

## NISQUALLY RIVER OUT OF BOUNDS

STREAM GOES ON RAMPAGE IN SOUTHWEST PIERCE COUNTY, AT MCKENNA.

## FURIOUS RAIN STORMS CAUSE BIG OVERFLOW

Western Part of State Deluged by First Thunder Storm to Occur in January Since 1872—Houses in Towns Surrounded by Six Feet of Water—Situation Very Serious.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—Latest reports from McKenna, a mill town of several hundred people on the Milwaukee line in Southwest Pierce county, are that the Nisqually river is pouring an overflow torrent through the town and the houses are surrounded by from four to six feet of water.

The McKenna Lumber Company mill, one of the largest in the state, shut down and the employees are marooned in groups in the club and other buildings.

While the situation was reported as extremely serious, officials of the company believed the town would hold onto its foundations unless the river continues to rise. More rain has fallen and a slight rise noted, but it is believed that if flooded areas hold out tonight the worst danger period will be passed. No loss of life is reported in this district, but it is believed certain that the total property damage will be heavy.

Concrete Bridge in Danger. With 100 soldiers from Camp Lewis piling in sandbags and brush, and dynamite crews blasting out drift as it accumulates against the piers, the new concrete bridge on the Pacific highway near Nisqually station is withstanding the worst flood ever known in the Nisqually river. High water mark stood at nearly 22 feet, with a current running that snapped full-grown fir trees like natches when they lodged across the piers.

Highway traffic has been retarded all day and has been stopped tonight on account of back wash cutting into the gravel approaches.

The travel of the new roadway will come with high tide in the neighborhood tonight when the flood current will be raised several feet. Highway authorities are satisfied that the river will stand the flood without damage unless a log jam is buried against it from above.

Rail Traffic Blocked. Rail traffic has been blocked in all directions today, but the Northern Pacific expects to get a train through to Tacoma tonight, which will prevent the legislature from being marooned over Sunday. Grays Harbor traffic is badly demoralized, according to reports available here.

A special train of 499 discharged soldiers from Camp Lewis to California was held here most of the day in making an attempt to run to Portland via Gate City.

Chehalis river bottom lands below Rochester are under water, and ranchers at the Upper Skookum Chuck are cut off. Lucoda, on the main line between Portland and Tacoma, is reported flooded.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Train service is cut off between here and Tacoma and telegraph wires are down. The Willamette river has risen to such an extent as to flood the lower docks.

City Chief of Police Hands in Resignation. Lou Rayburn, who has worn the badge of chief of police in this city for quite a lengthy period, has quit his job. He handed in his resignation to City Manager John Collier last night, to take effect immediately. Officer Christiansen is acting chief pending the appointment of a successor to Rayburn.

## THORNE SCORES McADOO'S PLAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Government control of railroads is so distasteful to the shipper that it would be put up to popular vote it would be defeated by a large majority, Clifford Thorne, representing a dozen shipping concerns told the senate interstate commerce commission today.

## Wealthy Wisconsin Man Shot and Killed Last Night in Family Quarrel

KENOSHA, Wis., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Anna Auster is being detained by police following the death of her wealthy husband, who was found shot to death in his home last night. Mrs. Auster says he shot himself following a quarrel regarding money matters. He said "there is going to be an end to one of us." Their nine year old son was with his father at the time of the shooting. He told the authorities he was holding a candle for his father to fix a broken gas jet when he heard the report and saw the flash of a gun. But as it was dark he could not tell the direction of the shooting. Mr. Auster was a wealthy real estate dealer and he and his wife had been separated for some time.

## BOLSHEVKS SHELL ALLIES

## RUSS-AMERICAN POSITIONS SEVERELY STRAFED.

Soviet Forces Are Showing Considerable Activity in Operations Against Allied Armies.

ACHANGEL, Jan. 24.—Bolshevik troops are heavily shelling the farthest south positions of the American and Russian armies at Ust Padengra, on the Waga river, thirty miles south of Shenkursk. They also are showing considerable activity west of Shenkursk, on the Tania river. It has been impossible to determine whether the attack will develop on a greater scale. The enemy has mobilized the peasants in the vicinity of Vilsk and apparently is prepared for a general offensive in the Shenkursk sector.

Last Sunday the enemy, under cover of heavy bombardment, attacked with infantry the American and Russian positions at Ust Padengra. The allied outpost withdrew, but the Bolshevik attack on the main positions was repulsed with heavy losses.

Bolsheviki on Offensive. The Bolsheviks also are shelling the American positions on the Volodga railway. With the exception of a few days early in January, when the allied forces attempted to improve their positions southward on the Kadish railroad, and on the Omega sector, the offensive on the Archangel front for several months has been in the hands of the Bolsheviks. They are boasting that in the vicinity of Kadish they will "drive the allies into the White sea in March."

Along the Murmansk railway front the Russian and allied troops Monday raided the village of Rogozerka, fifty miles southeast of Soroka, where they either killed or captured all the Bolshevik garrison. They took 119 rifles and other equipment and numerous documents. The allied forces did not suffer a single casualty.

## 38 CONVICTED I. W. W. START TERMS

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Thirty-eight Industrial Workers of the World and others are en route to Leavenworth, Kans., from Sacramento, to commence serving prison terms of from one to ten years, being convicted in the federal court here of conspiracy to obstruct the government's war program.

## BRITISH WORKERS ASK FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The National Federation of General Workers, representing nearly a million men and women, at a meeting Thursday resolved to demand a forty-hour working week. At a conference of representatives of the employers and the engineering trade Thursday an agreement was reached by which the men will resume work on the understanding that the conference next week will discuss the grievances of the men.

## RELIEF BILL BECOMES LAW

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—After receding from its amendment to the soldiers and sailors commission bill carrying an appropriation of \$100,000, the senate Wednesday afternoon passed the measure. The house had refused to concur in the amendment, which was introduced by Senator Eddy, and provided that the commission gather such information concerning each beneficiary under the law as in its judgment would be of public benefit. Recommendation that the senate recede from the amendment was reported by a special conference committee of which the senate members were Moser, Banks and Eddy.

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## Supposed Maniac Makes a Murderous Assault Upon Three Sleeping Women

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—A mad man attacked three women, war-workers, last night. Two were shot, perhaps fatally and one was choked. The man is thought to have escaped from a nearby insane asylum and while he is at large the women war-workers are in terror. A white man and a negro are under arrest at Baltimore. Ben F. Sprinkham, 32 years old, a negro of Brownsville, North Carolina and Wade Wheeler are held at Baltimore on suspicion for the attack of three women at Washington. They were arrested at the Union station. The assault entered three homes, shot Miss Martha Egan, who ran a boarding house, choked Miss Florence Fowler, war worker. He said "I have just shot one woman and am going to shoot you." Miss Lillian Hood, a warworker, when she awoke and found a wild-eyed man leaning over her bed at 3:30 in the morning.

## BERGER JURY TO COME BEFORE LANDIS

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—The jury which convicted Victor Berger and four other socialists on a charge of violating the espionage act, has been sub-poenaed to appear before Federal Judge Landis, Saturday, regarding improper remarks alleged to have been made by United States Marshall and one of the jurors.

## RED CROSS MAN COMMENDED

SALEM, Jan. 24.—State Senator Roy W. Ritner, who has recently returned from France, where he spent seven months in the service of the Red Cross has, since reaching Salem, received a personal letter from H. W. Gibson, in charge of all the Red Cross work overseas, commending him for his work there and expressing the appreciation of the organization for his labors.

## PENDLETON MAY HAVE CANNON

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—Pendleton will probably be the home of a large German cannon captured by the Yanks in the war zone. A resolution drawn up by City Attorney Fee, asking Oregon's representatives in congress to use their influence in securing the largest German cannon available for Pendleton, was passed by the council last night.

## BOARD OF CONTROLS CENSURED

SALEM, Jan. 24.—The legislative body harshly criticized the board of control at a joint meeting of the ways and means committees held recently. Members accused the board of inactivity in reporting buildings at state institutions, and of a lack of uniform information on farm products and prices in the bi-monthly reports.

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## Stab Hoover in Back.

Food Administrator Hoover, who has been severely attacked by opponents of the bill, was highly praised by Senator Hitchcock, and also by Senator Smoot. The Nebraska senator said attacks on Mr. Hoover were "stabs in the back" and he joined Senator Smoot in commending the food-administration's work in fixing live stock and meat prices, declaring both consumers and producers had been protected.

"It is not a matter of charity," said Mr. Hitchcock, "but of good business policy and war expediency to rescue these peoples from starvation and put them in a frame of mind to listen to peace and not revert to anarchy." Senator Hitchcock urged the senate to accept the opinion of President Wilson and Food Administrator Hoover that the appropriation is necessary, adding:

## Defeat Means Repudiation.

"The question here is whether we are going to repudiate our own representatives in Europe who are seeking to make peace." He declared that the supreme war council had agreed that \$300,000,000 should be spent in relief work and fixed \$100,000,000 as America's share and that "to deny it would repudiate our obligation."

## REDS LOOK FOR GREAT VICTORY

EXPECT TO HAVE ARMY OF 5,000,000 IN SIX MONTHS

Swiss Professor, Arrived in London, Tells of Preparations Being Made By Bolsheviks.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Philippe Jeanneney, a Swiss professor, has just arrived here from Russia after passing through the Bolshevik lines, a Geneva dispatch to the Daily Chronicle states.

He tells a remarkable tale of the offensive by Trotsky's armies, which are now on the march to invade Poland and Germany. He says Bolshevik staff officers declared to him: "We have 1,000,000 men today and in six months we shall have more than doubled our strength. The Hungarians will soon join us. For Hungary is ripe for a proletarian revolution." From Budapest the red flag will be carried into Austria. We are now on the march to support the Bolsheviks in Berlin. As soon as our armies cross the frontier the greater part of Germany and certainly all Prussia will rally around the banners of Bolshevism. "Then we shall have millions of trained German soldiers at our disposal and we shall have no difficulty in organizing an army of 5,000,000 men, which will invade and conquer Western Europe. The Germans will seize eagerly upon the opportunity thus afforded them to drive the allies from their territory and to escape the onerous peace terms they would otherwise be forced to accept."

## WOULD RESTORE NATIONAL GUARD

URGES RIDER IN MILITARY APPROPRIATION BILL

Brig-Gen. Heavey Wants the Surplus Equipment of Regular Army Turned Over.

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## SHOTS CHILDREN AND THEN HERSELF

SIoux FALLS, South Dakota, Jan. 24.—Made despondent by caring for five children, who, she said, had been sick too long, were better of dead, Mrs. Clara House last night shot and killed her five children and then turned the gun on herself in an attempt at suicide. It is expected she will die.

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CANDLE STARTS A BLAZE THAT CAUSES OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND DAMAGE

## PEOPLE'S WAREHOUSE AND GRAIN AGENCY LOSERS

Fire Chief and Two Firemen Overcome by Smoke While Fighting the Conflagration—Fire Was One of the Most Disastrous in the History of the City.

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—Damage to the amount of between \$100,000 and \$125,000 was done to the People's warehouse and the offices of H. W. Collins, grain buyer, and Clark E. Nelson, insurance man, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock when some cotton batting in the basement of the People's warehouse under the Collins and Nelson offices took fire from a lighted candle. During the fire, which was the most disastrous Pendleton has experienced in some time, Fire Chief William Ringold and two firemen, Barney Oldfield and Charles Payne, were overcome by smoke. The loss is said to be covered by insurance.

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## REDS EVACUATING PETROGRAD CITY

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 24.—The Bolshevik forces are evacuating Petrograd and removing all stores, according to a dispatch to the Berlinke Tidende from Helsingfors. The dispatch adds that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik minister of war, is transferring his headquarters to Nizni-Novgorod, and that the anti-Bolshevik movement is growing daily.

## FUNERAL OF BABY HELD

The funeral of Charles J. Golden, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Golden, who died yesterday morning, was held today from the family home near Summerville. Interment was made in Summerville cemetery.

## Sumpter-Valley Men Say Strike Not Settled

A committee of five representatives of the Sumpter Valley Railway employes from Baker are in La Grande today on business connected with the settlement of their strike. The members of the committee are J. H. Paul, D. R. Eccles, I. F. Boag, A. Berg, and Fred Stone. Mr. Paul, speaking to the Observer, said that there seems to be an impression among railway men and the public in general in this city that the strike has been settled, following the offer of the federal government to pay the difference in the wage scales. The committee has come here to correct that impression, Mr. Paul says. He states that the officers of the P. V. line refuse to settle the strike on the grounds that the amount promised by the government is not sufficient to cover the wage increase asked for, and further they announce that they refuse to re-engage a number of the men who have been the leaders in the demand for higher pay. The company also claims that the men resigned, and did not strike.