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BELFAST AT MERCY OF STRIKING MOBS

Two Hundred Thousand Laborers in United Kingdom Have Quit Shops.

SPARTACANS IN SADDLE

Wilhelmshaven in Hands of Reds—Banks Taken Over—Turks and Allies Slaughter Armenians By the Thousands.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 28.—It is estimated nearly two hundred thousand men and women in the United Kingdom are lying idle at this present time, due to strikes in various branches of industry, and the situation created is one of the most serious that has confronted the government in many years, it is alleged. Half of the striking workers are in Belfast, Ireland, and the city is in a state of terror over the situation.

SPARTACUS BOB UP.
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 28.—Spartacan troops have overthrown the government at Wilhelmshaven, Germany, where they have occupied the banks and public buildings. Leaders of the opposition party to Spartacan regime have been ordered court-martialed. The railway traffic to and from Wilhelmshaven has been stopped.

RESTRICT IMMIGRATION.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The house immigration committee has tentatively approved legislation prohibiting general immigration for four years following the signing of peace treaties.

SLAUGHTER ARMENIANS.
LONDON, Jan. 28.—Intense anxiety is felt in Armenian circles in London over the reports that large bodies of Turkish troops have joined Tartar bands and are attacking Armenian villages. It is reported from credible sources that twenty thousand Armenians were slaughtered at Eaku and vicinity after Turks, Tartars and Germans took the city.

WILL FIGHT POLES.
PARIS, Jan. 28.—Two corps of German troops have been assembled by the general staff to take the field against alleged aggression of the Poles, it is reported.

HUNDRED MILLION ASSURED.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Enactment of the bill appropriating one hundred million dollars for relief of hungry Europeans is completed. The house has adopted the conference report accepting the senate's amendments to the measure.

VAUNTED TIMBERBUYER WANTED IN CALIFORNIA

Wanted at Dunsmuir, Calif., on a charge of Grand Larceny and Forgery, W. P. Brantley, alias P. H. Murphy, self-proclaimed real estate buyer, timberman and oil king, is now reposing peacefully in the county jail while local officers are waiting to see how many more localities have been "stung" by the smooth operator. A telegram received by Marshall Shanbrook gives a complete and accurate description of the would-be timber buyer, and states that he is badly wanted in that locality. It is evident that since pulling out of the deal in the California city he has been loafing along the line and running out of funds decided to try his hand in Roseburg. Just what disposition will be made of the case is not yet definitely ascertained.

STRAWBERRY CROP VERY PROFITABLE

Other crops in Douglas County are equally as profitable as prunes, according to J. M. Boyles, of Myrtle Creek, locally known as the Strawberry King of the county. His records show a net profit of \$200 an acre over a series of years equivalent to a dollar a crate net since Mr. Boyles runs 200 crates to the acre. Mr. Boyles ships the first "Oregon" berries to Portland each year and receives a high price for them. The first crate in 1918 brought \$5.35. Douglas county is the earliest produce district in the state which permits her grapes, tomatoes and berries to reach a high-priced market a week to ten days ahead of competing districts in the northwest.

berry culture is a light, profitable industry, adapted to the small home places of the county where soil conditions are favorable which means wherever the ground is loose, free and well drained. Mr. Boyles reports a half crop the first season, after which he harvests three full crops before plowing under the patch. By renewing his plantation each year he always has several acres in full bearing.

SOUVENIRS ARE SENT TO FATHER

A collection of souvenirs, containing emblems of all the allied nations, has been received by Commandant R. C. Markoe, of the Soldiers' Home, from his son, Frank, who is in the service at the Panama Canal. The young man has been making a studied collection of war trophies obtained from the material from returning soldiers and has a very valuable showing. In addition to the emblems he has buttons of various branches of the service and samples of American and German ammunition, picked up on the battlefields of France and Belgium.

BELGIANS SUFFER UNDER GERMANS

People Have Little Idea of the Barbarous Treatment By Hun Captors.

CHURCHES WERE RAZED

Local Resident Receives Letter From Uncle Telling of Sufferings of Villagers Endured During the Great War.

Mr. John E. Callawaert, formerly a resident of Belgium, but now employed in the local S. P. yards, has just received a letter from his uncle, Desirius Callawaert of Swevezele, Belgium, in answer to an inquiry sent by the former in regard to some of his relatives. The letter gives some very interesting description of wartime Belgium and the feelings of the people there. Mr. Callawaert wrote to Washington shortly after the signing of the armistice asking for passports to go to his old home to look for his relatives but permission was refused him. The letter received from his uncle follows:

Dear Nephew: Your esteemed letter came to hand on the 8th of December, by which I see you are still living and doing well. About the war news I am quite sure that during the four years you were far better informed of the greater events than we, because every paper we had came through the German censor and was exposed and explained in their favor. But we here know better than you over there what we had to suffer. As for me, I came through good though I had but to small times and was not put in jail, however, I was often in danger.

You know all we got was wheat, including copper, wool, tin, rye, rice, oats, butter, meat, all vegetables, etc. Gendarmes and special men were charged to visit all houses and places, from top to bottom, and even to dig the gardens or any place where they supposed something was hidden. If anything was found, so much to pay, and so long in prison was the penalty. Anyone who has not been here cannot believe how harshly they treated the civil population. The great deal of our population has made fortunes during the war by giving suppers, dinners and sores for the officers. Those who were allowed to go and come where they wanted, doing business and trade on a big scale, partly for the officers and partly for themselves, were fortunate and got along nicely. I was rather hated by the Germans.

Concerning the family I have seen Julien Caunou and he is a fine, good looking soldier and has not been wounded. Uncle Leurte and Aunt Valer are all right, living from their income, between the village and Hation. Old Vandorne died in August last, all the other are in good health and have made money during the war.

RED FLAG BILL IS BLOCKED BY LABOR

Representative Gordon Alleges Organizations Temporarily Withdrawing With I. W. W.

ORDERS NARVA RETAKEN

Lenine, Reported Captured Some Days Ago, at Battle of Narva, Directing Army Operations.—Contracts Cancelled.

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Jan. 28.—Representatives of organized labor yesterday blocked, temporarily at least, the passage of the Gordon red flag act in the house. In speaking of the issue Representative Gordon stated that organized labor is apparently disposed to temporarily withdraw from the legislative process (with the disloyal, trouble-making element) and alleged that making elements against the I. W. W. and Bolshevik element on every occasion, yet systematically oppose all legislation against those undesirable. The bill was re-referred to the judiciary committee. The Gordon bill has for its object the forbidding of carrying red flags on the streets or in parades.

Late in the afternoon the house judiciary again reported the anti-Red Flag bill out of committee unchanged and a bitter fight is on in the house over the measure.

LENINE MUCH ALIVE.
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 28.—That Lenine is still actively engaged in directing the destinies of the Russian government is indicated in reports which say that the Bolshevik leader, ordered his troops to retake the town of Narva within a few weeks, sack the place and kill all Bourgeoisie residents.

FAILED AT TULGAS.
ARCHANGEL, Jan. 28.—Bolshevik troops failed Sunday night in their attempt to drive United States and allied forces from the positions at Tulgas on the Dvina river. During Sunday the Russians had bombarded the allied positions with heavy artillery.

SHIP CONTRACTS CANCELLED.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Shipbuilding contracts aggregating fifty-one million dollars, held by California builders, have been cancelled by the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Work on thirty-four ships now on the ways or soon to have been started, is stopped by the order.

JURORS ARE SCARCE.
PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—No jurors have yet been secured in the Albers trial. It is understood that the defense will claim that Henry Albers, millionaire German mill owner, who is on trial for alleged violation of the espionage act, was drunk at the time he is said to have made seditious utterances.

BOLSHEVIKI CONFIDENT.
ARCHANGEL, Jan. 28.—Refugees fleeing from Shenkursk have stated that the Bolshevik troops have burned the town and killed the inhabitants. The Bolshevik army is preparing for another attack.

PRESIDENT COMES TO AID NEAR BEER USERS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The food administrator announced today that President Wilson signed a proclamation in Paris, January 23, removing heretofore existing war time restrictions on the manufacture of so-called near beers.

RUMORED BOOZE ESCAPES OFFICERS

If a certain persistent rumor is to be believed, several officers are today allowing their minds to revert to the old childhood legends of "Mother Hubbard" only in this case the "bone" takes the form of a modern and much sought after shipment of booze. For several days a car load of booze has been trailed from California into the State and at Roseburg a careful peep acquainted the officers with the fact that it was still intact. The booze was cached in an automobile, which in turn was loaded into a box car consigned to a Willamette Valley City. After the train had been noted an officer decided to trail the shipment and so has been guarding it very diligently to see that it was properly delivered to the owner who, it was planned, should be invited to become the guest of the State for a period of time. Rumor, however, has it that the best laid plans "off times go astray" and it is said that when the car was opened at Albany, where it was decided to

BOOZE SHIPMENT INTACT.

S. P. Agent Frank Rogers, arrived in the city today from Albany at which place he turned over to the shipment of booze that was detected and followed through the state, delivering it to Special Agt. Cotturi and Chandler. The shipper, George Fenton, alias George Thomas, of Brenton, Wash., was arrested at Corvallis by U. S. Special Agent Jones. Fenton placed the auto containing 138 quarts of booze in a box car at Medford and consigned the shipment Corvallis. He was arrested this morning and the liquor confiscated by the officers at Albany. Mr. Rogers denied the rumor that the whiskey had been removed and stated that it checked with the figures turned over at Grants. Pass were he took charge of the car.

take another squint at the carefully guarded hop product, it was found that the consignment had totally disappeared, the auto and its contents having parted company, the vehicle to go in to its owner, the booze to stop somewhere along the Southern Pacific Railroad between Roseburg and Albany.

EXPLOSION OCCURS AT HIGH SCHOOL

A mixture of gasoline and water, an alcohol lamp and a copper container, figured in a small explosion late yesterday afternoon, said explosion breaking out a couple of window panes, wrecking a number of test tubes and darkening the walls in a corner of the science laboratory, at the local high school. Several of the students were making a test and in doing so used some water into which someone had carelessly poured a quantity of gasoline. The test called for hot water and it was only a few moments until "something started". Glass tubes were thrown about promiscuously and glass panes were shattered. A small fire started, but was quickly quelled by the students doing as to become excited. With the fire apparatus in full play the fire alarm for the building was then sounded and the pupils marched out in perfect order.

OAKLAND RESIDENT DIES IN FRISCO

A telegram received yesterday afternoon by A. F. Stearns, of Oakland, announced the death of his brother, John Stearns, aged 62 years, a pioneer of Douglas county. The telegram was from T. R. Sheridan, formerly a banker in Roseburg, who found Mr. Stearns ill with influenza at San Francisco, and had taken him to a hospital where he was given every attention. Improvement was rapid until a short time before his death which occurred very unexpectedly. John Stearns was born and raised in the vicinity of Oakland and had been engaged in farming and other business in that locality for the greater part of his life. He owned considerable real estate there and had always made it his home, leaving only a few weeks ago to attend to business in San Francisco. He is survived by four brothers, A. F. Stearns, of Oakland; Judge L. B. Stearns, of Portland; R. L. and George Stearns, of Oakland. The latter left last night for San Francisco where he will take charge of the body and will return with it to Oakland where interment will take place.

OREGON SOLDIERS TO ARRIVE THURSDAY

Word has been received by the Oregon committee on reception of the soldiers, sailors and marines that the 65th Coast Artillery, which includes approximately 1000 Oregon boys, will reach New York this week and will be sent temporarily to Camp Dix, New Jersey. This information is contained in a dispatch from Senator McNary who has been endeavoring to have the boys routed to Camp Lewis for discharge by way of Portland. From Camp Dix the men will be sent to their homes in small detachments, according to the present plan. Senator McNary states that the first information relative to the routing of the Oregon boys by way of Portland will be issued by the war department February 1. The regiment is aboard a slow transport, the Haverford, and about half of the organization will disembark Thursday, according to present arrangements.

O. C. Sether, of Glendale, was a business visitor in Roseburg today.

ROSEBURG BOYS ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Julius Riddle Tells of Program Given by Ambulance Company in Germany.

BIG FEED AND DANCE

Had Elaborate Banquet and Program Followed by a Dance in Which the Members of the Company Heartily Joined.

The following letter has been received from Julius Riddle, with the 163rd Ambulance Co. now in the Army of Occupation. The letter is very interesting as it gives the program of their Christmas dinner and which from the accounts was a most enjoyable occasion. The letter follows:

Dear Mother: Christmas 1918 is history to us now, but we still have a memory of it, the good time we had in the evening, and some of us are pretty sore from connecting up with a boxing glove, but to begin right—I had my usual Christmas present, K. P., so that night before Xmas, Tommy Bell, Baldwin and myself baked Jam Tarts. They were the mince pie and apple dumplings for the dinner. Midnight came and we were better than half finished, so we had time off and prepared a little dinner for we, us & Co. While butchering the meat for the roast, Tom saved out three tenderloin steaks. We smothered them in some onions, added french fried spuds, country gravy, and you can see that we had a real meal. I had all the work for the first time in ages. We didn't do any work for about an hour till the pressure let up.

Four Bells and all the work finished and I hit for the hay. Sleep? I surely did until about 12:00 the next noon.

Two o'clock and the big feed came off. Mashed potatoes, Roast beef, Gravy, Dressing, Bread and Butter and chocolate. After we had succeeded in putting most of that away they brought in two Jam Turnovers, a big cake of chocolate, and a package of cigarettes. Wasn't very much doing the rest of the afternoon, all just laid around and wondered just why we had eaten so much. Then up in a mighty short time, and with very little to work with, and the best of it all, it was darned good. I'm sending you a program and will explain it to you.

1. Assembly.
Souvenir Program
163rd Ambulance Company
Christmas 1918
Coblenz, Germany
"The Watch on the Rhine".
Menu:

- Entrees: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Bread, Butter
- Deserts: Jam Tarts, Chocolate Sweets
- Cigarettes
- Entertainment: Assembly—7:00 p. m., Revell—By the Band, Slick Call—Lieut. Sapper, Slick Call—Agony 4, Fatigue—Gold Dust Twins, Close Order Drill—I. O. Dine & C. C. Pills, Litter Drill—Hard Tack & Gold Fish, Setting Down Exercise—N. E. Body Pay Day, Spurry, Tag, Revell.
- The Band—And some band, Jypno Warner on the clarinet, Castro on the Violin, and Cliff Moran on the Piano, and that was the band, absolutely the best in the Army of Occupation. Play either with or without music, it was all the same.
- 3. First Aid.
Lieut. Sapper—1. Aid. A snappy short talk by the Lieutenant. He is good, and no kidding. The fellows would do a whole lot for him, or any of our Lieutenants now, for that matter. Needless to say that First Aid lecture was about anything except medicine or the Army.
- 4. Slick Call.
Agony 4.—Only the four died down to two, Bud Green and Cliff Jope. Two of America's intelligent Preachers sons, both with trained voices, so they sang and it was better than good.
- 5. Fatigue—Gold Dust Twins.—The two Cox boys in a boxing match. You have heard of them. They are twins, and almost exactly alike. Howard Cox has dandy foot work and an even temper "Dinkout" (Harold) hasn't the foot work and has a dandy temper, so it was a good match.
- 6. Close Order Drill.—I. O. Dine & C. C. Pills.—Red Wagon and Harry Forsythe, the heavy men, both of them in a boxing match. Old man Kamel got in his work on Red and he ran hopelessly out of wind in the third round. Here they put in an extra number. Had "Inky" Burrows and myself astraddle of a wooden horse, and the idea was to see who could knock the other one off the

horse, using boxing gloves. "Inky" got three out of five falls and I went down to defeat.

7. Litter Drill.—Hard Tack and Gold Fish—A fake boxing match between Gus Alaker and O'Brien. Gus is long and slim, while O'Brien is mighty short and chunky. They were under the able direction of Red Shipley, and it was a knock-out.

8. Sitting down exercises.—Just all singing. Talk about noise, we surely made it.

9. Pay day.—Ed Shipley as Santa Clause gave out presents. A scream was all there was to it. He handed out some slams to some of the best known of the bunch and then gave out the packages from the Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross.

10. Soupy.—Hot chocolate, sandwiches and cookies. Then the orchestra played, while we danced. Say it was some dance, me as the lady was rather popular. All in all we had a day that we will remember. We have hopes of keeping up these entertainments about once a week, and so was finished Xmas day in Coblenz, Germany.

Everything is coming to us now—except those elusive orders to embark. They will drift around some day.

Love to all.
JULIUS RIDDLE.

PROPOSE TO GIVE SOLDIERS A BONUS

Organized Effort Under Way to Get Recognition for the Men in Army.

ONE YEAR PAY FOR ALL

Men Who Were Willing Served at \$30, While Those Remaining at Home Drew Big Checks, Entitled to Consideration.

That a movement is on foot to recognize the splendid service of the two million or more men who made up the great national army, more than half of whom were in the overseas service when the armistice was signed, November 11, 1918, is indicated in an organized effort that is being made to get congress to enact legislation allowing the soldiers a bonus of a year's pay. What is known as the Shafer Plan is taking shape and in a leaflet sent out an appeal is made for everybody to urge their congressmen and senators to pass this measure.

The circular says: This is a moral issue. The men of the service worked or fought night and day for whatever the Government chose to pay them; they did not strike, neither did they get ten per cent plus. They only obeyed orders. The only record we have of a whole company disobeying orders was that one of our companies were charging the Huns and the officers gave orders to halt, but they captured several German dugouts before obeying him.

At a public mass meeting held in the Armory Hall, the Shafer Plan was discussed and voted on. Every one present voted to request Congress to enact a law in accordance with the plan.

Some people oppose the plan because it will cost the Government three billion dollars, saying that we are not able to stand it. Such statements are an insult to the flag, for our experts tell us that it would have cost us over twenty-five billion off by an average injured the war on several years longer and they further state that we could have financed it for a number of years under our same Liberty Bond plan.

Now, taxes, don't faint, for our generation could pay the three (3) billion off by an average increased tax of just one dollar per year for each person of the U. S. Our great country is not bankrupt; no, far from it. A vast amount of the money we have borrowed has been invested in permanent improvements and bonds of our allies and should we disposed to do as we can collect the balance from Germany. Our government is better off financially than any government or institution in the world today.

Others oppose it, saying that it would put too much money in the hands of the irresponsible. Well, when you hear a man talking like that, he either does not know what class of men are in the service or he is one of those kind of men that asked every one of his friends to sign his or her son's exemption card while his brother or brother was going to the front to defend humanity.

There is no charity in this plan. It will only give the men what they have earned thrice and a very small portion of what they deserve. How much would we have had if it had not been for the men of the service? Would it be giving our service men a fair deal to only give them a one month bonus, when their commercial competitors have saved a few thousand dollars for a rainy day, while the gates of our national treasury were swung wide open from necessity?

Now, what are we doing. Our land is cheaper now than it was 15 years ago. A community never does stand still, it either goes ahead or backward. Which way are we going? Does it not make you feel like a slacker when you see how the middle west is going ahead and we have more to offer the home-seeker for less money than they? Let us all, every business man in Roseburg and every farmer in Douglas county if he wants to work for his own interest and the interest of the community in which he lives, belong to some commercial organization. Write to your friends in the eastern states whom you think would be interested. Send them a booklet that the Roseburg Commercial Club is getting out. Tell them the truth. We do not have to exaggerate on any thing. Just the plain facts as to what to be done. Extend to them a hearty welcome. We do not care whether they come here with \$2000 or \$50,000. There is room for both and good investment for all.

There are only two classes that have applied to the devil and been refused. The Kaiser and the Knocker. But God loves a hustler.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ROSEBURG

Need of Commercial Club Is Expressed By Former Mayor of the City.

MUST TAKE INTEREST

Local Commercial Club Has Not Even Postage Stamps With Which to Answer Letters Asking for Current Information.

(By Napoleon Rice.)
Why do we, the Citizens of Roseburg and Douglas County, act as if we did not care whether anyone ever came to our county with capital to develop our resources or to cultivate our lands and build homes. We never send an invitation to anyone to come and if a stranger writes, as many of them are doing, for information there is no one to answer their inquiry. These letters are thrown in the waste basket or filed away in hopes that we will wake up to our own interest as well as to the interest of the home-seeker. Who wants to come into a community that acts as if they did not care whether they came or not. If you write a letter to a party and he does not show courtesy enough to answer, you will likely look to some other party to do business with. So it is with the inquiries that are addressed to our Commercial Club. They have not even a postage stamp. If you are not already a member, look them up so when a home-seeker comes to our town he may have some place to go and get the desired information he wants as to what our resources are, what our land will produce, climate and so forth instead of being told that we have no Commercial Club and leave him to get his information as best he can. Likely to meet someone that is not interested and does not know nor care or he may meet one of those knockers that never have a good word to say about this country or any other. It has become a habit with a few just to knock and kick when they have no kick coming.

What we want to do is to make up to our own interest and to the interest of the home-seeker and those who are looking for investments, for we have more to offer them than any state in the Union and Douglas county has more to offer than any county in the State. So why keep it bottled up and act like the Indians did when they had it. Let us act white and extend an invitation of welcome to those who are writing every day. Give them the information they desire. We are missing a golden opportunity if we do not back up our Commercial Club with every dollar it needs.

Here is what some other States are doing. Out in Central Kansas 170 miles west of the Missouri river, upland farms 10 miles from town near town for \$175 and \$200 per acre. The same land 15 years ago was selling for \$40 and \$50 per acre and when they reached \$100 it was considered the limit. Is this land any better than our up-land and what about the climate, is it better? The winters milder? Let us leave this to the man from Kansas. The same upward movement has been going on in Nebraska. Experienced land dealers say that farm land is thirty to fifty per cent higher in that State than when the war was declared and land is selling for \$200 to \$250 per acre.

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BUY NEW CARS.

The Motor Shop Garage has just sold two Scripps-Booth cars to Roseburg men. One of these five passenger touring cars was bought by engineer J. W. McPadgen, of North Roseburg, and the other by Ernest Webber. The cars are among the finest to be had and are giving fine satisfaction.