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BULGARIA WANTS PEACE BUT DOES NOT CARE MUCH

SOFIA, Thursday, Aug. 23, via Berlin and London, Aug. 25.—"We want peace and desire to end this terrible bloodshed," said Premier Radoslavoff, in an interview on the papal peace note.

"I do not believe the pope sought to get in contact with the different government heads before transmitting the note for the purpose of discovering if they desired peace.

"The central powers will make concrete proposals in keeping with the papal note and will answer it individually. Whether peace will come soon, who can say? We want peace, but are calmer than ever, nor are we asking for peace for the benefit of mankind.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

It is highly commendable that the city council, under the patriotic suggestion of Councilman Keene, should make an effort to secure, for the use of the citizens of Medford, firewood at less than prevailing rates and such as are certain to follow unless some change is brought about, and I suggest that while engaged in this laudable work the council also inquire into the cause of the present high cost of hay.

Families can economize in the use of wood. As of old, the family circle can be formed in the kitchen where the nuts, pop corn and apples will possess as attractive flavor as when served in the parlor, heat at an unnecessary cost, but no economy can be practiced in feeding a milk-producing cow.

Broaden your views and efforts, gentlemen of the council. J. P. PAYNE, Of the Union Builders.

WANT LEADER TO TEACH IN UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

EUGENE, Aug. 25.—The United States war department yesterday, through the military attache of the British embassy at Washington, asked for release of Lieutenant-Colonel Leader of the British army from service in England, that he may become military instructor in the University of Oregon at the opening of school, October 1, according to Karl W. Onthank, secretary to President Campbell of the university.

With Medford trade is Medford made

RAPID STRIDES IN PREPAREDNESS

AUGUST has seen the military preparations of the United States go forward with leaps and bounds. Two million tons of shipbuilding under construction has been commanded by the government and eight millions tonnage ordered.

When war was declared, our armed forces were 332,000 men. Today we have close to a million and have trained the men who will train the next million.

More than one-half of the 687,000 men in the first quota of the new national army have been passed. Before October all will be in camp. Pershing has a considerable force already partially trained in France.

The war department states that all deficiencies in supplies for this army has been met, including heavy ordnance and machine guns, as well as the rifle supply problem. Germany may sneer now at the war preparations of a non-military, peaceful nation—like the kaiser sneered at Great Britain's "contemptible little army."

THE PRO-GERMAN MYSTERY

EARLY in the war, when the kaiser's gray legions, prepared to the last button, were ruthlessly crushing the Belgians and relentlessly pushing back the French and the English, there was heard nowhere in this country a call for peace.

Later, when Hindenburg captured and killed the Russians in the marshes of East Prussia by the hundreds of thousands, there was heard nowhere in this country a call for peace. The months rolled by and, altho stopped at the Marne and pushed back to the Aisne, things seemed to be going well with the kaiser.

Thousands of all nations were killed. Yet none of this butchery, this loss, made any impression upon the peace advocates. They spoke not and they wrote not. They were silent as the tomb.

But when the tide seemed definitely to turn, when England at last had a great army in the field, when the allies exceeded the Germans not only in men, but in guns and shells, suddenly the peace advocates came to life, with a noise which has redoubled since this country entered the war.

In brief, when Germany seemed on the point of winning, our precious professional peace advocates kept their mouths closely shut. In recent months, when the cards are against the kaiser, our same precious peace advocates bleat all over the place.

A peace advocate who sneers peace when Germany is winning and yells his head off for peace when Germany is losing, is just as German as the kaiser. He is playing the German game.

An advocate of peace for such a pirate crew is doing Germany's dirty work and all his fine sentiments and highfalutin speeches cannot conceal the fact. He stands just as guilty, and more guilty, than the tens of thousands of pro-Germans in this country who are jingling the kaiser's filthy gold in their pockets.

FARMERS AND SUGAR COMPANY ARE PARTNERS

One of the most important steps ever taken in the beet sugar industry in Utah and Idaho is announced today. At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company the question of contracts with the farmers for the beet supply of 1918 was considered.

The farmers are to be allowed to name their own expert representative or representatives to examine the sugar company's books to satisfy themselves as to the cost of production, operation and all other questions in which they may be interested, and the sugar company will pay for the experts' expenses.

The new plan, adopted by unanimous vote of the board today, briefly is that the sugar company will divide

company 50 cents, meaning that the farmer would receive at least \$1.25 per ton additional (or \$8.25) for his beets, based on each ton of beets yielding 250 pounds of sugar. If the cost is \$4.50 per hundred and the selling price \$7, the profit after deducting \$1 would be \$1.50 per ton or 75 cents per hundred to the farmer and 75 cents to the company, meaning an added \$1.57 1/2 per ton of beets or \$8.87 1/2 per ton, and so on up and down the scale, as cost and selling prices might vary.

It is felt that this plan will be received with enthusiasm by the beet growers, as it recognizes a principle for which some of them have long contended—a division of the profits. An endeavor was made last year to form a contract that would be satisfactory by basing the price of beets on the price of sugar, but the difficulty of getting a proper working basis, owing to the fluctuations, the costs of transportation to the eastern markets and other reasons caused its abandonment.

How the new plan is likely to be received by the farmers was illustrated today by the action of one of the large concerns growing beets the present season. This concern is planting 100 acres this year and the management stated that with a minimum of \$7 per ton for beets assured, and 50 per cent of the net profits from the sale of the sugar pledged in addition, they would increase their spring planting of beets in 1918, 50 per cent over 1917.

After the meeting today, C. W. Nibley, general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, said: "I feel sure that the action of the company in offering to share its profits with the farmers will meet with the general approval of the farmers, the stockholders and the public. It is a principle whose correctness we have long recognized, and have tried to put in force before. The new arrangement is strictly mutual and cooperative and follows the policy which the church, one of the leading interests of the sugar company, has always advocated and encouraged."

Mark Austin, agricultural superintendent of the company, who is probably in closer touch with the beet-growers of the west than any other man in the community, expressed the belief that the new proposition would be warmly welcomed, and that it would settle all existing differences and the agitation now going on among the farmers in some districts. He looked for a heavy increase in beet acreage next year, as a result.—Salt Lake News.

PRESIDENT NOT TO TALK PEACE TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Talk in congress that President Wilson might possibly address the national body on the subject of peace when he makes reply to Pope Benedict's proposal was silenced today when the White House let it be known that the president has no such intention.

EXPLOSION WAS NO ACCIDENT

vions to the explosion and was probably in the act of entering the building when the explosion occurred. Damstedt was killed. "The board in its findings states that it is of the opinion that Damstedt was in no way implicated in the explosion and that the testimony and attending circumstances do not in any way implicate any ammunition depot employe or any member of the ammunition depot guard.

Further, the board states that after carefully considering the testimony and circumstances, it is of the unanimous opinion that the explosion was not an accident, but was due to the deliberate act of some person or persons unknown. The board, however, was unable to form an opinion as to the exact methods employed by the party or parties guilty of having destroyed this magazine, such evidence, if any existed, was destroyed in the explosion.

"Every effort is being made to apprehend the guilty parties and to definitely ascertain the exact manner in which this destructive explosion was accomplished. "For obvious reasons, the details of procedure cannot be made public."

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MAY UTILIZE PALO ALTO AS AVIATION CAMP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The war department will not modify its decision to transfer the forty-first divisional national guard troops from Palo Alto, Cal., to Charlotte, N. C.

Representative Kahn of California sent a telegram to Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco today to that effect after a conference with Major General Scott, chief of staff, and other army officials. Representative Kahn was told that estimates of the quartermaster at Palo Alto showed that it would take an additional expenditure of more than \$400,000, and a loss of four weeks' time in training troops to install the type of sewer system required by the state health authorities.

The expense is not regarded as highly important by the war department, Mr. Kahn's message said, but time is vital, as troops must be got ready without delay and the Charlotte camp is now in shape to receive the western division.

The Palo Alto camp will not be abandoned, Mr. Kahn indicated. War department officials plan to continue construction there on modified lines and to get it ready in the winter time so that a part of the national army division to be mobilized at American Lake, Wash., and comprising levies from all far western states can be sent to Palo Alto for training during the winter months. Another suggestion is that the Palo Alto camp may be used for training aviators. Mr. Kahn pointed out that with the coast range hills and the Pacific ocean beyond to the west of the camp, the broad floor of the Santa Clara valley around it, and the upper waters and marshlands of San Francisco bay adjacent, the site lent every natural advantage for the training of aviators in observation work.

PAPER MANUFACTURERS PROSECUTED FOR COMBINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Charges of concerted action to raise book paper prices were made by the federal trade commission today in formal complaints filed against 23 manufacturers and the head of their bureau of statistics.

BISHOP GLORIEUX OF IDAHO PASSES AWAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—Rt. Rev. Alphonus Joseph Glorieux, Catholic bishop of the See of Boise, Idaho, died at a hospital here early today after an illness of three weeks.

Advertisement for SAVAGE TIRES. Features a large illustration of a tire and a portrait of a man. Text includes: 'Heap big mileage! Built In!', 'If you could dissect a SAVAGE you'd realize that "Heap big mileage" is built into it during every minute of its manufacture.', 'Highest grade rubber and fabric, perfectly balanced design, most careful workmanship, full size.', 'A tough road-gripping tread—neither so heavy as to produce stiffness, nor so light as to give insufficient protection to the carcass. Cushion of high-grade resilient rubber—absorbs the road shocks. Sidewall specially shaped to distribute flexing—will not crack. And the carcass—finest Sea Island cotton, long fibre, tough, triple tested, built up layer by layer into the strongest carcass that can be made.', 'High mileage, low cost per mile. Sold from factory to you through our own distributors. Watch for the red Savage sign.', 'SAVAGE GRAFITE TUBES. The only tubes that have graphite vulcanized into the surface. Prevents deterioration, sticking, friction and heating. Makes escape unnecessary. Lengthens life of tube.', 'C. E. Gates Auto Co. Medford, Oregon.'

Advertisement for CALIFORNIA-OREGON POWER CO. Features a logo for the power company. Text includes: 'The U. S. Department of Agriculture Endorses Drying of Fruits and Vegetables by the ELECTRIC FAN', 'Bulletin No. 841 says: "The Fan method has a marked advantage in that the product keeps cool owing to evaporation, while it is being dried, thus tending to retain the color and eliminate spoilage."', 'And besides—this new way of drying eliminates the biggest part of the work. It does away with a lot of canning—and that's good, for jars and containers are very scarce and mighty high in price.', 'All summer long, at odd times, the housewife can pick up choice bargains at the markets, prepare them in a few minutes, and the Drying goes on while she attends to something else.', 'By cold weather time she can have her home stocked up like a siege fort—for the longest, hardest kind of a cold, long winter.', 'Start right now, while garden and farm produce is plentiful.', 'CALIFORNIA-OREGON POWER CO. 216 W. MAIN ST. MEDFORD, OREGON.'