

MORE SHIPS DOCKED AT NEW YORK

SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SOLDIERS
GET SIGHT OF THEIR NA-
TIVE SHORES

SICK AND WOUNDED INCLUDED IN LIST

Great Britain Has Turned Over Forty Thousand Tons of Shipping to the United States to Help Return of Troops During Month of December.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—The Empress of Britain arrived today with seventy-five officers and 2300 men. The vessel left Liverpool November 30th. More than ten thousand troops are due to arrive during the day on the Adriatic, Ascanius and Kronland. The latter has 704 sick and wounded.

Britain Will Help.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Great Britain has allotted forty thousand tons of shipping to help in the return of American troops during the month of December.

POLISH TROOPS EMBARK

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—Polish-American divisions, according to well informed sources says the Warsaw correspondent of the West Zeeitung have embarked at Havre for Dunkirk. In West Prussia with the intention of occupying the provinces of Posen and Silesia. The headquarters of the Polish-American troops, according to this information, will be at the town of Posen.

ARRESTED FOR TREASON

BASEL, Switzerland, Dec. 10.—August Thyssen, one of Germany's great manufacturers and a number of other manufacturers of the Düsseldorf district, were arrested Saturday night at Mulheim-am-Ruhr on charges of high treason. After being examined for several hours by the Socialists council of Mulheim the manufacturers were sent to Münster whence they will be taken to Berlin to face charges made against them.

ROPE WILSON DROWNS; IS PROMPTLY ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Raymond L. Ramsdell, vice president of the United Garment Store company here Monday, accused of having exclaimed regarding President Wilson "I hope he drowns."

A complaint charging disorderly conduct was made against Ramsdell and the case was adjourned until Friday.

BELGIAN TOWN IN FRANCE

HAVER, FRANCE, Nov. 18.—(By Mail)—A miniature Belgian town is being built on the hillside on the outskirts of this town for the purpose of caring for Belgian refugees.

Model four room cottages are being erected by the American Red Cross, and when the town is completed, it will resemble a bit of Belgium transplanted to France. It will have paved streets, electric lights, and an up-to-date water and sewerage system. The population will be selected from the most needy refugees in France.

AMBASSADOR LOSES JOB

MADRID, Dec. 10.—A decree relieving Polo de Bernabe, the Spanish ambassador at Berlin, from the functions of his office, is published in the official gazette.

A Madrid dispatch posted by La Libertad, of Paris, Sunday, reported that the Spanish premier intended to recall the German ambassador, Prince von Hohenlohe and members of his staff who have been engaged in supporting agitation against the Spanish regime.

HUNGARIAN WAS DESPONDENT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—The Hungarian premier, Karlyi, today attempted to end his life by suicide, through dependency over the political situation, says a Budapest dispatch.

MAJ. CHAS. M. WHITTLESEY



Maj. Charles M. Whittlesey, formerly a New York lawyer, commanded the "lost battalion" of Americans which for five days was surrounded by Germans in the Argonne forest but refused to surrender. When the men were rescued most of them were utterly exhausted.

HUN UNIVERSITY MUST GO

Old University of Ghent Will Be Restored.

GHENT, Belgium, Dec. 10.—The communal council has voted in favor of the immediate abolishment of the university established by the Germans here during their occupation.

The French University of Ghent will be restored.

HAIG'S TROOPS REACH RHINE

BRITISH TROOPS HURRY TO MAINTAIN ORDER

German People Become More Cordial to the English and French Occupants.

AIX LA CHAPPELLE, Dec. 10.—British troops have been hurried to Cologne to maintain order, but what the nature of the trouble there has been, or how serious it is, is not stated in the brief official announcement. It is reported that Red forces and their opponents have been rioting.

Stringent orders have been issued along the British front, forbidding anyone not actually a member of the army of occupation to cross the border without a special pass.

Have Reached Rhine

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The British advanced troops reached the river Rhine Sunday between Godesburg and Cologne, Field Marshal Haig announced in reporting the progress of the British army of occupation.

Godesburg is about twenty miles southeast of Cologne near the Rhine above Bonn.

Prussian People Obsequious

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The French army of occupation is being received everywhere in Rhenish Prussia in an obsequious manner, according to newspaper correspondents with the army.

The correspondent of the Matin says he is convinced that this behavior on the part of the Germans is carried out on instructions from the higher authorities.

To Enter Mayence

General Mangin will enter Mayence (Mainz) the French bridgehead on the Rhine, this week at the head of the 13th and 43rd infantry divisions, each unit of which has been cited for bravery.

In order to meet the wishes of various units which desire to enter Alsace-Lorraine and the Rhine provinces the government has decided, according to the Echo de Paris, to change from time to time the troops in the occupied region. French troops will be sent to the Rhine bridgeheads and into the Palatinate and also into the American sphere of occupation. These troops will be relieved later by other units.

Become More Cordial

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The German population west of the Rhine becomes more cordial in its attitude toward the British as Field Marshal Haig's troops move eastward, according to an undated dispatch from the correspondent of the Daily Mail with the British army.

"As we approach the Rhine," the correspondent says, "our reception becomes more surprising. The authorities in such places as Duren says undisciplined that they rejoice at our arrival. They gave us reasons for this, that they are afraid of their own people and are afraid of starvation. Many men confess that the end of the war brought such relief that the stigma of defeat weighs little. Children sometimes cheer our arrival."

POINDEXTER WANTS A PROBE

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS.

Says That a Few Hangings Early in the War Would Have Saved Many Lives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Senator Poindexter of Washington introduced a resolution today for an investigation of the ordnance and quartermaster departments.

Hinting at questionable activities which, he intimated, might have delayed the production of guns and shells for the army, Poindexter said:

"If some of the trailers and spies had been executed in the early days of the war, the lives of better men might have been saved."

KEYS OF METZ PRESERVED

Premier Clemenceau Restores Symbols of City's Freedom.

METZ, Dec. 10.—During the ceremony in the city hall Sunday in connection with the official entry of President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau handed to the mayor of Metz the keys of the city, which the Germans failed to get when they captured Metz in 1870.

The keys had been preserved by a descendant of General F. A. Lapasset, one of the defenders of Metz.

LAUNDRY RATES AGAIN RISE

Spokane Establishments Claim Soap and Starch Cost More.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—Laundry rates have gone up again. According to the seven big Spokane laundries, the cost of soap, starch and machinery repairs has amounted so that with the announcement of an increase is necessitated.

On January 1 all Spokane laundries will go on a cash basis. Coincident notified of a 10 per cent increase in rates for patrons, and hotels. Hotel laundry must be paid for on delivery after the first of the year. The increase in rates went into effect December 1.

IN MILLION DOLLAR CLASS

LA GRANDE IN LIST OF TWENTY- NINE OREGON CITIES

In 102 Banks in Oregon the Total Deposits Reach the Sum of \$192,218,562.

There are now twenty-nine cities and towns in Oregon in the million dollar banking class. In other words in this number of towns bank deposits in each town amount to more than \$1,000,000. Since August 31 of this year Burns and Condon have climbed into the million-dollar class, according to a statement issued by the state banking department.

In these twenty-nine cities there are 102 banks which have aggregate deposits of \$192,218,562, which is 85 per cent of the money on deposit in all banks in the state.

Portland, with its twenty-four banks tops the list while Salem with four banks comes second; Pendleton with two banks is third; Astoria is fourth and Eugene fifth.

Other towns in the million-dollar class, in order of their rank, are as follows:

Baker, The Dalles, Albany, Klamath Falls, Medford, Oregon City, Roseburg, La Grande, McMinville, Corvallis, Marshfield, Heppner, Hout River, Hillsboro, Tillamook, Silverton, Lakeview, Condon, Bend, Ontario, Grants Pass, Ashland, Milton and Burns.

AMERICA GETS PUBLICITY

Swiss Newspapers Begin Propaganda of Information on U. S.

BERNE, Dec. 10.—Prominent French and German banking newspapers in Switzerland have begun printing extended series of articles based on America. These articles are based on observations made by newspaper representatives who have just completed a tour of the United States under the auspices of the committee on public information.

The first instalment of the series, which have appeared, constitute the greatest and most favorable volume of publicity of an educational nature that America has ever received in this country. They have made a distinctly good impression everywhere.

TRIED TO END LIFE

Report That the Ex-Kaiser Attempted Self-Destruction.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A desperate but unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide was made by the former kaiser, asserts the Leipzig Tageblatt. The newspaper says it received its information from a German staff officer, who was wounded in frustrating the contemplated act of Wilhelm.

The officer said the ex-kaiser has been much depressed recently.

CONTRACTS LAW WANTED

House Committee Asked to Legalize War Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Legislation legalizing informal government war contracts was urged today, as necessary to prevent bankruptcy of many industries, by Major-General Goettels of the general staff, and Assistant Secretary of War Crowell, before the House military committee.

"Without the legislation there will be many cases of bankruptcy," declared Mr. Crowell, "and the government will be liable for hundreds of millions of dollars, with court litigation probably pending for years."

AUSTRIANS DID GREAT DAMAGE

BELGRADE, SERBIAN CAPITAL, WAS SACKED.

Only the Walls of the Royal Palace Were Left Standing When Army Left.

GENEVA, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—The Austrians, before evacuating the city, completely sacked Belgrade, according to Deputy Pavic of Croatia, who has arrived here. He said that not a fourth of the population remains in the Serbian capital.

Only the walls of the royal palace were left standing.

The railway lines between Belgrade and Nish were destroyed.

REQUESTS TO BE GRANTED

Officers Desiring to Leave Service May Do So Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Discharge from the army as soon as practicable of officers who have signified their desire to leave the service has been authorized by the war department.

Vacancies caused by such separations will be filled temporarily by officers who want to hold their positions permanently, or by those who have asked for commissions in the reserves.

CASES ARE AFFIRMED

Two Appeals From Union County Reported From Supreme Court.

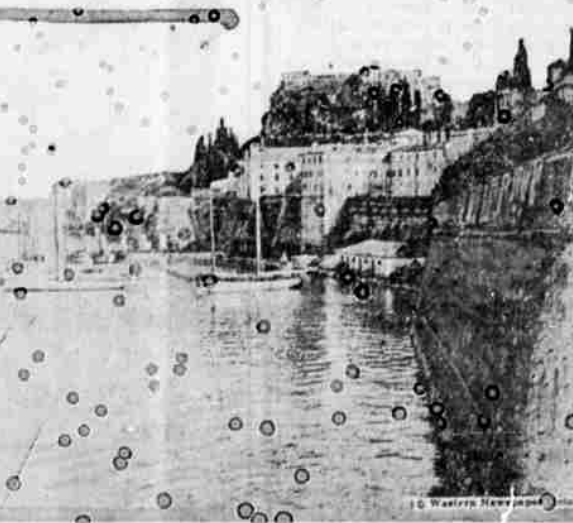
SALEM, Dec. 10.—(Special)—The supreme court has affirmed Judge Knowles in the case of Isiah Temple vs. George Harrington, appellant. The suit was for the foreclosing of a mortgage on real estate.

Judge Knowles was also affirmed in the case of the state against Ching Len, appellant, convicted of the murder of William Eng.

THE WEATHER.

Dec. 11.—Fair and warmer.

WHERE MR. HOHENZOLLERN MAY RESIDE



The villa of Aachen which is on the island of Corfu, it is reported, will probably be the permanent home of the deposed kaiser if the necessary arrangements can be made. The villa was acquired by the former German emperor in 1907 after the death of Empress Elizabeth of Austria, for whom it was built in 1900.

DRASTIC PLAN FOR PACKERS

FEDERAL CONTROL IS PROPOSED BY HOUSE BILL.

Measure Follows the Suggestions of Reports by Federal Trade Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A bill, proposing drastic regulation of the packing industry, was introduced in the house today by Chairman Sims of the interstate commerce commission.

The bill embraces a plan for federal control of refrigeration cars, refrigerating plants and other facilities recently suggested by the federal trade commission.

TROUBLE AT POTSDAM

Counter Revolution Is Reported to Be in Full Swing.

HAMBURG, Dec. 9.—(United Press, Delayed)—A counter revolution at Potsdam is in full swing, according to reports received here. It is reported that the main army has established headquarters in Berlin, refusing to acknowledge the authority of the workmen's and soldiers' council.

The Bolsheviks had planned a coup d'etat at Hamburg last night, but was frustrated, the soldiers' council announced. Several arrests have been made.

LABOR CONDITIONS GOOD

Demand in Industrial Centers Exceeds Supply.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Generally good health in most of the large industrial centers of the country, with demand for labor equaling or exceeding the supply are reported in telegrams to the United States employment service from community labor boards in thirty-four states.

The situation in the far west is reported generally good, with the exception of California. Washington and Oregon report conditions generally good.

INCLINED TO SOVIET PLAN

EFFORTS OF BOLSHIEVSKI PARTI- ALLY SUCCESSFUL.

But the Germans Will Not Go to the Extent of Abolishing All Classes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—The efforts of the Russian bolsheviks' leaders to strengthen themselves at home by forming an effective alliance with the German extremists, are proving successful. The Germans are adopting some outward forms of the bolshevik governmental system. The administration of Germany by the Bolsheviki method of local soviets, is now in operation.

But the essential factor of the bolshevik theory—that workmen should possess all the political power, abolishing the upper and middle classes, has made no marked effect upon the Germans.

LADY LETHBRIDGE



Lady Lethbridge is one of England's many titled women who are giving all their time to Red Cross activity.

EX-KAISER DICTATES

Gives Autobiography for Use as Case of Trial.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—German international law experts are conferring with the ex-kaiser, who is dictating an autobiography which will be submitted in his behalf if he is brought to trial, a dispatch says. Wilhelm is said to have abandoned his uniform and is wearing mufti.

GOOD STOCK IS HIGH PRICED

BLOCKLAND BROTHERS HAVE SOME EXPENSIVE STRAIN.

County Agent Spillman Tells of Surprising Results Attained By Breeders.

"When Blockland Bros. paid \$1,000 for the bull calf Repeater 66th, three years ago they thought they were paying a rather high price for this animal and a good many people in Union county were well satisfied in their minds that \$1,000 was too much to pay for anybody's bull," says Paul H. Spillman, county agent.

Continuing, Mr. Spillman said, "the sire of the above mentioned bull was Repeater 7th, that sold for \$27,000, which shows that this same line of breeding was highly valued by other breeders as well, and to show you that what well known Hereford breeders think of this line of breeding was well demonstrated on November 21st. On that date a Hereford sale was held at the American Royal Live Stock show in Kansas City and Repeater 7th, a yearling calf that is a half-brother to the Blockland bull sold at public auction for \$24,000. This shows you that our local breeders have been buying the best that they can secure and in further evidence that local stock men can secure the best of stock at their own door."

MEETING BY WIRELESS

President Wants Gathering Held of Cabinet Heads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—President Wilson called a meeting of the cabinet for this afternoon by wireless. At his request, Vice President Marshall will preside at the conference between the heads of the executive branches of the government.

DEFER PROTEST STRIKES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Strikes planned throughout the country as a protest against the conviction and further incarceration of Thomas J. Mooney, have all been called off until a special labor congress can meet in Chicago on January 14 to consider all phases of the case, the International Workers' Defense league announced here Monday. The league announced it had complied with the request to postpone action until after the workers' congress.

WOULD MEET PRESIDENT

German Representative Want Conference With Chief Executive.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Representatives of the German republic would be happy to meet with President Wilson and discuss peace and food problems, says the Cologne Gazette. "They would be glad to hear the German view on matters on which he is sure to have received one-sided information."

RATIONAL CONTROL IS PROPOSED

DISCUSSION OF THE INFLUENZA QUESTION AT GENERAL MEETING LAST NIGHT

INDIVIDUAL CASES TO BE QUARANTINED

Resolution Was Adopted Leaving the Regulations Up to the City Commission and Health Officers to Act Jointly—Schools Will Not Be Closed.

"Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that a strict quarantine should immediately be arranged and enforced by the city commission and city health officers, acting jointly, of all persons afflicted with the prevailing influenza as long as there is danger of communicating the disease, and all other members of households of such persons necessary to be quarantined, in the opinion of the attending physician; further, that the same officials should take immediate steps to regulate or prohibit public dances and public meetings where people actively communicate together so as to breathe the breath of others, and also to take such measures as are conservatively necessary to regulate the action and movement of the crowds in department stores, grocery stores, motion picture houses, churches and the like."

The unanimous passage of the foregoing resolution was the net result of a meeting called at the chambers of the La Grande city commission last evening by City Physician A. L. Richardson. In calling the meeting to order, the health officer stated that he had originally intended the meeting to be a joint one of the school directors and superintendent, city commissioners, city manager, health officers and physicians, but that he gladly welcomed the large crowd present, which included representatives of practically every class of business in the city and many citizens having no special interest other than the safety of public health and conservative municipal action. All officials included in the original call were present.

School Situation Reviewed.
Dr. Richardson first called for a statistical report of conditions in the schools. Superintendent Hampton responded by showing that in the Greenwood school, on the north side of the track, where the influenza previously raged in almost every home, the attendance was now daily creeping up to normal, while in the Central or old High school building, where the attendance heretofore has not been particularly marked by absence, the recent attendance shows a steady decline. Superintendent Hampton went into the details of the precautions taken.

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BETTER ROADS THE BIG THEME

IMPROVED HIGHWAYS MOVE- MENT IS GAINING FORCE.

Consumption of Construction Is Recommended by President and Other Officials.

Since the war situation is becoming somewhat less of an absorbing topic, the question of internal improvements will take a place in the public estimate and this includes, of course, better roads. Union county has two projects on hand for which the money is supplied from the state and federal treasuries. They are the Union-Telocast road and the Elgin-Minam road. This is but a beginning and the dominant question will swing back again and other projects are certain to come. In this connection the importance of improved highways in other localities may be noted. A recent report from Astoria says:

"The five road districts in Clatsop county have made special tax levies amounting to \$202,724.80 to be used in highway improvements during the coming year. In addition to this approximately \$150,000 will be appropriated from the general fund for road work and the construction of bridges. This is more money than Union

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