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INTRODUCING POLITICS

IN order to cripple and tie the hands of the president and impede the vigorous conduct of the war, as well as to delay the enactment of the food control measure, the friends of the kaiser in the senate attached a rider to the emasculated food bill providing a committee of senators and congressmen to supervise war expenditures—in other words, to hamper for partisan advantage the prosecution of the war by encroaching upon the prerogatives of the executive.

The duty of congress is clearly defined by the constitution. It is to legislate. The duty of the president and cabinet is equally clearly defined. It is to administer. Congress, by its action, is attempting to assume the illegal rights of administration. Such dual authority cannot result in other than division and dissension, and effectually prevent the vigorous prosecution of the war. Those advocating it are placing partisan advantage above national necessity.

If the president does not make good, if he misuses or abuses his power, congress is given the power of impeachment. If any member of the cabinet fails to deliver the goods, he can be impeached. But to attempt to hamper and spy upon the executive and tie his hands for political capital is both unfair and unpatriotic. Thus far, the president has shown that he is far more capable in outlining war necessities and needs than congress has been in enacting them.

It was because the framers of the constitution recognized the necessity for concentration of power in a single head in war time that the president was made commander-in-chief of the army and navy and given supreme power, accountable to congress. No successful war can be waged under divided authority. Russia has given a glaring example of the failure of town meeting-house government applied to war, and been forced to create Kerensky dictator with supreme power, but without constitutional authority. The senate of the United States is attempting to restrict the constitutional supreme authority of the executive.

President Wilson has called attention, in his protest, to the failure of such a committee during the civil war, when an unfriendly and partisan congress attempted to hamstring President Lincoln and succeeded in causing no end of friction and in seriously handicapping the president in his conduct of the conflict.

Concerning this civil war congressional committee, Gideon Wells, secretary of the navy under Lincoln, wrote in his diary:

The report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War is today published. This method of supervising military operations is of more than questionable utility. Little good can be expected of these partisan supervisors of the government at anytime. They are partisan and are made up of persons not very competent to form correct and intelligent opinions of the army or navy operations or administrative purposes. They are most of them narrow and prejudiced partisans, mischievous busybodies and a discredit to congress. Mean and contemptible partisanship colors all their acts. Secretly opposed to the president, they hope to make something of Butler.

Lincoln himself regarded this committee as a nuisance, but was powerless to prevent its machinations. The day after Lincoln's death the committee called upon Andrew Johnson, and Ben Wade, its chairman, said:

"Johnson, we have faith in you. By the gods, there will be no trouble now in running the government."

Such a committee would play politics with the army and navy—a useless fifth wheel which would impede progress by usurpation of power. No authority exists for such a committee, which would only muddle things by usurping the authority of the executive and of standing committees.

The administration is seeking to avoid the mistakes of the civil war. The general staff is running the army and navy with the co-operation of the national defense board, comprising the biggest men of the country. It is because politics has been eliminated and congressmen have been denied the privilege of naming political generals and a voice in the placing of fat contracts, that the desire for interference for personal and partisan purposes is attempted.

The president is right in his stand on the food bill and on the committee of war supervision—as he was on the declaration of war, and the senate's opposition has put the senate, with its pro-Germanism, in a bad light with the people. It has crippled, by its endless, senseless debates, the military progress of the nation, and done little to justify public confidence that it is working for the successful prosecution of the war.

APPRECIATION OF COMPANY I SHOWN BY AUXILIARY

A special meeting of the members of the Soldiers' Auxiliary was held at the public library Monday afternoon, at which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that this organization express its appreciation of the value of the services rendered to our community by the officers and members of Company I, Third Regiment, O. N. G., during their tour of duty in this vicinity, and that we extend to them our most heartfelt wishes for their good fortune wherever duty may call them.

"Resolved, that copies of this resolution be given to the press of this city and to the officers and members of Company I."

It was decided that the auxiliary further express its good will toward Company I by preparing some dainties for their mess, to be presented to them when they leave the city on Wednesday. The Greater Medford club, which was represented by invitation at the meeting by its vice-president, Mrs. Pottenger, was asked to participate in this work, and the club is making preparations to do so. Various members of both organizations will make speeches today as part of the testimonial to the boys of Company I.

In this connection, J. B. Warner, Sr., has issued the following:

"Wanted, immediately: Wanted, every family in the city of Medford to donate two jars of canned fruit to be sent to our soldier boys, Company Seven, who are in training at Fort Columbia, Or. All donations to be left at the garage of Mayor Gates.

"I will give personal attention to packing and shipment, so there will be no delay in transportation. Do it today. L. B. WARNER, Sr."

ELKS LODGE LOSES MANY OFFICERS

The Medford lodge of Elks is losing another of its officers, this time thru resignation and not because of the war. F. Roy Davis, esquire of the lodge, has resigned his office because on account of his many legal duties he will not be able to attend lodge sessions regularly. Elected Ruler Newbury has as yet not filled the vacancy.

Frank L. Coleman, the inner guard of the lodge, is a member of the Seventh company, and is at Fort Stevens with the command. His lodge position will also have to be filled. Attorney George Coddin, loyal knight of the lodge, is still at the officers reserve corps training camp at San Francisco, where he has been for the past two months. Harry K. Tomlinson has been filling this position by appointment.

The lodge has prospects of losing two more of its chair officers in the near future in the persons of John J. Buehler, heading knight, and Carl Y. Tengwald, lecturing knight, both of whom are candidates for the next officers reserve corps encampment. Several other members of the lodge are also candidates for the officers reserve corps training camp.

A number of members of the lodge have been serving in the army and navy for some time. Altogether the Medford Elks have been hard hit by the war in the way of absentee members from the city.

MEDFORD RATE CASE ANOTHER SHREEVEPORT CASE

WASHINGTON, July 31.—"Another Shreeveport case" is the diagnosis presented by the Southern Pacific company of the rate troubles of Medford, Oregon. In the company's view the only way to rescue Medford from its predicament is for the interstate commerce commission to intervene and spank the Oregon and California state commissions, particularly the latter.

This version of the matter is given in a brief filed with the interstate commerce commission on the complaint brought by the Medford commercial club against the Southern Pacific. Medford complained that class rates from that town into northern California and to Klamath Falls are so made as to discriminate in favor of jobbers in San Francisco, Sacramento and Portland.

This condition has come about, says the railroad brief, because low rates within California to the Oregon line were ordered in by the California commission, and prior to that reductions within Oregon to the California line were made by the Oregon commission. As a result of the interstate rates across the state line, which Medford has to use to reach northern California, are comparatively high.

"Medford jobbers are in a serious predicament," says the railroad, "but the Southern Pacific is not responsible for it. The whole question is one of rate relationship, and Medford has been between the two millstones."

There is no avenue of relief, it is asserted, except by an order of the interstate commission permitting the railroad to adjust its California rates between San Francisco and Medford to the basis that existed before the California commission compelled reductions to be made, which would produce the same issue as in the Shreeveport case.

HAVANA, July 31.—Acting Mayor Florencio Gerna of Cienfuegos was assassinated last night as he entered his home. The assassin fired five shots, all of which took effect, and escaped.

64,000 ACRES OF KLAMATH MARSHES TO BE RECLAIMED

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 31.—That there is a possibility of the gates at the railroad crossing at the Klamath strait being closed permanently this fall and the reclamation of the 64,000 acres of tule lands, much of which is owned by the Klamath drainage district, is the announcement made Saturday with the appointment of three commissioners, E. B. Henry, R. C. Emmitt and Frank Ward, to inspect the project and assess the benefits and damages to the property by the proposed action.

The reclamation of these marsh lands, which are known to be exceptionally fertile, has been a matter held up by litigation of one kind and another for a long period. Part of the Klamath river is diverted a few miles south of this city and the water flows through the Klamath strait and floods the marsh lands east of the Southern Pacific tracks. By installing gates where the strait flows through the track, the source of supply will be turned off and the reclamation will begin immediately. Part of these lands are public and part are in a national bird reserve, but a great portion are deeded and owned by members of the Klamath drainage district.

With the addition of this territory tributary to Klamath Falls the irrigated acreage here will be almost doubled and an area capable alone, according to engineers' estimates, of supporting a city of 5000 inhabitants will have been created. The soil of the marsh land is different from the sandy loam of most of the Klamath basin, being of a black nature, heavily charged with vegetable matter. It is known to be especially adapted to the growth of celery and many other vegetables.

GERMANY RAISING SEVENTH WAR LOAN

COPENHAGEN, July 31.—According to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, subscriptions for the seventh war loan will be received the end of September.

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CANNERY STRIKE AT SAN JOSE ENDED THRU COMPROMISE

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 31.—An agreement between the canneries and their striking employes, making concessions to both sides, was negotiated today through Harris Weinstock, representing the state of California, and Ralph P. Merritt, federal mediator. Under the terms of the agreement, which was completed at a meeting lasting more than four hours, men employes are to be paid 30 cents an hour hereafter, instead of 25 cents. Women employes, who are paid on a piecework basis, will also have a readjustment of rates, and the agreement provided that Mrs. Edson, representing the industrial welfare commission, is to formulate findings to serve as a basis for the readjustment.

The agreement, which is to continue until January, 1918, was signed by Messrs. Weinstock and Merritt, by representatives of all the canneries, and by leaders of the strikers. It was then submitted to the Central Labor council and approved by both bodies.

After its approval, representatives of the canneries and the strikers appeared before a mass meeting of workers, where the proposed contract was to be discussed. The mass meeting had taken no action at a late hour tonight, but leaders stated that the session would continue until action was secured.

EXPLORER BERNIER BACK FROM ARCTIC

QUEBEC, July 31.—Captain Joseph E. Bernier, the Arctic explorer, who started on an expedition in July last year to attempt to rescue Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who was reported lost in the Arctic regions, is returning on his ship, The Guide, according to reports today from the north shore of the St. Lawrence.

Captain Joseph E. Bernier sailed from Quebec for the Arctic ocean early in July, 1916, to take moving pictures. The Guide is a vessel of 150 tons, and carries ten men. Stefansson passed last winter on Melville Island with 24 white men, 19 Eskimos and an abundance of dogs, gasoline and supplies, and is supposed to be now making his way eastward in the power schooner Polar Bear, hoping to accomplish the East Northeast passage.

HIGH PRAISE GIVEN RUMANIAN ARMY

LONDON, July 31.—The Times correspondent at Rumanian headquarters, telegraphing Saturday, speaks highly of the morals of the Rumanians and of their advance, which resulted in the capture of 80 guns and 3000 prisoners. He says, however, that owing to the situation in Galicia, operations on a great scale were unlikely in Rumania.

MONS CIVILIANS BEING DEPORTED

HAVRE, July 31.—Deportations of civilians from Mons, Belgium, continue, the German government sending away 129 men on June 26 and 29 on June 28. It is probable they will be made to work on the German front in France.

NAVY YARD WORKERS DROWNED, NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 31.—Several New York navy yard yard employees were drowned today when a gangplank on a new battleship snapped in the middle and buried 30 or 40 men into the water.

The snapping of the gangplank leading from a new battleship at the New York navy yard precipitated a score or more of workmen into the water this afternoon, injuring a number, but all were rescued. The gangplank broke when civilian workers made a rush from one of the ships while going to lunch.

DRAFTED MEN DRILL TO WIN PROMOTIONS

CHICAGO, July 31.—In preparation for the day when they will be called to service, 200 recruits, whose numbers will be in the first call to the colors have organized and begun to learn the rudiments of military tactics, hoping to win promotions as non-commissioned officers in the new army.

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