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ITALY AND GREECE MAY CAST LOT WITH ALLIES

Neutral Countries Prepare to Denounce Triple Alliance Treaties With Austria and Germany Unless Concessions of Territory Are Made—Greek Cabinet Becomes More Favorable to War—Russian Raiders Active

(By Alice Robb)
Rome, March 19.—Italy is preparing to announce her withdrawal from the triple alliance treaties with Austria and Germany, according to reports from various sources today. The Italian cabinet is reported to be preparing to take this step, presenting Austria with the alternative of ceding to Italy the disputed provinces along the Adriatic coast, or facing Italy's participation in the war on the side of the allies.

Most of the newspapers today warn the public that a crisis in the relations between Italy and Austria is near. The danger is declared to be the efforts of the German ambassador in Vienna to persuade Austria to evade the triple alliance and that Minister Sonnino is engaged in negotiations which may plunge Italy into war.

Government officials privately admit that the situation is grave. They do not deny that an announcement regarding the triple alliance is a possibility. It is pointed out, however, that such a step must not be construed as a definite step towards war. It would simply make Italy a free agent, and as fighting on the east bank of the Meuse. Fighting for possession of the heights of the Meuse continues.

U. S. in Full Accord.
Tokyo, March 19.—The Japanese people were assured by Tokio newspapers today that the United States is in full accord with Japan in her latest demands upon China.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUNK AND ENGLISH BOATS ARE DAMAGED

Hot Fire From Turkish Forts Compels Allied Fleet To Withdraw

Berlin, by wireless to London, March 19.—The French battleship Bouvet was sunk at 8:15 p. m. yesterday as the result of striking a mine while bombarding the Dardanelles forts, according to dispatches from Constantinople this afternoon. An English torpedo boat is declared to have been sunk by a shell from one of the forts. The British battleship Irresistible was put out of action, the dispatches being badly damaged.

It is declared the Anglo-French fleet steamed into close range of the forts hurling shells at intervals of less than one every minute. So effectively did the forts reply, the statement says, that several warships were badly crippled and withdrawn from the battle. The Bouvet, struck by several shells, suddenly listed and sank. Immediately the fleet withdrew and disappeared in the direction of Tenedos Island.

Two More Steamers Sunk.
London, March 19.—The sinking of two more British steamers by German submarines was announced by the admiralty this afternoon.

Two Forts Destroyed.
London, March 19.—Dispatches from Athens today announced that the guns of the Anglo-French fleet last night reduced two Turkish batteries guarding the Dardanelles, after a two-hour bombardment. Some of the warships were slightly damaged.

CARRANZA AND VILLA FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY
Washington, March 19.—Reports received this afternoon at the state department stated that the forces of General Carranza and General Venustiano Carranza are locked in what is expected to be a decisive battle for the control of the Tampico district of Mexico.

New Capital Proclaimed.
El Paso, Texas, March 19.—Chihuahua City soon will be proclaimed the capital of Mexico, with General Angeles as president, it was reported here today. General Angeles, it was stated, is working in harmony with General Villa and will receive the latter's support.

THE WAR LINE-UP

Turkey.—Constantinople announces French battleship Bouvet sunk during Dardanelles bombardment, fouting a mine. Declares torpedo boat sunk, battleship Irresistible and another battleship badly damaged. Turkish warships bombarded Theodosia on Black sea, firing many buildings, damaging several war craft.

Poland and Prussia.—Petrograd preparing retaliation with war of savagery if Berlin carries out threat burn and pillage Russian towns. Blazing strong protest through neutrals. Russian army declared entrenched inside Prussian frontier. Berlin declares Slav attacks near Przasnysz and between Orzez and Pissa rivers repulsed.

England.—Announced submarines torpedoed and sank British steamers Hyndford and Bluejacket. Part Bluejacket's crew rescued, boat containing remainder missing.

Austria.—Great battle developing near Czernowitz, Bukovina. Austrian attacks repulsed.

Italy.—Reported Italy preparing to denounce her treaty with Austria, thus forcing Austria to cede territory along Italian frontier.

Greece.—Reports Greece may yet decide to aid allies. It is denied cabinet has disagreed.

HOP GROWERS WILL HOLD GREAT MEETING IN SALEM TOMORROW

Will Adopt By-Laws and Elect Board of Directors and Officers

All arrangements are complete for the big meeting of the hop growers of the State of Oregon, which will be held in the Commercial Club auditorium at 10 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning, for the purpose of adopting a complete set of by-laws and electing a full staff of officers, board of directors and executive committee to serve for the fiscal year. Already reports indicate that there will be at least 300 hop growers in attendance at the meeting and it is expected that there will be a great many more and the prospects are that the meeting will have to adjourn to the army in order to accommodate the big gathering, which gives promise of being the largest ever held in the state, or on the coast.

The principal business to come before this meeting will be the selection of a board of 40 directors which will have complete charge and control over all of the actions of the Oregon hop growers' association. This board, in turn, will elect an executive committee of at least five members, to have direct control over the business of the body to put into effect the orders of the directors, and a set of officers consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The president and secretary will be ex-officio members of the board of directors and the secretary will also act as secretary of the executive committee.

The board of directors is to be representative of every hop growing section of the state and the most competent men in the industry are being nominated for the important positions.

Up to this morning Secretary Fred N. Stamp has received numerous nominations for the board of directors among which are the following: Sheridan, P. K. Heider; Silverton, O. L. Hattberg; G. W. Morley and Marion Palmer; Gervais, M. W. Mahoney; St. Paul, John N. Gooding; Independence, W. H. Murphy; A. Sloper, H. B. Fletcher; Fred N. Stamp; Lane county (Springfield), J. L. Clark and E. E. Morrison; Harbinger, J. R. Cartwright; Jefferson, W. H. Roy. Delegations from other districts will present the names of their candidates at the meeting tomorrow morning.

Reports of the most encouraging nature have just been received from California which are to the effect that the articles of incorporation are drawn up and signed and will be filed with the secretary of state, at Sacramento this intended to keep faith with the people being placed in the field to secure membership and he will be kept constantly at work until practically all of the growers have signed up. A letter from George Hewlett carries very flattering news and indicates that the state will be thoroughly organized and ready for business on or before May 1st of this year.

Members of Company M To Hold Annual Reunion At Woodburn, March 27
Members of Company M, Second Oregon U. S. V., of such of them that survive and can be in attendance, are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the second annual reunion and celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Malahon, which is scheduled to take place at Woodburn on Saturday night, March 27. Every effort is being put forth by Colonel J. M. Poorman, who was captain of M company of the Oregon volunteers in the Philippines, to locate as many of the members of the old company as possible, and no expense will be saved to make it a big success.

NEW SALARY SCHEDULE IS ADOPTED BY BOARD

Principals Salaries For Outside Schools Reduced Under New Schedule—Annual Increase Only \$645 On Payroll Exclusive of Janitors and Teachers For New School—New Requirements—Reward For Service

After threshing the matter out at four long drawn-out special meetings, the Salem school board finally "took the bit in its teeth" and adopted a schedule of salaries for the teachers of the public schools, which will take effect at the beginning of the fall term of school, at last night's meeting. In the main there are no substantial increases, except in cases of experienced teachers, who have been drawing salaries below the minimum of the new schedule, and there are no decreases in salaries.

All told, the new schedule will cost the district approximately \$645 more on the annual payroll than under the present system, or rather, lack of system, of salaries, and it does not include the salaries of janitors, which are left the same, or \$60 per month for schools of eight rooms, with an allowance of \$2.50 extra per room in excess of eight. This excess allowance will affect the janitor of the East school only, whose salary under the new schedule will be \$70 per month. Neither does it include salaries of teachers for the new grade South Salem school.

The schedule for principals was fixed at \$95, \$100 and \$105, for first, second and third years, respectively, in spite of the effort of City Superintendent Elliott, who made a heroic endeavor to maintain the schedule as it now stands, \$100, \$105 and \$110, and he was supported in his contention by Chairman Miles. It was, however, reduced \$5 by the majority of the board under the protest of Chairman Miles.

In some cases teachers are receiving salaries in their respective classes above the minimum and in other salaries are being paid below the minimum, but the new schedule is not retroactive in its effect and the schedule taken in conjunction with the new standard of qualifications, which are:

Diamond Brooch Worth Ten Thousand Stolen
San Francisco, March 19.—Mrs. Charles Templeton Crocker, San Francisco society leader, reported to the police today that a diamond brooch, worth \$10,000, had disappeared while she was witnessing the polo game at the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds Tuesday. It is not known whether the jewel was stolen, but Chief of Police White has issued orders to the detectives to redouble their vigilance against thieves who might be attracted by the prospect of robbing wealthy people at the polo games. It is pointed out that jewels worth a king's ransom have been displayed by the women who have attended the game so far.

SWINDLERS ARRESTED.
San Francisco, March 19.—J. A. Dale, realty dealer, and H. P. Tracy, watchmaker of Grants Pass, Oregon, are under arrest here today on charge of using the mails to defraud. They are accused of using the "dead man's swindle" game. Pack ages were sent e. s. d. to relatives of men recently deceased, the defrauded, say, and money collected on worthless material.

Faithful Service Rewarded.
Under a special dispensation, adopted in connection with the new requirements, some of the teachers in the elementary grades who have been serving the district for a number of years without increase in salaries, were granted a premium or reward for service, which effects five old teachers, and amounts to a monthly increase on the payroll of \$30. Miss Bertha Byrd receives an advance of \$10 per month under the reward for service rule, which other teachers who have been serving the district for a great many years, ranging from 12 to 31 years, have been promoted to higher positions, and do not receive the service rewards under the new schedule.

The reward for service rule, as adopted, reads: "Any teacher in the Salem elementary schools after having reached the maximum salary as per the adopted schedule, and after having served a period of five years, thereafter shall receive an increase of \$5 per month; provided, that during that five years he has spent at least one summer term in advanced study in some approved normal school or university. A like increase will be given for a second and third period of five years' successful teaching and advanced study. In no case shall the maximum salary thus secured be more than \$15 more than the regular maximum."

Heads of Departments Defined.
An advance above the scale for regular teachers was granted to heads of departments in the senior high school.

Salem Debating Team To Meet Albany Tonight
The Salem High school debating team left for Albany this afternoon to meet the Albany High school debaters tonight. Salem will take the negative side of the question, "Resolved that the Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads". The Salem team consists of Lytle Bartholomew and Victor Braden and they are opposed by David Wieder and Margaret Gibson.

Leader of English Suffragettes Now Supports Government
(By William Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, March 19.—Conquest of the world by imperial Germany and "Germanization" of women, would deal a heavy blow to civilization, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant suffrage leader, declared today in an interview with the United Press.

other hand, a conquest of Germany by the allies would mean not only the liberation of civilization, but the liberation of German men and women from German ideas.

CURIOUS CROWD IS WAITING FOR COOK AS TRAIN ARRIVES

Sheriff Esch, Harry Minto and Prisoner Greeted by Throng At Depot

With 500 people crowding all available space in front of the Oregon Electric depot, Sheriff William Esch and Harry Minto, warden of the penitentiary, arrived this morning at 10 o'clock returning A. B. Cook from Brooklyn to answer a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Cook stepped from the train with a jaunty smile on his face which he wore despite the jibes of the crowd and familiar greetings of old friends. He spoke pleasantly to a number of former acquaintances and carried his suitcase air to the sheriff's office, where the door was immediately locked to bar out the curious crowd.

Inside the office, however, when the prisoner's hand was released from the handcuff which chained him to his suitcase, when the searching of his person was completed and the huge bunch of cell keys rattled, Cook's face lost all of its careless expression, and a sallow-faced, disconcerted man paced down the stairs to the jail to be locked up in the city where he once paraded the streets as one of the foremost citizens.

Cook told the sheriff he would plead guilty to the charge against him here and would not require the services of an attorney. The charge under which he is indicted is obtaining money on false pretenses and carries a sentence upon conviction of from one to five years in the penitentiary. Cook will be charged with forgery, in addition, according to District Attorney Ringo, who alleges that Cook forged two drafts for \$500 on a Chicago bank. This charge was not pressed before the session of the grand jury which indicted.

The Weather
Oregon: Fair to night and Saturday; frost in exposed places to night; northerly winds.

EIGHT HOUR RULE GOVERNS ALL LABOR ON INTERSTATE BRIDGE

According to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown, in response to a request from Multnomah county officials having charge of the letting of contracts for the construction of the interstate bridge across the Columbia river at Vancouver, all contracts entered into for the construction of the bridge with any company or contractor, through the agency of consultants, a provision that all labor performed in connection with the fulfillment of the contract has been employed under the state 8-hour law or rule.

Allied Fleets Find Dardanelles Passage Hard to Accomplish

W. T. Mason, former European manager of the United Press, New York, March 19.—The necessity for a serious and persistent cooperation with the allied fleetship bombardment of the Dardanelles, is being emphasized in London.

Bride of Few Months Left Explanatory Note

LaPine, Ore., March 19.—Authorities here today made public a note found clutched in the dead hand of Mrs. J. H. Wenandy when her body was discovered by a chauffeur yesterday. The note asks that her body be cremated and that the ashes be spread on the front lawn.

Mrs. Wenandy, who was a bride of a few months, drank poison after telephoning her husband in Portland when he had reproved her for courtship the long distance toll expense. The note said she was without funds and that her husband had proved faithless.

How strong a land force the allies can employ in the Dardanelles operations is a difficult question. They need every available man in France and Flanders if an attempt is to be made to drive the Germans back to the frontier. The dangers, therefore, if economic aid is made, is that too few men to subdue the Turks will be sent.