

NEW YORK STRIKERS STILL OUT

BOAT OWNERS REFUSE TO YIELD TO MARINE WORKERS' DEMANDS.

SECRETARY OF WAR'S VISIT DOES NOT HELP

No Shortage of Food or Fuel Yet, but Disorganization of City's Industries Is Serious—Efforts to Make Armistice of No Avail—Boat Owners Are Blamed for Crisis.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—No hope of an early settlement of the strike which has paralyzed the port of New York for two days was apparent Friday night. Leaders of the 16,000 workers on tugs, lighters, and ferryboats declared emphatically that they were prepared for a finish fight. Their employers, members of the New York Boat Owners' association, were equally emphatic in their assertion that they never would yield to the demand for an eight-hour day.

The visit to the city late Friday of Secretary of War Baker led to the hope that his influence might result in an adjustment, but the hope was short lived. When the secretary left Friday night for Ottawa he had given no intimation that the war department would take a hand in the controversy. On the contrary, he said the strike had not resulted in serious embarrassment to the department. Returning troops were being debarked without delay, he said, and there had been no interruption to the flow of supplies to the army overseas.

Falls in Effort for Armistice.

A. H. Smith, regional director of railroads, apparently has failed in his effort to arrange an armistice of from 48 to 72 hours, in the belief that if operations were resumed the differences could be composed by conciliation. No reply has been received by Mr. Smith to a letter sent by him to leaders of the unions, but the strike committee announced earlier in the day that they would not agree to an armistice.

The most serious development of the day was the decision of the strike committee to revoke all exemptions previously made. This action called out men employed on fire boats and those running to islands on which are located municipal, charitable and reform institutions.

No Shortage of Food Yet.

There was no actual shortage Friday of either food or coal because of the strike, but it was realized that the situation might result in complete paralysis of subway, elevated and surface lines.

President Expected to Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Further government action to end the strike of marine workers which has tied up shipping in New York harbor awaited word Friday night from President Wilson in Paris.

Urgent reports on the situation were sent to him by the department of labor and the executive officers of the White House, after government representatives in New York had failed in efforts to compose the difficulties between the boat owners and their employees. It was said that the president's personal influence with the workers was counted on to induce a resumption of work, pending a settlement of the questions at issue.

Secretary Wilson and Hugh L. Keown, chief of the division of conciliation of the department of labor, were in close touch all day with department representatives at the scene of the strike.

Boat Owners Are Blamed.

Blame for the present crisis was placed on the boat owners by the war labor board in a telegram to Governor Edge of New Jersey, replying to his request that the board make another effort to adjust matters. Basil M. Manly, joint chairman of the board, asserted that the marine workers have offered to arbitrate but that the boat owners consistently refused and had abrogated their agreement, thus placing themselves in an untenable position.

Hope for the strike, at least so far as it affects railroad-ers, would be ended within forty-eight hours, was expected by railroad administration officials, who declared that unless a day, is believed to constitute additional evidence that the George W. Loomis went down before she reached her destination. The vessel sailed from San Francisco December 19th with 6500 barrels of gasoline and oil.

"Wear Masks and Guard Homes" Against Plague

The all-important subject throughout the northwest, the east, and quite probably the entire world, is how to curb and stamp out if possible the influenza, or black plague, which is now lurking in every city, hamlet and sheep camp in the country.

Today the Observer received a wire from a former La Grande citizen now in San Francisco in answer to a request from this paper as to what that city is doing. The answer said San Francisco is ordering on the flu masks, making the wearing of same imperative and is enforcing the quarantine of afflicted people, but is not placing a ban on the usual pursuits of that city. A further suggestion was offered from a man who is well up in the work; that the same restrictions be urged upon all cities and towns.

While citizens of La Grande are more or less at sea over the situation the opinion is gradually crystallizing that the masks are the proper thing.

that strict quarantine must be enforced. To do this there is only one agency that can enforce quarantine and that is the city. It will be necessary to augment the police force to probably fifteen men, district the city and put a semi-martial order out to the effect that the quarantine of homes is a fact and not a scrap of paper.

As matters stand now physicians are being unjustly blamed because their patients and people from their patients' homes are running over the city at will. This is an unjust accusation, for every physician in the city is being worked to death, and how would it be possible for more than an explanation of need of quarantine and the urging of it from a physician it is out of the question for the doctors to act as policemen, and it therefore becomes necessary to have a well organized squad of men wearing the star of authority to see that people obey the quarantine laws.

WILL LEAVES WIDOW ALL

ESTATE VALUED AT \$500,000 LEFT IN TRUST.

Silver and Family Plate and \$60,000 Trust Fund to Be Divided Among Children.

OYSTER BAY, Jan. 11.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's will, made in 1912, was read to members of the family at Sagamore Hill Thursday and probably will be filed with the surrogate of Nassau county Friday.

Although the value of the former president's estate was not made known it was understood to amount to not more than \$500,000. According to Attorney George C. Cobbe of New York, who read the will, the document provides that the entire estate, except the family silver and plate, shall be held in trust for the widow during her life, and gives her power to dispose of it by will as she sees fit. In the event she leaves no will the estate is to be divided in equal parts among the children.

The silver and family plate, Mr. Cobbe said, are to be divided among the children, as is a \$60,000 trust fund left to Colonel Roosevelt by his father.

The will named as trustees Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and W. Emlen Roosevelt, a cousin of the colonel.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who was unable to attend the funeral Wednesday, visited the grave in Young Memorial cemetery Friday, after which she left Sagamore Hill for a brief visit to Colonel Roosevelt's sister, Mrs. William S. Cowles, at Farmington, Conn.

Thousands Visit Grave.

Thousands of visitors thronged the cemetery Thursday and it was learned that one of the reasons for the stationing of a military guard of honor about the grave was to prevent "hounven hunters" from carrying away the floral tributes.

As the visitors stood about the grave an army plane from Mineola flew low and dropped a laurel wreath which landed squarely on the grave.

Telegrams continued to pour into Sagamore Hill Thursday, and Captain Roosevelt said that all which bore addresses would be answered. He expressed the appreciation of the family for the many messages which gave no address to which replies could be sent.

FIND TRACE OF LOST BOAT

OIL COVERED WATER INDICATES FATE OF TANKER "LOOMIS"

All Hands Believed to Have Perished When Standard Oil Ship Went Down.

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—The Standard Oil company's tanker, George W. Loomis, is sunk and her crew of nineteen men drowned, is the opinion of local shipping men and company officials here.

The discovery of a large area of oil covered water in the vicinity of Coos Bay, the destination of the tanker, by a patrol within forty-eight hours, was expected by railroad administration officials, who declared that unless a day, is believed to constitute additional evidence that the George W. Loomis went down before she reached her destination. The vessel sailed from San Francisco December 19th with 6500 barrels of gasoline and oil.

SAYS BECKER'S EVIDENCE FALSE

SENATOR REED ACCUSES N. Y. DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Claims Ex-Convicts Were Hired at State's Expense to Give False Evidence of "Disloyalty."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The senate's investigation of enemy propaganda took a sensational turn yesterday when Deputy District Attorney Becker, of New York, was accused by Senator Reed of having hired ex-convicts at the expense of the state in order to procure manufactured evidence of "disloyalty," which evidence was to be used for political purposes.

"I assert it and I shall prove it," Reed asserted dramatically. Reed attempted to prove that Assistant District Attorney Johnston, who secured many of the affidavits that seek to show that there was intimate acquaintanceship between Bolo Pasha, Bernstorff, Dr. Albert Hestert, is in reality Paul M. Music, a released convict.

Under cross examination, after a long and heated argument, Becker finally admitted that Music was an ex-convict, but he refused to reply when he was asked if Music and Johnston were the same man.

BRAVE DEED REMOVES BLOT

DESERTER'S VALOR GIVES HIM BACK GOOD NAME.

Soldier, Under Sentence of Death for Desertion, Rescues Wounded Under Fire.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Though under sentence of death for deserting in the face of the enemy to escape combatant service, Richard L. Stierheim, a private of the 315th Infantry, 79th division, and a conscientious objector, deliberately risked his life to rescue wounded soldiers under fire in the fighting in the Verdun region shortly before the armistice was signed. A review of Pvt. Stierheim's record with a report of General Pershing's sentence and directing that he be returned to duty for combatant service, was made public Wednesday by the war department.

Deserted in France.

Stierheim, according to his testimony at a court martial, sought to be classed as a conscientious objector when drafted, but his claim was refused. After reaching France he deserted with the intention of making his way to Spain and there being interned. He was apprehended and sentenced to be shot.

Pending official disposition of the case Stierheim was returned to his company and was held in the rear. November 4 when the 79th division went into action in the Verdun region.

Braves Bullets to Aid Wounded.

When the wounded began coming in he volunteered as a litter bearer and the record shows that from November until the fighting stopped on November 11 he risked his life time and time again to save wounded men and to carry water to the wounded and dying on the battlefield.

On the night of November 3, the report shows, he carried back to safety, unassisted, three wounded comrades through shell and machine gun fire.

CONGRESS MAY DROP SEA ISSUE

VIEWS OF LLOYD GEORGE AND CLEMENCEAU SAID TO HAVE GAINED VICTORY

FREEDOM OF SEAS NOT TO GO TO PEACE TABLE

Expect Eighty Delegates at the Peace Congress Sessions—British Repre- sentatives Include Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Balfour—Russia to Receive Special Attention.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—It is probable that there will be eighty delegates at the peace congress, if the program presented to the delegates Friday by the French government is approved by the supreme council. There will, in addition, be extra delegates from most of the nations represented. These will be called into the congress when special subjects upon which they are experts are under consideration.

Freedom of Seas Will Not Be Issue

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Messages from Paris indicate that Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George have scored a great success on the question of the freedom of the seas, and that very little is likely to be said on this subject when the actual peace conference assembles.

Representatives Announced.

Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, A. J. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and George Nicoll Barnes, privy councillor, have been appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace congress by the British cabinet, according to the Express and the Mail.

William-Morris Hughes, premier of Australia; Sir Robert L. Borden, premier of Canada, and General Lewis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, will be colonial representatives who will have seats when the congress takes up business of interest to the dominions they represent, it is said.

The delegates will go to Paris on Saturday, for the purpose of attending sittings of the interallied conference.

Attention Given Russian Issue.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—David Lloyd George, the British premier, will reach Paris Saturday night from London, it was announced Friday. Arthur J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, will arrive in Paris Sunday morning. General conferences among the allied statesmen assembled here will be held during next week, and there possibly may be a meeting of the peace conference itself before the week's end.

President Wilson Friday was in conference with the other members of the American mission. Special attention is being given the Russian situation in peace conference circles here, and a commission to go to Russia is being considered. It would examine into the entire political, economic and military situation.

O. A. C. HAS OVER 3000 STUDENTS

CORVALLIS, Jan. 11.—The enrollment of regular students at the college has for the first time in the history of the institution passed the 3000 mark. The total registration for the school year is 3096 with more to come; this does not include short course students. This registration represents 2190 new students the first term, 678 old students the first term, and 132 new students this term. Registration for the winter term is now approximately 1900 and 200 or 300 more are expected to report within the next few days.

Big Five Able to Control Supply of Food in Five Years

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Unless regulated, the "big five" packers will be able in a few years to dictate what food the American people shall eat, and the price they shall pay, according to a report of the federal trade commission charged today before the house in a state committee.

"The 'big five,' he pointed out, are rapidly encroaching on new lines of activity, extending their sway over the nation's food supply.

"And when," he continued, "these five concerns turn their attention to a new industry it sends a cold shiver down the spine of the independent concern in that industry. Usually their fight is lost before it is begun."

Nationwide Campaign to Boost World League

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Plans for a series of nine consecutive "congresses" in behalf of a league of nations, to be held in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Salt Lake, Kansas City, Mo., and Atlanta, Ga., beginning February 5 and ending February 28, were announced here Friday by the League to Enforce Peace.

Former President Taft will preside at each rally and will take with him at his tour of the country a group of speakers including James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany; Henry Van Dyke, former minister to the Netherlands; President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University; Frank P. Walsh, formerly joint chairman of the national war labor board; Mrs.

Philip North Moore, president of the national council of women and Rabbi Wise of the Free synagogue, New York. Many other noted speakers will participate.

The first meeting will be held here on February 5 and 6. The other dates follow: Boston, February 7 and 8; Chicago, 10 and 11; Minneapolis, 12 and 13; Portland, 16 and 17; San Francisco, 19 and 20; Salt Lake, 21 and 22; Kansas City, 24 and 25; and Atlanta, 27 and 28.

Each "congress" will adopt resolutions calling for the formation at the peace conference of "a practical, business-like league of nations," and copies of the resolutions will be sent to Versailles and to the United States senate.

West Virginia Has Ratified Amendment for a Dry Nation

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—News that the West Virginia legislature ratified the national prohibition amendment brought the total number of states that have completed the prohibition ratification to twenty-two.

The complete list of states that have ratified the prohibition amendment are successively, as follows:

Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Texas, Delaware, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Maine, Idaho, Tennessee and West Virginia.

BRITAIN'S NEW CABINET NAMED

ANDREW BONAR LAW WILL BE LEADER IN COMMONS.

Arthur Balfour Is Named Foreign Secretary and Churchill to Head War and Air Ministry.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The new British cabinet will be headed by David Lloyd George as premier and first lord of the treasury, according to an official statement issued last night. The other members of the government include:

Lord of the privy seal and leader of the house of commons, Andrew Bonar Law.

President of the council and leader in the house of lords, Earl Curzon.

Ministers without portfolio, George Nicoll Barnes and Sir Eric Geddes.

Lord chancellor, Sir F. E. Smith.

Home secretary, Edward Short.

Foreign secretary, Arthur J. Balfour.

Secretary for the colonies, Viscount Milner.

Secretary of war and of the air ministry (which have combined), Winston Spencer Churchill.

Secretary for India, Edwin S. Montague.

First lord of the admiralty, Walter Hume Long.

President of the board of trade, Sir Albert Stanley.

LISTER TO RUSH DRY VOTE.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—Governor Lister has announced that as soon as the state legislature meets and organizes here Monday afternoon he will transmit the proposed federal prohibition amendment to the house with the request that it be immediately approved.

Proposed legislation has heretofore been submitted to the legislature in the governor's message, which this year will be delivered Wednesday.

Governor Lister explained his action by saying he wanted to see Washington among the thirty-six states necessary to make the proposed amendment effective, and feared legislatures of enough other states might act before Washington could register her vote.

Oregon's War Stamp Investments Totalled \$16475,490 in 1918

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—Oregon's W. S. S. investment during 1918 was \$16,475,490, according to figures which have just been furnished by the state war savings committee. Oregon's war stamps were \$17,253,740. The total as reported, however, may be increased by a few thousand dollars still to be received. Oregon's W. S. S. quota for 1918 is the same as for 1918.

METAL TRADES NOT TO STRIKE

PACIFIC COAST COUNCIL FAVORS SEPARATE CONTRACTS

Macy Agreement to Be Disregarded Save as Basis for Minimum Wage Scale.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—There will be no general strike of organizations affiliated under the Pacific Coast Metal Trades council as a protest against alleged unjust features of the wage schedule, as rearranged under the last decision of the Shipbuilding Wage adjustment board, but before adjourning at noon Friday it is understood the council determined the future policy will be to disregard the Macy agreement and negotiate separate and private contracts wherever possible.

In fact, so it has been reported, there is every reason to expect the Skinner & Eddy yard, at Seattle, will negotiate such an agreement at any time and it is expected other plants will follow. The probabilities are that in such negotiations the Macy scale will be regarded as a minimum, and separate agreements with employers provide for the payment of wages above that, or a change in working conditions.

At any rate, the situation presents a peaceful aspect, and, on the delegates adjourning yesterday, it was generally felt they had accomplished creditable work.

FINANCIERS MEET SOON

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BAY CITY.

Discuss American's Financial Needs and Explain the Government's Program.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—One of the most important financial conferences ever held in the west has been called for January 17 in San Francisco by Governor James K. Lynch of the Federal Reserve bank.

The principal speaker will be Lewis B. Franklin, director of War Loan organizations at Washington. Those who will attend the conference include Liberty Loan state chairmen, War Savings State Directors and women state chairmen from California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

The government's financial program will be explained and particular attention will be given plans to curb the activities of bond brokers who are asking the public to sell their Liberty bonds.

"Hold your bonds" is the appeal of the government not only because selling them now means a sacrifice to original purchasers, but because the government is embarrassed by fall in price due to numerous sales. Sales of bonds of the first four loans will impair the success of the Victory Loan.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is planning a luncheon to honor Franklin the day of the conference.

Governor Lynch has announced the appointment of W. W. Armstrong as chairman of the Utah Liberty Loan committee to succeed Huber J. Grant, recently chosen president of the Mormon church. Armstrong is president of the National Copper bank at Salt Lake City and chairman of the finance committee of the Utah State Council of Defense.

Food Rises—Fruit growers received \$2,000,000 for 1918 crop. All returns for apple products since 1910 broken; 12 acre tract of pears netted \$9664.

LEADER OF SPARTACUS IS KILLED

LONDON REPORTS KARL LIEBKNECHT SHOT THROUGH HEAD THURSDAY.

DEATH MEANS SURE FALL OF SPARTACIDES

Belief Is That Victory of Government Forces in Berlin Will Do Much to Eliminate Bolshevik Element From Europe—Ebert's Policy is to Crush Revolutionists.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Karl Liebknecht, the leader of the Spartacides in Berlin, was killed Thursday night, it is reported, while leading revolutionary forces who were defending themselves in the plant of the Berliner Tageblatt against an attack by government troops. The report, which came in a Berlin dispatch to the London Evening News, states that he was shot through the head by a machine gun bullet. It is believed to be practically certain that the death of Liebknecht means the collapse of the Spartacides.

Artillery Being Used.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11.—Strong reinforcements of government troops have arrived in Berlin, dispatches received here state, and artillery is now being used in the fighting within the German capital.

Ebert to Press Advantage

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Chancellor Ebert, the Socialist leader in Berlin, is said to be acting on the advice of Hindenburg to "wipe out the Spartacides by brute force," according to a Daily Express dispatch. It is confidently believed here that the victory of the government forces in Berlin will not only free that city of Bolshevism, but will do much to stabilize the situation in Europe generally.

1,250,000 U. S. TROOPS ARE YET IN EUROPE

LONDON, Jan. 11.—There are now 1,250,000 American soldiers in Europe, it was said by Captain Potter, aide to General Riddle, commander of the American troops in England. Practically all of the American troops now quartered in England will be bound homeward before the first of February.

Influenza Takes 10,000 Italians in Present Epidemic in Europe

ROME, Jan. 11.—There have been 10,000 casualties in the present influenza epidemic in Italy, according to Monsignor Montague Arneri, who today asked the government to do all possible to fight the disease.

I. D. S. REMAINS CLOSED

Orders From Salt Lake Reach La Grande Today.

Bishop C. J. Black, of the L. D. S. church, has received telegraphic orders from the church in Salt Lake asking that no service of any kind be held by the Mormon people until further orders are given. This is due to the epidemic.

UNION YOUNG WOMAN DIES

The death of Miss Lena Shaw of Union, occurred last night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eaton, of Union, from pneumonia, following Spanish influenza. She was twenty-nine years of age.

The funeral will be held at Union tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services at the grave in Union cemetery.

Naval Man, Home on a Furlough, Was on the U. S. S. San Diego

Albert Brinker, U. S. N., aged 29, of La Grande, this morning of a twenty-five day furlough, which he is spending with his mother, Mrs. D. N. McClellan, 1407 T avenue.

Mr. Brinker was on the San Diego at the time that ship was sunk, but was one of the lucky ones who escaped. Following that he was scheduled for overseas service and for the past three months had been stationed at a naval base in France.