

'LABOR MEN STOPPED DRAFT IN AUSTRALIA'

C. G. Ross, in Talk, Says Country Friendly to U. S. Since We Entered War.

THEY PLAY POLITICS

Speeches of Politicians Are Printed Verbatim in Melbourne Press.

That the people of Australia have a much friendlier feeling toward the United States since its entry into the war, is the opinion of Prof. Charles G. Ross, who spoke at the Commercial Club luncheon today. The Australians as a whole could not understand how we remained neutral after seeing the rights of Belgium assaulted, after the sinking of the Lusitania and the murder of Nurse Cavell, he says.

Australia has furnished more than 350,000 men voluntarily in the war, and its population is only 5,000,000, according to Professor Ross. Conscription was defeated by a referendum vote there last October. The opposition of the labor party, which believed that capitalistic interests would be benefited by the passing of conscription, caused the defeat of the bill by 60,000 votes out of 2,250,000 cast. Women also have the privilege of voting there, and it is believed their votes contributed to the defeat of the bill.

"The government is being run by a coalition cabinet now," said Professor Ross. "William Morris Hughes, the leader of the pro-conscription wing of the labor party, is the prime minister. The growth of the unions has caused the development of a strong labor party and the unions have entered politics. The union members of parliament meet in caucus and vote as a unit. The labor party never split on an important issue in parliament until conscription came before the public. Hughes then caused a vote of the whole people to be taken.

"The nation is feeling keenly the war, despite its great distance from England," he continued. "Knitting is done in churches, at social gatherings—in fact, nearly everywhere. The people have contributed liberally to the Red Cross funds and the Y. M. C. A. work. More than \$33,000,000 has voluntarily been given by the people. Four hundred million dollars' worth of bonds have been floated in the country."

Other parts of his speech follow: "People take great interest in political affairs. Reporters will take speeches down in shorthand and the stories will be printed verbatim. The people are accustomed to long stories.

Military Training Is Compulsory. "Universal military training is compulsory in Australia for home defense. However, under the present laws, no men can be compelled to go outside the commonwealth to fight.

"Australians were very much disappointed because the United States did not go to the aid of the Allies at once. The big business interests were jealous of the United States because of the great wealth it was enjoying at the expense of the fighting nations."

They Like Their Tea.

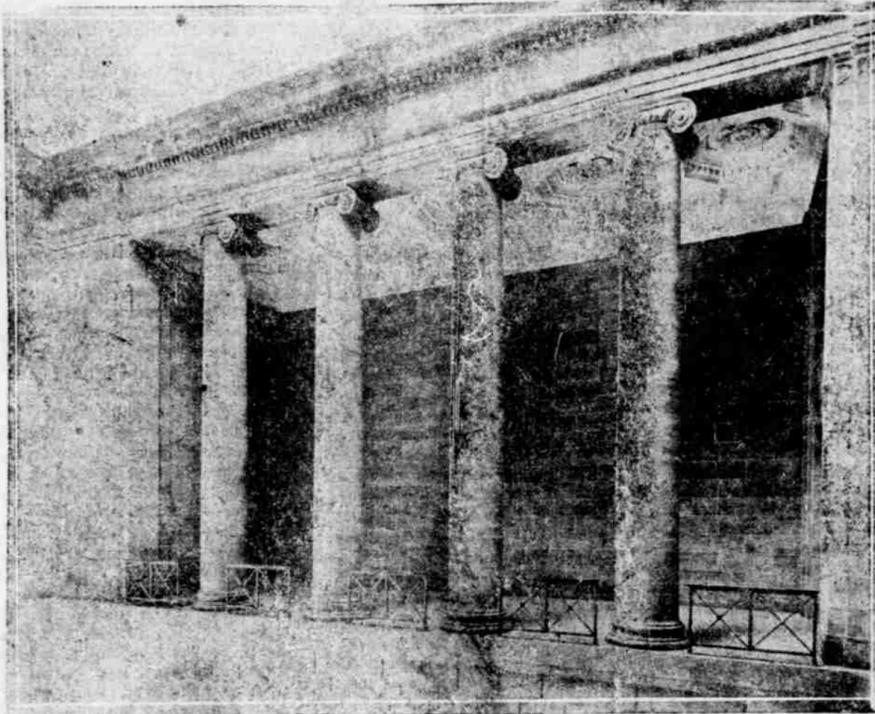
"Australians are great tea-drinking people. They drink it at meals and between meals several times a day. Coffee is not used much. The quality there is usually poor, being mixed with chicory. Whenever they go on picnics or outings, they make a type of tea called 'billy tea.'

"Horse racing and prize fighting are two of the chief sports of Australians. Around Melbourne, where I was located, were ten or twelve race courses. The annual Melbourne Cup race for a \$50,000 prize is the greatest one in the nation. More than 100,000 people attend it. Gambling is allowed by the government, which takes a percentage of the bets. Prizefights are held every Saturday night. Minor fights are held on Wednesday nights.

"Australian homes do not have furnaces. Fireplaces are used for heating purposes. The temperature in Melbourne rarely gets below 40 degrees.

"A dry goods store there is a soft goods store; a derby race a 'darby' race. The broad 'a' is used practically altogether in such words as dance and pass. Australians say they speak English and that the people

IN THE HALLWAY OF THE NEW STATE CAPITOL



Entering the New State Capitol at Jefferson City, the Visitor Is Impressed With the Great Columns Which Are on Both Sides of the Lobby of the Building. The Columns Shown Here Are on Either Side of the Main Stairway.

from the United States speak 'American.'

Glenn Babb, a 1915 graduate of the School of Journalism, who has recently returned from Japan, spoke briefly about Japan and the war.

R. W. Jones Gives Brief Talk.

Robert W. Jones, former editor of the Columbia Tribune, spoke briefly. Both Professor Ross and Glenn Babb expressed their pleasure in returning to Columbia.

K. C. STRIKE ENDS

Street Railway Trouble Was Settled in Union Victory Today.

KANSAS CITY, August 16.—The strike of street car motormen and conductors ended this afternoon when the strikers and street car company agreed to a compromise submitted by a delegation of business men and city officials.

By the compromise the strikers win the right to organize. The company also agrees to recognize the union and make all contracts with the men collectively.

Street car traffic, which has been suspended for eight days, will be resumed tomorrow morning.

R. D. GROVES TO FRANCE SOON

Former Tiger Among First Fort Riley Lieutenants To Be Called Out.

R. Dinwiddie Groves, L. L. B. '15, who recently received a commission as first lieutenant at Fort Riley, is among the first seventy-eight officers selected to go to France. These officers are being sent in advance of the conscripted armies to become familiar with the European military tactics, and to be prepared to handle the American troops when they arrive. Most all of the officers in the camp applied for this honored position but only seventy-eight were chosen.

Mr. Groves received M's in three branches of athletics while a student in the University, in basketball, track and football. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. His brother, J. L. Groves, is business manager of the Daily Missourian.

2,000 Officers in First U. S. Call.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—More than 2,000 graduates from the first series of Officers' Training Camps have been chosen to go to France. They will receive further intensive training there and ultimately fill up the gaps caused by promotions.

The assignments are from all camps and further assignments will probably be made later.

'74 Graduate Visiting Here.

H. B. Babb, a graduate of the University in 1874, and a former Columbian, arrived today for a visit with his brother, J. G. Babb, secretary of the University. Mr. Babb is now living in Denver, Colo.

TEUTONS TAKE 3,500 RUSSIAN PRISONERS

Berlin Says Attacks of Slavs and Rumanians Were Driven Back.

66 GUNS CAPTURED

Another Great Battle Is Reported to Have Begun in Flanders.

By United Press
BERLIN, August 16.—Numerous Russian and Rumanian attacks were reported by the war office today along the Sereth River. All were driven back and 3,500 prisoners, 16 guns and 50 machine guns reported captured.

A second great battle has broken forth in Flanders, the war office announced today. According to British orders, which were found, their objective was Vendin Level, four kilometers behind the German front, it was stated.

"The British made a small gain in fresh attacks which were repeated eleven times," the statement continued. "The storming waves collapsed under German fire."

South of Hullach and to the west of Lens all attacks were repulsed with extremely heavy losses, the statement continued.

Haig Strikes Out in Belgium.

By United Press
LONDON, August 16.—Field Marshal Haig struck again today, this time in Belgium north of Ypres. At 4:45 o'clock this morning the British and French attacked on a wide front. Heavy fighting was reported but progress was being made at all points in spite of the stubborn resistance by the enemy, the commander-in-chief reported.

The attack was on the line running to the east and north of Ypres where bitter fighting took place in the recent assault in Flanders. The Canadians today still held the positions dominating Lens, taken yesterday, despite strong German counter-attacks during the night.

Attempts of the Germans to regain Hill 70 and other important positions continued during the night, Haig reported, but all were repulsed.

French Take Trench System.

By United Press
PARIS, August 16.—Attacking in concert with British, French troops today attained all objectives in strong assaults against German lines in Flanders.

In one action an entire trench system was captured on a kilometer front. Four German attacks were thrown back and the French are holding all their gains.

ALLIES SEE PEACE IN ENDING OF KAISERISM

Second Appeal by Wilson to Germany to Cast Off Yoke Is Expected.

CONFERENCE IS HELD

Proposals of Pope Regarded as Coming by Way of Vienna or Berlin.

BULLETIN

By United Press
WASHINGTON, August 16.—The Pope's peace message was received by the State Department today from Ambassador Page at London, who received it from the British foreign office, Secretary Lansing announced this afternoon.

The note is being translated by the State Department experts. Secretary Lansing said he would make the translation public as soon as it is completed, probably late this afternoon. Lansing said a published report that he had told the diplomats he did not think the offer was acceptable was "absolutely false."

"Judgement should be suspended until the government has spoken and speculation on the government's attitude should not be made," he added, and would not discuss the situation further.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, August 16.—Political changes in Germany, stripping kaiserism of its power, would shorten the war. President Wilson has appealed once to the liberal element in Germany to cast off its yoke. That he will do so again is strongly believed. Eventually this seed will grow and bear fruit, Allied diplomats think.

"Peace can come only with realization of the Allied war aims," it was stated at the British embassy today. "The war can be shortened by such a political orientation in Germany that will strip kaiserism of its power."

Liberal diplomats say there must be a constructive response to the Pope's proposal for peace. That the heaven of democracy already at work in Germany must be enlarged by a hopeful word now from the United States and the Allies is insisted. There must be no summary refusal which might indicate determination to thwart every peace move on the ground of Germany's trickery, it is said.

Germany Must Change Within. Germany's reconstruction will come from within, not by force from without. If the Germans show a disposition to take aggressive action against their government, the end of the struggle will be near.

This summarizes the view here today after two days' conference between Allied diplomats and Secretary Lansing. The State Department is

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.
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Weather Conditions.
Showers have continued from western New Mexico, across northwestern Texas, and southern parts of Missouri, Illinois, and from thence southeastward to Florida. Showers also fell in parts of Minnesota and Michigan. Fine, seasonal weather now prevails in the principal corn growing states.

Temperatures in all southern states approximate summer values, but in the remainder of the United States the weather represents the early autumn type.

Generally fair weather with pleasant temperatures will likely prevail in Columbia for the next day or two.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 73 and the lowest last night was 66; precipitation 0.38; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 95 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 70 and the lowest 71; precipitation 0.01 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 5:23 a. m. Sun sets, 7:35 p. m.
Moon rises 4:19 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.
7 a. m. 67 11 a. m. 71
8 a. m. 68 12 (noon) 70
9 a. m. 68 1 p. m. 70
10 a. m. 69 2 p. m. 71

JAS. PAYNE ACQUITTED

Unanimous Decision by 3 Judges at County Courthouse Last Night.

James Payne, marshal of Ashland, whose preliminary hearing was held yesterday at the Courthouse for the shooting of James Turner, was acquitted. Justice D. W. B. Kurtz, Jr., was the presiding justice and he was assisted by Justice John S. Bicknell and Justice J. G. Long. Seventeen witnesses were called and it was 9 o'clock before the evidence was all in and a decision was reached. Payne did not take the witness stand in self-defense. All three justices voted for the acquittal of the Ashland marshal.

still awaiting the official communication from the Pope and declined to discuss the situation.

A note of sarcasm crept into some comment on the Pope's message today. "Merely the work of Emperor Charles to save his throne," said one diplomat. "He could then say to his people, 'See, I have brought peace,' and be enthroned forever."

No Need of Fussing, Say French.

The only comment at the French embassy was: "There need not be too much fuss made about this note. If Berlin itself is not directly behind it, Vienna certainly is."

The Vatican does not seem to be enlisting the aid of neutrals in its peace move. Spanish Ambassador Riano today denied that his embassy is in any way interested in the Vatican move or any communication in reference to it has been received from Madrid.

British Troops Capture Langemarch.

By United Press
LONDON, August 16.—Field Marshal Haig's troops captured Langemarch at noon today, Premier Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons today. Twelve hundred prisoners and five guns were taken.

Langemarch is a little over five miles northeast of Ypres. It is probable that both French and British troops took part in the attack which resulted in the capture of the town.

MRS. E. L. MITCHELL MARRIED

Wedding Was in Spokane, Wash., at 8 O'clock Last Night.

A wire to Mrs. E. Sidney Stephens this morning announced the marriage in Spokane, Wash., of Mrs. E. L. Mitchell of Columbia to Edwin T. Coman, a banker of Spokane. The marriage took place at Christ Cathedral there at 8 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Mitchell's marriage came as a surprise to her many friends in Columbia. While it has been known for some time that she would be married, it was generally understood that the wedding would take place in New York City September 12. Mr. Coman, who is president of the Exchange National Bank of Spokane, visited here two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Coman and Earnest Mitchell left last night for San Francisco, where they will sail August 23 for Honolulu. Earnest Mitchell wired Cuthbert Stephenson in Columbia this morning of Mrs. Mitchell's marriage.

TO ASK STATE AID ON OLD TRAILS HIGHWAY

Committee Discusses Plans for Permanent Improvement of Road.

WILL MEET MONDAY

Mineola Hills People Vote to Build Eight-Mile District.

A message to Columbia from the Kansas City Star received this afternoon said that as yet no decision has been made on any part of the road which the State Highway Commission now in session in Kansas City is to choose. The Commission went to Cass County last night to inspect roads.

A delegation from Warrenburg, there to plead the cause of that place is doing all it can to get the main cross state highway routed through Warrensburg and Jefferson City. It is understood that there are already three main road routes, the Northern, on which Moberly is located, the Southern on which is Jefferson City, and the Central Route which passes through Columbia. The chief object of the Jefferson City boosters now in Kansas City is to have Federal money lavished on the Jefferson City road district, possibly to the loss of Columbia and the central road.

"It is high time for the people of the central state highway district to wake up to the situation now confronting them and meet the southern district in the highway road problem," says Dr. J. B. Cole, chairman of the Old Trails Highway Committee. The committee met at the Commercial Club rooms last night to discuss the plans of permanent improvement of the Old Trails road, but no definite action was taken. They adjourned to meet again next Monday night to discuss the same question. In the meantime a sub-committee will be appointed by Doctor Cole. The committee will be asked to gather all available information concerning the work and consult the state highway commissioner in regard to the procedure in obtaining state aid in this enterprise.

"The southern district is now planning to build a state highway through Jefferson City to Kansas City and this means that they are our strong competitors," says Doctor Cole. "It is our duty," he continued, "to co-operate with the state in improving the Old Trails road and I believe the first there will be first served. The state will help us the same as any other district. This is clearly outlined in the 1917 statutes, section eight, which reads:

"The state highway engineer, subject to approval, modifications, changes or rejections, by the state highway board, shall select and designate not less than 3,500 miles of roads in this state, which, when sufficient state funds are available, shall be extended at least 500 miles annually, distributed among the several counties substantially in proportion to their respective areas, population and mileage of county roads to be known as state roads. Such roads shall be selected with due regard to directness and persistency of routes, low grades, economy in construction and maintenance, probable volume of the county and state at large; provided, that each county in the state shall be included in the system of the 'state roads.'"

Doctor Cole suggests that a committee be appointed to hold a conference with the officials of each county through which the Old Trails Highway runs and begin a campaign to make permanent improvements on the road. The member of the Mineola Hills district have recently voted four to one in favor of building the road through their 8-mile district. This has been done without asking the state for aid. Doctor Cole thinks that each district along the Old Trails Highway should take similar steps in support of the Mineola plan and then ask the state for help.

5 KILLED IN SPANISH STRIKE

Soldiers Attempted to Stop Disorder With Machine Guns.

By United Press
MADRID, Spain, August 16.—Five men were killed and nine wounded in a clash between strikers and police in Barcelona, an official statement announced today. The agitation is continuing in a number of provincial towns. In Madrid soldiers are on duty with machine guns. The police arrested members of the strikers' committee, removing them from their headquarters here today.