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LABOR EXPECTED DEMANDS, LEADING SUBJECT IN LONDON

Will Consent to Draft It Is Believed But Will Demand Concessions

By Lowell Mellett (United Press Staff Correspondent) London, Dec. 26.—Labor's expected demands from the government when leaders meet Premier Lloyd-George, Minister of National Service A. C. Geddes, and others on Friday, was the biggest question before Britain today.

The government has intimated it will ask further concessions from British unionists, permitting heavy new drafts from its members to supply man power to the army. The laborites have intimated they will accede to such a request, but it was not anticipated today they would abandon their safeguards against drafting without a counter-bargain.

Strong sentiment was noted that the opportunity would be utilized to obtain the government's adherence to the principal points in labor's announced war aims—including not an idea of a league of nations and no economic war after the war, but frank and complete renunciation of any support by Great Britain of imperialistic aims. Labor suspects certain of the allies entertain these imperialistic aims.

There was growing belief today that labor might urge also H. G. Wells' suggestion that unionism demand Sid Edward Carson's expulsion from the ministry as one who had gone over under the pressure of British torism. Considerable sentiment was developed against the member of the war cabinet.

Home rule leaders, however, were disposed to insist only on domestic concessions from the government—particularly as to food supplying. Many unionists are urging that now is the time to extend the co-operative societies system over the whole country, equalizing distributions, ending profiteering and preventing waste. The recent unprecedented growth of queues of people waiting in line for supplies was regarded as insuring success of this demand.

A Platinum "Fake" Exposed in Oregon

The present shortage of platinum and the consequent greatly increased prices of the metal bid fair to result in a considerable increase in the domestic production of platinum during the coming year. At the same time, while legitimate miners are increasing their production and to some extent relieving the country's shortage, other persons are using the interest aroused by the present nationwide search for the metal to make extravagant claims for utterly worthless deposits, and some honest prospectors are led by false assays, made by inefficient or venal assayers, to believe mistakenly that they have valuable platinum deposits. Reports of platinum in some mythical combination—"volatilit platinum" or colloidal platinum"—should be regarded as sufficient evidence of the incompetence or dishonesty of the assayer.

During the season of 1917 the geologists of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, spent most time in visiting platinum deposits that proved to be worthless. A notable example is seen in the supposed platinumiferous sands of the Deschutes river, near Terrebonne, Oregon, which were examined by H. G. Ferguson in October, 1917. Claims have been staked for several miles along Deschutes and Crooked rivers, and as certain volcanic sands along these rivers had been said to contain large percentages of gold and rare metals, particularly platinum of the platinum group, Mr. Ferguson visited the localities at which the sands were obtained and took samples for test and analysis.

The material collected, which is exposed in the canyon of the Deschutes river north of Low Bridge in section 15, T. 14 S., R. 12 E., consists of loosely cemented dark volcanic sand and conglomerate interbedded with basalt and volcanic tuff. The black basaltic sand is supposed to have the richest content of gold and platinum, but neither in passing the material in the field nor in the laboratory tests made by the Geological Survey could any trace of platinum or other metals of the platinum group be found. Neither was any gold found in the concentrates, and it is concluded that material of this type is very unlikely to contain workable amounts of gold.

In conclusion, the Geological Survey desires to warn prospectors and investors against accepting at their face value any statements in regard to platinum-bearing ores and sands that do not show native platinum when passed. Such material should always be sent to assayers whose reputation is above reproach.

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TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS

Chicago.—Tore Lindburg, selective, didn't know just who said, "Who is that big stiff in the uniform?" so he cleaned out the whole bunch in Gus Bjork's saloon. Six of the 25 received first aid at a hospital.

Gibson, Ind.—A carload of turtles, en route east, refused meat and grain foods. Railroad employes turned 'em loose to forage for themselves. Bilson residents are about fed up on turtle soup.

Cleveland, Ohio.—A thousand dollar pearl was F. Mulford's Christmas present. He found it while eating oysters.

New York.—Employment conditions in New York are so satisfactory that one of the city's most famous winter institutions—the Bowery bread line has been abolished.

New York.—Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel company, announced he will ride in day coaches or ordinary Pullmans hereafter for the duration of the war. His private car has been abandoned.

Dallas, Texas.—Ford Whiteside, architect, started a subscription today to buy Kaiser Bill crucifixes for next Christmas. "In a year he'll need 'em," Whiteside prophesied.

Dallas, Texas.—After turkeying and cranberrying more than two thousand soldiers yesterday, Dallas people today invited them back for turkey hash tomorrow.

San Francisco.—When Milton Gale was threatened with arrest he imagined himself a fountain pen and drank a bottle of ink in a suicide attempt. As in many fountain pens the ink didn't work.

President Working To Get Responsibility Fixed On One Person

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Wilson is moving further to co-ordinate the war government. Steps already have been taken to eliminate government red tape.

Secretary Baker's creation of a "war council" is expected to supplant much work now done by different divisions of the national defense council.

Establishment of a munitions chief to supervise, purchase and distribute guns, munitions, food and clothing for the army will probably absorb the best part of the munitions board, placing over it executive authority now lacking, officials say.

Colonel House, chairman of the American commission to the recent allied conference in France is here conferring with the president today. It is understood his visit is connected with government plans to simplify its working organization further after patterns learned from experience by England and France.

Congress will doubtless demand a readjustment in the war department, but Secretary Baker is expected to accomplish much of this even before the military probe committee reports.

State House News

City of Jefferson makes application for relief from Warning signs statute, on certain streets and highways.

H. S. Yolan, Lacombe, Oregon, presents claim against the Southern Pacific company for \$2.50. Mr. Yolan alleges mill feed was shipped from West Bend and freight paid from that point; that he hired a man and team to haul feed from Brewster to his place; that mill feed was not there and he again was forced to hire a man at \$2.50 to go after mill feed; alleges neglect on part of railroad account of feed not being delivered when it should have been and asks for payment of claim of \$2.50 by railroad company.

City of Salem files complaint against Southern Pacific company for opening of 19th Street crossing across the Geer branch; City desires crossing to be restored for benefit of property and industrial enterprises located on south side of Geer branch, and asks appointment of cost of opening such crossing.

Lloyd L. Crocker, Portland, Ore., makes informal complaint against Portland Central heating company requesting discontinuance of heating service.

Want Train to Stop. Residents of Wilbur and vicinity, and patrons of the Southern Pacific railway, either as shippers or passengers, or both, ask your honorable body to require train No. 13, due at Wilbur at 1:43 p. m., to stop on a flag signal at Wilbur. At present it does not stop, and the refusal of the company to do so is causing a great deal of inconvenience to us. Shipments which we desire to make by express are delayed, and we are denied the chance to go into Roseburg to transact any business in the evening, thus causing us to lose almost a whole day by having to wait for the morning train. The complaint is signed by 66 petitioners.

JUST A PAC KOP LIES. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 26.—"They're nothing but a pack of lies," was the denunciation of William Hood, I. W. W. leader and alleged dynamiter of the governor's mansion, to statements that he was the ringleader of an I. W. W. plot to destroy industries in Sacramento. "I'll be able to prove my innocence when the time comes," he said. It is likely that the forty-two I. W. W.s arrested in the raid of the I. W. W. hall will be released as they cannot be connected with the alleged dynamite plot.

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DESPERATE EFFORT (Continued from page one)

were answered by Italian machine gun fire.

British Reprisals Begin London, Dec. 26.—Monday's British air raid on the German city of Mannheim was the first instance of an extra reprisal policy for Hun air murders over England, according to an announcement today.

It was the first air raid carried out by British flyers which did not aim at purely military objectives. All London newspapers expressed satisfaction at the actual carrying out of the policy of "eye for eye and tooth for tooth," reprisal announced by Premier Lloyd-George in October and December 14 and reiterated by Lord Rothermere, British air minister, at his Gray's Inn speech.

The German Version Berlin, via London, Dec. 26.—Violent enemy counter attacks in the neighborhood of Coldelroze and at neighboring heights broke down with heavy losses to the attacking forces, today's German official statement said.

Ask Recognition Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Finland has asked Germany to recognize her independence, according to reports which reached here today from Brest Litovsk.

Nothing Special London, Dec. 26.—"Nothing special," was Field Marshal Haig's report from the British front today.

Asks for Delay Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Germany has asked postponement of peace negotiations until January 24, according to semi-official announcement here today.

Regained Ground Lost. Rome, Dec. 26.—Recapture of ground from the Teutons at Coldelroze and Monte Valbella, but failure to hold the gains in the face of counter attacks, was reported in today's official statement.

On the Asago plateau," the statement said, "the struggle commenced yesterday morning at dawn, the enemy concentrating his efforts at the extreme right between Coldelroze and Valfreuzellanne. Our front held and the

enemy was unable to advance beyond the Sasso habitations."



SCENE FROM "MAN OF THE HOUR" THE OPENING PLAY OF THE SNEDEKER COMPANY WHICH OPENS A TWO DAY ENGAGEMENT AT THE BLIGH THURS DAY.

Mr. Bligh, of the Bligh, announces a special attraction for his theater, beginning Thursday night. He has secured the popular Snedeker Company of seven to appear here in short versions of famous plays. The company is a good one, carrying all their own special scenery and seven recognized artists, in addition to the play vander-ville will be introduced between the acts, doing away with the usual tire-some waits. Pictures will also be shown making a mighty big program at regular prices. The opening play will be Geo. Broadhurst's "Man of the Hour," playing time will be one hour and thirty minutes.

TILLAMOOK COMPANY OFFERS ITS SPRUCE

130,000,000 Million Feet Offered Government For Its Airplanes

About 130,000,000 feet of standing spruce timber in Tillamook county has been offered the government by the Whitney Timber company for manufacture into war airplanes.

This information reached Colonel Bruce P. Disque of the United States signal corps yesterday by telegram from Captain Russel Hawkins, who attended a meeting of the board of directors of the company Saturday.

Your bulletin concerning rived and split spruce was discussed and it was unanimously decided to offer the spruce production division of the signal corps the spruce that will produce aircraft lumber. The spruce offered by the company is situated upon 75,000 acres of land in the neighborhood of Fawcett, Simons and Killiam creek in Tillamook county.

Wants Well Selected Trees. The company asks the privilege of having the particular trees needed at this time by the government intelligently selected and marked by its representatives and that care be exercised in handling the tops and limbs and affording consequent to the operation of splitting that the other timber on the tract will not be in danger of fire.

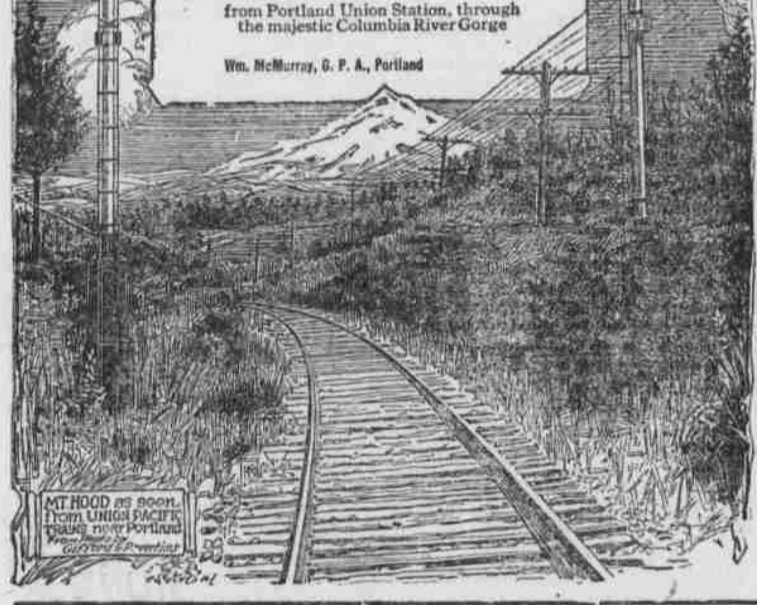
That other big timber concerns are responding to the rived spruce program of the signal corps is shown by letters in which they pledge their support in every possible way.

Assurance of cooperation and suggestions as to the most favorable methods for obtaining rived spruce were received from the Weyerhaeuser Timber company of Tacoma.

Good Man Selected. Addressed to Colonel Disque the letter said, in part:

"We have selected a man to look after this work for us, who is quite familiar with forest work and fire protection.

"The man selected to look after this work is well acquainted with all of the spruce regions of Pacific and Gray's timber counties, and I think we can be of a vast amount of assistance to your propaganda by picking out localities where men can work and get this class of material, and of course, aside from this means of getting stock, we are perfectly willing at the present time, to sell spruce stumps to loggers and millmen wherever they can get hold of it, and at the prices that have been recommended by the government.



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Funny Girl and Clever Cat Close Pals in Mack Sennett Comedies



TWO STARS AND PALS OF MACK SENNETT COMEDIES. Louise Fazenda and "Pep" are screen rivals, but good friends for all that. They share stellar honors in a forthcoming Mack Sennett Comedy.

The jealousies of the theater world are proverbial, but there are two comedians who have an inseparable and unalterable affection for each other—they are Louise Fazenda and Pepper, the famous comedy cat. Both, strange to say, are under regular contracts with the Mack Sennett comedies.

Miss Fazenda is one of the most famous comediennes in the movies and Pepper is without question the most famous cat. Pep is more like a dog than a cat. He can be taught to do anything. The only trouble with Pep is that when he gets tired of acting he departs from the scene with one tiger-like bound and is seen no more that day.

He is a little peevish at Miss Fazenda just at present because she directed a scene the other day in which he had to come on with fly paper on his feet.