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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 25.

Warder of Two Continents

A year ago the British Columbia Conservatives elected Sir Richard McBride and called Hon. W. J. Bowser to the premiership. They would not hear of appealing to the people upon the proposal to loan \$7,000,000 to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. It was suggested that the federal government might advance the money, but a pilgrimage to Ottawa proved fruitless. Sir Richard went overseas, and Premier Bowser ruled in his stead.

As a surprise, therefore, comes the announcement that the Bowser Government had decided to loan \$6,000,000 to this same Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company. The company is building a line to connect the Grand Trunk Pacific with Vancouver. It has been completed from Vancouver to Clinton and the \$6,000,000 loan is for construction work between Clinton and Prince George where it joins the Grand Trunk Pacific. Later on it may push into the Peace River country, but the loan about to be made by the British Columbia Government simply provides for the completion of the road to Prince George.

The owners of the road are said to be Foley, Welsh and Stewart, the big railway contractors who built most of the National Transcontinental east and west of Winnipeg and a great deal of the Canadian Northern. They certainly demonstrated that it is better to build a railroad than to own it. Why then did they undertake to construct a railroad of their own from Vancouver to Prince George? Is it not fair to surmise that it is being built for the Grand Trunk Pacific?

Meanwhile whoever owns the road, or whatever their purpose in building it, the company is giving all the security it can to the province for the new loan. The enterprise is to be mortgaged, 49 per cent. of the common stock is to be hypothecated and the anticipated Dominion subsidy of \$12,000,000 of common stock as a bonus for the loan.

Today the Grand Trunk Pacific arrives at the coast 500 miles north of Vancouver. It must depend upon the Pacific and Great Eastern to get into Vancouver. But if the Grand Trunk Pacific really owns the road to the East, it must be evident that the latter will be absorbed with the former in the nationalization that cannot be long deferred. Perhaps it is this certainty which makes the province of British Columbia now willing to take chances from which it shrank a year ago and which makes the owners of the road anxious to go ahead as soon as possible with construction.

Whether as a matter of national policy the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern, which run side by side from Edmonton to the summit of the mountains, are justified in having two separate entrances to Vancouver we need not decide. The Pacific and Great Eastern is well under way and will no doubt be completed. Vancouver apparently will remain the entrepot of British Columbia for many years to come and the terminus of all three transcontinentals. Victoria and Prince Rupert will have their places, but Vancouver will be the Pulse of Canada.

European immigration, after the war, will come via the Panama Canal largely to the Pacific coast. There is a great future for all the states and provinces west of the mountains. Vancouver as the gateway between the ocean and the interior will be one of the great ports of the world and British Columbia some day, may have more people than are now found in all Canada. Vancouver, like San Francisco, is destined to become the "warder of two continents."

Stealing Germany's Business

One of the good features of the war is the independence which is being thrust upon various nations outside as well as among the belligerents. The interdependence which was beginning to be a feature of world commerce before the war has been rudely shaken, and strangely enough, the nation which expected to gain most from the war

is suffering most severely. Postic justice does not always follow so swiftly, but the other nations are going to see that on this occasion cause and effect are going to have their perfect relationship.

Germany is losing nearly all the special industries which she had built up with such skill and expenditure of brain-power. This is especially true of the chemical industries. The United States has taken advantage of the conditions which have been thrust upon the non-combatants, and has developed to an amazing extent the manufacture of commodities for which she formerly depended entirely upon Germany. Great Britain has been doing the same thing, and from this point of view, the longer the war lasts, the better it will be for the allies and for neutrals. And this is one of the reasons why Germany is talking so earnestly about the wickedness of the allies in not wanting peace when peace would be good for Germany.

The Philadelphia Record mentions a number of chemical products, which have come down in price in recent months since American manufacturers have found it possible to overtake the demand consequent upon the cessation of German supplies. Among these to quote The Record, "Carbolic acid has dropped from \$1.10 to 70 cents a pound, antipyrine is down \$15 a pound, or about 25 per cent.; acetanilid has dropped from \$2.75 to \$1.10 a pound; salicylic acid and salicylate of soda have declined about 50 cents; aspirin has declined a little; salol is down \$1.50 a pound, and hydroquinone, photographers will be glad to hear, has declined 50 cents a pound."

Royal Marriages

It does not appear that the Germans celebrated the birthday of the Kaiser's grandmother with any degree of enthusiasm. At one time it was regarded as a matter of great diplomatic and international importance and a guarantee of peace to the nations concerned when marriages were arranged between the royal houses of Europe. All the nations of Europe practically related by marriage and most of them by blood. It has had no effect whatever upon the preservation of peace. In fact, some of the monarchs in question seem to have used their opportunities of intimacy to gain knowledge which enabled them to take advantage of their relatives. At any rate royal marriages as an antidote to war has not been a success.

When it is remembered that these royal marriages have been advanced in recent generations as a strong argument in favor of monarchical institutions the present war will be seen to have removed one of the last remaining props of the old school of monarchists. If monarchy is to continue it must be on better grounds. Great Britain has taken her own way in these matters in recent years and royal marriages have been estimated at their true value.

Germany has really made more out of the marriage market than any other country. Her princelings are settled in every country in Europe, and generally to the disadvantage of the people with whom they settle. The Kaiser was a great favorite of Queen Victoria's and he has repaid her memory with the basest ingratitude. His eldest son is certainly the most vehement hater of things British that can be found. All of which is rather childish and petty, but it is a nation is useless in its complacency anything. The true way is to work for its regeneration and improvement. Hatred only destroys.

FAMINE IN LEBANON MANY THOUSAND DEAD

Private Messages During Past Year Such as to Make Cable-gram Plausible.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Eighty thousand persons have died of starvation in Lebanon, according to a cable message received today by The Daily Mirror, a Syrian newspaper. The message was signed by St. Mark of Cairo, Egypt, a magazine writer, whose reliability is vouched for by the publishers of The Daily Mirror, although they do not profess to have any information as to the accuracy of the facts contained in the cablegram, which read:

"Famine in Lebanon. Eighty thousand dead."
It was said today in well-known Syrian circles, that private advice received for a year past were such as to make the message plausible. Food conditions in Syria has been extremely serious, as the whole territory has been cut off from communication with the rest of the world, either by land or by sea.

TO NOMINATE BRANDEIS.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The senate judiciary committee voted 10 to 8 today to report favorably to the senate the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis, to be associate justice of the supreme court. It was a strict party vote.

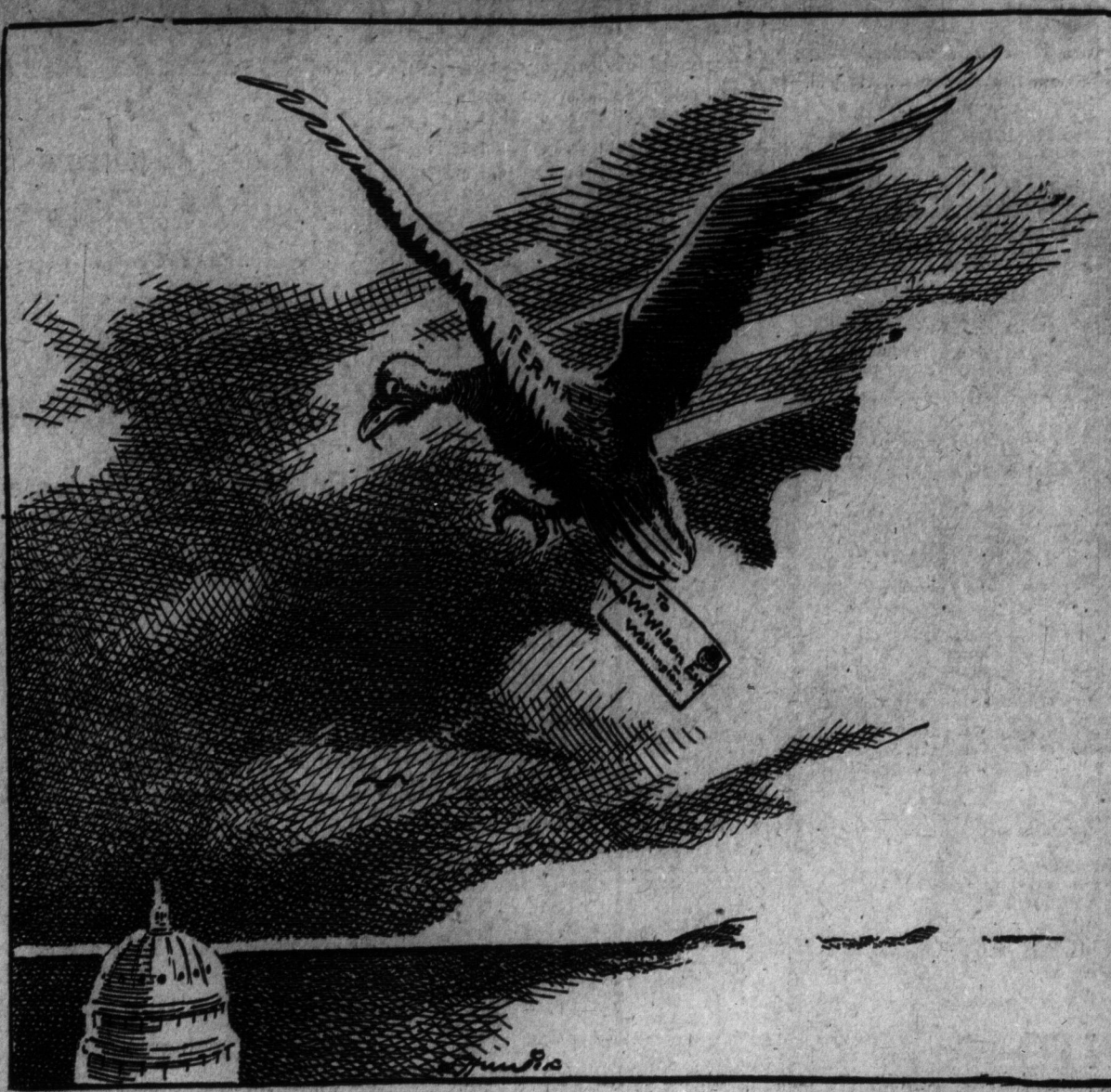
ROVERETO IN FLAMES.

PARIS, May 24.—An Italian shell has blown up the largest munitions depot at Rovereto and that town is now in flames, according to a news despatch from Rome. Several heavy guns were destroyed by the explosion.

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NEW YORK'S MAYOR MAKES SENSATION

Telephone Wire Tapping Investigation Develops in Two Distinct Directions.

CHARGES CONSPIRACY

Disclosures Checked by Refusal to Bear Testimony in Public.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The telephone wire tapping investigation today developed in two distinct directions. One invited the use of this method to obtain information regarding activities of Seymour & Seymour, attorneys, said to be interested in war munition contracts. The other had to do with the "leakage" of private telephone wires by the police to gain evidence regarding the conduct of certain Catholic charitable institutions. The investigation before the Thompson legislation committee promised further sensational today if Mayor Mitchell carried out his threat to request records of approximately 100 conversations taken down by the police over a tapped wire. The mayor, at a stormy session of this committee yesterday, made a statement for the purpose, he said, of justifying the methods of the police. He charged that certain clergy had conspired to obstruct the restoration of Serbia, a municipality, had formed a conspiracy to interfere with the city government and obstruct the administration of the law in relation to the conduct of Catholic charitable institutions. The mayor's disclosures were checked by the committee's refusal to hear his testimony at a public session and he will decide today whether he will give the full details of the telephone conversations to the committee in closed session.

Leaders Have Conspired. The mayor declared that the police evidence shows that leaders of Catholic charitable interests in New York have conspired to interfere with the legislative committee appointed by the governor to investigate state charities, to discredit the committee, to spirit persons away from its jurisdiction, to coach witnesses and to trump up testimony.

TAKEN INTO KIRKWALL.

Danish, Swedish and Norwegian Steamers are Seized. LONDON, Monday, May 22 (delayed by censorship).—The following steamers have been taken into Kirkwall: Danish liner United States, from New York for Copenhagen, and Hellig Olaf for Copenhagen for New York, with general cargoes, mails and passengers; Swedish steamer Nordland, from Boston and Gothenburg, with a general cargo; Dutch steamer Maartensdijk, from Rotterdam for New York in ballast; Norwegian steamer Knutshamm, from Newcastle for New York in ballast.

HELP ARMENIANS.

LONDON, May 24.—A Reuters despatch from Petrograd says that an Armenian conference opened there yesterday. Two hundred delegates being present. The object of the conference is to co-ordinate and regulate the efforts to help the Armenian people suffering from the war.

FOUR LOST IN FIRE.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nevada, May 24.—Four men are known to have perished in a fire raging today in the lower levels of the Yellow Jacket mine, near here. Two bodies have been recovered. The fire started last night.

—DELIVERY OF— THE MORNING WORLD

To Toronto Island was resumed on Monday, May 21. Change of address and new orders may be telephoned to Main 5308. EARLY AND PROMPT DELIVERY IS GUARANTEED. The Sunday World will be obtainable as usual every Saturday night from the efficient and obliging Sunday World carrier, F. Weinstein, edit

SERBIA'S RESTORATION GUARANTEED BY ALLIES

Prince Alexander Says in Interview That Pledge Has Been Given.

SERBS ENDURE MUCH

But Confidence in Final Triumph Has Never Been Lost.

ATHENS, May 22, via London, May 24.—(Delayed).—Prince Alexander of Serbia, regent of King Peter's landless kingdom, in an interview today said that he had assurances from all the allies that no settlement of the hardships which he and his troops had endured in their retreat thru Albania. Always, however, he returned to the one thought which fills his mind—the driving of the invaders from his country.

"I was very glad," he said, "to be able to assure myself during my visits to the capitals of the allies that our legitimate expectations have found the sincerest sympathy and will have the most efficacious aid. I was assured that the allies are and will be their determination that Serbia must be restored."

Serbia's Suffer Greatly. "While waiting for the deliverance our poor population in Serbia has suffered terribly from the cruel regime under which they now live. I will show anything new for those who know what took place in Belgium and the invaded provinces of Russia and France. What is new, however, in that business and what is worse than anything of the sort yet seen, is the application of Bulgarian methods to the part of the country they occupy. We ought to know," he added, bitterly, "for it is not the first time that we have seen it. And, mind you, it is Macedonia that is suffering the most from Bulgarian terrorism and it is precisely Macedonia that the Bulgars claim is exclusively Bulgarian."

"The fate of our civil population is what worries us most and we are trying all the time to find some way to stop this extermination of our already almost half exterminated race."

Parade of Serbs. Suddenly, as if oppressed by dwelling too long on the trials of his countrymen, the prince jumped up and said: "Come along, I am going to review some regiments and I will show you soldiers who are ready for anything, who added soberly in an undertone, "because they have lost everything."

DUBLIN PRISONERS ARE WELL TREATED

Authorities Throw Open Bars to Visitors to Dispel False Impressions.

GOOD FOOD SUPPLIED

Twenty of the Prisoners Were Given Their Release on Tuesday.

DUBLIN, May 22, via London, May 24.—By invitation of the military authorities representatives of the press today visited the detention barracks, where the prisoners taken since the outbreak are confined. The authorities emphasized a wish to dispel the belief that the prisoners were badly treated. The first procedure when the prisoners are brought in is to supply them with forms of an application for release and to impress upon them the fact that the authorities are anxious to weed out the innocent with the least possible delay. A staff of clerks is constantly employed in sifting the evidence for and against the men and deals with as many as 200 cases daily.

The work of the clerks, however, is complicated by the fact that some of the men give wrong names, using those of prominent loyalists. There are now 400 prisoners in the Irish barracks and 3600 in English prisons. The regulations for all of them are generous. They are allowed latitude in letter writing, receiving visitors, attending to their religious duties and exercising. Each man gets two blankets and as much under-clothing as he requires. The food allowance includes tea, jam, bread, margarine, bacon, cheese, a pound of beef and a pound of fresh vegetables daily.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS WEDDING.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The president and Mrs. Wilson arrived here today shortly after 1 o'clock to attend the wedding this afternoon of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the president's naval aide and physician, and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon of Washington and New York.

PEACE RUMORS IN U.S. DISCUSSED IN AUSTRIA

Disposition Shown by Newspapers to Sneer at Attitude of Wilson.

SEEKER AFTER GLORY?

Suggestion Made That President Desires Fame as Peace Initiator.

VIENNA, via Berlin, May 23, via London, May 24.—The Austrian press has given the widest publicity to various peace stories emanating from the United States. The peace stories have vied with the news from Tientsin for the most favorable position in the papers. The Neue Freie Presse denotes a two-column leader to their discredit the people, who would like to see President Wilson in the role of peace initiator, that his name and his country might be connected with the greatest event in history.

Looking to Elections. After expressing the opinion that the peace paragraph in the German note regarding the Sussex gave an impetus to the present activity, The Neue Freie Presse discusses how great an effect either a concluded peace or peace in process of being concluded would have on the presidential elections and what would be the effect of peace efforts on the part of President Wilson on the German vote. Both at the outset and at the end the paper states its position as follows:

"The statements contained in the present news from America are to be examined carefully; they must be judged neither prematurely nor with too much hope. It is of the utmost importance that we adopt a position to observe the course of the proceedings, an entirely critical position, neither believing nor rejecting too readily, so that we shall exclude none of the possibilities."

SELECTING A JURY TO TRY WILL ORPET

Considerable Difficulty Experienced With Rural Residents—City People to Be Called.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 24.—The sixteen venire summoned for examination as jurors in the case of Will H. Orpet charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, appeared in court today. Most of the 630 men examined so far have been residents of rural communities, and practically all of them have obtained their release from jury duty by professing a fixed opinion in the case. In an attempt to expedite the selection of a jury the venire has been drawn from residents of the city in the hope that they will prove less opinionated and more able to pass the requirements of the attorneys.

GREEK VESSEL TORPEDOED.

TARRAGONA, Spain, May 23, via Paris, May 24.—Twenty-one members of the crew of the Greek steamer Iktos, 1891 tons gross, have arrived here in lifeboats. They report their vessel was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine.

GERMANY HAS SPENT HUGE SUM ON WAR

New Vote Will Bring Total Appropriation to Fifty Billion Marks.

BLUSTER FROM BERLIN

Financial Leaders Said to Be Optimistic as to Outlook.

BERLIN, May 23, via London, May 24.—The credit of ten billion marks, which the reichstag will soon be asked to vote, will bring the total credits up to fifty billion marks (about \$1,500,000,000) of which \$6,000,000,000 marks (about \$9,000,000,000) have already been raised in loans. While details regarding the fifth war loan are not yet arranged, it is expected that it will be issued in September and that the rate of five per cent. will be retained, as in all previous loans. The treasury will raise the necessary funds upon treasury bills as needed in anticipation of the issue as on previous occasions. The prospects for the loan are regarded as satisfactory. The manufacturers in various branches are earning big profits and the excellent crop prospects render it probable that there will be large investments in the loan by the farming population. Financial circles regard the further course of war finance with composure, believing that Germany will be able to stand the strain better than the enemy countries. Moreover, Germany's war expenses, unlike those of some of the enemy countries, show a tendency to shrink rather than increase.

Expenditure Reduced? It is stated that the expenditure for military purposes is now actually smaller than a year ago, when the expenses for several new army organizations and of the active and prolonged Russian campaign have been borne. The expenses on the Russian front are now greatly reduced as compared with 1917, and even on the western front they have hardly increased, notwithstanding the heavy expenditure of artillery ammunition at Verdun.

FORMER LEAP YEAR BABIES.

In 1904 The Toronto World inaugurated the presentation of a birthday cake to all babies born in Ontario on Feb. 29. The offer was repeated in 1908, again in 1912, and again in 1916. This week's issue of The Sunday World there appears a photograph of a number of leap year babies born previous to this year. These children are unique in that they have a birthday only once every four years, and for that reason their pictures will appear in this week's Sunday World. Under each portrait are the name and address and the whole is assembled in an artistic layout. Never before, perhaps, has a similar picture appeared in a newspaper. See it in The Sunday World.

RUSSIAN BARQUE SUNK.

BARCELONA, Spain, May 23, via Paris, May 24.—The Russian barque Regina has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and crew arrived here today. The captain states that near Barcelona he met two lifeboats containing the crews of two Italian sailing vessels, both of which were sunk by the same Austrian submarine.

Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Steamship Service. Canadian Pacific steamship sails from Owen Sound at 11:00 p.m. each Wednesday for Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and Port William. Connecting train leaves Toronto 8:25 p.m. Full particulars, reservations, etc., from any Canadian Pacific ticket agent or W. B. Howard, district passenger agent, Toronto.

Among the other soldier pictures in this week's issue of The Sunday World are No. 7 Platoon of the 97th Battalion, American Legion: five soldiers brothers in the ranks of the 151st Battalion at Worcester; some of the men who feature the situation, the "Immortal 15th." There is a parade view of the 51st Battery, C.F.A., at Kingston. A number of British and Canadian soldiers at Hanover, Germany, and a multitude of individual portraits of the men now in the firing line or on the way to it.

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