

BIG BATTLE ON FOR CONTROL OF ASHLAND C. OF C.

Final Contest Between Greer and Ashland Chamber of Commerce to Be Waged Tomorrow—Bitter Feeling On Both Sides.

ASHLAND, March 13.—Chamber of Commerce factions go to bat at the general election on the morning, Tuesday, March 14, for the choice of six directors of the organization. An error announced the election for Monday of this week, but Tuesday is the date, this circumstance permitting one day longer in which electioneering activities are being more than freely exercised. Formal ballots were sent to each member of the chamber on Saturday morning, and in the same mail, though under separate enclosure, was a resolution as follows, signed by 37 leading members of the chamber, although the opposition term some of the signatures "misleading":

"We, the undersigned citizens of Ashland, members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, in view of the unjustified attack on the Ashland Chamber of Commerce by the local press, do hereby resolve that the issue at stake in the election of the new board of directors is NOT whether Mr. Bert R. Greer shall control our Chamber of Commerce and achieve personal revenge.

Believing that the best manner in which we may show our approval and confidence in our Chamber of Commerce and our disapproval of such injustice is to re-appoint our retiring directors, we hereby resolve that every effort shall be put forth toward the solid re-appointment of the retiring members of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, who are all heartily in favor of a new tourist hotel and sanitarium."

"The claim is further made that, numerically, the names represent only 37 out of a total membership of 213 at the present time. In the same enclosure was another document, likewise "franked," containing an attack on Greer, coupled with threats that another newspaper would be launched in Ashland soon. The Tidings editor has published a "deadly parallel," as relating to promise and performance, in connection with which guarantees for 1922-1924 are enumerated as follows, the "progressive hotel ticket being pledged to—

"Support every effort, no matter by whom made, to secure tourist hotel and sanitarium for Ashland.
"Spread the name of the city and its resources abroad.
"Make known the efficacy of its wonderful springs and the desirability of Ashland, as a place of residence.
"Exploit its church and school facilities.
"Invite investment in order to develop pay rolls.
"Circulate literature concerning Ashland, its resources and opportunities.
"Open up and keep open the year 'round, the Chamber of Commerce exposition building at the depot and see that it is suitably stocked with displays of Ashland products.
"Keep lithia fountains at depot in good repair and make them attractive and inviting.
"Erect big sign, electric or otherwise, near depot, advertising Ashland lithia springs.

Per contra, and by way of comparison Greer says the present management has spent a revenue of \$19,000 for the years 1920-1921, on a membership basis of 523 in 1920, and 72 on February 1, 1922, and furthermore that its accomplishments have in-

cluded a winter fair, school of music, summer school, tourists cottages, forum lunches and banquets ad lib., with speakers too numerous to mention. Some are wondering why, if both factions abate upon the installation of the proposed new hotel and sanitarium, why all this fuss connected with it? It is conceded that if a bonus is raised and other conditions complied with, the further agreement will be exacted that a park site will be absolutely demanded for these improvements. However, such a location is deemed the logical one by a great number.

The dozen eligibles for director, as decided upon at the primary a week since, include Fred Homes, E. V. Carter, V. O. N. Smith, J. W. McCoy, W. H. McNair, Amos Nininger, A. L. Lamb, Leo Ferguson, J. H. Hill, Louis Dodge, O. O. Helman, and Homer Billings, from which list six directors are to be chosen,—theoretically the half dozen receiving the highest vote at the primary, though not necessarily or even probably. Under existing circumstances the old-line element of the Chamber will vote at pleasure for any six of the twelve mentioned in the foregoing list. Not so, however, with the "progressive" element, they having nominated a "hotel ticket straight," including Fred Homes, Amos Nininger, O. O. Helman, J. H. Hill, A. L. Lamb and Louis Dodge. At the primary, Homes led the whole procession, and both factions claim to share his prestige and influence. Some few have claimed that he is "carrying water on both shoulders," but his recent signed statement in these columns refutes any such imputation.

UPROAR OVER PEACE PACT

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The Anglo-Japanese alliance is to be regarded as the chief purpose of the four-power arrangement then the only conclusion is that the United States must enter the "new alliance" to escape a threat of danger because of the old.

"The argument for this present surrender of our ancient policy of independent national action," continued the California senator, "is nothing in the end but that one word—danger. The Anglo-Japanese alliance, the gentlemen on the other side say, exposes us to danger, therefore we have no choice. We must accept this treaty."

"I shall vote against this treaty because if any alliance can ever come to this country with the word 'must' then the spirit which made this country safe when it was feeble will have departed from it and our record into history will be that, striving to barter our heritage for safety, we lost safety itself."

Mr. Johnson quitted many utterances of Japanese and British statesmen giving assurance that the Anglo-Japanese alliance never was directed against the United States and asserted that if these solemn declarations were not to be believed then this government was following a foolish policy by establishing a partnership with powers which had deliberately deceived the American people.

The present conflict in the senate, asserted Senator Johnson, is not unlike that which was presented by the League of Nations.

"From the beginning of the contest concerning the League of Nations some of us have endeavored to make plain that our position was not one of aloofness or isolation for the United States. We neither expect nor wish to live a hermit nation. I believe in consultations and conferences among the nations of the earth. No leagues are required for this; no alliance, no engagements to devise efficient means to meet aggression; no freezing of the status quo by ambiguous treaties, so that wronged peoples will be forever without redress."

Quoting the statement of Senator Lodge, that abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is the "main object" of the treaty, Senator Johnson asked whether it were true that the United States "had something to sell and we were compelled by those to whom we were to sell it to accept the price they fixed."

"The fact is, Britain had an irksome alliance," he declared. "Her people would not permit its renewal. Japan would not consent to its abrogation. They came to Washington, Britain was determined to get rid of an obnoxious alliance and succeeded. Japan was determined to get something as good and got something better."

Speaking in support of his amendment, Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, declared the convention was intended to attract "the votes of Senators who feared the treaty is an alliance."

Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, said Senator Robinson's amendment would impose obligations which were not reciprocal, an obligation not even imposed by the League of Nations.

Senator Borah, making his first extended address on the treaty, said he regarded it as an alliance, but even taking the interpretation of its friends that it was only a "diplomatic grouping of four powers," for purposes of conference, it still made for entanglement.

U. S. CAPITALISTS AFTER BAKU OIL

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prise contemplated in the call for the Genoa gathering is referred to the League of Nations is being more and more frequently met with here.

That Premier Poincare will be a member of the French delegation, prepared to go to Genoa seems doubtful now.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness and sympathy to us during our recent bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.
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DR. H. E. MURPHY AND WIFE

APPROPRIATION FOR U. S. ARMY IS CUT TO BONE

Approximately \$116,000,000 Deducted From Estimates By House Committee—Withdrawal of Troops in China, Hawaii and On Rhine Demanded.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—With provisions which would necessitate reduction of the size of the regular army to 115,000 enlisted men and 11,000 officers, the army appropriation bill, carrying \$270,353,939.67, was reported today by the house appropriations committee.

The amount recommended for the military and non-military activities of the war department during the coming fiscal year is a reduction of approximately \$116,000,000 from the total of the current year and \$87,996,856.80 less than budget estimates.

Return of U. S. Troops

As drafted by a sub-committee headed by Representative Anthony, republican of Kansas, the bill would require the return to the United States by next July 1 of all troops stationed in China, 6500 men from Hawaii, about 2000 men from the Panama Canal zone and all but 500 officers and men in the army of occupation on the Rhine.

No limitation is placed on the number of men to be maintained in the Philippines, the committee's report states however that Secretary Weeks believes that under present conditions "some reduction" can be made in the force there.

145,000 Men in Army

The contemplated withdrawals, it was said, would leave five thousand men in the Hawaiian islands and a like number in the canal zone. The present actual strength of the army was given by the committee as about 13,000 officers and 132,000 men exclusive of 7000 Philippine scouts. An appropriation of \$27,625,260 is recommended for continuance of work on various river and harbor improvements, for which the chief of engineers requested \$43,000,000; \$12,431,000 for the air service, against \$15,000,000 requested; and \$21,130,200 for the National Guard, about \$1,000,000 less than budget estimates.

The committee recommended \$500,000 for the chemical warfare service declaring that sum sufficient to provide for a "minimum amount of development work and training along lines compatible with present conditions," and for maintaining Edgewood arsenal in good condition. An appropriation of \$2,750,000 is recommended for supplies and equipment of the reserve officers training corps, and \$1,800,000 for civilian military training camps.

The bill carries \$7,740,000 for the ordnance department to meet, in addition to other expenses, the cost of maintaining a skeleton force at arsenals "to keep alive the knowledge of the methods of manufacture."

The amount carried in the bill for sea coast fortifications, the committee reported, would not provide for any new projects, but would go entirely for maintenance of existing works and for continuing of a limited number of sea coast guns.

No New Projects

The total recommended for rivers and harbors improvements, about \$15,000,000 less than the amount sought by the chief of engineers, is carried as a lump sum and projects on which work would be continued are not specified. None of the appropriation would go to new projects, however.

The subsistence of the army, the committee recommended, would cost \$16,550,000, approximately \$13,000,000 less than last year's item, the decrease being brought about by a reduction to 30 cents per ration.

Expensive Administration

The sub-committee, which spent three months in holding hearings and framing the bill, reported that "the excessive cost of maintaining the regular army over pre-war expenditures" was found to be largely due to the expensive methods of its administration.

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"It seems to be the fixed policy of the general staff to station full divisions in Hawaii and Panama," the report said. "Except in times of urgency it is not believed such a policy is justified, as it will cost as much to maintain these two divisions as our entire regular army cost us in the years following the Spanish-American war."

Germany Refuses to Pay

Commenting on the cost of maintaining troops on the Rhine, the committee calls attention to Germany's failure to pay the cost. The committee also declared that "no adequate reason has been shown for the maintenance of any troops in China."

An appropriation of \$425,000 is recommended for the construction, repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and trails in Alaska. A provision also is carried that if the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1923, is not made prior to March 1, 1923, the secretary of war may authorize the Alaska board of road commissioners to incur obligations for the purpose, of not to exceed 75 per cent of the appropriations for the coming fiscal year.

An appropriation of \$55,000 is recommended for construction of additional wards at Letterman general hospital.

San Francisco; \$262,000 for general construction work at Campa Dix, Meade and Lewis and \$198,000 for additional quarters for guards at the Fort Leavenworth, Kas., disciplinary barracks.

The bill also provides \$6,670,000 for prosecution of flood control work on the Mississippi river and \$400,000 for similar activities on the Sacramento river, California.

THIRD ARBUCKLE TRIAL IS STARTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 13.—The case of Roscoe Arbuckle, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, was called today for trial for the third time, but a recess was taken until the afternoon session of court because 14 members of the jury venire of 65 were not on hand. The bailiff was instructed to ascertain why they were absent. The opening of the trial did not create sufficient public interest to draw a crowd to the court room.

KING GEORGE TO SPRING SURPRISE AT OPENING ULSTER PARLIAMENT

HELFEST, Mar. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The king's speech reopening the Ulster parliament tomorrow will refer to the situation in Belfast created by the recent outbreak of terrorism and also will deal with the general condition in northern Ireland, it is learned.

The government plans a surprise by giving notice of the introduction of laws governing disorders. The message would empower the authorities to take possession of premises from which sipping occurred, and if necessary destroy them.

The bill also would confer power upon authorities to close and barricade danger spots from which attacks

have been made from time to time with fatal consequences.

The penalties for those found with arms or under circumstances which indicate clearly their participation in sniping would be increased greatly under the bill and wider powers would be given the police to allow prompt search and detection of offenders.

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The leading designers have given of their finest art for this spring presentation. Although scores of these new hats are here—a gorgeous assemblage in the Millinery Salon—it is not the number of them that is half so wonderful as the individuality.

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