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PRESIDENT WILSON SO INFORMS SENATORS

Twice as Many Will Be Abroad by June Than Was Planned—President Gives This as Example of Efficiency.

(United Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—America is sending troops to Europe faster than originally planned.

It is estimated, barring disaster, that twice as many will be abroad by June as was estimated earlier.

President Wilson told Senators this as an example of the War Department's efficiency.

Besides a fair proportion of fighting men, America furnished considerable units of stencoders, engineers and foresters badly needed there. Lack of coal, heretofore the obstacle in quick transportation, is now being overcome.

MCADOO ACTS WITH SPEED TO GET CITY COAL

COMMANDERS FOUR GIGANTIC TUGS TO BREAK ICE IN NEW YORK HARBOR

WITH HUGE CLAMS TUGS BATTER THEIR WAY THROUGH

Food Administrator of New York Works Fourteen Hours a Day—Gets a Dollar a Year—Countess Gets In Trouble With Red Cross.

(United Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Federal control of railroads to meet war conditions found most striking and picturesque expression in New York harbor during the recent coal famine. The Kill von Kull, a narrow strait between Staten Island and the Jersey shore is the channel through which New York gets a great deal of its coal. Two days after the President appointed Secretary McAdoo as Director General of Railroads, New York poked its head from under its icy sheets to discover that the mercury had dropped to an unprecedentedly low level; that there was no coal in its bins, and that many of the waterways about the city had frozen over. Among these frozen waterways, the most important was the Kill von Kull. Tugs had battered themselves almost to kindling wood against the ice, but had been unable to break their way through.

Mr. McAdoo's representative in this city commanded four gigantic tugs from as many roads. Tied together with huge chains, these four tugs, acting as a unit, battered a channel a hundred feet wide through the frozen Kill.

It might be interesting for those who most bitterly assailed the railroads for their lack of equipment and for their failure in many instances to handle the vastly increasing traffic suddenly thrust upon them, to contemplate this thought: rail-pooling laws and interstate commerce rules together with a multiplicity of state boards and state regulations have prohibited in years past just such pooling of resources as was exemplified here.

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GENERAL PERSHING HAS PRIVATE CABLE

(By United Press.) LONDON, Dec. 26.—(By Mail.)—General Pershing has a private telegraph cable wire direct from his headquarters in France to the office in London of Gen. Bartlett, American commander in England. Seven seconds is the average time for putting a flash message through. General Pershing's first official message was a greeting to Ambassador Page.

LA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL WINS FROM FRANKLIN

BASKETBALL VICTORY IS WON IN PORTLAND; SCORE 23 TO 11

FAST, CLEAN SPORT PLAYED BY LOCAL BOYS

Game Puts La Grande on the Athletic Map of the State—Coach Reynolds Deserves Credit—Boys Play Corvallis High School Tonight.

La Grande High School, 23. Franklin High School, Portland, 11.

That was the score of the basketball game last night in Portland, and the victory puts La Grande on the athletic map of the state in fine style, especially after the great football victory last year when La Grande High School defeated Franklin High School at football, 14 to 0. Prior to that time Franklin High School had not been scored against.

The game last night was a clean victory. La Grande took the lead at the start and our boys were never passed.

The game was witnessed by J. E. Reynolds of La Grande, and he says it was a fine, fast, clean exhibition of sport.

The following comprise the team: Stoddard, R. Ash, Garrity, Lyman, J. Ash, McDonald, Taylor and Coach Reynolds.

Too much credit cannot be given Coach Reynolds for the victory. Both at football and basketball he has developed winning teams, who also play in the very best sportsmanlike way. Superintendent Hampton, Principal McNeil and all the High School teachers are much delighted over the victory.

The boys will play the Corvallis High School tonight at Corvallis. On January 24 a game will be played at Eugene with the University of Oregon freshmen; January 26, Oregon Agricultural College freshmen; January 28, Walla Walla High School, and on January 29 they will compete with the Pendleton High School and thence home. More than one thousand miles will be traveled on the trip, which will be the longest high school athletic trip ever made in the state of Oregon.

The people of La Grande expect the boys to bring home the championship.

TOMORROW IS ARMENIAN DAY IN LA GRANDE

EVERY BUSINESS HOUSE ASKED TO SOLICIT FUNDS FROM ITS EMPLOYEES

Tomorrow is Armenian Day in La Grande.

While a drive for funds for these worthy people is going on in the county and state at present, the La Grande drive will be made in one day, so far as possible. The plan is new but is believed an improvement over previous drives as there will be no weary and tiresome solicitations.

The Plan in Brief

Here is the way the thing should work out: Each merchant, professional man or manufacturer is asked to solicit his own firm employees some time tomorrow, morning preferably. As soon as the employees have been solicited and the firm has given what it deems right for a cause that stands out as concerning the very lives of 4,000,000 people, the head of the company or firm will turn the amounts in to J. G. King the following morning, and if every employee and the firm itself has subscribed, that firm becomes 100 per cent perfect. No large sums are asked, but a wide and general giving of all is preferred. Any employee who gives at least a dollar is deemed to have done his minimum part.

Free-Will Giving Urged

In order to avoid a general canvass of the county it is urged that citizens and institutions, who can, voluntarily send in their donations to the Y. M. C. A. this week.

This will probably be the last drive of any sort until the March Liberty loan campaign.

"We believe this plan will work out to a more satisfactory conclusion than the general canvass plan," declared G. L. Larson today in announcing the scheme for tomorrow. He continued:

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CANADIAN OFFICERS WILL SPEAK IN JOSEPH THURSDAY AFTERNOON, ENTERPRISE THURSDAY NIGHT AND LA GRANDE FRIDAY NIGHT



Left to Right—Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. McMillan, Captain E. J. Gook and Major F. B. Edwards

STEAMERS ARE SUNK 758 LIVES ARE LOST

SECRETARY OF ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES DISASTERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Secretary to the Admiralty McNamara announced two steamers had been sunk in the Mediterranean, December 31, drowning 718. Another steamer was sunk in the mouth of the Mersey and 40 lost.

EMBARGOES ON FREIGHT IN EAST ARE ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Director General McAdoo has ordered an embargo on all freights but foodstuffs and war supplies on the Pennsylvania railroad east of Pittsburg, on the Baltimore & Ohio east of the Ohio river, on the Philadelphia & Reading until the weather moderates.

ALIEN ENEMY ARRESTED; FOUND TO BE CHEMIST

TACOMA, Jan. 23.—Search of the room of Adolph Judd, an alien enemy arrested on the waterfront, disclosed he is an expert chemist and mining engineer. A blueprint of a Krupp gun base also was found. It is reported he told Federal agents at Bremerton he graduated from a German university and served in the German army. He is a member of the cooks, waiters and longshoremen's unions.

Cove Bank Elects

COVE, Jan. 23. (Special.)—The newly-elected officers of the Cove State Bank are E. C. Rees, president; J. F. Conley, vice-president; Hugh McCall, cashier; John Dean, assistant cashier; C. M. Ramsdell, Robert S. French, directors.

St. Johns—Oceanic Shipbuilding Co. incorporates at \$125,000.

PEACE PLANS IN RUSSIA GO AWRY

DISCONTINUANCE OF BREST-LITOVSK NEGOTIATIONS IS FORECAST

NEWSPAPERS PREDICT CONFERENCE IS ENDED

Organs of Bolsheviki Say Imperialistic Aims of the Enemy Are Unmasked—Kuchman's Policy Is Assailed.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 23.—Discontinuance of all Brest-Litovsk negotiations are forecast in all the Bolsheviki newspapers. Their unanimity indicates the prediction is made with authority. They hold the only good the negotiations have accomplished was unmasking the real imperialistic nature of the enemy demands. Nothing more can be expected from the discussions, it is said. The newspapers bitterly assailed Kuchman's treacherous dual policy.

Navy Recruits are Sent To Bremerton

BREMERTON, Wash., Jan. 23.—Navy yard officials say four thousand recruits from the Great Lakes station are coming here for training, owing to the cold and the fuel scarcity there. The camp here accommodates five thousand.

DRAINAGE PLANS APPROVED

SALEM, Jan. 23.—State Engineer Lewis approved plans of drainage and irrigation of the Big Bend district, Multnomah county, which is to reclaim 5000 acres. The plan is to include the reclamation of 9900 Idaho acres adjoining. The work will be by contract with the reclamation service and the water will come from the Arrowrock dam, Boise, Idaho. The election will be held soon and work will be rushed.

Hula Costumes Cheaper

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Spring fashions in these shoddy wheat affairs their gambol around in, in Hawaii, will be cheaper next year for Hula dancers here. The I. C. C. has reduced rates on copra from which the "garment" is made and importations may increase.

THE WEATHER

The United States weather bureau forecast: "Probably rain."

PLANS FOR HARMONY ARE MADE

ADMINISTRATION FORCES ARE TRYING TO LINE UP CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Holding "without harmony, the war will be lost," the administration forces are lining up legislators who are wavering on the war cabinet bill.

It appears likely a compromise may end the storm.

Roosevelt's presence has done much to consolidate the Democrats for President Wilson, and there is even talk of a Wilson-Chamberlain conference.

Senator Chamberlain is backed by soldiers letters regarding camp conditions, and other data.

He proposes to proceed with the war cabinet and compulsory training bills.

Haig Reports That Raids Are Made

LONDON, Jan. 23.—General Haig reports patrols and hostile raiding parties are skirmishing southeast of St. Quentin. An attempted enemy raid south of Lebassee was repelled.

YOUTH PROVES HIS LOYALTY

F. N. Young of Enterprise Is Neither Deserter Nor Slacker

(United Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 23. (Special.)—F. N. Young of Enterprise is not a deserter nor a "slacker." All charges against him have been dismissed by his local board and he has been set at liberty. Mr. Young proved to the satisfaction of his board members and the officials who were holding him that through a misunderstanding his notification of change in address did not reach the proper draft officials and consequently he did not receive his notice to report.

Mr. Young would have gone with the first contingent of drafted men last fall had he received notice. As it is, he will be allowed to enter the service in whatever branch will waive a slight physical disability, his right forefinger having been chopped off in an accident while at Turner. Mr. Young convinced the authorities that he lost his finger entirely by accident.

"I was ready at all times to enter the service and am trying to get in now," he said yesterday, on being released.

CANADIAN OFFICERS WILL SPEAK IN JOSEPH AND ENTERPRISE THURSDAY

WILL DELIVER PATRIOTIC MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES

WILL SPEAK HERE AT TABERNACLE FRIDAY

Big Public Rally With Military Escort Arrangements—Meeting Is Free—No Collection Nor Solicitation for Funds.

Canadian officers who fought in the first line trenches will speak in Union and Walla counties as follows:

Joseph, Thursday afternoon, January 24. Enterprise, Thursday night, January 24.

La Grande, Friday night, Jan. 25. The officers will arrive in La Grande tomorrow, Thursday morning. They will be met by T. J. Seroggin, chairman of the Union county Patriotic League, and the following committees will have charge of their entertainment and reception:

Local Committees. Breakfast—Lee Warnick. Escort and program—J. G. King and Fred B. Currey.

Publicity—A. C. Hampton and Clarke Letter. Reception—Lee Warnick, E. E. Dragg, Vincent Palmer, George Palmer, Dr. M. K. Hart, J. Frank Phy, Fred B. Currey, George H. Currey, Clarke Letter, Fred L. Meyers, J. G. King, A. C. Hampton, A. W. Nelson.

The Program. They will be taken to breakfast at the Foley hotel, and will leave up the branch at 9:30 a. m. They will be given a royal reception at Joseph and Enterprise.

Returning to La Grande Friday evening they will be met by the Elks band, the La Grande Home Guards and the high school cadets, and a military escort formed to escort them to the Mormon Tabernacle where the addresses will be given.

There will be no collections taken at the meeting, no appeals for funds, the meetings are free. The public is invited. They will give a patriotic message, tell of war conditions in Europe, tell what the people at home need to do to help our boys, and tell just what war is.

Major Edwards Wounded. Major F. B. Edwards lost both arms in action. Upon his recovery he was fitted with a pair of artificial

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MCADOO MAY RAISE PASSENGER RATES

TRAINS MAY BE CURTAILED TO RELIEVE FREIGHT CONGESTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Director-General McAdoo told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee he may increase passenger rates, and curtail passenger trains as a means of relieving freight congestion. Regarding the revolving fund in the railroad bill he said the railroads would do their own financing under the Federal control program, but that the government would back them and stabilize their credit.

He said employees of the railroads in effect were Federal employees but technically not so considered.

Germany Recalls Submarines to Bases

PARIS, Jan. 23.—It is reported Germany is recalling submarines to their bases preparatory to adopting a new plan of campaign. It is suggested that older divers may be replaced by new armored cruisers carrying heavy guns.

Republicans Will Wait

PORTLAND, Jan. 23. (Special.)—No attempt will be made to reorganize the Republican Central Committee until after the primary election next May. At that time the Republican voters in the different counties will select their county central committees, who in turn will name their county representative on the state committee. At a later date these state committees will convene and organize by electing a chairman, secretary and members of an executive committee.

EMMA BURGMEISTER IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 23.—Emma Burgmeister was acquitted of the murder of Otto Koehler. The jury was out eighteen hours.

LABOR PARTY IS MEETING IN ENGLAND

POLITICAL REVOLUTION IS SAID TO BE IN THE AIR IN GREAT BRITAIN

CHANGE FROM OLD ORDER COMING RAPIDLY

Arthur Henderson, Leader of the Labor Party, Expects to Exert Great Influence in National Elections.

NOTE: The Nottingham conference of the Labor party of Great Britain, which opens today will, according to British writers, give Arthur Henderson, head of the Labor party, the greatest opportunity of his life. In an effort to learn what Henderson expects to develop from this opportunity and what general effect the conference will have on British political affairs, Lowell Mallett, United Press Staff Correspondent, recently interviewed the Labor party leader. During the interview which follows, Henderson made several startling predictions as to the future of the Party of the Future.—United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—British writers of a liberal bias have written a great deal in the past several weeks about the conference of the Labor party which opens today in Nottingham. So the course of most such has appeared the p... Henderson has a g... before him. The... that he expected... vent opportunity.

He spoke in a serious manner, his head down in the peculiar bulldog manner of British fighting politicians, but he looked up immediately and smiled.

"There's a revolution coming, all right," he explained; "but it will be a bloodless affair, entirely political. The British people are seeking the means for a swift transition from the old order of things to the new, but they wish it to be smooth as well as swift. We are reorganizing the Labor party to make it the vehicle for the change."

The reorganization referred to is that proposed by the national executive.

Three Americans Privates Are Killed In Action

CLASHES BETWEEN GERMAN AND AMERICAN PATROLS ARE QUITE FREQUENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—General Pershing reports three American privates killed in action yesterday. Apparently American-German clashes are frequent in patrol skirmishes. Seven deaths from natural causes are reported, including Private Thomas Coyne of Gooding, Idaho.

FRENCH OFFICER SALUTES MESSENGER

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A large number of old men—fifty to seventy-five years—are employed as messengers in Washington. A French officer, newly arrived, saluted one in a very deferential manner and turning to his more experienced companion said: "To what branch of the service do these old men belong?" "The Western Union," his fellow officer replied. The Frenchman was satisfied.