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BULGARIA FACES POLITICAL CRISIS BUT ORDER REIGNS

SOFIA.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Bulgaria is in the throes of a political crisis which will require the greatest wisdom for its solution. She must liquidate the military and political disaster and the bad effects of the personal regime of King Ferdinand which extended thru a period of some 25 years.

The country now has a coalition government, the cabinet being composed of men from six different parties. This is the third cabinet change since last June, and each change has seen an increasing number of factions represented in the official family.

The old chamber has been retained in office to avoid unnecessary risks and the agitation always attendant upon national elections.

Since Ferdinand's exit, the good behavior of the people has been in remarkable contrast to the situation prevailing in Russia. This is explained by the assertion that Bulgaria is a virtual democracy and has laid the basis for popular contentment.

BILL TO TAX MINES PASSES THE HOUSE

SALEM, Feb. 15.—Mineral and oil rights in Oregon are to be assessed for taxation purposes separate from the real estate, according to the provisions of a bill which passed the house Wednesday.

Representative Burnaugh, who introduced the bill, explained that it was designed to correct a condition which obtained at the present time in Columbia county and other counties in the state wherein the title to land has been impaired by reserving the rights to mineral and oil in previous transfers.

"THE PEOPLE BE DAMNED."

PASSAGE by the Oregon House of Representatives of the Rogue river fish bill designed to cripple the cannery interests and give a monopoly of salmon fishing to the Bolshevik gill-netters, shows how little the legislators regard the expressed verdict of the people, though loudly proclaiming their devotion.

The people voted to close the Rogue River to commercial fishing in 1910, by an initiative measure invoked by Medford anglers, because the Humes, then having a monopoly of commercial fishing, refused to cease the taking of steelhead trout.

Two years later, the cannery changed hands, the new owners agreed to close the river to commercial fishing of steelhead, and inasmuch as the object for which the river had been closed, the protection of steelhead, had been secured, those who fathered the closure bill consented to the reopening of the stream for salmon upon their own terms, in order not to deprive the state of a profitable industry and the lower river community of a source of livelihood.

Instead of one cannery, with a monopoly, paying small wages, two have been in operation paying big wages, but the closest vigilance has failed to show any violation of the law prohibiting the taking of steelhead, though many violations of salmon restrictions by gill-netters.

At the last legislature, some of the Medford sportsmen joined hands with the law-defying gillnetters and forced a bill through the legislature making seining illegal—under the supposition that seining destroyed steelheads. As the steelhead do not run in any number during the salmon season, few are ever caught in the seine and those thrown out. Not a fraction as many are destroyed as are slaughtered about Medford in winter and spring when the steelhead are spawning.

But the recently expressed wishes of the people are flagrantly defied by the legislators, who have, in the house, passed the popularly repudiated measure over the peoples' veto.

RESENTED BY BOYS OVERSEAS.

NEWS OF the adoption of the prohibition amendment was received with loud touts of derision by the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force in France and Germany, states the "Stars and Stripes," the official paper of the A. E. F., which devotes a section to the subject, treating it in humorous and sarcastic manner—though the soldiers indicate their resentment.

"The only group on which the news has had no effect," says the Stars and Stripes, "is a battery of Maine artillerymen, who merely asked: 'What of prohibition? What has it to do with the licker question?'"

The soldiers protest that while they are abroad making the world safe for liberty, their own personal liberty has been taken away in an autocratic effort to regulate their personal habits and customs—and that they as citizens had nothing to say in the matter—indeed there was an unseemly haste to rush the matter through before their return.

In this respect they are no worse off than the citizens at home. Many of the states only last November voted overwhelmingly against prohibition, but this did not deter the legislatures of those states, under coercion of the band of fanatics comprising the Anti-Saloon League, from ratifying the prohibition amendment, and abolishing state rights.

A Nineteenth amendment to the constitution is needed—that conferring the right of initiative and referendum upon the people—so that a minority cannot enforce its will upon a majority without right of appeal to the nation. There is as much need of popular government in the nation as in the municipalities and states.

TOTAL WAR COST FIXED AT 179 BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Exclusive of expenditures by Belgium, Portugal, Rumania, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria, the total cost of the European war was fixed at \$179,000,000,000 in an official statement made public here today and based on data in the hands of the federal reserve board, the secretary of the treasury and the bulletins of the Swiss Society of Banks.

Card of Thanks: We desire most gratefully to extend our heartfelt and lifelong thanks to the dear friends of Medford who have so kindly and thoughtfully tried to lessen our burden of sorrow, and assist in the last sad rites of our loved one.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE TO MAKE WORLD DRY

WESTERVILLE, Ohio, February 15.—National headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League here today announced that the league had sent a delegation to the peace conference at Paris to ask that the United States be protected in its prohibition by such trade agreements as will not embarrass it when its own prohibition is effected.

League officials also announced that the work of the Anti-Saloon League is to be extended to all the larger countries of the world.

Theaters and Movies

GENERAL PERSHING WHO APPEARS IN "THE KAISER'S FINISH" LAST TIMES TONIGHT AT THE RIALTO.



AT THE PAGE ON MONDAY



"The Country Cousin" with Miss Alexandria Carlisle playing the stellar role, comes to the Page Monday, February 24. This comedy is precisely what the late Col. Roosevelt called it, "a first class American play. It reveals in vivid and intensely amusing fashion, the best and worst traits of our compatriots, and brings into sharp dramatic contrast, the fictitious and artificial life of a certain spendthrift class in the cities and the sadder life of those of the smaller communities who keep burning the fires of true Americanism."

The play is not a rural drama as its name might imply, but is a smart satire on society. The authors have told the story of a young girl in an Ohio town, who, anxious to see life, leaves her home and mother and joins her father, who has been divorced from his wife and married again. The girl has an inheritance of her own and does not realize that this is the main reason why her father and his spendthrift wife are so anxious to entertain her. When Cousin Nancy arrives on the scene, things are in pretty bad shape and the girl's money is going rapidly.

AT LIBERTY THEATER. LAST TIME TODAY



MARGUERITE CLARK in "Out of a Clear Sky"

Marguerite Clark has never appeared to better advantage than in the role she has in her latest screen success "Out of a Clear Sky," which was shown at the Liberty yesterday and for the last time tonight.

As an added attraction Mr. John C. Mack, banjoist, formerly with the leading minstrel companies, will render a number of banjo solos. Tomorrow and Monday a return engagement of Fatty Arbuckle in "The Cook."

The new Paramount star, Lilla Lee, formerly of Ziegfeld's Follies, will be seen in a splendid story, "The Cruise of the Make Believes."

STRANGE WOMAN AT PAGE SUNDAY

The town of Delphi, Iowa, is provincial to a degree and contains the diversified types invariably found in such communities. The son of the house of Hemingway, one of the leading families, a manly and ambitious young fellow, has been abroad for some time studying architecture, in which profession he shows unusual promise.

The young couple find they have much in common and their engagement quickly follows. Inez stands for the last word of the woman of intellect, of thought, charm and brilliance. She is the spouse of the newest philosophy and newest views of modern life, particularly where the great question of marriage is concerned. She is not a suffragist nor is she a "new woman" in the generally accepted sense of the term, but she is opposed to taking a binding, lifelong marriage vow.

To Delphi as the play opens, John Hemingway brings Inez and introduces her as his intended bride. The

SIX MORE STATES ADOPT PRINCIPLE OF COMPENSATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Steady progress of the movement to compensate for industrial accidents without suits to prove the negligence of the employer is noted in a bulletin issued by the bureau of labor statistics, showing that six new states adopted compensation legislation in 1917 and 1918 and that only two states of the union have not accepted the principle.

"The day seems not far distant when the obsolete system of damage suits and charges and counter-charges of negligence and contributory negligence will no longer be used in the disposition of industrial injury claims," the bulletin says.

Fear that such legislation would entail undue burdens on industry was said largely to have eliminated as a result of satisfactory experience under compensation laws and became it is becoming better understood that the laws do not cause injury losses but only distribute the burden of them on the industry as a whole, instead of on the weakest element of the system—the injured worker.

Advances noted in the bulletin are the shortening of the waiting time, for which as a rule no compensation is allowed and the increase of the allowance of medical and surgical aid. A notable departure in this connection is the provision of the Washington statute for local funds, supported and administered by employers and employees jointly, for the more effective and equitable administration of medical benefits.

Among important court decisions on the laws was cited the supreme court ruling which denied the application of state compensation laws to employees of interstate carriers.

The states which have not adopted the principle of industrial compensation are North Dakota, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

play results from this woman and her ideas help landed in the somewhat narrow and hum-drum community, and the outcome is entirely unexpected.

For the title role Gladys Brockwell is said to have made of Inez one of the greatest screen characters. She is supported by a large and typical Fox cast and the production is magnificently staged. Miss Hamilton and Mr. Fletcher Fish in latest song hits both afternoon and evening.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy. It is taken internally, and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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