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Tammany Holds Power in Use

DURING THE INCOMING SESSION OF CONGRESS

Democrats Will Have a Majority of Twenty-five.

Line-up in House is, Democrats 229, Republicans 196, Progressives 1, Independent 1, Socialist 1.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Tammany will hold the balance of power in the House of Representatives during the coming Congress. The discovery of this fact by political observers has opened vast fields for speculation over developments likely to come from this interesting situation.

The line-up in the House will be 229 Democrats, 196 Republicans, 6 Progressives, 1 Independent and 1 Socialist. This will give the Democrats a majority of just 25. A defection of 12 Democrats with the opposition standing solidly together would be sufficient to defeat any measure.

Tammany, with Brooklyn allies, will have 16 members. This will give it a margin of 3 over the required number for the balance of power. Political sagas see in this situation reason for believing that an era of peace may be at hand between the Tiger and the Wilson administration. The crusading days against Tammany will be interrupted by a long armistice, it is predicted.

Three Ships Sunk In Mediterranean

Paris, Nov. 30.—Three more allied steamers have been sunk by German submarines in the Mediterranean. They are the French steamers Algerian and Omara and the British steamer Tank.

The torpedoing of the Algerian resulted in the death of one person. Twenty-nine others are missing. Eight were rescued.

The crew of the Tanis was saved, but nothing is known as to the fate of the Omara's crew.

A dispatch from Marseilles says it is feared that the twenty men forming the crew of the Omara were lost.

Carry Swagger Sticks.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Major General Commandant George Barnett of the United States Marine Corps has sanctioned the carrying of swagger sticks by marines when ashore in uniform, or out of garrison. The idea borrowed from Cousin "Tommy Atkins" of the British army, as it is thought that the carrying of the sticks will add distinction to the Marine's already attractive uniform. The swagger sticks are made from various kinds of wood and are usually 24 or 26 inches long. Chinese bullets are usually 24 or 26 inches long. Chinese bullets are sometimes used for ferules and foreign coins for the heads. The Marine is a much travelled man and is quick to pick up any ideas of foreign services which will add in any way to his already very natty military appearance.

Germany Anxious for Peace, It Is Said

London, Nov. 30.—The Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen announces that Berlin announces that Germany is ready for peace, but that the allies refuse to make terms.

Monastir Reported Captured By Bulgarians

London, Nov. 30.—Athens reports that the Monastir has been taken by the Bulgarians.

Russian and England Aiding Persia

London, Nov. 30.—Russia and England will aid the Persian government to establish a neutral government.

Wolcast Repeats His Challenge to Welsh For 20-Round Go.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Ad Wolcast, ex-lightweight champion of the world, is here for his bout with Jimmy Murphy.

Ad had been here but a few minutes when he announced to newspaper men that he was still after a bout with Champion Freddie Welsh.

"I will give Welsh \$15,000 for his end if he will meet me over the twenty-round route," said Ad. "Furthermore, I will put the money up in any bank Welsh might suggest."

\$26,000,000 Russian Rifle Order in U. S.

Cleveland, Nov. 30.—A contract for the manufacture of \$26,000,000 worth of rifles for the Russian army has been practically closed by Cleveland capitalists and New York munitions brokers.

Charles A. Otis, who has just returned from New York, has asked for bids from a number of Cleveland manufacturers for the making of rifle parts, and a new company is also to be formed.

European Criminals Flocking to America

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Hundreds of confidence men, "de luxe" safe crackers, peepers and crooks of other classifications have been driven to the United States by the European war, according to a statement made by Captain P. D. O'Brien, chief of detectives.

O'Brien said hordes of Europe's most expert and best educated crooks are either already in Chicago or on their way here.

Thirty Men Killed and Several Wounded

WHEN DUPONT POWDER MILL, AT WILMINGTON, DEL., IS BLOWN UP

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty men were killed here today when the Dupont Powder Company's plant was blown up. Seven others were injured so that they will likely never be able to speak. Only one of the killed was found, the bodies of the others being blown to pieces.

Out of 37 working in the mill at the time every one was killed or injured. Only a hole is left where the plant formerly stood.

Rumors are current that it was no accident. Some days ago notices were posted announcing the Germans in the plant must get out or it would be blown up.

Muttering of the men in other plants are taking place and suspicions rest upon the German element.

30,000 Austrians Rushed to Isonzo

Vienna (via Amsterdam), Nov. 30.—Thirty thousand Austrian troops have been sent to reinforce the Isonzo front, it was announced here. The Italian attacks before Gorizia are increasing in violence.

According to the Austrian official reports, the enemy is suffering heavy losses, but despite these continued assaults are made.

Roumania Threatens To Aid Germany

Copenhagen, Nov. 30.—Roumania notified Russia that she desires to remain neutral, but it is said that she is secretly preparing to join the Austro-Germans for the purpose of securing Deserabia.

New York Robbers Shot While Robbing Bank

New York, Nov. 30.—There was much excitement when three well-dressed strangers drove up in an automobile and attempted to reach greenbacks piled up in the bank by means of a pin and a hook. One man was shot in trying to make his escape.

Russia Glad, Hearing Roumania Will Help

Petrograd, Nov. 30.—Reports that Roumania had made its long expected decision to join the allies were persistently circulated here yesterday and caused general rejoicing. It is expected in official circles that the government will soon issue an important statement.

Senator Owen Drawing Cloture Rule

Washington, Nov. 30.—Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, is drawing the cloture rule for the Senate reversing the traditions of the Senate of over 100 years.

The rule allows the majority to shut off debate when it thinks the debate upon a measure has been sufficient. The delay in plans will probably cause the President's message, which was to have been read December 7th.

Carranza Returns Lands To American Owners

Washington, Nov. 30.—General Carranza has made restitution of the lands confiscated in Mexico on account of the belligerent part played by Mexican stockholders. Attention had been called to Carranza that most of the coal lands were owned by American stockholders instead of Mexicans.

The Weather Report

Washington, Nov. 30.—Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair and colder Wednesday and Thursday with light northeast winds.

Republicans Attack The Philippine Administration

Washington, Nov. 30.—Republican members here today say that Secretary Garrison's reply to former President Taft is merely the first gun in the fight over the Philippine policy of the present administration.

Things Are Quiet in The Balkans

Paris, Nov. 30.—Weather conditions cause quiet to reign on the French front in the Balkans, and around Saloniki, although new troops continue to arrive.

Germany, Austria and Bulgaria are preparing for the Russian attack on the Bulgarian front of the Black Sea. One hundred and twenty thousand tunic troops have been sent to aid the Bulgarians, while Austria has sent more arms and ammunitions.

Conference Refuses to Back Bryan's Fight

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 30.—The Upper South Carolina conference here late yesterday overwhelmingly voted against a resolution introduced by Rev. J. W. Skeake, of Anderson, endorsing the Wilson administration's program of preparedness. The body later adopted a motion to expunge from the records of the conference any mention of the fact that such a resolution had been introduced.

Russian Flyers Bomb Barracks at Libau

Berlin (via Amsterdam), Nov. 30.—Russian hydroplanes dropped bombs on the German barracks at Libau Sunday.

Germans Subscribe to French War Loans

Amsterdam, Nov. 30.—It is said that Germans have arranged through Dutch banks to take part of the French war loan.

Six Negroes Killed in Race Riot in Arkansas

HOMES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS ARE BEING PILAGED AND BURNED

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 30.—Six negroes were killed today and negro homes, churches and schools are being pilaged and burned at Bushy Island, Ark. Trouble started there days ago when John Lee, a deputy sheriff, was shot while attempting to arrest three negroes. Eight white men are under arrest and the State authorities are expected to take charge of the situation if the sheriff fails to quell the riot.

Mine Explosion Kills Mules, Scares Italians

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 30.—A blow-out shot at the Boomer Coal and Coke Company's mine set fire to the mine and badly frightened the Italian miners who left the mines. Thirty mules were killed by the explosion.

President Dined 58 of His Class Mates

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Wilson today had as his guests at the White House 58 out of 79 of his Princeton class-mates. The dinner was informal. The decorations were chrysanthemums and the black dress suits of the guests harmonized with the decorations, forming the Princeton colors—black and yellow.

French Destroy German Trenches

Paris, Nov. 30.—Drizzling rains have made the day quiet on the western front, except in the regions of the Loos and Acqua, where the French have destroyed German trenches.

Clergymen Shouldn't Take Part at Front

Minister Whitlock Thinks Time Not Opportune

Washington, Nov. 30.—Brand Whitlock, the returned minister from Belgium, said that he did not consider the time opportune for opening peace proposals.

While Mr. Whitlock guarded his expressions it is understood that he thinks the allies would resent interference.

Henry Ford Conferring With The Pope

New York, Nov. 30.—Henry Ford has sent a telegram to Pope Benedict requesting the Pope to join the efforts to bring about peace in Europe. It is said that the Pontiff promised to aid in every way possible, although he admitted that every effort so far made has resulted in failure.

Many prominent men and women are anxious to take the trip and telegrams poured in from people desiring to go. Madam Schuman, who is in charge in Mr. Ford's absence, said that we could fit out a navy if all were taken who have expressed a desire to go.

Germany Responsible Armenian Massacres.

New York, Nov. 30.—Theodore Roosevelt laid the responsibility of the Armenian massacres to the German government and the milk and water policy of the United States. He says that the Turkish atrocities would never have been committed except by the connivance and consent of the German military government, whose officers have charge of the Turkish affairs and consent to if they do not direct everything that is done by the Turkish people.

REV. PERCIVAL MACKENZIE GIVES HIS VIEW

EVERY BRITON SHOULD KILL AS MANY GERMANS AS POSSIBLE

Dr. Derby Says It is a Trying Time and That Young Clergymen Are Needed

London, Nov. 30.—The Rev. Percival MacKenzie, moderator of the Synod of the Scottish Church in England, a young minister who is expecting shortly to enlist as a soldier in the British army, has headed a revolt on the part of the younger clergy against the injunctions of the church leaders that it is no part of a clergyman's duty to take an active part in the fighting line. Mr. MacKenzie believes it is the duty of every Briton to kill as many Germans as possible.

His reasons for this attitude, which is opposed to that of most of the dignitaries of the church are set out in a strong letter which he has sent to the newspapers as follows:

"The hour of the church's trial has come. Lord Derby, although he knew perfectly well what views the dignitaries held, wrote to the young clergy and told them that their country needed them. This is the trying of the church.

(This refers to the appeal which Lord Derby sent out to every eligible man in England asking him to enlist.)

"If there ever could be devised one single way in which young churchmen could repudiate the charge of being weak effeminate, triflers with life, Lord Derby's letter opened up that way. The whole country is looking on to see what its public lecturers are going to do, not say. The world has been hearing about the value of sacrifice for the last 1900 years, and the world is of the opinion that the time for example has come.

"For the last few decades Protestantism has shown a fatal inability to accommodate its teaching to modern life. From the pulpit the age has received instead of sympathy, ungenerous criticism, often condemnation. The world has moved on, but the church has not accompanied it. Deprecating and denouncing, the church has lost touch with the youth of the age.

"Finally the hour of trial has come, a unique chance of proving for all time, that the men who fought their weekly battles from their 'cowards' castles' are not and never were supercilious ninnyms, indigenous to tea-room drawing rooms, with hands so fine to stain with German blood; but that they are after all, men strong and courageous, whose hands are not afraid to execute the vengeance they have proclaimed in speech, whose steps will not falter on the road they have pointed out to others, men who not only think, but feel and live and if need be will die as the true, the good and the brave have lived and died before them.

"This is the day of the church's trying, and the day will declare it." Mr. MacKenzie intends to give up his church work and throw himself into the work of making himself fit to kill Germans, though he is aware that by so doing he will be ending his career as a clergyman. He is the only clergyman who some time ago turned his vestry into an ammunition factory, and men and women of his congregation in London are helping him day and night to make shells. Even in his drawing room at home he has over a ton of machinery, so that every spare moment may be utilized in making munitions.

Carranza Troops Fled When Attacked

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 30.—A large body of Villastis troops attacked 1,000 Carranza men today and large numbers were killed on both sides. Train load of Carranza men escaped by making the engineer reverse his engine and backed out of danger.

THINKS ONE EYE AN ADVANTAGE TO MARINE

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 30.—Bernard T. Walters, of Nesquehoning, Pa., threatens to petition Congress for the enactment of legislation that will permit a man with only one eye to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

Though he was rejected at the local recruiting office of the sea-soldiers because of a missing left eye, Walters insists that his remaining eye is strong and far-seeing enough to do the work of two.

"I wish I could think so," explained Sergeant Frank Stubbe, in charge of the recruiting station, "but since something has run afoul of your port side running light, it would take you twice as long to see your duty as it would an ordinary marine."

"True, true," Walters agreed readily, "but on the other hand, I would be able to see only half of the enemy's forces and would naturally be only half as scared as a recruit with two eyes."

Stubbe could not be convinced, and now Walters wants Congress to take a hand in the matter.

Lord Kitchener Returns to London

London, Nov. 30.—Lord Kitchener has returned to London from his trip to the front and will confer with King George and Premier Asquith as to conditions on the Peninsula and at Saloniki.