

## SITUATION IN SEATTLE IMPROVED; MUNICIPAL ACTIVITY IS REVIVED

Some of the Restaurants and Barber Shops Reopen—Municipal Car Line Is in Operation—Reply Not Yet Made by Labor Council Following Mayor's Ultimatum to Use Federal Aid if Necessary to Maintain the Usual Run of City Affairs.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Seattle began to awaken to industrial activities shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, following the announcement of Mayor Hansen that every business man would receive protection. A few restaurants, barber shops and all the municipal street car lines resumed operation. The car system of the light and power company had not moved a car up to 9 o'clock. Officials said they were ready to be operated if the mayor would have adequate protection. At police headquarters more than one thousand regular police and special officers were turned loose to provide protection.

The large department stores have not been closed since the strike was declared.

**Labor Council in Conference**  
The special committee of the central labor council is in conference, but no announcement has yet been made as to what action has been determined upon by the conference.

**Mayor Hanson Optimistic**  
Mayor Hanson says "Seattle has stood it long enough. Seattle relies on the true American spirit to resume its functions today. The sympathy strike was lost the day it was declared."

There was no sign of disorder in the city anywhere this morning. Chief of Police Warren declared the situation is well in hand and business houses need fear no molestation.

**City Cars Operating.**  
Thomas Murphy, superintendent of public utilities, said the municipal car line was being operated on full schedule. Many of the regular employees have returned to work.

**Electricians Will Remain.**  
All danger of electricians at the city lighting plant joining the strike was averted with the receipt of or-

ders from the inter-nation headquarters in Springfield, Illinois, ordering all members to remain on their jobs.

Neither the Seattle Times or Post-Intelligencer were issued this morning.

The mayor says if it were necessary he would accept federal aid for the protection of the city. "However, we have the situation well in hand and do not believe such a movement will be necessary," added the mayor.

**The Mayor's Ultimatum.**  
SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Mayor Ole Hanson yesterday issued the following notice to the strike committee: "I hereby notify you that unless the sympathetic strike is called off at 8 a. m., February 8, I will take steps to operate all essential industries and place this city under control of the federal government."

Mayor Ole Hanson issued the following proclamation:

"To the people of Seattle:  
"By virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor I hereby guarantee to all people of Seattle absolute and complete protection.

"They should go about their daily work and business in perfect security. We have 1500 police officers, 1500 regulars from Camp Lewis and can and will get the services, if necessary, of every soldier in the Pacific northwest to protect life, business and property.

The time has come for every person in Seattle to show his Americanism. Go about your daily duties without fear. We will see to it that you have food, transportation, water, light and gas and all necessities.

"The anarchists in this community shall not rule its affairs. All persons violating the laws will be dealt with summarily."  
(Signed) "OLE HANSON,  
"Mayor of Seattle."

## LEAGUE PLANS BEING PUSHED

MAY SOON BE READY FOR RATIFICATION.

Committee Decides That Some of the Provisions Will Be Made Public Until Completed.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George of England, the two great Anglo-Saxon leaders, conferred this morning. It is understood that they discussed the Russian situation and the league of nations as well as the knotty problems of the peace conference generally.

The plan for the league of nations is being rapidly pushed to completion. It is now hoped that it will be possible to complete the plan in time for its ratification by a plenary session of the peace conference on Tuesday or Wednesday next, just prior to President Wilson's departure for the United States.

The committee on the league of nations has decided not to reveal any of the provisions until they are all completed and the members are in accord upon them. The plan, it is believed, will prevent undue criticism in America and Great Britain.

It is learned from the British delegates that Premier Lloyd George expects to submit the league of nations plan to parliament while President Wilson is submitting it to the American congress. Thus the two delegations will get the approval of the two great law making bodies before the scheme is actually accepted. Premier Lloyd George will leave for London this evening.

## PARTLY APPROVED

California Labor Council Apathetic Toward Walkout at Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—"Seattle has made its bed, now let it lie in it," is voiced by the California state labor commissioner indicating the disposition of the San Francisco labor council toward the Seattle strike.

The San Francisco labor council is on record today as being partly opposed to the general walk-out in the northern state. The walk-out was ordered as a Bolshevik movement, it is declared.

## SEATTLE PLANT TO RESUME WORK

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—The big steel shipbuilding plant of J. F. Duthie & Co. plans to resume operation Monday morning according to a report on high authority here late yesterday afternoon. The plant will be placed under military protection it is said, and operated by any men who present themselves for work.

Restaurants will be open today. Labor leaders admit that have been unable to cope with the fuel requirements.

## GREAT WASTE IS DISCOVERED

GOVERNMENT NITRATE PLANT COST TOO MUCH.

Agent of Department of Justice Says He Has Evidence to Fix the Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The department of justice has been investigating the charges of waste and extravagance running into millions of dollars—some reports say as high as \$8,000,000, in the construction of the government nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Ala. The appropriation for this plant was \$35,000,000.

The cost to date has exceeded \$55,000,000. An agent of the department says that evidence has been found to fix the responsibility.

## WRITES OWN OBITUARY.

BATH, N. Y., Feb. 8.—J. N. Klock, 79, of Cosville, near here, wrote his own obituary. It was published in the leading papers in this vicinity and described Klock's death as having been caused by a "complication of diseases and weakness of old age." Klock had kept a daily record of his life for fifty years. In his declining years he had written his obituary from his diary records.

## DECISION IS PENDING.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 8.—The Olympia metal trades union is voting today whether or not they will return to work Monday.

## BAKER SNOWFALL HEAVY.

BAKER, Feb. 8.—Baker is now enjoying the heaviest snowfall of the year, varying in depth from six inches in the city to more than four feet in the mountains. The miners in this section have been apprehensive that there would be insufficient snow in the hills to furnish the desired amount of water in the spring.

## STRIKERS WANT NO NEWS

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 8.—The first appearance of the Tacoma News-Tribune on the street today was the cause for general commotion among strikers. An order immediately issued that any striker or member of organization, labor buying or Tribune would be fined \$10.

## STATION HEATED BY ENGINE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—Employees of the railroad administration at work in the railroad union station yesterday and today were kept warm by means of steam from a locomotive hauled into the train shed, as the station's heat having been cut off by the strike.

## ANOTHER SOLDIER HOME

Earl S. Olson, has returned from Camp Lewis, where he received his final discharge. He was another one of the La Grande boys who was with the Ninety-first division. He was a member of the 34th artillery.

## EBERT SAYS GERMANY LOST

ASSERTION IS MADE AT WEIMAR ASSEMBLY.

Declaration Is Received by the Delegates at Convention in Profound Silence.

(By H. J. Greenwall.)  
(Exclusive Cable by the I. N. S. Service and the London Daily Express)

WEIMAR, Feb. 6, via London, Feb. 7.—Germany has lost the war both militarily and economically, declared Chancellor Frederick Ebert today in opening the national assembly.

This assertion was received by the delegates in profound silence. Kaiserism has gone from Germany forever, the chancellor continued. Herr Ebert protested against the separation of Alsace and Lorraine, a statement that drew loud murmurs from the audience.

Chancellor Ebert was frequently interrupted by the delegates on the right when he began his speech, and he rebuked them, saying: "You have learned very little during the recent troublesome times."

When he referred to the proposed union of German-Austria and Germany as "The Austrians going back to the fatherland," there were cheers.

At the conclusion of the address the Majority Socialists applauded loudly, but others remained silent. Philip Scheidemann, a member of the Ebert government, is now apparently leading in the race for the presidency.

## BETTER THAN VERSAILLES

PARIS, Feb. 8.—William A. White, of Emporia, Kan., is browsing around headquarters of the American peace commission, and if you believe him he is here to boost the virtues of Emporia against Versailles and all comers as the seat of the new league of nations.

"Versailles has traditions, but Emporia has the Santa Fe and every train stops at Emporia," says the Kansas author. "Now that my friend Henry Allen, has been elected governor of Kansas I can guarantee the league of nations crowd anything they want."

## TRENCH WILL HELD VALID.

INDIANA, Pa., Feb. 8.—The will of a soldier written in the trenches in France just before he went over to the top of his death was declared valid for the probate court here, although it was not witnessed. Two bankers testified that the handwriting was that of the young soldier. The will was written on a piece of Y. M. C. A. stationery.

## STILL REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

SHIPPING BOARD OFFICIALS DECLINE TO NEGOTIATE

However, the Progress of the Strike in Seattle Is Closely Watched by the Board.

## WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Shipping board officials indicated Friday that absolutely no change in the policy of refusing to arbitrate the controversy with shipyard strikers at Seattle would be made. It was said, however, that the progress of the general strike there was being closely watched and that Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who will arrive in New York Monday, had been fully informed of the situation and the steps taken.

## CERTAIN OF 1919 LUCK

MARION, Feb. 8.—E. J. Brehman of Bucyrus, near Jere, is sure of good luck this year. A firm believes in the good fortune which accompanies the magic number seven and its multiples, he has drawn auto license No. 212,121. Without premeditation, purely by chance, he has obtained the same number two years in succession. He didn't have an accident nor a blowout all last year, and the only time he got out of gas the machine stopped twenty yards from a garage.

## FLEAS HOLD CONVENTION

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 8.—Fleas invaded Diverson, near here, recently. But they are not the kind of fleas that bite—they are members of a Brotherhood of Fleas who were in annual convention.

## PUT SAFE MEN BACK ON JOB

TERSE ORDER FROM ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION

Responsibility Said to Be Too Great to Permit Darkness Which Enhances Lawlessness.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 8.—"Place safe men back on the job." This telegram was sent to the electrical workers in Seattle from the headquarters of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers here today by President J. P. Noonon.

"The responsibility of the electrical workers is too great to permit darkness which enhances lawlessness. We expect the men to return to work at once and not uphold this Bolshevism," the telegram further states.

## LEAGUE MATTERS ARE PROGRESSING

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The members of the commission at the fourth meeting last night reached an agreement on several questions of the greatest importance concerning the "positive functions" of the league, it was announced.

## HILL WINS IN CIRCUIT COURT

VERDICT RETURNED BY JURY THIS MORNING ON SUIT.

J. R. Blackburn, Arraigned on Larceny Charge, Pleads Guilty and Will Get Sentence Monday.

A verdict in favor of the defendant in the case of Mays vs. Hill, which was tried in the Circuit Court yesterday, was returned by the jury this morning.

The taking of evidence and the arguments occupied all of the session yesterday. Crawford and Eakin represented the defendant and J. D. Slater appeared for the plaintiff.

J. R. Blackburn, who was arraigned yesterday morning on a charge of larceny, pleaded guilty to the charge this morning and was remanded until Monday morning at 10 o'clock for sentence to be passed.

Today the case of Lund vs. Mahaffey is being heard.

## SAVED FROM DEATH BY COLLIE.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Saved from death on the desert by the persistency of his faithful collie, Clinton Crawford, a cowboy, was a recent patient at a hospital here.

Crawford suffered a serious injury to his right shoulder when he was thrown from his horse while seventeen miles from the Rose mine. He attempted to saddle another horse to ride for aid, but was too weak. Then he started to walk across the desert country. The ground was covered by a light snow.

Delirious, Crawford fell. The dog tugged at his clothing, jumped on him and persistently annoyed his master each time he dropped until Crawford would start forward again.

Leading the way, the dog fought for eleven hours with its master until near the mine. The animal then raced ahead and aroused a miner, who found the injured man.

## FIRE AT FAIRBANKS

Twenty Buildings in Heart of Town Destroyed.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 8.—Twenty buildings in the heart of Fairbanks business district have been destroyed by a fire which started early Thursday.

Fire fighters were handicapped by the extreme cold. The fire started from a defective furnace in the basement of a jewelry store.

## WORKING WITH PSYCHICS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8.—Well dressed men and women frequenting the lobbies of downtown hotels lure "clients" to the parlors of psychics and mediums in Los Angeles, according to disclosures by the district attorney's detectives here. These persons obtain information from the "psychic" clients in casual conversations and convey it to the fortune tellers. Later, when the "clients" are enticed to the parlors, they are impressed with the knowledge of the mediums and consequently all are victims.

## ATTEMPT TO INDUCE A WALK OUT

INCENDIARY HANDBILLS CIRCULATED AMONG SHIPYARD WORKERS IN PORTLAND

ONE UNDER ARREST; OTHERS ARE SOUGHT

Bolshevik and I. W. W. Interests Are Considered to Be Responsible for the Undertaking to Foment Social and Industrial Disorder in Oregon Metropolitan.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—One man is under arrest and a half dozen others are sought by the police today connected with the distribution of incendiary handbills calling for a general strike.

On the handbills is displayed the appeal:

"The call goes forth today for an industrial and social change throughout the Pacific coast."

Shipyard workers and others were handed these handbills while on their way to work this morning.

I. W. W. and Bolshevik interests are held responsible for this attempt to incite social and industrial disorder in Portland.

## DISORDERS IN SAXONY

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Saxony disorders have occurred in Madgeburg, according to Berlin advices. Soldiers and sailors armed with grenades and machine guns, broke down the doors of the court house, liberated 160 prisoners, smashed shop windows, pillaged shops and trained machine guns on the inhabitants. The government troops are vigorously attacking the revolutionists.

## LASSOED MOVING TRAIN

LEECHBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—Joseph Klink and three boy companions were playing alongside the railroad tracks near here. Tying an end of the rope around Klink, one of his playmates made a loop of the other end and threw a lasso at a passing freight train. The rope caught on the caboose and young Klink was jerked along the ties for several hundred yards before the engineer could stop the train. The boy was bruised but not seriously hurt.

## WILL MISS TIPS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The state law which prohibits women from working between the hours of 10 p. m. and 5 a. m. promises to disturb the financial ambitions of the Syracuse waitress. It is said that the state Industrial Commission intends to enforce the law. The "all-very" harvest of the waitress, in the forms of dimes, quarters and half dollars, is most bountiful after 10 p. m. There are currents of gossip among the waitresses here that an indignation meeting against the law is to be held.

## UNCLE SAM PRESIDENT.

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 8.—Edward J. Kennedy, of the Naturalization Bureau, Washington, D. C., was going through Dayton factories making a survey. He stopped before an intelligent looking man and asked: "Who is the President of the United States?"

"Quack as a flash the foreigner snapped back: "Uncle Sam." Kennedy is urging foreigners to take out naturalization papers, but on the side he hinted that a first class night school in Dayton might not come amiss.

## SOLDIERS ACT IN MOVIES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Fifty returned soldiers in uniform were given their first work here at a motion picture camp. The men played in the production of a film as extras and were each paid \$5 a day.

## OUTLAW SLUG SLIPS INTO FIRST PAGE HEAD

Owing to an outlaw slug slipping into a first page head yesterday the story on the Russian situation read in a very unusual manner. Some linotype operators insist on engaging in an oldtime practice of lining lines with whatever is running in their leads expecting the outlaw slug to be caught in the proof. In the rush yesterday the slug went through the proof reader's leads without being caught.

## TO CURB THE CENSORSHIP

IDAHO SENATOR MAKES DEMAND FOR CHANGES

Would Withhold From Postmaster General Right to Exclude Any Paper from the Mails.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Declaring that a complete censorship prevailed during the war and there is a universal supposition that the right of censorship of the press still is being exercised by the postmaster general Senator Borah of Idaho, this afternoon demanded the repeal of all laws giving the postmaster general the right to exclude any newspapers from the mails.

## EVERETT TAKES VOTE.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 8.—A referendum vote among the local affiliated unions on the issue of a general strike was ordered here today by the central labor council. The vote is to be complete not later than February 19th.

## INDICT CONSPIRATORS

True Bills Found by Grand Jury Against 14 Men at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 8.—The federal grand jury Thursday returned indictments against fourteen men charging conspiracy to defraud the government. Two of the men are charged with using an inferior grade of coffee to fill a government order, and the other twelve are charged with conspiring to obtain coffee, sold at Jefferson Barracks, at a low rate.

Louis Christopherson and Charles A. Bower, president and secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis Coffee and Spice mills, were the men charged with substituting an inferior grade of coffee and also alleged to have given short weight packages of coffee.

## SAVING AS A POLICY

"This Is the Underlying Idea of the Coming Stamp Program.

"Victory Thrift clubs" are the vogue in Oregon this year. Savings societies are being organized widespread for investment in War Savings stamps and Thrift stamps and for the practice of Franklin frugality. The year savings organization, says Manager Freeman, will help all such movements by furnishing special membership cards containing the name of the club.

The 1919 model of the United States savings stamp idea in Oregon will be the promotion of saving simply for the sake of getting ahead; incidentally lending the use of personal savings to the government for cleaning up war debts.

## RETURNED FROM STARKEY.

THOS. LUTTUS arrived overland today from Starkey, making the journey partly by stage, partly on foot and the balance by rail. Mr. Luttus has been at his old "ill-he" for some time but has about decided to now resume his residence in La Grande. He reports an average of six inches of snow in the Starkey section.

## VISITED ANEROID LAKE.

Party of La Grande Men Have a Fine Trip in Wallowa Mountains.

J. J. Harlan, formerly of La Grande, H. T. Weaver and Ray E. Vest, all of Enterprise, enjoyed a fine trip up to Aneroid lake last Sunday, February 2, going as far as Wallowa lake by auto and the rest of the journey with snowshoes. They found the snow unusually light for this time of the year, as it was only about three feet deep on the ground, whereas there is usually about three times that much.

Fishing was the main object of the journey, and this party had a good catch of the Eastern Brook trout with which Aneroid lake was stocked about six years ago. Big fish may have been caught in Aneroid before, but these three men claim they hold the record, as one of Mr. Harlan's fish was so large that it pulled his right eye after it—so he says at any rate. After the ducking and the party got home with some five-pounders after being dressed.

After spending Sunday night in the cabin at the lake, Mr. Vest returned on Monday, the other two following on Tuesday.