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CECIL SPRING-RICE DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART TROUBLE

RECENT AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA FROM BRITAIN PASSES PEACEFULLY IN SLEEP.

WASHINGTON IS GRIEVED

Dead Diplomat Had Represented His Country in United States Five Years, and Only Recently Was Relieved From Duty by Lord Reading.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, former British ambassador to the United States, died this morning at 10 o'clock of heart failure at Government House.

Lady Spring-Rice and his son, Anthony, and daughter, Betty, aged eleven and nine, respectively, were with him.

Sir Cecil died peacefully in his sleep.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Diplomatic Washington was shocked today by the news of the sudden death in Ottawa of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, who retired after nearly five years' service as British ambassador to the United States early last month in favor of Lord Reading.

Although it had been known that Sir Cecil had desired for a long time before his retirement was announced to be relieved of his heavy duties in charge of the embassy, no intimation was given when he left Washington that he was in ill health. However, officials here pointed out that he had been under tremendous strain from the responsibilities revolving upon him, especially during the negotiations on the operation of the allied blockade before the United States entered the war.

Resigned Some Weeks Ago.

It was known that Sir Cecil tendered his resignation during the visit here of Arthur Balfour, to take effect at the convenience of the foreign office. His resignation was announced from London Jan. 2, in connection with a reorganization of personnel of the British diplomatic service which also retired Lord Berte as British ambassador at Paris.

The embassy here was in charge of Colville Barclay, its counselor, until Lord Reading arrived this week.

Sir Cecil, who became British ambassador here May 6, 1913, succeeding James Bryce, now Viscount Bryce, was born in 1859 and spent many years in the British diplomatic service. He came to Washington first as third assistant secretary of the embassy in 1885, and was appointed acting second secretary to act as secretary of the British delegation to the international marine conference Aug. 27, 1889.

After serving for a time at Brussels and Tokio, Sir Cecil was again transferred to Washington in 1892. He was successfully charged affairs and minister to Persia from 1904 to 1908. He then became minister to Sweden and left Stockholm to accept the ambassadorship here. His earlier services here were remembered during the days of Lord Pauncefote. He was created K. C. M. G. in 1906.

Sir Cecil's difficult task here during the early years of war in inducing the American government to accept with equanimity the oppressive regulations of the entente blockade was looked upon as an unusual achievement.

What diplomats regard as some of the most ingenious and remarkable state papers in the history of foreign intercourse found their origin in the British embassy here in support of the policies resorted to meet Germany's disregard of the established rules of warfare.

MOVEMENT OF FIRST DRAFT MEN GOES OVER INTO MARCH

Washington, Feb. 14.—Movements of men to complete the first draft, beginning Feb. 23, will not be completed within the following five days as planned, but will extend over into March.

EDITOR CALLEN DIES.

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 14.—John F. Callen, sixty-three years old, editor of the Pittsburg Kansan, a weekly paper, died here early today.

NEARLY 3000 MORE BELGIANS DEPORTED FOR GERMAN WORK

Havre, Feb. 14.—Deportations of Belgians by the Germans are continuing despite the protestation to the contrary by the Belgian authorities, according to information received by the Belgian government.

Within the past few weeks the Germans have carried off 2,700 persons from the town of Lokeren, in East Flanders, and put them on military work on the western front.

VATICAN NEWS WILSON'S MESSAGE AS PROBABLE STEP TOWARD PEACE

POPE AND PAPAL SECRETARY DISCUSS EFFECT OF ADDRESS ON BELLIGERENTS

WORDS OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT MAY PREVENT FURTHER OFFENSIVE AND NEW HORRORS, CARDINAL GASPARRI DECLARES—GERMAN NEWS-PAPERS CONTINUE TO DENOUNCE THE MESSAGE IN BITTER TERMS.

Rome, Feb. 14.—Pope Benedict and Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, discussed President Wilson's latest message to congress during the forenoon today, after which Cardinal Gasparri appeared to be satisfied about the effect the message probably will have.

Cardinal Gasparri is reported to have said the message gives rise to hope that it may lead to pourparlers and prevent a further offensive, thus saving the world new horrors and the loss of precious lives and property. He is said to have added that the message perhaps was a starting point for negotiations for a just and lasting peace.

ALLEGES WILSON IS WEAKENING.

A Cologne Paper Declares That the President Is "Watering His Wine, but Still Is 'Vague.'"

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—In discussing President Wilson's address to congress on Monday the Koelnische Zeitung says: "President Wilson shows that he is no longer willing to toe the line of the entente policy of a stark negative. Also he has considerably watered his wine, although still is unable to conquer a desire to saddle the military gentlemen in Germany with blame for the sufferings of humanity. His present formula for the solution of peace questions is as vague as ever."

The newspaper professes satisfaction in that President Wilson has thrown "cold water" on the Paris economic conference regarding "separate and selfish compacts affecting commerce and raw materials."

President Wilson's reference to the mobilization of American resources is dismissed by the Zeitung as being the "usual bluff." It concludes:

"The president's latest effort to separate Germany and Austria-Hungary will meet with the usual end."

DECLARES WILSON MEDDLING.

Enemy Says the American Wants to Enforce an Anglo-Saxon Peace on the German Nations.

The Hague, Feb. 14.—Discussing President Wilson's latest message, the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, according to a telegram from Berlin, says:

"We take note of President Wilson's assertion that he does not wish to interfere in an European dispute, but this assertion is not entirely reconcilable with his other statements regarding participation of all parties in a discussion of disputed points. It is desirable that Mr. Wilson return to the old Monroe doctrine, which formerly was sacred to America. Thus far, his proposals amount simply to an intention to compel the world to sign an Anglo-Saxon peace."

"After the experiences of this war, especially with the Anglo-Saxon powers, nobody will be inclined to sign such a peace, which would not be lasting, but would represent the tyranny of England and the United States. Germany and her allies are disposed toward peace, but will also fight on unanimously until a peace corresponding to their requirements is achieved."

AUSTRIAN VIEWS TEMPERATE.

One Thinks That Mr. Wilson's Message Is an Important Step Toward Peace—Others Criticize Adversely.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—President Wilson's latest address, Vienna newspapers believe, is calmer in tone than his earlier declarations, and perhaps may make possible the continuance of the exchange of ideas, but they think the elements of the speech hardly calculated to bring peace nearer.

The Neue Freie Presse considers that President Wilson made a mistake in extolling Count Czernin and insists that Count Czernin and other ministers have always made clear that any attempt to interfere with Austria-Hungary's international policy would be inadmissible.

The Neue Wiener Journal thinks that there will be some disappointment in London, Paris and Rome, that President Wilson did not allow himself to be deterred from replying to Count Von Hertling and Count Czernin by the decisions of the Versailles council.

The Arbeiter Zeitung describes the address as being very calm and very objective. It says it is framed in very conciliatory language and thinks that it is an important step toward peace. The newspaper contends that it is now the turn of Count Von Hertling and Count Czernin to speak again.

The Reichs Post says that President Wilson's principles have "one good quality, namely, that they can be applied to the entente powers."

MARIETTA STORE BURGLARIZED AND SAFE BLOWN OPEN

(Special to The Ardmoreite.)
Marietta, Okla., Feb. 14.—Shortly after midnight the jewelry store of H. H. Leavitt was broken into and jewelry valued at \$2,000 and \$45 in cash was taken. Entrance was effected through a back window by prying up the screen and breaking the catch. The outer door of the safe was pried open enough to insert explosives which blew the door off. The inner doors were not locked and access to the cash and jewelry drawers was easily effected. Among the jewelry taken was a \$500 diamond ring, the property of J. C. Graham, mayor of this city. There was no burglary insurance. Investigation showed that the thieves entered the gun shop of J. L. Bosely, located in rear of the jewelry store, and secured the tools used in entering the jewelry store. The tools were returned.

TO BE SENT TO CAMP TRAVIS FEB. 25

The local exemption board was notified this morning by the adjutant general to call thirty-two men from the list of registrants and have them ready to entrain Feb. 25 at 5:30 p. m. on a special train which will pass through here at that time on the Santa Fe, for Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas. This number will complete the quota from this county on the last call. It is estimated that about 3,000 will be taken from the entire state. The list will be made up today and the names of those to go will be published tomorrow.

January Cotton Consumption.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed during January amounted to 524,983 running bales, and for the six months ending Jan. 31, 3,318,544 running bales.

MR. TROTZKY HAS ENEMY GUESSING AND IN DOUBT

SLAV FOREIGN MINISTER IS
WARY SPECIES AND RUN IS
STUMPED OVER EVENTS.

FEARS RUSS TRICKERY

German Newspapers Note Fact That Three Hours After Demobilization Order for Russian Army Was Issued, Another Order Stopped Former One.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Judging from the latest indications in the German press, much dissatisfaction and suspicion has been aroused by the latest move of Foreign Minister Trotsky. Important political and military leaders are said to be conferring busily to find the best solution to the puzzle.

The Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin, on Thursday declared, "an reliable information," that Trotsky's proposal is in no circumstance to be regarded as a peace offer, while it is pointed out by other papers that the Russian war theater was mentioned especially in the official army report of Tuesday.

A Berlin telegram to the Koelnische Volks Zeitung of Wednesday says: "The government is not willing to continue relations with Russia on any basis whatever unless the present Russian government signs a regular peace treaty. As, however, it must be reckoned, for the present time at any rate, that Trotsky does not think of signing any formulated peace declaration, a situation is created which makes necessary a thorough discussion between the government and the supreme army command."

Ready for More Talk.

The correspondent in an apparently inspired passage adds:

"The chancellor is resolved, under the circumstances, to conduct further negotiations in any neutral center, and it will be the affair of the central powers to determine where such negotiations may best be held. The result of the economic commission from Petrograd is under consideration, and the situation is under consideration."

"On the other hand, it is evidently realized that the question of the big army of Austro-German prisoners of war in Russian territory, still controlled by Petrograd, can not be overlooked."

A telegram from Vienna to the Tagliche Rundschau, says:

"It is pointed out, in well informed quarters, that the confusion and uncertainty of internal conditions in Russia demand that the central powers adopt a cautious and waiting attitude, and that in spite of the absence of a formal conclusion of peace, there is no hindrance to the continuance of prisoners."

Says Demobilization Stopped.

All German newspapers note the fact that three hours after a message was sent out announcing the issuance of a demobilization order to the Russian army, another Russian message was issued ordering that circulation of this communication be stopped. It is suggested that this indicates that the bolshevik government no longer thinks of adhering to the declaration of Foreign Minister Trotsky.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS OUTLINED BY LORD ROBERT CECIL

BRITISH STATESMAN IS AT WORK
ON DRAFT OF PLAN; TELLS
PARLIAMENT.

WILL BE WORLD WIDE

At Lively Session in House of Commons Premier Lloyd George and Government Is Winner in Vote of Confidence—Majority Is 131.

London, Feb. 14 (Thursday).—The government tonight successfully overcame the first obstacle threatening its existence when an amendment proposed by Richard Holt, which the ministers had made a question of confidence, was rejected in the house of commons by the very substantial majority of 131. The Holt amendment expressed regret that continued military effort is to be the only immediate task of the government. It was supported mainly by pacifists.

The event shows that however dissatisfied parliamentarians may be with the government's conduct of the war, the house of commons is in no mood yet to force a change in the government. The debate in the house was closed by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, contrasting the demands of President Wilson with regard to Belgium and the attitude on the same question. Lord Robert said that Chancellor Von Hertling proposed to leave consideration of a league until peace had been concluded.

That he said, would not be the proper attitude for Great Britain to adopt. It was no mere phrase to say that the government was giving the closest attention to the subject of a league of nations. Lord Robert added that he himself had gone so far as to prepare a scheme for it, and it was a matter concerning which they must have clear ideas before the peace conference met.

Less to Discuss Peace.

In rebuttal arguments of the pacifists, Lord Robert declared that it was useless to discuss peace unless the enemy meant peace. The government recognized that its only duty was to put an end to the war. No man of sense or feeling could wish it to go on longer than necessary. He believed that it could not be said that a policy of crime had been followed by the German nation but met with any great success. He added:

"If the government would not crave before the enemy and offer peace on certain terms, it is because they are convinced not only that such a peace would be repudiated by the country, but that it would not achieve a lasting settlement."

An Exciting Session.

It was in a highly charged atmosphere that the house met today. First came the sensational announcement that Colonel Repington, military correspondent of The Morning Post, was to be prosecuted in connection with disclosures concerning the Versailles conference.

Colonel Repington has been a stout champion of Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson against alleged ministerial endeavors to discredit or shove these officers. An article by Colonel Repington early in the war revealed a shortage of high explosives and indirectly aided in remedying that shortage. Should his trial be held in public, it should serve of intense interest, but it is believed it will be in secret.

Verbal shafts were directed at Premier Lloyd George again today from various quarters of the house. Herbert Samuel, former secretary for home affairs, voiced the opinion of the government's shortcomings prevailing in a

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RUN DOWN DOGS WITH AUTOS AND SAVE FOOD, IS CRY

Oklahoma City, Feb. 14.—Street cars and automobiles, heretofore altogether unrecognition as elements in our national food conservation campaign, are highly praised as conservation agencies by C. H. Russell, food administrator for Oklahoma County.

Mr. Russell recently appealed to owners of dogs and other pets, to kill them in order that the food they consume might be saved to our troops. Mr. Russell now contends that if does eat as much food that otherwise would be consumed by human beings, then street cars and automobiles in Oklahoma City, by killing 1,112 dogs, proved themselves among the greatest agencies for saving food. Mr. Russell expects the street cars and automobiles to lead him great aid during the coming year.

MERCURY WILL DROP TONIGHT

FORECAST FOR ARDMORE SAYS
COLD WAVE AND TEMPERATURES OF 20 TO 25.

Goodbye to the balmy weather of the past few days. King Boreas intends to give the people of Ardmore another shiver, as the official forecast this morning tells us that temperatures will be from 20 to 26 degrees. This is in contrast to 31 degrees maximum yesterday, with a minimum last night of 62 degrees. The coming cool nip will be accompanied by strong northwest winds, the report says. Following is the official forecast for Ardmore and vicinity:

Tonight fair; cold wave; temperature will be twenty to twenty-six; strong northwest winds and moderate gales; Friday fair.

Oklahoma: Tonight fair with cold wave; temperature will be twenty to twenty-six degrees; strong northwest winds and moderate gales; Friday fair, colder in southwest portion.

Local Temperature.

Maximum temperature yesterday 31 degrees; minimum last night 62.

RAILROADS' SHIP LINES TAKEN OVER BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, Feb. 14.—Coastwise and Great Lakes steamship lines operated by railroads today were placed by Director General McAdoo under the supervision of W. H. Pleasant of New York, president of the Ocean Steamship Company, designated manager of the marine section of the railroad administration.

George Offers Palaces for Offices.

London, Feb. 14.—King George, The Daily News says, has offered Balmoral Castle for wounded soldiers, and Buckingham Palace and Kensington Palace for public offices. The government has not yet taken any action on the offer.

BOOSTING ARDMORE

The announcement of the forthcoming publication of the ANNUAL ADVANCEMENT NUMBER of The Daily Ardmoreite made on Tuesday brought instant response from the public, a number of citizens calling at the office and leaving orders to have copies of this edition sent to friends or former associates in various parts of the country.

When it is understood that this paper will weigh early two pounds when wrapped up for mailing, and that it will contain a complete story of the progress of Ardmore and Oklahoma during the past year, it may be appreciated that the price of 15c a copy is a good buy, the office attending to the mailing for each buyer.

That this number will greatly add to the prestige of Ardmore and its institutions is a foregone conclusion, as it will go to every state in the Union and some foreign countries. Every subscriber to the Daily, Sunday and Weekly Ardmoreite will receive a copy without charge and the additional names being given by buyers of copies will assure a wide circulation.

The first caller who asked for the ADVANCEMENT NUMBER ordered a goodly lot sent to addresses of old neighbors in Texas. The second caller bought 100 copies to go to New England addresses. The next man wanted the home folks in Illinois to see and hear what is being done here in Oklahoma. Other lists include addresses in Georgia, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Iowa, California and Kansas.

If you have an interest in spreading the gospel of Ardmore ad Oklahoma you should place your order at once and furnish the office a list of addresses to which to send papers.

And it is just possible that you would like to have a business announcement or advertisement in this number, in which case phone No. 5 and ask to have the advertising man call and explain the proposition in all its details.

Whatever you do: Help Boost Ardmore.

MANY MILLIONS NEEDED AT ONCE FOR WAR WORK

URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL CARRIES APPROPRIATION OF BILLION.

IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Huge Amounts Asked for Various Military Activities, Among Which Is One for \$81,000,000 for More Artillery—Must Meet Germans' Gas Warfare.

Washington, Feb. 14.—A billion dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the history of congress, although cut a half billion from original estimates, was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Sherley of the appropriations committee.

Consideration of the bill, which provides for the immediate needs of the war, navy and other departments, is expected to begin tomorrow in the house.

In presenting the measure, Chairman Sherley made public the testimony given to the committee by department chiefs during past months of committee investigation.

What Is Asked.

Huge amounts were asked for various military activities. Among these was a total of almost \$81,000,000 for mountain, field and siege artillery in addition to more than \$1,000,000 already spent, and contract authorizations of \$73,000,000 additional.

The testimony of Colonel Ames, of the ordnance department, said that the total amount available for this purpose since the beginning of the war under direct appropriations and orders have been placed, requiring ultimate expenditure of \$1,252,000,000, leaving still available for contracts \$564,000,000.

Colonel Ames said the \$1,816,000,000 was intended to supply ammunition, upon revised estimates of the quantities needed for two million men, including ammunition needed for light trench mortars. He said the \$1,000,000 additional is asked as the result of a change in the military program, including new requirements for a larger number of shells, for ammunition, for guns mounted on tanks and \$7,000,000 for a plant designed for the filling of projectiles with gases, and \$2,900,000 for a plant for the same purpose to be erected in France.

Pershing Wants Quick Action.

Major General Pershing called, strongly urging a plant in France to enable him to handle these toxic materials properly. It is planned, ordnance officers explained, to displace a complete organization and equipment to France to enable the American expeditionary forces to meet the sudden shift in gas warfare.

"There is probably no phase of trench warfare," said Colonel Russells, "that is open to such sudden shifts as gas warfare. The mustard gas or blister gas, used by the Germans, simply changed the whole program. The plant is to enable the use of a trained personnel in handling these gases in loading shells and bombs and to enable the change of the character of gases to keep abreast of the developing phase of warfare."

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE TO BE INAUGURATED ON RINGLING LINE MONDAY

Railway postal service will be inaugurated next Monday on the O. N. M. & P. road operating between here and Ringling. Two trains will carry mail daily, and one train on Sunday. Pouch mail will go to Lone Grove, New Wilson, Healdton and Ringling, according to orders received from the postoffice department at Washington.

CANADIAN TROOPS IN RAID.

London, Feb. 14.—Canadian troops have carried out two successful raids, capturing prisoners and inflicting losses on the enemy, the official statement from British headquarters in France and Belgium tonight says. In an attack this morning northwest of Passchendaele in the Ypres sector, the Germans temporarily occupied two British posts. The British later drove them out, in a counter attack.

SWEDES FLEE FROM RUSSIANS.

Stockholm, Feb. 14.—Russian soldiers are reported to be committing shocking acts of terrorism of the Island Islanders. In consequence of a statement that Swedish residents have fled to outlying islands, a Swedish icebreaker will sail immediately for the islands. It will be followed by rescue expeditions.

TO ARRAIGN REPINGTON FEB. 16.

London, Feb. 14.—It is understood that the summons for Colonel Repington, the military correspondent of The Morning Post, and H. A. Cuyne, editor of The Post, who are to be prosecuted under the defense of the realm act, appeared Monday in The Post, are returnable in the Bow Street police court Saturday morning.