that exists in congress simply adds another to the many reasons which seem to disqualify him for the office.

Clark has never forgiven Wilson and Bryan for defeating his ambitions at the Baltimore convention in 1912. It will be remembered that during several days in every ballot he had a majority, and but for Bryan's determination to defeat him he undoubtedly would have secured the necessary two-thirds. To what extent Clark's unexpected announcement at this early date is due to his wish to embarrass the president, in a spirit of revenge, only Clark knows.

But taking into account all the circumstances, one cannot but suspect there is a good deal more than appears on the surface. Clark's chances of succeeding Wilson as president would be enhanced if his public activities gave evidence of more statesmanship and less politics.

WILSON OPPOSED TO COMPULSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Wilson last night declared that perhaps the real solution of the preparedness problem might be a standing army of professional soldiers, of sufficient size to give real preparedness.

The president voiced his opposition to compulsory universal military service in the United States.

He said that such a system does not meet the "difficulties" facing the country in its efforts to establish adequate defense.

At the same time he admitted that "physical training is needed," and declared the legislative and executive branches of the government are giving "serious consideration" to what is the "wise thing for the defense of the country."

The president made his declarations regarding preparedness to representatives of the National Security League, who called to urge some form of universal training, and who declared the "voluntary system" utterly inadequate and a "disgrace to a civilized people."

The president opened his remarks by saying he would have been more

PUBLISHERS MEET TO COMPULSION

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Paper manufacturers and newspaper publishers met here today for an informal conference. An invitation to the members of the federal trade commission was extended and it was expected that various problems of the manufacturers and the newspaper publishers over the print paper supply would be discussed.

La Fayette Young, Jr., of the Des Moines (Iowa) Capital, one of the newspaper publishers present, said that the publishers desired to talk over the situation with the paper manufacturers and give the manufacturers an opportunity to explain the reason for the high price of print paper.

"It is not in any sense a hearing by the trade commission," said Mr. Young. "The manufacturers undoubtedly have their problems to meet and we want to find out in an informal talk just what the conditions are. The commissioners have been invited to join with us in the discussion."

impressed by the delegation's contentions if they had been expressed "in more restrained language."

SINGS WAY FROM DEBT TO OWN HOME



MARCELLA CRAFT

When Miss Craft left Riverside, Cal., on a singing tour a few years ago, she did so on money she borrowed, but promised to return rich. Now she is going to a smart little bungalow in Riverside, which she has bought for herself and parents with money earned singing.

ASK \$600,000 FOR NEW PENITENTIARY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26.—Recommendations for the construction of a modern state penitentiary costing \$600,000 and the creation of a non-salaried commission of three to administer its affairs were contained in a report forwarded to Governor James Withycombe at Salem from here today by a committee recently appointed to make a survey of the Oregon state prison at Salem.

Self-government for the prisoners on a limited scale, a revision of the parole board and repeal of the law forbidding prisoners to manufacture articles in competition with outside labor were also recommended.

EARL FRUIT COMPANY TO BE BIG FACTOR

A big new fruit concern has been organized here and will be known as the Earl Fruit Company of the Northwest. The organization includes three of the best known and most successful fruit dealers in the northwest. Its operations will extend over all of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Joseph De Giorgio, president of the Earl Fruit company of California, has been elected president of the new concern. He has associated with him F. V. Martin as district field manager, P. A. Penham as general manager and Wilmer Sieg as general sales manager.

Mr. Martin, who is probably one of the best known fruit men in the northwest, is now making the rounds of the territory to be embraced by the new concern and acquainting himself with all details of the industry.

P. A. Penham, as general manager of the company, will make his headquarters in Spokane. He is now on his way to attend the Western Fruit Jobbers convention which will take place in New Orleans January 29, 30 and 31. At the close of the session there, he is expected to come to the northwest to make arrangements for the opening of business for the new company.

Wilmer Sieg will assume his duties as general sales manager for the new company as soon as he can arrange to be relieved from his present position.

It is generally conceded by the big men in the fruit business that Mr. Giorgio, president of the Earl Fruit Company of the Northwest, by bringing this trio into his company, has assured himself of the same complete success that has attended all his previous operations. Wherever Mr. Giorgio and his associates have operated, their success has reflected upon the growers for the general prosperity of the country. Business of the Earl Fruit company has at times meant better returns for the growers and what these men have done for fruit growing communities elsewhere, they propose to do for producers of the northwest—Portland Journal.

This company will absorb the Producers Fruit Co. of Oregon.

AUTO BANDITS PERISH IN ACCIDENT

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—The bodies of two unidentified young men were found in a ravine near Bothell, 15 miles north of Seattle, today, imprisoned in an automobile which had gone through the bridge spanning the ravine. The car had crashed through the railing. The car's license number was N. M. 13,719. There was nothing in the clothing of the men to identify them. The car fell thirty feet.

The police identified one of the bodies as that of Andy Bechtel, aged 22, who had been in frequent trouble on charges of stealing automobiles, and who had recently served a six-months term in jail for this offense. The car in which the men were killed was stolen in Seattle last night, and the men were evidently on their way to Bothell with it. Bechtel had been a police court character for five years, the police say.

BRITISH LABORITES FAVOR PEACE PLAN

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 26.—The labor conference in session here unanimously adopted a resolution urging that "all the British representatives at the peace conference should work for the formation of an international league to enforce the maintenance of peace on the plan advocated in the note of President Wilson and approved by the British foreign secretary."

The resolution also demanded that the British plenipotentiaries should include an adequate number of parliamentary representatives of organized labor.

The mover of the resolution remarked that many words had been spoken about Russia, but it should not be forgotten that it was Russia that initiated The Hague conference.

RUMANIANS UPHOLD MINISTER VOPICKA'S ACTS

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Times' Jassy, Rumania, correspondent says Germany's demand for the removal of Charles J. Vopicka, the American minister and other neutrals from Bucharest, aroused indignation in Jassy. The removals are ascribed to what is termed the anxiety of the Germans to rid their presence of impartial witnesses.

"The American representative," says the correspondent, "was especially obnoxious, owing to his having sanctioned the investigation by officers of the legation into the discovery of packages of explosives containing microbes of a dangerous disease, which were found buried in the garden of the German legation."

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WHISKEY GAINS, BEER FALLS OFF IN CONSUMPTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Records show the government collected a tax of \$1.10 per gallon on 146,355,146 gallons of whiskey during the year, 1916, a total of \$166,990,660 as compared with 124,549,210 gallons and a tax yield of \$137,004,151 in 1915. Beer consumption, according to the records was 61,145,583 barrels as against 57,895,869 barrels the previous year. The tax yield on beer during 1916 was \$91,718,375; in 1915 it was \$86,798,803.

Total revenue on beer and whiskey during 1916 was \$252,708,935 as compared with \$223,712,934 in 1915. Cigarettes yielded \$31,541,200 last year and \$22,424,042 the year before making the total revenue to the government from these three sources \$284,250,255 in 1916 and \$246,136,976 in 1915, at an increase last year of \$38,113,279.

Beer consumption although greater last year than in 1915, fell nearly 5,000,000 barrels below the high level of 66,000,000 barrels in 1914 and was exceeded by the consumption of beer in 1911, 1912 and 1913.

Monthly comparison of records discloses that the American people apparently drink nearly 80 per cent more whiskey in November and December than in summer and fifty per cent more beer in summer than in winter. Wide fluctuations in the number of cigarettes, consumed from month to month also are disclosed, the minimum in April being nearly 45 per cent below the maximum in August.

RAILROAD STRIKES NOT FORBIDDEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Railroad strikes and lockouts are not forbidden by the terms of a bill to supplement the Adamson law, which the senate interstate commerce committee virtually had completed today.

The new bill, however, would make it a criminal offense, punishable by heavy fine, for a railroad employe who has quit work to trespass on railroad property with a view to preventing by violence, intimidation or threats the operation of trains.

Another important provision of the bill would authorize the president to take over and operate "such part of" a railroad or its equipment as is necessary to move troops or munitions in war, or insurrection.

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witness:

- M. A. Anderson, Medford. S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point. Frank Lewis, Eagle Point. Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point. W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point. C. E. Moore, Eagle Point. J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point. Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point. Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point. John S. Orth, Medford.

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