

LOYD GEORGE INVITES TEST IN COMMONS

Declares He Will Step Out If Not Supported by Vote

U. S. ASKED FOR CENTRALIZATION

Americans Had Unanswerable Case Against Staff Chief Plan

DERBY WOULD RESIGN

Premier Found It Impossible to Retain Robertson, Who Opposed Scheme

LONDON, Feb. 19. Premier Lloyd George, addressing the House of Commons this afternoon, demanded an immediate vote on whether the House and country should support the Government to proceed with its present policy.

Lloyd George said if the vote of confidence was not given he would resign. He declared that "we are facing terrible realities" the Prime Minister stated that the Government was entitled to know tonight whether it had the support of the House.

Previous to demanding a note of confidence the Premier had replied to Asquith's interpretation in regard to the Versailles conference. He declared that American delegates were responsible for the centralization of the Allies' strategy in the supreme council.

"It was thought the chiefs of staff would have the central authority," said the Premier, "but the American delegates presented an unanswerable case against it. It is one of the ablest military documents ever submitted."

All the delegations met separately, Lloyd George said, and reached a conclusion. When they reported each fact placing the supreme authority in the hands of the Inter-Allied Council.

The Premier said that General Robertson was present, but said nothing regarding the workability of the proposed body. The Premier declared the Government was anxious to retain General Robertson as long as compatible with the Allies' policy, but refused to find it impossible.

The Premier announced that Sir Seymour Rawlinson had been appointed as the British permanent military representative on the supreme War Council.

KILLER DESERTS RANKS OF HOLDOUTS

Great Catcher Sends in Signed Contract After Salary Raise

CHICAGO, Feb. 19. President Weeghman, of the Cubs, is one of the most relieved men in baseball just now. His relief came when signed contract of Catcher Bill Killefer percolated into his office. There have been reports from the coast, where Killefer has been wintering, that the catcher's backstop would decline to come to Chicago.

It seems this was only a play for a salary, which has been awarded everybody is happy. Killefer is the factor in the calculations of both Weeghman and Manager Fred Mitchell, for back on the experience and skill of the veteran backstop to add a liberal percentage of efficiency to the pitching staff.

MAYOR GETS COLD FEET AS STAR IN 'MOVIE'

Flunked at Call of "Camera," but Subsequently Recovered Nerve

The only untoward incident to mar the plans for making a film of the great movie drama, "Taking the Military Census," today, was the fact that the leading man, Mayor Thomas B. Smith, was seized with a violent attack of stage fright just as the call "camera" rang out, and failed to get in the picture as per the original specifications.

Later, after the audience had dwindled, the Mayor recovered his nerve to some extent and was filmed just as he was entering his official automobile in front of City Hall. So that, after all, it was not necessary in presenting this modern "Hamlet" to omit the character of Hamlet from the cast.

Aside from the fact that Mayor Smith balked when the time came to take the close-ups of him, the taking of the film went off, according to schedule. The event was heightened by the fact that a large number of spectators were attracted to the scene by the crowd of workers, officials, policemen and others interested in the census who had assembled for the purpose of taking the picture.

The drama was under the special supervision of Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, the head of the Mayor's personal service bureau, who has taken an active interest in the work of assisting in the taking of the military census. The pictures taken today will be shown in theatres all over Philadelphia for the purpose of acquainting all classes of citizens with the work that is being done and the necessity of intelligent co-operation with the authorities.

PETE HERMAN ENLISTS IN NAVAL RESERVES

World's Bantamweight Champion Is Accepted and Will Join Colors at Once

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 18.—Pete Herman, world's champion bantamweight, today was accepted by the United States naval reserves and will join the colors at once. Herman made a determined fight against being drafted into the army. When he failed in this move he applied for a berth in the naval reserves.

DRYS FAVOR BRUMBAUGH SPECIAL SESSION PLAN

Republicans Opposed to Governor Fear It Would Cause Party Defeat

HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.—Announcement that Governor Brumbaugh is considering the advisability of calling a special session of the Legislature to consider the prohibition amendment and the national prohibition amendment has resulted in a flood of letters and telegrams of two kinds at the executive office.

Friends of prohibition declare the move would be a wise one. Republicans opposed to Governor Brumbaugh were considering an extra session. He withheld his call. The Republican candidate for State Treasurer was defeated anyway in November, and Pennypacker called the special session for the first part of 1904.

WATCH CATCHES BULLET FIRED AT SALOONKEEPER

New Yorker Tries to Shoot Man Who Refused Him a Drink

A bullet fired by William Jones, twenty years old, of New York, described by the police as a krumpholtz, at Michael A. McLaughlin, a krumpholtz and Norris streets today, embedded itself in McLaughlin's gold watch. The watch which saved his life was presented to McLaughlin by a friend.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN UNDER KNIFE; RECOVERS

Successful Operation for Appendicitis on Statesman Suddenly Stricken

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The operation upon Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, who was suddenly stricken yesterday with appendicitis, was successfully performed at Providence Hospital this afternoon.

Havana Results

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and up. Steep Rock, 110. Han. 112.10. 113.10. 114.10. 115.10. 116.10. 117.10. 118.10. 119.10. 120.10. 121.10. 122.10. 123.10. 124.10. 125.10. 126.10. 127.10. 128.10. 129.10. 130.10. 131.10. 132.10. 133.10. 134.10. 135.10. 136.10. 137.10. 138.10. 139.10. 140.10. 141.10. 142.10. 143.10. 144.10. 145.10. 146.10. 147.10. 148.10. 149.10. 150.10. 151.10. 152.10. 153.10. 154.10. 155.10. 156.10. 157.10. 158.10. 159.10. 160.10. 161.10. 162.10. 163.10. 164.10. 165.10. 166.10. 167.10. 168.10. 169.10. 170.10. 171.10. 172.10. 173.10. 174.10. 175.10. 176.10. 177.10. 178.10. 179.10. 180.10. 181.10. 182.10. 183.10. 184.10. 185.10. 186.10. 187.10. 188.10. 189.10. 190.10. 191.10. 192.10. 193.10. 194.10. 195.10. 196.10. 197.10. 198.10. 199.10. 200.10.

KAISER CAPTURES DVINSK; AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN LUTSK

Slavs Reported Ready for Peace as Teutons Seize Forts

SMALL OPPOSITION MET Disorganized Russians Easily Prey to Foes as Germans Renew War

BERLIN (via London), Feb. 19. "The Germans have entered Dvinsk with little resistance," the War Office announced today. "The Russians made an attempt to blow up a bridge over the Dvina River in the hope of halting the German advance."

VIENNA (via London), Feb. 19. "General von Linsingen's army has occupied Luck," the War Office declared today. "There was no fighting."

U. OF P. BUILDINGS FOR U. S. SCHOOL

Class Wants Dormitories Made Military Medical University

A proposal that the United States Government take over Franklin Field and the dormitories of the University of Pennsylvania and the athletic fields and dormitories of the other several large universities of the country and convert them into military medical universities during the summer vacation period is contained in a petition which the senior class of the Medical School will send to Surgeon General Clegg. The plan was proposed to the medical students by Dr. Edward Martin, professor of surgery. President J. H. Smith will call another meeting of the men who signed the petition will be formally drawn.

The suggestions of Doctor Martin, who has charge of the Government surgery courses for army officers, were enthusiastically received by the members of the medical graduating class. It is the outgrowth of their determination to get military training before they go into active service in the Medical Officers' Corps.

The idea of the proposed training plan is to save the Government expense in erecting additional barracks and to create what Colonel Page, who has charge of the training of medical officers at Fort Oglethorpe, desires to develop, namely a Military Medical University. The training could be made much more intensive and thorough where recourse can be had to the medical laboratories and the equipment of the great universities.

ROOM FOR 500 MEN. Doctor Martin said that in addition to the 400 Pennsylvania medical men who should be given military training, at least 100 more men should be sent to the University of Pennsylvania during the summer months. The course he suggested should be about six weeks in duration. The men who will begin their internships early can take it after they complete their hospital work, and the others immediately at the close of school this spring.

H. W. Miller, a senior medical student, said that the men who are shortened two weeks this year and if military training be given during the last two weeks in May and during June, the medical graduates could have had their six weeks' military training and get into the army service so much sooner.

DR. ANTHONY G. BAKER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Noted Philadelphia Physician and Clergyman Expires at Age of 69

Dr. Anthony George Baker, noted Philadelphia physician and clergyman, died of pneumonia Sunday night at his home, 404 West Susquehanna avenue. He had been in excellent health and was sick only a few days. His widow, a son, and daughter survive him. Doctor Baker was sixty-nine years old. The funeral will be Friday afternoon, though the arrangements have not yet been made in detail.

Doctor Baker was a man of naturally open mind and almost inexhaustible energy which enabled him to gain eminence in more than one profession. He was born in Pittsburgh, the son of Dr. Jacob Baker and Mary Catherine Platt. He matriculated at the Western University of Pennsylvania, which afterward became the University of Pittsburgh in 1864, having received his earlier education in the Pittsburgh public schools.

In 1869, having received the degree of bachelor of arts and master of arts at Western University, he entered the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, Pa., from which he was graduated with the degree of bachelor of divinity in 1873, at the same time being ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

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It is expected that snow will follow the disturbance and temperatures of from thirty to forty degrees below those of today are anticipated. At 8 o'clock this morning the official thermometer registered 27 degrees above the zero mark, and at 1 o'clock this afternoon, 45 degrees above.

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QUICK NEWS

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Second, Tenth and Calvary Congregations Considering Merger

Negotiations for the consolidation of three of Philadelphia's most fashionable downtown Presbyterian churches are under way.

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CABINET TAKES UP HOG ISLAND; TO SPEED PROBE

President Wants "Men Higher Up" Brought to Account

WORKERS AFFECTED Graft Charges Seen as Bringing Unrest—Gregory Outlines His Plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. The Administration's investigation of conditions at Hog Island was the principal subject of discussion at the Cabinet meeting this afternoon.

After spending most of the morning with Solicitor General Day, who has had the investigation in hand for the Department of Justice since the probe was directed by President Wilson last week, Attorney General Gregory went to the White House at 2 o'clock accompanied by a messenger, bearing all the papers in the case.

There the matter was opened for a free and frank discussion of all its phases. The unusual interest exhibited by President Wilson in the Hog Island developments, shown by his visit to the Department of Justice and to the office of the United States Shipping Board yesterday afternoon, to discuss it, grows out of the fact that he believes the matter of waste of money, labor and materials at the fabricated shipyard plant is only a minor factor in the situation.

EFFECT ON LABORERS. The important factor in the situation, as the President views it, is the psychological effect which the continual recital of charges of graft and profiteering, having upon the shipyard laborers, not only at Hog Island, but at all the other shipyards.

It has been hinted rather broadly in the testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee and in other quarters that the various charges of war profiteering by the men having the profit percentage contracts with the Government for construction of ships has created a feeling in the minds of the shipyard workers that if the men higher up are not doing their best for the Government and are making huge profits, the laborers may be primarily responsible for the recent shipyard strikes.

The President realizes that it is high time to check such a movement and by bringing the "men higher up" to account to demonstrate to the shipyard workers that every man must do his utmost without thought of big profits, if the shipbuilding program and the war is to be a success.

PLANS QUICK PROBE. For this reason the full power of the Government is to be brought to bear to clear up the Hog Island situation as quickly as possible and bring to sharp account any persons who are shown to have failed to do their duty. When Attorney General Gregory left his department for the White House he said there was nothing to announce regarding the Justice Department plans for the Hog Island investigation and probably would not be until tomorrow.

There was a possibility, however, he said, that something in connection with the investigation may be revealed after the Cabinet meeting.

It has been definitely decided that the Senate Committee on Commerce, investigating the affairs of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, will visit Philadelphia next Monday and make a personal inspection of the plant at Hog Island.

Padded payrolls and the duplication of names in different departments of the Hog Island work will be given special scrutiny by the officials in charge of the investigation ordered by President Wilson.

Changes in the plans for housing Hog Island workmen in the Fortieth Ward will involve the Justice Department some \$200,000 by the Government, but will result in the workmen's homes being located on higher and more desirable ground than contemplated by the first plans.

BELLEVUE-STRATFORD SALE RUMOR DENIED

George C. Boldt, Owner, Says There Is No Thought of Changing Ownership

A rumor that the Bellevue-Stratford was to change ownership was denied emphatically this afternoon by George C. Boldt, Jr., the owner.

There is absolutely no truth in the report that the Bellevue-Stratford has been sold or is to be sold, he replied to a telegram of inquiry sent to him at New York. "Kindly state definitely for me that the Bellevue-Stratford is not for sale."

The rumor traveled the rounds of real estate circles today to the effect that negotiations for the sale of the hostelry were under way. At the office of James M. Frazier, manager for the estate of George C. Boldt, it was said nothing official had been heard of the sale or intended sale, and that any such announcement would come from New York. Several weeks ago the Waldorf-Astoria, the New York hotel of the Boldt estate, was sold to T. Coleman at \$10,000,000. The Bellevue was built in 1902 and is assessed for the current year at \$5,000,000.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Occasional light rain and warmer tonight, with lowest temperature about 10 degrees; Wednesday probably fair, with colder in the afternoon and night; fresh southerly winds becoming north-easterly Wednesday.

Table with weather forecast data: LENGTH OF DAY, DELAWARE RIVER THE CHANGE, TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR