

Troop Ship Runs Aground on Fire Island; Steamer Northern Pacific, With 2480 Returned American Soldiers in Danger

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The American transport Northern Pacific with 2100 wounded and 400 casuals aboard, ran aground on Fire Island this morning. It is believed there is no danger of loss of life. (The Northern Pacific is a sister ship of the Great Northern and both formerly operated in the passenger service from San Francisco to Astoria.)

The eight thousand ton steamer ran into the rocky shore while traveling at moderate rate of speed, during a dense fog. Her position will be perilous if a wind storm comes up, if she is not floated soon, the men must be removed. The fog was so thick when the Northern Pacific grounded the Fire Island light was shrouded from view. In answer to her wireless calls for help destroyers and navy tugs dashed to her assistance. They are now standing by. The Northern Pacific was due in New York today from Brest, with her cargo of wounded American soldiers, and a few passengers. Most of the men aboard are too badly wounded to walk.

The place where the transport struck is considered one of the most dangerous on the coast, and is about 40 miles from New York harbor, off Long Island, near the spot where the San Diego, formerly the California, of the Pacific fleet, was

sunk by a German torpedo or a mine during the war.

Three lifeboats which were bringing Red Cross nurses and wounded soldiers from the transport Northern Pacific, capsized this afternoon, throwing their occupants into the water. All were rescued by life-saving crews.

The sea became so rough this afternoon it was feared the life savers taking men from the transport will have to abandon work until the sea calms.

Is on Even Keel.

The Northern Pacific is on even keel, hard fast on a sandy, shelving beach. The hospital transport Solace is standing by and 2100 wounded will be transferred to her if it is possible to pull the Northern Pacific to deep water. A fleet of rescue vessels is at the scene, including the cruisers Des Moines and Columbia, the transport Mallory, eight destroyers, three lighthouse tenders, eight tugs and six submarine chasers. The position of the transport is believed to be good. The shore has rocky places, but she escaped striking a reef. Attempts to pull the big steamer off the beach are rendered more difficult by a choppy sea. The weather is thick and rainy. A storm is due to strike the coast this afternoon. The official weather bureau warnings were issued at 10:30.

SUBS DIVIDED AMONG ALLIES

SURRENDERED GERMAN UNDER-SEA CRAFT ARE PACCELLED

Fifteen Given to France, Ten to Italy, Seven to Japan, and Four to United States.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—German submarines which have been surrendered are being divided among the allies, according to the Mail. The newspaper says fifteen go to France, ten to Italy, seven to Japan and four to the United States. The U-boats turned over to the United States are said to be now on their way across the Atlantic.

The newspaper does not specify the manner in which the rest of the 127 surrendered submarines are to be allotted.

BAY STATE HAS AN INAUGURATION

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, lieutenant governor under Governor McCall, was inaugurated governor of Massachusetts today in the presence of both branches of the legislature. The oath of office was administered by Senator Edwin T. McKnight.

Coolidge, Republican, succeeds Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, who was governor since 1916. McCall is retiring after thirty years in public life.

Channing H. Cox of Boston succeeds Coolidge as lieutenant governor.

The new governor is a lawyer. He was born in Plymouth, Vt., in July, 1872, and is a graduate of Amherst college. He served successively as a city councilor, city solicitor, mayor of Northampton, and in both branches of the state legislature.

Pope Expresses Hope for League of Nations

ROME, Jan. 2.—In a New Year's message to America, given Tuesday, Pope Benedict expressed the hope that the peace conference might result in a new world order, with a league of nations, the abolition of conscription, and the establishment of tribunals to adjust international disputes. The message reads:

"On the eve of the new year, in which humanity is at last to enjoy the blessings of peace, we are glad to send cordial greetings to the American people—the champions of those principles which have been proclaimed by both President Wilson and the Holy See, ensuring for the world justice, peace and Christian life."

"In the solemn moment, when we inaugurate the history of the world's attempt to begin, we pray that the Al-

BAKER CALLED BEFORE PROBE

MUST ANSWER THE CHARGES RE TREATMENT SOLDIERS

House Military Committee Will Investigate Senator Chamberlain's Recent Charges.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Secretary Baker has been called upon to appear before the house military committee tomorrow to answer charges that returning American soldiers, especially those wounded, had not received the proper care and treatment. It was announced here this afternoon. Republican members of the committee declared they would insist upon thorough investigation of the charge as well as of conditions surrounding the return of soldiers to this country. General McIntyre, assistant chief of staff has also been called up to answer charges. Baker's request for a five-hundred million appropriation for making the country's cantonments permanent will also be subjected to careful scrutiny.

BOMB INJURES BOYS

PENDLETON, Jan. 2.—Playing at making a bomb, four little Pendleton boys, Neil Bogart, Fritz Bohman, Ralph McCulley and Byron Eldred, last night were quite seriously burned when it exploded unexpectedly. Too eager to see what would happen to it when it was lighted, they used a fast-burning powder for a fuse and the explosives went off in their hands. Severe burns and sprains were the most serious results.

Miss Edith Bork of this city has gone to spend the week-end with her brother, whose home is out in the valley.

One of Largest Ships.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The steamer Northern Pacific is one of the swiftest and largest transports in the service. It was on this boat that Secretary Baker made his last trip to France.

Troops Are Being Transferred
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The removal of the more than two thousand troops from the transport Northern Pacific, ashore off Fire Island, is in progress this afternoon in spite of rough seas. Submarine chasers and other small craft run alongside the big liner and the passengers are lowered to their decks, but the work is slow because of the rough, dangerous weather.

While the transport is said to be in no immediate danger, it is the opinion of army officials at the scene that it is possible she may break up.

RUSH REVENUE BILL THROUGH

REPUBLICAN LEADERS GREATLY DISMAYED BY ACT.

House Adopts Special Rule to Prevent a Separate Vote on Substitute in Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—For the purpose of sending the pending revenue bill to conference without any further delay, the rules committee this afternoon unanimously reported a special rule to the house, which was speedily adopted. The plans of the Republican leaders are thrown into confusion by this development.

It is stated that Majority Leader Kitchin took this course to prevent the taking of a separate vote in the house on the postal zone substitute inserted in the revenue bill by the senate.

PLANS OF LEAGUE ARE WELL IN HAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Wilson has his plans for the league of nations well in hand, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, "was the gist of confidential information received here today. Reports of differences between Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George "were at utter variance with the facts," the information said.

Joseph J. Pearson, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past week, is now slowly improving.

170 British Sailors on Holiday Leave Drowned

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Two hundred and seventy sailors were drowned Wednesday as the result of the loss of the British steam yacht Iolaire off Stornoway, Scotland. The yacht had 300 sailors on board. They were on New Year's holiday leave. The vessel struck on the dangerous rocks known as the "Beasts of Helms" near Stornoway harbor and only about thirty of the crew were saved. Many of these were terribly injured in their efforts to reach the shore. All the officers and crew of the Iolaire were lost.

The Iolaire was a vessel of 362 tons. She was built in 1902 and before the war belonged to the estate of the late Sir Donald Currie.

BRITISH AIRPLANE HOSPITAL BEHIND THE LINES



This British official photograph shows one of the repair stations for damaged airplanes behind the British lines in France.

RED ARMY IS PLUNDERING

BOLSHEVISM A GROWING MENACE IN MIDDLE EUROPE

Will Be One of the First Problems Under Consideration at the Peace Conference.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik menace is almost certain to be one of the first subjects discussed by the peace delegates, the Evening News stated last night. Berlin, which incited Russia's present criminal regime in the hope of complications developing which would embarrass the allies, is now alarmed for its own safety.

Reports have been received from Estonia, Lithuania, Livonia, East Prussia, Russian Poland, Austrian Poland and Ukraine that the Red army is sweeping on over the country, leaving in its wake a train of bloodshed, rapine and desolation.

WILSON PARTY REACHES ITALY

ABOARD PRESIDENT'S TRAIN EN ROUTE TO ROME, Jan. 2.—The President is now upon Italian soil. He and Mrs. Wilson were breakfasting when the special train crossed the frontier from France into Italy. Both arose early to get a glimpse of the beautiful scenery.

A great crowd met the train at Modena, Italy, the border point, and cheered the president.

At Turin, Italy, where the train is scheduled to lay over a few hours, more than a hundred thousand people jammed the station to greet the president when he arrived this afternoon.

GIRLS BURNED IN OIL EXPLOSION

BAYONNE, N. J., Jan. 2.—Twenty girls were seriously burned, several fatally, this afternoon when a tank car containing 8000 gallons of gasoline exploded in the Standard Oil company's yards at Constable Hook, setting fire to the case and can department building in which the girls were working.

NEW FLU CASES AND RELEASES

Included in the list of homes under the quarantine published in the Observer Tuesday were several from which the red card had been previously been taken. Those of which we have been notified are the following:

Rev. Hawk's home.
Mrs. Mulkey, Cove ave.
L. L. McKinnon, 8th St. and N.
J. T. Hughes, 1806 Cedar.
Webb residence, 2511 Second street.

WILLIAM BAUMAN DEAD

William Bauman died at his home, corner of Walnut and Division streets, this morning at about 10 o'clock, a victim of Spanish influenza and pneumonia. Deceased was forty years of age and leaves a wife and three children, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

WARNING SENT TO RADICALS

ALLIES THREATEN HOSTILITIES AGAINST GERMANY WILL BE RESUMED.

MUST NOT GIVE POWER TO SPARTACIDE GROUP

Copenhagen Dispatches Report Note Sent by France Conveying Threat of Cancellation of Peace Negotiations if Radicals Get Control of the Government.

TRY DISPERSE SUFFRAGETTES

WASHINGTON CROWDS CHARGE "WATCH FIRE" WOMEN.

Police Have to Restore Order Among Crowds in Front of White House—Women Arrested

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—An outbreak occurred Wednesday night in front of the White House when soldiers, sailors and citizens undertook to end a "watch fire" demonstration started in La Fayette park by "sentinels" of the National Woman's party as a protest against the failure of the senate to pass the equal suffrage resolution.

Women carrying banners were knocked down by the charging crowd and their banners destroyed, while an urn in which the "watch fire" was burning was destroyed. After the police had restored order the women started a new fire in one of the big urns in the park and five of them were arrested by the police. They refused to furnish bond and were held at a precinct station.

During the afternoon the women burned copies of speeches delivered by President Wilson in Europe and as the last one was destroyed the "sentinels" unfurled a banner bearing an inscription denouncing President Wilson as "a false prophet of democracy." A dozen soldiers and sailors instantly surrounded the banner and shut it from the gaze of the crowd of several hundred persons.

After the "watch fire" had been put out, the women started another and party leaders announced that every possible effort would be made to keep it going until the senate passes the suffrage amendment. The fire was still burning late Wednesday night attended by special "sentinels," who piled on wood as needed.

POLES MOVING TOWARD BERLIN

FIFTH DIVISION GERMANY ARMY GOES TO MEET THEM.

Polish Army Now Holding All Towns in the Province of Posen in East Prussia.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The fifth division of the German army has been ordered to advance against the Polish army of thirty thousand men that is reported to be moving upon Berlin from the east. It was reported that the Poles had crossed the frontier at Skalmierzyce and were moving upon the German capital.

All towns in the province of Posen in East Prussia are now in the hands of the Poles and the Germans are reported to be retiring everywhere.

GOVT. WILL BE REPRESENTED

FEDERAL OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION.

Are Vitrally Interested in Reconstruction—Oregon Leading the Way—Wants Big Attendance

Federal officials are vitally interested in the success of the Oregon Reconstruction convention to be held in Portland January 9, 10 and 11th. Word has been received by Mayor Baker of Portland, in charge of the details of the meeting, that T. P. Teale, connected with the United States department of the interior, has been instructed to attend the convention.

The United States department of labor will have two representatives, one being J. W. Brewer, United States farm labor specialist. The name of the other member of this department has not yet been received.

Word was received yesterday by Mayor Baker from Senator McNary that the department of agriculture would delegate a prominent official to outline the plans of the government formulated in this department.

Indications point to an excellent attendance of officials from every city and county in the state, as well as leaders in the various industries of Oregon who will take a prominent part in the discussions.

Although the reconstruction problems are the vital subject throughout the nation, Oregon is one of the first states to prepare to outline a concrete program for the solving of the problem. Therefore the eyes of the nation now rest on Oregon, awaiting the outcome of the first genuine state-wide reconstruction convention.

MRS. CLARENCE D. HARTSWELL
Mrs. Clarence D. Hartswell died at her home at 1703 Y ave. She was 32 years old, and is survived by a husband and small son.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at two o'clock and she will be buried in the Masonic cemetery.

J. P. Plover, claim agent for the O. W., is in La Grande on business.

HOME OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN VISITED BY EDNA MORRISON

Following is an extract from another interesting letter from Mrs. Edna Morrison received by her relatives here lately. For us "stay-at-homes" the pleasure and the information we get from reading the letters written by those who have gone "over there" are about the best compensation we can receive for having missed the great event.

"We certainly had a delightful time on Saturday. Miss Hagerly, Mr. Packer, from Portland, Mr. Leary, a newspaper man from Philadelphia, and I went out to see the submarine that is here in the river. It is a 1912 model but is sure a dandy. Mr. Packer knew one of the American boys that were on it, so we got to go aboard free. Otherwise one has to buy a Liberty bond. After we left there we walked to the Broadview, a museum and concert hall seating 6000 people. There are wonderful gardens and fountains here. This is where the statue of Benjamin Franklin is because he lived close by, and placed the first lightning conductor ever used in France.

"Sunday morning we went to 11 o'clock mass at the Notre Dame cathedral, and talking about a wonderful place this is certainly it. The cathedral was consecrated in 1822, but was not completed until 1825. It is the largest building for a church I ever saw and the organ is wonderful, supposed to be the finest in the world and the largest in Europe. It has 4800 pipes, a compass of ten octaves, five keyboards and twenty-two combination pedals. In one room is exhibited part of the "Crown of Thorns" and a piece and nail from the true cross. The tower is wonderful and the bells, especially the one "Beau-son de Notre Dame," which is one of the largest in existence, weighs twelve tons.

"Near here is where the old guillotine stood, now parked by a beautiful little garden. This church is situated on the island La Cote, meaning the city, because years ago that was where the city was located. There are lots of old places all around on this island, among them the old chemist's laboratory where they used to pound the medicines for Catharine Medici. Even some of the old bottles and cans are left on the shelves. You see, France is such a very small country, and there has been a lot of history made here."

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