

MOMENTOUS PLANS ON FOOT TO GIVE AMERICA RUSSIA'S TRADE; MONOPOLY ONCE ENJOYED BY GERMANY TO BE OFFERED U. S.



Section of the port of Odessa, a new door in Russia to American goods; railway station at Riga, Russia's gateway to Baltic; D. R. Francis, new American ambassador to Russia.

Petrograd, Mar. 11.—(Special)—It has not been announced officially that a Baltic port of Russia is to be made a new bonded warehouse or free harbor district, copied after Hamburg and intended to supersede Hamburg, to give Germany's before the war quasi-monopoly trade to others.

It has not been announced officially that Russia plans to make Odessa such another free harbor district, where Americans can leave their goods indefinitely, and even set up factories, all in bond, free from formalities, to finish off, put together, etc., a kind of no man's land on the threshold of big business.

It has not been announced officially that Constantinople is to be the Golden Gate of east and west, where American firms will be invited to set up their receiving and directing offices and enjoy notable facilities for a yet vaster trade.

Such things are not announced officially in the midst of war, but those who prepare to act on them will have reason to thank their foresight.

Russia is determined to throw off permanently the quasi-monopoly of

supplying her people with all kinds of merchandise which Germany enjoyed before the war—and give it to America. The establishment of free ports in the Black sea and the Baltic will go a long way in this direction.

You ask, why America? What about her allies, France, England and Italy? The answer is that Americans have the goods, and the sea to fill is greater than great Russia, where German profits were simply enormous. Americans do not realize the markets Germany monopolized. In Russia it was part due to favorable tariff rates which Germany extorted after the Russo-Japanese war and which will never be renewed. Much, however, was due to Germany's way of laying hands on other people's business.

Speaking of the opportunities of American business men in Russia, an American who has carried on a successful trade here for many years declares:

"True success can be obtained only by establishing branch houses, with men in charge to stage and get the bulk of the business. The agent who

has a number of other things to sell or even the American manufacturer's own representative sent out on a hasty trip to pick up trade will only skim the ground.

"For war orders, I admit that we may be able to sit at ease and export shipment f. o. b. an American port, money deposited in an American bank in advance; but it won't do for the grand trade, any more than our old American tendency to insist on our own methods of packing and shipping the merchandise itself. These are details which count. If the Germans observed them, we can."

As a mitigation, he points out that all goods shipped to Russian merchants are habitually delivered "enfranco," freight and duty paid by the purchaser. As to the tariff, it was never a hindrance and the coming free harbor, initiated from Hamburg, will afford great facilities for Americans—exporting, as they do from a great distance. In them large stocks of goods can be carried free of duty, ready to fill orders either for Russia or adjoining territory.

Prize American Frock and Prettiest Chicago Girl on "Fashion Special" Sunday

Chicago, Mar. 11.—When the James A. Pugh special fashion train pulls out of Chicago tomorrow for a swing through Illinois it will carry the six prettiest girls in the city and one hundred gowns that have been pronounced the last word in fashion, while two movie companies will snap the six rare train as it leaves.

More than 200 girls applied for positions as models and more than 500 dressmakers competed for the \$1,000 prize offered by Mr. Pugh for the gown which is expected to demonstrate that Chicago can be made the fashion center of the United States.

United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. William Hale Thompson, wife of Chicago's mayor, and Miss Mona Dunne, daughter of Gov. Dunne, will have a job on their hands here in the morning picking Chicago's prettiest girl out of the levy of lake city beauties.

The lucky one will wear the thousand-dollar prize gown on Pugh's fashion special. The fashion train is the mail-order merchant and speedboat king's contribution to the propaganda to win Chicago the style dictatorship of America.

Entrants in the contest to make the gown which will win the prize range from leading modistes of the city to modest dressmakers in small towns.

The girls will live on the train while on the swing about the state and will leave it only long enough to go to the opera houses in the various towns where the display will be made. The smaller towns of the state will not be neglected. They will receive just as much attention as the cities. Here is the itinerary tentatively completed:

March 14, 15, Gibson or Pontiac; 15, 16, Fairbury; 17, 18, Gibson, Courier, Enterprise; 20, 21, Marion; 22, 23, Met, Vernon; 24, 25, Alton; 27, 28, Fairfield; 29, 30, Olin; 31, April 1, Effingham; 3, 4, Vandalia; 5, 6, Taylorville; 7, 8, Beardstown; 10, 11, Cuba; 12, 13, Macina; 14, 15, Delevan; 17, 18, Clinton; 19, 20, Sullivan; 21, 22, Watseka.

"The war has cut off French gowns and besides Americans have gone to France too long for their clothing," said Mr. Pugh. "It is intended to show Americans what can be done at home and to make Chicago the fashion center of the United States."

March 11, instead of the evening as heretofore.

Harry Downing was seen at the H. Senz home Wednesday.

R. P. Lambert called at Nick Endor's of Jorina Thursday.

Several of the young people attended the play at Blue Den Thursday.

Linn Lambert was a Saturday visitor at G. H. Ray's.

H. R. Shank called at the H. Shank home Sunday.

Elmer Ray spent Thursday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Don McKnight, of Seio.

A certain young man of this vicinity has recently rented a large tract of real estate, we wonder what the meaning of all this is, of course a "tin can party will answer for all curious thoughts."—Stanton Mail.

Report of the School Librarian for February

Table with columns for High School, Junior High Schools, and Story Hour at Public Library, listing various statistics like number of books, attendance, and repairs.

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WILLAMETTE NOTES

The next number of the Willamette faculty lecture course to the public of Salem will occur on Monday evening, March 13 in the chapel of Waller Hall.

At which time Prof. John O. Hall will speak on the great man of drama, "Ibsen."

Prof. Hall will give not only an interpretation of Ibsen as he is viewed in America, but also the opinion of European critics, for Prof. Hall has traveled and studied considerably in Europe.

Brook Brothers have a large photo of the Danish dramatist Ibsen, in their display window on State street. To those who are interested in modern sociological conditions, as interpreted by the dramatic pen, the lecture by Prof. Hall will be extremely interesting as he treats his subjects in such an intensely humanistic manner that having once heard his lecture no one would miss the opportunity to hear him the second time.

The Philodorian society are giving a party to their sister society the Philodolians in the Philo halls this evening. For the last day or so committees have been busily engaged preparing Oregon grape and ferns for decoration purposes, so it is probable that the affair will be quite an event in social circles.

The senior class has decided to present to the university as their gift this June a sun dial. This will be in keeping with the gift of last year's class, namely, the brick pillars at the entrance to Eaton Hall. The sun dial will be placed midway between Eaton hall and the entrance on State street. The cement walk will be built around it and torn up if the spot where it is to be placed.

It has not been definitely decided what to use as a base, two suggestions are offered, either a marble or granite pillar, or a large glazed boulder. The former will perhaps be decided upon.

The seniors will appear in caps and gowns next week; this will be their first appearance since they left their preparatory school for the past week putting out rows in heels and high-collars. These will give the campus a distinctly Salem air, as so many of Salem's most beautiful grounds are adorned with beautiful roses during the summer. A long hedge is being set out between Eaton and Waller halls. Perhaps it will not be long before the slogan used by the Portland Rose Festival committee can be altered to say "For you a rose at Willamette grows."

Prof. M. E. Peck has recently had two large specimen cases made for his laboratory, they are in oak finish and are very handsome. The professor will store his many specimens of birds in them and thus they may be kept in order. Prof. Peck is constantly adding to his collection of mounted birds and he has practically all of the common birds of the Willamette valley and Oregon. His class in ornithology study first the specimens and their field trip are made and the students are required to study the bird in its natural conditions, telling of its habits and a general description of its environment.

Prof. Peck has also been considerably gratified in the last few days by having his two last pets returned. No they are not cats from the back alley, but two pretty little guinea pigs, that have been roaming about the corridors of Eaton Hall.

The faculty committee who have charge of preparing an index of Willamette graduates are still at work. A questionnaire was mailed to every known alumnus asking him to reply to the questions. The answers are coming in slowly and consequently the work is slow in preparing the "Who's Who in Willamette."

President of the Student Body, Howard E. Jewett, has just finished the working out of his new requisition system and states it will go into effect March 15. This will mean much to the business men of Salem in that it will protect them from being any accounts with the various organizations or classes who have at times in the past been a little irresponsible in paying up debts that have been incurred in the name of the organization by some individual. Hereafter no one will be authorized to purchase goods for the student body

from any merchant unless he presents a requisition blank for the articles required, and duly signed by the president of the student body.

Cards are being sent to the business men informing them of this fact, and it is hoped will place the student body on a firm business basis.

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The Ground Hog a Gay Deceiver

(By Ella McMunn.)

I believe that the ground hog is a fraud, a false prophet, a prevaricator. At least he is trying short work on us. Did he not through the newspapers, announce that we were to have six weeks of good weather, owing to the fact that he had not seen his ugly shadow on February 27? He did. But how has he kept his promise? It is true he gave us two weeks of maddening fair weather, but that was merely to dry us out so he could draw us all over again.

How the old sinner must have chuckled in his front paw when he saw the little birds hunting straws and pecking at the cloverline for a bit of fat with which to line their nests, and knowing what he had up his sleeve, how joy must have coursed through his wicked heart when he saw us planting our garden seeds. They were good government seeds, too, from Washington—two weeks' salary for being what we are politically. There were peas, and two kinds of lettuce and radishes and beets, but no carrots. Last year there were carrots, but of course, with the war on you don't get as much for being a democrat or republican as you used to.

The seeds are such a help in deciding which you want to be. Now if you want grass seed this year you have to be a democrat, and if you want vegetables you have to be a republican. I don't know how you get flower seeds—maybe by being a prohibitionist or anarchist.

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The Farmers' Union is trying to buy the old store building for a warehouse and hall. If they and the owner cannot agree on terms they will build a suitable building.

The boys of the high school raised by subscription money enough to build a stage in the old store building which

Mr. Nipple, agent here for the W. V. I. Land company donated for their entertainments. They now have a stage 20 by 13 on which to present their plays and programs. They will give "The Freshman" next Friday night.

Miss Thelma Hoff visited over Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. M. Fairchild.

Milton Wetherby is quite sick. Dr. Beauchamp visited him Monday.—Stanton Mail.

STANTON NEWS

Dr. Brewer reports a son born to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Urban, of this city, Monday, March 6, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell, of Sublimity, on Tuesday, March 7.

J. W. Hewitt and family and Joka Lake visited at the Sam Lake home over Monday Sunday. Mr. Lake is seriously ill.

Charles Anderson, of Dayton, Wash., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson, a few days the first of the week. He was on his way to Astoria where he expects to live. His family will follow as soon as he locates.

J. W. Hixon, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Salem hospital last Friday is reported to be getting along nicely. His wife and his mother, Mrs. J. C. Mayo, of Spokane, were with him at the time. Dr. Byrd of Seaside and Beauchamp, of Stanton, performed the operation.

Ed Young, accompanied by his brother, Dan, arrived home from Moscow, Idaho, Saturday. Mr. Young left for that place over three weeks ago upon receipt of news of his brother's illness. He was delayed on his trip out, encountering two snow slides and a wash-out. The brother is reported to be in better health, and will make his home in Stanton for some time.

Mrs. John Thoms entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Marie Frank Wednesday, March 1. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess about 11:30. Those enjoying the evening were: Misses Jean Van Haulde, Albert Neilling, John Kerber, D. M. Dull and the Misses Leona and Marie Frank, Rosie and Mary Beck, Elsie Lambrecht, Mamie Flecker, Mary Lulay, Marian Alexander, Hilda Reinger, Helen Staab, Ross and Angeline Kinta, Clara and Anna Spaniol and Marie Henkel.—Mail.

HE'S ONLY QUAKER IN U. S. CONGRESS



Charles Bateman Timberlake.

Congressman Charles Bateman Timberlake is a Quaker and he doesn't come from the state of William Penn, either. He is from Colorado and beside being a Quaker is a big farmer and ranchman.

HORSE SALE GREAT SUCCESS

The eleventh annual horse sale, held by the Woodburn farmers under the management of D. M. Battefille, on Saturday, was a great success and could have been made doubly so if more of the right kind of stock had been put up for sale. As it was, over two thousand dollars worth of horses were sold, the heavy stock bringing fancy prices, selling from \$200 to \$250, while the small scrub stock sold from \$20 to \$50.

This sale demonstrated the fact that there is a good demand for large stock weighing from 1,500 to 1,800 pounds and Manager Battefille when thanking the farmers for their attendance and cooperation urged them to raise more and more of the strong, malleable, good-boned type of horses, because

this type of horse was scarce all over the world and there would be an increasing demand from year to year.—Independent.

STATE NEWS

Albany Democrat: A peculiar incident happens along the Corvallis and Eastern between Albany and the San Juan, reported by Engineer Rooker Willis, the engineer of the Detroit train. Out near the brick yard, when the train passes it is jolted by a carrier pigeon every morning. The pigeon flies along close to the smoke stack until the man on the bridge, and of course, returns home for the next morning it is again on hand ready for another flight.

Medford Mail: W. W. Harmon, former Jackson county road master and afterward engineer for the Grants Pass municipal railroad, has been appointed engineer for the Oregon-Etnah Sugar company at Grants Pass, and will have charge of locating the proposed sugar factory on a 35-acre tract at South Grants Pass. Ground for the factory was broken Monday for the benefit of the moving picture films.

Rogue River Courier: The old saying that gold is where you find it is proven true in southern Oregon about every day. J. R. Reynolds came in from Birdseye creek this morning, and has been exhibiting some of the richest samples of gold-bearing quartz ever taken from the ground. The find was made only half a mile up the creek, and near the traveled highway, in one of the most accessible places in the country. It was discovered by Messrs. Reynolds and Swacker about four weeks ago, the trace having been followed up by the panning method until a stranger was found.

Coal was first noted in the Coos Bay region, Oregon, about 60 years ago. Professor J. S. Newberry having reported in 1855 that the coal deposits of Coos Bay had begun to attract attention. The first cargo was shipped from the Empire Basin, but the discovery of coal near the head of Coos Bay soon transformed the point of production, which remained the principal mine until within the last decade, since the Beaver Hill mine has been more successfully managed and became the chief producer. The first record of coal production is contained in the census report of 1850, when 45,205 short tons were mined.

Independence Monitor: Hop men are getting busy. They have all gone to their respective yards, and begun to get ready for this year's crop. Work done at this time of year is just as im-

portant as training, spraying or picking. A hop yard after a crop has been picked looks like the "last row of summer." It is to be cleaned up, poles and wires fixed, and numerous other adjustments made before it is ready for another crop, and growers in this section being the best and most successful in the world, are up and doing. They have donated their old clothes and if not actually doing the work themselves, are keeping a very close watch on the fellow who is.

Medford Sun: Screen Superintendent Sundry received the first of the Albion fish screens Monday and is installing it in the Hongelands ditch, just below Phoenix. The screen is seven feet nine inches long, three feet six inches high, weighs 682 pounds, and made in the state penitentiary.

Albany Democrat: Oregon is full of material for drugs, now commanding good prices. It suggests a big field for men wanting a source of profit, as a man in Clackamas county is making \$4000 a year from ginseng alone. Several years ago Dr. Hill, of this city, made out a list of Oregon's drug herbs, which would be of value at this time.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Harold Townes, of Portland, spent the week-end visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Townes.

Frank Hasbeman and wife were week-end visitors at Munkers.

Tony Schneider called at G. H. Ray's Sunday evening.

The Farmers' Union will hold their next meeting Saturday afternoon.