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SENATE DISCUSSES WILSON'S 14 POINTS

Five of Them Held Up By Senator Lodge For Close Scrutiny.

MAY CAUSE A DIVISION

German Government Accepts Von Hindenburg's Plan to Make Army Stronger Than Ever—Details Are Not Disclosed.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Five of President Wilson's fourteen peace points were held up in the senate today by Senator Lodge as questions which might lead to a division among the allies and which certainly should be postponed until after the peace conference. These relate to secret diplomacy, freedom of the seas, economic barriers, reduction of armaments and the league of nations. The senator said that as the senate must consent to any treaty that is proposed it should express itself freely in advance by passing resolutions to show its ideas in respect to Wilson's fourteen points.

Referring to the freedom of the seas Lodge said, "If it means abandonment of the belligerent right of blockade, I think the United States will hesitate before it abandons a weapon absolutely necessary for its own safety."

PARIS CONFERENCE POSTPONED
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Newspapers here say, the preliminary peace conference at Versailles has been postponed until the beginning of February, at the earliest. This action is due to a change in President Wilson's plans which takes him to England and to the British elections which are to occur in the near future.

HINDENBURG'S PLANS ACCEPTED
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The German government has accepted von Hindenburg's plan to form a peoples guard or national army, and it is said that the German army under this plan will be stronger than ever. The details have been kept a secret, but it is known that women will be employed for auxiliary service.

MAXY SOLDIERS DISCHARGED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—With a total of 108,562 men discharged during the week ending December 14, General March stated today that the war department has about reached the 30,000 daily average as previously planned. General Pershing has reported 3210 American prisoners repatriated, and at present there are but a very few left.

Additional units from this country designated for early demobilization brings the total of men so selected to 900,000, General March stated. To date 29,900 officers have been honorably discharged. General Pershing has reported that a continued search is being made for isolated prisoners, and that the British and French officials in Switzerland, Holland, Sweden and Germany are aiding in the search.

SHIPS WILL BE RELEASED
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Plans for the prompt release from the government requisition of a part of the fleet of 174 tank steamers, 18 of which are Pacific coast vessels, with approximately a million and four hundred thousand dead weight tonnage, was announced by the United States shipping board today. Only those vessels required for supplying the army and navy with fuel and oil will be retained by the government.

ASK ALLIES OCCUPY VIENNA
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Zurich newspapers printed a Vienna dispatch reporting that the Austrian government "in order to avoid fresh disturbances" has asked the allied authorities to occupy Vienna.

TO DIRECT AIR SERVICE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The appointment of Major General Charles Genober, who commanded the Rainbow Division in France, as director of the air service, succeeding John D. Ryan, was announced today by General March.

STEEL CORPORATION ORGANIZE
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The organization of the North American Steel Products Corporation, a combination of the largest independent steel companies to advance foreign trade, was formally announced today.

NEWSPAPER MAN ARRESTED
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Freemont Older, editor of the San Francisco Call, was arrested today charged with criminal libel by John O'Gara, former assistant district attorney, following statements concerning O'Gara's official conduct recently made by Older in published reminiscences.

AFTER BOLSHIEVSKI FORCES
BERLIN, Dec. 21.—German troops have been sent against the Bolshieviski forces advancing on Mitau, 30 miles southwest of Riga on Dvina. It is reported. German troops have been disarmed by the Bolshieviski at various points in eastern Livonia and the population is fleeing toward Riga.

DORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Alva Spang of Looking Glass, December 19, an eight pound son.

ALLOW NO PROFITEERING.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Warning against profiteering has been issued by the National Food Administration through the State Administration. While minor food regulations have now been dropped, the license regulation remains and the margin of profit fixed by the administration which will book no profiteering.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Martha Snyder on Umpqua avenue was the scene of a delightful surprise party last evening given for her two granddaughters, Willa and Gertrude Snyder. Music and games filled the hours and made them pass all too quickly. Delicious refreshments were served after which the guests departed for their homes. Those present to enjoy the occasion were Edna Perrine, Roberta Haraldson, Ruth Bradford, Gladys Palker, Margaret Zimmerman, Gladys Taylor and Willa and Gertrude Snyder.

SIX ARMY TRANSPORTS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The United States army transport Henry R. Malory arrived today with 1461 American soldiers from Bordeaux. Nine hundred and one were sick or wounded. The units aboard were headquarters, sanitary and ordnance departments, headquarters company, supply company, band and detachments of Batteries A and B of the 143rd Regiment, Field Artillery, comprising 10 officers and 492 men, and headquarters of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade, comprising three officers and 5 men. The sick and wounded comprised 32 officers and 839 men, of whom 30 are bedridden, six tubercular, one mental case and 884 requiring no special attention.

The transport Manchuria from Brest, carrying 158 officers and 4003 men, also arrived today. She carries 13 officers and 52 men of the 56th Field Artillery, 64 officers and 861 men of the 116th Field Artillery, 33 officers and 1452 men of the 117th Field Artillery, 10 officers and 98 men of the 31st Division, 10 officers and 56 men of the 106th Ammunition Train, 18 men headquarters company, 62d Infantry Brigade; 10 casual officers and 966 sick and wounded.

Another arrival was the White Star liner Megantic from Liverpool, which carries 310 passengers, a number of American, Australian and Canadian army and naval officers and Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross workers. Among the wounded was Private Earl House, of Caldwell, Mont., who exhibited the remnants of a Bible which he declared saved his life after he went "over the top" early in November. When a German sniper sent a bullet toward his heart, the book affected its course and only a flesh wound resulted. While lying in No Man's Land awaiting the stretcher bearers, House had the satisfaction of seeing his "buddy" bring down the sniper.

COMRADES PAY TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT TOOZE

"I lost a splendid Lieutenant and the country lost a splendid soldier and type of manhood. His was an end that all true, red-blooded Americans would welcome," writes Captain G. A. Prude, 35th Infantry, A. E. F. In a letter of condolence to Mrs. Sadie A. Tooze, who lost her son, Lieut. Leslie O. Tooze, while leading his men in the terrific battle which raged for days in the Argonne Forest, says today's Portland Oregonian.

Seldom has greater tribute to a man and fighter been paid than that accorded Lieutenant Tooze by his comrades who said:
"He met a glorious end. You can well be proud of such a son. He handled his platoon like a true soldier to the finish. His leadership and coolness was a fine tribute to American traditions. He carried his men forward to the farthest point reached by any organization during the three days' advance."
Eleven officers of the Third Battalion of the 364th Infantry, including Major Lester W. Humphreys, of Portland, signed the following letter of condolence to Mrs. Tooze:
"It is our wish that you know of the sincere sympathy extended to you by the officers and men of the Third Battalion of the 364th Infantry.
"Your son was very dear to us, our friend and our comrade, and our close association with him throughout the past year and especially in the recent months gave us infinite opportunity to appreciate his manliness, character and worth. May we assure you that your great loss is shared by each one of us!"

Lieutenant Lamar Tooze, regimental intelligence officer of the Third Battalion, 365th Infantry, went southless through four battles, was his twin-brother's "bunkie," and they were together at the last.

AMERICAN TROOPS WELL PROTECTED

Thoroughly Equipped to Withstand the Rigors of Coming Winter in Europe.

WILL BE WARMLY CLAD

Welfare of Boys Has Been Looked After to the Smallest Detail—Over One Hundred Thousand Blankets Distributed.

TOURS, Nov. 14.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Mothers, sisters, and sweethearts in America need not worry about protection of their soldiers in Europe against the rigors of coming winter. The Quartermaster's Corps specialists in France declare to The Associated Press, that the boys are better equipped than the majority of them ever were in civilian life.

Each soldier has two pairs of heavy wool clinched and dubbed shoes which are impervious to water, five pairs of wool socks, three suits wool underwear, two complete wool uniforms, two wool O. D. Flannel shirts, one short but heavy overcoat trench style, and one pair of wool knit spiral puttees ten feet long.

The Quartermaster's Corps estimates that the average soldier in campaign wears out one pair of trousers every two months and makes provision on this basis although the normal life of a pair of breeches is six months. Every soldier has also an overseas cap that has a felt protector to pull down over his ears. He is not allowed to wear the old issue of campaign hat that his folks at home are used to seeing. He has wool gloves and one-finger leather mittens over them and each soldier is provided with at least three blankets and a waterproof slicker or raincoat.

In addition to all this, every soldier on outdoor duty has a leather waistcoat to wear beneath his overcoat. This leather waistcoat is newly issued and much admired. Apart from what the men have on them and in their possession, the Quartermaster's Corps in France has in well distributed stocks available for issue: Breeches and trousers, 1,504,000 pairs; wool coats, 200,000 underdrawers, 5,000,000; undershirts, 2,714,000; wool gloves, 2,960,000; leather waistcoats or jerkins, 1,068,000; mittens, 746,000; puttees, 379,500; wool spiral puttees, 1,718,000; field shoes, 2,570,000; wool O. D. flannel shirts, 2,349,000; slickers, 633,000; heavy wool stockings, 7,807,000; blankets, 721,900. This after the Quartermaster's Corps in France turned over to the Medical Corps more than one hundred thousand blankets.

RED CROSS MEETING WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

A most enjoyable and unusual meeting was held Thursday, December 19, by the members of the Red Cross Auxiliary of Green and vicinity. A vast amount of work in knitting and Belgian Relief work was accomplished. At noon time a beautiful dinner was served in which were included many of the dainty and tasteful dishes that the members are capable of preparing. After all-numbering twenty-seven people were seated at the table, a very unique poem, composed by Mrs. M. Van Horn, was read by the president, Mrs. J. W. Wolforth. Immediately following this was the presentation of an appropriate gift to Mrs. John Howard who has so freely given the working room and assisted in her many kind ways this great necessary work.

This Auxiliary has recently donated \$25 for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund.

DISCUSSING REVISION OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The 1917 Legislature passed a resolution authorizing the Supreme Court of the State to appoint a commission on law reform, to serve without pay, to constitute seven members, including one justice of the supreme court, one person representing the commercial, manufacturing, farming, labor and other industrial interests, and including five members of the bar of Oregon; such commission was to investigate and report the coming Legislature a plan for revision of our judicial system, delays and expense of litigation, and to promote the certainty of justice in judicial proceedings.

Pursuant to this authority the following were appointed: Ben Selling, George H. Burnett, Charles H. Carey, Alfred S. Bennett, W. R. Patton, E. R. Bryson and Percy R. Kelly, this very able and industrious commission after a thorough investigation and deliberation filed two reports the majority report signed by five members of the commission recommends very little change, the minority report signed by Ben Selling and Judge Carey advocates a complete revision of our present judicial system.

OLD SOLDIERS PATRIOTIC.

The report turned into Red Cross headquarters by Mrs. H. C. Markee, of the Soldiers Home shows that practically every old veteran of that institution has become a member of the 1919 Red Cross, which is, indeed, a very flattering report. In all, 104 memberships were taken out by members of the home.

THE CRITICAL MOMENT

Is Now At Hand and a Determined Effort Will Be Made to Put Old State of Oregon Over the Top by Monday.

PORTLAND—With the Red Cross membership drive closing next Monday night, the state has not made the showing expected to date, but the managers are not discouraged, knowing that Oregon people generally come to the rescue at the psychological and critical moment. That critical moment is the present. Henry P. Davidson, president of the Red Cross, telegraphed to State manager H. E. Witham today from New York: "I am sailing tonight for Europe at the request of the President to represent the American Red Cross and as I leave I have a supreme confidence that the spirit of mercy and human sympathy, which the people of the world have ascribed to the American people, will again shine forth when the world once more learns of their devotion to the Red Cross ideal. Enrollment in the Red Cross by every man and woman and child will mean more to the world today than ever before. Millions of pleading, wistful faces are turned toward us today and only by answering that mute appeal by universal enrollment in the Red Cross can we show our sympathy and our vote for a kinder, gentler world in the days to come."

BIG PRODUCTION AT THE ANTLERS THEATRE

For the first time in the history of big spectacular picture productions standardized by David Wark Griffith, who produced "The Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance," "Hearts of the World" and other notable photoplays, patrons of motion picture houses throughout the country will now be able to see Mr. Griffith's future productions at their favorite theatres at the customary prices. This was rendered possible by a contract recently made by Mr. Griffith with the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation by which his newest productions, prodigious as they are, will be available to every exhibitor. "The Great Love," a magnificent photoplay which will be shown at the Antlers theatre next Thursday and Friday, in this picture such screen artists as Robert Harron, Henry B. Walthall, Lillian Gish and others who have won fame in Mr. Griffith's big productions will be seen for the first time under Arteratt auspices.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The thought of giving rather than of receiving will be the aim of the Presbyterian Sunday School in its Christmas exercises this year, so that the Sunday School may have a part in helping the many who are in great need at this time. The regular Christmas exercises will be held on Sunday evening at 7:30, the time of the usual evening service. An attractive program has been arranged, including Christmas songs, a reading by Miss Margaret Page, "Why the Chimes Rang," a story by Mrs. Ashcraft, and a song by Miss Mabel Bryan. Rev. Quick will tell the meaning of the White Gifts for the King. The primary department will take a special part in the program and each class as it presents its gifts will give an appropriate exercise.

A SUICIDAL SORTIE AGAINST BRITISH FLEET

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—The attempt of officers of the German High Seas Fleet, to make a suicidal sortie against the British grand fleet before the armistice was signed is characterized by the Berlin Vorwarts as "the last devilish crime against the German people that sealed the doom of the Pan-Germans." Refusal of the sailors to go out and fight is regarded as the first step toward the German revolution. "This mutiny is described by the Vorwarts as 'an act of self-defence by 80,000 men against the villainous Pan-German plan.'"

Mr. George Bovens of Elgin arrived in this city last night, and will spend some time visiting friends and relatives in Looking Glass, Melrose and other places. He is the nephew of Mrs. W. G. Rochester of Looking Glass at which place he formerly resided.

RED CROSS DRIVE NOT UP TO QUOTA

The Showing Made Does Not Come Up to Expectations.

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COUNTY WANTS NO RED CROSS SLACKERS

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HERVEY LINDLEY,
Division Roll Call Chairman.

Douglas County expects every loyal man and woman to be wearing the 1919 Red Cross button by Monday night. If you have been overlooked by the solicitor, call at headquarters in the Douglas Abstract Co's. office, corner Jackson and Washington st. We want no Red Cross slackers in this county.
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ENGLISH XMAS DINNER FOR YANKEE SOLDIERS

LONDON, Nov. 21.—(Special to the Associated Press.)—If your son is in France or England at Christmas time, you need not necessarily feel that he is losing all the joy of life. Perhaps he is going to have the opportunity to a real English Christmas.
Invitations have been issued to as many American soldiers and sailors as possible in France, through Y. M. C. A. secretaries there, and those in camps and on battleships in England were not forgotten. More than two thousand of them will be entertained for the holidays in London homes alone. And on Christmas day 1500 more will watch the brassy burning on top of the pudding and eye the roasted pig in families, who are to do everything possible to make this holiday one that the American guest will always remember.
Invitations poured in to the international Y. M. C. A. Hospitality League from many farms outside of London, too—from Devonshire, where riding and shooting were offered from Scotland and from Ireland.
"I want two boys for the whole of their leave," one Irish woman writes. "I am going to give them the kind of Christmas my boys would have liked, if they had not been killed in France."

FIVE TRANSPORTS LEAVE.

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EXCITING CHAPTERS OF WAR ARE TOLD

Clever Schemes of British to Entice German U-Boats to the Surface.

NANY FALL INTO TRAP

Stories Told of Encounters That Are Filled With Deeds of Heroism—Huns Answered Decoy Set By British Navy.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—One of the most exciting chapters of the war against German U-boats is a series of accounts of notable engagements between British decoy ships and the submarines, made public by the British admiralty. While the whole story of the part played by these decoy vessels, "mystery ships" or "Q" craft has not been revealed, it is evident that several of them were used to lure the Hun undersea craft to their destruction.
Some incidents in this campaign already have been known, dealing chiefly with a row of the exploits of commander Gordon Campbell as master of the decoy vessels; but others in which he and other captains participated now are available. That at least a small fleet was used in this work is evident from the fact that Campbell at different times appears as the master of the Farnborough, the Pargust, the Dunraven and the Q-5.
The Pripe, another decoy ship, was commanded by Lieutenant William B. Sanders and the Stock force by Lieutenant Harold Auten. Stories of the encounters between these ships and the U-boats are filled with deeds of heroism and instances in which the discipline of the British navy was displayed under the trying circumstances. For many months the decoy ships heavily armed but with their guns hidden behind false bulwarks, steamed zig-zag paths in the seas which were the hunting grounds of the submarine. In their character of lazy colliers or slow cargo craft they presented to the submarine commander an inviting object of attack but once he was well within range of the British guns, the false superstructure hiding the guns fell away and the helpless collier became suddenly transformed into a fighting craft, bent on destruction. It was dangerous work requiring the high order of courage for the submarine must be lured near before the guns could safely begin their work. In the meantime the Hun frequently had sent his torpedo home and the decoy ship was disabled, sometimes on fire and part of her crew wounded. In that condition the battle was fought and often the submarine destroyed.
"Panic parties" was one of the ruses practiced by the decoy ship's commander to coax the submarine alongside. When the mystery ship was torpedoed, these panic parties took to the boats, apparently abandoning their vessel, but always leaving on board another crew to man the guns and finish the submarine if it came near enough.
The first encounter mentioned by the Admiralty took place in March 1915, when the Farnborough, disguised as a collier, was attacked by a submarine. The "panic party" took to the boats and when the submarine closed in, to about 800 yards the Farnborough opened fire on her. The U-boat submerged and the Farnborough passed over her dropping depth-bombs. The submarine reappeared standing almost on end. Five rounds were fired into her at nearly point blank range and she went to the bottom of the sea.
Prior to that action the Farnborough had cruised throughout the entire winter without being attacked.
Within a month the Farnborough coaxed another submarine near enough to sink her by gunfire. Commander Campbell later was transferred to the command of the Q-5 and in the following February, 1916, his vessel was torpedoed by a submarine which eventually approached so near, that a shot from the Farnborough benched the U-boat captain as he climbed out of the tower, the submarine was sunk with her conning tower open and her crew pouring out. Destroyer towed the Q-5 in and braced her. For this exploit the Victoria Cross was awarded to Campbell.
The decoy ship Pargust with Campbell in command was torpedoed on June 7, 1917, while disguised as a British merchant ship. The submarine came within fifty yards of the Pargust which then opened fire on her with all guns. The submarine crew poured out of the conning tower and held up their hands in token of surrender, but the U-boat attempted away trying to escape in the mist. The Pargust again opened fire on her and sunk her with one man clinging to her bow as she went down. The decoy vessel was towed back to port by American destroyers. Two Victoria Crosses were awarded for this successful action.