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## WOOD LEADS THE FIELD IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### Has Plurality of 3,000 Over Frank O. Lowden - Hiram Johnson Running Third - Poindexter Receives Scattering Vote.

(By The Associated Press.)

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 24.—Major General Leonard Wood held a plurality of approximately 3,000 votes over Frank O. Lowden, governor of Illinois, in the contest in yesterday's primary for the republican presidential endorsement when tabulation of returns was resumed today.

Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator from California, was third, 2,000 votes behind Governor Lowden. Miles Poindexter, United States senator from Washington, received only scattering votes, the returns indicated.

More than 600 precincts out of 1,740 in the state and 51 of 64 from counties were represented in the unofficial tabulation which showed the following vote for the three leaders:

Wood 20,257; Lowden 17,298; Johnson 15,292.

Complete or almost complete returns from all the larger cities were included in that count, as were the reports from a score of smaller cities.

In the counties unheard from there are fewer than 300 precincts. Most of them are in remote districts.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 24.—Returns received early this morning from yesterday's presidential preference republican primary showed that in 651 precincts out of 1,740 Major General Wood had obtained 21,998 votes; Frank O. Lowden 17,350; and Senator Hiram Johnson, 15,985. The returns received represent 53 out of 64 counties and include those from all the principal cities of the state.

Wood was leading in 31 of the counties heard from and was tied with Lowden in one. Johnson was ahead in 11 counties and Lowden was leading in ten.

The eleven missing counties have a total of only 173 voting precincts.

### SOCIALISTS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR SEATS IN ASSEMBLY

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—The five suspended socialist members of the state assembly are "ineligible and disqualified to occupy seats in the assembly," counsel for the assembly judiciary committee asserted today in a brief filed with the committee which conducted an investigation into the charges of disloyalty against the five men.

"It is by the organization to which they belong that these men must be judged," says the brief. "Their individual acts and declarations, in so far as they have been proved serve merely to illuminate and show in concrete the principal purposes and program for which the organization stands and to confirm the seditious purposes of the party to which they belong."

Socialists are trying to bring about a change of government by political action backed up by a general strike, the two being employed as the two strong arms of a giant to pull down the structure of our government which has been built and maintained through the inspirations, the toil and the blood of countless loyal citizens of this republic."

The brief contends the socialists are ineligible "because of their disloyalty to the United States of America and state of New York."

In support of the contention that the socialist party "is preparing and attempting to bring about a revolution in this country as part of the international socialist revolution" the brief says:

"It has opposed and obstructed and continues to oppose and obstruct the government of the United States and of this state in all measures relating to the national and state defense.

### SHARP BREAKS IN EXCHANGE SITUATION.

PARIS, March 24.—Sharp declines in the value of the franc as compared with the American dollar and British pound sterling yesterday while the German mark, despite disorders in the Ruhr district, made appreciable gains, have provoked fresh discussions of the exchange situation, and a renewal of talk of rigid restrictions on importations as a measure to check the depreciation of the franc. Financial authorities are of the opinion that restrictions afford the only immediate remedy, and predict an early prohibition of importations of all luxuries and articles which might be described as superfluous.

### NEW INTEREST IS ADDED TO SIMS AFFAIR

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Virtual chaos existed in the navy department at the time the United States entered the war, Captain Harris Lanning, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation during the war testified today before the senate investigating committee.

The American navy not only was not prepared when the United States entered the war, but it did not "carry on" in the early days "as efficiently as it could and should have," Captain Harris Lanning, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation, testified today before the senate investigating committee.

Captain Lanning, who followed Rear Admiral Sims on the stand, said his statements were based on his experiences at sea, with the fleet, just before the United States entered the war and in the navy department at Washington afterwards.

The witness said that at about the time the United States declared war, the office of chief of naval operations had prepared a plan outlining how the navy's first efforts should be directed, but that it was disapproved by the department, with the result that when a plan of operations was needed the navy was without one.

He charged that during the war it always was difficult and frequently impossible to obtain the department's approval to essential plans and policies, making it necessary for subordinate officers to go far beyond their authority to get things accomplished, thus increasing the difficulty of carrying on the war and decreasing the effectiveness of American participation.

Captain Lanning also told the committee the various units of the department could make no co-ordinated effort to carry on the war for lack of a definite general plan; that the fleet was not ready for operations when war began and that in the years immediately preceding 1917 the department did not take an attitude toward legislation and policies that would have prepared the fleet.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—There was new interest today in the long drawn out hearings on Rear Admiral Sims' charges against the navy department's conduct of the war because of the injection of the war department into the controversy.

Secretary Daniels last night made public correspondence in which General Tasker H. Bliss, who was the United States representative on the supreme war council, denied categorically that he had recommended the brigading of American troops with foreign units, as testified by Admiral Sims. The correspondence gave interesting details of the intercourse between the various army commanders in Europe, which led up to the temporary use of United States soldiers with French and British groups in the emergency of the last great German drive, a step which was submitted to President Wilson for approval before being put into effect.

### ORDERS ALL WORKMEN TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

COBLENZ, March 23.—Otto Meindorf, who was released from prison to take charge of the communist movement in the Ruhr basin, has ordered all workmen who have seen military service to report for duty, threatening, if they fail to obey, to cut off their food ration.

Communists are requisitioning all food-stuffs but actual seizure must be made in the presence of officers, and looters are severely punished. Since gaining control the reds have re-established the German food ration and have requisitioned druggists and doctors to care for the wounded.

The communist military equipment is a complete modern warfare uniform, but some of the men in the ranks are wearing civilian clothes. Reports reaching here state many women are fighting with the communists.

### MINERS AND OPERATORS TO DRAFT NEW AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Suggestion that the joint scale committee of operators and miners of the central competitive bituminous coal field meet Monday in New York to draft a new wage agreement was made in a telegram sent today by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to Thomas P. Brewster, chairman of the operators' scale committee.

### SPARTANBURG MAN RETRACTS STATEMENTS

#### Due to Misinformation as to Loray's Increased Spindleage Spartanburg Man Had Deduced Wrong Idea as to Gaston County's Spindlers.

The change of the Loray Mill from a weaving and spinning mill to strictly a spinning mill with a large increase of spindleage, which increase had been overlooked, was responsible for the surmise of E. S. Tennent of Spartanburg that Gaston county's spindleage figures were padded by counting the "twisters". That this was the fact had been surmised by friends here of Mr. Tennent, who is a man ranking high in the textile industry, and is confirmed by a courteous letter received by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce this morning from Mr. Tennent in reply to a protest against his statement published in the Spartanburg Herald of recent date. He was familiar with the Loray's original 56,000 spindleage and upon seeing it given as 90,000 supposed that twisters must have been counted to make such a total. In his letter after referring to this he says: "And as I had what I thought good reasons for believing they had 56,000 producing spindles, I made the statement that if you had included other than producing spindles at the Loray Mills you had probably done so in counting the spindles at the other mills. I am glad to be correctly informed, and regret having done your county an injustice. I assure you Spartanburg rejoices in your wonderful prosperity and has watched with interest your substantial growth."

### THIS MAN DESERVES A CARNEGIE MEDAL

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Watchman Thomas Kennedy saved a \$75,000 stock of liquor at the country home of A. T. Carozza, of Fisher and Carozza, a wealthy contractor, at Catonsville, a fashionable suburb of Baltimore, about 1:30 this morning when men dressed in the uniforms of policemen and soldiers were refused admittance to the house. While Kennedy detained the men in conversation as he looked out of the second story window and the "uniformed men" threatened to break down the doors, the watchman's wife telephoned police headquarters. Two squads of police were dispatched to the scene. The men made off in a high powered motor car as the police came in sight but the machine stalled in a mud hole. The men, however, escaped in the woods.

### SHOOTS SON TO SAVE HIM FROM CHAIR

CHICAGO, March 24.—Frank Pinano, Jr., today was at the county hospital with three bullet wounds in his body. Frank Pinano, Sr., was held at a police station, where officers said a murder charge would be placed if the 18-year old boy died.

"I shot him to save his soul," the aged man told the police. "I would rather kill him myself than have the police do it. For months I have been worried every time I heard of a 'stick up' for fear my son had been killed. I tried to get him to buckle down but he would not do it."

Frank, Jr., according to court records, slipped into a near-crime record when he was 14 years old. Two years later he had become a recognized gangster and repeatedly was arrested. A year ago his father carried him bodily to the police and had Frank, Jr., confined to a boys' home. Two months later he was released at the instance of Mrs. Pinano.

Between sobs the aged father told the police of how, for years, he had herded his family of ten children to the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii on Sunday, but that Frank, Jr., always was missing—"hanging out with his gang."

Last night, Pinano, Sr., continued, he determined to make a final effort to reclaim his boy. Encountered with friends at a street corner, the youth sneeringly walked away to escape "being bawled out" by his "goody-goody old man," the father said, and he fired five times. Two bullets hit Frank, Jr., in the legs and the third seriously wounded him in the back.

### REPRESENTATIVE BROWNING OF NEW JERSEY, DEAD

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Representative W. J. Browning, of Camden, N. J. dropped dead today in the barber shop at the capitol.

Mr. Browning was about to step out of the barber's chair when he was stricken with an attack of heart disease. He died before physicians who were hastily summoned, could reach the shop.

Born in Camden, N. J., seventy years ago, Mr. Browning had represented the first New Jersey district in congress since 1911, having been elected while serving as chief clerk of the house of representatives. He was the ranking republican member of the naval committee and handled the naval bill in the house where it was passed late yesterday.

### WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Messrs. J. Lee Robinson, A. G. Myers and J. White Ware Appointed as Steering Committee to Solicit Funds for Public Library - Enthusiastic Meeting Well Attended.

At a well attended mass meeting Tuesday night in the court house, plans were launched looking toward the immediate raising of funds to build a public library for Gastonia. A central committee, composed of Messrs. J. Lee Robinson, A. G. Myers and J. White Ware, was appointed with full power to appoint sub-committees and to adopt any other plans that might seem advisable to them to insure the raising of funds to build the library.

Presiding over the meeting was Mrs. D. A. Garrison who briefly explained the object of the meeting, viz: that certain committees previously appointed had investigated the Carnegie free library proposition and had found it not feasible, that a lot for a library had been secured conditionally, and that this meeting was to sound the sentiment of the community for a library, and if found advisable to proceed at once with plans to build the library. Following short talks by Revs. J. C. Galloway and J. H. Henderlite and Mr. S. J. Durham, who spoke on the needs and advantages of a library, the meeting resolved itself into a discussion of the best ways and means to proceed.

Col. Armstrong gave it as his opinion that a committee should be appointed with full power to solicit funds and adopt any methods they might deem necessary in raising these funds, this committee to be headed by the best man in the city for such a purpose, who would have the power to appoint such assistants as he might need. He named as this man, Mr. J. Lee Robinson, active vice-president of the First National Bank. Mr. Robinson felt that he was entirely unfitted to the task and suggested that Col. Armstrong himself was the man of the hour, that he had shown in numerous instances in his business career his power as an organizer and executive and that he was the logical man to head this work of raising the funds. Quite a discussion and debate ensued and a compromise was effected by the naming of the committee mentioned, Messrs. Robinson, Myers and Ware. All three of the gentlemen, it was pointed out, are successful business men and have a habit of making things go when they put their hands to an enterprise. These three men form a steering, or central committee upon whom devolve the business of launching the most effective campaign possible for raising funds for a library. It is generally estimated that the sum of \$150,000 will be necessary to insure a building in keeping with Gastonia's growth and expansion.

### HOW COULD ONE EXPECT THEM TO EAT ALL THIS?

#### Huge Amounts of "Corn Willy," "Gold Fish" and "Thirty-Eights" are Left Untasted by American Doughboys.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Corned beef and salmon—the familiar "Corn Willy" and "Gold Fish" of the American soldier's diet—in the amounts of 114,098,317 pounds and 297,848,550 pounds respectively, were purchased by the army during the war, according to the final report of Major General Rogers, quartermaster general. Of the third ingredient, beans, of that famous trio, which made the Yankee doughboy the most envied person in hungry Europe, 130,338,162 pounds were bought. The appetite of the soldiers could not keep pace with the supply, and the report showed that millions of pounds were still on hand after the signing of the armistice.

"Smokes"—issued as a part of the ration for the first time—proved the most popular article on the subsistence list, including approximately 5,501,000,000 cigarettes, not including supplies shipped overseas to the various welfare societies. The government paid \$57,131,000 for this tobacco. Nearly 55,000,000 pounds was purchased.

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## ACTION OF DELAWARE SOLONS STILL IN DOUBT

### No Vote In Either Body of Legislature In Prospect Before Next Friday - Both Sides Claim Victory.

(By The Associated Press.)

### AMERICAN LEGION HAS NEW RELIEF PLAN

#### Embraces Provisions For Land Settlement, Home Building Aid, Vocational Training and Adjusted Compensation.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Representatives of the American Legion had ready today for presentation to the ways and means committee of the house a new plan for soldier relief, embracing provisions for land settlement, home building aid, vocational training and payment of adjusted compensation.

The proposal is a substitute for the original bill explained to the committee earlier this month by Commander Franklin D'Olier and Thomas W. Miller, chairman of the executive committee. The fourfold plan carrying new rates of compensation was approved last night at a meeting of the executive committee.

Under the bill land projects in all states would be available to former service men and credit at the rate of \$1.50 for every day of service, together with a loan at the rate of 4-1/2 per cent interest would be authorized. Compensation at \$2 a day would be paid those who desire to acquire homes in city or country sections.

Vocational training would be extended for a time equivalent to service in the army or navy and compensation at \$1.50 a day would be paid. Adjusted compensation for those who do not desire to participate in land projects, home building aid or vocational training would be paid at \$1.50 for each day of service, to be available within a year from the passage of the bill by congress.

Former service men would have 10 years in which to file application exercising one of the four options.

### WANT GERMAN ARMY TO RESTORE ORDER

PARIS, March 24.—Two German officers who arrived here last night from Berlin to explain to the allies the necessity for permitting the German army to enter the occupied zone to restore order, saw Premier Millerand today and told him the Ebert government had ample forces ready to deal with the situation in the Ruhr valley.

The decision was officially announced but it is understood on good authority the allies have decided to give the permission, and that all that remains to be decided is what guarantees will be asked of German to insure that her army will retire as soon as order is restored.

The French government would have preferred inter-allied action in the occupied zone, while the British and the Italians favored granting permission for operations by the German army. The French gave way on this point in view of the acuteness of the fuel situation in France and the dependence of this country on supplies of coal from the Ruhr district.

French coal production has decreased from the old figure of 40,000 tons to an average of about 19,700,000 tons yearly. By the terms of the treaty of Versailles Germany is bound to cover the deficiency up to a total of 20,000,000 tons a year. She has never approached that rate of deliveries, however. The experiment of procuring coal from the United States was tried by France, but proved unsuccessful because of the high freight charges and the high rate of exchange. On the restoration of order in the Ruhr valley, therefore, depends largely the continuation of French industries. Without a continuous and growing supply of fuel from that source they will be greatly hampered, with the possibility that a partial shutdown would be necessary. The Saar valley is producing only sufficient coal for Alsace-Lorraine.

Communication between Paris and Berlin was interrupted today.

### RIDGECREST GETS \$100,000.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 23.—The Southern Baptist Educational Board today authorized the following appropriations to be made from the \$15,000,000 fund recently raised for educational purposes:

Southern Baptist Assembly, Ridge Crest N. C., \$100,000; John B. Stetson University, Deland, Fla., \$100,000; Monsumma Baptist College East Las Vegas N. M., \$50,000.

The board was expected to act late this afternoon on the request of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville for \$100,000.

DOVER, DELA., March 24.—Whether Delaware would be the 36th state to ratify the woman's suffrage constitutional amendment still was in doubt today when the legislature convened for the third day of its extra-ordinary session.

No vote in either body of the legislature was in prospect before next Friday and the struggle for votes between the advocates and opponents of suffrage continues unabated today with both still claiming victory. Governor Townsend said he was sure the resolution ratifying the amendment would be "put over".

Introduction of the resolution was the only official event scheduled today. Senator Walter, of Wilmington, was to offer it for reference to the committee on revised statutes headed by Senator Short, regarded as an opponent of suffrage. Republican leaders planned to have the senate act first because of the smaller margin of opposition in the upper house.

"The contest for votes will come openly before a joint session of the legislature on Thursday which has been set aside for public hearings. Suffrage advocates will be heard Thursday morning and opponents at a later session. United States Senators Spencer, republican Missouri, and McKellar, Tennessee, democrat, have been invited by the National Woman's party to be the principal speakers for suffrage.

Vote on the ratification resolution was to be deferred until after the hearing. The republican steering committee is considering a legislative slate with pressure for disposal of the state school code reorganization bill ahead of the suffrage resolution. For this reason, republican leaders said today that while a vote on suffrage might be reached next Friday there was prospect of postponement until next week. Delay is regarded by the suffragists as helpful to their cause.

### GOVERNMENT TROOPS CLASH WITH COMMUNIST GUARDS

WESEL, Germany, March 24, via Berle—Six thousand government troops, reinforced by armed countrymen, has a skirmish with communist guards numbering about 15,000 near here last night. Reports state 62 were killed and upwards of 100 wounded.

BUDERICH, Rhenish Prussia, March 24.—The government forces are keeping open the northern side of the town to admit reinforcements, should they be sent, or to provide for a possible forced retreat.

Heavy firing was heard from the direction of Wesel during the night. There were occasional artillery surges and spurts of machine gun fire.

The indications are that the Ebert troops are still safe. They are very nearly surrounded, however, by the lines of the workmen whose guerrilla warfare has driven the government troops steadily out of the industrial district in five days' time, in a combined retreat and concentration movement, to the strong fortress at Wesel, on the Rhine.

About 100 interned prisoners, who fled across the bridge from Wesel last night, are held here by the Belgians. A dozen German wounded also were brought over during the night and treated at the hospital here.

A small detachment of Belgian troops, with artillery, arrived here last night and promptly took up a position near the bridge. The Belgians stopped all traffic in the direction of Wesel and interned all who came from that city. The eastern end of the bridge runs into the city of Wesel and provides an exit from the sorely-pressed town safely open to the troops.

### MAY PUT CROWN PRINCE ON WIERINGEN ISLAND.

THE HAGUE, March 24.—Announcement by the premier today that the Dutch government had granted the island of Wieringen to the former German crown prince as a place of residence is believed here to complete the steps by which Holland seeks to meet allied demands as to the safekeeping of former Emperor William and his son. A decree by which William of Hohenzollern would be confined to that portion of Utrecht, including Amerongen and Doorn, was made public last week.

Reports are current that the crown prince asked that his residence be fixed on the island, and declined an opportunity to live near his father.

The big army searchlight that was here last week looking for enemy air birds will arrive at Gastonia this evening from Rutherfordton, and will search the sky at about 7:30 p. m. from near the corner of...