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PORTUGAL MAY HAVE REBELLION TO FACE IF IT GETS IN WAR

People Are Halfhearted About Going to War Further Than On Paper

MUCH DISCONTENT AMONG THE MASSES

When Conscription Begins and Taxes Raise Government Will Be Upset

Lisbon, Dec. 24.—(By mail to New York to escape censorship.)—If the Portuguese government goes far beyond a mere paper declaration of war against Germany, if it undertakes to engage the country in actual fighting, it has not much chance to last long.

A more reasonable guess is that the governmental machinery will be taken out of the hands of the men now in control of it and that a group of officials more truly representative of the people will take the former's place.

The Portuguese revolution which overthrew King Manuel, was backed by the people but it was engineered by a comparatively small number of politicians, including most of the army and navy officers.

The Republic having been established these politicians seized the helm. They were generally high-minded men. They were also republicans but they were not democrats. They had very little confidence in the people, who, having been long victimized by a bad government, were largely extremely primitive.

The governing class did not mean to let any one man or any little aristocracy run Portugal but they were by no means sincere in believing that the masses could do it. They thought they were best fitted to do the governing themselves, of course with all the forms of republicanism, to which they were genuinely attached.

Thought It Meant Something. For a time the rank and file of the people thought the revolution was going to mean something to them and were very enthusiastic over the change. They were so enthusiastic in fact, that the "cientificos" as the Mexicans would call them, though they were "cientificos" of a somewhat benevolent type, had to defer to them a good deal of their might, as they realized have precipitated an overturning. Gradually, however, they got a tighter grip on affairs until the republic has become a good deal of an oligarchy.

The change is eminently satisfactory to the individuals of the government's head. They think it is satisfactory to the masses, too. It is not. Having had three or four years of republican rule they find they are no better off than they were before. They think that enough has passed for their condition to have improved.

They have seen, however, that a revolution is not very difficult of accomplishment. There is much discontent among them.

The government leaders, exceedingly patriotic in their way, take a lively interest in international politics, are sensitive on points of national honor and take great pride in their little country's position as the world's second colonial power, at least in point of actual acres of colonial territory.

Just Want Enough to Eat. Their idea is that the people are contented in the same things. Actually they don't worry much about the national honor know almost nothing of the country's foreign possessions and care more about getting enough to eat and wear and better places to live than about anything else.

They have no disposition to see their young men transported as conscripts to Africa.

Bliss they being understood just what their government plans. They have been given the impression that Portugal is being imposed on, and disposed to be moderately enthusiastic over the talk of resistance—so long as it is merely talk.

The moment however, that conscription is attempted on an extensive scale and taxes begin to increase it is a practical certainty that there will be an outbreak.

It is likely result is the establishment of a real working class government, more nearly in the masses' own interest than any other in Europe.

At Paris.—It was reported Austria had made independent peace overtures to the allies through Vienna bankers upon the basis of the concession of Galicia to Russia and Bosnia to Serbia.

TROUBLE BREWING OVER STATE PRINTER

Delegation from Portland Here Because Printers Do Not Like Appointment

Before another week rolls around it is pretty certain that there will be something doing in the state printer embroglio and it is more than probable that such a pressure will be brought to bear upon the members of the state printing board that it will be obliged to recede from its action in appointing W. M. Plimpton, present secretary of the board, as state printer pro tem to serve during the session of the legislature, and make a permanent appointment for the position.

When Mr. Plimpton's temporary appointment was announced it was considered by the members of the printing board that he could not qualify for the position under the strict interpretation of the constitutional provision which prescribes that the state printer "shall have had at least 10 years actual experience in the art and science of printing" but he was selected to fill the position through the session on account of his familiarity with the vast volume of printing which would devolve upon the state printing plant for the next 90 days. However, before the action of the board had been made public somebody, no doubt, some interested candidate for the office who was disappointed in the temporary appointment, proceeded to get busy and they succeeded in starting something which is pretty sure to bring matters to a focus before the first of the year, the time fixed by statute when the appointment of a state printer shall be named by the board.

Printers Get Busy.

Yesterday afternoon the first tangible evidence of the approaching storm appeared upon the otherwise peaceful and serene horizon of the state printing board when a delegation of the Portland typographical union, composing the executive committee of that body headed by W. H. Daly, a member of the Portland city commission, slipped into town during the afternoon, made a hurried call upon Secretary of State Olcott and Governor West and went back to Portland on the 4 o'clock Oregon Electric train. It was learned upon inquiry as to the nature of the business of this delegation that they had come up "merely to get set right upon the state printer proposition and to make sure that the makeshift appointment of the board was not to be a permanent thing," but it is not hard to read between the lines and to deduce that this visit is but a warning and a forerunner of what may be expected to happen within the next few days.

This visitation will in doubt be followed by the receipt of a written and widely circulated protest against the appointment of Mr. Plimpton, upon constitutional grounds, urging the board to rescind its former action in the matter and to make a permanent and bonafide appointment of a man for the position. Needless to say the typographical union wants a practical printer on the job but whether or not the movement is being made in the interests of any particular candidate is merely a matter of conjecture.

His Job Not Permanent.

It is also certain that the printing fraternity wants the state printing plant run upon the contract system in order that the state work will be "farmed out" and the members of the craft in Portland will get a chance to profit by some of the benefits to be derived from state work, which costs on the average about 50 per cent more than the work can be performed in the state printing plant as operated under the present law.

It is understood that a bill has been prepared for presentation to the legislature which will remove entirely some of the ambiguities of the law which will be voted into effect on the first of the year, providing that, in the discretion of the printing board, work may be contracted out, so as to make it compulsory on the part of the board to "farm" the greater part of the work of the state printing out and leaving the state printing plant merely as an auxiliary or reserve plant to take care of extraordinary emergencies such as the work of the legislative sessions, to name a practical printer on the job but the board has started to compel the state printing board to comply with the law and make a permanent appointment for the position and one which will fulfill the qualifying clause of the constitution, namely, one who has had at least 10 years experience in the art and science of printing, and that the whole proceeding was planned and executed to put on the board "in the hole" and force the issue is plainly evident from a political point of view. It is known and conceded that Mr. Plimpton is not to have a job permanently, even if he is allowed to act in the capacity of state printer until after the session, because every member of the board is aware, and so is Mr. Plimpton, that he does not fulfill the technical qualifications of the constitution, but the printers do not want to take any chances on the proposition.

If the board does not recede from its action before the first of the year an injunction will probably be used out in the courts to restrain Mr. Plimpton from assuming the duties of the office or mandamus proceedings will be brought against the board to compel the appointment of a state printer within the meaning of the constitution.

The average boarding house chicken is a great help to the dentist.



The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snowflakes which cover the sod
The feet of the Christ Child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ Child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
That voice of the Christ Child shall fall
And to every blind wanderer opens the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod.
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed,
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.



UNDERWOOD SAYS SUFFRAGE WILL LOSE

Says He Believes It Is a Matter For Each State to Settle for Itself

Washington, Dec. 25.—Democratic Leader Underwood predicted last night that when the proposed constitutional amendment for woman suffrage reached a vote in the house it would be defeated probably by a two-thirds vote. "I shall vote against it, and so will most of the democrats in the house," said Mr. Underwood. "The party, by caucus action, has gone on record holding that woman suffrage, like prohibition, is a state issue, and not a national question. It is a question for the states themselves to act upon, and not for congress."

It is generally understood that the suffrage resolution will be voted on soon after the passage of the postoffice appropriation bill, as early in January as possible. The house rules committee has voted to present the rule for its consideration, largely through the insistence of republican members of the committee.

A telegram was received today by the rules committee from the executive committee of the Nebraska anti-suffrage organization urging defeat of the suffrage amendment.

COLONEL JOHN LANE JOINS THE MAJORITY

Son of Senator Joe Lane of Oregon, Major-General in the Rebel Army

Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 25.—Colonel John Lane, a major-general of artillery with General Robert E. Lee during the Civil War and a pioneer of the Northwest died today at his home at Lapwai, aged 77 years.

He was a son of the late General Joseph Lane, of the United States Army, his father, after settling in Oregon serving that state in the United States Senate and as its first Governor. Colonel Lane was inspector in the Indian Department during the Cleveland administration.

LIBERTY IN THEIR STOCKING. Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 25.—Governor Ernest Lister granted paroles and pardons today to 35 convicts, as Christmas gifts.

The day was one of jollification in the penitentiary here. A chicken dinner was served, followed by an entertainment.

Few women are up to date in the matter of birthdays.

GEORGE NEUNER GOT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Governor West Appoints Him Prosecuting Attorney for Douglas County

Late yesterday afternoon Governor West announced the appointment of George Neuner, of Roseburg, as prosecuting attorney for Douglas county, to succeed George M. Brown, attorney general, who will assume the duties of his new office on January 1. Some question has been raised as to Mr. Neuner's eligibility to accept the appointment and fill the position inasmuch as he was a member of the legislative assembly of 1913 which enacted the law creating the office of county prosecuting attorney, but the new law does not effect this office since Mr. Brown was elected district attorney for that district before the law went into effect and Mr. Neuner's appointment is to fill out the unexpired term.

Mr. Brown is conducting the prosecution of the case against young Farnum, who stands charged with the murder of a 16-year-old girl in Douglas county recently, when the body was burned in a barn in the attempt to conceal the crime, and will probably not finish his duties as district attorney until he concludes the case. I. H. Van Winkle, of this city, former assistant under Attorney General Crawford, has been selected by Mr. Brown as his assistant when he assumes the state office.

NEW CITY PROSECUTOR. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Mayor Rose announced today that he will appoint former Assistant City Attorney Leon French to succeed George H. McKeoby as city prosecutor January 1. Rose recently accepted McKeoby's resignation, after the latter had written the mayor a letter announcing its withdrawal. McKeoby reiterated today his intention to contest his removal.

AUSTRIAN SCANDAL AND IRON RINGS

It Has Recently Developed that Austrian Merchants Supply Serbia's Enemies

Vienna, Nov. 30.—(By mail to New York.)—A scandal has just been unearthed in Austrian commercial circles that for the moment is threatening to result in prosecutions for high treason.

Practically, since the beginning of the war, it has developed, Austrian business houses have been indirectly but certainly consciously supplying Serbia with many necessities which has enabled her to put up the war she has against the dual monarchy.

Austria's sudden declaration of war against Serbia found the latter, especially after her two previous Balkan wars, utterly unprepared both as to provisions and as to equipment for her troops. Entirely cut off from all commercial connection with the rest of the world, except through the port of Salonika, which she won through her last war with Bulgaria, Serbia at once placed immense orders with all of the importing houses in that city.

She offered the highest possible prices and the Salonika concerns rapidly emptied their warehouses. The Serbian orders containing, the importers began shipping in goods from Austria, all of which it now develops have found their way into the Austrian commissariat. Some of the largest commercial houses of Austria are involved.

The "iron ring" of Austria is becoming rapidly more diffused throughout the dual monarchy and is coming rapidly to be more highly prized and coveted than the famous "iron cross" of the kaiser. Already the little iron band is to be seen, to the exclusion of all other jewelry, on the hands of people in every walk of Vienna life. It is as common on the finger of the washer woman as it is on the dainty hands of the members of the highest aristocracy, nobility and even of the royal house itself. There is not an archduke or an archduchess of the House of Hapsburg who has not already won one and is proud to wear it.

The "iron ring of Austria" was established by the Society of the Silver Cross, organized for the purpose of raising funds for the care of the families whose fathers, brothers and husbands have been killed in the war. Up to the present time over one million and a half of crowns has already been raised. Of this amount only a small per cent was given in ready money, the great bulk being contributed by those, even from the usually wealthiest circles, who were obliged to give, instead, their rings, royal decorations, diamonds, watches, chains and jewelry of every description. It is to those who contributed in this manner that the Society of the Silver Cross gives its "ring of iron."

On the little iron band, which the contributors never fail to wear, are inscribed the six words: "I have given gold for iron."

On an average, 2,000 rings are finding wearers daily.

BIG STEAMER ASHORE.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—News that the big Japanese freight steamer Rongovan Maru, which left San Francisco November 19 for Yokohama and Manila, is on the rocks in Kuroshimo strait was received here today. It had wrecked for aid.

With more than a million of squirrel shooters and an equal number of barroom strategists there is no need to worry about this country's preparedness for war.

DETAILED STORY OF DESPERATE BATTLE AT BZURA RIVER

Selected Troops from Wurtemberg Charge Across the Frozen Swamps

SEVEN BATTALIONS ARE ANNIHILATED

Great Battle Still in Progress But Has Not Yet Reached Decisive Stage

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—Details of bloody attempts of the Germans to cross the Bzura between Bawa and Sochaczew, were received here today. Wurtemberg troops were brought from France to aid in the advance on Warsaw.

Last Saturday night the Wurtemberg troops charged across rough and swampy ground against Siberian troops in the face of a frightful fire. The enemy reached the Siberian trenches and desperate hand to hand fighting resulted. The Germans were finally repulsed, but charged repeatedly, until seven Wurtemberg battalions were annihilated.

On Sunday night two German detachments crossed the Bzura, over a footbridge near Pieria. The detachments were annihilated by the Russians. Two more German battalions concentrated on the bank of the river Monday. On Monday night, without waiting for an attack by the enemy, the Siberians surrounded the Germans and annihilated them. Twelve hundred Germans were slain.

Russian troops have captured numerous positions, cannon and machine guns in the fighting about the Bzura and Bawa rivers. A great battle is still in progress, not having reached a decisive stage yet.

Fighting the Turks. Petrograd, Dec. 25.—Fighting was proceeding in the Caucasus today with the Russians assuming the offensive in the direction of Surykamath, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

"Turkish outposts," the statement said, "have been repulsed along the whole front. After a stubborn resistance in the direction of Van, the Turks were compelled to retreat with considerable loss."

"During the recent fighting at Miawa, a Russian battalion raided a transport and captured a quantity of Christmas gifts."

FED 1800 UNEMPLOYED. Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—Eighteen hundred unemployed men were the guests of the O. W. B. & N. company at a Christmas dinner served on board the steamer Hassle today. The dinner was prepared by the commissary department of the railroad and was complete in every detail. Music regaled the guests as they dined, and a number of prominent clowns delivered short addresses.

In addition to the dinner each guest was given a lunch, a pipe and pouch of tobacco to take with him.

"WORLD AT WAR" ATLAS

The Capital Journal has just received a new shipment of the "World at War" atlases. They are of a later and revised edition, compared with those we have been giving away to our subscribers. Instead of 16 pages, they consist of 24 large, highly-illustrated pages, printed on heavy enameled book.

The atlas contains splendid colored maps of all the warring countries, with routes of travel and railroad lines; many tables of army and navy and general statistics—in fact, the work is a complete ready-reference library for students of the great war. It is a book which would ordinarily sell for \$1.00 or \$1.50, but we are having them made up in large lots and buy them at a price which allows us to give them away to subscribers on very easy conditions.

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BIG STORM PREDICTED. Washington, Dec. 25.—The weather bureau here predicted today that a big snowstorm, possibly a blizzard, would strike the east before tomorrow. The story was said to be rushing to the north from Alabama and Georgia.