

News From at Home and Abroad

CARRANZA CONGRATULATES KAISER

(Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The complex international political questions affecting the Great War were added to by the virtual expressions of sympathy extended by Mexico to Germany. This came about through the message from President Carranza to Emperor Wilhelm, conveying his good wishes to the Emperor on the occasion of his 57th birthday on January 27, according to advice received by Reuter's Limited from Copenhagen. The Mexican president's message was flattering in its terms.

King George V in proroguing internal Wednesday reiterated the determination of the democracies of the world to continue their warfare against the quadruple alliance until they had won justice and an enduring peace, and he also expressed a hope for the solution of the Irish problem, which is a new evidence from the ruler that the government is trying to subordinate internal jealousy in the large task of knitting every resource of the empire so as to contribute to its military progress.

The Germans on the West front are not yet numerically equal to the French, British, Italians and Americans, according to Major-General Maurice, director of military affairs in the British war office, notwithstanding the continuous movement of German troops to the west front during the last month. The situation is not one to cause anxiety to the Allies' military leaders.

The artillery is active on the British, American, French and Italian fronts. Otherwise operations are confined to patrol and aerial attacks.

The Allies merchantmen sunk by mines and submarines last week totalled 19 (15 British, 3 French and 1 Italian).

In Finland the government troops won an important victory over the Red Guards at capturing Aleaborg on the Gulf of Bothnia. This is the chief military depot of the Russians in northern Finland, and its loss means that northern Finland is in the possession of government troops.

Three Billion Loan Is Planned

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Three billion dollars will be borrowed by the United States government in preparation for the Third Liberty Loan, which will be launched in April, according to a plan of issuing certificates of indebtedness to that amount. The scheme as announced tonight by Secretary McAdoo includes the issuance of \$500,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness every two weeks until a total of \$3,000,000,000 is raised about the middle of March. Every National bank, every State bank and every trust company is urged to invest a certain percentage of its gross resources in these short-term certificates.

Brotherhood Chief Appointed

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Director-General McAdoo announced tonight the permanent form of organization of the government railroad administration. Most of the present personnel is retained. W. S. Carter, chief of the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen, was named as director of the division of labor. Chas. A. Prouty of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was placed in charge of the division of public service and accounting.

RAILROAD BILL COMPLETED

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Consideration of the administration railroad bill was completed in the House Interstate Commerce Committee. A final vote will be taken Friday, and the committee plans to complete its report and Chairman Sims will urge its speedy passage. As the bill is completed it differs in several important respects from the draft favorably reported to the Senate. The term of government control is to continue two years after peace is declared. The Senate bill makes this eighteen months. In the House bill the rate-fixing power is vested in the President. In the Senate bill this power goes to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

ALIEN SLACKER BILL DEBATED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Over the protest of the State Department, Democratic and Republican leaders in the House began the consideration of the alien slacker bill, which makes aliens of draft age subject to call to military service. After an all-day debate an amendment was adopted to the effect that the measure does not supersede the provisions of existing treaties, and the bill finally went over until next Wednesday.

FRENCH CAN SUPPLY ARTILLERY

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—France will be able to supply by July 1 enough artillery for 500,000 American troops, said Andre Parden, French high commissioner to this country, tonight in a speech at a banquet. He said there were more than 212,000 American troops in France at the present time.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT OPERATED ON

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—An operation today on Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for abscesses, the second in a week, was successful, according to his physician.

President Asks for New Power

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Almost coincident with Secretary Baker's reappearance before the military committee of the Senate for cross examination upon his recent statements as to America's conduct of the war, the administration's answer to the Congressional agitation for a war cabinet and a munitions director was received in the form of a bill transmitted by the President, giving him blanket authority to reorganize and co-ordinate all Federal bureaus, agencies, offices and personnel. The new measure was carried to the capitol by a personal representative of the President and delivered to Senator Overman, who introduced it soon after Secretary Baker had told the military committee such legislation was necessary. The bill will empower the President to make over the executive branch of the government for the period of the war and rearrange the executive departments and their functions and establish such new ones as he seems fit.

The military committee did not get far with its examination of Secretary Baker, although questioned three hours because he demurred at telling in open session upon what he bases his assertion that proposals are not unproving that one and a half million American soldiers will be landed in France this year.

After much discussion Senator Hitchcock, who had used the term "wildly exaggerated and preposterous" regarding Secretary Baker's statements, insisted upon an answer to his questions, and the committee agreed to hold a secret session to hear Secretary Baker upon this and other subjects. He left the stand with the understanding that he would have experts prepare detailed information which he would be unable to give to confirm his general statement.

ST. LOUIS APPEALS TO GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—President Jackson Johnson, of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, today appealed to the government to take over the street-car lines as a war measure on the ground that the street-car tie-up is decreasing the output of factories working on government contracts.

FUEL SHORTAGE SPREADS

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Danger exists of widespread suffering ensuing on account of lack of coal, the fuel administration announced tonight in continuing the Monday closing orders. Thousands of homes in New York have no coal and can't get it.

BIG BUSINESS MEN ARRESTED

(Associated Press)

PHOENIX, Arizona, Feb. 6.—C. A. Streitz, vice-president of the National Bank of Arizona, and Richard Parham, a wealthy business man, were taken in custody by United States officers on the charge of aiding in the escape of an interned enemy alien.

Funeral of Mrs John Allen to Be Saturday

The funeral of Mrs. John Allen, who died in Boise yesterday morning, will be held Saturday at 2:00 P. M. from the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Allen had many friends here and the news of her death was a great shock to all. The remains arrived today and were accompanied by her husband, John Allen, and her mother, Mrs. F. F. Holm, who was with her daughter in Boise, and a son. Two sons who were in Seattle with their grandfathers have arrived for the funeral. Among other members of the family who are here are Mrs. George Hibbard, a sister, who arrived last night from Seattle, her father, F. E. Holm, who also came from Seattle last night and went on to Huntington where he met Mr. Allen and Mrs. Holm. A brother, Frank Holm, Jr., is expected soon from Seattle.

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No. 17—To Portland....	9:00 a. m.
Going East.	
No. 4—To Chicago....	5:45 a. m.
No. 6—To Salt Lake....	11:35 a. m.
No. 18—To Chicago....	8:30 p. m.

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No. 17 (West bound)....	8:25 a. m.	No. 32 (To Joseph)....	8:25 a. m.
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Just think what this little sum will do! For 25 cents we will supply your name on our Tobacco Fund list and will send 45 cents worth of smoking tobacco and cigarets to our boys in France. In the kit will be a stamped and addressed to you, and on the kit will be a request to ask 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 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.

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