

FOOD FOR EUROPE IS ESSENTIAL

PRESIDENT WIRES CONGRESS TELLING URGENCY OF THE SITUATION.

GERMANY WILL GET NO HELP; HAS ENOUGH FOR PRESENT

Progress of Peace Conference May Be Jeopardized if Hunger Is Not Put to Flight in the Many Countries of the Old World—Poland, Austria and Hungary the Worst in Need.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Food is the one thing that will stem the tide of growing unrest in Europe, President Wilson has cabled Chairman Sherman of the senate and house appropriation committee, it was announced at the executive office at the White House today. The cablegram urges that \$100,000,000 be appropriated to feed Europe, and points out, it is understood that the allied governments say that unless normal conditions are restored through the revitalizing of European countries, the progress of the peace conference may be jeopardized.

The President reiterates his statement that none of the \$100,000,000 provided in the measure will be spent on Germany, pointing out that the country is provided with the necessary needs. The greatest needs are in Poland, Austria-Hungary and in the Balkans.

The President impresses the seriousness of the situation and urges that the bill be passed by congress at the earliest possible moment.

Food on Way to France. Two cargo ships loaded with 46,000,000 pounds of flour and other food stuffs are en route to Gibraltar. The cargoes will be sent to France to be turned over to the war department and distributed under the direction of Herbert Hoover.

SUITS VS. CITY ARE DROPPED

The injunction suits brought against the city of La Grande January 4th by L. D. Meyers, proprietor of the Star and Arcade theatres and H. G. Trull, proprietor of Sherry's, were dismissed by the court Saturday in reply to the filing of stipulations by the plaintiffs that the suits be dismissed with costs charged against them.

The suits had been given preliminary hearing a few days earlier, at which the city's demurrer had been temporarily sustained, but in the meantime a common basis of understanding had been reached by both sides and the plaintiffs decided not to have the cases going to a hearing on the merits.

JOHNSON WANTS TO RECALL THE SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A resolution asserting the opinion that United States soldiers should be withdrawn from Russia has been made by Senator Johnson of California.

AMERICAN-FRENCH WRITER TO RELATE WAR EXPERIENCE

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—Baroness Huard (Frances Wilson Huard), author of "My Home in the Field of Honor" and "My Home in the Field of Mercy," and of numerous short stories of the war, will tell the story of the German invasion of that section of France around Chateau Thierry, where the baroness, herself an American woman, and her husband, who is a well-known French artist, made their home, in a lecture to be given Tuesday evening, January 14, at Masonic temple under the auspices of the Drama League.

Mrs. Huard's lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides depicting the terrible invasion, the thousands of pitiful refugees, her own flight, the return over still smoldering battlefields to find her husband and child, the installation of a military hospital and finally the glorious rehabilitation of the home in the field of honor. The narrative is simple, yet told by the brilliant and charming author, has held the largest and most cultivated audience of the east.

LIEUTENANT BEARD



Lieutenant Beard, who is commander of the U. S. S. Laurence, was commended for bravery and daring by Secretary of the Navy Daniels recently.

BOLSHEVISTS ORGANIZE SOON

PORTLAND SAID TO BE CENTER FOR OPERATION.

Mayor Baker Talks Plainly on What May Be Expected in the Future.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—That the Bolshevik movement with Portland as headquarters for the coast operations, is now gaining a formative condition which is likely to be reckoned with, is known to be a serious fact here.

For several days this has been apparent but no publicity has been given with the hope that indications were false and that the signs would disappear.

However, Mayor Baker in a speech has outlined what the country is being faced with and no longer is there any doubt that it is a condition that is with the coast country and must be handled.

Mayor Baker said: "With soldiers being discharged in this vicinity at the rate of 600 a day and with no employment for them, I, W. W. organizers are finding a fertile field in which to spread their propaganda. In the so-called 'workmen and soldiers' council' organized here Friday you have as fine a Bolshevik body as any in Russia. It is dominated by the I. W. W. who have plenty of money from an unknown source and discharged soldiers who are without funds are being fed and sheltered by the organization. These radicals captured the convention of the State Federation of Labor here this week, notwithstanding 60 per cent of the membership of organized labor is loyal. We must meet and put down this Bolshevik movement immediately or it will put us down."

OIL CHOKES RESCUERS

SEVERAL SAILORS PERISH WHEN STEAMER CAPSIZES.

Castalia Meets With Trouble 214 Miles Out From Coast of Nova Scotia.

MONTREAL, Jan. 13.—Several sailors are reported to have been drowned while being rescued from the steamer Castalia, 214 miles south of Nova Scotia. Efforts to rescue them were commenced today by the English warship Pijan and the Norwegian steamer Bjergsjoerd. A wireless message from the Norwegian vessel says that three sailors were drowned when a lifeboat sent out by the Castalia capsized. Another wireless message reports that of the seventeen men in the boat, fourteen were picked up, and that two of these were not expected to survive.

Attempt To Capture Newspaper Results In Many Being Killed

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—Thirty Spartacists were killed at Dresden last night when they attempted to capture the plant of the Dresdener Nachrichten, a local Socialist newspaper. The attempt was opposed by loyal troops.

Leaders of the Spartacists sent a telegram to Moscow, saying: "Fighting must be stopped as soon as possible for the Berlin working classes are not in shape for proletariat," according to German press reports. Although the advice does not say, this information is considered proof that the Reds are being directed by the Bolsheviks.

The Spartacist troops have started a counter revolution by destroying the telephone service from Berlin, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung. The Spartacists hope to overwhelm the Ebert government and prevent the convocation of the National assembly. The following, signed by Robert E. Eichen, one of the Red leaders, was dropped from air planes: "There will be no rest until the Ebert-Scheidemann government ceases to be. After the Independents have been in power for three months, they will hold a national election themselves."

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ENGLAND VIEWS IT WITH ALARM

STATEMENT OF DANIELS FOR BIG NAVY IRRITES

Britain Take Exception to This Country Building Boats

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Daily Graphic takes exception to the recent attitude of Secretary Daniels in urging that the United States create for itself the greatest navy in the world. In an editorial characterizing such utterances as "threats," the Graphic says: "The speeches of Secretary Daniels appear to have been framed almost as if it were his deliberate purpose to give offense to Great Britain. A few days ago he was insisting that the United States must have a navy equal to that of any other country. He goes further now and declares, 'If the Versailles conference does not agree upon limitations of naval armaments, the United States must bend its energies toward the creation of the greatest navy in the world.'"

"In plain language, that is meant for this country, and between friends threats are out of place. It would be well if President Wilson were to cable Mr. Daniels to put a little restraint upon his language."

"In this country we have every desire to reduce our naval expenditure to the lowest limit consistent with our peculiar needs as an island empire. That is, indeed, our set purpose, but Mr. Daniels will not make that purpose easier of accomplishment by holding a pistol at our heads."

In an editorial discussing the prospects of peace, the Daily News says: "It is useless to shut our eyes to the fact that all is not well. It has been notorious for weeks past that schemes of annexation based on secret treaties, were being secretly pressed forward, and that obscure designs in Russia were taking vague and menacing shape. Now we are confronted with Premier Clemenceau's declaration in favor of the restoration of the system of the balance of power."

"If this policy is insisted upon it means one thing and one thing only. It means that France repudiates the idea of a league of nations and that the world is not to be organized for peace, but reorganized for war."

"If that policy is pursued the peace conference is doomed to failure. America will have no choice but to leave Europe to its own ways and its own fate. She will, of course, suffer the penalty which all will suffer. Since she has failed to induce the world to disarm she will have to arm herself, and so the world will be started again on a race of competitive armaments leading certainly and unalterably to war."

British Are Planning Extradition Proceedings Against Former Kaiser

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Proceedings against the former German emperor are advised in a special report by a subcommittee of the commission charged with inquiring into violations of the laws of war stipulated two months ago. Plans for a tribunal which will try cases in which violations are alleged have already been submitted.

The subcommittee will have large masses of evidence to examine before final reports are issued. It tends to prefer charges to be preferred and the degree of responsibility attaching to individuals. Although final conclusions may not, therefore, be reached in a majority of cases for several months, it is said that it is not to be assumed that practical steps have not been taken to secure and arrest offenders.

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Gets First Word in Four Years From Relative in Alsace

Mrs. George Krieger, of this city, received a letter a few days ago from her father-in-law, Geo. Krieger, Sr., of Elsass-Lothringen, from whom she had not had any word for over four years. Mr. Krieger will be remembered as a former resident of La Grande, as he lived here until twelve years ago, when he left to return to his native province of Alsace.

Mr. Krieger was a citizen of Alsace at the time that province was taken from France by Germany following the war of 1870 and his letter shows that he rejoices that he has lived to see the day when he is once more a Frenchman in name as well as in heart. The writer wished to be remembered to former acquaintances, among whom he named Herman Koesch and Nibler and Bunty.

BIG FARMING DEAL THROUGH

WILLIAM POHLMAN SELLS TO MACE-STARK COMPANY

Fred Stark Elected Manager and Will Make His Future Home in Baker.

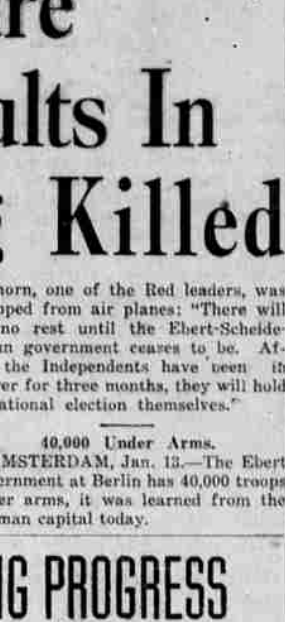
BAKER, Jan. 13.—The largest land and cattle deal ever consummated in Baker county occurred last Friday when William Pohlman, of this city, sold to the Mace-Stark company of Waukegan, Wis., his extensive cattle and land interests, for the consideration of \$272,000. This marks the beginning of a well-known cattle company's operation in this district, and the retirement of Mr. Pohlman from the stock business, which he has conducted in this county for many years with conspicuous success, due to his thorough knowledge of his business, coupled with marked financial ingenuity and foresight.

The lands passing from Mr. Pohlman to his successors, consist of 2700 acres of excellent farm land, known as the Pohlman ranch in this valley, and 14,000 acres of grazing lands situated in the mountains south of Baker, on which many hundred Pohlman cattle range each season.

Mr. Pohlman's successors, who recently organized the Mace-Stark company, are Isaac Neese of Endicott, Wash.; Charles Neese of Waukegan, Wash.; James Neese of Portland, Ore.; Louis Endicott and F. D. Stark of Waukegan, Wash. These men are experienced stockmen, who have been long engaged in the cattle business in the state of Washington, and their coming to Baker county marks an extensive addition to their already large and prosperous business in a field which is not surpassed in the entire west. F. D. Stark was elected manager of the new company, and will make his home in Baker hereafter and will look after his company's interests in this section.

In the retirement of Mr. Pohlman the stock business of Eastern Oregon loses one of its largest and most successful dealers in a branch of industry which has made Baker county justly famous throughout the northwest, as well as bringing wealth and prosperity to this community. It is understood that Mr. Pohlman will retain considerable of his farm land holdings in this valley and his extensive banking and other interests here, and his numerous friends and business associates of many years will be pleased to know that he intends to continue to make his home in Baker, where, by dint of industry, integrity and intense application to business he has, probably more than any other one citizen, contributed to the wealth and betterment of this community.

MAJ. GEN. L. W. T. WALLER



Brig. Gen. Littleton W. T. Waller has been promoted to the rank of major general in the United States Marine corps for gallant duty in Haiti and in France.

BIG PROGRESS IN AVIATION

MARVELOUS WORK DONE BY U. S. S. DURING THE WAR

Remarkable Development of Science of Aeronautics—Non-Inflammable Gas.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Marvelous aviation development in the United States during the war "more like a fairy tale than the statement of hard facts which it is in reality," were described here Friday night by Maj. Gen. George O. Squire, chief signal officer of the United States Army, in an address before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The radio phone, an invention which enabled American air squadron commanders to direct and control by voice the movements of individual units, who return helped allied artillerymen to silence the German guns, was extolled as one of the greatest devices of the war. The production of 14,000 Liberty motors up to November 11 last was cited as another remarkable achievement, and the motor itself as "an accomplishment in constructive imagination and far-sightedness which will ever be a cause of pride to the American people."

General Squire, in the course of his address, which was delivered by direction of the secretary of war, told of interesting experiments conducted by the signal corps to aid the American expeditionary forces. It was ascertained from these, he said, that above the level of 16,000 feet 95 per cent of the winds are from west to east, and often attain velocities of 100 miles an hour. On November 6, 1918, at Chattanooga, Tenn., he said a velocity of 154 miles an hour was observed at a height of 28,000 feet. Knowledge of these conditions, he added, would be of the utmost importance in the future of aviation.

Another scientific accomplishment of the air service, the speaker said, was the production of helium, a non-inflammable gas, in quantities sufficient for balloon use.

Attributing to causes "some military, some civilian," the fact that the United States had only a handful of flyers when war was declared, General Squire asserted that 8800 aviators had been trained in this country when the armistice was signed, with a toll of fatalities "astonishingly few"—about one for every 3200 hours of flying. At the same time, he said, 350 firms, employing 290,000 persons, were engaged in the production of airplanes.

WOULD ASSASSINATE THE POLISH LEADER

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish leader, has been slightly wounded by an assassin who entered the room of his hotel at Warsaw and fired one shot at him, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen reporting advice from Vienna. Several Bolsheviks implicated in the plot to kill him have been arrested.

Mr. Paderewski has been in Warsaw for several days conferring with political leaders in an attempt to form a government representing all parties. In Danzig on his way to Warsaw, he was attacked by a mob of 1000 Germans who were marching in honor of Paderewski. Two of the children were killed and several bullets struck the shadow of the room occupied by Mr. Paderewski.

Mrs. P. Wood of Seattle, Wash., is in the city for a few days, visiting her mother, Mrs. Chris Nelson.

READY TO MAKE LAWS FOR STATE



Billy Vinton as speaker of the house.

FLU MASKS OFF IN PENDLETON

COUNCIL RESCINDS ORDER RE-FACIAL DECORATIONS

Doctors of the City Had No Faith in Measure—People Refused to Comply With Order.

PENDLETON, Jan. 13.—The provision of Pendleton's new flu ordinance requiring restaurant waiters, barbers, dentists and the workers in a number of other occupations to wear flu masks while engaged in their work has been repealed by the city council at a special meeting recently. The meeting was called by proclamation of Mayor Vaughan, and the proclamation stated the meeting was called for the purpose of repealing that part of the ordinance providing for the wearing of the masks.

Enforcement of the ordinance threatened to close a number of the restaurants and dining rooms through the refusal of waiters to wear the masks and quitting their jobs rather than to do so. The doctors of the city did not uphold the ordinance, in fact themselves refusing to wear masks, and the restaurant workers and others required to wear them used this as a leverage, taking the ground that it was not a proper requirement. The trouble was precipitated by the arrest of Louis Plinson, of the Office Lunch, for failure to wear a mask. Since the repeal, this case will be dropped.

The weather in this part of the valley has been moderating steadily during the past week, and La Grander has enjoyed real spring-like sunshine yesterday and today. The record of temperatures for the last week is as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Set Max.
Jan. 6	38	12	32
Jan. 7	38	9	34
Jan. 8	40	28	35
Jan. 9	38	31	35
Jan. 10	46	29	42
Jan. 11	45	33	40
Jan. 12	45	30	44
Jan. 13	28		

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OREGON LEGISLATURE OPENS ITS BIENNIAL SESSION.

MANY PROBLEMS APPEAR FOR LEGISLATIVE ATTENTION

Financing of the State's Deficit is Perplexing—Reconstruction Comes in for Consideration—Roads May Be the Main Issue of the Session

SALEM, Jan. 13.—The thirtieth session of Oregon's legislature met today with usual preliminaries attending such occasions. No break in the slate occurred and the session will be presided over by Billy Vinton as president of the senate and Seymour Jones as Speaker of the house.

Speculation as to what will be done is being indulged in, but an attempt seems to admit that the reconstruction following the war, the financing of the state and the road question will take precedence over all else. The little stuff which usually clusters up a session seemed to be in a hard row this year.

One of the earliest moves, it is expected, will be developed with the introduction of a resolution for the ratification of the National prohibition amendment. Senator B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, already has a resolution prepared which he will shove in early in the session, probably as early as he is given permission to send it to the desk. It is likely, however, that he will not be alone in this, and other members may endeavor to seek to have the honor of fathering the resolution providing for the ratification of this federal amendment.

It is certain there will be no procrastination about the passage of the resolution, as legislators are anxious that Oregon should be one of the 36 states to ratify the amendment and wish to let no chances develop that the 36-mark may be passed before Oregon has a chance to register its affirmative vote. Opposition to this measure will be virtually nil, if there is any at all, although it is considered barely possible that one or two members who have held strong prejudices on the liquor question may register a verbal protest against ratification of the amendment.

Reconstruction Plans in Doubt. Little more in a tangible way toward reconstruction legislation has developed than has been outlined in the past. That there will be a great gist of such legislation proposed, in all sorts and shapes and forms, is as certain as is the fact that there will be a legislature, but it has been impossible so far to place a finger on any definite, co-ordinated, concrete program that has been scheduled. The boys generally seem to be waiting for a good get-away before they voice their definite ideas along the subject.

Along with these reconstruction plans will come the proposals of the consolidation commission, the proposals relative to workmen's compensation and the proposed compulsory feature, with abolition of state aid, as well as a line of financial measures which are expected to be put in to meet the conditions which are said to have developed in the

Ebert-Scheidemann, in Berlin. The Aldon hotel in this city, where the American and allied committees are stopping, is now guarded by two hundred and forty loyal soldiers, who have seen service at the front. Shots were fired around the building and one shot entered the room of Colonel Harris.

Freiser, leader of the Spartacists, was executed at Spandau suburbs after loyal troops had driven out the Reds. It is reported that mobs of different parts of Germany, but chiefly from the Westphalia district, started to march toward Berlin Friday, hoping that a Spartacist victory would give them a chance to loot the city at Hanover. Spartacist troops threatened the railroad workers unless a train was made up to take them to the city. Three hundred and many men were wounded at Munich last night.

Soldiers Shot After Private Court Martial

COBLENZ, Jan. 13.—The city is becoming normal again, after a week of terror. Newspapers are appearing with victory articles telling of the several hundred prisoners taken today by loyal troops. Many were allowed to go after being disarmed. They were driven from the Baltzow Brewery this morning in a bloody storm at the hands of the government troops. Loyal troops are much incensed over the cruelty. Private court martials were held up, but the soldiers were not to be taken to the rear side could intervene.

Several reports have come in concerning Dr. Karl Liebknecht. One is that he was arrested in the Liebknecht house in Berlin. An armed crowd stormed the town hall at Hanover on Saturday and arrested Dr. Laesser, president of the Hamburg soldiers' council. The workmen and soldiers there have issued a protest against