

News From at Home and Abroad

(By Associated Press)

Big Battles are Expected

LONDON, Feb. 5.—From the North Sea to the Swiss frontier reports indicate that military operations are growing in intensity and it may be fair to assume that at a not far distant date some big battles will break. Last Saturday the Americans began their nip-in-the-bud tactics by breaking up an impending surprise attack on their trenches. Before the Teutons got the word to go over the top, the Americans opened fire on their positions and inflicted heavy casualties on the Teutons. Considerable damage was done by the American 75's on the German trenches on account of the accurate fire of the American gunners. The Germans have not yet been able to reoccupy the trenches and dugouts battered by the American fire Saturday evening and have been forced to build another line. Attacks by the Germans on the French on the Aisne and north of Veumont were reported repulsed by the French war office. The German war office says that at Veumont the Baden forces pushed far into the French line, inflicting heavy casualties and returning with prisoners. The British made successful raids on the Teutons southwest of Armentieres and in the vicinity of the Ypres-Staden railway, where many of the enemy were killed and others captured. Sunday, thirteen enemy airplanes were brought down by the French far inside the German lines, and an equal number were shot down by the British and Italian airplanes.

According to latest advices the German strike has about died out. The disturbance still exists. German troops in Flanders are said to have incited Belgian workmen to strike.

The Turko-Tartar forces in South Russia which are fighting the Bolsheviks, captured Yalta in Crimea and are now fighting the Red Guards of soldiers and sailors in the effort to take Sebastopol, Russia's big seaport on the Black Sea.

Bakers Raise Price Of Bread

SPOKANE, Feb. 5.—The bakers of Oregon and Washington, as the result of the meeting of the bakers of the two states in Portland, according to the announcement of Charles Edwards, food administrator of Washington, will cancel their 7 1/2c rate for bread and charge 8c. The retail price will be advanced from 9c to 10c.

APPOINTED SUPREME COURT CLERK

SALEM, Feb. 5.—Arthur S. Benson has been appointed clerk of the Supreme Court to succeed the late J. C. Moreland. Benson has been a deputy in the court for sixteen years.

Controversy In Senate Continues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Developments today promised that the controversy in the Senate over the war efficiency, war cabinet and munitions director bills will continue indefinitely. Senator Wadsworth today delivered a prepared speech in favor of the proposed legislation in which he criticized what he called the "utter lack of system and planning" in the government war activities. No replies were made by administration spokesmen. Several will speak tomorrow in spite of the effort to curtail the agitation. So many senators have announced their intention to prepare and deliver addresses that the discussion will probably continue until next week at least. Further discussion of government military progress will probably result when Secretary Baker reappears before the Senate military committee for cross examination.

Railroad Men Make Charge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Ineffective operation of the railroads, resulting in traffic congestion with its grave attendant evils, was charged by union labor leaders in the hearing before the Railroad Wage Commission, as the result of the effort of the railroads to discredit the government operation of the systems and to discredit the eight-hour law and to make government control fail. These charges were made by W. G. Lee of the trainmen, and A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors, and other witnesses. They told of alleged cases of the collapse of the railroad systems, including even those of such splendid records as the Pennsylvania. The Brotherhood chiefs gave "rotten railroading" as their opinion of the way the transportation business has been carried on since the government took charge and said they were prepared to give scores of cases of delayed crews, changes in personnel and misuse of railroad rolling stock to prove their statements.

President Studies Shipping Problem

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson personally took up the shipping problem tonight at a conference with E. N. Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board, and went deeply into the problem of procuring tonnage for moving troops and tonnage overseas. Every phase was discussed, including the progress of the government shipbuilding program, plans of securing allied shipping for transporting soldiers abroad and securing shipping from neutrals for

overseas transportation and service. The President is also interested in the proposal to secure additional ships by reducing imports at least one half. It was indicated that one of the chief topics that came before the Supreme War Council at Versailles was that of finding ships for the transportation of soldiers and supplies.

Closing Order to Continue

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—While the East is facing an acute fuel shortage and in the grip of cold weather, it is generally conceded that the government will decide that the heatless Monday cannot be abandoned. The conclusion to continue the closing was reached at a conference of Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director-General McAdoo and twelve state fuel administrators. No official announcement was made, but one is expected tomorrow. The state fuel administrators stated that there was on hand in the East but one day's supply of coal and gave this as convincing proof that there was at present no alternative but to continue the closing order.

PRESIDENT MAY FIX RAILROAD RATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The House Interstate Commerce Commission voted to place the final authority for fixing railroad rates in the hands of the President during government control of railroads. An amendment to the administration railroad bill to that effect was adopted today.

One Killed, 3 Hurt in Wreck

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—A report came to the coroner's office that one had been killed and three injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Black Diamond, Wash., twenty miles southeast of Seattle.

German Conspirators Sentenced

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Franz Rintelen, a German naval officer, reputed to be a member of the German war staff, and ten other defendants, were found guilty in Federal Court here today on a charge of conspiring to destroy food and munitions of the entente allies by placing fire bombs in cargoes. Federal Judge Howe immediately gave them the maximum sentence of 18 months imprisonment and fines of \$2,000 each.

ONLY MILITARY ROADS TO BE BUILT

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The State Highway Commission here today voted to indefinitely postpone the opening of bids for the sale of \$500,000 worth of state highway bonds and to suspend all highway construction, except that recommended by the Federal government on such main line highways as may be necessary for military purposes.

HENEY RAID IS STAGED

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The raid of Francis J. Heney on the papers and effects of Henry Veeder, general attorney for the Swifts, was stayed by an order of Federal Judge Landis, and arguments will be heard today on the question of a stay of proceedings.

APPOINTED FUEL OIL ASSISTANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Professor D. M. Folsom of Stanford University was appointed by the fuel oil administrator to have charge of the production and distribution of oil on the Pacific Coast, including Alaska.

WALLOWA NEWS ITEMS

WALLOWA, Or., Feb. 4.—Frank Ballard, being in ill health, left for Portland Saturday where he will take treatment.

Miss May Rudd left for her home at Halfway last Tuesday. Miss Rudd has been an efficient clerk in the McClaren store for the past nine years. Her many friends will miss her but wish her well in any new work that she enters.

Theo. Shell of the Shell Mercantile Company was a Portland visitor last week.

L. Couch transacted business in southern Idaho the first of last week.

L. F. Allen was called to Lostine Friday on account of the illness of his father.

Clarence Davies, a former student of the Wallowa high school, now teaching at Troy, passed through Wallowa Friday on his way to Enterprise where he will take the physical examination for the army.

Mrs. Giles Plass returned home last week after having spent the winter in the East.

Professor and Mrs. James accompanied the Enterprise debating team from Enterprise and while here were guests at the Hotel Northern.

Rev. Peese and Prof. J. E. Fulkerson left for their homes at La Grande after serving as judges in the Enterprise-Wallowa debate.

Miss Maida Doolittle accompanied the Wallowa debating team to Enterprise and returned home Sunday.

John and Osborne Womack, who recently enlisted in the army are now in Texas.

Miss Pearl Tolley who has been

visiting her sister, Mrs. Martin, at Flora returned home last week.

Joe Carper and son, of Promise, made a business trip to Wallowa last week.

Wayne Prince of Powatka was a Wallowa visitor last week.

Prof. J. J. Beaty, a former high school teacher of Wallowa, but for the past two years superintendent of schools at Lostine, passed through Wallowa Wednesday with his family on his way to Reno, Nevada, where he will take a position in the State University. The good wishes of his host of friends of Lostine and Wallowa go with him in his new position.

Mrs. C. A. McClaren entertained the Wallowa Card Club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served. One pleasing feature of this club is that each member contributes ten cents to the Red Cross at each meeting of the club. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Edwin Marvin.

Prof. Ekersley who coaches the Wallowa debating teams accompanied the negative team to Enterprise Friday.

Miss Amanda Hagen, one of Lostine's popular teachers was a visitor to Wallowa Friday and Saturday.

CLUB GIVES DANCE

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 5.—(Special)—the seventh of a series of dances given by the E. F. and F. Club, was held at the Peoples' Theatre Friday, February 1. About thirty couples, mostly young married people, were present, the music was good and a general good time was enjoyed by all present.

M. L. Miller, of Union, was registered at the Hotel St. George, Pendleton, Tuesday.

W. Osborne of Elgin was in Baker Monday.

See now a girl's wit and how she saved the day in Miss Jackie of the Army, coming to the Star Saturday. 2-8, 7, 8.

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.—Adv.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN—the business world are now open to a greater extent than ever before. As a result, many new positions are being created by the colored women. Find your own service.

A Penny a Day Means a Kit-a-Month for a Boy at the Front



Every man, woman and child in this city can help keep one of our boys at the front supplied with cigarettes and tobacco by setting aside one cent a day for each working day.

Just think what this little sum will do! For 25 cents we will enter your name on our Tobacco Fund list and will send 45 cents worth of smoking tobacco and cigarettes to our boys in France. In the kit will be a postal card stamped and addressed to you, and on the kit will be a request to the soldier asking him to write a message to you on the postal and mail it.

The Red Cross takes charge of these kits of smoking material and distributes them; the French government sends back the postal bearing a one-cent United States stamp and admits the tobacco free of duty.

Surely if as busy an organization as the Red Cross Society and as pre-occupied officials as those of the French government will do these things to see that our soldiers get a chance to smoke, it isn't asking much to ask you to set aside one cent a day for the purpose.

Send in your contributions of any amount—25 cents, \$1.00, \$5.00, or more. For every 25 cents that you give, a separate postal bearing your name goes to the front.

Here's 45 cents worth of tobacco which is sent for your quarter:

A package of The Bull Durlan Tobacco and four packs of Bull Durlan papers. Three pouches of Bull Durlan Tobacco and three packs of Bull Durlan papers.

Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarettes, twenty cigarette each package.

A return postal card addressed to the contributor on which the soldier will pen his appreciation and gratitude for the gift.

THE OBSERVER TOBACCO FUND

New Domestic Gas Maker

saves more fuel, more simple, and easier operated than any other. Patented August 27, 1917. Now demonstrating at Fix It Shop, 108 Elm Street, next to Geo. Curry's office.

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