

STRONG PROTEST VOICED BY A BERLIN NEWSPAPER

Declares That the Limit of German Ability Has Been Exceeded—Cup Is Already Overflowing—Plan for Conscription on the Swiss System to Be Presented to the National Assembly.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—"Sentiment is growing at Weimar, the seat of the national assembly, to extend the armistice automatically every month, without negotiations," said the Berliner Tageblatt.

"The allies have had the advantage of every extension and they increase their demands. The limit of German ability to comply has been exceeded. The cup is already overflowing.

"A plan for conscription based upon the Swiss system, permitting the sudden mobilization of a large army, will be introduced in the national assembly."

FAVORS LARGE BRITISH ARMY

KING GEORGE BELIEVES FORCE IS REQUIRED.

Opening of Parliament Meets Urgency of Quick Action on All Reconstruction Measures.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—King George, in opening the new parliament just after the armistice, urged quick and decisive action on reconstruction measures and asked parliament "to spare no effort in healing the causes of the existing unrest."

A new era dawned with the allied victory, King George declared, but "in order to reap the full fruits of victory and safeguard the peace of the world an army must be maintained in the field and proposals which are necessary to secure the forces required will be submitted to you."

WESTERN MEN REACH PORT

OREGON TROOPS WITH CONTINGENT ARRIVING ON LEVIATHAN

Troops Also Include 2123 Wounded and Mentally and Physically Sick.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The American transport Leviathan, carrying 9255 troops docked late Tuesday.

The following are on the Leviathan: 371st and 372nd Infantry regiments (each colored) of the 93rd division; field and staff, headquarters company, 163rd regiment and divisional headquarters of the 4th division (Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming); Headquarters detachment, medical detachment and Co's H, I, K, L and M of the 368th Infantry regiment of the 92nd division (national army colored troops); Casual company No. 332 (Texas); convalescent detachments and casuals.

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HAD BUT ONE HOME

VIRGINIA, Ill., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Eliza Murray Jacobs, who died recently from infirmities of old age, was born and died in the same house to which she lived for eighty years.

SLAYED BY PROPRIETOR

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—Barry is hunting for its perils, according to Mrs. Antonia Simpson, who complained to the police court here that the searching through some "barrels" in curtains the proprietor of store, O. Berglund, slayed her face. The man was fined \$20.

DEADLOCK AT PARIS ENDED

AGREEMENT REACHED AS TO EXTENSION OF ARMISTICE

Conflict of Representatives Was Cleared Away by Agreement Reached This Afternoon.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The deadlock in the peace convention, involving the terms of the extension of the armistice, ended at one o'clock this afternoon.

PLAN MUNICIPAL THEATRE.
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 11.—Cleveland is to have a municipal theatre. Plans for the construction of a Greek structure to cost between \$5000 and \$10,000, to be used for classical productions, were announced recently by the director of parks.

ARAPAHOE WEDS ONEIDA.
DENVER, Colo., Feb. 12.—Indians were the principals in Denver's first "trench romance" wedding, which made Miss Leah Sommers, of the Oneida tribe, the bride of Sergeant Theodore Brunt, a full-blooded Arapahoe. The Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Apache, officiated. Sergeant Brunt is physical instructor at the government hospital here. He met Miss Sommers when she was singing for the men in the trenches in France.

BOASTS ONE-MAN ARMY.
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 12.—Harvard university has a one-man army. Lieutenant Percy Long is it. He is commandant, adjutant, headquarters company, kitchen police, first brigade and the whole darn army, at Cambridge. During the war there were 2000 in the Harvard military unit, but they are all gone now except Lieutenant Long. In times of peace Lieutenant Long teaches Harvard students English, but when the great war came he turned to military tactics. He expects to be mustered out soon.

SOLDIERS ON WAY TO BUTTE

WILL AUGMENT THE FORTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.

Machine Gun Men and Include Four Machine Gun Sergeants and Eight Machine Gunners.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—Twelve men and one officer left Camp Lewis Monday night for Butte, Mont., where they will join forces with the units of the Forty-fourth Infantry, now on strike duty there. The men are all expert machine gun men and include four machine gun sergeants and eight machine gunners, who are privates. The officer's name was not announced.



This scene pictures one of the most important gatherings in the history of the world. It is the first picture received in the United States of the opening session of the great peace conference in France. This scene was held in the famous clock room in the Palace d'Orsay. Paris. President Wilson of the United States has just finished speaking from the chairman's place under the clock. President Wilson (indicated by white arrow) is on the right heading the American commission. Lloyd George is the British commission on the left. In the center, standing in an English officer's uniform, is the British representative, Lord Balfour. The black arrow indicates Premier Clemenceau at the head of the French commission.

SAYS WILSON WILL HEAD THE LEAGUE

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The draft of the league of nations provides for a president, and the first executive will likely be Woodrow Wilson, the Pall Mall Gazette was informed today.

GERMAN RIOTERS FREE PRISONERS

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—One hundred rioters, including soldiers, broke into the jail at Wesel, near Düsseldorf, this morning and released all the prisoners and a robber band. The police made no resistance, and the soldiers' council was powerless.

BREMERHAVEN IS RECAPTURED

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Government troops today recaptured Bremerhaven from the Spartacists without a fight. The leader of the soldiers' council at Armgarth was arrested along with eight sailors in the harbor. Quiet was restored at Hamburg.

RAILROAD MEN MAY ASK RAISE

A. B. GARRETSON SAYS WAGES STILL INADEQUATE.

Belief That Question of Wages Should Be Left to a Well Balanced Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—That America's railroad workers will demand in the near future even higher wages than they are now receiving was indicated by A. B. Garretson, representing the big four railway brotherhoods, before the interstate commerce commission today.

"Labor is entitled to a far better return than it has thus far received," said Garretson. He believes the wages of railroad workers should be determined by a fairly balanced tribunal of leading officials and labor representatives in a position to enforce their decrees.

WHAT'S IN A NAME
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—The question "What's in a name?" has hit the town of Watts, a suburb of this city, with a bang. Watts has been the butt of stage jokes for many a moon; movie men have thought the combination of letters side-splitting as a caption for the original "sleazy" town, so Watts has stepped out to get a new name.

City Clerk Smith is now receiving suggestions for the name. Said Mayor Towne recently: "Watts are something like people. They can live up to a good name easier than they can live down a bad one."

DRIVER GONE 5 MINUTES.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 12.—Peter Looby, express driver, stopped in the rear of the Victoria building here to make a delivery when he was accosted politely by a man.

"How long will you be gone?" the man asked.

"About five minutes," Looby replied.

"That's long enough for me," the stranger said.

When Looby returned the man and wagon had disappeared. With the ten-cent eggs and butter valued at \$150.00.

MASSACRE OF JEWS IS IMMINENT

THIS IS REPORT BROUGHT BY A METHODIST MINISTER WHO HAS BEEN IN RUSSIA

REIGN OF CRUELITIES HAS BEEN DIABOLICAL

Returned Methodist Says Jews and Germans Constitute the Bolsheviks—Thousands Have Been Starved or Have Been Assassinated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—"A great pogrom or massacre of Jews, is expected in Russia at any time now," Dr. G. A. Simons, former pastor of the Methodist church of Petrograd, told members of the senate committee investigating Bolshevism today. The massacre is so imminent, Dr. Simons said, that Bolshevik officials already are sending the wives and children of Jews out of the country.

"The Jews and the Germans," he said, "constitute the Bolsheviks and their reign of terror has been so cruel and diabolical that Russian working men are already talking of the next pogrom."

Dr. Simons was in Russia in October, 1918, and said that the Bolsheviks are so diabolical that thousands of people have starved or have been assassinated.

HORSE IS KILLED BY WIRE.
ATHOL, Mass., Feb. 12.—Arthur Fournier drove his horse during a heavy rain. The ground was so wet that the horse slipped and fell. The horse was killed by a wire.

FOUR DEAD BY WOOD ALCOHOL

HAD OUTCOME OF A SPREE IN MALHEUR COUNTY

All the Men Who Drank the Alcohol Were Railroad Section Men Except Two—Arrests Made.

CRANE, Ore., Feb. 12.—After a spree drinking wood alcohol on Sunday at Riverside, the first station east of here, four men died from its effects Monday and three are in a precarious condition. The victims are: Ben Simons and a Mexican of Juntura, Charles Kimball and Ed McKinney of Riverside.

All the men who drank the alcohol were railroad section men except two. A deputy sheriff of Malheur county has arrested E. R. Schutter and wife of Riverside for the alleged selling of the alcohol to the victims.

TIME LIMIT ON WHEAT GUARANTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Expiration of the government 1918-19 wheat crop guarantee on October 15, 1920, instead of on December 31 of that year, was provided in the billion-dollar bill for carrying out the guarantee was favorably reported to the house by the house agricultural committee.

The measure contained no other important amendments. The change in dates was made to prevent any possibility of the government's guarantee being involved in the 1920 crop, members of the committee stated.

POSTPONED DANCE WILL BE HELD

The annual ball which the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen had planned for December 31 and held up on account of the quarantine rules, will be held on Monday evening, February 24, 1919. The tickets which had been sold for the former date will be honored, regardless of the date they bear. The proceeds of this dance, it is announced, will be turned over to the Red Cross.

ALIENS ARE A GREAT MENACE

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ARE SERIOUSLY THREATENED

Deputy Commissioner of Naturalization Says There Are Over Ten Million of Them Here.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—American institutions are menaced by the presence of 10,500,000 unassimilated aliens in this country, said Raymond P. Price, deputy commissioner of naturalization of the department of labor in a statement made today.

ROOSEVELT TREE DAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A tree planting day this spring, to be known as "Roosevelt Day," is planned by the Sharon Community Center, of Farmington, Iowa, according to a report to the American Forestry Association from Rev. Edward Roberts.

MASONS HONOR ROOSEVELT
GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 12.—The mid-winter class of the Scottish Rite Masonry, consistory of Oklahoma, organized as the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial class, the first one to be thus named in the United States. Three hundred and twenty-one men took the thirty-second degree.

"TOMMY" LEAVES FORTUNE

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 12.—Miss Laura Critzer of this city, is heiress to \$10,000 left by her fiancé, James Wallace White, who was wounded and died in the Exeter hospital in England. While a British war veteran disabled by wounds, White met Miss Critzer here last summer and their engagement to wed was announced before he left.

SERVICE STRIPES FOR COPS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—Army service chevrons will be worn as part of the uniform of Seattle policemen who have returned from service in the country's military forces. The silver chevrons for service here, gold for foreign service and wound stripes all will have their places on the sleeves of the "cops."

LOCAL BOYS HEADED FOR CAMP LEWIS

TROOP TRAIN WITH VETERANS DIRECT FROM FRANCE ON WAY FOR DEMOBILIZATION

GEORGE BUESING AND HENRY BELMER RETURN

One Was Wounded and the Other Gassed—Most of the Returning Soldiers on the Train Are From Portland and Lower Columbia—Canteen Ladies Busy.

A section of a troop train carrying two hundred Yank soldiers, many of whom come straight from the trenches, passed through La Grande this morning at 8:25 and stopped long enough for the men to get off and get a good taste of the hospitality of La Grande's Red Cross ladies. The men represented a large number of different units, but most of them were from the original Tenth Engineers. A considerable number of casualties were on the train also.

This train was a section of a troop train which left Newport News, Va., last Friday. The train was split at Granger, Wyoming, and the larger number of men went on to California. The majority of those who passed through here are men from Portland and the region of the lower Columbia, though a considerable number hail from Seattle. They returned to the States on the battle-ship New Jersey, arriving at Newport News February 1st.

All the men were volunteers. They went overseas in September, 1917, and have seen service in the western front with various units. Many of them have suffered wounds but only a few of them showed any marked evidence of their hurts.

Canteen Ladies Busy.
The Red Cross canteen was busy while the train stopped here. A number of the men made a quick hike for uptown restaurants as soon as they stepped off the cars, but they had not seen the canteen. The others quickly flocked around the little stand when they saw the kindly young matrons there anxious to

LOYAL LEGION HAS BRANCHES HERE

PALMER MILL AND GRANDE RONDE MILL BOTH IN NEW ORGANIZATION.

Both the men and the operators of this section belonging to the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen have decided on the continuation of that organization. It was learned yesterday following the visit of Lieut. T. G. Simpson, representing the government and Chas. Watkins, the employees' organizer, to the locals of Perry and La Grande.

The idea of this organization originated with the war department and was carried out under the jurisdiction of the spruce division of the army. The locals here have decided to carry the work on as a peace-time organization, as it has been found to be of mutual benefit to operators and employees, giving a fair and square deal to both sides.

The officers of the locals established at La Grande and Perry have been elected and already about eighty-five per cent of the men have joined.

The officers of Perry local are: W. Thompson, chairman; Art Steven, vice-chairman; and J. R. Robertson, secretary.

The La Grande local elected the following: Fred Mary, chairman; R. H. Bolton, vice-chairman; Ollie Benton, secretary.

The operators and men all over the northwest are rapidly taking up with this work. Lieut. Simpson says and was continuing in the future to wage a fight against all "L" men and Bolshevism.

Mr. Watkins, who is an employee of the Palmer Mill, is taking an active part in the organization of local unions. Lieut. Simpson and Mr. Watkins returned last night to Baker, where a live organization has been effected also.