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MGR. CUTLER IS HONORED GUEST

Head of Great Sugar-Making Company Meets Citizens at Reception, and Promises the Fullest Co-operation

Thos. R. Cutler, general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, was the honored guest at a dinner reception tendered by the business men of Grants Pass Wednesday evening. A hundred of the business and professional men of the city sat about the board in the dining room at the Oxford hotel, and after the dinner, served by the ladies of the Baptist church, listened to addresses by distinguished visitors and local people. Acting Mayor Demaray was the master of ceremonies, and after words of welcome introduced Mr. Cutler, who won his way to the hearts of his audience by a talk that exuded sincerity and good will with its every sentence. Mr. Cutler told briefly of the sugar industry in the United States, and of the causes that made for success or failure. The magnitude of his own company was comprehended when he said that it would put more than \$7,000,000 into the hands of farmers and others for beets and materials this year, 11 factories now being operated.

Of the Grants Pass factory, Mr. Cutler said that there was no reason why it should not be a complete success. The disposition of the company was to make it a thoroughgoing success, he said, for the Rogue beets he described as "the best in the world." He spoke words of compliment for the community and the city, and assured the people that the Utah-Idaho company was anxious and ready to work in co-operation toward the upbuilding of the entire district. The grounds of the sugar company across the river he promised would be laid out in lawns and drives, and would be made a beauty spot in a beautiful city. He bespoke the complete co-operation of the factory people and the citizens of the city and valley.

Mr. Cutler said that the season had demonstrated that the Rogue valley was perfectly adapted by climatic conditions and soil to the growing of sugar beets, though he stated that irrigation would be an absolute necessity in beet culture. He said his company was ready to work with the community in bringing about more thorough irrigation in the district.

Following his address, Mr. Cutler led to leave at once for the depot to take the train for North Yakima, and as he left the dining room the hundred men gave approval to the address through long applause, then stood and wished him a happy journey and a quick return to southern Oregon. The head of the great sugar company that is leading in the industry of the west had won the respect and the deepest friendship of every man who had heard him speak.

Following Mr. Cutler, Congressman Hawley addressed the diners. He stated his pleasure at the coming of men of ability in the commercial world to the district, and bespoke for the new industry an important place in the development of the community. Other things that Mr. Hawley said were needed here were the highway to the caves, a mining experiment station and improvement of the harbor at Crescent City. All of these he bespoke the congressman's endorsement and support.

Alex Nibley, manager of the local sugar factory, gave his auditors interesting light upon the past activities of Thos. R. Cutler, who pioneered

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ROUMANIANS IN FEAR OF ATTACK ON BUCHAREST

London, Oct. 26.—The victorious sweep of General von Mackensen's armies in Dobrudja has been checked at least temporarily, official dispatches from Berlin, Sofia, Petrograd and Bucharest indicated this afternoon. The Roumanians have blown up the fourteen-mile Danube bridge at Cernavoda, the greatest bridge in Europe, thus blocking an immediate invasion of Old Roumania.

The German war office, announcing this fact this afternoon, declared it evidenced Roumanian's fear of a German sweep toward Bucharest.

The German statement declared further progress in the Dobrudja operations, but mentioned no fresh captures. It apparently corroborated the Petrograd statement that Mackensen's offensive is slackening somewhat.

A delayed official statement from the Bulgarian war office announced the capture of a huge amount of booty at Constanza, but claimed no further victories.

On the Transylvanian front the Roumanians have arrested the progress of General von Falkenhayn's armies at some points, though yielding ground in the Jiu valley and north of Sinial, in which direction the Germans made progress.

In the house of commons today Premier Asquith gave further assurance that the allies were directing their anxious attention to the plight of Roumania. He said that concerted action is being arranged, and that France, Russia and Italy, as well as England, are taking every possible step to relieve the Roumanians.

The last 24 hours of fighting on the Somme and Verdun fronts have left the situation practically unchanged. The German war office tonight admitted the loss of Fort Douaumont and Douaumont village to the French, but reported the repulse of violent French attacks against Fort Vaux yesterday.

Berlin also claimed the repulse of heavy Russian attacks on the front west of Lutsk fortress.

In Macedonia French and Serbian troops drove northward in a fresh victory Tuesday, capturing two villages and other German-Bulgarian positions.

SOLDIERS FLEE TO OLD ROUMANIA

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 26.—Part of the Russo-Roumanian force in Dobrudja escaped into Old Roumania by fleeing across the Cernavoda bridge before the town was captured by Mackensen, the military critics of the semi-official News Agency reported today.

"By the capture of Cernavoda, Field Marshal von Mackensen's army completely turned the military situation in Dobrudja in our favor," they asserted. "The flying Russians and Roumanians separated into two parts, those who did not remain on the battlefield, or were not captured, saving themselves by flight over the Danube bridge at Cernavoda or to northern Dobrudja.

"After the capture of Cernavoda this famous Danube bridge, the largest in Europe, was dominated by Mackensen's cannon.

"After the fall of the Constanza-Cernavoda line, the transportation of provisions from Russia must now be conducted on two minor and less efficient railroad lines in Moldavia or via the Danube ports of Galatz and Brailau, which can not be compared with Constanza.

"Roumania's military situation during the last three days has become much more critical, especially since the Germans and Austro-Hungarians already have partly conquered the Carpathian passes."

JOFFRE SEES TROOPS WIN DOUAUMONT

Crown Prince Was Driven Back at Verdun in Spectacular Offensive of Three Hours by the French Army

By Henry Wood.

Verdun, via Chantilly, Oct. 26.—Battling in rain, mists and clouds of smoke, the French recaptured Fort Douaumont in less than three hours in a brilliant offensive that swept the crown prince back from Verdun. The entire operation was witnessed by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of France's armies.

From an observation post in one of the Verdun forts, the correspondents watched the French infantry launch the attack at 11:40 Tuesday morning, after three days of unprecedented artillery preparation. The rain, fog and constant explosion of shells hid men from sight, but it was possible to follow the French advance by the shifting of the barrage fire, especially that of the Germans, which first came from Froide Terre, and then was forced to shorten upon Thiaumont and then Douaumont, in which the French swept all before them.

Telephone calls from other French forts kept us informed of the French advance. First, at 12:30, Holly ravine was captured, the voice over the telephone said. Then the Handramont quarries—the village of Douaumont, the forests of Chapitre, Fumin, Chenois, Lauffee and Callette in quick succession. There was a short pause and the telephone brought word of the capture of the Vaux pond. It was

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BRIDGE OVER DANUBE IS BLOWN UP

One of the World's Greatest Structures, Erected at Cost of Millions, Destroyed After the Roumanians Cross

Berlin, via Sayville, Oct. 26.—

"Roumanian troops have blown up the large bridge over the Danube at Cernavoda," said an official statement from the war office this afternoon, announcing further progress for General von Mackensen's army in Dobrudja and new advances against the Roumanians on the Transylvanian front.

London, Oct. 26.—Roumanian troops blew up the Cernavoda bridge, the greatest in Europe, following the evacuation by them of the city, said a Rome wireless dispatch today, quoting a Bucharest dispatch received there.

The Cernavoda bridge was built in 1896, at a cost of several millions of dollars, and is the only bridge across the Danube both ends of which rest on Roumanian soil. It spans the Danube and adjacent marshes and is fourteen miles long. The Constanza-Bucharest railway crosses the structure.

Portland, Maine—It's nothing to see a man wandering around looking for police headquarters, but it's something else to see police headquarters wandering around looking for a man. New York cops have just built a \$70,000 police headquarters harbor ship.

PRESIDENT TENDERED TREMENDOUS RECEPTION IN CINCINNATI TODAY

Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—To emphasize the necessity for all people in this country to unite in their allegiance to America, the nation of nations, President Wilson came to Cincinnati today. He arrived at 11:30, and received a tremendous reception. Hamilton county, whose German population is such that no election was ever won here without the support of the German vote, put party lines and personal feelings aside to tender the chief executive one of the greatest demonstrations he ever has received.

Germans were on all the committees, their presence was marked in the crowds, and there was every evidence of their intention to give the president a clear impression that his was to be a fair hearing in a community reported hostile to him.

The president made his way through crowded streets to a hotel for a brief rest previous to starting out on a busy day. He was welcomed officially to the city by Mayor George Puchta, republican. Wm. B. Melish, republican leader and president of the chamber of commerce, and Judge Howard Hollister, lifelong republican, joined in the ceremony of welcome.

Wilson was in fine fettle after a trip through West Virginia and Ohio marked by enthusiastic welcomes from the townspeople at every point. He made no speeches, confining himself to expressions of appreciation for the demonstrations and hopes that "I have done my work well," when enthusiasts shouted:

"We are for you, Woody," and "You have kept the country out of war, God bless you."

The chamber of commerce was jammed to the doors when the president arrived to be officially welcomed by Cincinnati. He was given a noisy reception. Mayor Puchta said Cincinnati had a citizenship deeply interested in the affairs of the United States—"a citizenship deeply loyal to the United States and its governing officials. It is deep in its obedience and loyalty to you."

Replying, President Wilson said: "I can say I have not the slightest feeling of strangeness in Cincinnati. My father and uncle were born in Ohio. I spent much of my time in the great state of Ohio during my more irresponsible days.

"The dignity of my office limits me now. Even a Scotch-Irishman can not let go and say what he wishes."

The president paid tribute to Ohio, saying in this state much of the zest of history, much of the energy of the country got its start here.

"There is no zest in monopoly. Real zest is joining your zest with that of your fellow man. This zest has marked the great tidal wave of American history.

"Now the problem is to see that a genuine spiritual unity binds it together from coast to coast. Unless there is spiritual unity, America can not find herself. America is now finding herself. It is the great movement now. Every man must exemplify himself in spirit and action what he would want all the world to know America stands for. We must all pull together now and move forward the great chariot in which rides the Goddess of Liberty."

TRAIL OF CHEERS BLAZED BY HUGHES IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26.—Charles E. Hughes, presidential nominee, blazed a trail of cheers across the state of Connecticut today. Although he was scheduled for only one speech—in Hartford—crowds at New Haven, Meridian, and New Britain, at which places the train stopped briefly, were insistent on appearance of the candidate. He made short rear-platform talks.

"If you are not elected, I'm going to leave the country," one man shouted at New Haven amid a babel of yells from Yale students. Hughes shook hands with as many as could crowd forward.

Mrs. Hughes left the special train here and after hearing her husband speak departed for Wellesley to spend the afternoon with Miss Catherine Hughes, a freshman at the woman's school. The streets were lined when Hughes arrived, and a goodly din greeted his appearance, in which there were mixed a few shouts of "Hurrah for Wilson."

27 LIVES LOST IN HOSPITAL FIRE

Farnham, Quebec, Oct. 26.—At 1 o'clock today it was reported that at least 27 lives had been lost in the fire which had destroyed the Roman Catholic hospital at St. Elizabeth Hall and stables during the night.

Twenty persons were injured in jumping from the upper stories, about a dozen of them children. The fact that survivors are scattered in homes all over the town makes the work of compiling a list of the missing difficult.

When the fire broke out there were 318 persons in the building, the majority of whom were children. They were saved by heroic work on the part of the firemen and citizens.

Yesterday morning firemen were called to the same institution when a fire broke out in the basement. It is now thought this must have broken out again last evening, with such disastrous results.

The loss is estimated at \$250,000, with about \$30,000 insurance.

Farnham, Quebec, Oct. 26.—Five persons are known to be dead and 15 others are missing as the result of a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth's hospital and laundry during the night.

Twenty-five or more children were injured by jumping from windows. Three hundred and fifty inmates were asleep in the building when the fire broke out, and many of these are unaccounted for. Several other dwellings adjacent were badly damaged by water and smoke. About twenty-five children are lying badly injured through jumping to the stone pavement from the third story windows.

The fire is believed to have started from a defective chimney. It spread so swiftly that the 350 inmates were unable to reach safety before many of them were marooned by the flames.

Patients and employes fought in wild attempts to gain exits from the building.

Startling revelations are promised when an investigation is begun, for the fire escapes are said to have always proved defective in emergencies and many of the deaths and injuries are attributed to the fact that these avenues of escape were quickly blocked.

The twenty-five or more children who were injured hung themselves from the third story windows to the pavement below when it was found no stairway was available for their descent.

Nearly all inmates of the building were asleep on the third floor.

NEUTRALITY AT END SAYS WILSON

States That the United States Can Not Keep Out of the Next War in Which Humanity Rights Are Involved

Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—"This is the last war of any kind that the United States can keep out of," President Wilson warned in an address before the Women's City club here today.

"I say this," he added, "solemnly, because I am convinced that the business of neutrality is at an end. You know there comes a time when neutrality becomes intolerable.

"America should lend not only moral influence but physical force if other nations will join to prevent one nation from preying on another, providing the only things to be fought for are the fundamental rights of humanity.

"It is impossible to live in an atmosphere of neutrality when you have to fight for your rights."

NO EASY PICKINGS FOR LEAGUE BALLPLAYERS

Chicago, Oct. 26.—It will be a hard winter for some of the major league ballplayers. Even though the baby needs shoes, they will not be allowed to play exhibition ball games or take part in baseball, football, or even basketball.

This was the answer Ban Johnson gave David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' fraternity when Dave protested against the signing of players by the national commission for playing in exhibition games.

NO PUSSYFOOTING FOR ROOSEVELT

Aboard Roosevelt Train, DeKalb, Ill., Oct. 26.—Colonel Roosevelt exhibited still less desire to pussyfoot on the Americanism issue as he neared Chicago today.

"Here is the home state of Lincoln," he told the audience, that numbered a thousand each at Sterling, Dixon and here. "I come to preach straight-out Americanism, not the 50-50 brand. I want no English, French nor German-Americanism. If any man has any loyalty at all to any other country whatever but the United States, let him get out of this country."

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—That Chinese shipping men, operating under the American flag, may become a factor in trans-Pacific trade is indicated today in the placing of orders in a British Columbia shippard for two liners for the China Mail company. The firm contemplates building two other ships later on.

ASK EMBARGO ON WHEAT SHIPMENTS

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—Six-cent bread becomes a reality in California next week. The California State Master Bakers' association not only decided to abandon the five-cent loaf but today began a state-wide movement for petitions to President Wilson asking that an embargo be placed upon the exportation of wheat. The new price is effective November 1.