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Harding Would Abolish Rail Labor Board

Pershing Criticizes Reduction Of Forces; Asks For Larger Army

Commanding General Declares However, Citizen Soldier Is Real U. S. Defence

THINKS FORCE IS CUT TOO MUCH FOR SAFETY

Warns That Nation Cannot Afford to Neglect Army Air Service Plans

(By United Press) Washington, Dec. 8.—The American people strongly favor a sound program of national defense, John J. Pershing, general of the armies, declared today in his first annual report as chief of staff of the army. "This conclusion," Pershing's report stated, "is justified by the fact that Congress has finally worked out a policy embodied in the National Defense Act of 1920. Further evidence is found in the interest springing up all over the country in the development of this plan. "From all walks of life men are proffering their services. We have had to refuse many of our citizens the training they desired in preparation for such service to their country as available funds would not permit accommodating all. The general response is very encouraging and I am indeed proud to be a party to such an undertaking. Pershing hurled vigorous criticism at the reduction of the Army to 125,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers and pointing out that the formulation of the national defense act involved a strength for the Regular Army of 280,000 men and 17,726 officers, he declared.

"I repeat that this last force of 125,000 men and 12,000 officers is not enough. It is my conviction that our regular force is cut too much for safety and that a strength of at least 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers should be permanently fixed as the minimum. "After the great war and the attendant reconstruction," Pershing stated, "our military establishment (Continued on page 2)

NAVAL AVIATION MOST HAZARDOUS OF SERVICE

(By United Press) Washington, Dec. 8.—Naval aviation is more hazardous than any other branch of the service with the fighting fleets, the surgeon general of the navy stated in his annual report today.

The mortality rate for officers and men who took part in one or more flights for the fiscal year ended on June 30, was 10.68 per 1,000, the report stated. This represents 39 dead out of the 3,650 officers and men who essayed on more than one flight.

The death rate of the navy, including all causes, was 4.78 per 1,000. This compares with 7.10 per 1,000 for 1920 and an average rate of 6.20 for the past ten years.

Disease was responsible for 382 of the 712 deaths of the fiscal year. Three hundred and ten men died from injuries; this category includes 169 deaths from drowning. The greatest individual tragedy of the year for the navy was the destruction of the ZRZ-22, giant airship, over Hull, England, with the death of 18 American officers and men.

HONEYLAND CANDY STORE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

S. C. Oppergaard, who purchased the Abraham confectionary store located on Third street, left Thursday to finish up his business for the Minnesota Tea company for whom he has been traveling representative for the past two years, and will devote all his interests to his candy store, which is to be known as the Honeyland Candy Kitchen. Mr. Oppergaard has engaged the services of George Barbes as candy maker and fountain man, who is turning out fresh home-made candy daily to delight those who have a "sweet tooth." Milton Coupas will assist in the candy kitchen. Mr. Barbes is an expert in his line and just recently returned from Minneapolis where he was working at his trade and also attending national training. Mrs. Oppergaard is assisting her husband in the store.

COL. WILLIAM BARKER



Col. William Barker, divisional commander of the Salvation Army forces of Minnesota and South Dakota will preside at the cornerstone laying ceremony to be held here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the new Salvation Army Citadel at 211 Minnesota avenue which is now under construction.

EDISON IS ALL WRONG DECLARES FATHER FOX

Efforts to Belittle College Men of Today Opposed by Marquette President

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 8 (United Press).—Thomas A. Edison's efforts to belittle the college men of today do not find favor with Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., president of Marquette University.

Edison says, according to a recent publication of an article in the college paper at Princeton, that the modern college man "does not like to work" and "that he does not have the knowledge of everyday happenings."

Father Fox in an exclusive interview with the United Press declared that the majority of college men in attendance at colleges today are in college for the very reason that they are notably possessed of just those (Continued on page 6)

RALPH BINGHAM COMING MONDAY

Famous Humorist to Appear Here Under Auspices of Woman's Study Club

Ralph Bingham, one of the greatest humorists America has ever known, is to appear in Bemidji, Monday evening, December 11, at the Methodist church. He will appear under the auspices of the Woman's Study club, the proceeds of the entertainment to go to the student loan fund of the study club.

Mr. Bingham is no stranger in Bemidji. He appeared here several years ago and his many friends who heard him then will surely welcome his return. In addition, hundreds of local people have heard his phonograph records. Mr. Bingham may be termed a "whole show" in himself and everywhere that he has appeared he has been booked for return engagements.

It is expected that his engagement here will be heartily welcomed and that the church will be filled to capacity to greet him. Besides assisting the club in a worthy enterprise, those who attend are certain to receive more than their money's worth of good, wholesome entertainment. Besides being a humorist, he is a pianist and violinist of real ability, assuring a complete entertainment of the highest order.

To clear up any possible misunderstanding, this entertainment is not a part of the course being given by the State Teachers college and the holders of season tickets for that course are advised of the fact in order that they will not be wrongly informed as to the tickets they now hold. This is a separate number entirely and is being given by the Study club with the express purpose of building up the student loan fund. Hearty public support is urged.

LAYS PROGRAM BEFORE JOINT SESSION TODAY

Annual Message Broadcasted By Radio, First Time in History of Nation

FAVORS ABOLISHMENT OF RAILROAD LABOR BOARD

States Eighteenth Amendment Will Never Be Repealed; Plans Conference

(By United Press) Washington, Dec. 8.—For the first time in history, the words of the President as he appeared before congress with his annual message were heard in distant parts of the country. President Harding when he appeared before congress today spoke directly into a radio transmitter. His words were broadcasted through the Navy Air station. It was expected that the President would be heard as far west as the Rocky Mountains.

(By United Press) (By Paul R. Mallon) Washington, Dec. 8.—In a message that covered the entire scope of domestic and foreign problems confronting the nation, President Harding today laid before congress the most extensive legislative program outlined by any president in many years.

At the same time, Mr. Harding reaffirmed and defended before the world the American foreign policy as developed by his administration. The President's domestic program as outlined to the joint session of congress, included startling proposals, among them being the abolition of the railroad labor board and substitution of a labor branch of the (Continued on page 6)

MISS SALSBURY UNABLE TO ATTEND COURT TODAY

(By United Press) Montevideo, Minn., Dec. 8.—After a sleepless night and periods of hysterical weeping, Elsie Salsbury was unable to go into court today.

Her trial on a charge of murdering Oscar Erickson was again postponed. If she is able to stand the nervous strain, court will be resumed tomorrow morning and the pretty little stenographer will hear more of the dying statements of her slain sweetheart.

Physicians examined her at her hotel this morning and found her in a state of nervous collapse. They advised Judge Qvale she was physically unable to enter court. Late yesterday she collapsed and a recess was taken.

Movie Queen in Love Triangle



Coriss Palmer, motion picture actress famed for her beauty, is figuring prominently in the suit for separation brought against Eugene V. Brewster, New York movie magazine publisher, by his wife, Mrs. Elanor V. V. Brewster. Miss Palmer admits her love for Brewster but denies "vamping him."

HUGE SUM ASKED FOR WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

Plan Seeks to Make Nation's Capital the Center of Educational Life

Washington, Dec. 8. (Capital News Service).—That the Nation's educational life of the Nation, as well as its governmental center, is demanded in a resolution passed at the annual convention of the National Education Association in Boston, and backed by the bold request of the Washington Board of Education for six and a half millions to bring the Capitol schools up to date. One hundred and sixteen thousand teachers sent their representatives to Boston for the convention, where they passed a resolution which reads:

"In a special sense the schools of the Capital City belong to the Nation. In behalf of the Nation we ask Congress to create a board of education for the City of Washington which shall be entirely free from party control, to have direct control (Continued on page 6)

LEADER IN MEXICO IS BELIEVED TO BE DYING

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 8 (United Press).—Gen. Plutarco Elias Calles, Secretary of Interior and chief of the Mexican cabinet, is reported as being very dangerously ill at his home in Mexico City.

Calles has been ill for several months and recently returned to Mexico from Baltimore, where he had been under hospital treatment. It is said his case is hopeless. His career as an officer in the Mexican government and army began in Sonora, his native state, when he joined the "rurales" of Francisco Madero, who was in revolution against Porfirio Diaz.

INCOME TAX PAYMENTS DUE BEFORE DECEMBER 15

C. D. Lucas, income tax official, with offices in the post office building, announces that the fourth quarterly payment of income taxes for 1921 is to be made before December 15 to avoid penalties prescribed by law. This payment is to be sent in directly or may be made through the local office. Mr. Lucas will gladly answer any questions concerning the payment or assist in making the returns.

Education To Largely Determine Future Of Test In Democracy

TURKS ACCEPT NEW AGREEMENT

Freedom of Dardanelles is Accepted With Minor Reservations

(By Henry Wood) Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 8.—The Turks today accepted the freedom of the Dardanelles with minor reservations. The meeting is adjourned until this afternoon to permit Lord Curzon to consult the allies before reporting. The Turks' answer did not seriously clash with the allies' plans.

It was anticipated the Turks would keep open certain points in the Dardanelles agreement until settlement became possible on other issues. The conference is expected to adjourn December 23 for Christmas.

UNDERWORLD FAILS TO REVEAL CLARA PHILLIPS

(By United Press) Mexicali, Lower California, Dec. 8.—The underworld of Lower California, raked in an all-night woman search, failed to give up Clara Phillips, alleged hammer-murderess, and prosecution in that direction was abandoned today. Red-coated Mexican police and American plain clothes men poked into forbidden corners of this cosmopolitan city's worst dives and relinquished search for the Tiger woman who broke jail more than 72 hours ago while under sentence for beating to death with a hammer, Mrs. Alberta Meadows.

All night an impromptu review of Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, white girls from American cities, college men crazed with drugs, gamblers, criminals and the flotsam of a continent, passed before the officials. At dawn, the search was abandoned, authorities preferring to credit reports that Clara Phillips never left Los Angeles. They will continue the search there.

WINS SEVERAL PRIZES AT HINES POULTRY SHOW

Frank Higby returned last night from Hines where the poultry association had a show, which was well attended, with a large number of splendid birds on exhibit. Mr. Higby won two firsts, one second and one third prize on Rose Comb and four firsts, second third and fourth on his W. C. Polish.

REMAINS OF MRS. C. C. MAAG SHIPPED TO BUFFALO LAKE

The remains of Mrs. C. C. Maag, who passed away suddenly Saturday at her home four miles from Puposky, were brought Wednesday to Hines for funeral services and shipped from here to Buffalo Lake where funeral services were held and interment made. The members of the family were in Bemidji Tuesday en route to Buffalo Lake to attend the funeral.

SPOILS SYSTEM HAS BIG WASTE

President of National Civil Service Reform League Attacks System

Washington, Dec. 8 (United Press).—There are in the United States 3,000,000 civilian employees of the federal, state, county and municipal governments. Their annual salaries aggregate \$3,000,000,000.

Of this amount one quarter, approximately \$700,000,000, is wasted annually due to the operation of the spoils system of appointment and promotion in the civil service.

These statements made by Richard National Civil Service Reform League, in his speech before the forty-second annual convention of the League, prefaced an appeal to public officials everywhere to support the League's program for abolition of the spoils system and substitution of the merit system throughout the public service.

Will Hays, former postmaster general, was quoted by party liability. He emphasized the point that any flagrant use of patronage had always in the past lost votes for the party in power.

"Let me ask the administration," Dana said, "whether there is another issue it could now take up which would so appeal to the public at large and so rebound to its own credit in the history of the country." Two methods may be employed, Dana asserted, to eliminate the present wastage of tax funds in the civil service. The first is by turning efficiency and employment experts into the various departments of the public service to weed out superfluous and inefficient employees, to standardize work and modernize (Continued on page 6)

Commissioner of Education Outlines Problems to be Met by Educators

EDUCATION BUREAU ACTS AS BIG CLEARING HOUSE

Each State Has Own System of Education; Some Show Decided Progress

Washington, Dec. 8.—"What we do or fail to do in public education will largely determine the future of our experiment in democracy," says Jno. J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, in his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, which was made public today. Assimilation of the foreign born, removal of illiteracy, adjustment of inequalities in educational opportunity, and inculcation of proper ideals concerning our form of Government are problems which the educational forces of the country must meet, and informed leadership in dealing with these problems is needed more than ever before. The United States Bureau of Education is required by law to promote the cause of education throughout the country, to be informed on all subjects pertaining to education, and to disseminate such information, according to the report.

"The most casual investigation shows that some of the States are more successful than others in solving the problems of public education," says the Commissioner. While some of the States, through years of experience and through the consecutive efforts of generations of trained leaders, have accomplished notable achievements in various phases of educational theory and practice, we find certain other States seeking the answers to many of the same questions, laboriously and at great expense exploring ground that has already been carefully charted. Much of this costly duplication of experiment has undoubtedly been saved by the work of the Bureau of Education which has made available to all the States the experiences and achievements of the most progressive and of the most highly endowed as far as its resources would permit. To increase substantially the support (Continued on page 4)

TO LAY CORNERSTONE OF S. A. HOME SUNDAY

Marking the progress of Salvation Army work in Bemidji and vicinity, the cornerstone of the new Salvation Army citadel at 211 Minnesota avenue is to be laid Sunday afternoon, December 10, with appropriate ceremonies, to begin at 3:30, to which the public is most cordially invited to attend.

The program for the ceremonies has been announced as follows: Opening song—"All Hail the Power."

Prayer—Rev. George Kehoe. Selection—Hind of song. Introductory address—Mayor Garlock.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies, by Col. William Barker, Minneapolis. Local advisory board to take part in the ceremonies.

Song—"My Country 'Tis of Thee" The new Salvation Army home is rapidly nearing completion and will give the local corps a real home in which to conduct its work. The Bemidji corps has been doing very efficient work and the new building is expected to add greatly to the efficiency of the unit.

ELECTROCUTED SHOWING HOW TRAGEDY OCCURRED

Fonlusc, Wis., Dec. 8.—Twenty minutes after his wife, Bertha Kohls, age 35, had been electrocuted by an exposed wire in the attic of their home here, George Kohls, 38 years old, attempted to demonstrate to the undertaker just how the tragedy occurred and was electrocuted in exactly the same manner as his wife. Both died about five minutes after the shock.

Mrs. Kohls went to the attic carrying an extension cord with an exposed wire and stepped on a radiator in the floor. Mr. Kohls followed her exact footsteps. Two children, 12 and 8 survive. Only a sister was in the home at the time of the tragedy.

R'member

WAY BACK HOW YOU USED TO SIT UP NIGHTS WRITING YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST AND NOW!!

LET'S SEE THERE ARE HENRY'S THREE CHILDREN, WE DON'T WANT TO FORGET THEM

AND THERE IS HELEN AND FRANKS WHAT WILL WE GET FOR THEM?

LET'S SEE, WHAT ELSE DO I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Now's the time to get your Christmas shopping list