

ALL WERE IN A PLOT FOR BOLSHEVISM

REPORT REACHES LONDON OF
DESIGNS TO SPREAD DISCON-
TENT IN UNITED STATES.

RUSSIAN LEADERS COULD HAVE BEEN SQUELCHED

Escaped Slav Says Fighting Was of
Minor Nature and That With a
Force of 30,000 the Allied Comman-
der Could Have Wiped Out Bolshe-
vism Altogether.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—In Moscow re-
cently Americans, Englishmen and
Frenchmen were seen plotting with
Russian Bolshevik leaders, with the
object of spreading Bolshevism
throughout the United States. These
were outstanding features in the
Russian situation, as disclosed by
General Count Tcheresp Spiridovitch,
the great Slav leader now here.

Count Spiridovitch was arrested in
Moscow, but escaped and managed to
make his way to London. He de-
scribed last year's fighting between
the Allied forces and the Bolshevik
troops as minor operations. He ex-
pressed the belief that if the Allied
commander in Russia had 30,000
men he would have made a triumph-
ant march into Moscow and wiped
out the nest of Bolshevism.

CONNECTICUT IS IN THE WET LIST

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 5.—By a
vote of 2 to 14, the Connecticut senate
this afternoon refused to ratify the
federal prohibition amendment.

Action by the Connecticut senate is
the first vote against ratification thus
taken by any branch of a legislature in
the United States.

ARMY STRENGTH WAS NEARLY FOUR MILLION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The
grand total of the American army
both in this country and abroad
was 3,703,273, including marines, on
the date of the signing of the armis-
tice, the war department announced
today. Of this number 2,093,-
935 were in Europe or on transports
bound overseas; the Siberian forces
numbered 2,104, and troops in various
insular possessions were 55,-
735.

SPEEDY WORK IS DESIRED

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IDEAL IS
NOT YET SHAPED.

Necessity for Speed on Account of
Early Return Home of Presi-
dent Wilson.

GOLD BEACH BURNED

PARIS, Feb. 5.—All possible speed
is being made to get the league of
nations into shape before President
Wilson will be compelled to return to
the United States. The committee
held a meeting last night, which did
not end until early today. All angles
of this greatest problem were consid-
ered, President Wilson presiding.

No points of difficulty were set-
tled.

200 Retail Stores Are Reported to
Have Been Ignited There.

Manitowish, Feb. 5.—The prin-
cipal part of Gold Beach, county seat
of Curry county, burned this after-
noon. The telephone exchange there
was wiped out and no particulars
are obtainable. Practically all the
retail stores are reported destroyed.

SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Democratic Leader Calls Together
Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Upon pe-
tition of twenty-two Democratic sena-
tors favoring the woman suffrage res-
olution pending in the senate, Senator
Martin of Virginia, the Democratic
leader, has called a conference of
Democratic members for tonight to
consider the question.

The conference will be the first held
by a Democratic majority since the
United States entered the war. For-
mer Secretary Bryan was at the capitol
today urging Democratic senators to
support the woman suffrage resolu-
tion.

TRUCE AT BREMEN ENDS IN BATTLE

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 5.—The truce
between the government forces and the
Spartacists at Bremen ended in a
street battle in which a number were
killed, said a dispatch from that city.
The workmen refused to surrender
their arms to the government forces.

SINN FEINERS MAKE BREAK FOR LIBERTY

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Professor Ed-
ward de Valera, the Sinn Fein leader,
and Milroy and McGarry, also
Sinn Feiners, members of Parliam-
ent, escaped from the prison at
Lincoln last night, according to a
dispatch from Lincoln to the Even-
ing News.

Apparently, the dispatch adds, the
master key to the back door was
thrown over the prison walls to the
Sinn Feiners. It was then an easy
matter for the trio to walk out to a
waiting automobile, which took
them toward the coast.

RUSSIA HOLDS MURDER RECORD

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND
KILLED BY BOLSHEVIKI.

Record of One Month's Slaughter Ex-
ceeds Entire Rule of the
Late Czar.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Three hundred
thousand Russians of noble birth have
been slaughtered under the Bolshevik
regime, according to information re-
ceived here today. In one month the
Bolsheviks have sentenced to death
more Russians than were executed in
twenty-four years under the rule of
the late czar.

RAISE IN RATES IS OPPOSED

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 5.—Efforts
to prevent the enforcement in Nebras-
ka of Postmaster General Burleson's
schedule of telephone rates in intra-
state calls were begun here today in
a suit by State Attorney General
Clarence A. Davis. A temporary in-
junction restraining the Lincoln Tele-
phone & Telegraph company from
making the charges authorized by the
postmaster general was granted.

Only the railway commission has
authority to fix intrastate rates, it is
charged.

WILL ERECT MEMORIAL

Monument to Mark Place of Burial of
Tuscania Victims.

The American Red Cross announced
Monday an appropriation of \$30,826
for the erection and maintenance of a
monument on the island of Islay,
Scotland, where are buried 179 Ameri-
can soldiers, who lost their lives in
the sinking of the transports Tuscania
and the Otranto. The memorial
will be a granite obelisk about 40
feet high, bearing a bronze tablet on
one of its faces and a bronze wreath
given by President Wilson.

Corporal Terry Tuttle, of Elgin, was
one of the 179 American soldiers.

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION

The county court is holding its
regular monthly session today and to-
morrow, Judge Phyl presiding. There
is a considerable amount of routine
business up for attention, including
the payment of county bills. Nothing
of special importance is developed
today.

RAILROAD WAGES NOT TO BE CUT

DIRECTOR GENERAL WALTER
HINES SAYS THE SCALE IS
TO BE MAINTAINED

DECLARATION MADE TO INTERSTATE COMMITTEE

Watered Capital Stock as the Basis
for Percentage of Earnings Must Be
Eliminated. It Is Further Stated
by the New Man in Charge of the
Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Whatever

else is done with the railways, the
wage advance granted railway em-
ployees during the period of govern-
ment control must be maintained. Di-
rector General Walter Hines declared
before the senate interstate commerce
committee this afternoon.

Watered capital stock as a basis for
earnings, he said, must be wiped out.

TWENTY KILLED IN BREMEN FIGHT

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Twenty persons
were killed during the night in violent
fighting in Bremen, when govern-
ment troops attempted to storm the
outposts held by Spartacist sol-
diers. The battle began when 1,000
government troops marched on the
city. Machine guns and artillery
were used, and the fighting was ex-
tremely severe.

NEW CO-ED ARRIVES

STORRS, Conn., Feb. 5.—A new
co-ed has arrived at the Connecticut
Agricultural College and is receiv-
ing considerable attention both from
students and the faculty. The stu-
dents have all declared that she
lacks "pep" and her forehead is too
low to denote any superfluous gray
matter. She has fine teeth, how-
ever. The co-ed is a skeleton of an
African woman who is supposed to
have existed several centuries ago.

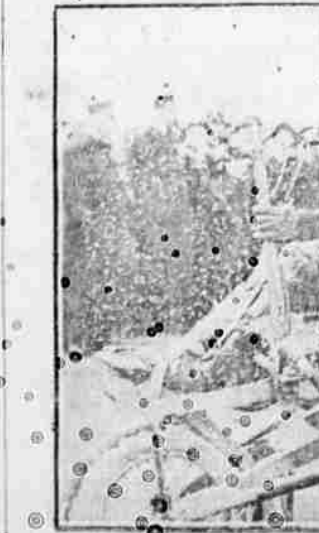
NO HOPE FOR CHEAPER BREAD

EVEN CLOSE REGULATION WILL
NOT BREAK PRICES.

No Estimates Can Yet Be Made as to
the Cost of Flour for the
Present Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Even
close general regulations of the 1919
wheat crop cannot promise reduced
bread prices, nor can any estimate be
made at this time as to what bread
prices will be this year, declared Ju-
lius Barnes, head of the food adminis-
tration grain corporation, before the
house agricultural committee this af-
ternoon.

Woman Would Visit North Pole in Airplane



WANT TICKETS HOME

Oregon Labor Head Appeals to the
Shipping Board.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—O. R.
Hartwig, president of the Oregon
State Federation of Labor, asked the
shipping board today to assist in
transporting back to their homes ap-
proximately 5000 workmen sent to the
Pacific coast during the war to build
wooden ships, contracts for which
have now been cancelled.

Mr. Hartwig said later that Acting
Chairman Donald had promised that
an investigation would be made and
transportation furnished if the situa-
tion made it seem desirable. Serious
unemployment is threatened by the
stoppage of the wooden ship construc-
tion, Mr. Hartwig said, and union of-
ficials hold that the men moved to the
coast to work on such ships should be
sent back home.

RUSSIANS IMPRESS GERMAN PRISONERS

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 5.—Fifty
thousand German prisoners of war in
Russia have been impressed in the
Bolshevik army, the Deutsche Tages-
Zeitung declared Tuesday. Twenty
thousand other German prisoners
were "instructed in Bolshevik propa-
ganda in Russia," it was added.

FIGHT OPENED ON PROFITEERS

GOVERNMENT BEGINS INVESTI-
GATION AT CHICAGO MEETING

Representatives of the National Tea
Company Are First Witnesses
Called.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The govern-
ment today opened its fight on the
retail profiteers. Assistant District
Attorney Frederick Dickinson pre-
sented to the federal grand jury
evidence accumulated through
months of investigation. The first
of forty-five witnesses called repre-
sented the National Tea company,
and representatives of other chain
stores are to follow.

SAVE EX-KAISER, PLEA

Societies to Oppose Surrender of
Former Ruler Organize.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.—Societies
"to save the ex-kaiser" from being
handed over to the allies are being
organized in Germany, according to
the Volks Zeitung of Osnabruck.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Mrs. P. G. Schilke, under the re-
sponsibilities of her position as state
chairman of the Child Welfare com-
mittee of the State Council of De-
fense, has a large quantity of litera-
ture in connection with the "Back
to School" movement to be mailed
out in the near future. If any per-
sons in the city are able to spend
a little time helping with this work,
Mrs. Schilke will be very glad to
have them telephone her. No re-
muneration is attached to Mrs.
Schilke's office, and consequently no
provision is made for hiring work of
this nature done.

SEATTLE IS EXPECTING THE STRIKE

IF PLANS GO THROUGH ALL IN-
DUSTRIES WILL BE AT A
STANDSTILL THURSDAY

GOOD ORDER TO BE PRESERVED IN THE CITY

Labor Leaders Declare That the City
Will Be Placed in Such Position That
the Strike Can Continue but a Few
Days—Miners Invited to Join the
Walk-out.

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—No electric
lights, no transportation, no news-
papers, little fuel and probably no gas,
and limited amounts of food—that is
the prospect Seattle faces after the
walk-out tomorrow morning, when or-
ganized labor proposes to desert ev-
ery industry in the city.

Thirty-six fraternal, business and
patriotic organizations have joined in
the determination to preserve law and
order during the strike period at any
cost.

Special requests that the Electric
union exempt workers at the munic-
ipal lighting plants have been refused.
Mayor Ole Hansen declares that if
the employees of the city leave their
jobs, other men will be substituted for
them.

"We shall place the city in such a
position that the strike will last but
a few days," is the declaration of
labor leaders. The executive com-
mittee of the Metal Trades council
has adopted a resolution calling on all
miners in the state to leave their work.

WARNING IS SENT TO THE ALLIES

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The former Grand
Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-
in-law of the former Russian em-
peror, who has arrived in Paris, says
in an interview in La Matin that the
allies must beware of Germany in
Russia.

"France has every reason to save
Russia," he declared. "If you do not
intervene now, be sure that Germany
will intervene in her own time. Be-
ware of Germany. The nation now at
your mercy hides within itself a hate
which will find its first revenge in
Russia."

SEVEN SCARLET FEVER CASES

Chief of Police Christianson
placed the home of Andrew Sand-
man, 1306 Willow, under quaran-
tine for scarlet fever yesterday af-
ternoon. This makes the seventh
case of this disease now under quar-
antine in the city. The others are
the residences of Ethel Jordan,
1819 V ave.; Ralph Pyburn, 1519
Monroe; Delbert Hammer, 1202
ave.; Fred Riddle, V and Willow;
Herman Siegrist, 1206 Fourth; and
M. A. Harrison, 2012 Third street.

There are still three cases of in-
fluenza remaining in the city. These
are at the home of H. E. Bloves,
1508 I ave.; O. C. Osborne, 1605
Fifth; and Ed. Sours, 1104 I street.
The first two mentioned of these
have been under quarantine for
some time and will likely be releas-
ed in the near future.

HOUSE VOTES RAISE

Supreme Justices Get \$5250 Annually
Under Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—The house
continued its salary raising for state
officials Tuesday by passing bills in-
creasing salaries of supreme justices,
the insurance commissioner and the
dairy and food commissioner and his
deputies.

Supreme justices' salaries rise from
\$4500 to \$5250 under the house bill by
Burdick, while the insurance com-
missioner is given an increase of from
\$3000 to \$3600 and the dairy and food
commissioner from \$2000 to \$3000,
provision being made for allowing
him to readjust the salaries of his de-
puties. Representative Martin cham-
pioned the bill for the insurance com-
missioner and Mrs. Thompson for the
dairy and food commissioner.

Speaker Jones spoke strongly
against the raise for the supreme jus-
tices, saying he was opposed to their
receiving more than the governor, and
also opposed to their having their sal-
aries increased during their terms of
office for which they were elected.

All of the salary bills still have to
run the gauntlet of the senate.

FATHER CONFESSES KILLING BABE

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Edward
Lawton, 25, was arraigned in local po-
lice court this morning charged with
murder in the first degree, for break-
ing the neck of his 2-months-old son,
because the child kept him awake at
night by crying.

In his arraignment Lawton calmly
told the judge he was guilty of killing
his son and added that he had com-
mitted the crime because his wife re-
fused to stay home and take care of
the baby. The child, he said, was sickly
and he wanted to put him out of
his misery.

O. A. C. INSTRUCTOR

First Lieutenant E. B. Hanna As-
signed to Military Duty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—First
Lieutenant Ellsworth R. Hanna, infan-
try, is detailed as military instructor
at Oregon Agricultural college, Cor-
vallis, by Tuesday's army orders and
First Lieutenant Kenneth Williams
Kinney, medical corps, Vancouver bar-
nacks, Washington, is ordered to Camp
Dodge, Ia.

GRAND JURY DISMISSED

RETURNS FIVE TRUE BILLS AND
ONE NOT TRUE.

Case of Mt. Emily Lumber Company
vs. Stillwell Before the Court
All of Today.

The grand jury for the February
term of circuit court, which is in ses-
sion this week, adjourned last night,
after making its report, and most of
the members have left for their homes.
The jurors returned five true bills and
one not true bill in the cases sub-
mitted to them.

True bills were returned in the
cases of Ray L. Lipton and Mark D.
Ordway of the North Powder district,
indicted on a charge of burglary of a
dwelling house. They waived trial and
entered a plea of guilty. They will
come up for sentence Friday morning
at 9 o'clock.

In the case of Ira Thrall, indicted
on three charges of forgery, a true
bill was also returned. Thrall also
waived trial and entered a plea of
guilty. Sentence will be passed on
him by Judge Knowles Friday morn-
ing at 10 o'clock.

William Hogan was arraigned on a
charge of rape and will be brought be-
fore the court to enter his plea at
10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

W. R. Kivette, arraigned on a
charge of carrying weapons concealed
about his person, will make his plea
Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Stillwell Case Proceeding.

The case of the Mt. Emily Lumber
company vs. Stillwell occupied the at-
tention of the court through the whole
session today. The testimony in the
case was still being taken this after-
noon as The Observer went to press
and it was not expected that the case
would be completed before tomorrow
morning.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Feb. 5, Probably fair tonight and
Thursday.

ALBERS IS GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS

JURY RETURNED VERDICT OF
NOT GUILTY ON THE OTHER
FIVE COUNTS.

JUDGE HELD EACH TO BE SEPARATE OFFENCE

Trial of Wealthy Portland Miller on
the Charge of Disloyalty Ended
Last Night and a Sealed Verdict
Was Returned Into Court at 10
O'clock This Morning.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—Henry Al-
bers, wealthy Portland miller and
head of the firm of Albers Bros., was
found guilty on two counts in the
indictment charging disloyalty to the
United States. A verdict of not
guilty was returned on the other five
counts in the indictment. The jury
retired for deliberation last night
and the verdict was reached after
three and a half hours.

On account of the prominence of
the defendant and the gravity of the
charges laid against him the case
has attracted general interest over
the northwest.

Albers was accused of showing
sympathy for the Germans and wit-
nesses were presented to show that
he had at various times made dis-
paraging and seditious remarks.

The defense relied upon the claim
that the alleged remarks were made
while the defendant was under the in-
fluence of liquor and a large amount
of evidence was presented in court to
establish the loyalty of the accused.
In his charge to the jury Federal
Judge Wolverton stated that each
count in the indictment was to be
considered as a separate offense.

IMPLEMENT MAN MAKES TRIP EAST

The La Grande Implement company
has sent its service man back to La
Porte, Ind., to receive a course of in-
struction in the works of the Advance
Rumley engines, so they will be able
to give better service in the future
than in the past. They realize that
service is the main thing to consider
in buying any tractor. Their service
man will be in the east about a month.

STRENGTH OF ALLIES SHOWN

COMPARATIVE NUMBER OF OP-
POSING FORCES GIVEN

Up to the First of July the Germans
Had the Best of It by 200,000
to 300,000 Men.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Figures
showing the rival strength of the
Allies and enemy forces on the west-
ern front during the last eight
months of the war were received by
the war department today.

The Allies were outnumbered by as
much as from 200,000 to 300,000
men up to July 1st, but reached the
peak of their strength on September
1st, when they had 1,682,000, op-
posed to the Germans' 1,339,000.

The rival strength is the measure
of men in the trenches, ready to go
over the top with the bayonet.

BAND CONCERT AND LECTURE FOR THE MARCH TONIGHT

Members of the Moose lodge of La
Grande are urged to attend the
lecture on Mooseheart tonight at the
lodge rooms. This talk will be given
by Russell Shaw, member of the rit-
ualistic committee of the supreme
lodge, who knows whereof he speaks.
Regular lodge session convenes at 7:30
and closes at 8, after which there will
be a short general program and the
lecture. The W. O. R. N. O. and
will be present and refreshments will
be served. Members are welcome to
bring their wives and any prospective
candidates.