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LEGION HEAD IS ATTACKED BY VETERAN

Edward H. Hale Representing Veterans of Foreign Wars Tells House Committee Statements Made by d'Olier "Erroneous and Should Be Contradicted"—Griff Huber Results—Asks \$30 Instead of \$50 Provided by Taxing Millionaires.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Another row occurred today at hearings before the house ways and means committee on soldier relief measures. It came when Edward H. Hale, representing veterans of foreign wars, told the committee that the statements made yesterday by Franklin d'Olier, commander of the American Legion, were "erroneous and should be contradicted."

A storm of protest resulted but Chairman Fordney restored quiet by warning that unless order could be maintained "we will quit these hearings."

After five minutes of wrangling among members, Chairman Fordney ruled that witnesses should not criticize other organizations.

Hale urged relief for discharged service men at the rate of \$20 a month instead of \$50 with an additional grant of \$100 to those who served overseas. He also favored passage of the Morgan bill, which would give service men the option of selecting home towns.

"How could the money be raised for this bonus?" asked Representative Kitchin, democrat, North Carolina. "There is a public debt of twenty-six billion dollars now."

Tax Bill Income "Our plan," said Hale, "would be to tax all incomes above \$50,000 at the rate of 2 per cent, graduating that until seven per cent would be charged on incomes above \$1,000,000. This would provide \$200,000,000 according to the internal revenue bureau."

"Some of the alleged economies practiced by this congress are a crime," the witness said. Hale said "lip appreciation and nothing more" had been extended to discharged soldiers.

Members of congress received back pay when they were discharged from the army and returned to the house, he said, adding that others were equally as deserving as ex-soldier congressmen.

Congressman Skeptical Assertion by the witness that many former service men were without work brought from Representative Green, republican, Iowa, the statement that many farms in the middle west could not be cultivated because of the shortage of labor.

Hale replied that the most unemployment would be found in cities. The Veterans' association plan, he added, would provide both financial relief and provide for taking home-steads.

Representative Hull, democrat, Tennessee, said granting a bonus would impose severe burdens on the average taxpayer of the country and would increase living costs.

Increased taxes of \$800,000,000 must be raised to meet present war expenditures without granting a cent to the service men, Representative Henry T. Rainey, democrat, Illinois, declared, supporting Representative Hull.

Twins on Front Door Step. CENTRALIA, Wash., Mar. 3.—Twins, nesting in a basket, were found Monday morning by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ekenegren on the doorstep of their home. The foundlings will be adopted by the Ekenegrens.

PUGILIST CARPENTIER TURNS DOWN RICH WIDOW TO MARRY SWEETHEART

PARIS, Mar. 3.—Georges Carpentier, heavyweight pugilistic champion of Europe, and Mademoiselle Georgette Elsas will be married next Monday according to announcement here today. Carpentier's marriage will mark the culmination of a romance of many years. The bride-to-be originally resided in the Lens country, Carpentier's boyhood home. They have known each other since childhood. Lately there have been many rum-

MARY PICKFORD WEEPS COPIOUSLY WHEN SHE SECURES HER DIVORCE

RENO, Nev., Mar. 2.—Mary Pickford, motion picture star, was granted a divorce from Owen Moore last night at Minden, a small town near Carson City, on grounds of desertion. She has been at the Campbell ranch at Genoa, near-by, since February 15. She was accompanied to the courtroom by her mother, Mrs. Smith, and she wept freely while testifying. Owen Moore was not in court, tho he was at Minden at lunch Monday. He was represented by an attorney in the proceedings. Miss Pickford is still at Genoa.

MORE DEFENDANTS NEWBERRY TRIAL GIVEN FREEDOM

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 3.—Judge Sessions this morning freed fifteen more defendants in the Newberry elections conspiracy case.

This left the field at eighty-five defendants. The fifth count of the indictment was also dismissed. This was the one founded on the federal statute of October 16, 1918.

Judge Sessions took both actions on his own motion. He said that "very close attention to the prosecution's evidence and a careful study of the evidence" had convinced him, he would be unwarranted in holding the men for a jury verdict. He directed the clerk to enter a formal verdict of "not guilty" in the fifteen cases.

Mr. Littleton started to present a motion directed against three of the six counts in the indictment. Judge Sessions halted him momentarily and said that unless the government objected he would rule out the fifth count at once.

Frank C. Dalley, assistant attorney general, argued briefly against this action, maintaining that the evidence had shown violation in several counties of the law against the purchase of votes.

Mr. Littleton then proceeded with his argument against the sixth count, alleging conspiracy to violate the law against use of the mails to defraud. He maintained that the record was "destitute of evidence" that such a crime had been committed.

Judge Sessions denied defense motions for dismissal of counts three and six of the indictments. He then notified James O. Murfin that it would be useless to argue a motion for a directed verdict as to all the defendants as he would deny it.

OREGON LAND OPEN TO SERVICE MEN

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 3.—Although no official confirmation has been received by R. S. Shelly, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest, it is understood here that a large acreage of the Oregon and California land grant, which has been re-vested in the United States will be opened this summer for homestead settlement. It is also understood that veterans of the late war will be given preference for a month or six weeks following April 10. A large part of this acreage is in Lane county, outside of the Siuslaw national forest and applications for land must be made chiefly at the Roseberg land office, it is understood.

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I. W. W. DEFENSE LOSES OUT BY COURT RULING

Judge Wilson, After Listening to Argument All Morning Decides Evidence Falls Far Short of Proving Overt Act on Part of Warren O. Grimm.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Mar. 3.—Evidence thus far produced falls far short of being sufficient to prove an overt act on the part of Warren O. Grimm, according to a ruling handed down today by Judge John M. Wilson, presiding at the trial of ten alleged I. W. W. for the murder of Grimm during a patriotic parade at Centralia last Armistice day. Judge Wilson's ruling came at the close of the morning session of court, the entire morning being devoted to argument on the admissibility of testimony tending to show alleged remarks by Grimm to William Dunning several days before the parade.

This was the conclusion of Judge John M. Wilson, presiding at the trial today. The ruling came at the close of the morning session of court, Judge Wilson holding that the evidence thus far produced by the defense had fallen far short of showing an overt act on the part of Grimm. The court also held that the defense had failed to show preconcert and presence on the part of the deceased in any alleged conspiracy.

The entire morning session of court was devoted to arguments on the admissibility of evidence which defense counsel asserted would show a conspiracy to raid the I. W. W. hall.

"The court is of the opinion that the evidence falls far short of being sufficient to show an overt act on the part of Grimm," said Judge Wilson in ruling.

Judge Wilson declared, that in his opinion, only generalities relating to an alleged conspiracy have thus far been brought out by the defense. Evidence of what may have occurred at meetings of Centralia commercial interests, at which it is alleged a raid on the hall was discussed, cannot be offered, the court ruled, until Grimm's knowledge of, or presence at such meetings was shown.

FLY SEATTLE TO SAN DIEGO 1 DAY

SEATTLE, Mar. 3.—Major Albert D. Smith, United States army aviator, today received permission from Washington, D. C., to attempt a one-day flight from Camp Lewis, Tacoma, to San Diego. Major Smith, who is at Camp Lewis, said over the telephone today that he would start at daybreak tomorrow.

Stops will be made for fuel, oil and water at Eugene, Red Bluff, San Francisco, Fresno and possibly Los Angeles. Arrangements will be made for quick service at the stopping points.

Major Smith will attempt the flight in a DeHavilland plane. In a recent flight to Seattle from San Diego, he used a Sopwith machine. In coming north he was seven and one-half hours in the air between San Francisco and Seattle.

HOG ISLAND FOR SALE DON'T CROWD, PLEASE!

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—The shipping board is ready to sell Hog Island, the great fabricating ship yard built during the war. Chairman Payne announced today that title to the yard site had been perfected by payment of \$1,757,000 to the American International Shipbuilding company, which owned the land, and that he was ready to receive tenders for the property.

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT DANGER IS REMOVED

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 2.—The crop and feed crisis in California, caused by deficient rainfall, virtually has passed and water storage areas are in a fair way to be replenished to their normal figure as the result of a rain storm which started two days ago, and the promise of continuing storms.

N. Y. HOTEL ROBBERKERS ARE GIVEN SENTENCE OF 52 YEARS AT HARD LABOR

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—Ramon Rodriguez and Adriano Alvarez Herrera, who beat and robbed Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broderick of Dallas, Texas, at the hotel Knickerbocker last December, were sentenced today to serve 52 years and six months each at hard labor in state prison. They pleaded guilty. Judge McIntyre said he wished he could impose the death penalty. Mr. Broderick was struck on the head with a hammer and Mrs. Broderick was bound and gagged. Then the burglars stole \$30,000 in jewelry and cash and were captured after trying to escape by climbing down the front of the hotel.

ARMY STORE IN MEDFORD WILL OPEN TOMORROW

At last the long desired and much-wanted army retail store in Medford for the sale of Uncle Sam's surplus food and other supplies is at hand, and the store will be opened by Lt. Tingley tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in the northeast corner of the Hotel Holland building, and will be operated as a branch of the retail army store established by him at Grants Pass some time ago.

It is expected that there will be a big rush of buyers from the time the store opens in the morning until it closes at night. Mr. Tingley announces that the store will be kept open early evenings to accommodate the working people and those persons who cannot find time to come during the day.

Among the supplies which will be on sale from the start, are the following: Guaranteed bacon in 12-pound cans; wool and cotton mixtures blankets, wool blankets, matches, rakes, candy, canned pears and tomatoes, ash and garbage cans, toques, huck towels, regulation U. S. army helmets, cotton and wool underwear, barrack bags and canned roast beef.

PORTLAND WORRIED BY NURSE SHORTAGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 3.—Increasing scarcity of trained nurses in Portland is regarded by the city health authorities as a serious feature of the influenza epidemic. Dr. George Parrish said he had telephoned to 31 nurses on Monday without finding one available. Hospital superintendents say competent nurses are leaving the profession in "unprecedented numbers."

"They are finding better pay and more endurable conditions by turning to other employment," one superintendent declared.

VIRGINIA FINALLY KILLS SUFFRAGE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Mar. 3.—The West Virginia senate today rejected the resolution to reconsider its action of Monday when it defeated the woman suffrage ratification amendment by a vote of 15 to 12. The action was considered final and it was said no further attempt would be made to ratify the amendment at the special session of the legislature.

106 DEATHS FROM FLU IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Mar. 3.—Forty-one new cases of flu and two deaths from the disease were reported to the city health bureau this morning. There have been 106 deaths from influenza since the outbreak of the epidemic.

WAR VETERAN WINS ELECTION SEATTLE RACE

Major Hugh M. Caldwell Gets 16,801 Majority Over Duncan—Largest Ever Given Candidate for Office Puget Sound Metropolis—Winner Supported by Ex-Labor Mayor.

SEATTLE, Mar. 3.—Major Hugh M. Caldwell, war veteran, will be inaugurated mayor of Seattle March 15. Caldwell was elected yesterday over James A. Duncan, labor leader, charged with being a radical, by a majority of 16,801, the largest ever given a candidate for the office.

The complete unofficial returns were: Caldwell, 50,850; Duncan, 34,049.

Approximately 85 per cent of the registered voters cast their ballots yesterday. In the primaries February 17, eighty per cent voted.

Duncan was one of four candidates of the trade alliance, alleged radical organization, who lost yesterday. The other three were Cornelius W. D. Lane, C. H. Gallant and Ben F. Nautman, candidates for the council. Lane is president of the council.

Lieutenant Philip Tindall, attorney, who was wounded in action in France, led the field in the race for seats in the council.

In the primaries Tindall was last. It was believed today that the fight made for Tindall was one of the causes of the heavy vote yesterday. Tindall will succeed Lane.

Mayor C. B. Fitzgerald, who succeeded Ole Hanson as mayor and who was eliminated in the primaries, supported Caldwell in the final campaign. Caldwell also received support of three of the city's four daily newspapers. The fourth, a labor paper, supported Duncan.

One charter amendment which carried yesterday will provide for placing honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines on the preferred classified service lists. One charter amendment intended to increase the salaries of the council, corporation commission, city treasurer and city comptroller was defeated.

RESUME WORK UPON CRATER LAKE ROAD

If the weather continues good work will be resumed next week on the new Crater Lake highway from Prospect northeast to the Crater National park boundary line. C. J. Seymour, the government engineer in charge, who had been spending the winter on other construction jobs in northwest states, arrived here Sunday and left today for Prospect. He says the new highway will be completed in five months.

Brown & Von der Hellen, the contractors will send a crew of men in this week to open the main camp at Union creek and a smaller camp at Mill creek near Prospect, and next week the contractors expect to begin operations with a full crew of men.

RADOVAN FRUIT DRYER RESUMES OPERATIONS

The Radovan fruit dryer has resumed operations in Medford, a carload of new machinery having arrived last week, and the drying of apples is now in full swing.

Although Mr. Radovan suffered a severe financial loss in the Central Point fire in which \$30,000 worth of machinery equipment and fruit was destroyed the prompt payment of \$24,500 insurance by the R. A. Holmes Insurance Agency made the quick resumption of work possible.

Mr. Radovan, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, expects to leave soon for the south for a period of rest and recuperation while Mrs. Radovan will be in charge of the business, as she has for several months past.

WOOD ENTERS N. J. PRIMARY

TRENTON, N. J., Mar. 2.—A petition for submission of the name of Major General Leonard Wood to the voters of New Jersey at the presidential preferential primary next month, was filed with the secretary of state here today.

FOREST GROVE MAN KILLED

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Mar. 3.—While blasting stumps in order to clear land, Alfred E. Schaefer, 40, unmarried, was instantly killed when a charge of powder blew his head off.

BOOZE INVESTIGATOR IS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF MICHIGAN DRY LAW

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 3.—George F. R. Cummerow, department of justice agent who just returned from Iron county, Michigan, where he investigated the so-called "whiskey rebellion" was to appear in police court today to answer a charge of violating the state liquor law. Cummerow was arrested last midnight by Edward A. Nowack, a special agent of the state food and drug department who charged that Cummerow gave him a drink of whiskey in his room at a hotel. When arrested Cummerow declared he had been "framed."

SENATE ACCEPTS DEFICIENCY BILL IGNORING NAVY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—After a stormy debate today, the senate voted 33 to 27 to accept the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill, including \$3,000,000 for the repair of naval vessels.

Democratic senators vigorously opposed the conference's action in yielding to the insistence of the house against the naval item. Senator Gay, democrat, Louisiana, said omission of the appropriation was "false economy" as many dreadnaughts, cruisers and smaller naval craft were out of commission because of lack of funds to repair them.

Senator Phelan, democrat, California, declared the out would throw 14,000 skilled navy yard workers out of work and would scatter them throughout the country, ruining navy yard organization and efficiency.

The report already has been adopted by the house.

LARGEST BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED MARCH 20

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Mar. 3.—The superdreadnaught Maryland will be launched here March 20. She is the largest ship yet constructed for the navy, being 600 feet long, 97 feet broad and having a displacement of 32,000 tons. Her main battery will be composed of eight 16-inch rifles, the heaviest guns used on a naval craft.

The Maryland will be the first of a class of four similar ships to be followed by six 43,000 ton ships to carry twelve 16-inch guns each and with higher speed.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Measures to Americanize the Virgin Islands were agreed upon today by the joint congressional commission, which recently visited the former Danish possessions. The state department was asked for an opinion regarding the citizenship of the islanders, declared to be "without a country," and locally neither citizens of Denmark nor the United States.

Legislation to establish their American citizenship is proposed.

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ENTHUSIASM AROUSED AT BIG MEETING

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at Hotel Medford Arouses Civic Spirit—Director James E. Gheen Outlines Methods of Campaign—Executive Committee of Live Wires Appointed—Reorganized Chamber to Be an Democratic Lines.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Is Medford doing for the young people the things which the young people have a right to expect?

Are you doing the sort of thing which will keep young people in Medford?

Are you doing the thing which will make, in the next generation, the kind of a city you want; or are you watching your own interests and doing nothing?

Do you ever stop to consider that your city today will be the city of your children tomorrow—after you have passed on?

Will those who are coming on have cause to praise you for having been a useful and valued citizen during the time you enjoyed the good things your town afforded; or, will your record be forgotten easily by the citizens of tomorrow?

The advisory committee composed of ninety-five of Medford's leading and representative citizens named by the chamber of commerce to serve during the ensuing expansion and reorganization campaign held its first meeting following a luncheon at the Hotel Medford at noon today. Director James E. Gheen in a lucid and interesting manner told the members of the committee the purposes of the campaign, and explained to them the duties they would be expected to discharge in connection with the work that has just been launched.

Following the talk made by Mr. Gheen the committee, at his request, named an executive committee that is to have full, complete and absolute control over the drive that is to be made for 100 members and a working fund or budget of \$10,000. The personnel of this very important committee, regarded by those interested in the work, as one of the very best that could possibly have been selected from among the staunch and stalwart citizenship of Medford, is as follows:

A. L. Hill, H. L. Walfier, C. M. Kidd, H. C. Garnett, Mrs. C. L. Scheiffelin, Mrs. Jap Andrews.

Splendid Spirit Shown The luncheon today afforded a splendid opportunity for the interchange of ideas and views pertaining to the new movement inaugurated by the chamber of commerce, which those present took full advantage of in expressing themselves. There was an atmosphere of public-spiritedness and a willingness to cooperate in the campaign that, it is said, presages signal success for the undertaking. Not only was the note of civic pride and loyalty sounded at this meeting, but many went further to prove their devotion to their home city. Cards

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