

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES AMERICAN WAR AIMS

TO HARNESS STREAMS FOR THE NATION

ADMINISTRATION INTRODUCES IMPORTANT BILL INTO CONGRESS

WILL SETTLE QUARREL OF LAST TEN YEARS

Water Power to Be Leased for Fifty Years at Annual Rental—Navigability of Streams to Be Increased.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The administration waterpower and power development bill to increase the navigability of streams, coordinate rail and water transportation, and tremendously expand national resources by harnessing the streams, is ready for introduction.

It embodies ideas of President Wilson, Secretary Lane and leading congressional members.

It is designed to settle the ten-year quarrel over control of streams, preserving public rights perpetually, but giving the public benefits of their development under the direction of a commission comprising the war, interior and agriculture department secretaries, with an executive officer named by the President, who is empowered to license the construction of dams, reservoirs and power sites for fifty years, with a rental fee. It empowers the government to commandeer power plants wanted for manufacture of explosives.

Russel H. Conwell to Be Here Friday

World's Greatest Lecturer to Give "Acres of Diamonds" Friday Night in Lyceum Course.

The fifth and last number of the Y. M. C. A. High School lyceum course will be given on Friday evening at the high school building. The number is the peer of them all and a tall house does not greet Russell H. Conwell, the world's greatest lecturer, it will not be the fault of the local committee. His lecture, "Acres of Diamonds" has been given all over the world and has been translated into the following languages: French, Roumanian, Italian, Bulgarian, Swedish and Chinese. It has been said that if the tax office receipts of the "Acres of Diamonds" had been invested at 5 per cent by Mr. Conwell they would have amounted to over \$4,000,000. Conwell is the most popular lecturer in the world, which statement can be sustained by the statistics of the lecture bureaus. While his prices are high lecture committees have found him to be one of the best men on the platform, because he draws large audiences.

Universities Will Not Close.

MOBICOW, Idaho, Jan. 8.—Rumors current that the University of Idaho will not open next semester are absolutely without foundation. The fact that similar rumors concerning institutions of the Middle West are reported suggests a systematic propaganda, was the statement made today by Ernest H. Lindley, president of the University, denying a report that the conclusion of the present semester will see the university's doors closed.

Starkey School Pupils Buy War Stamps

The first school to report in the school thrift savings stamp campaign which is being taken up by County School Superintendent Ivanhoe, was Starkey. The following pupils have invested in the stamps: Harlan Briggs, Lulu Briggs, Ray Briggs, Robena Briggs, Freddie Briggs, Paul Stiles, Freddie Magey and two others. Buying the thrift stamps, says County Superintendent Ivanhoe, not only helps teach the pupils to save but also that the Government cares for them and they must care for it. The teacher at Starkey, who is taking a great interest in the campaign, is Miss Mable Brown.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—The United States weather forecast: "Fairer; Colder."

BRITISH AIM HEAVY BLOW AT TURKEY

LONDON, Jan. 8.—It is announced that the British offensive expedition started against Turkey is near Schapin, Arabia. The British captured the entire force and equipment of the garrison.

Active artillerying is reported at Pass Chengimale. Germans raided the British post at Fleaquieres.

Woodman of World Install Officers

The Woodmen of the World held their annual installation of officers last night. There was a large attendance of members. J. J. Murchison was installed as council commander; Ed Robb, advising lieutenant; Sam Hayworth, banker; F. L. Lilly, escort; R. J. Kitchen, clerk. After the business meeting adjourned a lunch was served and toast and speeches were the order of the evening.

FREEPRESS RUNS HER OWN WAR HOSPITAL



LADY LYTTON. Lady Lytton superintends her own hospital for wounded soldiers. She is one of the English women who has given much of her time to war relief work.

THEY WORK FOR WOODMEN OF WORLD—P1



Railroad women who are helping Bill McAdon on his tracks-and-trains jobs, and these are but a few of them, too—Mrs. H. House, a railroad crossing watchwoman at Glen Ellyn, Ill., and a girl section hand on the Pennsylvania line.

GERMANY TO MAKE WEST FRONT THRUST

SECRETARY BAKER SAYS THAT IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST ASSAULT OF WAR

ATTACK IMPENDING HE ANNOUNCES IN WAR REVIEW

Germans Will Strain Every Ounce of Their Remaining Strength—German Supplies and Forces Are Being Mussed.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A gigantic German thrust on the west front, and possibly the greatest assault of the war, is impending, according to Secretary of War Baker's review. In it he said the Germans will be sure to strain every ounce of the remaining strength. The deliberate delay in the assault forecast weeks ago is due to the time necessary to mass the German forces and supplies.

To Mobilize Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Mobilization of three million workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contract plants was entrusted today to the United States employment service by the Department of Labor.

AUSTRALIA IS TO HAVE A NEW CABINET

MELBOURNE, Jan. 8.—The entire Australian cabinet resigned as the result of the recent defeat of the conservatives. Honorable Tubor, former trade instruction minister, has been asked to form a new administration.

An Interesting Question.

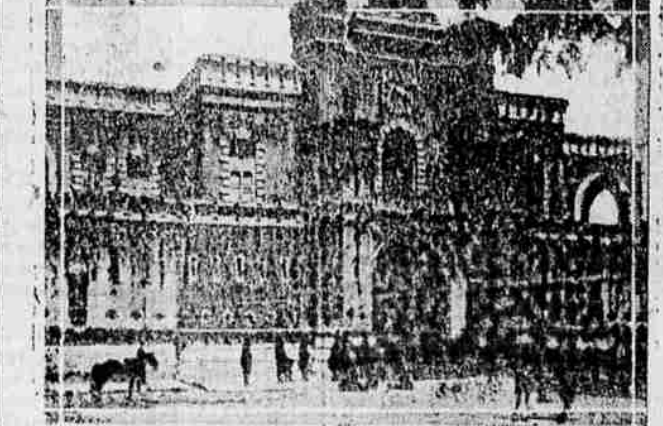
ALBANY, Or., Jan. 8.—Can't a man kill heavier to save his property? This is what R. H. F. Struckmeyer wants to know, and he has put the matter up to the state fish and game commission.

Young trees in his orchard are being eaten off. An investigation by a district game warden was followed by his recommendation that some one be employed to trap the industrious animals, as killing of beaver is prohibited in all but two Oregon counties.

BUILDINGS IN GUATEMALA CITY



THE NATIONAL THEATER, REPORTED TO BE IN A MASS OF WRECKAGE FOLLOWING THE GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE.



ARTILLERY BARRACKS AT GUATEMALA CITY

Seattle Goes Into Fish Business

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—The city of Seattle goes into the fish business within the next week, and will retail salmon at 7 cents per pound. At present salmon is retailing at from 22 to 30 cents a pound. Health Commissioner McBride, detailed for the work by Mayor Gill, has selected a site for the city's stall in a public market, and the supply of salmon will be obtained from the state fish hatcheries, which have also offered to furnish other cities in Washington through fish commissioner L. H. Darwin. The fish will be shipped to Seattle after they are killed and the spawn utilized at the hatcheries.

EARL READING IS THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

(United Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Universal satisfaction was expressed over the selection of Earl Reading as commissioner and special ambassador to America. His appointment is revolutionary because Reading is a Jew and this is the first time the second-highest judicial official has been requisitioned for purely political business affairs.

Austrian Socialist Leader Dead

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8.—The death of Engelbert Penzatorfer, the Austrian Socialist leader, is announced in a dispatch from Vienna. He had been vice-president of the lower house of the Austrian Diet since 1909.

TAX LEVIES OF 1918 FOR UNION COUNTY ARE MADE

At the request of the Observer, County Assessor Couch has prepared the following statement of tax levies in the different taxing districts for Union county.

State and County.	mills	Schools
State	2.408	District No. 1
County	4.72	District No. 2
School	1.77	District No. 3
High School	4.54	District No. 4
Library	6.23	District No. 5
Ind. Soldier	6.23	District No. 6
Call Warrants	5.86	District No. 7
		District No. 8
		District No. 9
		District No. 10
		District No. 11
		District No. 12
Total	19.	
Incorporated Towns.		
La Grande	11.8	
Union	13.5	

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE MAKES ADDRESS DIRECTED AT RUSSIAN PEOPLE

"Nation Will Continue Struggle," He Says, "Until Our War Aims Are Accomplished and All Nationalities Strong Or Weak May Live In Liberty and Peace."

ELIMINATION OF HOHENZOLLERNISM IS NOT INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT'S DEMANDS

Open International Covenants, No Secret Treaties, Freedom of Seas, Restoration and Evacuation of Conquered Territory, Righting of Wrongs to France in 1871, Freedom of Dardanelles, Autonomy for Nations Under Turkish Rule, League of Nations to Enforce Treaties, Colonies to Be Readjusted with Regard to Inhabitants' Wishes, Are Among the American War Aims.

by Robert J. Bender, United Press Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—In unquestionable terms, President Wilson at the joint session of Congress at 12:30 today stipulated American war aims. He said the nation would continue the struggle until these are accomplished.

He said the "compelling voice of the Russian people asking the definition of American principles and purposes" prompted the speech.

It was directed largely to Russia. He scored the German ruler's sinister tactics and demanded light on all future negotiations and treaties, and reiterated his demand for territorial adjustments insuring peace. The terms outlined were:

Open covenants, openly reached, with no ensuing secret treaties.

Freedom of the seas in peace and war, except when closed by international action for the enforcement of international covenants.

Trade equality among nations consenting to peace.

Reduction of armaments.

Impartial adjustment of colonial claims, with regard for the inhabitants' wishes.

Evacuation of all Russian territory, and assurance of her unhampered opportunity for practical, economic development.

Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.

Evacuation of France, and righting of the wrongs of 1871.

Readjustment of the Italian frontier along lines of nationality.

Autonomous development for Austria-Hungary.

Evacuation and restoration of Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro, giving Serbia access to the sea.

Balkan states relations to be determined by friendly counsel.

Sovereignty for the Turkish portion of the Ottoman Empire.

Autonomy for other nationalities under Turkish rule.

Permanent freedom of the Dardanelles.

Independent Poland with access to sea.

League of nations to enforce specific covenants.

"Americans will devote their lives and honor to release this embodiment of justice to all peoples and nationalities that they may live on equal terms of liberty and safety, whether they are strong or weak."

He did not include elimination of Hohenzollernism.

He said the Russian-German conferences are "full of perplexity and significant."

He intimated peace depends upon the spirit and intentions of the Reichstag resolution last July and the intention of liberal leaders and parties in Germany."

Napavine Merchant Is Murdered

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 8. (Special.)—Fred Swayne, a merchant of Napavine, seven miles south of here, was murdered while he was at work in his store Sunday night when, according to the police, he was struck over the head with a box opener. No motive for the murder could be found as the cash register and safe were untouched.

Canadian Steamship Goes Ashore. A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT. Jan. 8.—(Special.)—A Canadian steamship of 2600 tons went ashore yesterday during a dense fog on the Cape Breton coast. Vessels have been dispatched to her assistance.

Supreme Court Restores Land to State

SALEM, Jan. 8.—The Supreme Court ruled on six of the seven Hyde land cases, restoring 9130 acres to the state, and held that approximately 24,000 acres had been obtained fraudulently. Of the acreage restored to the state there are 3890 in Crook county, Linn 600, Jackson 3260, Lane 160, Clackamas 1360, Hood River 76, Clatsop 1860, Jackson 220. The court commended Attorney General Brown. The decision says the conspiracy to defraud the state was clearly defined.

President Plays Golf. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The President played golf yesterday over an ice-covered course.