

SAYS SEDITION BILL WILL STOP ALL CRITICISM

Borah Opens Lively Debate in Senate; Fear Will Check Political Discussion Next Fall.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—Demand for laws to punish disloyal utterances were renewed today in the senate when the sedition bill was taken up for debate. Senator Borah of Idaho said that if the measure would prohibit a free discussion of the efficiency or inefficiency of any department or official, or the wisdom or unwisdom of any official, he would oppose it. Senator Sherman said the language of the bill is sufficiently broad to make any slight complimentary reference to a public official an offense.

New "Willful" Clause.

An amendment by Senator Thomas of Colorado, was adopted providing that utterances and publications abusive of the government, constitution, soldiers and sailors, flag, etc., shall be "willful" before the penalties apply.

Senator Sherman added that he could not think of anything more disloyal under the bill than articles written several years ago by George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, criticizing the supreme court. Too many men whose advice is unsound, Senator Sherman said, are officials under the present administration and should not be given additional and broad powers. Dismissing criticism of the president, the Illinois senator said he was free to attack many of his "ministers who are unpatriotic in times of peace, and wrap themselves in a mantle of war preparations to conceal the rottenness of their carcasses."

Provisions Extreme.

Senator Gallinger said the bill was too broad and might be used against men criticizing the president. The penalties against "contemptuous and scurrilous" criticism of the American "form of government," he suggested, might be improved. "It has very extreme provisions," said Mr. Gallinger. "The phrase 'form of government' might be construed to mean the president. In the coming campaign if I said the president acted foolishly in writing his letter to Wisconsin, describing Representative Lenroot as a disloyal man, I might be called to account for criticizing the president in a 'contemptuous manner,' for I should feel contemptuous about that matter."

Some newspaper editors, Senator Gallinger continued, fear that if the bill is enacted they might have to discontinue their editorial departments. Senator Fletcher of Florida said that the phrase "form of government" could not be construed to include administration officials. "Multitudes of men will tremble if they undertake to discuss political matters next October and November if this bill is enacted," Senator Gallinger replied.

French Iron Wall Holds Big Drive Against Railway

(Continued From Page One.) the French fell back Saturday from the dangerous salient north of Amigny. Fighting all the way, they retired to better positions which had been prepared along the Ailette river.

British Make Advance.

London, April 8.—On the southern bank of the Somme the British last night made a small advance, it is announced officially.

The statement follows: "We advanced our line slightly during the night on the south bank of the Somme, east of Vaire-Cous-Corbic."

"North of the Somme a few prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us in the neighborhood of Neuville Vitasse. The enemy's artillery has shown increased activity during the night on the whole British battle front. Heavy hostile gas shelling has taken place also between Lens and LaBassee canal and east of Armentieres."

German Guns Busy.

With the British Army in France, April 8.—Intense hostile artillery work has been proceeding at various points along the British battle front throughout the night and this morning.

North of the Scarpe river and south of the Somme river German guns are conducting an unusually heavy bombardment, such as heretofore has indicated an impending attack. No infantry action, however, has been reported up to 8 o'clock this morning.

Nebraska Hotel Company Buys Watson Ranch

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 8.—(Special.)—Acting for the Nebraska Hotel company of Lincoln, F. E. Schaaf, its president, today closed a deal for the Watson ranch in Buffalo county lying near Kearney. The ranch is composed of 1,400 acres with fine buildings and is said to be one of the finest equipped ranches in the state. The consideration is said to be \$200,000. The ranch is well stocked and makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey swine and White Orpington fowl. The products of the ranch will be used by the line of hotels operated by the Nebraska Hotel company.

High School Boys Helping With Mails in Postoffice

More than 40 high school boys are helping to relieve the congestion at the Omaha postoffice by working after school hours in the mailing and city distribution departments. The heaviest mail in the history of the postoffice has been received within the last few weeks and the parcel post business has grown so large that nearly all departments have been swamped.

Postoffice officials say that the increased mail is due to war conditions and that many business firms are doing their buying and selling by mail since their salesmen have gone to war.

EXPLOSION AT BALTIMORE; DENY ACCIDENT CAUSE

Baltimore, Md., April 8.—Hot slag, dumped into the river at the Sparrows Point works of the Bethlehem Steel company, early today, caused a terrific explosion, which shook the lower part of the city. It was at first thought there had been a serious accident, but Chief of Police James Robb of Sparrows Point said that no accident of any kind had occurred at the steel plant. The dumping of slag into the river is a nightly occurrence and it is generally accompanied by an explosion. This time, however, it was unusually heavy.

John C. Martin Speaks at Men's Meeting in Aurora

Aurora, Neb., April 7.—(Special.)—At the men's meeting of the Young Men's Christian association Sunday afternoon, John C. Martin of Central City delivered an address on the war, its causes and its probable results. He declared that the result must be the organization of a league of nations that will forever do away with war in the future. The high school band furnished the music. Miss Ross of Central City aroused enthusiasm by reciting, "What Kind of an American Are You?" The final session of the men's meeting will be addressed next Sunday by Samuel R. McKelvie of Lincoln, on the subject, "The War and the Farmer."

Effort to Force Senate To Act on Dry Law Fails

Lincoln, Neb., April 8.—During the closing hours of the special legislative session a fruitless effort was made by prohibition advocates in the senate to induce the upper house to recede from its recent action in passing a resolution prohibiting consideration of the joint resolution for ratification of the national prohibition amendment. The proposition of ratifying the amendment cannot now receive action in this state until the regular meeting of the legislators next January, unless another special session is held for some unforeseen reason before that time.

'PRIVATE' PEAT IN OMAHA TELL GRIM REALITIES

Veteran Officer of Two Years' Fighting in Trenches Says Entrance of America to Decide War.

"Private" Peat, veteran of two years' fighting in the trenches and an officer in the First Canadian regiment of volunteers, is in Omaha to tell his experiences on the western battle front. He lectured at the Auditorium last night, under the auspices of the Nebraska base hospital unit and the City mission. "When will the war end?" laughed the little Canadian. "Ask the kaiser, and then I don't think you will find out. But I will tell you one thing, the war will not end until we have won it, and the United States is the one big shining hope of the allies at present."

"I don't think I am giving away any military secrets when I tell you that the United States has landed more men in France since January 10 than all the time previous to that date, and there were more than 210,000 Americans there the first of the year. So draw your own conclusions. There will be over 1,000,000 United States troops fighting before the year is out and they will leave a mark behind them."

Well Cared For.

"But why shouldn't they? I have visited all of the cantonments in France, England and Canada and 90 per cent of those in this country, and I assure you that the American soldier is better cared for than any of the others."

"Private" Peat was gassed in the first attack of that kind launched by the Germans and was later shot with an explosive rifle bullet. He is now out of the service on account of physical disability and is keeping on

doing his "bit" by lecturing on the war situation. "I can't truthfully say that I am anxious to go back," declared the little officer. "It was a wonderful experience and I am not sorry I was there, but I don't want to go back. It's too awful."

"While I am not advocating mob law I think that the Germans should be fought in this country as well as over in France and I am really surprised that there has only been one propagandist lynched here."

The former officer visited Fort Omaha this morning and paid his respects to Colonel Hersey, who took his visitor over the fort on a tour of inspection. Great interest was manifested in all of the work being done at the balloon school and questions put to the men as to how they liked their work. Unanimous responses of "fine" met the queries.

While passing through the barracks "Private" Peat picked up a shoe from under one of the bunks and remarked: "Well, you have something to learn about equipment yet."

"But it is all fine," he said, "and the men are so well cared for they can't help but fight and fight like hell, and that is what they have to do. We have to lick the Germans and lick them thoroughly and the men at the front won't stand for anything less. No peace except one satisfactory to the men at the front will be considered by them."

Employment Director Coming Tuesday to Open Offices

Albin Barkman, district director for the Tenth district of the federal employment service, will arrive here Tuesday to open his headquarters. He comes from Seattle, Wash. The Tenth district includes the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Colorado. Robert Cowell is the manager for Nebraska. The Chamber of Commerce is now seeking a location for Mr. Barkman where he may establish his headquarters.

Three Hundred Enlisted Men Arrive at Fort Omaha

Three hundred enlisted men arrived at Fort Omaha Sunday for training in the balloon school. The men are from practically every state in the union.

CAVALRYMEN OF BRITISH PROVE WONDERFUL AID

(Continued From Page One.) village of Porquericour, in the vicinity of Noyon. The Germans also were after this hill.

Race for City.

A race developed between the horsemen and the enemy infantry across the rolling ground. The Germans reached the northern part of the wood, but the cavalry arrived at the other side at about the same time and went rushing through the forest against the Germans. An intense battle at close quarters and the cavalry was doing great execution when the order came to cover the retirement of the infantry. The troopers withdrew from the wood and brought up the rear, pausing often to fight rear guard actions with the hotly pressing enemy.

March 30, when the Germans got into a wood northwest of Moreuil, there was another big action. Word came from the British command that the wood must be cleared out. The position was filled with enemy infantry with great numbers of machine guns, which were mounted in every available vantage point, even in trees.

Cavalry Clears Wood.

The cavalry was called upon. They responded and came upon the wood in a picturesque manner. Here a part of them dismounted and went in on foot but the Canadian horsemen tore on into the forest and hurled themselves on the enemy. As one trooper later put it, "there was a hell of a fight."

Step by step the Germans gave way before the onslaught until the western part of the wood had been cleared between Moreuil and Demuin. The cavalry held it until next morning, when the infantry took over the position.

On the 31st the Germans again attacked in force and once more the British infantry was compelled to pull back because of the overwhelming weight of the numbers opposing them. During the afternoon the cavalry again attacked here and drove

most of the Germans back somewhat, but the enemy still clung to the high ground.

Stop at Nothing.

That night it was decided the cavalry should attack again the next morning, April 1. They did and no more splendid sight has been seen along the front than that presented when they came charging across the field and drove straight into the banks of machine guns, scattered among the trees. The first charge gave the horsemen a footing in the woods. They reformed and surged forward again. This time they got to the center of the forest. Once more they drove their horses full tilt against the German line. The latter held for a little and

then sagged and broke and the British stormed their way clear through to the eastern side of the wood, the enemy fleeing before them; behind them the ground was strewn with German dead and wounded. The enemy immediately reorganized for a counter attack and here the horse gunners got in some fine work. As the Germans massed in the open, the artillerymen poured shell after shell into their ranks, one battery alone firing 2,000 rounds at this magnificent target. For an the German infantry was marching under a hail of death. They kept coming forward, but only a few of them reached the wood and the attack was smashed easily by the troopers.

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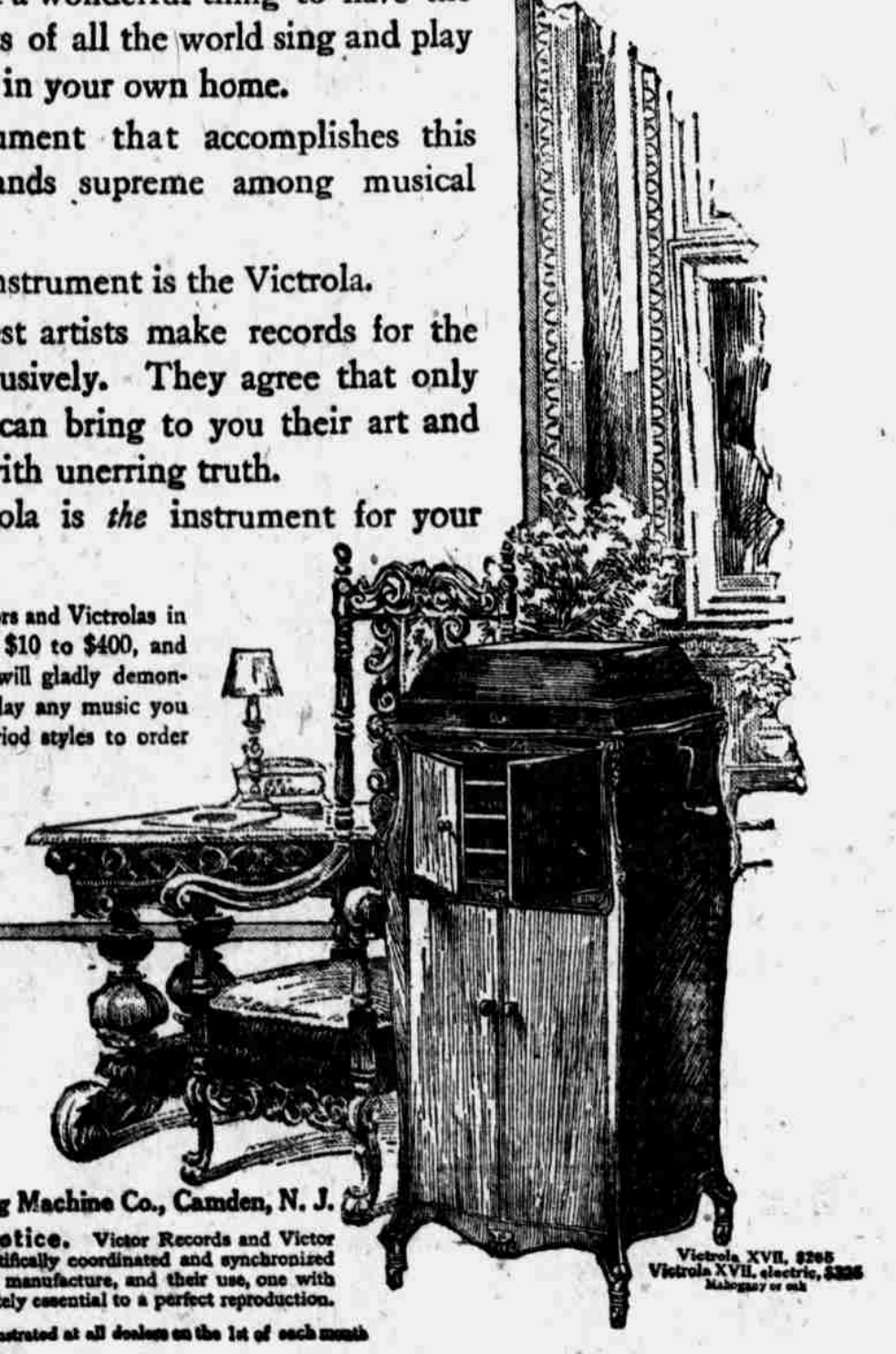
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