

Belgian Mission Gets Warm Welcome From City



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ITALIANS SWEEPING ON IN GREAT DRIVE; FRENCH AND BRITISH HOLD ALL GAINS

HEARST IS NAMED FOR MAYOR IN QUEENS VOTERS' PETITION; SUFFICIENT NAMES LACKING

Wilson Puts Ban on Petition Supporters Had Circulated in His Favor.

HYLAN NO DICTATOR

Says He Will Not Interfere in Borough Matters—How Campaign Will Be Run.

A petition placing William Randolph Hearst in nomination for Mayor was filed with the Board of Elections this afternoon. Before the filing of this petition it looked as if Judge John F. Hyland would have a free field in his candidacy as William B. Ellison announced that he would not permit petitions naming him as a candidate to be filed.

The Hearst petition was signed by 84 names of residents of Queens. Eighty-five per cent. of them sounded Teutonic.

An Election Board officer explained that while the Hearst petition in its present incomplete form could not be accepted, 1,800 names being required for a Mayoralty petition, the petitioners have until midnight tonight to obtain the required number.

William Randolph Hearst has not declared himself on the Mayoralty question in some time. If the full 1,800 names are filed he has until about Sept. 10 to accept or refuse.

Judge Hyland demonstrated more caution to-day in the matter of public utterances when he was sought out by interviewers who wanted to know something about the coming campaign. He was vainly bombarded with questions, and to each and all he was as mute as the Sphinx. Finally the Judge called in his stenographers that they might frame their questions and dictate them to the shorthand expert.

One of the questions asked Judge Hyland was concerning rumors that friends of the candidate had sought out Register Edward T. O'Loughlin, seeking to have the register who drew his independent candidacy for the Brooklyn borough presidency. The Judge was asked whether he had authorized this to be done. Here is the reply:

"No, I have not interfered, nor will I interfere in any way in borough matters. Let the people settle that for themselves. I will not dictate to the people under any circumstances."

The next question was: "Who will conduct your campaign?" To this came the following answer: "The Business Men's League will have charge of the campaign and headquarters will be established in every borough based on the borough autonomy idea."

"The business men of the city, having become alarmed over wire-tapping activities of the present administration, have decided to take matters in their own hands by waging the fight in behalf of all the people against an administration that stands for centralization, wire-tapping and its allied activities."

WILSON GIVES CLOSE STUDY TO THE COAL SITUATION

Cancels Cabinet Meeting to Devote His Time to Find a Man Capable of Acting as Administrator.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Wilson cancelled the usual Tuesday Cabinet meeting to-day to devote his attention to the coal situation. The President is about to appoint a coal administrator, but he has not selected the man for the place.

SOUTHERNERS PROTEST AGAINST NEGRO CAMPS

Gov. Manning of North Carolina and Congressional Representation Suggest That Cuba Be Used.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Gov. Manning of South Carolina, accompanied by Senators Tillman and Smith and the remainder of the State delegation in Congress, protested to the War Department to-day against the encampment of negro troops in the State.

The Carolinians protested against the assembling of thousands of negro troops at Columbia, and particularly against the encampment of several thousand from Porto Rico.

THREE DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO BITE OF A MOSQUITO

Pernicious Malaria Communicated From Victim—All Die From Violent Hiccoughs.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 21.—The bite of one mosquito, communicating pernicious malaria, is held responsible for the quick death of three members of the Skinner family here.

HOGS JUMP 50 CENTS MORE.

Sell at \$20 a Hundred in Chicago To-day.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Hogs sold for \$20 a hundred pounds here to-day, 50 cents higher than yesterday's prices. Pigs were 25 cents higher.

In East St. Louis, Ill., hogs sold at \$19.85, with a prospective top of \$20 to-day. Pigs were up with a top of \$18.50.

John W. Garrett Appointed Minister to The Netherlands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Wilson to-day nominated John W. Garrett, Baltimore, Md., to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

M'GRAW—"MATTY" PRAISED, NOT FINED, FOR SUNDAY GAME

Contention That Patrons of Benefit Paid to See Sacred Concert—Ball Game Free.

Christie Mathewson and John J. McGraw will not have to go to jail for staging a regular baseball game at the Polo Grounds on Sunday. They need not even pay a fine nor listen to a reprimand.

Instead they were publicly praised by Magistrate McQuade in the Washington Heights Court this morning when they were brought there to answer the charge that they had violated Section No. 2146 of the Penal Code by playing a benefit game for the dependent families of the soldiers of the Sixty-ninth.

"Instead of being summoned here to answer a charge of this kind, Mr. McGraw and Mr. Mathewson ought to receive a public vote of the highest commendation for lending their services gratis to this patriotic cause. The motion to dismiss this case is granted."

But there was still more cause for rejoicing on the part of fans, for one statement in the Magistrate's decision was as follows:

"In my opinion the playing of baseball on the first day of the week, when not amounting to a serious interruption of the repose and religious liberty of the community, is not a violation of the section."

The prosecution was brought about by the Sabbath Society, which was represented in court by Powell Crighton. He wanted a change of venue on the ground that Magistrate McQuade was prejudiced. Magistrate McQuade said he wasn't, however, and the trial proceeded.

The first thing the prosecution did was to prove that the game was played. Detective George McGovern of Inspector Ryan's staff proved it to the satisfaction of everybody.

"I went to the Polo Grounds and paid 75 cents for a ticket," he said. "They gave me the concert. There was band music, a glee club and some other singers. Then the regiment marched around and the game began. Just as the game was started the gates were thrown open and everybody who wanted to came in free. There was no disorder."

George L. Curtis, Assistant Corporation Counsel, argued that all this was a mere subterfuge and that what the fans really paid for and intended to pay for was the game.

But John Whalen, counsel for Mathewson and McGraw, managers of the Cincinnati Reds and the New York Giants, insisted that the game was free and moved to dismiss the charge. About 5,000 did see it without paying. Detective McGovern admitted.

Matty and McGraw did not testify. They merely sat still and listened and yawned. But Matty blushed when the Magistrate complimented him.

There is a movement afoot to get the Legislature to give New Yorkers unremitted Sunday baseball. The Sabbath Society agents have been busy all summer, particularly against the games conducted by Charles Harvey in Harlem. The agent who conducts this particular crusade makes a trip from his home in Bronxville every Sunday to tell the people of Harlem they can't enjoy Sunday baseball. He has made twelve complaints and Magistrate McQuade is the only one of twelve Magistrates who has had the courage to throw the case out.

2,400 PER CENT. PROFIT PAID BY CITY IN NEPONSIT DEAL; GRAND JURY BEGINS INQUIRY

Seaside Park Transaction Under New Probe Following Reynolds's Testimony.

Charges that stockholders of the Neponset Realty Company reaped a profit of 2,400 per cent. on the sale of Seaside Park to the City of New York were investigated to-day by the Grand Jury.

Decision to put the matter before the Grand Jury was reached after a conference between Assistant District Attorneys William Harman Black and Edwin P. Kilroe resulting from statements made yesterday by ex-Senator William H. Reynolds at a private hearing in connection with the investigation of realty deals with the city.

Frank Bailey, Vice President of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, was summoned as the first witness concerning the Seaside Park deal by Messrs. Black and Kilroe.

A transcript of the condemnation proceedings in connection with the Seaside Park purchase is in the hands of the Assistant District Attorneys. When Mr. Reynolds was called to testify as an expert at the hearing he swore he had no interest in the Neponset Realty Company, but when examined yesterday in the District Attorney's Office and confronted with an agreement which he signed to permit the transfer of the Seaside Park parcel from a dummy to the Neponset Realty Company he was visibly perturbed.

Mr. Reynolds then admitted that he did have a two-fifths interest in the company.

"However, I sold it to Mr. Huber before I was called in the condemnation proceedings," he explained. A check for \$48,000 and a tenth interest in the Alert Mining Company was paid to Mr. Reynolds by the Neponset Realty Company, he told the investigators. A total of 348 acres of Neponset Company holdings were bought by the city at the rate of \$5.02 per acre. Proof is held, it is alleged, that the Neponset Company previously had paid the West Rockaway Land Company \$3,000 per acre for 201 acres contained in the allotment and had purchased 47 additional acres from the State at the rate of \$200 per acre.

When asked to produce papers showing the transfer of his interest in the Neponset Company to Mr. Bailey, Mr. Reynolds replied that to his best belief they had been destroyed by fire at Coney Island. Thereupon, Messrs. Black and Kilroe called upon Mr. Bailey to produce the check involved in the transaction, which shortly afterward led to the decision to have Mr. Bailey testify to-day before the Grand Jury.

The fact that Mr. Reynolds could not explain why he had been granted \$15,000 in the award made for Dreamland by the Board of Estimate is expected to furnish a matter for future inquiry. Mr. Reynolds stated that he was to be given this money for his services as President of the Dreamland Company, according to Mr. Kilroe. When confronted with papers showing he already was receiving a regular salary from the company, he told the investigators that he didn't know why the Board of Estimate had granted him the \$15,000.

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EQUITABLE TO MUTUALIZE; DU PONT MAKES SACRIFICE

Turns Over His Majority Holdings at \$2,000,000 Less Than They Cost Him.

Stockholders of the Equitable Life Insurance Society to-day voted to approve the mutualization plan adopted by the Board of Directors on July 11. At that time a plan for retiring the stock of the society and placing it in the hands of the policyholders for all time was presented by the Mutualization Committee of the Board of Directors.

A mild protest was made to-day by representatives of minority stock against the plan which they were to receive for their holdings. One resolution substituted \$4,400 for \$1,500 per share which the plan provided as payment for minority stock. This was voted down.

The main features of the plan provide that Gen. Du Pont, who in 1913 purchased the controlling interest in the society from J. P. Morgan, in carrying out his promise to co-operate in placing the policyholders in control of the stock of the society, offers them his holdings of 844 shares at approximately \$2,000,000 less than they cost him, plus interest. His offer aggregates \$2,792,900, and includes, in addition to the control stock, sixty-three shares of minority stock at \$1,500 per share.

NEW YORKER IN GUYNEMER AIR SQUADRON IS MISSING

Oliver Chadwick Believed to Have Been Brought Down in Aerial Battle on French Front.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—Oliver Chadwick of New York, a promising member of the aerial squadron of Capt. George Guyneemer, the famous French aviator, is believed to have been brought down in an aerial encounter.

Corpl. Harold Willis of Boston, a member of the Lafayette Squadron, whose disappearance not far from Verdun on Saturday has already been reported, is believed to be a prisoner.

Chadwick won distinction at Harvard in 1910 and 1911 as a hockey player and also as a hammer thrower and hurdler. On the hockey team he was regarded as the most brilliant goal tender at the University. He took an active part in track meets and was coach of the Freshman track team for one season. He was graduated in 1911.

RUSSIA TO BANISH THE TROUBLE MAKERS

Government Clothes the Ministers of War and Interior With Necessary Power.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—The Provisional Government has invested the Ministers of War and Interior jointly with the right to arrest persons whose activity constitutes a particular danger for the defense of the State and its internal security and liberty acquired by the revolution.

These ministers are also given power to call upon these persons to leave Russian territory within a fixed period and to arrest them in case they do not do so or in case they return to Russia on their own initiative.

BELGIAN MISSION RECEIVED BY CITY WITH BIG ACCLAM

Hearers Weep as Baron Moncheur Tells of Country's Wrongs.

Mayor Mitchell walked down the steps of the City Hall shortly before noon to-day and extended a hand of welcome to the Belgian War Commission. As he did the volume of music sent up by the saluting bands was lost in a great wave of cheers that swept across the Plaza. The storm of voices welcoming the delegation from a war-stricken land brought moisture to the eyes of its members as they moved into the building. The official reception was held in the Aldermanic Chamber beneath a canopy into which were woven the Belgian colors—black, orange and red.

A war-like aspect was given to the official reception. Although the Commission arrived in town last night, it left the Biltmore at 9 o'clock this morning and embarked on the police boat patrol uptown so that it could formally arrive later at the Battery as did other representatives of foreign countries allied with the United States.

LOWER BROADWAY TEEMS WITH ENTHUSIASM

Squadron A, platoons of mounted police and members of the Mayor's Committee escorted the visitors up Broadway. Major Gen. Daniel Appleton was the Grand Marshal of the parade. From every building floated hundreds of Belgian flags, great and small, and the sidewalks were jammed with vociferously cheering, flag-waving men, women and children. It seemed as if business had been shut down south of City Hall. Those who witnessed the trip up Broadway declared it equalled in enthusiasm that extended the French and British Commissions.

Although lower Broadway had done nobly, it was left to the City Hall Park mass of humanity to break all records for hospitality. The Belgians found the ancient building in a virtual state of siege, for everywhere in the bright sunshine bristled guns of three companies from the Seventh Regiment, whose olive drab made a sombre contrast to the bright, tricolor streamers surrounding the court of honor. The military picture was made complete by a big delegation of white clad Junior Naval and Marine Scouts.

Lining the rotunda inside the City Hall was a contingent of Boy Scouts of America, who came to attention as the Mayor and the city's guests ascended and greeted them with the following:

BELGICA! BELGICA!
FRIEND VAN AMERICA
VIVE LES BELGES.
LONG LIVE KING ALBERT.
HURRAH! HURRAH! HURRAH!
MAYOR DENOUNCES GERMAN BRUTALITY.

In the course of his speech of welcome Mayor Mitchell said:

"Since the day when the wanton aggression of Prussian autocracy tore up the Treaty of 1839 as a scrap of paper, and hurled the first German regiment across the frontier of Belgium in flagrant violation of her neutrality, the heart of America has gone out to your country and your people."

"We have burned with indignation at the wanton and brutal attacks of the brutal German soldiery upon non-combatants, the innocent men, women and children of Belgium. We have abhorred and abominated the uncivilized and barbarous conduct of Germany in enslaving Belgians, by carrying men and women into Germany for forced labor in the enemy's service. And we have been inspired

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TEUTONS ARE BEATEN BACK AFTER FURIOUS BATTLES IN ALL COUNTER ATTACKS

More Than 5,000 Germans Captured by the French; Italian Prisoners Number 10,000; Canadians Gain Big Victory on the Lens Front.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Utter failure of the Germans in their attacks on newly-won British and French positions are reported to-day in dispatches from the battlefields. From Rome comes a report that the Italian offensive is still in progress and that the Austrian prisoners on the Isonzo front now number 10,000. It is estimated that the loss in dead and wounded is equally great, making a total of 20,000.

Counter-attacks of extreme violence were made by the Germans in an effort to recapture positions taken by the French offensive on the Verdun front. The Paris War Office announces that the Germans were beaten back with heavy losses. The number of German prisoners now exceeds 5,000.

The German attacks were especially severe at Avocourt Wood and north of Caurieres. Attacks also were made by the Germans without success on the Alsne front, near Cerny and Hurlbeise.

BRITISH LOSS FOR WEEK REACHES 14,243 MEN

Killed and Dead of Wounds 2,873 Officers and Men; Wounded and Missing 11,370.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—British casualties reported in the week ending to-day total 14,243 officers and men. Of this number 2,873 soldiers lost their lives. The detailed figures follow:

Killed and died of wounds: Officers, 226; men, 2,648; total, 2,873.
Wounded and missing: Officers, 845; men, 10,524; total, 11,370. Total casualties, 14,243.

BRITISH KEEP UP AIR RAIDS ON GERMANS

Many Tons of Bombs Dropped at Middelkerke and Other Belgian Bases.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Another of the series of aerial raids over Belgium, which have been made at frequent intervals for some time, was carried out on Sunday night. The following report was made to-day by the Admiralty:

"At about midnight Aug. 19-20 the Royal Naval Air Service dropped many tons of bombs on the Middelkerke depot and the Brussels works. All the machines returned safely."

BRITISH LABOR FAVORS STOCKHOLM IN CLOSE VOTE

Majority of Only 3,000 Out of 2,465,000 for Sending Delegates.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—By a vote of 1,234,000 to 1,231,000, the Labor Party members to-day decided to participate in the Stockholm peace conference.

The vote was by card. The scant majority found, only 3,000, was a surprise. The Labor Party will appeal to the Government to grant passports for its representatives.

Arthur Henderson, who addressed the delegates, denied that he had withheld deliberately or intentionally from the Labor conference any information with reference to the Russian attitude towards the Stockholm conference.

GERMANS FALL IN DRIVES AGAINST FRENCH AT FOUR POINTS

PARIS, Aug. 21.—German picked troops were being violently but vainly against four points of the French fighting line last night. At three places on the Chemin des Dames special troops battled desperately to break the French grip, and around Verdun Gen. Petain's fighters repulsed assaults of the most violent nature.

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"Early this morning the enemy made a third attempt to regain ground recently captured south-east of Epehy. Though supported by flamethrower, his attacking troops were repulsed completely. We hold all our positions. East of Epehy our troops raided the German lines on a wide front in the neighborhood of the St. Quentin Canal and brought back prisoners. We improved our positions slightly during the night north of the Ypres-Menin road."

CANADIANS AND GERMANS ATTACK AT THE SAME MOMENT.

Canadian troops around Lens launched another attack on the western environment of the French mining city at 4.30 o'clock this morning, says the Reuter correspondent at the British headquarters in France. The attack developed into one of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles of the war.

When the Canadians went over the top they saw masses of gray figures advancing toward them in the thick haze. Both sides had planned the attack at the same moment.

Fifteen minutes after the clash came the Germans were making their last stand on the parapet of their trench. They then retreated rapidly.

A report from Paris says that prisoners who poured back behind the lines in a steady stream to-day were authorized by the statement that an average of a hundred Germans deserted each day during the week's fearfully concentrated French artillery preparation for the attack.

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