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PIEZ NAMED AS HARRIS' SUCCESSOR

Latter Resigns as Head of Emergency Fleet Corporation after Row With Hurley

REPORT MADE TO WILSON

Discloses Conditions to Be More Favorable Than Had Been Supposed To Exist

Washington, Dec. 18.—While another reorganization of the government's shipbuilding organization was being announced here today the senate amid charges of red tape and inefficiency ordered an investigation into the entire subject. A resolution by Senator Harding, of Ohio, was rushed thru committee with almost unexampled speed and the inquiry to be conducted by the commerce committee will get under way while congress is in holiday recess. Just before the senate acted Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, announced the resignation of Rear Admiral Harris as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation and the appointment of Charles A. Piez, of Chicago, to the place.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles A. Piez, of Chicago, was today appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, who resigned. A general reorganization of the fleet corporation will follow. Rear Admiral Bowles, aide to Admiral Harris, will be given an important place in the new organization. James E. Heyworth will take full charge of wooden construction and Charles Day will become manager of the production department. Admiral Harris' resignation was accepted, Hurley announced, because of his insistence on moving the office of the corporation to Philadelphia. The shipbuilding program, Chairman Hurley announced, is in better shape than any time since it was launched. Conditions on the Pacific coast are excellent, he declared, and work is progressing everywhere as fast as human labor can turn it out. At present there are under construction and under contract, it was announced 8,395,368 dead weight tons of ships.

Disagreed With Hurley.

It was said today that the cause of Rear Admiral Harris' request to be relieved of his duty as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation was a disagreement with Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, over the expenditure of \$12,000,000 for the housing of employes at shipbuilding plants. Chairman Hurley is said to have disapproved Admiral Harris' plan of going ahead and spending the money immediately. He desired first to consult the council of national defense's housing committee with which trustees of the fleet corporation have been working on plans. Makes Optimistic Report. In connection with the disagreement, Chairman Hurley is understood to have made a report to the President setting forth fully the shipbuilding situation. This report is very optimistic, it is said, and discloses conditions to be more favorable than had been supposed to exist.

Want Old Soldiers for Home Service

Washington, Dec. 18.—Old soldiers, past the age when they are acceptable for line service, men who have at any time served honorably in the army, those whose last services were during the Spanish war will be accepted as recruits for the United States guard now being organized to relieve fighting troops on home duty. Recruiting officers already are enlisting men. Old soldiers even up to sixty years will be accepted if they are physically fit for the work. Men of this type should understand that they are sought by the government, they are sought by the government. Heretofore no men over forty years of age have been accepted at any recruiting office.

OPEN PEACE PARLEY ON EAST FRONT

German and Austrian Foreign Ministers at Brest-Litovsk to Begin Negotiations—Russia Invites Allied Nations to Participate.

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The German and Austrian foreign ministers, Dr. von Kuehlman and Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk Tuesday to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

The evening newspapers announce that Trotzky has notified the allied embassies that the armistice has reached definite results and that peace negotiations will begin, and asking them to participate or to state whether they wish peace or not.

Up to this evening the embassies had not received the communication and an informal conference of the allied diplomats is said to have reached no definite decision.

INTEREST GROWS IN THE NOTABLE RED CROSS DRIVE

Workers Are Much Encouraged On Second Day of The Local Campaign

HOWEVER, MUCH WORK IS YET TO BE DONE

Chairmen Will Meet Again Tonight To Submit Reports of Their Progress

The Red Cross membership campaign is moving briskly. Every committee of the various divisions of the campaign is working tirelessly and with gratifying success. Last night when the returns for the day were turned in at a meeting of the workers the enrollment for the day aggregated 935, with many reports that could not be checked and compiled until this morning. This afternoon the report to Dr. Francis Boyer, state chairman, showed the addition of several hundred new names. The day's work will be canvassed at the meeting of the workers at the high school building tonight. The total for the campaign up to 2 o'clock this afternoon was 1,390.

German Baroness Loyal to America

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Baroness Zollner held here on the charge of espionage today sent her attorney to Knoxville to apply to Judge Sanford in federal court for a release on a writ of habeas corpus. While admitting she is the wife of a German officer she maintains that she is a native-born and loyal American citizen, illegally restrained of her liberty. She makes a general and specific denial of the charges of espionage and also attacks the irregularity of the mittimus on which she was committed to jail.

Has Son at Naval Academy. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—In the effects of Baroness Zollner held in Chattanooga was found a memorandum bearing the name and address of a Knoxville woman. This woman's husband recently was registered as an alien enemy. The local woman today declared she had only a casual acquaintance with Baroness Zollner, having met her on a train. She said the baroness claimed to have a son at the United States naval academy, and that she was accompanied by a youth whom she claimed was another son.

ORDER INVESTIGATION OF RAILROAD PROBLEMS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Investigation by the senate interstate commerce commission of the interstate commerce commission's committee resolutions involving railroad transportation difficulties was ordered today by the senate on motion of Senator Cummins, of Iowa. The committee will meet during the recess of congress and is instructed to report legislative recommendations.

DISPUTES CROZIER'S STATEMENT

Much of Testimony as to Equipment of Men Abroad Contradicted By Rep. McCormick

TELLS OF SHORTAGES

Lack Big Guns and Other Ordnance—Experience Difficulties Over Clothing

Washington, Dec. 18.—Much of the testimony regarding the equipment of American forces abroad given to the senate investigating committee by Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, was contradicted today by Representative Medill McCormick, recently returned from the Baltic fronts who was heard by the committee in executive session.

In heavy artillery Representative McCormick told the committee the American overseas forces are particularly deficient. He also told of shortages in other ordnance and some difficulties over clothing. Mr. McCormick's testimony was said to "have sharply contradicted" General Crozier's statement in several particulars. Major General Sharpe, quartermaster general, is to be examined Friday regarding shortage of clothing and other material.

Set 7-Year Limit for State Action

Washington, Dec. 18.—The proposed constitutional amendment for national prohibition was today finally submitted by congress to the states for ratification or rejection within seven years.

Urge Argentina to Sever Relations

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.—Prominent Argentinians favorable to the allies at a meeting last night heard speeches urging that Argentina must break relations with Germany. Among the speakers were three former members of Argentine cabinets, Senors Magness, Yofre and Gonzales.

Appoints Freight Traffic Director

Washington, Dec. 18.—Appointment by the President of a general freight traffic director to co-ordinate and utilize the transportation facilities during the war was provided in a joint resolution introduced today by Senator Sterling and referred to the interstate commerce commission.

Counsels Farmers to Hold Back Hogs

Washington, Dec. 18.—The food administration today counseled farmers to hold back their hogs because the Chicago market is glutted with more pork than the packers can handle, largely because of congested transportation facilities.

Italy Calls Upon New Contingents

Rome, Sunday, Dec. 16.—New contingents have been called upon by the government. The classes of troops already mobilized consists of all eligible and fit men between the ages of eighteen and forty-three.

Editor Hugh Wilson Dead.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 18.—Hugh Wilson, editor and owner of the Abbeville, S. C. Press and Banner, for nearly half a century, died at his home at Abbeville last night, aged eighty years.

KERENSKY REPORTED TO BE STILL IN THE FIELD

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—A report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd is contained in a dispatch from Haparanda in Sweden at the Finnish frontier to the Berlingske Tidende. The Bolsheviks are said to have sent troops against him.

DRAFT CANDIDATE WINS AT CANADIAN POLLS BY BIG VOTE

Sir Robert Borden Swept Into Prime Ministry By Solid English-Speaking Vote

APPREHENSION FELT RELIEVED BY VICTORY

Increased Majority Will Make It Easier For Borden Ministry To Carry Out Aims

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Election results received up to noon today indicate that the government will have a clear majority of forty-eight seats with three in doubt, two of which had been previously credited to the government and one to the opposition and four seats in which the election is deferred.

Victory for Conscription

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The English-speaking sections of Canada yesterday voted solidly for conscription that the dominion may continue to be represented on the fighting line in the present time. The French and German-speaking parts of the country voted against the Borden government and for the return of Sir Wilfred Laurier as prime minister.

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SUGAR MEN WARNED OF SHORTAGE

Foresaw Lack Early Last Spring Because of Famine Stories and Big Foreign Shipments

HOOVER FOREWARNED

Head of American Sugar Refining Company Tells of Efforts To Head Off Shortage

Washington, Dec. 18.—Sugar men saw the danger of a shortage early last spring because of stories of a fictitious famine and later when they began to realize the large amounts being sent abroad, Earl A. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, today testified before the senate investigating committee. Babst said that in May he warned Food Administrator Hoover that famine stories circulated in February and March would have serious effect and again in June predicted to Mr. Hoover a shortage this fall because so much sugar was being sent abroad.

Babst pointed out that his company advertised extensively during the summer that there was no prospect of a shortage if people would not hoard and added his company took only two foreign orders after June 28. These, he said, were filled at the earnest plea of the British royal commission that some sugar was needed there. The total shipped abroad this year he testified was 423,000 tons.

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