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JAPAN'S TROOPS TO SIBERIA

RESIDENTS OF EUSTIS IN FEAR OF VIOLENCE BY GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS

Intense Feeling Exists in Frontier County Town Following Assault Upon Government Official; To Form Home Guards; Armed Men Patrol Property; Pro-German Doctrine Openly Talked.

Eustis, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The beating of J. M. Hill, a government exemption board and food officer, by Fritz Baalhorn, an alleged draft evader, last Saturday night, ignited a spark which has gradually been fanned into a flame of big dimensions here. The fact that Baalhorn was apprehended, fined $75 and turned over to federal authorities for further action, has failed to gratify the loyal citiezns of Eustis.

FEAR CLASH TO COME.

A clash between pro-Germanss, kaiser lovers and German sympathizers who abound here and American citizens, seems imminent, and unless Governor Neville hurries adequate police protection to Eustis it is feared serious trouble will follow.

American citizens, angered by the attitude of pro-Germans, many of whom come out openly and sneer at ever flag and at American customs, are arming themselves and banding together for the protection of lives and property. Many express fear that pro-Germans will resort to violence.

Will Call on Governor.

Eustis is located in the center of a large and thickly populated German community. Governor Neville will be petitioned to grant such protection as necessary for the peace and welfare of the village.

The more timid ones are advising that nothing be done or said that would have a tendency to antoganize the disloyal Germans, but the Americans refuse to go around like a whipped dog in their own country.

Women Warn Clerks.

Citizens of Eustis who constitute the Council of Defense have failed to act swiftly enough to appease the women and a number of them have warned the Golden Rule store that three of its clerks, Mrs. Theresa Binning, and Paul and Viola Gruen, must be dismissed and notified to leave town within three days because they are said to have made sneering and disloyal remarks concerning the government.

The Council of Defense investigated and found Mrs. Binning guilty of making disloyal remarks.

Loyal women say that they will resort to strong methods if necessary.

E. E. Brown of Holdrege, manager of the store, was in Eustis and was called before the council of defense, but what action was taken was not given out by either Brown or the committee.

Form Home Guards.

The council of defense has thought it necessary to organize and arm a home guard and a call for volunteers has been sent out to the surrounding country. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon here and the organization will be built up as rapidly as possible. Armed citizens are on guard at night.

Ferd Schroeder is chairman of the county council of defense and will probably be named captain of the home guards.

In one instance W. H. Hill, two of whose sons are in the army, publicly said what he thought of the way the Germans were acting and he was called into the store of the Eustis Mercantile company and asked to retract which he did not do. This has added to the feeling.

"Tense Situation"—Coupland.

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—"The situation in Eustis and the country roundabout in Frontier county is exceedingly tense," said Vice Chairman George Coupland tonight in discussing the incidents at Eustis. "We have had numerous matters brought to our attention from there," he said, "which indicate great indiscretions by the pro-Germans of the community. The board is conducting an investigation and will in a short time arrive at the true situation there and then whatever action is advisable will be considered."

U-BOATS SUNK BY ALLIES FASTER THAN BEING MADE

British Lord Declares Skippers of Sea Becoming Careless in Showing Lights; Wants Ship Program Rushed.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 5.—"For some months," Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, declared today, "we believe that we and the Americans have been sinking submarines as fast as they are built."

The trend of the figures of loss of shipping by enemy action was steadily improving, Sir Eric stated. The loss to the world's tonnage during February was little more than half the loss during February of last year, he said.

"I believe the individual piece-worker on ships works as hard now as he did last year when he is actually at work," Sir Eric continued, "but he seems readier to take holidays and we cannot afford holidays. If improvement is not speedily made, the point where production balances losses will be postponed to a dangerous extent."

The first lord said he was seriously concerned at the increasing number of vessels lost at night. It appeared the enemy was assisted in this matter by negligence on the part of ship owners who displayed lights instead of darkening their vessels.

In the waters around the British isles, which had been the enemy's chief field for submarine operation, the greatest successes against the U-boats had been obtained so far, latterly with the help of American naval forces, said Sir Eric. On the other hand, conditions in the Mediterranean had been more difficult. Losses there accounted for some 30 per cent of merchant ships sunk. The resources for combatting the submarines in those waters were less adequate and the successes obtained less satisfactory.

'YIELD OR DIE,' IS AUSTRIAN THREAT TO ROUMANIANS

Washington, March 5.—Count Czernin, the Austrian premier, the State department today was advised, told the Roumanian premier in the peace negotiations now in progress that unless Roumania yielded it was to be crushed, but that if it ceded Dobrudja and agreed to rectification of boundaries, it might preserve its integrity and its present ruling dynasty.

COMMISSION TO FIND SUGAR COST IN NEBRASKA

Nebraska Men Investigate Sugar Profits; Will Make Recommendations on Which Prices to Be Fixed

Washington, March 5.—A commission to hold hearings to determine the cost of producing sugar beets in Nebraska and what is a profit to the producer was appointed today by the food administration. The commission has no power to fix prices, but it is expected that its figures will serve as a basis for voluntary price agreements between growers and purchasers of sugar beets.

Composing the commission are Dean E. A. Burnett and Prof. H. C. Filley of Lincoln, A. E. Cady of St. Paul, W. I. Farley of Aurora and Andrew Weiss of Mitchell

Similar commissions recently were appointed for Colorado and California.

To Start Friday.

Investigation itno the cost of producing sugar beets and determining a fair profit will be started Friday morning in Grand Island, when the commission appointed by Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator, will hold its first meeting.

Confirmation of the appointments were received yesterday by Mr. Wattles from Washington with instructions to proceed with this important work immediately. The members appointed by Wattles have also been notified from Washington.

Instructions to the members will be given in Grand Island by either Mr. Wattles or A. C. Lau, deputy food administrator. After the organization of the committee, public hearings will be held in such places as are practicable and convenient to the sugar beet growers.

The commission will have power to call before them any grower they deem advisable, though the great mass of testimony will come from voluntary witnesses. After the hearing is completed, the cost of producing sugar beets will be determined for the various Nebraska districts. Then the food administration, through Administrator Wattles, will determine the fair profit to the grower. This will be certified to Washington for approval.

Authorization for the hearings and methods of conducting the hearing came from Washington by telegraph to expedite the investigation.

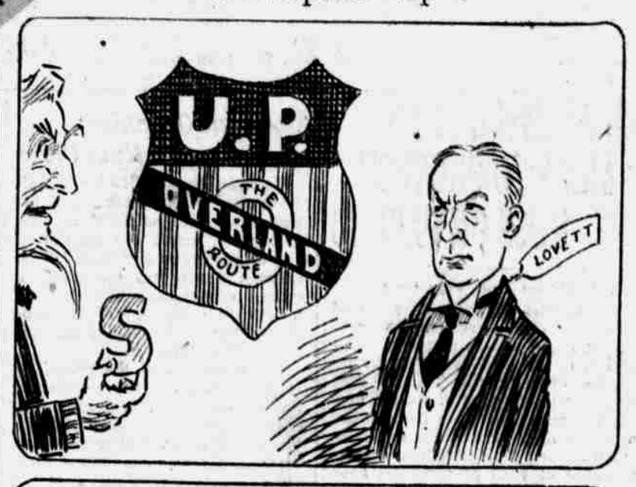
MARSHAL HAIG GIVES ALIBI FOR BRITISH REVERSE

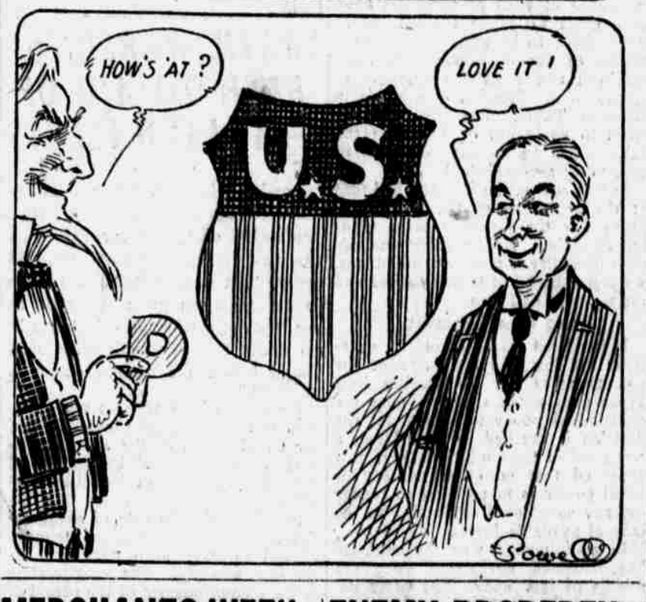
London Monday, March 4.—The war office tonight made public a long dispatch from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, covering the much discussed battles on the Cambrai front last November.

The attack, the field marshal notes, was started at 6:30 o'clock on the morning of November 20. The spectacular successes which first attended it have been told in the correspondents' reports written at the time. It was on the last day of November that the triumph began to give way to disaster.

"At the northern end of the Bonavis ridge and in the Gonnelieu sector," the commander relates, "the swiftness with which the advance of the enemy's infantry followed the opening of his bombardment appears to have overwhelmed our troops, both in the line and the immediate support, almost before they had realized the attack had begun. The nature of the bombardment, which seems to have been heavy enough to keep our men under cover without at first seriously alarming them, contributed to the success of the enemy."

U. P. Spells "Up"





MERCHANTS WEEK DRAWS CROWD OF BUYERS TO OMAHA

Wholesalers Regale Visitors With Dinners, Dances and Vaudeville; Predict Excellent Spring Trade.

Joe Kelley, Roy Byrne, Charles Pickens, W. H. McCord and the rest of the wholesalers in Omaha are more than pleased at the crowds of merchants from all over Omaha's trade territory who are in Omaha this week attending Merchants Market week. The merchants combine the business of buying their spring and summer stocks with the pleasure of enjoying the various elaborate entertainments the wholesalers of Omaha have prepared.

There is every indication that the merchants throughout the territory will have an excellent spring and summer trade, judging from the way they have flocked to Omaha, their market city, to buy goods. The Omaha wholesalers say the merchants without exception are optimistic and believe there is an excellent spring and summer trade in prospect.

Plan Masked Ball.

Hundreds of them assembled at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Monday night, where vaudeville acts were featured for their especial benefit.

A masked costume ball is scheduled for Tuesday night at the Auditorium. Merchants from several states will attend the masked ball in full costume. Special prizes are offered both men and women for the best fancy costumes and the most comic costumes. In addition to the out-of-town visitors, a great many women from the Omaha wholesale houses will also attend the ball.

A buffet supper, theater party and a midnight dance will be the features Wednesday night.

Revise Mediation Plan to Accommodate Ship Carpenters

Washington, March 5.—Revision of the government's mediation agreement with the shipbuilding trades to make it meet the views of the Brotherhood of Carpenters was taken up today at a conference of navy and shipping board officials with the heads of the unions involved.

The agreement, to which the carpenters' organization was not a party, leaves all shipbuilding labor disputes to the shipbuilding labor adjustment board for settlement. William L. Hutcheson, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, has refused to sign the agreement unless it is amend to give the carpenters greater representation on the board.

ENEMY PROPERTY WORTH MILLIONS PLACED ON SALE

Entire Hamburg - American Line Taken Over by Government in Confiscation.

New York, March 5.—Enemy property in business concerns, partly or wholly owned by German residents, involving millions of dollars and vast interests, will be placed on sale in private, beginning today, it is announced by the general business department of the alien property custodian in this city.

Among the properties that have been taken over are those belonging to Countess Szechenyi, formerly Gladys Vanderbilt, amounting to $9,000,000, and the investments, stocks and bonds of Countess Bernstorff, formerly Jennie Luckemeyer of New York, amounting to $900,000. Much larger properties, including the Hamburg-American line, have also been taken over.

Joseph A. Bower, head of the department here, in a statement emphasizes that, while the sale will be conducted entirely in private, in every case the price demanded will be equal to the actual value of the property in question.

OLD 'DRYS' FIGHT UNION WITH NEW NATIONAL PARTY

Chicago, March 5.—The national convention of the prohibition and the national parties met here today to formulate policies for campaigns during the year.

The national party was organized here last October by representatives of the prohibitionists, progressives, loyal socialists and single taxers.

The question of merging the prohibition party with the national provoked a fight in the prohibition state convention yesterday which resulted in delegates to the national convention today being uninstructed on the subject. Veterans in the prohibition ranks opposed the merger, while the younger element urged union.

U.S. AND ALLIES AGREE TO ACTION BY NIPPON IN FAR EAST CRISIS

Signing of Peace With Bolsheviki and German Invasion of Finland Makes Situation Grave; Russ Forces Menace Chinese Frontier; Roumania Makes New Armistice with Foe.

BULLETINS.

London, March 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday.

London, March 5.—The Evening News says the question of Japanese intervention in Siberia has been settled and that all the allies, as well as the United States, have agreed to immediate action to safeguard the interests of the powers.

Washington, March 5.—The United States now is in agreement with Japan, Great Britain and the other co-belligerents on the principle of action in Siberia, but the details remain to be worked out. This became known today as the cabinet met with President Wilson to discuss the subject.

(By Associated Press.)

Press dispatches received in London say that the British, French and Italian ambassadors in Tokio have or immediately will ask the Japanese government to take whatever action it may consider necessary to oppose German propaganda in Siberia and to protect the military stores at Vladivostok.

It is believed in Washington that military activity by Japan is imminent.

CRISIS AT HAND.

Need for Japanese action has been increased, it is felt, by the signing of peace by the bolsheviki and the German invasion of Finland.

Also, there are further reports of the hostile attitude of the bolsheviki element in Siberia, as well as of the thousands of released Austro-German war prisoners, who have been armed and drilled.

A belated dispatch from Peking says that Russian forces are menacing the frontier of China, or eastern Turkestan. Turkish and German agents have been active in this territory attempting to arouse the Mohammedans against the Chinese government.

Roumania in Armistice.

Berlin announces officially that Roumania has accepted the German armistice conditions. The peace negotiations were interrupted last week by the ending of the previous armistice, and it was necessary to agree to a new one before the pour parlers could continue.

Attacks of larger proportions than usual and intense artillery duels continue on the western front, but there have been no indications of a reopening of operations on a large scale.

In the Verdun sector a French surprise attack at the Calonne trenches carried the attackers forward 600 yards on a front of 1,200 yards to the German fourth line. The French took 150 prisoners.

American artillery has shelled effectively a large assemblage of German troops in the sector northwest of Toul. The German artillery fire, however, has slackened considerably.

Allies Will Not Intervene.

Paris, Monday, March 4.—Significance is attached to a meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, which was attended by Foreign Minister Pichon, the understanding being that the Russian situation as it affects the far east was under discussion.

While the committeemen, as a matter of course, declined to make known the exact terms of M. Pichon's statement, they nevertheless, says the Havas News Agency's report of the meeting, allowed it to be understood that it now seems certain that all the allies are in agreement to leave to Japan the task of intervening in Manchuria and Siberia.

Austrians Busy in Ukraine.

Vienna, March 5.—(Via London.)—Operations of the Austro-Hungarian forces for restoring order and security in the Ukraine, says an official statement issued by the Austrian war office, are taking their course.

JAPAN WILL SEND ARMY TO PROTECT RUSS ON PACIFIC

Allies Act in Concert on Question of Preventing Siberia and Its Vast Stores Falling Into German Hands.

Washington, March 4.—Military action by Japan in eastern Siberia to check German influence and protect war stores at Vladivostok is believed here to be imminent.

The United States has not yet expressed its views on the proposed step, but it was said in diplomatic quarters here tonight that the Japanese probably would move quickly to meet emergency conditions, leaving to the pending diplomatic exchanges development of an understanding with America and all the allies upon the scope and purpose of the enterprise.

FINLAND HASTENS ACTION.

While it has no direct bearing upon the situation in Asiatic Russia, the news which came today to the Swedish legation that Germany has given notice of her intention to occupy the whole of Finland, will tend to hasten an agreement upon Japan's plans.

The German explanation to the Swedish foreign office, which has pro-

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Wilson Speaks from Box in Theater; Upsets All Official Precedent

Washington, March 5.—All official Washington was talking today about a little speech President Wilson made last night from his box at the theater. It was the first time within memory of anyone here that a president had done such a thing.

With a large audience, the president had enjoyed a play depicting the conversion of a disloyal German-American into a loyal citizen. When one of the leading actors, in response to repeated curtain calls, exhausted his curtain speech and the audience demanded more he suggested that probably the president might say so mething.

Rising in his box as a wave of applause and cheering swept the theater, the president thanked the actors for an admirable performance and said how much he had enjoyed the theme of the play.

JAPS WATCH AND WAIT, POLICY IN GERMAN CRISIS

London, March 5.—It is understood, according to a Reuter dispatch from Tokio, that the Japanese government is well informed of the developments in Siberia, but is adopting a policy of watchful waiting.

Japan is carefully avoiding arousing the antagonism of loyal Russians who, notwithstanding their dire need of assistance, appear to be extremely sensitive to outside interference.

Recognizing also that China is entitled to consideration as a protector of the frontier on which Japan does not actually border, Japan, the dispatch says, probably has agreed with China on a plan for prompt co-operation.

Parliament to Meet.

Ottawa, March 5.—The first session of Parliament under the new government has been called for Monday, March 18.

The Bee is Ready to Help

Request for Co-operation for the Third Liberty Loan Campaign and Our Prompt Response.

Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary.
Washington, D. C., March 1, 1918.

Mr. Victor Rosewater.
Editor Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

My Dear Mr. Rosewater: During the coming Third Liberty Loan campaign the Treasury department will award an Honor Flag to towns, cities and states whose sales of bonds exceed their quotas. This flag will be one of the big national features of the campaign that is certain to attract attention from coast to coast. A miniature flag will be given to every bond purchaser for display in his window.

As a means of helping explain the meaning of the flag, the department is planning to distribute through Sunday newspapers, probably a week prior to the opening of the campaign, an artistic red, white and blue supplement, of which there is a copy enclosed. Each supplement will carry the name of the paper in which it is enclosed, making it an integral part of the publication.

Your patriotic co-operation in the distribution of these supplements is respectfully requested. If you can use them, kindly advise me by wire as to the total number of your requirements. It is essential that we have this information early as it will require some time to have the names of the different papers which participate in the distribution printed on the bottom of the supplement.

Thanking you for your patriotic co-operation, I am, cordially yours,
FRANK R. WILSON.
Director of Publicity.

TELEGRAM.

Omaha, Neb., March 4, 1918

Mr. Frank R. Wilson,
Director of Publicity,
Office of Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

Answering yours of March 1, we will be very glad to co-operate in promoting the Third Liberty Loan through your plan to distribute a facsimile of the Honor Flag as a supplement to The Omaha Sunday Bee. For this purpose we will require 60,000 copies. Kindly advise us of shipment and exact date for delivery.

VICTOR ROSEWATER.
Publisher The Omaha Bee.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Cold wave; fresh to northerly winds.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	46
6 a. m.	46
7 a. m.	45
8 a. m.	42
9 a. m.	40
10 a. m.	38
11 a. m.	36
12 m.	36
1 p. m.	36
2 p. m.	35
3 p. m.	33
4 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	30
6 p. m.	29
7 p. m.	28
8 p. m.	25

Comparative Local Record.

	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Highest yesterday	46	44	51	26
Lowest yesterday	9	29	29	22
Mean temperature	26	40	24	
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.40

Temperatures and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	30
Normal precipitation	.04 inch
Deficiency for the day	.04 inch
Total precipitation since Mar. 1	.12.00 inches
Deficiency since March 1	.19 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1917	.18 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	.12 inch

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	Highest.	Rainfall.
Cheyenne, cloudy	32	40	T
Davenport, cloudy	48	66	.00
Lander, cloudy	20	24	.08
Sheridan, clear	6	10	.12
Sioux City, pt. cloudy	20	36	.00
Valentine, cloudy	14	24	T

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Seeks to Enjoin Payment of Beveridge's Junket Expenses

Superintendent of Public Schools John H. Beveridge, the school district of Omaha and M. L. Endres as treasurer are made defendants in a suit brought in district court by Edward A. Smith, an attorney, who seeks to enjoin the payment of Beveridge's expenses to the National Educational association convention at Atlantic City, N. J.

"I do not believe the taxpayers are sufficiently reimbursed for the expenditure of public funds when an official is sent merely to a convention," said Smith. "The supreme court has so held, in fact, and I see no reason why the ruling should not apply in this case as well as in any other."

"I am not concerned about the matter at all. I don't pay any attention to it," said Superintendent Beveridge at his office when notified of the filing of the suit. "That is between Mr. Smith and the board of education."

Mr. Beveridge said his expenses for the trip were $140 and that he had paid them out of his own pocket.

January 21, 1918, the school board passed a resolution authorizing him to attend the convention, he said. The resolution carried with it a provision guaranteeing him his expenses. He said he had not submitted any bill for the trip.

Smith alleges in his petition that the school board had no authority to allow Beveridge's expenses for such a trip and says it is conversion of the public funds to private purposes.

"A similar case was brought against former members of the school board, Dr. E. Holovtchiner and former Superintendent of Public Schools E. U. Graff," said Mr. Smith. "In that case the supreme court ruled that the parties who took the trip would have to stand the expenses. The school board and the treasury were enjoined from paying the bills."

400,000 Dozen Good Eggs Go to Bow-wows

Washington, March 5.—The food administration announced today that reports of the Agricultural department show that 40 carloads of hens and pullets, amounting to about 160,000 birds, were shipped from Texas alone between January 1 and February 11.

The announcement points out that if these birds had been kept until April 30, as the food administration has required for those remaining on farms on February 11, about 400,000 dozens of eggs would have been added to the food supply of the nation.