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HOP GROWERS MAY REDUCE ACREAGE; WILL ORGANIZE COAST PRODUCERS

PETITION BREWERS TO PROCURE THEIR HOPS IN AMERICA

California Hopmen Send An Agent To Big Convention of Brewerymen

That there is a growing sentiment among the hop growers of the Pacific coast states to regulate the supply of hops to meet the demands of the market, by reducing the acreage by at least 20 per cent, and that there is a strong movement on foot in induce American brewers to use American hops in the manufacture of beer in preference to foreign hops, is the statement of George Hewlett, vice president of the Mendocino County Hop Growers' association, who is a delegate from that organization, in attendance at the tri-state convention here for the purpose of forming the Pacific Coast Hop Growers' association.

In the face of a shortage of crops, or inability to harvest crops in some of the European countries on account of the war, and the fact o. the surplus of supply in the United States, statistics show that the American brewers are purchasing foreign hops to the exclusion of the American product. The growers feel that there is no legitimate occasion for the present demoralization of the market on the coast and are raising a vigorous protest to the brewing interests of the country.

Will Appeal to Brewers.

In line with this movement to preserve the industry to the American producers the hop growers of California raised a fund of $700 and sent a representative back to New Orleans to attend the annual convention of the National Brewers' association, which convened in that city yesterday, to endeavor to induce the brewing interests of the country to patronize home industries in preference to the foreign products.

The representative which the California growers sent back to the brewers' convention is neither a hop grower nor a merchant, but is a practical and influential business man, who is thoroughly conversant with conditions as they exist and capable of presenting the case of the hop growers in the most convincing light. Mr. Hewlett says that he finds this sentiment is strongly reflected by the hop growers of Oregon and Washington and he believes that the movement is gaining such strength throughout the country that the consumers of hops will eventually be compelled to bow in deference to the demands of the American producers.

May Reduce Production.

"The sentiment among hop growers is strongly in favor of reducing the acreage in hops throughout the Pacific coast for the coming season," said Mr. Hewlett, in speaking of the situation. "Conservative growers point out that the prohibition movement throughout the United States is making rapid strides with a consequent curtailment of the consumption of beer. In the face of this movement with the prevailing low prices, which are in most cases below the cost of production, the lack of encouragement received by brewers and the present difficulty in getting suitable labor for the growing and harvesting of their crops, growers are recommending that at least 20 per cent of the 1915 hop crop be not picked.

"Brewers seem to prefer foreign hops which, in the opinion of growers, should not be used in the brewing of beer to the exclusion of American hops. Brewers using foreign hops are quite prone to call upon the American farmer and hop grower to fight their prohibition battles for them, but most of the California hop growers have already commenced to resent the uncompromising attitude of brewers and they frankly state that it is a matter of indifference to them whether or not California or any other state is voted 'dry.'

Should Eliminate Speculation.

"It is submitted that the brewers are not looking at the situation which confronts them in a broad-guaged and liberal-minded manner. Hop growing is a special industry and the hazardous and speculative elements involved in the market of hops should, if possible, be eliminated. In any event no brewer should expect to buy hops from the grower except at a fairly remunerative price.

"With very little of the Belgian hop crop picked and none of it available for export; with the French hop crop practically destroyed; with the German hop crop being rapidly absorbed in Germany at the low rices prevailing there; with consuming but not producing countries, such as Canada, Japan, Cape of Good Hope, Australia and other countries, requiring at least 50,000 bales of hops, and considering the large exports of contracted hops already sent to England in the face of practically no carryover stock in America and a small crop, growers have much reason to complain about the prevailing prices."

LABOR HAS BUSY DAY.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—Delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention here today boosted the salary of President Samuel Gompers from $5000 annually to $7500. Gompers protested, but a resolution to this effect was unanimously adopted.

The convention also went on record today as favoring government seizure and operation of Colorado coal mines until the operators accept President Wilson's truce offer.

The delegates were considering dozens of resolutions for social welfare projects. Indorsements of a resolution urging that the Newlands act for arbitration of labor disputes be made compulsory was denied.

THOUSANDS STAND UNCOVERED IN RAIN

London and All England Pays Tribute to the Grand Old General

London, Nov. 19.—Thousands stood uncovered in the streets in a cold drizzle today as the late Field Marshal Lord Roberts' funeral cortege moved from the Charing Cross railroad station to St. Paul's catnedral. Great numbers of Belgian exiles were in the throng.

Private funeral services had previously been held at All Saints church, Ascot, near which is the Roberts family home. From Ascot the body was brought by special train to London and from the station it was drawn to the cathedral, draped in the Union Jack, on the same gun carriage which bore the corpse of the late field marshal's son, a victim of the .oer war.

The pallbearers included five field marshals, five generals and two admirals.

The field marshals were Lords Kitchener, Methuen and Grenfell, Sir Evelyn Wood and Sir William Nicholson; the generals were Sir James Hills-John, Sir Robert Biddulph, Sir Alfred Gaeless, Sir Arthur Egerton and Sir Archibald Hunter, and the sailors were Admirals Beresford and Seymour.

The procession consisted of a field marshal's full escort, of approximately 8000 men, representing all branches of the service, including Canadian and Indian troops, all in khaki; marching with reversed arms to the sound of dirges played by several military bands.

On the casket were the dead soldier's plumed hat, his sword, medals and decorations and several wreaths, among them offerings from the king, the king of Belgium, War Minister Lord Kitchener and Generals Joffre and French.

Behind the gun carriage on which the casket rested was led Lord Roberts' favorite horse, with its owner's boots reversed in the stirrups.

The procession passed St. James park, whence an artillery salute was fired, through Northumberland avenue, along Victoria embankment and up Ludgate hill to the cathedral.

The funeral was attended by King George and all the cabinet members in person and by representatives of President Poincare of France, the czar, the mikado and the king of Belgium.

Services began at noon. At their conclusion artillery trumpeters sounded the last post. Then the cathedral was closed until 2, when the doors were reopened and the body lay in state. Later it is to be interred in a crypt near those where Lord Nelson's and the Duke of Wellington's remains repose.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS RALLY AT DALLAS

Dallas, Ore., Nov. 19.—Saturday night is to be a red letter day in the history of Marmion lodge No. 96, Knights of Pythias, of this city. At that time, the hordes from all over the state will gather here to take a trip across the burning sands.

The Portland Temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, the great side degree of the Knights of Pythias order, is coming to Dallas, to put on the work of this order. From Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Carlton and North Yamhill many tyros may come. A monster parade is being arranged, and the ceremonies will be followed by a banquet. Dallas is preparing a royal welcome for the visiting brethren.

FINANCIAL PHASE OF ORGANIZATION IS DELCARED GOOD

Sessions of Tri-State Convention Are Spirited and Careful

That the hop growers of Washington, California and Oregon will unite in the organization of the Pacific Coast Hop Growers' association as a result of the convention of delegates from the associations representing each state is a foregone conclusion, and either one of two plans of organization will be adopted: A separate association for each state to be controlled and managed by the growers of each state, with a probable capital stock of $300,000, or one organization to represent all three states, with a capital stock of about $2,000,000. The delegates from Washington, President Ker, of the North Yakima association, and two others, arrived this morning and are in attendance at the meeting today.

The Financial End.

One very important phase of the plans of organization which was discussed both at yesterday's informal meeting of the Oregon and California growers and at an adjourned meeting which was held at the Hotel Marion last night, was the financial end of the movement. It is proposed to have the growers' corporation borrow the money from the local banks and to loan it to the farmers, that is, those who are in need of it to cultivate and harvest their crops, and to take the growers' note in security, and the corporation will reserve the right to hypothecate such notes. In this respect, it is understood, as the growers of hops have credit ratings with banks as well as any other class of business men, these notes will be classified and realized upon to the best advantage.

Banker Indorses It.

At last night's informal meeting a representative of one of Salem's banks was in attendance, and at the request of the delegates, went over the financial phases of the proposed organization in detail, and pronounced the plan perfectly bankable and legitimate in every respect. Furthermore, he stated that he felt certain that the bank which he represented would be only too glad to cooperate with the corporation in the financing of the weaker growers. The bank, as well as the corporation and its membership as a whole, will be fully protected in that, it is understood, the grower contracts to sell his hops to the corporation, which has the right to hypothecate the hops, and this contract applies as a lien upon the land and not the hops, hence it will be impossible for an unscrupulous grower to defraud the corporation, the bank or his fellow grower.

Law Not in Way.

The delegates present have also received synopsis of the Clayton bill, better known as the "trade commission act," which was enacted by congress on October 15 of this year, which operates as an amendment or modification of the Sherman anti-trust act in that it exempts the farmer and the laborer from the operation of the anti-trust law so long as he keeps within legitimate grounds and does not try to establish a monopoly or trust in restraint of trade. Under this act the president will appoint a district comissioner who will inspect the method of operation of every corporation which comes within the jurisdiction of the act, and all such corporations must stand or fall by his report and recommendation.

Urges All to Attend.

The tri-state delegations are composed of both practical and experienced hop growers and business men, and every one of them is ultra-conservative in his views as to how such a corporation should be conducted to keep within the limit of the law, and every detail of the proposed organization will be gone into thoroughly so as to be certain of their ground before arriving at a definite decision.

Saturday morning there will be a meeting of the hop growers of Oregon at the commercial club assembly room, when a complete set of by-laws will be submitted for amendment, rejection or approval, and it is expected that the meeting will be attended by growers from every hop growing section of the state. President L. H. McMahan is anxious that as full a representation of Oregon growers be made as possible, and he urges every grower that can possibly get away to come to this meeting.

RECORD IS BROKEN.

New York, Nov. 19.—At 10 a. m. today the leaders in the six-day bicycle race in progress at Madison Square Garden had covered 1,637 miles and 9 laps. This was seven miles ahead of the former record.

BOB BURDETTE DEAD.

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 19.—Dr. Robert J. Burdette, the humorist, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon after an illness of several months. His disease was hardening of the arteries and he had been in partly conscious condition for ten days.

REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESS TELLS STORY

Food Supply Abundant and France Prepared to Continue War Indefinitely

The following is the first story received from the fighting lines in the western field of the European war from William Philip Sims, Paris representative of the United Press, who was named by the French government as the only American correspondent permitted to visit the front with the military attaches of the neutral nations:

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At the French Army Front, via Paris, Nov. 19.—France is prepared for war to the bitter end. Everything shows that the republic is ready.

What I have seen and heard gives me the impression that the nation faces a long war and is unafraid.

After talking with officers and men at the front for several days, I am confident that the allies' general situation is excellent. Optimism is evident everywhere. One thing that impressed me most was the absolute preparedness of the government and of the forces in the field.

Behind the Scenes.

Since quitting Paris, the correspondents and military attaches of eight neutral counties have been permitted behind the scenes.

Designated as America's press representative, I have been permitted to visit fields and to enter lines from which civilians heretofore have been barred.

I visited and inspected a re-victualing station which feeds 350,000 soldiers. The system is perfectly organized. The station is more like a model of permanent works than a temporary machine. Great sheds are filled to their roofs with food staples. There are flour, wheat and wine. Side tracks are crowded with cars waiting to be unloaded.

General Joffre stands forth as the guardian of France's men.

The French officers are confident they will outlast Germany from the standpoint of men, despite their country's smaller population.

Saw a Set of Books.

I believe this is because Joffre is masterfully conserving his troops. In the fighting to date his losses have been infinitely inferior to Germany's.

The bearing of the French troops is admirable. I have not seen a single disgruntled soldier.

In the last four days I inspected several military hospitals and talked with the wounded. Even the most seriously wounded smiled and said they were impatient to return to the front.

At the supply station I was permitted to examine the commandant's books, showing statistical figures. It was evident from them that France was prepared perfectly in this direction for a protracted war.

The counties represented by correspondents and attaches on this trip are Italy, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland and the United States.

3,000 RUSSIANS ARE CAPTURED BY GERMANS

Berlin via The Hague, Nov. 19.—A defeat by the Teutonic allies of a Russian cavalry force at Grabow, Galicia, with the capture of 3000 of the Russians, was claimed here today on the strength of an official statement from Vienna.

"Conditions are improving," said the statement, "as a result of the operations of the German and Austrian troops. In the Carpathians we occupy strong positions. The Russian advance has been unimportant."

In a continuation of the operations against Belgrade, it was said that several Servian guns and quantities of supplies had been captured.

If a man knows more than his wife, it is up to him to keep her in ignorance of the fact.

It isn't always safe to judge newspapers, cigars and women by their wrappers.

The Weather

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably rain west portion; warmer tonight, southerly winds.

DESPERATE BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT IN EASTERN PRUSSIA

Russians Trying to Win Victory Compelling Germans to Leave Poland

KAISER IS RUSHING TROOPS TO VISTULA

Germans Try to Deliver Crushing Blow to Relieve Pressure in Prussia

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—The Russians in East Prussia were trying today to win such a victory over the Germans as to compel the latter to abandon their offensive in Russian Poland. The Germans, in turn, plainly were endeavoring to relieve the pressure on their lines in East Prussia by striking a crushing blow against the defenders of the czar's territory.

The war office here asserted that the Slavs had taken the German entrenchments in the Mazurian Lake region. A desperate battle still raged along the line from Gumbinnen to Angerburg, also in East Prussia. The battle about Soldau also continued with no decisive result in sight. The Russians were confident that victory in this engagement would enable them to rush matters in East Prussia so rapidly as to compel the kaiser's speedy withdrawal from Russian soil in order to protect himself.

It was admitted that the Germans were pushing in enormous numbers from Thorn, between the Vistula and Warthe rivers, into Russian Poland. The Russians in this region had fallen back to the Bzura river and it was expected that the ma in clash would occur along this line. Already desperate fighting was in progress, with tremendous losses on both sides.

A German advance from Kalisz was also in progress, though it was not keeping pace with the kaiser's progress farther north.

Just An "Affair"

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—An "affair" in which a series of explosions were seen on the Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim the Grim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, was reported to the navy staff this afternoon. The message conveying the information was delayed. It referred to whatever engagement preceded the explosions merely as an "affair."

WOMAN MURDERED IN SHADOW OF CHURCH

Aurora, Ill., Nov. 19.—Miss Jennie Miller, the richest woman in Aurora, was dying today of a fractured skull. She was found unconscious last night, lying behind some shrubbery in the yard of the First Methodist church with her skull badly crushed by a blow from a steel pipewrench.

Miss Miller is a daughter of former Mayor Holmes Miller.

Efforts to arouse the injured woman failed except once at 1 o'clock this morning, when she mumbled two numbers. It was believed she was trying to give an address.

Physicians say they do not believe robbery was the motive for the attack, as three gold rings were found on her fingers. Her lips were bitten almost in two.

The church yard lies near a lonely graveyard, where Theresa Hollander was clubbed to death last February.

Mrs. Harry Hull said she saw a small man, about 40 years old, loitering about the churchyard 30 minutes before Miss Miller was found.

ADMITS KILLING OFFICER.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 19.—Luis Marone, a Mexican, probably will be charged with the murder of Marshal Luther Coulson, of Burbank, as the result of a confession he is alleged to have made to the police.

Marone, with Juan and E. Espinoza, was arrested by a posse the day after the murder. Under gruelling questioning Juan Espinoza is said to have declared that Marone shot Coulson after the officer had tried to drive them from Burbank. Marone, the officers said, finally admitted his guilt.

R..NKS NEXT TO ASTOR.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 19.—John G. Wendell, 75, of New York, known as "the hermit of Broadway," lay seriously ill here today as the result of a paralytic attack on his private car while journeying from New York to his winter home at Venice, Cal. Physicians said that he had but a slight chance to recover. Next to the Astor estate, Wendell is said to be the heaviest landholder in New York.

Western Union linemen expect to have the telegraph line along the Willamette Pacific railroad completed from Eugene to Mapleton by November 20.

VILLA PREPARES TO ATTACK CARRANZA

Carranza Leader Surrenders Army—Villa Will Make Dash to Mexico City

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 19.—Villistas, commanded by General Aguirre Benavides, were in control today of Guanajuato, capital of the state of that name, according to advices received here. They occupied the city last night. There was no fighting, the Carranzistas retreating to the east as the Villistas approached.

General Villa had designated Irapuato today as a concentration point and was mobilizing his troops for an early dash to Mexico City. Villa went to Leon last night for a conference with General Gutierrez, who had gone there from Aguas Calientes. Gutierrez will return to Aguas Calientes today.

Carranzistas, it was reported today, were mobilizing east of Irapuato in formidable numbers to resist the Villista advance. Vanguards of the two forces have not yet met, but Villista leaders say they do not expect to encounter serious opposition.

General Elizondo, a Carranzista leader surrendered his entire command of 2000 men at Leon to the Villistas, saying the Carranzistas did not desire to engage in warfare.

General Obregon has proclaimed himself chief of the Carranzista forces in Mexico City. General Villa said Obregon wants to dominate Mexico.

General Villa today barred all American newspaper men from his district.

Carranza Is Blamed.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Government officials here expected word today of serious fighting in Mexico. Advices from American Consular Agent Silliman said a strong force of Villistas was moving against Queretaro, where a large body of Carranzistas, commanded by General Gonzales, was entrenched.

Carranza's vacillating policy was believed by Washington officials to have caused a renewal of the conflict. After agreeing to transfer the government to General Gutierrez, Carranza changed his mind, explaining that he is willing to quit but intended transferring authority to someone of his own selection. Gutierrez then ordered General Villa to advance on Mexico City immediately. It was expected here the fighting would be short and decisive, and officials believed the Villistas will win.

The United States, it was announced, will maintain a neutral attitude.

Many of the American troops at Vera Cruz already are on transports there and the others will board the vessels soon. The transports were expect to sail Monday.

Customs collected in Vera Cruz by General Funston have been deposited at the American sub-treasury pending the decision as to who shall rule Mexico. General Funston will turn over the city to the officials in charge at the time of American occupation.

Wild and conflicting reports were received here from Mexico today. One was that General Villa had imprisoned Gutierrez and the delegates to the Aguas Calientes convention, holding them "as a matter of military necessity." Confirmation was lacking, however, and the report was generally discredited by Washington officials.

No Longer Capital.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Nov. 19.—For the first time since the days of Maximilian, Mexico City ceased today to be the headquarters of federal power of the Mexican republic. The provisional government has been moved to Orizaba by General Carranza and General Obregon was in control of Mexico City.

"I consider anything but an armed force useless at this time in settling problems," General Obregon is quoted as saying. "The army of the Northwest, which I command, is prepared to defend the principles for which Mexicans have fought for four years."

LIBAU BOMBARDED BY GERMAN WARSHIPS

London, Nov. 19.—News of Libau's bombardment by warships of the German Baltic squadron was accepted here today as accounting for the departure Tuesday from Helsingfors of the Russian naval forces in Finnish waters, apparently with a view to attacking the enemy.

Of an actual meeting between the two fleets no reports had been received, however, and it was assumed that the German vessels had withdrawn from Libau before the Russian ships arrived there, if, indeed, that was their destination.

Very definite information concerning the damage done by the German bombardment of the Russian port was unavailable, Petrograd dispatches saying merely that several buildings were set on fire. The same advices stated that the German squadron consisted of two cruisers, ten torpedo boats and "several other steamships."

The story that a German cruiser was sunk by a mine during the bombardment rested only on the authority of the Daily Mail, which did not profess to have official confirmation of the report but said it had it from a reliable source.

ALLIES TRYING TO CUT KAISER'S LINES OF COMMUNICATION

French Suffer Appalling Loss When Mines in Captured Town Were Exploded

ARTILLERY FIRE WAS UNUSUALLY VIOLENT

Unconfirmed Report Germans Had Quit Lille and Allies Occupied It

Paris, Nov. 19—The allies were making a determined attempt today to cut the kaiser's communication lines north of Arras.

In this fighting the British were taking the leading part. Their aim was to swing their line to the eastward, with Arras as their pivot, forcing the Germans back.

An unconfirmed rumor was current that the Teutonic forces had evacuated Lille and that the allies had occupied it.

The fighting was exceedingly sanguinary.

The cannonading was very violent between Nieuport and Ypres, but no notable changes had occurred in the lines in this region.

The French suffered appalling losses Wednesday at Chaivancourt, near St. Mihiel, following their capture of the western part of the village. The Germans, who had held it previously, had mined it and as soon as they had evacuated it and the French were in possession, these mines were exploded with deadly effect.

How Town Was Taken.

Paris, Nov. 19.—How Schoorbaake, Belgium, was taken from the Germans by a Franco-British night attack was described in advices received from the front today.

Except by two roads the town was surrounded by water, as a result of the flooding of the country by the Belgians. By one of these roads the British approached in armored automobiles. From the opposite direction the French crossed the flood on rafts.

The Germans, attacked simultaneously at front and rear, fled by the open road.

Situation Unchanged.

Paris, Nov. 19.—"The Germans attacked our first line of trenches at Tracy-Le-Val Tuesday," announced the Bordeaux war office in its official communication received here today, "but a vigorous counter attack by an Algerian contingent repulsed them heavily.

"The artillery fire in the north is particularly violent from the sea to the River Lys.

"Our positions in the Argonnes are maintained. Otherwise there is nothing to report."

An Artillery Duel.

Paris, Nov. 19.—The Germans were directing a tremendous bombardment today against the allies' lines in the extreme north of the western European war zone.

Their infantry assaults had been temporarily abandoned, either because they considered them hopeless unless they could succeed in breaking the allies' front by shelling their trenches, or on account of weather conditions, which continued terrible.

To the German artillery fire the allies' cannon were replying hotly and a furious duel of big guns raged.

Repeated Teutonic attempts to recapture Tracey-Le-Val were repulsed.

Wind Stops Aviators.

London, Nov. 19.—Aviators at the front in the western European fighting zone were idle today on account of high wind, rain and snow.

The lack of their services made the troops realize as perhaps not many had done since the war's outbreak, how valuable were the airmen's services. Without the information they have hitherto furnished, the artillerymen found it difficult to get positions and ranges, and their marksmanship was correspondingly uncertain and inaccurate.

Both sides were using every imaginable strategic trick for the slightest advantage.

SPECIAL RATES AND TRAIN TO CORVALLIS

The special train from Portland to Corvallis Saturday, on account of the football game between U. of O. and O. A. C., will leave Salem at 10:50 and returning leave Corvallis at 5:30. The round trip fare from Salem is $1.50. Tickets will be good going on Special Train, Saturday morning, November 21, and for return on Special or any regular train until Monday, November 23.