

WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PLAN

REPUBLICAN LEADER IS
POSED TO OBSTRUCTION OF
THE PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT NOT
TO BE INSTALLED

Representative Mann says he is not
in sympathy with any attempt
to embarrass Executive Wilson
on the Peace Mission—Factional
Strife Not Desired.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Representative Mann, Republican leader of the house, is flatly opposed to the resolution to install Vice President Marshall in the white house, while President Wilson is abroad as an attendant at the peace conference.

Congressman Mann also declared himself wholly out of sympathy with any attempt to embarrass the chief executive while he is on the peace mission. He promised that there would be no concerted attempt in the house of representatives to question the constitutionality of the president's trip.

In further explanation of his views of the matter he said: "Factional strife at home should not be allowed to give the impression that the Americans are divided on the peace issue."

POPE MAKES APPEAL

Request to Loosen Blockade on Account of Food Shortage

BERNE, Dec. 3.—(United Press) The Frankfurter Gazette says that upon appeal of the archbishop of Munich, the Pope has addressed a request to President Wilson and the allied governments begging them to loosen the blockade and allow Germany to feed herself. At the same time the Pope has asked allied bishops to make similar requests of their respective governments.

STREET CAR MEN STRIKE

Men in Cleveland Object to Employment of Women Conductors.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 3.—Fifteen hundred street car men are striking, tying up every line in the city and paralyzing much of the city's business. Employees are unable to reach their work. The men demand the immediate removal of conductresses from the cars.

CONVOY IS SENT

Heavy Vessels to Safeguard Trip of Presidential Party.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The American naval base at Brest has issued orders to sixteen destroyers to sail for the Azores, awaiting the passage of the fleet accompanying President Wilson on its way to Europe. The presidential convoy includes nine vessels which are dreadnaughts and cruisers.

GRIPPE KILLS PLAYWRIGHT

Edmond Rostand, Well-known Poet, Succumbs to Disease in Paris

PARIS, Dec. 2.—(Havas)—Edmond Rostand, the poet and playwright, died here this afternoon. He had been ill from grippe.

When M. Rostand passed away Madame Rostand and his sons and several other relatives were at the bedside.

Commenting the death of the playwright, the Temps says his loss will be grievously felt by France and her allies, as he was "worthy to celebrate in order of triumphal right and magnificent victory."

WILL SEIZE SHIPS

Russian Vessels Are Required for the Transportation of Grain.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 3.—The government has announced that it will seize a number of Russian ships intended here for the purpose of obtaining cereals from Argentine and Canada.

CHIRE CALLS RESERVES

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 3.—The military reserves and the 1917 glass have been called to the colors.

MRS. AGATHE O. STEWART



Mrs. Agathe O. Stewart, secretary to William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, now shares with the secretary of David Lloyd George the distinction of being the only woman secretary to a cabinet minister. While Mrs. Stewart's title is new the job is not, as she was secretary to Redfield for some years before he went to Washington.

EX-KAISER IS NON-COMMITTAL

DECLARES HE HAS RETIRED TO
PRIVATE LIFE

But for This Ban He Would Like to
Send a Message to America.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3.—Count Wilhelm Hohenzollern, the former Kaiser, informed the United Press through his secretary that he would be glad to give his views to America. "What he has said friends still"—if it were not for the fact that he has retired to private life. In reply to the formal request for an interview, Wilhelm's secretary sent the following telegram to the correspondents:

"I beg to inform you that the emperor, having retired to private life, does not wish to give any statement for publication. He expressed regret, for he would be glad to give his views to the American public, where he has some friends still. But under the circumstances he cannot depart from the rule."

WILL PADDOCK DEAD

Union Resident Succumbs, Following
Operation.

Will Paddock, an old resident of Union, died Sunday following an operation for a trouble of long standing. The deceased was about 50 years of age and has during his residence in Union been engaged in the nursery business and farming. The funeral was held in Union today.

PACKERS ARE IN A COMBINE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FILED
BY TRADE COMMISSION

Specific Charge That Five Big Companies Dictate Prices and Control Trade.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The federal trade commission, in a supplemental report, submitted to congress charged the five big meat packing companies of the country with a combination and restraint of trade and with controlling the sale of livestock and fresh meats. Evidence is cited at length to support the charges. Swifts & Co., Armour & Co., Morris & Co., Wilson & Co., Inc., and the Cudahy Packing company are named. "The evidence of the present day existence of a meat combination among the five big packers is voluminous and detailed," the report said. "The evidence is convincing, consisting, as it does, largely of documents written by the packers or their agents, and including the memoranda made by one of the participants in the combination of the terms and conditions agreed upon at various meetings of the packers."

TWO SHIPS COMING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(United Press)—The steamer Empress Brittain with 75 officers, ten nurses and 2389 soldiers, and the Adriatic with 80 officers and 3208 men, sailed from Liverpool for the United States on December 1. The war office has announced.

CATHOLIC VICAR DEAD.

Monsignor Bronsgeest of Baker Ends
Long Career.

BAKER, Dec. 3.—Monsignor Bronsgeest, vicar general of the Catholic church, died at the St. Elizabeth hospital yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after many weeks of ill health, from a complication of diseases. He was 75 years of age and had spent much of his time in Baker for the past few years, although his home was in The Dalles. Two weeks ago he was taken to the hospital, where he remained until he died. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

WILL DEMAND KAISER

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3.—Attorney General Smith declared in an interview that the war cabinet has undoubtedly decided to demand the extradition of the former Kaiser from Holland.

IMPERIALIST PLOT FAILED

PLAN LEAKS OUT FOR RESTORATION
OF KAISER.

Monitions Workers Furnished the
Money and Military Leaders
Did the Brat Work.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A plot to restore imperialism and secure the return of Emperor William has been discovered in Berlin, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Express. According to the dispatch, which was filed at Amsterdam Friday, the chief men behind the plot were Field Marshal von Mackensen, General von Bohn, and General Count von Arnim. Large sums of money are said to have been placed at the disposal of the leaders by munitions makers.

The plot collapsed owing to the fact that a secret service agent overheard a telephone conversation. Many arrests have been made in Berlin and other cities, while the government has long lists of suspects, who had planned to seize members of the present government.

No direct evidence of William Hohenzollern's connection with the plot has been found, it is said, but it is believed that the outline of the plan was brought to Berlin by two of his suite who recently went to the German capital for the ostensible purpose of taking the wife of the former emperor to Amerongen, Holland.

Lieut. Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen is said to have been in control of the financial arrangements. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported to have attempted to induce Field Marshal von Hindenburg to join, but the latter refused, saying that he intended to retire after the demobilization of the army.

The whole Prussian court, it is stated, was in sympathy with the plot and it is said that Prince von Buelow and Dr. Georg Michaelis, former imperial chancellor, had promised to help. The plan was to organize a provisional government under Field Marshal von Mackensen and then urge William Hohenzollern to return.

PREPARING TO LEAVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Wilson has busied himself with manifold duties preparatory to starting for Europe. He is expected to go to New York tonight and may sail on Wednesday. However, work may keep him here until Wednesday.

SIR WILLIAM WEIR



Sir William Weir, who was recently appointed secretary of state for the air forces of England, succeeding Lord Rothermere, Sir William is well known in the engineering world and is a member of the firm of G. & J. Weir & Co., Ltd., of Glasgow, one of the first companies to make munitions for England.

BAD CHECKS CAUSE ARREST

TWO YOUNG MEN CHARGED
WITH CROOKED TRANS-
ACTION.

Ira Thall and James Clark Are Under
Arrest Awaiting Further In-
vestigation.

Officer Christensen delivered to Sheriff Warnick this morning a young man named Ira Thall, who is charged with the forging of checks, a number of which are alleged to have been scattered over town. Thall is about 18 years of age and has a number of acquaintances in La Grande. The charge is preferred on behalf of the state and a preliminary examination will probably be held before Justice of the Peace Williams. Shortly after the arrest of Thall, another young man known as Jim Clark was placed under arrest as being an accomplice of Thall in the disposal of the spurious checks. The latter is about 20 years of age and is detained in the city jail.

MOUNTAIN ROAD PASSABLE

Two Cars Eastward and One West Bound
Yesterday.

That the roads over the Blue mountains remain passable for autos was proven yesterday when two cars from the west passed through the Granda enroute to Idaho. One was a Hupmobile and the other a Ford car. There was also a west bound car yesterday which, expected to reach Pendleton without difficulty.

ROLL CALL FOR THE RED CROSS

NEARLY ALL CHAPTERS HAVE
CHAIRMAN APPOINTED.

This is Not a Drive or Campaign
But is Designed to Secure a
Large Enrollment.

Practically all chapters in the Northwestern Division have appointed their Chapter Roll Call Chairmen. The first duty of any chapter who have got done so is to confer immediately with their State Roll Call Chairman and arrange for the appointment of the strongest local chairman available. The Roll Call office are all open and at work. Mr. W. E. Compton, State Roll Call Chairman for Oregon has abandoned his private business and has opened Roll Call offices in the Gasey building, Portland. He and H. E. Witham are perfecting a plan that will make it possible for every adult citizen to enroll under the Red Cross flag. Mr. E. H. Dewey has moved from his home at Nampa to Boise where he and Edw. S. Chadwick, State Managers, have established offices for the Roll Call in the Empire building. Mrs. A. B. Stewart, State Chairman of Washington, has opened the Washington Roll Call office at 512 White Building, Seattle. T. A. Davies, Territorial Roll Call Chairman for Alaska, will open his headquarters at 712 White Building.

In spite of the close restrictions of the War Industries Board the Northwestern Division has been favored with large shipments of blankets, surplus shoes and underwear. Another gratifying fact is that all supplies have already been shipped by express direct to chapters. Many chapters have already received partial shipments and every thing essential is now west of Chicago and moving rapidly toward its destination.

Chapter plan books have arrived and have been sent to all State Roll Call Chairmen from whom they may be obtained by the Chapter Roll Call chairmen.

The one important thought to keep in mind is that the Roll Call is not a drive, is not a campaign, is indeed not directed toward the collection of money but is designed simply to give each loyal American the opportunity to enroll in the greatest humanitarian organization in the world's history.

Universal Membership is the Goal. Red Cross activities during the coming year will be, if anything, more extensive than during the year just ended and the finest sense of appreciation that we can show to our Allies and that we have no intention of failing them in their problems of feeding and sheltering their women and little ones this winter is by answering the Roll Call with a full and enthusiastic quota.

WATTS DAUGHTER'S ARRIVAL.

Funeral Arrangements for Late
"Ted" Beuhler Will be Delayed

The funeral of the late T. E. Beuhler, the well known railroad yardmaster whose death was announced yesterday, will be delayed until the arrival of the daughter of the deceased, Miss Beulah Beuhler. The young lady is a student in an eastern college and notice has been received of her intended arrival to take charge of the funeral arrangements. On account of the long distance to travel it is not expected that the daughter will be able to reach La Grande inside of three or four days.

SUCCESSOR TO M'ADOO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Wilson's friends are convinced that Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, will succeed William G. McAdoo as secretary of the treasury.

GREEK COLONY SHOWS LOYALTY

LIBERAL RESPONSE MADE TO
WAR WORK DEMANDS.

Local Man Shows Piles of Receipts
to Contribution Made to Cam-
paign Solicitors.

The Greek colony in La Grande, as elsewhere in the United States, is doing its bit and goes over the top. The local Greeks have been generous supporters of all war activities, and have shown themselves to be first class patriots both with the allies and for their own country's freedom.

George Aragon, a well educated Greek, who has made his home in America for some time and in La Grande for over two years, was in the War Chest headquarters today and officials of the War Chest drive and a chance to inspect some of his receipts. Every man that ever came out for money in representation on the pile of receipts and there are many Liberty Bonds in the stack. The War Chest "Gardener Card" is conspicuous among them.

In discussing the part that the Greeks play in meeting allied War Relief work, Mr. Aragon went on to say: "Greeks in the United States subscribed over \$41,000,000 to the fourth Liberty Loan issue. Greek papers carried on a propaganda among their leaders urging them to do their level best. And we have, of course, in every race or what ever color, some who donate ever so much, but I am proud to say that they are a tremendously few and far between."

Proportionately to income, few American born have contributed as lavishly to War Relief as has Mr. Aragon, proof of which is the pile of receipts he carries from local solicitors for various causes.

CHORUS AT WORK

Popular Concert to Be Given Latter
Part of Month.

The community chorus has its regular rehearsal last night.

Professor Edwards reports that the chorus members are going ahead with the program for a popular concert to be given the latter part of the month. The director, Professor Edwards, would be pleased to receive applications for membership from men with bass voices.

LIEUT. COM. MICHELSON



Prof. Albert A. Michelson, with the exception of Theodore Roosevelt the only winner of the Nobel peace prize from the United States, has been commissioned a lieutenant commander in the United States naval reserves. He has been assigned as consulting technician in the bureau of ordinance. He was graduated from the naval academy in 1873, but resigned to enter civil life. He is a well known scientist.

CORPORAL HERMAN BOER



Corporal Herman Boer was the first American to enter St. Michel. Cor. Boer was formerly an engineer at the St. Francis hospital in San Francisco. He is a native of Germany and came to San Francisco from that country 15 years ago. He became a citizen and was well past the draft age when the war broke out. He enlisted and was sent over with the first American volunteer forces to go abroad.

COMMENT ON THE MESSAGE

LESS TALK THAN USUAL HEARD
FROM CONGRESSMEN

Most of the Senators Have Little to
Say and House is Divided
in Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Comment for publication on the president's address was not so general as the capital as usual. Senator Martin, Democratic leader; Senator Lodge, Republican leader; Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, all refrained from making statements.

Some senators did comment, however, and there were numerous statements on the house side. Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, Democratic leader, said:

"The president's message was a great address, and his explanation about his trip ought to satisfy his critics."

Representative Mann of Illinois, Republican leader:

"FAILS TO GIVE CONFIDENCE"

"The most important phase of the message was on railroads, about which he gave no recommendations. Next in importance was the entire failure to take congress or the country into his confidence on his trip abroad to the peace conference."

Speaker Clark: "It was a fine speech."

Representative Longworth of Ohio, Republican: "It is not the president's strongest effort. It is interesting to observe that congress is going to be permitted to do something of its own with the railroad question."

MORE FAIR THAN PRESIDENT.

Representative Kahn of California, Republican: "The president asks congress for its united support. Congress will be much fairer, I am afraid, in this respect, than the president himself has been."

Senator Walsh of Montana, Democrat: "As usual, the president presented with remarkable clarity the outstanding features of congressional consideration. I am one of those who believe the president is acting in accordance with duty in attending the peace conference."

Senator Reed of Missouri, Democrat: "There were many admirable things in the message. But I utterly disagree with the president that the American boys were fighting to maintain his 14 principles of peace. They were fighting to kill the Germans, and the 14 principles, in fact, were not announced until long after we were at war. Also, I think there is no necessity or call for the president's personal attendance at the peace conference."

Senator Calder, Republican, of New York, said the president failed to convince him in the message "that his going to Europe was necessary."

Representative Cannon of Illinois, Republican: "I was pleased with the message. It followed the constitutional plan of giving to the congress information of the state of the union and left the information with orders for consideration in connection with its legislative duties."

POISON AND BOMBS WERE SECRETED

INFECTIOUS GERMS TO BE USED
BY GERMANS PART OF PLOT
AGAINST THE ALLIES.

BOMBS AND MUNITIONS
WERE SECRETLY MADE

Bacteria Was Intended to Poison
Wells in the Territory the Armies
Abandoned and Bombs to Aid An-
archists to Foment Revolution in
Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Additional details of German plots to sow dissension among the allies and published in Swiss newspapers have been received here. The Germans had stored large quantities of cholera and glanders germs in Zurich. They were also secretly engaged in making bombs and various other munitions of war. The bacteria was intended for poisoning wells on the plans that were similarly employed on the retreat from Rheims and this was to cover the territory which the armies had abandoned. The bombs and munitions were intended for anarchists in Italy for the purpose of fomenting revolution there.

OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Reception Committee Appointed for
Social Function at Y. M. C. A.

The reception committee for the Y. M. C. A. open house on Friday evening will consist of the following ladies: Mesdames T. J. Scroggins, George Palmer, George T. Cochran, E. E. Kiddle, Fred J. Holmes, G. L. Larigan, W. M. Nichols, F. L. Meyers, S. D. Crowe, Elmer Stoddard, H. S. Brown, A. G. Hampton, Mac Wood, E. D. Seider, George H. Curry, Henry C. Grady and Albert R. Hunter, wives of the Y. M. C. A. board members.

These ladies will be on hand to welcome you on Friday night and to introduce you to the people you do not know. A good program is being prepared and a good time is assured. Everybody invited.

SUB LOSSES TO BE LISTED

Americans Asked to File Information
on U-Boat Warfare.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—American citizens were advised in a statement today by Secretary Lansing that they should file at the State Department within 30 days from December 1 information concerning losses sustained through German submarine warfare, either before or after the United States entered the war.

Losses and details concerning them, covering cargoes or personal property or effects, should be submitted, when the property was insured or partially insured, regardless of whether the property was carried in America or foreign vessels.

GERMAN VETS MARCH

On the Way to Berlin to Over-
throw the Government

BERNE, Dec. 3.—(United Press) German regiments at Grandno, commanded by Prussian officers, are marching toward Berlin to overthrow the government, according to Polish newspapers received here.

CONGRESS WILL ACT

Measure to Control Operations of the
Meat Packers Probable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Congressional action to control the meat packers will probably be the result of the federal trades commission charges of illegal combination and price regulating by the "big five" packers.

BRITISH DESTROYERS ARRIVE

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—(By United Press)—Five British destroyers arrived at Libau, it is reported. A large British fleet is expected hourly at Wilhelmshaven.

struction or definite American policies as to peace terms. The American people have the right to both."