

# FIST FIGHT AT PEACE AT ANY PRICE MEETING IN NEW YORK

Hecklers Are Ejected From the Hall After They Had Interrupted the Address of the Chairman, John G. Milholland.

## GREAT GATHERING IN MADISON SQUARE

David Starr Jordan Doesn't Want to See the Kaiser Abdicate if His Son Is to Succeed Him to the Throne.

New York, March 24.—A small riot with open fighting featured attempts of several belligerent and militant spectators at tonight's mass meeting of the emergency peace committee to object to the pacifist proceedings.

### PUT UP A HOT FIGHT.

The pro-war advocates were vastly outnumbered by the pacifists, but they put up a hot little fight, in which the pacifists showed they knew how to use their fists.

Madison Square garden was in an uproar during the disturbance. At least 6000 persons were massed there. A number of women left frightened at the fighting. No one appeared to be much the worse for the scrapping.

John G. Milholland, who presided, strenuously defended the patriotism of those opposing war.

### LOYAL TO CONSTITUTION.

"We are loyal to the constitution," he said. "We resent to the utmost that these grave questions cannot be settled without going to war."

"Never mind being called a traitor," Milholland said, "some day this country will be freed of this hell called war and it will then be fit to live in."

### WANT NO DICTATOR.

"We are not going to inaugurate a dictator in Washington or anywhere else. We want time to consider this question thoroughly and shall refuse to be stampeded."

Other speakers were Joseph Cannon, Dr. David Starr Jordan, Dr. Judah Magnus and Professor Scott Searing. As Milholland concluded, an officer marched out of the hall, taking the man from the rear, charged with "disturbing the peace."

Dr. David Starr Jordan, next speaker,

er, declared the high cost of living in America was not due to speculators. "Germany and England are being starved to death," he said. "There is not enough food to go around. The high cost of living is not due to speculators. We are feeding too many idle people."

"Are we going to send a great army to Europe, and starve ourselves—an army that will take 1000 ships to move when we have only 15 or 20?"

**LONG LIVE THE KAISER!**  
"We speak of the downfall of the Kaiser. Well, if his son is to succeed him, I, for one, say: Long live the Kaiser."

## APPEAL IN BEHALF OF BELGIAN PEOPLE

New York, March 24.—An appeal to the American public to redouble their efforts in feeding the 7,000,000 starving Belgians was voiced by Alexander J. Hemphill, treasurer of the American commission for relief in Belgium, tonight. In spite of the withdrawal of Minister Brand Whitlock and the Americans now working in Belgium, the commission is going on with its work. Further contributions are needed immediately. The commission is maintaining its offices in New York, London and Rotterdam. Officials of the Dutch government will replace the Americans withdrawn.

In his statement, Hemphill declared that the vast sums already sent from the United States had barely covered the cost of distributing the supplies to the stricken people of France, and that England supplied much of the food.

**REPORTED GOLD IS BEING DEPORTED TO MEXICO BY GERMANS**  
El Paso, Tex., March 24.—Agents of the department of justice are today investigating reports that large sums of gold are being exported through the El Paso custom port to Mexico, by Germans in the United States. The representatives say New York drafts are being turned into gold here and exportation of the money to Mexico follows.

## SECRETARY LANSING VISITS NEW YORK

New York, March 24.—Secretary Lansing spent today in New York "on a visit." He refused to see newspaper men. Colonel E. M. House, confidential adviser to the president, called upon the premier, but the latter emphasized his determination not to see anyone else, by having his dinner served in his room this evening.

## RAILROAD BRIDGES UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Baker, Ore., March 24.—Owing to disturbed conditions all bridges on the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company's line between Huntington and Portland today were put under double day and night guard. Mayor Palmer was advised to place a gun on the city water works, but has not yet taken such action.

## NEAR-FATAL QUARREL OVER THE POISONING OF A DOG

Roseburg, Ore., March 24.—After fighting over the poisoning of a dog, Alex Worthington is in a critical condition at a local hospital with two knife wounds in his side and Ralph Knight, owner of the dog, is under \$500 cash bail until the outcome of Worthington's injuries are determined. Both men are farmers, and have families.

# BLOW GIVEN TO SPECULATOR IN STATE'S LANDS

Highest Bidders Will Get Leases in the Future and No Favoritism Will Be Shown by the Land Board.

## BIG FEES CHARGED LESSEES IN THE PAST

Report of John Walker to the Land Commissioner Shows How System of Sub-leasing and Transferring Has Been Operated.

The state land board proposes to close down large agricultural land lease operators in the southeastern part of the state so as to prevent a monopoly on state lands and when leases expire will get that they are put up at public auction and the land leased to the highest bidder. As for the speculator who has been securing leases and then transferring them to others at a premium, the board hopes to be able to eat them out altogether.

It was learned Saturday from members of the land board that all persons interested will be cited to appear and show cause, where they hold transferred leases in opposition to the rules, why the leases should not be cancelled. The board members take the attitude that while they do not wish to be arbitrary at the same time they do not propose to have speculators reap a profit off of state holdings to the detriment of the small farmers.

The rules of the board provide that no individual shall lease agricultural land from the state for a longer period than five years. In southeastern Idaho, it is charged, the dry farm agricultural lands have been leased in numerous instances by speculators. The report of John Walker, state land appraiser, who made an investigation regarding the sub-leasing and transferring of state leases in southeastern Idaho particularly in Fremont county, contains some interesting data about how these leases have been speculated upon. Fees of from \$100 to \$1000 changed hands, it is shown.

### THE WALKER REPORT.

The Walker report is as follows: "State board of land commissioners, Boise, Idaho. "Gentlemen: Yours of Feb. 20 advising me to carefully appraise improvements belonging to Neph Martineau on east half of section 4, township 6, north range 42 east, has received careful consideration. "It has been impossible to view the land on account of snow conditions but by careful inquiry I believe I have obtained all the facts affecting this question. My information is mostly obtained from those acquainted with, but not interested in said tract. Conditions are as follows: One and one-quarter mile of fence, consisting of two barb wires nailed to quackensap posts two rods apart, one feed rack and 25 acres of land in stubble condition. That these conditions do exist is admitted by both Mr. Martineau and Mr. Stoddard, through his attorney, L. G. Ryland. I tried to get these people together by way of an agreement among themselves but it was impossible. Martineau asked \$3 per acre on all ground in a stubble condition while Mr. Ryland, acting for Stoddard, positively refused to pay anything on account of the condition of the land, holding that the law would put them in possession of the land by paying only for fence and feed rack and insisted on me making report along that line stating that I would be bound to act in keeping with the law, whereupon I informed them that I was not an attorney and that the board had asked me for my opinion in the matter as to what would be right under the circumstances and that I would leave the interpretation of the law to the attorney general and was very sharply criticized for so doing. In fact, the land board and land commissioner did not escape in this particular. I mention these things to bring out the condition that exists in connection with state leases and I have been very careful in deciding on this matter to act strictly from a standpoint of justice to all.

### HOW COMMISSIONS WERE SPLIT.

"Now as to the appraisement, I discovered that out of the \$1400 paid to Olof Anderson for this lease, \$120 commission went to Rexburg Realty company and \$50 annual rental to state of Idaho and that this ground, 255 acres had all been cropped and partly plowed again and that Mr. Martineau took a light crop-off from said land which made in all two light crops taken in lifetime of said lease, that there was no plowing done after last year's crop was taken off, leaving land in a stubble condition. Now I consider that Mr. Martineau should receive \$2.50 per acre on 255 acres of this land . . . \$737.50 Further that he should receive 30 cents per rod for 400 rods of fence . . . 120.00 \$7 for feed rack . . . 7.00 \$864.50

"This amount may not replace the money that Martineau is out on the deal, but I don't feel that that part should be strictly considered. My opinion is based on the difference between receiving the land in stubble condition and that of a sod. I take it that the land has not been materially hurt on account of crops previously grown and that if Mr. Stoddard should receive lease under existing conditions he would be benefited in the amount stated.

"M. W. Swendsen and Seth Stoddard,

came to my room and offered to pay me \$127.50 as payment in full for all improvements on land in question. I refused to accept it. Messrs. Ryland and Swendsen manifest a very keen interest in the location of their client on this lease and I believe the following is the underlying cause of their activity: \$1000 to be paid to them by Mr. Stoddard if they succeed in locating him on said land.

"Perhaps some of these things should not be mentioned in a report of this kind but I believe you should know every phase of the question. If I am wrong I will gladly stand correction, but I do not like to see people sacrifice principle for personal interests and expect their friends to help them pull it over. Therefore, I recommend that Mr. Stoddard pay to Mr. Martineau the sum of \$864 in the event of lease being eventually awarded to him."

## PRESIDENT CALLS ON TWO SECRETARIES

Washington, March 24.—President Wilson established another precedent this afternoon when, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, he called on secretary of war and secretary of the navy.

The president and Mrs. Wilson spent about 40 minutes in the offices of each. At Secretary Baker's office it was stated that the visit was merely routine, while at Daniels' office came the information that it was "purely social."

## ANCIENT COACHMAN LOSES HIS POSITION

Washington, March 24.—John Barry, for 40 years head coachman of the secretary of state, is today without a job.

Secretary Lansing has discarded the traditional state department carriage. Now a 12-cylinder motor car awaits him. John can't drive a motor car. A younger man will take his place. But John will be taken care of on the department rolls, officials said.

## WORLD TO SEE

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of the allies, America could be invaded by Germany.

"These gentlemen seem to strive to convince Germany that we cannot fight," Reed declared. "The fact is, the American war fleet is superior to that of Germany. Within 12 months we can, if required, train and equip an army of 4,000,000 men. Within 24 months we can put 8,000,000 men in the field, the equal of any soldiers who have served on any battle field in history.

### READY FOR SACRIFICE.

"In the face of this national danger the soul of this mighty people is inspired with the sentiment of deathless loyalty, of unflinching courage, of heroic sacrifice. God knows we all do hope this cup will pass from us, but if it shall be pressed to our lips, then the sons and daughters of America will know how to live—and how to die. "And when the hour shall have been written the Romanoffs into obscurity; the shackles of tyranny will have been broken from the limbs of millions, and democracy will have erected temples of freedom out of ruins of the palaces and prisons of autocracy."

### TRIBUTE PAID TO STONE.

There was a near-riot at the meeting which put the crowd squarely behind Senator William J. Stone. One of the city's widely known citizens, Bryson Jones, well-to-do real estate dealer, demanded of Senator James A. Reed, chief speaker, an explanation of Stone's attitude on armed neutrality. "Down with Stone!" yelled Jones as Senator Reed paused in his speech. The great crowd was angered. Jumping to their feet, hissing and yelling, scores demanded that the heckler be arrested. Naval militiamen and policemen immediately searched through the crowd to find the man who had made the outcry, placed Jones under arrest and released him only at the instance of Reed, who demanded that he be placed on the platform.

### EXPLANATION BY REED.

Reed paused in his speech to make an explanation in which he told Jones and the crowd "the press of the country had misinformed the nation in the hurry and bustle of that violent night in which the armed neutrality bill came up." He closed his attack on the press with the apology that the incidents of the event made the "errors" pardonable under these words: "That distinguished old patriot, the chairman of the foreign relations committee, William J. Stone, has never put a blot on his loyalty. He is on record as advocating a house of representatives resolution that would have given the president the power he desired." The great throng cheered and waved its flags madly. Jones told Reed when he had finished his speech that the explanation was satisfactory and that an apology would be sent to Senator Stone.

## CHICAGO PLANNING BIG DEMONSTRATION

Chicago, March 24.—Plans for a monster patriotic demonstration, one that will rival the one held at Madison Square garden in New York, were laid at a meeting of representative Chicago professional and business men this afternoon.

The conference was held at the office of Jacob M. Dickson, ex-secretary of war under the Taft administration, and was attended by Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Fallows and other noted Chicagoans. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That our country is on the verge of war. The crisis demands immediate expression by all patriotic American citizens of their sentiments and desires. We urge upon congress and the president that they immediately take vigorous and effective steps to protect American lives, prop-

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erty and honor by using every resource at their command." A mass meeting will be held next Saturday night at the auditorium. Prominent speakers will be secured.

## ST. LOUIS READY TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT

St. Louis, March 24.—St. Louis, through its mayor, tonight announced its readiness to support President Wilson in any stand he takes in the international situation.

Mayor Kiel, in replying to requests from the Universal Military Training league in Chicago, said he would preside over a meeting here next Saturday which will be a demonstration in favor of universal military training. Howard Gross of the league wired Kiel this afternoon, announcing similar meetings in all principal cities of the country.

## FLAG TO FLOAT FROM CHURCH STEEPLES

Chicago, March 24.—From the steeple of every Reformed Episcopal church in this diocese, the American flag will fly tomorrow. Besides the unfurling of the national banner, in many of the churches the rectors will substitute patriotic discourses for their regular sermons.

## COUNTRY GETS READY

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Chief ships—and has fallen even to heed American protests against such a course. The withdrawal was taken as a preliminary to real war.

While these things go on, the government departments are more than ever careful about spies. Calling out two Massachusetts militia regiments, at the suggestion of Governor McCall was aimed directly at preventing any German moves to cripple vital construction units in the bay state.

### SUBMARINING CONTINUES.

Germany's general submarining without regard to neutral rights continues. The state department was informed today that another American was jeopardized in the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Ronald, though there was some warning in the case.

### PLANS WILL BE READY.

By April 2, when congress assembles to frame the government's course toward Germany, the war department will have completed plans for the part the army will take in the scheme of defense—and possibly offense.

Secretary Baker announced late today he will at that time present a fully complete outline with accompanying requests for necessary appropriations.

Whether universal military service will be urged has been impossible to determine yet. Army officers and department officials are known to be virtually unanimous in favor of immediate adoption of the system.

### ARMY MUST BE AUGMENTED.

Secretary Baker and President Wilson have yet to indicate the position they will take in this big question. On one point, however, there seems to be no question. The army will have to be vastly augmented, even if it is not decided to send an army abroad. A request for large numbers of ad-

ditional officers to put into training an adequate army is expected as one of the first steps.

There was every indication today that the pending army appropriation of \$327,000,000 will not stand. Just how much "war money" will be asked of congress for land defense, officials said, will depend on what congress wants the army to do, and what system will finally be adopted.

### COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES.

Though the last congress failed to pass the army appropriation measure, this fact does not hinder the collection of needed army supplies. On the contrary, contractors are taking contracts without signatures, realizing that they will be paid when the bill passes the new congress.

Hence, the quartermaster and ordnance branches are going ahead thoroughly and efficiently. Secretary Baker said tonight that all the army measures which failed of passage are being inspected and will be presented in a sort of budget to the new congress.

The destroyer contract signed by the navy department today called for the 24 war boats to be built in rapid time. But the navy wants more of these craft, and has set at work to round up other builders, with a view to getting 25 to 50 more in a short time.

The bidders today said they could furnish only 24 and they pleaded that questions of securing material made the delivery time uncertain.

The contracts went to Cramps, Philadelphia; Fore River Ship Building company, Quincy, Mass., and Union Iron Works, San Francisco. All ship yards which have done construction for the navy will be called upon to assist in creating the other destroyers.

Aside from destroyers, the navy still has to award contracts for numerous submarine chasers and 35 submarines.

The big battleship New Mexico will be launched at New York navy yard April 25, but the yard will be closed so that there will be no danger from spies or cranks.

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Hundreds of Boise ladies and many from nearby towns visited the store opening day and great numbers have honored us with their presence during the week.

It is our sincere wish that every woman in Boise and surrounding districts visit this store for the feminine, within the next few weeks and inspect this new garment and millinery shop. We shall take great pleasure in showing you the splendid stocks of millinery, coats, suits, dresses, skirts, waists, petticoats, etc., assembled for your approval and selection.

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