

GERMAN STRIKE HAS REACHED ITS HIGH MARK

FRIDAY MARKED THE MOST
DAMAGE INFLICTED ON
GERMAN INDUSTRY

ONLY TEN PERCENT OF
FACTORY WORKERS ARE OUT

Main Centers of Strike Are in Berlin
and Hamburg—Tie-up Has Caused
Bitterness Between Working and
Middle Classes.

By JAN BRUNA
(Written for the United Press.)
THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.—Germany's
first political strike is waning.
It reached the highest point of de-
moralization of German industry
Friday, according to the most re-
liable information, when only ten per-
cent of all factory workers were out.
The strike's future effect is prob-
lematic.
It is certain, however, that the tie-
up has created a bitterness between
the laboring and middle classes.
The main centers of the strike
were Berlin and Hamburg.
Only a part of the miners were
out.
It is authoritatively learned that
the Independents and Socialists had
planned a simultaneous strike in
Germany and Austria-Hungary.
Austrian censorship prevented the
dispatch of the password.
Scheidemann apparently joined for
fear of the minority Socialists.

FRANCIS HENEY SEIZES BOOKS OF THE PACKERS

ARMED WITH SEARCH WAR-
RANT HE INVADES OFFICE
OF SWIFTS' ATTORNEY

(United Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Francis J.
Heney armed with a search warrant
today seized the Swift Company files
in the office of Attorney Henry Veeder
over the protests of the packers' at-
torneys, obtaining the evidence
Veeder sought to withhold.
The warrant charged the "Big
Five" combined on meat bids for the
American army and alleged false
entries had been made.

R. ALEXANDER SELLS OUT

Pioneer Pendleton Merchant Will
Retire From Business.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 5.—(Spec-
ial.)—R. Alexander, for 40 years in
the mercantile business in Pendleton
today announced that he would re-
tire from active business on March 1.
His large department store has
been taken over by a corporation,
the head of which is H. W. Collins,
of this city, one of the biggest grain
men in the Northwest. With him
are associated Carl Conley, who has
been with the store for the past 12
years, who will be manager of the
establishment, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy
Buchanan.

Chinook Strikes Joseph.

A big chinook struck the Joseph
country yesterday. Nearly all the
snow has disappeared from the
mountains. Many old timers pre-
dict that this is really the first be-
ginning of spring. That spring will
come as suddenly as the last cold
snap.

A Chance to Boost

Chas. Hackman, manufacturer of
the famous Hackman cigar was a
be if Union county people would give
him just one-fourth of their cigar
patronage.—Elgin Recorder.

In Portland.

Ed. E. Kiddle of Island City was
registered in Portland at the Imper-
ial yesterday.

MANY GERMANS ARE KILLED OR CAPTURED

(United Press)
LONDON, Feb. 5.—Many
Germans were killed and taken
prisoners and a number of
machine guns captured by the
British in raids south of Fleur-
baix.

WAR MACHINE BREAKS DOWN SAYS SENATOR

DIRECTING AGENCY MUST BE
'CREATED SAYS WADSWORTH
OF NEW YORK

GREATER BREAKDOWN IS
THREATENED, HE SAYS

Shipping and Transportation Facili-
ties Are Hopelessly Jammed—
Glaring Faults Are Due to Lack
of Centralized Authority.

(United Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—"Lack of
visions stalled the American war ma-
chine and a greater breakdown than
the present one threatens unless
some directing agency is created,"
Senator Wadsworth declared today
in the Senate.
"I am convinced the end of the
war is not yet in sight."
"We'll travel a long, hard road,
before we reach the goal."
"I feel certain the strain will in-
crease in intensity as the months
elapse."
"America must expand."
"We must send more troops, more
ships, more food; in short, I'm con-
vinced we are only on the threshold
of this tremendous enterprise."
"I am not satisfied we have the
kind of an organization and machin-
ery that can stand the strain."
Scoring the War Department, he
said the American unpreparedness at
the opening of the war was pathetic.
Since then the "war machine" has
been stumbling, groping, exerting
tremendous strength, not knowing
always what it was doing or where
it was going.
He declared shipping and trans-
portation facilities were hopelessly
"glaring results of the lack of a cen-
tralized authority."

WAR NEWS IS RECEIVED BY REV. MR. GIBBS

The Rev. Upton H. Gibbs received
word on Monday that his brother,
Lieut.-Colonel Gibbs, who had been a
prisoner in Germany since the battle
of Mons at the beginning of the war,
had finally been allowed to go to
Holland for internment during the
remainder of the war. He arrived at
Scheveningen on December 31.

One American Killed and Six are Wounded

(United Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—General
Pershing cabled one American was
killed and six wounded in action yester-
day.

CHAMPION BUYER WORKS FOR U. S.

Mrs. Nellie Hoyt of Union is in La
Grande.

The Good Old Days

Wm. Arnold was in town Tuesday
night from the Grande Ronde logging
camp. While waiting for his train
Wednesday morning to return to the
camp, he met a number of traveling
men at the depot who used to stage it
to Wallawa county when Bill was han-
dling the reins on one of the six-horse
stages. During the conversation one
of the knights of the grip, Bolton, a
well known shoe salesman, said: "I
pity the boys who have been on the
road only a few years and never made
the stage trip to Wallawa county. They
have missed many good meals
served by Mrs. Woods at the canyon
station," he made the remark with a
feeling that emphasizes the fact that
with all the hardships of stage days
they held a lot of pleasure that is not
to be enjoyed on the railroad trips.—
Elgin Recorder.

THE HOUSEWIFE'S NIGHTMARE

(After Trying to Commit to Memory the New Food Schedule.)



EIGHT GERMAN AIRPLANES ARE DESTROYED

FIVE OTHERS FALL TO GROUND
IN FLAMES AFTER BATTLE
WITH FRENCH AIRMEN

(United Press)
PARIS, Feb. 5.—Eight German
airplanes were destroyed and five
others fell to the ground in flames as
the result of formidable battles with
the French airmen over the German
lines Sunday.

Brotherhood Leaders Ask Higher Wages

SAY THAT RAILROAD MEN ARE
UNABLE TO LIVE ON THE
1913 SCALE OF WAGES

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Charged
that railroad owners are trying to
discredit the Federal operation of
railroads was made by Brotherhood
leaders before the Federal wage
Commission. The latter objected to
the presence of the railroad owners' representatives at the hearing. The
Commission said they were there by
invitation. The Brotherhoods pre-
sented statements supporting their
claim that the railroads were un-
able to live on the 1913 scale of
wages, which is still effective.

Canada and U. S. Will Not Import Laborers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Ameri-
can and Canadian employment
services have agreed that neither
country can import laborers from the
other without consent.

Red Cross Benefit Concert is Enjoyed by Large Audience

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Red Cross at the L. D. S. Tabernacle
last night was one of the most no-
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season and it reflects great credit
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Miss Antoinette Gr. Ely.

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ment employees, pointing out that
it would help win the war if each
of them could find room in his
home for another war worker.

Rumor That Strikers Bomb Imperial Palace

(United Press)
GENEVA, Feb. 5.—Dispatches to
a local newspaper say the German
strikers threw a bomb against the
Imperial palace in Berlin. No de-
tails are given.
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Branch Towns Welcome the Observer

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS IS
WELCOMED BY READERS
OF THIS NEWSPAPER

The first morning edition of the
Observer was printed this morning
for circulation on the branch line.
This contained the Associated
Press morning paper news and
brought the readers on the branch
line many hours closer in touch with
the news of the world.

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THE WEATHER

(United Press)
PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The
weather forecast: "Fair and
colder."

WOMEN TELL OF Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK

"DAUGHTERS NEED YOUR DOL-
LARS" TO CARE FOR RED
CROSS NURSES

ORGANIZATION DOES BIG
WORK HERE AND ABROAD

Fred L. Meyers Explains the Thrift
and War Savings Stamp Campaign
—Dr. De Busk Tells What Uni-
versity Is Doing to Help Win War.

The Tuesday businessmen's lunch-
eon was well entertained with a fine
program arranged by Dr. E. P. Moss-
man. Here in brief is what hap-
pened:

Fred L. Meyers, chairman of the
Thrift campaign, explained the thrift
stamps and war savings stamps cam-
paign by which the government
hopes to raise \$2,000,000,000 this
year.

Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn and Mrs.
E. P. Mossman accompanied by a
delegation of Neighborhood Club
ladies presented very graphically
the appeal of the national Y. W. C.
A. for help in their war work, which
the government has asked them to do
in taking care of the Red Cross
nurses at the front and looking after
the women war workers at home.

"Your daughters are just as im-
portant as your sons and they need
women social service workers," said
Mrs. Mossman. Mrs. Silverthorn's
request that a strong committee of
men be appointed by the chairman
was granted after Senator Pierce had
made a good strong speech in favor
of the project and had spoken of the
fine work of the national Y. W. C. A.

Dr. De Busk of the University of
Oregon gave a very interesting
speech telling what the University
of Oregon was doing to help win the
war by training young men to be of-
ficers. This work is under Col John
Lender, an experienced army man
who had fought and been wounded
in the trenches.

Those Present.

Those present at the luncheon were
C. D. Putman, Robert S. Eakin,
Clark Leiter, Chas. H. Reynolds, J.
G. Snodgrass, M. K. Hall, Adolph
Newlin, Dr. W. D. McMillan, A. W.
Nelson, C. C. Pennington, A. L. Rich-
ardson, F. B. Currey, H. S. Brown-
ton, G. C. Hopkins, N. A. Dealot, A.
B. Cherry, Harley H. Richardson,
George B. Richardson, C. L. Bales,
John S. Hodgins, William Miller, H.
C. Rees, A. C. Barnebeck, M. J. Duf-
fey, Cove; Lee Wilson, J. A. Russell,
Pat Foley, T. J. Scroggin, James
Moss, W. H. Glenn, Thos. Walling-
er, Dr. S. A. Roe, L. J. French, W. S.
Parker, Colon R. Eberhard, S. D.
Crowe, Albert Small, R. J. Kitchen,
Walter M. Pierce, G. L. Larison, F.
L. Meyers, E. P. Mossman, B. W. De
Busk, of the University of Oregon;
George T. Cochran, W. Bollons,
Charles A. Phipps, J. Garfield King,
Upton H. Gibbs, G. H. Feese, E. E.
Bragg, Judge Crawford, A. T. Hill,
L. H. Russell, R. F. Murphy, L. L.
Murphy.

GIRL'S IDEA FINDS HOMES FOR MANY



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CONDITIONS IN GERMANY ARE NOW SERIOUS

ENGLAND HAS KNOWLEDGE
THAT FOOD IS GETTING
VERY SCARCE

THIS IS WHY ALLIES
WILL NOT COMPROMISE

Russian Storehouse Is Still Locked
Up—German Families May Not
Send Food to Prisoners in England

By LOWELL MELLETT
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Secret knowl-
edge in the possession of England
regarding conditions in Germany
may be responsible for the uncon-
promising attitude of the inter-
Allied conference at Versailles.

Food conditions there are known
to be serious.

The Russian "storehouse" relied
on for food is still locked.

Germany's plight is indicated by
an order forbidding relatives sending
parcels of food to officers impris-
oned in England.

Letters to prisoners here reveal a
state of affairs infinitely worse than
heretofore reported.

Disease owing to malnutrition is
increasing and the discontent of all
classes is growing.

YANKEE GUNNERS SAVE THE DAY FOR AMERICANS

GERMANY EYES HEAVILY FOR
ATTEMPTS TO DISCOVER
AMERICAN STRENGTH

By J. W. PEGLER
(United Press Correspondent.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY,
Feb. 4.—(Delayed.)—American ar-
tillery and crushing barrages de-
fended the repeated German efforts
to reach the American front.

The Germans are willing to pay
heavily in men and materials for in-
formation regarding the width and
strength of the American front.

Repeated attempts convince our
officers that Germany is apprehen-
sive.

Six attempts to rush an American
post collapsed before the Boches
were over their own top.

If a general attack was planned
the Yankee gunners killed it.
Periodical machine gun and gran-
ade encounters continue.

Yankee gunners, sitting in their
dug-outs, are now able to rush out,
open a barrage within thirty seconds
after the signal flash.

Makes Poultry Pay

L. E. Reese was in town Saturday
from his farm on the Flat and reported
that he was carrying on the poultry
business as a side line and that it was
a paying proposition. He has 50 hens
in his laying pen and is marketing
from 20 to 22 dozen eggs per week,
which, considering the fact that pul-
lets were late in developing, is a good
showing. He states that by next
spring he expects to increase the egg
output to two crates a week. His pens
are made up of Barred Plymouth
Rocks.—Elgin Recorder.

Greek Soldiers Mutiny.

ATHENS, Feb. 5.—A mutiny which
involved a large portion of the Greek
army infantry regiments stationed
at Lamia, about 90 miles northwest
of Athens, and a few artillery men
in the town, occurred last Friday
evening. It was promptly sup-
pressed.

For a Free Poland.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(Spec-
ial.)—Deputies of the Polish popular
party in Austria have announced that
they will insist upon a Polish nation,
according to an official dispatch
from Switzerland.

King Albert Visits His Wife.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—King Albert of
Belgium passed through Paris yester-
day for the south of France where
he will spend a few days with the
Queen. He called on President Poin-
care.