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RUSSIA COMMANDS CARPATHIAN SITUATION

DELEGATE MISQUOTED PLATFORM

Wednesday night at his Rink meeting Delegate James Wickersham pretended to quote from what he represented to be the Democratic 1912 platform. He pretended to read therefrom a declaration in favor of Statehood for Alaska. With that as a basis from which to start, he declared that the Democratic party of Alaska is reactionary because its Skagway convention declared for "full Territorial form of government," and Democrats in the Legislature and The Empire have supported a memorial asking Congress for "full Territorial form of government."

There was no available copy of the platform in Juneau. Friends of Delegate Wickersham had been searching for a copy of the platform because, it was said, someone had told him that it had declared for Statehood. The Empire, knowing of the Delegate's habits when "quoting" in public and knowing of his intention to try to make a point on the alleged information, also made a search of the town for a copy of the platform. The Empire was unsuccessful, but the Delegate "quoted" as stated.

Yesterday morning The Empire, still mindful of the Delegate's habits, sent a telegram to the Valdez Prospector, published at the town where the 1912 convention was held, asking that it telegraph The Empire the plank in the platform on Statehood for Alaska.

DEMOCRATS DECLARED FOR TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT IN 1912

The Empire received this reply:

VALDEZ, April 8.—The Home Rule plank in the Democratic platform of 1912 was as follows:

"The power to make laws to govern local affairs is but the application to Alaska of a right sanctified by the blood of our fathers and justified by more than a century of actual experience. Every Democratic convention held in Alaska has insisted upon that right, and we do but reiterate the utterances of these conventions when we again represent to Congress:

(1) That the people of Alaska want home rule. (2) That the people of Alaska ought to have home rule. (3) That until the people of Alaska get home rule they will never cease demanding it as the right of American citizens.

"We pledge to the people of Alaska that, if elected, our candidate for Delegate will use every effort to secure the enactment of a law giving to Alaska a local Legislature, elected by the people, with power covering every rightful subject of legislation not National in character."

(Signed) PROSPECTOR.

NO STATEHOOD DECLARATION

Upon receipt of this telegram, thinking that perhaps the Prospector had not understood the request, The Empire sent this wire to the Prospector:

"Did the Democratic 1912 platform contain any reference to Statehood for Alaska. If so, please wire it to The Empire."

The following reply was received last night:

VALDEZ, April 8.—Nothing in platform regarding Statehood. Mailing you copy of platform on tonight's steamer.

(Signed) PROSPECTOR.

RE-TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESSES

Construction work at Thane is progressing rapidly on all of the three remaining units to be put under the roof of the big mill, and by Juneau first it is expected that the second unit will be operating. As to the new re-treatment plant, G. T. Jackson, assistant superintendent, said:

"We have the foundation about completed and the steel which is already on hand, will be going up shortly. The whole works will be pushed rapidly as possible, and by August the third unit should be operating."

A boarding house to accommodate 150 men is being constructed as well as cottages for the foremen. There are about 700 men employed in mining, milling and construction work in connection with the Alaska Gastineau property.

The cleanup shipped out on the Admiral Evans consisted principally of concentrates, but when the re-treatment plant is completed the mineral will be reduced to billion, the same as at Treadwell.

The Empire has most readers

WEATHER TODAY
Maximum—50
Minimum—32
CLEAR

ASSEMBLY AFTER TAX DODGERS

Representative Dan Driscoll of Fairbanks introduced in the House this morning a bill to provide for the collection of unpaid Territorial taxes. There is owing the Territory approximately \$200,000, which does not include the few months in the present calendar year.

The tax dodger bill, as it was immediately dubbed, provides that the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate enter into a contract with a competent attorney, for the prosecution of tax dodgers. The prosecutor shall receive 15 per cent of the moneys collected, and \$250 is appropriated to pay marshal's costs of filing papers and serving processes. The bill further provides that all actions be triable in the United States court at Juneau. The bill was referred to the ways and means committee.

Liquor Bill Finally Passed.
The Senate passed without amendment today the Snow bill, providing for a vote on the liquor question November 4, 1917, with the provision that saloons and breweries in Alaska shall suspend January 1, 1918 if the drys poll a majority of the votes cast. The bill will go to Governor Strong, who has declared he would sign it.

The House passed H. B. 33, making subscribers to notes jointly or severally liable, H. B. 53, providing the monthly payment of wages and providing a penalty for obtaining labor under false pretenses, and House Joint Memorial 4, providing reservations on navigable waters, between homesteads.

The House committee of the whole held a hearing on the Tanner fisheries memorial after adjournment. Capt. Charles B. Oliver and George Roaness of Ketchikan were witnesses.

H. B. 66, Mr. Snow, preventing marshals from acting as prosecutors or attorneys for defendants in justice courts, was introduced, and referred to the judiciary.

H. B. 67, Mr. Shoup, regulating general insurance business, was introduced and the same measure was filed in the Senate as S. B. 43, by Senator Millard.

First Division Loses Out.
Each division of Alaska will receive one-fourth of the First and Third division forest reserve moneys, after 25 per cent is taken out for school purposes, the House of Representatives today agreed upon, with Representative Shoup, Held, Heckman and Britt, the First division's delegation, vigorously protesting.

The amount per division, is about \$11,000. After an all-morning debate, the Coombs bill, already amended several times, went back to a special committee, with instructions to amend it by inserting provisions for the creation of four road districts, with one office commissioner in each division, who shall draw the division's share of the money and spend it for roads as he shall see fit. The road commissioner will be elected first by the Legislature, and after January 1, 1917, by the people.

Representative Shoup's motion that no member of the First division be placed on the special committee authorized to amend the bill, carried. Mr. Shoup stated it was the opinion of the people of the First division that the money from the Tongas forest reserve should be spent in the First division, where the Tongas forest is located, and that it would be unfair to the voters of this section to have their representatives in the legislature be made a party to drawing up a measure which will take an equal division of the money. He cited that the First division already had suffered irreparable damage, by the operation of the forest reserve law. He told of the arrival here two years ago of Capt. Otto Sverdrup, famous Norwegian explorer and navigator, whom, he said, came to Southeastern Alaska with two and one-half millions in cash, to erect a paper mill in the forest, but who was driven away by the forest service regulations. The Sverdrup plan, Mr. Shoup mentioned, was to utilize the spruce trees, extracting the pulp for the manufacture of paper. He said that one of the most objectionable rules of the reserve was that for every tree cut down another had to be planted.

What Alaska Lost.
"There was even no guarantee that Capt. Sverdrup would have title to the ground his pulp mill would occupy, and for that reason he went to St. Beria, taking his money with him," Mr. Shoup said.

Speaker Collins named Representatives Holland, Driscoll and Getchell to draft the new bill. The motion to commit was unanimous, with the exception of the First division's members.

The House received the Sunday closing bill, which passed the Senate with the emergency clause attached, putting the law in force upon approval by the Governor, the 3-hour day bill.

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FORMER ALASKA GIRL ENDS HER LIFE AT FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Mrs. Chase Garfield, daughter of Mrs. Whiting, wife of Dr. F. B. Whiting, of Seattle, formerly a prominent Alaskan, committed suicide here last night. The cause of the act is not known. She had been living with her husband, who is an automobile salesman, at Los Angeles.

Mrs. Garfield formerly lived with her parents and attended school at Skagway, where she met and was wooed and wed by Chase Garfield. She was a daughter of Robert C. Smith, who was engaged in the brewery business at Skagway in the early days of that town's history. In partnership with the late W. F. Maitoch, As Miss Doss Smith, the dead woman was very popular. Her mother became the wife of Dr. Whiting.

LANE BOOSTING GOOD TIMES

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who has just returned from a trip throughout the country, asked for a statement of business conditions, said:

"Grand times are coming. They're here now.

"I found everywhere a returning feeling of optimism. Farmers all have money, the banks are prepared to aid business where it requires money, the factories are resuming, all products find a ready sale at profitable prices, the railroads are doing increased business, and financing themselves to better advantage, the crop outlook is good, and there is scarcely a cloud on the horizon anywhere."

COMMANDER OF F-4 EXPECTED DISASTER

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—Writing two days before the disaster to the United States submarine F-4 to his brother, Allan Ede, of this city, Lieut. Ede, commander of the ill-fated craft indicated that he expected trouble for his vessel, commenting upon which, he said:

"I expect the whole thing to go up in smoke at any time."
He said the vessel was leaky and otherwise in poor condition.

GOVERNMENT SUES GLAVIS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The United States government began suit against Louis R. Glavis, formerly chief of the field division for the United States general land office, for \$331 which he charged as expense account and paid himself out of the public funds when, as disbursing officer, he traveled from Seattle to Beverly, Mass., to lay before President Wm. H. Taft evidence in Alaska land cases that he alleged involved Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger.

Glavis is now practicing law here.

WAR OF 1812 RECALLED ON DIPLOMATIC CONTROVERSY

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The issues causing the War of 1812 with Great Britain was recalled by the State Department officials yesterday when notified that France had acknowledged that the arrest and removal of August Piepenbrink, German born but who had declared his intentions to become an American citizen, from the American steamer Wmber, off Colon, last November, was illegal and that he would be given his liberty and compensation. The United States claimed that the French had no right to search an American ship and arrest members of its crew. Piepenbrink was a steward on the American ship.

BANK REPORTS SHOW GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Department of Commerce made public reports of bank examiners on business conditions throughout the country. They show a marked improvement over conditions a year ago, and indicate a continuation of improved business conditions.

JEFFERSON TO BRING 125 PASSENGERS NORTH

SEATTLE, April 8.—The Jefferson will sail for Alaska tonight with 125 passengers, including 50 cannerymen for Roe Point and Tee Harbor. She will have the following named passengers for Juneau:

William Murphy, Thomas Knudson, Philip and Loreana Mark, E. D. Colvin, J. R. Miles, H. L. Fuller, H. A. Peterson, L. A. Moore and sixteen stevedores.

2,000 AT WORK PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 8.—The mills of the Brier Hill Steel company, Youngstown, O., employing 2,000 men, have resumed operations.

SHIPS AND TROOPS TO HIT TURKS

PARIS, April 8.—All of the remaining French troops in Africa are being held in readiness to assist the allied fleets and the British expeditionary forces against Turkey. It is believed that they will not be required for use against the Germans, and that men and ships necessary to encompass the defeat of the Turks can be spared for the movement that is underway against Constantinople.

Landing Troops at Dardanelles.

LONDON, April 8.—Several French and German transports, escorted by warships, arrived at the Dardanelles yesterday, and today they are landing troops on Turkish soil, preparatory to an attack on the inner forts of the Dardanelles and on Constantinople. Among the troops on Turkish soil are British troops from Egypt, Canada, Australia and England, and troops from French Africa and Southern France.

King Says Fleets Cannot Force Strait.

ROME, April 8.—King Constantine, of Greece, is quoted by the Tribune newspaper of this city as declaring that it is his belief that it will be impossible for the Allies to force the Dardanelles without a combined attack by land and sea.

Greece Prepared For Eventualities.

The King further was quoted as saying that Greece is in the same position as Italy and other countries which have made all necessary military preparations for war but have not abandoned neutrality. He declared that while Greece's position is different from that of Italy, he believed its position would in the end be guided by events as they arise.

Turkey to Use Old Men and Young Boys.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.—The Minister of War has called out all men in the country, including boys of 15 years of age, to the defense of Turkey. Men over 60 years are responding to the call.

RUSSIAN FLEET COMMANDS SEA

LONDON, April 8.—Admiral von Potoski says the Black Sea has been completely cleared of Turkish ships and that now the fleet will be able to concentrate its efforts against the Bosphorus forts.

Turkey Has 30 Aeroplanes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.—30 Turkish aeroplanes and hydroplanes of the most improved pattern are co-operating with the Dardanelles forts. Some have recently arrived from Germany, others have been constructed in Italy.

BELGIUM MAY GET CONSTANTINOPLE

NEW YORK, April 8.—New York American Paris advices state that the principal decision upon which the Entente has reached an agreement that is practically final is the granting of Constantinople to Belgium as compensation for the wholesale ruin of her country.

TURKEY WOULD BE GENEROUS.

PARIS, April 8.—An Athens dispatch says that confirmation received in diplomatic circles of the report that Turkey has offered Bulgaria territory in Europe extending to Enos-Midia line, including Adrianople, in exchange for continued neutrality.

JACKLING STOCKS ALL SHOW ADVANCE TODAY

NEW YORK, April 8.—Prices of the stock of all the companies of which Col. D. C. Jackling is the principal factor showed marked advance on the stock exchange today. The closing prices were:

Alaska Gold 35%, Chino 40%, Ray 2 1/2%, Utah Copper 59 1/2%.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING.

The Senate committee on mining and manufactures will hold the LAST public hearing on Senate Bill No. 26, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of medical and hospital fees by an employer from an employee." In the Senate Chamber, Goldstein Block, on Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock.

All persons desiring to appear before the committee, regarding this bill, are invited to attend. Dated, April 9, 1915. B. F. MILLARD, Chairman.

WILSON SAYS IT IS TOO EARLY TO FIX BLAME

WASHINGTON, April 8.—In addressing the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here President Woodrow Wilson said that it is his belief that no man is wise enough to pronounce judgment on the European war at this time. The President said that it would be unjust for any one to attempt finally to fix the blame at this time.

ITALY CONSIDERS PEACE AND WAR

ROME, April 8.—The questions as to whether an understanding between Italy and Austria is still possible, or whether a separate Austro-Russian peace treaty is probable are discussed from many different angles by all of the Italian papers. The predominant belief today is that separate peace with Russia is not likely because it is believed that Russia will insist upon concessions that Austria will refuse to make. It is thought that Italy's chances for concessions without war will be greater if Austria concludes peace than otherwise, because the Allies will likely insist upon aid if Austria remains in the war as the price of their recognition of any Austro-Italian agreement.

Italy Using Railway Cars.

GENEVA, April 8.—Railroad rolling stock is being withdrawn by Italy from the Swiss frontier for use in the transportation of troops, mail and stores in Northern Italy destined for the region bordering on Austrian Tyrol.

ITALIANS SAILINGS DELAYED.

LONDON, April 8.—Italian steamers in American ports have been ordered to postpone all sailings until April 20, according to a dispatch from Rome. The purpose is to permit Italian reservists in the United States and Canada to make connections with them, and sail for Italy. By delaying the sailing some of the war supply shipments from the United States will also be able to catch the first sailings.

ITALY MAY WAIT UNTIL MAY

ROME, April 8.—Another sudden shift in the diplomatic situation has postponed Italy's entrance into the war. It is said now that Italy will not embark in the general European conflict until May if at all.

ITALIAN KING IS GERMAN INVESTOR

ROME, April 8.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has \$25,000,000 invested in the Krupp armaments works. If Italy declares war on Germany the King's investment will be seized by German authorities and the house of Savoy will be impoverished.

EGYPTIAN SUBJECT SHOTS AT SULTAN

CAIRO, Egypt, April 8.—A native of Egypt yesterday shot at Hussein Kernal, Sultan of Egypt. The shot went wild. The assailant was arrested.

ITALY BUYS HORSES

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—The Italian government has contracted for 15,000 horses in St. Louis.

BAN ON ABSINTHE.

CARLO, April 8.—The Egyptian government has forbidden the sale of absinthe.

GEORGE GOULD WINS FROM HOWARD GOULD

NEW YORK, April 8.—George J. Gould has won his action to foreclose a tax lien for \$54,000 held on the property of his brother, Howard Gould, in Fifth Avenue and 73rd street.

FORGAN SEES GOOD TIMES ON THE WAY

CHICAGO, April 8.—James H. Forgan, president of the First National Bank, Chicago, says: "Industries that are the largest recipient of orders for war supplies of course are enjoying boom times, but general trade has not yet worked back to normal. But the outlook is cheerful."

BOSTON GETS WOOL

BOSTON, Mass., April 8.—More than 18,000 pounds, or 22,000 bales, of foreign wool has arrived at Boston in a week; 15,000 bales coming from South America.

FRENCH ON OFFENSIVE IN FORCE

LONDON, April 8.—That the French movement between the Meuse river and Lorraine frontier is developing into a distinct and strong offensive movement, with Gen. Joffre pushing his advance while the Germans are making fierce counter attacks, is the substance of the latest dispatches reaching London.

The French have continued to gain ground for two days, and their attack has gained in force as it has progressed. New troops are constantly being brought into action, as the forward movement is extended.

More than usually vigorously artillery attacks have been made in other sections of Northern France for the purpose of preventing German concentration against the offensive movement.

FRENCH AVIATOR WINS DUEL.

FURNES, Belgium, April 8.—A dramatic duel in the air in which a German aircraft was brought down by Roland G. Garros, the famous French aviator, inside the lines of the Allies is described by Raoul Pontus, son of the former Belgian minister.

"The German at first succeeded in rising above Garros' machine," said Pontus, "but Garros, by a sudden twist, escaped and then flew atop of the German. Then quickly came the crackling of the quick-firer. The German replied with spirit, using a carbine. Suddenly a long jet of white smoke gushed from the German machine, and then flame enveloped the whole aeroplane, which dropped to earth a few yards from where I watched the battle."

"The aviators in the German machine were dead when we reached them. The machine tank contained two bullet holes.

"The destroyed machine was named the "Fortieth Flotilla."

GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS FRENCH BARK

SOUTHSHIELDS, Eng., April 8.—The French bark Colonel Frana was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off St. Catherine's point today after the British tug Homer had attempted to sink the undersea craft. The Homer was towing the bark when the submarine appeared.

SUBMARINES IN ATLANTIC.

DUBLIN, April 8.—Liner Dunedin from South America reports German submarines in the Atlantic ocean off the west coast of Ireland. The Dunedin was chased but eluded her pursuer. The submarines were evidently waiting for Atlantic liners from the United States.

ATCHISON TAKES OVER ANOTHER RAILROAD

CHICAGO, April 8.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad has taken over the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway, whose line extends from Des Moines to Ito Park, New Mexico. This acquisition gives the Atchison control over the traffic which originates from the Raton coal fields of Colfax county, New Mexico, and assures the company also a practically inexhaustible supply of fuel coal. The purchase price was \$3,000,000.

EX-GOV. FOSS IS FOR PROHIBITION

BOSTON, Mass., April 8.—Ex-Gov. Eugene Foss favors nation-wide prohibition purely as an economic consideration.

GARRISON WILL STAY IN CABINET

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison, it is said, says that he will stay in the Cabinet until he is released. He is receptive toward the New Jersey judgment, but denies that he has been offered the place.

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY SHOWS GROWTH

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The total number of automobiles and trucks in the United States at the end of 1914 was 1,745,570. This is a gain of 500,000 in 12 months and compares with 677,000 in 1911.

BURTON'S CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Former United States Senator Theodore E. Burton is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, and headquarters will be opened at Washington.

Leading Republicans believe Col. Roosevelt will support Borah, Burton or Weeks, as the Republican candidate for president.

AUSTRIAN OPPOSITION COLLAPSES

PETROGRAD, April 8.—With the Russian army in possession of all the Carpathian passes, and all the main summits and slopes of the Beskid mountains, the Austrian operations in the Carpathian region has completely collapsed. The Russian general staff has only to consider by what roads it will invade Hungary. The Austrian army is cut into three parts, and its ragged flanks are but shreds. It is believed here that the capture of the capitals of the dual monarchy is but a matter of time.

The march into Hungary will begin immediately.

SEPARATE PEACE IS TALKED.

The completely prostrated condition of the Austrian army is causing a revival of interest in the talk of separate peace with Austria. Austrians are feeling Russia through Rome and other capitals as to the terms that would be imposed.

GERMAN MOVEMENT IN POLAND FAILS

PETROGRAD, April 8.—The war office says "The Germans attached enormous importance to their offensive in the trans-Nieman district. This failed completely, and our troops have fallen on the offensive since March 27."

The principal German aim was assigned to the 31st division, supported by three reserve regiments and a large body of cavalry. These advanced from Kalwaria on Krauno, and were ordered to push at all costs to Lodzie, with object of cutting off the Russians engaging the Germans toward the West.

"The Germans made prodigious efforts, and attempted to envelop on the ice of Lake Dussla our right wing. Moving over the ice, the Germans attempted to turn our position in the passage between the two divisions of Lake Simno."

"The enemy gained some minor successes at first but we twice counter-attacked the Germans who had penetrated to our rear near villages of Zeeberfeld and Metelitz, annihilating them."

"The continued lull along the Bzura-Rawka front has convinced the Russian commanders that a large part of the German troops on the left bank of the Vistula have been sent to Galicia and the Carpathians. German artillery has also lessened, and it is believed the Germans are now hoarding ammunition."

RUSSIANS BUY U. S. AEROPLANES

TACOMA, Wash., April 8.—Fifteen car loads of American aeroplanes for Russian military use are being loaded by the Hakuushika Maru, a Japanese liner. They will be shipped over the Transiberian railroad to the war zone.

VON KLUM MAY LOSE HIS COMMAND

LONDON, April 8.—The opinion is expressed in Berlin that as the result of the wounding of Gen. von Klum the emperor will entrust the command of Von Klum's army to Prince Eitel Friedrich.

MANUFACTURER FAVORS LABOR REFORM LAWS

CHICAGO, April 8.—President McCormick, of the International Harvester Company, favors woman's eight-hour and a child labor bill in the Illinois legislature.

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