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AMERICANS, BEWARE!

Beware of the backers of the British scheme for an international league bearing amendments. A fortnight ago the American sponsors of the Smuts plan had swallowed it whole and were denouncing the followers of the Farewell Address and the defenders of the Monroe Doctrine as "little Americans" with "pigmy minds." A fortnight ago these same sponsors were for "sharing the Monroe Doctrine with the world." Today they protest their desire for an amendment to the pending scheme which will "reserve the Monroe Doctrine" from the world and leave it the unshaken corner-stone of American foreign policy that it has been from the day it was enunciated.

Whence this somersault? The somersaulters have heard from the American people. The voice of America has been raised in righteous resentment against the whole British scheme and its American swallows. The mass meeting in Tremont Temple has been followed by mass meetings all over the country, and other mass meetings are assembling. The proposal that the United States shall enter into an Old World alliance and accept in the body of delegates a voting strength equal to one of the colonies of the British empire is so repugnant to men and things American, irrespective of religious, political or geographical considerations, that the scheme and the schemers are under attack today from Maine to California, not only on account of this article in the covenant, but on account of other articles equally un-American and obnoxious to virile Americans.—Boston Transcript.

A TELEPHONE DEFICIT ALSO

For years the American Telephone company, ably managed, wisely financed and intelligently mindful of the people's interest, performed admirably a work of prime national importance. It was not an infrequent thing, it became habitual, for telephone rates to be lowered. Yet all the while the service constantly improved. And the company was a steady and prolific earner for its stockholders.

The government took over the operation of the telephones as it took over the operation of the railroads. Then, exactly as had happened in the case of the railroads, the Old Nick got into the wires. More of the earnings were eaten up, but there was nothing to show for it. Important tolls were increased, but the service grew worse. In the first five months of government operation there was a deficit of close to \$4,000,000 for a company hitherto accustomed to nothing but fat surpluses.

And now a general increase of rates amounting to 12 per cent will be necessary to wipe out the deficit and provide a thin surplus—a surplus, perhaps; then again, perhaps not. For, as government operation can wipe out any surplus that exists in anything, government operation, when there is no surplus, is an insurmountable barrier against the creation of one. A surplus, indeed, however high the charges to the public are jacked up, seems as abhorrent to government operation as good service.

The touch of the government in business is the touch of death.—New York Sun.

THE HIGH COST OF REFORM

When the government undertook operation of the railroads at the beginning of 1918 the people expected to derive great benefit from the change.

In June, 1918, they were called

upon to pay an advance in freight rates which in no case was less than 25 per cent, and which in some cases was as high as 96 per cent, also an advance in passenger rates ranging from 15-25 to 50 per cent.

At the end of the year the railroads showed a loss of \$198,000,000, and congress was asked to appropriate \$750,000,000 to make good this loss and to make delayed improvements.

The government took charge of the telegraph and telephone lines on July 31, 1918, and the people expected relief from what they considered excessive rates.

On March 29, 1919, an advance of 20 per cent in rates was ordered to take effect on April 1st, and the officers of the company were ousted in order that they might not charge lower rates.

For many years many people who thought they were reformers have clamored for government ownership of railroads and wire systems. They have got government operation, which is next thing to it.—Oregonian.

SOLDIERS TRANSPORT IN DISTRESS AT SEA

HALIFAX, April 1.—The United States Supply ship "Culgoa" with 103 returning troops, all casualties, is reported in distress near New York, a wireless message states. The vessel was hoisted in a strong northwest wind and a rough sea. It is declared that the vessel was still capable of making six knots per hour if the weather moderated. Her circulating pump is out of commission. She sailed from Brest on March 5th.

ULTIMATUM SENT CZECHOSLOVAKS.

BASEL, March 31.—The Hungarian government is reported to have sent an ultimatum of the Czechoslovak government because of the concentration of the former's troops and the rumor that there is to be a mobilization in Bohemia shortly.

BACK FROM BAY CITY.

Mrs. Ivy North and son, Emmett have returned from San Francisco, where they have been on a vacation visit.

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PERSONAL MENTION

LITTLE SIDELIGHTS ON LOCAL HAPPENINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY AND VICINITY. GOINGS AND COMINGS OF LOCAL FOLKS

M. F. Bauers left on the stage this morning for Lakeview.

C. M. Lindsay left on the Lakeview stage this morning for Beatty.

E. W. Elfendahl is a county seat business visitor from Chiloquin.

A. Vanderack was a passenger this morning on the stage for Bly.

Mrs. G. Adams is in the city for a short time from the Merrill district.

John Driscoll of Lorella left today for a visit at Eugene and Brownsville.

F. L. Briggs is here on matters of business for a short time from San Francisco.

W. M. Howard is in the city from the Merrill district for a short time on matters of business.

E. Fraser is a recent arrival in Klamath Falls from Seattle. He is a guest at the Hotel Hall.

Ernest Schorrock is a recent arrival from Weed, California. He is stopping at the Hotel Hall.

Mrs. W. F. McCollum left this morning for her home at Dorris, after a short visit in this city.

Roy H. Bradley, a government representative is in the city from the Klamath Agency for a few days.

Fay E. Diamond returned this morning to Medford following a brief business visit in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. M. Hettinger came down from Bonanza yesterday for a short visit. She is stopping at the Hall.

H. R. Crane came in from Chiloquin yesterday afternoon to look after business interests in this city.

Mrs. E. V. Rice left today for Portland where she will join her husband, who has preceded her there.

Mrs. Belle Hickman, manager of the Dorris Times left for that point this morning after a brief visit here.

Ben Howe left this morning for California points where he expects to remain some time on matters of business.

Carl Coleman, night clerk at the Hotel Hall, who has been in San Francisco for the past two weeks on a vacation visit, returned to Klamath Falls last night. He reports a

fine time and says that there are more people in the Bay City now than ever before in its history.

R. J. Young went to Macdoel this morning after a visit with his son, who is recovering from an operation here.

Mrs. O. C. Applegate has gone to St. Helena, California, for a visit with her daughter Miss Anna A. Applegate.

H. J. Ticknor, a well known resident of Langell Valley is in the county seat for a short time on matters of business.

W. V. Copeland of the Wood River Valley who came in from Fort Klamath yesterday, left today for Ager, California on matters of business.

Geo. Streeter, who has been in Klamath County for some time from Croswell, California on matters of business, left for that point this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Griffith, whose name has been so long associated with the Eagle Ridge Tavern on the West side of the Upper Klamath Lake, and who recently disposed of this property to Dr. Gaddis of Alberta, are in the city for a short time. They are guests at the Hotel Hall. They are accompanied by J. L. Griffith.

April Records at Shepherds. 2-3T

Life insurance companies have paid \$110,000,000 on account of influenza. Heed the warning and get a low cost policy from Chilcote & Smith. 1-1T

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who will command the police aviation squadron, announced that uniforms for the aerial patrolmen had been ordered and that planes would be ordered in May at a meeting of airplane manufacturers in Atlantic City. The squadron probably will take the air by June, he said. According to Colonel Thompson, the squadron when completed will comprise 150 men, including fliers, mechanics, supply officers, medical officers, a chaplain and cooks. Landing places will be at Governors island, Van Cortland Park and Sheepshead Bay. Later, he said, landing places probably will be constructed on the tops of high buildings. Both land and sea planes will be used, he said.

SEATTLE SHIP WORKERS VOTE AGAINST STRIKE. SEATTLE, April 1.—The shipyard workers have voted overwhelmingly against going on a strike April first for higher wages.

After the Society of Nations is formed Germany is going to have a hard time breaking into society.—San Francisco Bulletin. ESTRAY NOTICE Came to my ranch at Wilson bridge, 3-year-old Holstein steer, branded V E with box around it on left side, marked under slope in right and split in left ear. Charles E. Drew, Merrill. See Charles E. Drew, Klamath Agency, for Indian grazing land and timber. 12-1T

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