

TURMOIL ALL OVER GERMANY

**SPARTACIDES OCCUPY PUBLIC
BUILDINGS AT MANNHEIM IN
FRESH OUTBREAK.**

**MOVEMENT TO OVERTHROW
GOVERNMENT IN SAXONY**

Six Hundred Miners Are Entrapped in
Mine Near Essen—Release Is Im-
possible for a Fortnight—Explosive
Magazine at the Mine Is Also Pil-
laged.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—A fresh
revolt has broken out at Mannheim.
Spartanists have occupied the post-
office, telegraph office and railroad sta-
tion.

To Uplift Saxony.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Spartanists and
radical Socialists have launched a
movement to overthrow the existing
government in Saxony, where the new-
ly elected diet was to have held a
meeting today. A general strike has
been proclaimed. Railway communi-
cation with all parts of Saxony has
been broken. The Spartacists are re-
ported to have taken Plauen and other
railroad centers.

Miners Are Entrapped.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.—A band of
marauders in the vicinity of Essen, ac-
cording to the Vorwarts of Berlin,
Monday destroyed the airshaft and
other outlets of a coal mine and im-
prisoned 600 miners who were at work
at the mine. It will be impossible to
release the miners for a fortnight.
The explosive magazine of the mine
also was pillaged by the band.

Peasants in Revolt.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Dispatches from
Mannheim report that peasant revolts
are breaking out in various districts in
Baden as a result of friction between
the workmen's councils and the peas-
ants.

DO NOT LIKE DEPORTATIONS

**GERMAN ARMISTICE DELEGATES
PRESENT PROTEST.**

Objection Raised to the Sending Away
of German People by the Chi-
nese Government.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The German ar-
mistice delegates at Spa have protest-
ed against the deportation of all
Germans from China, which country
sent two shiploads to Australia in
January, and is preparing to send oth-
ers to the central powers direct.
Twenty-five hundred Germans, half
of them women and children, are in-
volved in the proposed deportations.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Rain west,
rain or snow in east portion; strong
southerly winds.

TRAIN HITS JOHN HARLAN ON CROSSING NEAR ENTERPRISE

Machine Badly Wrecked and Harlan Is in Dangerous
Condition From the Injuries Received.

JOSEPH, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Spec-
ial)—John Harlan, engineer on the
Enterprise and well known through-
out Walla Walla county, is lying in a
critical condition due to the crash
line train hitting him yesterday on
a railroad crossing near Enterprise.
Mr. Harlan runs the stage line
between Enterprise and Joseph and
has been out with passengers for
years. Returning to his home, he
was attempting to cross the railroad
in front of the train and was hit.
His automobile was crushed quite

STRIKERS WILL TAKE A VOTE

**CALLING OFF OF STRIKE IS CON-
DITIONAL.**

Shipyard Workers Want the Adjust-
ment Conference to Be Held on
the Pacific Coast.

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—Forty thou-
sand striking shipyard workers will
vote on a referendum proposing to
call off the strike in Seattle, Tacoma
and Aberdeen, which began January
21, if assurance is given the strikers
that the conference to adjust further
demands and other differences, sched-
uled to be held in Washington, D. C.,
not later than March 17, is transferred
to the Pacific coast.

SOLDIERS' CONDITION GOOD.

General Treat Denies Report Regard-
ing Troops in Italy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Denial of
charges contained in a letter read in
the house recently as to conditions in
the 33rd infantry in Italy was made
by Brigadier General Charles G. Treat,
American military attaché at Rome, in
a cablegram forwarded to Secretary
Baker Tuesday by General Pershing.
General Treat said the regiment was
in good physical condition, well
equipped, had experienced no serious
food hardships, and had a very low
number of summary courts martial.

WILL CONTEST WILSON PLAN

**OPPOSITION IS ALREADY AN-
NOUNCED IN SENATE.**

Senate Naval Committee Ordered Fa-
vorable Report on the New Three-
Year Building Plan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The sen-
ate naval committee has ordered the
naval appropriation bill with its new
three-year building program favorably
reported. Republican members will
oppose the provision empowering the
president to suspend the program at
his discretion.
This provision was intended for use
if developments toward disarmament
in the peace conference made it de-
sirable.
The president intended to go to the
capitol today to discuss the legislative
situation with the senators. He wants
to expedite the passage of the great
appropriation bills, oil leasing and wa-
ter power bills and provisions for con-
tinuing the federal employment ser-
vice.
Republican opposition to his pro-
gram is already announced by Sen-
ators Lodge, Penrose and others.

HOOD RIVER HAS WINTER.

Snow Storm Prevails and Ground Is
Fully Covered.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 26.—Mid-
Columbia were surprised on arising
Tuesday to find a snowstorm pre-
vailing and more than an inch already
covering the earth. The depth of the
snow increases with the rise in alti-
tude toward the base of Mt. Hood.
While timbermen on visits to the
high forests two weeks ago reported
less than a foot of snow, the heavy
precipitation since then has piled up a
depth of five feet in places.

SOLONS TO ADJOURN TONIGHT

**FORTY-FIVE DAY SESSION OF
OREGON LEGISLATURE
NEAR END.**

**MILITARY TRAINING IS
KILLED IN THE HOUSE**

Governor Is to Appoint Commission
Headed by O. C. Leiter to Greet Re-
turning Oregon Soldiers in New
York—Bill Declaring Labor Unions
Lawful Passed Both Houses.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Feb. 26.—After a session
of forty-five days the Oregon leg-
islature is expected to adjourn some
time tonight.

The bill for compulsory military
training in the high schools and col-
leges of the state was killed when the
house.

Governor Withycombe is to sign the
bill today providing for the reception
of Oregon soldiers from overseas, and
is also to appoint a commission, head-
ed by O. C. Leiter, to give the state's
returning veterans a reception on their
arrival in New York.

Both houses passed the bill declar-
ing labor unions to be lawful organi-
zations, to be lawful organizations,
protecting them from injunctions.

**MAY JOIN THE
HUN REPUBLIC**

BASEL, Feb. 26.—The Christian
Socialists of German Austria have
agreed to a union of their part of
the former Austrian empire with
Germany, on condition that the cap-
ital of the united countries be in Ger-
many, according to a dis-
patch from Vienna quoting the
Reichspost of that city.

Immense demonstrations in favor
of a union with Germany were held
at Vienna Monday, and resolutions
were passed asking that the Weimar
assembly realize immediately a union
between German Austria and Ger-
many. German deputies and Aus-
trian ministers made addresses dur-
ing the demonstrations.

MONEY SENT FROM RUSSIA

**FUNDS PROVIDED FOR ESTAB-
LISHING REPUBLIC.**

Communists at Buda Pesth Report
That Large Sum Has Been
Used for Expenses.

BASEL, Feb. 26.—Twenty-six com-
munists under arrest here—killed
during their examination that money
was sent from Russia to set up a re-
publican government and that during
the past month the expenses amounted
to three hundred thousand crowns.
They refused to reveal where the
funds are being kept.

CALIFORNIA FEELS QUAKE

San Francisco and Santa Rosa Re-
cord Disturbance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—A
slight earthquake was felt here at
2:30 p. m. Tuesday. No damage was re-
ported.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 26.—An
earthquake of a few seconds' duration
was felt here at 2:40 Tuesday. No
damage was reported, but many per-
sons rushed from their offices or
homes into the streets.

SPAIN HAS NEW EPIDEMIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Another
epidemic of influenza has broken out
in Barcelona, Spain, and is spreading
to as great an extent as that of last
fall, according to advices received to-
day by the state department.
The present epidemic, however, is
not so violent as the first.

30,000 TROOPS LEAVE

All Divisions but Those of Regular
Army Will Come Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The
largest homeward movement of
troops since the breaking up of the
American overseas army, started
last November, was announced
Tuesday by the war department in
reporting the departure from French
ports of 18 troopships with nearly
30,000 officers and men aboard.
The announcement of the movement
was made coincidentally with the
issuance of a statement that all di-
visions in France except those of the
regular army would be returned as
shipping becomes available.

Among the transports listed as
having sailed were the Aquitania
and Great Northern, each with more
than 5000 soldiers aboard. The or-
ganizations which have sailed in-
clude most of the units of the 92nd
(negro) national army division, im-
portant units from the 87th (Ar-
kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and
Alabama) national army division,
and a score of aero squadrons.

WILL SPEED UP TROOPS RETURN

**WILL COME AS FAST AS SHIPS
ARE AVAILABLE**

Half Million of Overseas Men Are
Expected to Be Home by the
First of Next July.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—General
Pershing notified the war depart-
ment Tuesday that divisions now
in the American expeditionary
forces, excepting those with regular
army designations, would be return-
ed to the United States in the order
of the arrival of their respective di-
visional headquarters in France.
This was interpreted as meaning that
all divisions except the 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, would be re-
turned as shipping becomes avail-
able.

Combat troops not assigned to
divisions will be returned in the
order which their services can be
spared, and a similar policy has
been adopted regarding service of
supply troops except that as far as
possible these also will be returned
in the order of their arrival in
France.

Give Size of Movements.
General Pershing said he esti-
mated the movement of troops, based
on tonnage known to be available
and on the German shipping soon
to become available, as follows:
March, 212,000; April, 221,000; May,
248,000; June, 297,000.

The general said that based on
these estimates divisions would be
returned in the following order:
March, 27th, 30th, 85th, 37th and
91st; April, 26th, 82nd, 82nd, 35th
and 42nd; May, 32nd, 28th, 33rd,
50th and 78th; June, 89th, 90th,
22nd and 79th.

50,000 By July 1.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Nearly 500,000
men of the American expeditionary
forces will be before July 1, either
have returned to the United States
or will be homeward bound, accord-
ing to the plans of the general staff
announced in a general order by
Brig. Gen. James W. McAndrew,
chief of staff, Monday.

The 27th, 85th, 37th and 91st
divisions will sail in March; the 26th,
77th, 82nd, 35th and 42nd in April;
the 32nd, 28th, 33rd, 50th and 89th
in May and the 89th, 90th and 79th
in June.

TACOMA MAN IS NAMED AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Pres-
ident Wilson has sent to the senate for
confirmation the name of Hugh Wal-
lace Campbell of Tacoma for Amer-
ican ambassador to France.

RETURNS TO SEE HIS WIDOW

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—Ernest
home to his widow and "be-
reaved" parents, Paul B. Pietrok,
experienced the rare sensation of
reading a newspaper account of his
"glorious death in France," and of
seeing his name in the official casu-
ality list on the day he stepped from
the train at home. He found his
wife in widow's weeds and his par-
ents stricken with grief.

HOUSE PASSES THE VICTORY LOAN BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The
house of representatives today passed
the Victory Loan bill.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES ARE ON THE RUN

**ABANDON DEAD AND LEAVE
GUNS AND MUNITIONS IN
ALLIES HANDS**

**JAPANESE ARMY IN
FIGHT WITH BOLSHEVIKS**

Ports in Libau and Windau, in Cour-
land, Which the Russian Depre-
dators Captured on January 31
Have Been Retaken Says Copen-
hagen Report.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ATHENS, Feb. 26.—Greek troops
with detachments of French and
Romanian, have advanced north of
Odessa pursuing the Bolshevik forces
along the Dniester river. They
took the fort and town, Tiraspol, on
the right bank of the Dniester river,
fifty-three miles from Odessa. The
retreating Bolsheviks abandoned
many of their dead and wounded,
and left guns and munitions in the
hands of the allies.

Japanese Fight Bolsheviks.

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 26.—In
an engagement between Japanese
and Bolshevik forces twenty miles
east of Blagoveshchensk, the capital
of Amur province, the Japanese
lost two officers, and eighteen men
killed, and twenty wounded. The
Bolshevik force was estimated at
3000.

SCHIED NAMED AS SUCCESSOR

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—Herr
Schied has been named Bavarian
minister in succession to Kurt El-
ner, who was assassinated last week.
Herr Segitz, a Majority Socialist, has
been appointed Bavarian minister
of the interior, succeeding Herr
Auer, who was shot at Munich, at the
disorders there, according to Mun-
ich dispatches to the Politikon.

PUT NAILS IN COW FEED.

LINE LEXINGTON, Pa., Feb. 26.—
Wire nails placed in the feed caused
the deaths of three cows belonging
to a dairy farmer here. A farmhand
who was discharged is suspected of
taking his revenge in this manner.

STRIKE CALLED IN SMELTERS

**WALKOUT AFFECTS MINING
WORK IN UTAH.**

Strike Is a Protest Against the Recent
Cut in Wages of Seventy-five
Cents a Day.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 26.—Electricians
and iron workers of the American
Smelting & Refining company's smel-
ters at Garfield declared a strike yester-
day in protest against the recent
cut in wages of 75 cents a day. Close
to a hundred men are said to have
walked out, though officials say the
number is nearer sixty. The Utah
Copper company posted notices today
announcing a further cut in wages of
25 cents a day. This 25 cent cut was
said by the company officials to have
been pressed three weeks ago when
the 75 cent reduction was announced.
The 75 cent reduction was based on
copper selling at 20 cents a pound.
The metal is now quoted at less than
18 cents. The original reduction is
based on the latest quotation.

Sheriffs and deputies have been
sent to Bingham and Garfield as a
protective measure. Most of these
deputies are soldiers who have seen
military service. The situation is not
serious, it was stated.

C. W. Whittley, general manager
of the American Smelting & Refining
company, said today that if the
men continued to walk out no effort
would be made to continue operations,
and the smelter would be shut down.
Skilled labor has been receiving
\$5.75 a day since the 75-cent reduc-
tion.

A BIG PACKER MAKES REPLY

**J. OGDEN ARMOUR'S COMMENT
ON HOOVER LETTER.**

Justifies the Ownership of the Refrig-
erator Car Lines by the Big
Packing Concerns.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—J. Ogden Ar-
mour, commenting on the letter of
Herbert Hoover to President Wilson,
says:

"Herbert Hoover's successful admin-
istration of the world's food problems
proves ability that justifies consid-
eration of his conclusions upon any sub-
ject to which he has given mature
thought. However, I do not feel that
his opinions relative to the federal
trade commission report were based on
comprehensive knowledge of the
packing industry. Mr. Hoover's letter
was written five months ago after
less than a year's association with our
food problems, and before the packers
had had opportunity to set forth the
facts and fundamentals with refer-
ence to the ex parte report on which
he was asked to comment. In view of
the tremendous burdens he then car-
ried, I cannot conceive of his having
found time to study the fundamentals
of the situation and it should be noted
that his letter was written by request
and not volunteered as the result of
any belief on his part that his study
was sufficiently comprehensive to war-
rant final conclusions, yet from his ob-
servation he freely admits the effi-
ciency of the present organization of
the industry.
"While concurring in the trade com-
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KLOSTER BOY WAS NOT SHOT

**REPORT RECENTLY PUBLISHED
WAS AN ERROR.**

Company M Soldier Reported Killed
Has Recovered and Will Soon
Be Home.

That Vernon Kloster, reported in-
stantly killed in letters from France
published in Salem papers and later
given publicity in La Grande, is alive
and fully recovered, and is slated for
early conveyance home in the glad-
some news that has come to light here.
A day or two before The Observer was
advised through Salem sources that
the former M company boy had been
killed by a German sniper, Rev. and
Mrs. W. E. Kloster of Portland had
gotten the correct information to the
effect that their son was not dead, but
was fully recovered from numerous
important battles such as the Argonne
and St. Mihiel. That Vernon's many
warm friends in La Grande, in Wal-
lamette university, and his family cir-
cle, are indeed elated over the turn of
events, goes without saying.

When the Kloster family observed
a recent story in The Observer con-
cerning Vernon's supposed death, they
made haste to set La Grander's right
by conveying the real news to them.

LIQUOR CAMOUFLAGED AS "CONDENSED MILK"

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 25.—Cam-
ouflaged as "condensed milk," ten
barrels, containing half-pint bottles
of whiskey, have been seized here by
Deputy Sheriff W. T. Cate and de-
puties. About 100 gallons of whiskey
altogether was confiscated. The ship-
ment was to a local company and
was substituted for a real shipment
of condensed milk which the company
had ordered.

OHIO HICCUGH EPIDEMIC

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26.—A hic-
cough epidemic is sweeping through
Cleveland and northern Ohio. Physi-
cians report that afflicted persons
suffer for two or three days without
relief.

LAST NIGHT AT THE CITY HALL REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN TRADE UNIONS OF LA GRANDE MET AND QUAD, PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR A TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A PERMANENT CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL IN THIS CITY.

A committee of seven representing the different unions was appointed to draw up by-laws and a report will be made at a meeting two weeks from last night, at which time the organization will be perfected.

BONUS OF \$60 TO ALL SOLDIERS

**SIX MILLION DOLLAR REVENUE
MEASURE INCLUDES FUND
FOR MEN.**

**OFFICERS AND NURSES
INCLUDED IN THE LIST**

Arrangements Have Been Made to
Speed Up Payments—All Applica-
tions Must Include the Men's Dis-
charge Papers as Well as Service
Records.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The
United States government owes
nearly two million men each \$60.
With the signing by the president
Monday night of the great \$6,000,-
000,000 revenue bill, which appro-
priates a bonus of \$60 to every ser-
vice man upon his honorable dis-
charge, every discharged soldier and
marine who has been honorably dis-
charged is now eligible to claim
this amount from the government.
It was announced at the treasury
department today:

The \$60 bonus applies to officers
and nurses as well as enlisted men.
Many thousands of naval reserv-
ists have been placed on the inac-
tive list, and also are eligible for
the bonus. With more than 1,300,-
000 officers and men discharged
from the army, it is estimated that
the men who have been discharged
from all branches of the service now
total close to 2,000,000.

Applications for the \$60 bonus
should be sent to the director of fi-
nance of the war department, in the
case of soldiers and army nurses,
and to the paymaster general of the
navy in the case of sailors, marine
naval reservists and navy nurses.
Arrangements have been made to
speed up payments. All applications
must include the men's discharge pa-
pers and service records.

CLERKS TO HOLD DANCE FRIDAY

**LIGHTS WILL SHINE ON FAIR WO-
MEN AND THEIR ESCORTS.**

Event Is to Celebrate First Birthday
of Retail Clerk's Association
of This City.

Friday evening in Rex hall there is
to be a scene of unusual gaiety, it is
said. Those who say so are the offi-
cers of the Retail Clerks' association of
La Grande, and the reason that is giv-
en is that the first annual dance under
the auspices of the association will
then be held. This event was original-
ly planned for the evening of Friday
last, but owing to the death of Ora
Busham, a member of the association,
the date was set back one week.

Those who are most active in pro-
moting the dance do not anticipate
that the week's postponement will de-
tract from the success of the affair,
but rather believe that anticipation of
it will be but accentuated in the minds
of all those who are interested.

There will be excellent music fur-
nished for the dancers and the offi-
cers state confidently that they can
assure everyone who attends an even-
ing of strictly first-class enjoyment.

Miss Carrie Lusk, who is secretary
of the clerks' union, and the other of-
ficers join in extending to all La
Grande folks who are friends of or-
ganized labor a hearty invitation to be
with them and participate in the even-
ing's pleasure.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL WILL BE ORGANIZED HERE

Last night at the city hall representa-
tives of seven trade unions of La
Grande met and made preliminary ar-
rangements for a temporary
organization for the purpose of in-
stalling a permanent central labor
council in this city.