

THEATRICAL MAGNATES GATHER IN BUTTE TO CONSUMMATE DEAL INVOLVING TWO THEATERS

Hippodrome Vaudeville Show to Be Moved from Empress to Peoples Theater—The Former Show House to Be Renovated and Reopened in Fall—Papers Are Signed and Transaction Is Closed.



BIG GUNS IN THEATRICAL CIRCLES OF THE NORTHWEST.

These five men have just closed a deal whereby Hippodrome vaudeville in the future will occupy the Peoples theater. They are, from left to right, Sam Harris of San Francisco, of the firm of Ackerman & Harris, which controls Hippodrome road shows; Irving Ackerman, his partner; Frank T. Bailey of the Montana Amusement company, lessee of the Peoples theater; Adolph Ramish, who directs Hippodrome road shows in southern California, and M. E. Oppenheimer of the Spokane Hippodrome theater.

Beginning with the matinee on July 4, next Wednesday, the Ackerman & Harris Hippodrome vaudeville shows, presented for several years at the Empress theater in this city, will be seen at the Peoples theater on East Park street. This announcement was made last evening by Sam Harris following the signing of the lease papers by the

three members of the new Hippodrome company which will handle the Hippodrome circuit in Butte, Frank T. Bailey, president of the American Theater company; Sam Harris and his associate, Irving C. Ackerman, both of San Francisco, who have been in the city since Thursday morning. Adolph Ramish of Los Angeles, another mem-

ber of the Ackerman & Harris Hippodrome company, is also in the city. Improvements at Empress. The Empress theater will be closed for at least three months. During that time improvements and alterations aggregating \$17,000 will be made on the building, according to instructions

from the city building inspector, Mayor Maloney and the Butte city council. When the Empress theater is reopened it will be used as an amusement house by the Ackerman-Harris company, in association with "Uncle Dick" P. Sutton, as the present lease runs for two

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WILL DRAW UPON THE EXCHEQUER TO FEED PEOPLE

Lloyd George Says That All Will Be Enabled to Purchase Bread.

PUBLIC FUNDS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IF NEEDED

British Army is Pounding Humility Into Prussians, He Says.

Dundee, June 30.—In a speech here today Premier Lloyd George said that if necessary the government would resort to the exchequer in order that the price of bread should be within the compass of the bulk of the people. Speaking of the fighting in France, the premier said: "We have driven the great army of Germany underground. When a great army is driven to these tactics it is the beginning of the end; it means that we are pounding a sense of inferiority into every pore of the German military mind."

"It is good for the war, is even better for after the war. As long as the Prussians have an idea of superiority in their minds, Europe will not be a decent place for people to live in peace. It will be easier after this."

The Prussian, said Mr. Lloyd George, has many virtues, but a sense of humility has never been among them. The premier added that the Prussian is now being taught the virtue of humility with a fierce and relentless lash.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN IS NOT INTERFERING WITH BRITISH FOOD SUPPLY

London, June 30.—"While we should not be optimistic regarding the food situation, for we cannot tell what the morning will bring forth, there is no fear at present that the Germans will force England to adopt compulsory rationing because of their submarine campaign," said Baron Rhonda, the food controller, to the American correspondents today. Baron Rhonda added that the voluntary rationing system was working admirably and that the crops of the country were doing well. Referring to the American food bill, Baron Rhonda said that when this is completed the allied nations will be able to shape their course with a greater degree of certainty.

VENIZELOS OUTLINES HIS PLAN TO JOIN ENTENTE

Tells the King That Bulgaria Must Be Driven From Macedonia.

Athens, June 30.—Premier Venizelos, in his speech to the crown, after taking the oath of office at the palace yesterday, said that Greece's place was beside democracy and that the nation was struggling for freedom of the world against the two central powers, with whom Greece's hereditary enemies were allied. "We realize," the premier said, "that unless we drive the Bulgarians from eastern Macedonia that part of Greek territory will be always exposed to great danger. Before, however, thinking of mobilizing that part of Greece which has not shared in our movement we must vitalize its military organization, which has fallen into such decay, and bring about a fusion of the two armies. In brotherly co-operation, therefore, we shall now call out the untrained classes of 1916 and 1917."

MISS AGNES FORD WINS PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Portland, Ore., June 30.—Miss Agnes Ford, Seattle, won the women's Pacific Northwest golf championship today here by defeating Mrs. C. F. Ford, Oakland, four up and three to play.

ALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FAILS TO BRING ARMY UP TO WAR STRENGTH

Washington, June 30.—President Wilson's call for volunteers bringing the regular army to its full war strength of 300,000 men today has not been realized. War department figures indicate that there is still a shortage of 50,000 men. This discrepancy probably will be relieved by taking reservists from the ranks of the new selective army. With "recruiting week" at an end, only nine states have furnished the complete quotas required. Nevada, the first to fill her quota, supplied 641 on an allotment of 162. Figures for other states are: Idaho 737, quota 650; Illinois 12,481, quota 12,276; Indiana 7,164, quota 5,400; Michigan 6,027, quota 5,620; Montana 1,043, quota 752; Oregon 2,260, quota 1,344; Utah 1,299, quota 746, and Wyoming 456, quota 290.

BRAZIL'S NAVY JOINS AMERICAN FLEET ON SEAS

Without Declaration of War, Brazil Takes Her Stand in the Struggle.

Washington, June 30.—Brazil's navy has begun co-operation with American fleet in South American waters in hunting down German sea raiders or watching for Germany submarines.

Sending of a special diplomatic mission to Brazil to arrange for greater co-ordination of forces and the closest possible co-operation of the two governments is under consideration. Without formal declaration of war, Brazil has practically joined the United States against Germany. Whether Brazil will supplement her action by a formal declaration of war is regarded as doubtful because the government at Rio Janeiro is inclined to regard its action rather as defensive than aggressive.

Has Many Ships.

Brazil's seizure of the war-bound German ships has added to her merchant marine more than 150,000 tons, which, with that already at her disposal will, it is believed, contribute materially to the solution of the problem of getting supplies to the allies. Brazil's navy is the largest of the South American group, and in connection with the American fleet, commanded by Admiral Caperton it is believed the work of keeping the South Atlantic clear of enemy craft will be greatly facilitated. A plan for safeguarding ships carrying foodstuffs to Europe already has been put into effect.

SEEKING TO BREAK THE GERMAN HOLD ON AUSTRIA

Reports Say Vienna, Were She Not Bound by Alliance, Could Have Peace.

Copenhagen, June 29.—The East German Rundschau of Vienna, the organ of the German nationalists, complains in a recent issue of machinations in certain circles within the empire in favor of an Austrian endeavor for a separate peace with the entente and tending to destroy good relations with Germany. The report is prevalent in these circles, particularly in the industrial districts. The Rundschau asserts, that Austria-Hungary could long before this have had peace with her enemies if she had not been bound by the German alliance and that Prussia alone is responsible for the continuance of the war.

Tales of dissension between Austria-Hungary and Germany also are in circulation and a semi-riot recently occurred in certain districts over the wild rumor that these troubles had come to a crisis and Germany was about to attack her neighbor and ally.

DESPERATE ATTACKS BY GERMAN CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY ON TWO FRONTS

Blows of Intense Force Directed at French Defenses Before Verdun. Famous Deadman Hill Again Figures in Fighting. With Enormous Artillery Action, Accompanied by Liquid Fire Attack, Teutons Carry Sections of French Posts on Aisne. In the Struggle for the Highly-Prized Lens Territory the Germans Are on the Back Track.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

One of the most interesting sections of the European fighting front just now is the Verdun region, where a series of violent German attacks is taking place. Whether these assaults are anything more than demonstrations on a large scale, it is difficult to make out from the official reports. Nevertheless, it is clear that the German crown prince, foiled a year ago in his prolonged attempt to take the famous French stronghold, is again delivering blows of force and magnitude on its defenses and has made some impression on the French lines assailed.

The offensive tendency of the Germans under the crown prince is also in evidence on the Aisne front, where they have attacked violently in the vicinity of Cerny and Corbeny. They were driven back with terrific losses yesterday in the latter region, but succeeded last night, by bowing the French positions to pieces and employing liquid fire, in taking a salient in the French position northeast of Cerny.

Losing Hold on Lens.

On the British front in northern France the Germans are still on the back track. The official resume of the fighting yesterday in the Lens region shows the British south of the coal line well into the south of the coal line. The Germans are still clinging to the place itself through the strength of their defenses in the salient immediately to the west, but the flanking movement is making their tenure more and more precarious.

BIG COAL MINES NOW RETURNED TO FRANCE

Canadian Headquarters in France, June 29 (via London by Canadian press limited).—Success, unexpectedly great and complete, at a cost in casualties far less than in some recent operations. (Continued on Page Six.)

BRITISH VESSEL OUTFOOTS TWO PURSUING U-BOATS

An Atlantic Port, June 29.—A running fight between a British steamship and two German submarines which took place June 8 about 30 miles off the Italian coast, near Genoa, in which the steamship succeeded in eluding the U-boats by superior speed, was described by officers of the ship on arrival here today. The submarines came into sight some distance astern the steamer shortly after she had left the Italian coast. (Continued on Page Six.)

ANOTHER TEN MILLIONS GOES TO GREAT BRITAIN

Washington, June 30.—The treasury department today placed an additional \$10,000,000 to the credit of England, making total loans to Great Britain for war purposes of \$560,000,000. This makes a total of loans to the allied countries of \$1,018,000,000.

ARRIVAL OF THE U.S. TROOPS WAS A GREAT EVENT

Transports Streamed into the French Harbor in a Long Line.

Paris, June 27 (delayed by censor).—The first expeditionary unit of American troops in command of Major Gen. William L. Sibert arrived safely at a French port. Rear Admiral Gleaves has cabled Secretary of the Navy Daniels saying the expedition has arrived safely.

A dispatch received in New York Wednesday afternoon from France announced that the second contingent of troops from the United States had arrived and disembarked during the morning.

DEPARTMENTS NOT YET OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED

Washington, June 30.—No official reports on the landing of the American expedition in France had come to the war and navy departments today, officials said. It is assumed that the foregoing dispatch is the announcement of the safe landing of all the units of the first expedition.

JOYFUL GREETING FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS

A Port in France, June 28.—The first contingents of American troops, landing today, were greeted joyfully by the population of this whole district. The transports, whose expected arrival had not been previously announced publicly, came streaming into the harbor in a long line at an early hour. The news that the Americans were arriving spread with amazing rapidity, and by the time troop ships drew alongside the quays thousands of persons were on hand to greet them.

A wild welcome was struck by whistles of craft in the harbor and cries of "Vive France" and "Vive Les Etats Unis" seemed to come from every throat in the crowd. Meanwhile the bands on the warships were playing "The Star Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise," and the American colors were hoisted to their staffs. The town soon took on a holiday air. (Continued on Page Six.)

ARMY OFFICER TO LOOK INTO STRIKE AT BISBEE

Governor Says There Are Indications of Pro-German Activity in Strike.

Bisbee, Ariz., June 30.—The presence of Lieut. Col. James J. Hornbrook, Seventeenth United States cavalry, who represented the war department at the recent copper miners' strike at Jerome, was the outstanding feature today of the copper miners' strike called last Tuesday by the Industrial Workers of the World Metal Mine Workers' union. Colonel Hornbrook arrived last night on request of Governor Campbell, who said there were indications of pro-German activities among the strikers. Mine operators said 65 per cent of the men were at work in two of the large mines. Miners at Globe will take a strike vote tonight.

SENATE LIKELY TO COMPROMISE ON PROHIBITION

President's Course for Continued Manufacture of Beer and Wine Favored.

"HANDS OFF" POLICY BY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Liquor Question Controversy Will Not Be Settled Until Next Week.

Washington, June 30.—Prohibition engrossed senate leaders today while debate continued on the food control bill. Prohibition legislation, it was generally predicted, will be confined to distilled liquors following President Wilson's suggestion to prohibition leaders to drop the fight against manufacture of beer and wines. Leaders discussed many proposals for compromise on the liquor issue but with little prospect of agreement. A clear-cut fight and vote next week were in prospect with both factions admitting that because of the president's intervention prohibition would extend only to distilled spirits. Leaders of the "dry" movement are working for the best possible compromise.

Plan of Leaders. Senator Martin, the democratic leader, Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the food bill, and some of the other leaders planned and predicted adoption of an amendment stopping only liquor distillation and giving the president no authority to stop wines and beers. Senators who conferred with the president are confident that even if given such authority he would not exercise that for the present at least. The "dry" forces, admitted by their leaders to be without the votes to stop manufacture of beer and wines, are

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RADICAL FEATURE IN THE NEW FRENCH TAX BILL

Measure is Calculated to Add \$1,500,000,000 to Government Income.

Paris, June 30.—The new finance bill of Joseph Thery, minister of finance, will, if voted by parliament, add about 1,500,000,000 francs a year to France's income. The most radical of the new features is a tax upon expenditures of individuals, which is to be collected by the merchants who, when sales are made, will add on behalf of the government 5 per cent on all articles classified as indispensable and 10 per cent on all luxuries. A tax of three-tenths of one per cent is proposed on all inheritances and donations exceeding in value 2,000 francs. It is to be paid annually during the lifetime of heirs or beneficiaries.

The special tax on war profits exceeding 500,000 francs will be increased to 80 per cent.

EXCESS PROFIT TAX WILL RANGE 12 TO 40 PER CENT

Senate Committee Approves Plans That Will Raise \$1,655,000,000.

Washington, June 30.—Graduation of excess war profits taxes upon corporations, partnerships and individuals ranging from 12 to 40 per cent and raising \$730,000,000 in revenues, \$595,000,000 more than under the present law, were approved today by the senate finance committee in revising the war tax bill. With the increase excess profits taxes, the revenue is now totals \$1,655,000,000 and probably will not be reduced.

MEN OF BUTTE RESPONDED WITHOUT SPECIAL APPEAL

Six Recruits Received During Army Week, But Quota Was Passed in This City Long Before President Urged That Gaps Be Filled.

Butte furnished but six recruits for the regular army and three for the national guard during recruiting week, which closes today. The showing, however, is not disappointing to army officers in view of the fact that Montana filled its quota for the regular army weeks ago and now has nearly 300 men to its credit on the draft quota

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