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## NO TIME NOW TO PLAY POLITICS

**Ratification of Columbian Treaty Delayed Through Partisan Feeling**

## MAY ENDANGER CANAL

**Republicans Dislike to Admit Wrong Done by Roosevelt Administration**

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—(Special)—In all probability, there is less partisan politics displayed in the present congress than in any session since the Civil war, yet the senate in delaying the ratification of the Columbian treaty is doing so purely on party grounds. President Wilson has urged the senate to ratify this treaty, which originally proposed to pay to the republic of Colombia the sum of \$25,000,000, because of the revolution and secession of the Province of Panama, which were aided and abetted by the United States government under the administration of President Roosevelt.

The case has been proven time and again, and the instrumentalities used by Roosevelt to aid Panama in setting up an independent government have been shown beyond all reasonable doubt. Whether the end which resulted in the construction of the great waterway across the isthmus, justified the means whereby the United States acquired the Canal Zone, is something now entirely apart from our honest obligation and responsibility to the republic of Colombia. The deed is done, and we would not undo it if we could. But that is no reason why this government should not do justice to the little sister republic of Colombia. Colombia has a just grievance and were this nation or any other similarly situated, it would likewise be entitled to have a grievance. The same sort of a desire for honest dealing which would prompt an individual in meeting a just obligation should prompt the United States in making proper recompense to Colombia.

But just now there is another forceful reason why the treaty with Colombia should be ratified and the amount agreed upon paid to that government by the government of the United States. The President has very strongly pointed out that the United States may need in the near future all the friends possible in Latin-America. In the opinion of many, this country stands on the verge of war with a great power in Europe whose intrigues against us have already been repeatedly revealed. Especially, should the United States covet and maintain and strengthen friendly relations with the republic of Colombia. Her territory is contiguous to Panama and the Panama Canal. If Colombia should become our enemy or form a secret alliance with Germany or grant a base to Germany, it is easy to conceive that the destruction of the Panama Canal, not any too well fortified and defended, might follow with all its disastrous consequences, to say nothing of the cost involved in money.

Therefore, those who talk so freely about preparedness and national defense yet obstruct the means of satisfying Colombia and making her our friend are not only taking a great risk but are seriously injuring and jeopardizing the interests of the country. The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has amended the original treaty by reducing the amount to be paid to \$15,000,000. Senator Stone the chairman of the committee, has repeatedly endeavored to get action upon it, but Republican objectors have prevented. They have threatened to prevent for all time the ratification of the treaty, and it lies within their power to do so, since favorable action can be had only by a vote of two-thirds of the Senate.

Should ill fate befall the Panama Canal the country can but hold the Republican party responsible for it, and the Republican leaders in the Senate are preventing action on the treaty in order not to confess the wrong which was done to Colombia under a Republican administration.

## HOQUIAM PLANS BIG DAY

HOQUIAM, April 13.—Lodges of all nationalities were represented at a meeting held Wednesday night to discuss plans for the big celebration to commemorate the battle of Lexington, April 19. It is planned to make this day a big rally day and a time for urging men to join the colors.

## PHRENOLOGIST WANTS LICENSE

**Council Grants Permission to Use Parking Strips for Cultivation**

## PROTESTS IMPROVEMENT

**Engineer's Report Shows \$22,540.27 Been Spent On Water Project**

A professional phrenologist was before the city council Wednesday night to ask for the repeal of the ordinance prohibiting the practice of his profession. He claimed he had been in the business for 30 years and had never been in a city where he was barred from practicing. Mayor J. M. Phillips said he did not consider phrenology a science and the man wanted to know if there were any members of the council competent to debate the subject. The matter was finally referred to the council as a committee of the whole and it was voted to let the ordinance stand.

An application from Rev. Caspar O. Rosing, pastor of the Scandinavian Lutheran church, for the privilege of using the parking strip in front of his home caused the council to grant the permission to use any strips in the city along with giving Rev. Rosing the privilege.

The sale of fire arms was made subject to a penalty for breaking the ordinance.

Engineer L. D. Kelsey reported that the west approach to the Heron street bridge needed repairs and he estimated it would cost \$1,300 to put the city dock in good repair. These matters were referred to the finance committee to find money for making the necessary repairs.

E. C. Finch, speaking for the Aberdeen Realty Syndicate, protested the improvement of Front street, South Aberdeen, from Schley to Stockwell streets. He said his company would have to bear three-fourths of the cost and would not be benefitted. The council will go over the street as a committee of the whole Sunday afternoon and determine if the improvement is necessary.

R. E. Taggart's appointment as police judge during the absence of Glen Snider was confirmed. Mr. Taggart will only hold office during the term of Mayor Phillips, which ends the first of May, unless Mayor-elect Sargent reappoints him. City Engineer L. D. Kelsey's report of work on the Wishkah water project for March showed a total of \$225,540.27 had been spent, \$128,071.68 on materials, engineering and right of way, and \$83,468.59 on labor, tools, camp buildings and other construction work. Of the 21.83 miles of right of way, 20.3 miles have been cleared; 17.5 miles grubbed; 9.7 miles of trench dug and 8.3 miles of pipe laid.

## TENT POLE STOCK ORDERED FOR U. S.

**One Carload Already Shipped—Two Are Loading at Grays Harbor Commercial Co.**

Twenty cars of tent pole stock have been ordered by the United States government from the Grays Harbor Commercial company, of Cosmopolis. One car has already been shipped and two are now being loaded. The poles are for use in the army.

Railway officers have been instructed to supply the Grays Harbor Commercial company with cars as fast as they are requested to the exclusion of all other shippers.

The order is for the war department and the first of its kind received on Grays Harbor since the declaration of war. The poles are made of clear fir.

## YOUNG BENN LIKES NAVY

Former Mayor E. B. Benn received a letter Wednesday from his son, Samuel Benn, Jr., at the Bremerton navy yard, where he is with the naval militia. Young Benn, who is but 19 years old, was well pleased that he passed the final physical examination and wrote that he was enjoying his experience hugely.

## JOHN KELLEHER DIES.

John Kelleher, aged 66 years, died Wednesday in a local hospital following a short illness. The body was removed to the Whiteside Undertaking company's parlors. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. His home was in Cosmopolis.

## THE BARRED ZONE.



## RED CROSS PLAY WELL RECEIVED

**Benefit Performance Last Night Nets Neat Sum for Red Cross Society and Was Very Pleasing**

The entertainment given last evening, by the Aberdeen Little Theater company, for the benefit of the Red Cross society, was one of the most pleasing performances yet staged in Aberdeen, and netted a neat sum for the patriotic society. It was under the personal direction of Mr. Frederic Hart, while all the costumes and scenery were designed by Mr. Lance Hart, and both have just reason for congratulations.

The comedy, "Weeping Pierrot and Laughing Pierrot," splendidly enacted by Mrs. Joseph Barkley, Mrs. Fred R. Conway and Mrs. C. I. Prescott, carried the house with it and met with frequent and vociferous applause, which at the close was continued until Director Hart appeared with the ladies on the stage.

The ballet act by Miss Valdein Weatherwax and a number of her pupils was excellently rendered and met with appreciative applause, the young girls proving themselves worthy pupils of a trained teacher.

The closing performance, "The Modern Idea," in one act, by Mrs. George Acret, Miss Agnes Hohl and Messrs. Theodore Bourland, Frederic Hart and Lance Hart, took the house by storm and was a fit closing to a very pleasant evening.

The orchestra of 13 pieces, led by Mr. Goode Wille, and including Miss Helen Clemons, harpist of Montesano, contributed in no small degree to the success of the entertainment.

## SIX AUSTRIANS TAKE OUT PAPERS TO FIGHT FOR U. S.

MONTESANO, April 13.—Six persons of Austrian birth are among the 24 aliens who have taken out first papers for citizenship since April 1. Each of the Austrians says he has taken out his first papers so that he might enlist in the United States service. One Montenegroin, who recently took out first papers, joined Company G.

## WOMEN PLAN HONOR GUARD

A meeting will probably be called in the high school auditorium within a few days to discuss plans for organizing an honor guard of young girls and women between the ages of 14 and 30 years. The young patriots would act as an auxiliary to the Red Cross. Information has been asked of other cities where such guards have been formed and as soon as working plans are available the meeting will no doubt be announced.

## CHANGE CAR STOPS.

The Grays Harbor Railway & Light company Sunday morning will inaugurate the system of near side stops on all of its street car lines in Hoquiam, Aberdeen and Cosmopolis, on all paved streets, in accordance with the system now in use in practically all the larger cities in the country.

## WOODEN SHIPS PLAN APPROVED

**Federal Shipping Board's Proposal is Formally Endorsed by President**

## BIG TONNAGE EVERY MO.

**Old Army Transports to Be Put in Coast-to-Coast Trade Service**

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The federal shipping board's program of building a fleet of 1,000 wooden ships of 3,000 or 3,600 tons each to meet the loss of tonnage by submarines and thus help to defeat the German undersea campaign has been formally approved by President Wilson. The first ship will be ready within five months and the board will call upon the treasury for \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 within the next few days.

Fifty million dollars already has been authorized by congress for the work of the board.

First Ready in October. Chairman Denman announced tonight that the board's plans virtually had been completed and that the preliminaries to the construction of the big fleet were in full swing. Unless there is an unforeseen hitch by October the shipyards on the Atlantic and Pacific will be turning out the new vessels at the rate of two or three a day, to be leased to private concerns.

The great fleet will fly the American flag and each vessel sailing to the war zone will be armed. The program calls for the building of 200,000 tons of shipping monthly. The builders will be encouraged to complete the vessels speedily and plans have been made to make partial payments on vessels, where necessary, from month to month.

Canal Service Assured. Revival of the coast to coast trade thru the Panama canal is one of the objects towards which the board is working. Several old army transports are to be put in this service shortly. Chairman Denman said tonight there was no foundation for published reports that the board might abandon this plan.

## HOQUIAM HOME GUARDS HAS TWO COMPANIES

HOQUIAM, April 13.—So many turned out for the Home Guards here Wednesday night that it was necessary for them to be formed into two companies and to drill in the street, the number being too great for the hall. The men were drilled in squads of eight and were given an hour and a half of military formations. Nearly 300 members belong to the guard now.

## WILL ORGANIZE FOOD CAMPAIGN

**Meeting is Called By County Auditor W. D. Campbell For 1:30 o'Clock Tomorrow.**

MONTESANO, April 13.—Following the proclamation of Governor Lister, County Auditor W. D. Campbell has issued a call for a meeting to consider agricultural preparedness. The meeting is to be held in the court house here at 1:30 tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon. Interested citizens are invited to be present.

The governor's proclamation outlines a form of organization. He would have each county organized with a central committee composed of the auditor, treasurer, clerk, agriculturist, superintendent of schools, chairman of the board of commissioners and an officer of each bank of the county seat. This central committee is to organize each school district by appointing a local committee in each.

Mr. Campbell believes the best results may be obtained by making the first meeting a general one and after a conference with other officials has decided to modify the governor's plan in slight degree. Invitations are being sent out through the county agriculturist and superintendent. However, all persons are urged to be present whether they receive an invitation or not.

## PORTLAND MEN TO TALK HERE

Four successful men of the Northwest will speak at the dinner to be given in the Washington hotel, Friday, April 20. Members of the Tri-State Realty association, which will meet here August 9, 10 and 11, members of the Hoquiam Commercial club, the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce and local realty men will be present. The speakers who will be here for this banquet are F. E. Taylor and Paul A. Cowgill, of Portland, president and secretary of the Tri-State Realty association; Arthur Callam, state senator from Portland; and Albert Schooley, Cehtralla banker.

## COMMERCIALIZING PATRIOTISM

The immense demand for United States flags since the declaration of war has sent flag prices skyward, and it is found difficult to supply the demand at any prices. One dealer informed the Herald that he refused what he considered a holdup when he received a price list showing an advance of over 100 per cent, and will not carry them.

## BOARD PASSES STUDENTS

Students of the high school who are enlisting in the army or navy were given full credits for this semester's work by a ruling of the school board Tuesday night. Seniors will be graduated in June if they do not return and students in the other classes will be passed. Between 25 and 30 boys from the high school are with Company G or the naval militia.

The Herald tells it all.

## 1,600 NAMES ASK FOR FORTS

**Telegram From Johnson Asking for Petitions Given Hearty Response**

## HOQUIAM NUMBERS 999

**Some Businessmen in Aberdeen in Doubt As to Need of Fortification**

More than 1,600 signatures were obtained to petitions circulated Wednesday asking congress to fortify Grays Harbor and calling attention to the importance of the ship yards and lumber mills located here.

Hoquiam furnished 999 of the total names obtained. Aberdeen contributed 350 and Montesano 200, with many coming from other parts of the county.

It was a mooted question with some Aberdeen businessmen as to the necessity of fortifying the harbor and they said if it did not need it congress should not be asked to spend the money at this time.

The petition points out that Grays Harbor if left unprotected may be invaded by an enemy force and Seattle and Portland be reached overland. The aid of the lumber mills and shipyards to the government is also pointed out.

Congressman Albert Johnson asked that the petitions be circulated and several copies were made for the purpose. These copies are in the hands of members of the Chamber of Commerce and persons desiring to sign them may do so.

## SAILORS MAY GO TO CALIFORNIA

**Officers Will Probably Remain at Bremerton for Study While Men Go South to Train.**

The enlisted naval men of the Second Battalion Naval Militia, of Grays Harbor county, may be sent to Mare Island navy yard where they will be trained for service. The officers of the battalion will probably be kept at Bremerton for a month or so undergoing rigid study.

All of the men passed the physical examinations at the yards and are taking mental examinations. They are quartered on a cruiser.

A censorship has been established. Letters which were received from the men by friends here have been opened by the censor, and their exact location marked out.

Company G according to letters received this week are in the snow drifts guarding the tracks at the snow sheds. Magazines and books are wanted by the men.

## NAVY MEN HERE RECRUITING FOR FIRST LINE DEFENSE

**Enthusiasm High in Other Cities, Says Petty Officer**

Don Power, chief water-tender of the U. S. Navy, I. Husby, coxswain, and S. G. Stow, water-tender, are here recruiting for the nation's first line of defense.

Mr. Power said 35 men had joined the navy in the last few days at Centralia and Chehalis, 25 at Aberdeen and Hoquiam, and that more were being signed up daily.

"There is one thing about our boys in this country," he said, "and that is that there are more of them willing to join a service where they believe there will be quick and serious action than one in which there is some question about seeing active service."

## WILL TAKE EXAMINATION

MONTESANO, April 13.—Wickes Alvin Devonshire of Montesano has received notice to report at Fort Lawton April 23 to take examination for first lieutenant in the reserve corps. Mr. Devonshire was an officer in the Culver Military Academy corps and it is believed will be able to pass the examination. He is a son of A. D. Devonshire and has a brother in Company G.

## ELMA WOMAN IS BURIED

ELMA, April 13.—The body of Mrs. K. Strong-McDougall, a native daughter of Elma, who died in Everett, was laid to rest here Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Eastern Star. McDougall was the daughter of Mrs. Emma Strong. Many friends attended the funeral.

## NEW HOSPITAL WELL EQUIPPED

**The New Aberdeen General Hospital Is a Credit to Grays Harbor Co.**

## IN NEW COUNTY BUILDING

**Furnishing and Equipment in Full Accord With Modern Science**

The building on the line between Aberdeen and Hoquiam, erected at a cost of more than \$50,000 for a county hospital, after lying idle several years, it being considered too expensive for the county to furnish and operate, is now known as the Aberdeen General hospital, and is one of the best appointed institutions of the kind in the Pacific Northwest. Located on the intercity trolley line and the auto road between the cities, it is easy of access while the quietude of the locality is appreciated by those under treatment.

The Aberdeen General Hospital is incorporated with the following officers: Dr. G. E. Chamberlain, president; Dr. O. R. Austin, vice-president; Dr. H. C. Randolph, secretary; Dr. J. B. Kinne, treasurer and Mrs. L. M. Harris, superintendent.

In furnishing and equipment no effort or money was spared to make it modern in every respect, and in the judgment of visiting physicians the efforts have been highly successful. There are four wards, 27 private rooms, surgical rooms and a diet kitchen on each floor. A high pressure boiler supplies hot water for sterilizing apparatus, an X-ray machine, which cost \$2,700, nurseries, a corps of efficient physicians and surgeons all go to make a haven for the sick and injured that is a credit to Grays Harbor county.

The surgery comprises four rooms, one for minor operations, another for major and general surgery, a third for washing and a small room for sterilizing instruments and bandages, and has been highly complimented by all visiting surgeons.

Light oak dressers and stands with enamelled metal beds are pleasing furnishings of the rooms, which relieves the monotony usually to be found in hospital rooms, and gives a homelike air to the institution. On the top floor is a little nook called the nursery, with six cute little cribs provided for the new born infants, and they have all been occupied several times since the new hospital was opened.

Besides the diet kitchen on each floor, the main floor contains a large general kitchen and dining room, while an entire wing of the building is given to the nurse's quarters. The building throughout is heated by hot water, but a separate boiler is used only for sterilizing purposes.

## VANCE CONTROLS MALONE FACTORY

**Deal Involving \$200,000 Capital Gives Active Head Control of Business**

ELMA, April 12.—In a deal involving more than \$200,000 capital closed Tuesday, J. A. Vance, principal stock holder of the Vance Lumber company of Malone, became the sole owner of the company, taking the stock of his brother, D. J. Vance and C. B. Wilson. Since the company was organized J. A. Vance has held a controlling interest and has always been active head of the concern. Mr. Wilson will move to the Sound while D. J. Vance will devote his time to private interests.

The foundation for the Vance Lumber company was laid in 1898, when it was started as a co-partnership by J. A. Vance, J. C. Kincaid, Drury Ford, and George Ford. Later, the Ford brothers and Kincaid sold their interests to J. A. Vance and D. J. Vance. Then Mr. Wilson came into the firm, which was incorporated as the Vance Lumber company, with J. A. Vance president and general manager, D. J. Vance vice president, and C. H. Wilson secretary-treasurer.

The company has built up a model town at Malone where comfortable homes have been erected for the married employe; a fine large hotel, with every modern and sanitary convenience has been built for the use of the single men, and for transient. Malone has a large store, with a diversified stock; there is also a motion picture theatre and a large hall for dances and entertainments.