

TROUBLE IS BREWING IN PORTLAND

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS BEING HELD IN READINESS TO CURB OUTBREAKS

SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM IS BELIEVED IMMINENT

Several Companies of Guard Report at Armory to Prevent Seizure of Weapons and Ammunition by I. W. W. and Socialist Agitators—Threats of the C. W. S. S. Will Be Probed.

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—As a result of threats made by members of the recently formed Council of Workmen, Soldiers and Sailors that they would seize the local armory and its contents and that they would take possession of the municipal auditorium for the purpose of holding mass meetings therein, and that they proposed to do away with certain city and state officials here, several companies of the Saturday guard policed the armory Tuesday and Sunday night and heavy reserves were kept at the police station to cope with any emergency that might arise.

Local military and civil officials have been in conference in regard to the situation, and recalling that Spokane was not many months ago thrown into a turmoil of dissension because of official tardiness in taking steps against insidious and destructive propaganda and with the Seattle riot in mind, legal representatives of the city, county and state governments are determined that no encouragement shall be given lawlessness through inactivity.

Portland "Reds," who have cloaked their real identity under the doubtful title of a council of workmen, soldiers and sailors, have so far committed no open breach of the peace except by mouthy threats and other iconoclast declamation.

Several garrulous meetings have been held by the "Reds" since their organization a week ago. Saturday night they were addressed by H. M. Wicks, editor of the Western Socialist and apparent head of the local Bolshevist movement. Wicks fed his hearers on a lot of stuff about scientific Socialism and still more abstract revolutionary dogma, little of which any of them understood, and none of which had any pertinent bearing whatever on the problems which the recent reconstruction convention has pledged itself to solve, and which it has set itself about doing in a business-like and practical way.

One member of the so-called workmen's council admits that the organization is against any agency which will bring about satisfactory working conditions and wages for the unemployed or those already employed.

Because it has attempted to do this, the reconstruction convention, it is understood, has been ridiculed and belittled by a coterie of revolutionists who are making a mighty effort to inflame the Pacific coast with Bolshevism that has no purpose or object other than elevation of a few radicals to places of power and position.

One citizen who attended a meeting of the "Reds" is authority for the statement that they went so far as to attempt to appoint a steering committee of twenty-five, whose duty it would be to lead and encourage the carrying out of the propaganda preached by Wicks and other delegates. This steering committee was supposed to head the seizure of the armory and auditorium, but a late report asserts that the committee got "cold feet" and refused to do its "bit." It is understood that twenty-two members of the committee of twenty-five are discharged soldiers and sailors who were classed in the army as "conscientious objectors," or as men who attempted to evade the selective service draft.

INFLUENZA RAVAGES MEXICO
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 14.—Ravages of Spanish influenza among the poor charcoal burners, who live in the mountains surrounding the capital, are said to be responsible for the unprecedented price which the commodity is bringing. In the last month charcoal, which is generally used for cooking purposes, has increased about 25 per cent in cost. The municipality has made arrangements to buy this product in quantities and retail it at reduced figures. One paper in the state states that almost 90 per cent of the Indians who applied Mexico City for the fuel were victims of the disease.

GENERAL COANDA



General Coanda is in command of the Second Roumanian army corps and should Roumania enter the fighting once more, he undoubtedly would have a prominent part in the operations.

WILSON AWAY ONE MONTH

PRESIDENT HOLDS PRIVATE CONFERENCES TODAY

Inter-Allied War Council Will Resume Sitings Tomorrow—Basis of Representation Established.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—President Wilson's conferences this afternoon were private conversations to enable him to get together data that will enable him to make a saving of time in the discussion of certain matters when the inter-allied war council resumes its sittings tomorrow.

The President has been in Europe one month today.

At yesterday's meeting of the council the basis of representation of the various powers was provisionally decided upon. The status of Russia and Rumania at the conference was not settled for the reason that small nations will have only one delegate on account of the relative minor importance of such powers at the peace conference.

The British delegates, including those from the dominions, number twelve in all, and while the voting privilege will be extended to all, the envoys from Britain's overseas dominions will be called into the conference only when matters in which they are particularly concerned are being discussed.

MANY KILLED BY RIOTING

OVER EIGHT HUNDRED DEAD IN BUENOS AYRES FIGHTING

Situation in Brazilian Capital Quiet—Injured Persons Number Over 5000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Eight hundred persons are dead and more than five thousand have been injured in a strike in Buenos Ayres. The strike has covered a period of five days, according to reports received by the state department this afternoon.

The arrest of twelve Maximilianist leaders revealed the result of pro-German influence. Churches and convents were broken into, and even priests are known to have been killed. Government soldiers were called upon to quell the riot.

BOSTON EDITOR DEAD
BOSTON, Jan. 14.—Howard F. Back, editor of the Boston Traveler, died yesterday from pneumonia at his home in Arlington after illness of a few days. He was 43 years old and was one of the best newspaper men in New England.

27 STATES PASS AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON APPROVES FEDERAL MEASURE

Illinois and Indiana Last States to Ratify and Others Expected to Ratify Soon.

With the addition of Washington and California to the list of states which have ratified the constitutional amendment suppressing the liquor traffic, the total now stands at twenty-five. The number required to make the amendment effective is thirty-six. The states which have voted ratification, in order of accession to the list, follow: Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Texas, Delaware, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Oklahoma, Idaho, Tennessee, Maine, West Virginia, Washington, California.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 14.—Indiana is the twenty-sixth state to go on record for a dry United States. The federal prohibition amendment was ratified by the house before noon by a vote of 87 to 114, two representatives being absent. The senate ratified the amendment yesterday afternoon. Illinois has already ratified it and Wisconsin will take similar action tomorrow.

Illinois is For It.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—The house of representative approved the prohibition amendment by a vote of 84 to 96. This makes the state complete, as the senate passed the amendment by a vote of 30 to 15 last week.

NASH DEALER GIVES DINNER

DINED VISITING OFFICIALS AND DEALERS LAST NIGHT

General Manager of Nash Motor Co. and Spokane Manager Were Guests of Honor.

B. C. Hamilton, proprietor of a local garage and dealer for the Nash Motor company, entertained a party of about fifteen at a dinner at the Sommer hotel last night in honor of the visit to La Grande of Mr. and Mrs. M. Chilcott, of Seattle, general manager for the Nash Motor Company for the North-eastern states, and Mr. A. C. Fritsch, manager of the Spokane A. C. Branch.

Those who sat down to the inviting table with Mr. Hamilton and Messrs. Chilcott and Fritsch were Jos. Morelock, Nash dealer in Wallawa county, W. M. Moore, Nash dealer for Baker county; T. O. Barnwell, who was the first owner of a Nash car in Union county; T. K. Bellamy, banker, of Imbler; Frank Cleavinger, a Nash truck owner of this city; Roy Long, shop foreman at the Hamilton garage, Ray Comstock, Ray Fuller, Elmer Miles, George Hurr and Arch Conley, of Mr. Hamilton's staff.

Feeling good after the fine supper, the guests sat around the table and chatted sociably over cigars for a couple of hours. Mr. Chilcott gave a very interesting talk on the founding of the Nash motor industry and the development of Nash cars to become one of the best on the American market. Mr. Chilcott had just recently returned from a visit to the factory at Kenosha, Wis., and he was primed with facts concerning the war time production of the Nash company and of the accomplishment of Nash Quad trucks on war service. Mr. Chilcott stated that the Nash Quad was the only truck which was found entirely suitable for heavy work at the battle front and the company has been and is still producing forty of these trucks per day.

Mr. Chilcott has enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Nash for many years and he praised very highly the worth and ability of his chief. Mr. Fritsch also spoke of the many good points of the Nash product and his statements were seconded by Mr. Morelock, who purchased a new Nash 30 first of a short time ago.

NEW TERMS OF TRUCE AGREED ON

THE ALLIES' COUNCIL PASSES ON CLAUSES FOR RENEWAL

PRESENT ARMISTICE WILL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 17 TH.

The First Full Session of the Peace Conference Will be Held Saturday—Understood That Germany Has Not Yet Fully Complied with the Terms of the Armistice.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—An official communication issued after the adjournment of the supreme war council Monday says:

"The meeting reached an agreement as to the terms on which the armistice is to be renewed on January 17. This included naval clauses, financial clauses, conditions of supply and provision for the restitution of material and machinery stolen from France and the Belgians by the Germans.

"The meeting also continued its discussion of procedure. It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the supreme war council on Wednesday at 10:30 and that the first full session of the peace conference will take place on Saturday (January 18) at 2:30 p. m. at the foreign office."

May Occupy German Ports

LONDON, Jan. 14.—At Monday's session of the allied military advisers in Paris, presided over by Marshal Foch, the suggestion was made that the allies occupy some of the German ports, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris. The occupation would be undertaken as a guarantee for the carrying out by Germany of the armistice conditions and as punishment for Germany's dilatory methods in complying with some of the armistice terms.

Armistice Terms Unfilled

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Sunday's session of the supreme council of the peace congress was a lengthy one, lasting from 2:45 to 6:45 o'clock. The degree to which the Germans had fulfilled the conditions of the armistice was one of the important matters before the council. It heard Marshal Foch's report on the subject. It is unofficially stated that under the conditions of the armistice Germany had up to January 12 repatriated with 458,000 French prisoners, leaving 28,000 remaining in Germany; that there are several hundred pieces of heavy artillery yet to be delivered, as well as 300 mine throwers, that 1947 locomotives out of the 5900 stipulated have been turned over, 61,659 railroad cars out of 159,000 and 4222 motor trucks out of 5900. The 1700 airplanes called for by the armistice conditions have been delivered.

COLBY WANTS TO QUIT JOB

HEAD OF U. S. SHIPPING BOARD TENDERS RESIGNATION

Not Likely That He Will Be Released Until After Hurley's Return From Europe.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Bainbridge Colby has tendered his resignation as head of the commission of the United States shipping board, and as vice president of the Emergency Fleet corporation, with the request that it be considered immediately. Mr. Colby made this announcement this afternoon.

COURT RULING IS IMPORTANT

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUOR PROHIBITED

Intoxicants Cannot Be Shipped From Outside Into Dry States, Even for Personal Use.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The supreme court held Monday that the Reed "bone dry" prohibition amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes even when intended for personal use.

Justice McReynolds, in a dissenting opinion, concurred in a dissenting opinion, declared the Reed amendment was not an interstate commerce regulatory measure, but a direct inter-meddling with a state's affairs and beyond federal power.

As interpreted by the court, the law nullifies state statutes permitting limited amounts of liquor to be brought in for personal use.

REPORT OF DEATH OF COL. HURPEL WITHOUT FOLLOWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Acting Secretary of State Hurley has notified relatives of Colonel Hurley here this afternoon that the report of the colonel's death in France, where he went with President Wilson's party, is without the slightest foundation.

PRESIDENT WILL BE GUEST OF THE FRENCH SENATE

PARIS, Jan. 14.—President Wilson will be the guest of the French senate at a luncheon, January 20.

BRITISH TROOPS SENT TO RIGA

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS REPULSED BOLSHEVIKI

Vilna in Hands of Bolsheviki; Government Is Removed Safely to Kovno.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—British expeditionary forces have landed at Riga and "successfully encountered the Bolsheviki forces" according to information received here. The Estonian forces have occupied a line along the river Volga, having successfully made use of armored trains in the fighting.

The Lithuanian press bureau reports the capture of Vilna by the Bolsheviki but says that the government has been safely removed to Kovno.

MILLION PAID FOR N. Y. CLUB

THE FAMOUS NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB IS SOLD

Bush Estate Gets Big Price for Interests—Manager J. J. McGraw is one of the New Owners.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The National base ball club has been sold for an amount reported to approximate one million dollars. The following report has been given: "The control of the N. Y. National League club, heretofore held by Bush estate has been purchased by Chas. A. Stoneham, James McQuade and Manager John McGraw. Mr. Stoneham will be president of the club, McQuade will be treasurer, and McGraw will continue to be manager."

Will Ask Law to Make Payment of Compensation to Workmen Compulsory
ALEX., Jan. 14.—One of the earliest measures to be introduced in the Oregon senate will be a senate joint resolution by Senator L. S. Smith of Coos and Curry counties, refer to the electors, an constitutional amendment providing compulsory compensation under the workmen's compensation act. The Marshfield senator has been working for this development in

CAPT. H. W. SKINNER



Capt. H. W. Skinner is divisional commander of the Liverpool district of the American Red Cross.

MANY KILLED IN REAR END WRECK

ALL PASSENGERS ON ONE SLEEPER INJURED.

The New York Central Railroad Overtaken by Disaster at South Bryon, N. Y.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Twenty-one persons were killed and three were seriously injured in a rear-end collision on the New York Central railroad at South Bryon, six miles east of Batavia, at 3:36 o'clock this morning. Both trains were west bound, running behind schedule. Train No. 11, known as the South-western Limited, ran into the rear of train No. 17, the Wolverine, while the latter was at a standstill preparatory to taking on a second engine for the run up the steep grade between South Bryon and Batavia.

Up to a late hour Sunday night only a few of the twenty-one dead had been identified, the mangled condition of the bodies and the absence of clothing making identification difficult. All the fatalities were in the last car of the Wolverine.

Rear Pullman Complete Wreck
The rear Pullman, a steel car, was completely wrecked. When the engine hit the upper part of the second coach from the end was torn from its tracks and lifting slightly, smashed directly through the center of the rear coach for its entire length, sweeping the berths and seats into a compact pile of wreckage. Into this debris the passengers were tightly wedged and the condition of the bodies indicate that the deaths of most of them must have been almost instantaneous.

No sleeping passengers in the car escaped death or serious injury. When the two cars became locked in their tangle of broken timbers and iron girders, the top of the rear car was gone, but its body was left intact. The car head, a mass of steel and wooden fragments, crashed through the open top.

Quarantine Whole County.
The board of health has decided that the same quarantine regulations shall be enforced throughout Union county as are enforced in La Grande, and Dr. Logan, the county health officer, will see that these regulations are observed. Dr. Logan's jurisdiction will not include the city, but all physicians who are called to cases outside the city must report to Dr. Logan all cases of infectious disease and particularly cases of the flu.

Wearing Masks Compulsory
Another ruling by the state board makes the wearing of influenza masks by attendants upon persons sick with the disease compulsory. "I believe," said Dr. Seeley, "but I do not think them necessary for public wear." The doctor added that the masks should be made of eight or nine layers of cloth and should be kept in a worn for two hours and then should be boiled before being used again. Wearers should have some way of distinguishing the outside from the inside, so that they would always be worn the same way.

UNITED STATES IS THREATENED

BOLSHEVISM IS RECOGNIZED AS A LIVE ISSUE

But House Leaders Believe American People Are Too Sane to Be Caught.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Bolshevism is a live issue in congress today. Arguing that the spread westward can best be checked by food, representatives urge legislation by congress that will prevent the Bolsheviki from getting a footing in America.

Secretary of Labor Wilson of the American Federation will appear to present views in which Bolshevism is loathing up. House leaders declare they realize the gravity of the situation, but say the American people are too sane to succumb to the Bolsheviki or to W. W. reports that are being spread.

DR. SEELEY FAVORS USE NEW SERUM

SAYS LLOYD VACCINE HAS GIVEN EXCELLENT RESULTS WHERE PROPERLY USED.

LA GRANDE DEPOSITORY OF SERUM FOR N. E. SECTION

Head of State Health Board Says He Does Not Wish to Interfere With City Officials in Matter of Closing—Does Not Believe in It Personally.

Dr. A. C. Seeley, of Portland, who paid an official visit to La Grande yesterday, as head of the State Board of Health, concluded his visit last night and left this morning on No. 5 to return to Portland. The doctor made a thorough investigation of local conditions while here and conferred with the various city officials regarding the situation.

In an interview with an Observer representative last night Dr. Seeley stated that he had nothing to say officially in regard to the closing of business places. He said that personally he did not see that this plan was worth very much, but added that the board of health did not wish to interfere with the city officials in their conduct of the campaign against the flu, excepting that they demanded that certain rules regarding quarantine be followed. Outside of this, the doctor said, the civic officials could go as far as they wished.

"A continued strict quarantine of all cases will be enforced," Dr. Seeley said, "and this applies with equal force to the attendants waiting upon the sick person. The quarantine will be kept upon sick persons for a period of at least ten days after their temperature has become normal again, for instances have been recorded where persons who have had the flu have acted as carriers for that length of time."

"A close watch will be observed," he went on, "for cases that are not reported, and the offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Doctors are equally amenable to the law and they must report all cases to the city health officer, Dr. Bacon."

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Advocates Use of Vaccine
Dr. Seeley strongly recommended the use of a serum treatment as a preventive of complications following influenza. He said that the disease without complications was not dangerous, and he was very enthusiastic over the results obtained in many cases by this treatment. The serum which Dr. Seeley recommends is Lloyd's Influenza Prophylactic Vaccine, the preventive influence of which he says is definitely established.

"Regardless of what any other doctors in the state may say," the doctor said, "the results obtained at the Bremerton naval yard, where this serum was originated and used, prove that it is thoroughly reliable."

This serum is grown and supplied by the State Board of Health, and it will be furnished free to all physicians who will use it. Dr. Seeley is so confident of the value of this vaccine treatment that he is going to

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