

# U. S. TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—To act as an economic commission to take up the problem of determining what raw materials the country will have to furnish in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the war-stricken countries of Europe, Bernard M. Baruch, resigned as head of the war industries board, and Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross, are soon to proceed overseas, it was announced at the White House executive offices today.

The work will be undertaken at the direct request of the president, who conferred with Baruch and Davison in this connection before he sailed for abroad. The announcement was authorized by wireless from the George Washington on which the president is now en route to Paris.

The appointment of this commission at the present time was regarded here as significant of the president's desire to have normal conditions restored abroad at the earliest possible moment, particularly in view of the spreading Bolshevik movement in many quarters. It was stated that the president from the very beginning has maintained the attitude that machinery capable of restoring normal conditions should be set in motion without waiting for actual peace to be concluded.

It is known that the amount of raw materials America must supply in the rebuilding of Belgium and the devastated portions of France will be enormous. But up to the present time, only a general conception of the varieties and the quantities has been obtained, and Baruch and Davison will be charged with securing this data and later probably supervising a plan by which supplies may be shipped without interfering with any marked degree with America's own program.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In telling his story of German propaganda in America, A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, today laid before the senate committee investigating brewery and German propaganda calendars exchanged in 1916 by Count von Bernstorff, then ambassador here, and the Berlin foreign office.

One of Bernstorff's messages urged that special favor be shown William Bayard Hale, an American about to visit Berlin as a newspaper correspondent, because he was employed by the Hearst organs which the message said, had outspokenly placed themselves on the German side.

Bielaski told the committee that Hale was on the Hearst pay roll for \$300 a week and also was employed at \$15,000 a year by the publicity organization formed in this country by Dr. Bernard Fernberg, the German propagandist.

Suggesting on June 1, 1916, that the time was favorable to get Hearst to send a first-rate journalist to Berlin, Bernstorff told the foreign office that the man selected was Hale who, he said, had been a confidential agent of the embassy since the beginning of the war and was bound as such by contract to June 23, 1918.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—Louis Lacey, aged 57, a prominent rancher living near Elma, was drowned in a slough, when his horse threw him after the animal had accidentally stumbled into the water.

# STEVENS APPOINTS CHARLES BURNS NEW TURNKEY AT PRISON

SALEM, Dec. 7.—(Special to the Enterprise)—One of the first actions of Robert L. Stevens, new warden of the state penitentiary, was to appoint Deputy Charles Burns as turnkey, succeeding L. O. Brotherton. The new deputy warden will be John O. Talley, who served as jailer at the Multnomah county jail when Stevens was sheriff of the county.

Charles Burns formerly resided in Oregon City and has been employed at the penitentiary for some time.

# DIVORCE SUITS ARE ENTERED IN CIRCUIT COURT HERE FRIDAY

Suit was entered Saturday by Elsie Byrnes against James J. Byrnes to whom she was married in Vancouver, Wash., April 19, 1915, when she was 15 years old. She alleges that he deserted her immediately after marriage and she asks a decree of divorce.

Hazel G. Ratcliff is suing J. C. Ratcliff, to whom she was married in Portland, September 12, 1912, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

She alleges that he had laid violent hands on her and threatened to kill her and cursed her and made life unbearable. He is a brakeman on the Southern Pacific and earns \$150 a month and she asks \$35 alimony and a minor child of the couple and \$75 attorney's fees.

# INFLUENZA SHOWS AN INCREASE IN COUNTY IS LATEST REPORTS

City Health Officer Dr. J. W. Norris reports Monday evening of seven new cases of influenza in Oregon City for Sunday and Monday. Four cases are in families where the disease has been heretofore, and three are in other families, who are just having their first experience with the dread disease. The situation at Gladstone is still critical and there are about 54 cases reported. It is probable that there will be a quarantine in that little city to prevent any further spread of the disease.

Among those afflicted in Oregon City are Mrs. and Mrs. Dudley Woodward and child, Mrs. Watts, Miss Sturges, while the Bert Barnes family at Wilamette are afflicted, and Mrs. Ben Eby, of Gladstone, is one of the new victims.

# ESTACADA LOSES

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 7.—Eugene High School drove another nail in its claims to the state interscholastic football championship this afternoon, when it defeated the Estacada High school, 49 to 0, on Kincaid field.

Estacada, lighter and showing less experience at the game, did not have a look-in during the entire four quarters, and not once did they force the ball past Eugene's 20-yard line. The local lads took the offensive from the whistle and had crossed the goal line for the first touchdown in five minutes.

# BOLSHEVIKI ARE KILLING MANY IN INVASION

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The consuls of Livonia, Estonia and Courland have sent an appeal to allied and neutral governments urging intervention in the Baltic provinces against the invasion of Russian Bolshevik forces, according to a telegram from Copenhagen.

The Bolsheviks, who have invaded part of the provinces, are killing and burning as they advance. The various ports of the provinces are filled with fugitives in expectation of the arrival of allied and neutral warships to protect them.

Announcement was made in London early in the week that British warships had reached Libau, Lithuania. A Paris dispatch Friday gave the Petit Journal as authority for the statement that British warships had entered Revel at the request of the Estonian government.

ON BOARD U. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(By Wireless)—President Wilson probably will not sit at the peace table, but will be represented there by delegates while remaining in close contact with the heads of the other nations and prepared to decide questions presented to him.

Premier Clemenceau, it is believed, will be president of the peace conference. This is considered fitting because the conference will be held in France.

President Wilson's disposition is in favor of entirely public sessions, such as are carried on in the Senate Chamber at Washington, with the press representatives given every facility to report certain business. Naturally, there will be need of secrecy, as there is in the foreign relations committee; but the President's idea is that the procedure could be much the same as at Washington, a committee considering the confidential and delicate features of the various questions and then reporting to the peace congress for action.

Late yesterday President Wilson unexpectedly attended a song-fest in the enlisted men's hall, where, afterward, he shook hands with the officers and sailors. The President was given three cheers and a "tiger."

SALEM, Dec. 9.—An attempt at a penitentiary break on the part of Willard Tanner, notorious as the partner of Hazel Erwin in the slaying of a man named Wallace in Portland, and George Demont, burglar, was foiled last night and the two men were recaptured after a four-hour search by Warden Stevens and his men.

Tanner and Demont had been given the freedom of the yard inside the big walls for exercise. When noses were counted the men were missing and a search instituted. They were found covering down in a coal storage house awaiting an opportunity to make a break across the yard and go over the wall.

Tanner has been at the prison since September 27, 1912, serving from one to 15 years for manslaughter, from Multnomah County. By coincidence he was arrested under the regime of Warden Stevens, when the latter was Sheriff of Multnomah County, and his partner in the crime, Hazel Erwin, was captured here after hiding out several days.

Demont is serving from three to 19 years from Clatsop County for burglary. He is also a parole violator.

# ROLL OF HONOR NORTHWEST

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Private Raymond O. Clark, Warner Lake, Or.  
Private Anibal Desantis, Woodstock postoffice, Portland, Or.  
Private Lester Z. Fairbanks, Seattle, Wash.  
Private Joe H. Wallis, Arlington, Wash.

**DIED OF DISEASE**  
Master Engineer Jesse M. Steed, Seattle, Wash.  
Private Charles L. Cook, Poolsboro, Wash.  
Corporal Joseph E. Johnson, South Prairie, Wash.  
Private Carl Florence, Creston, Wash.

Private Charles Syvan Fisher, Minam, Or.  
**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Private Elmer Cromwell, Irwin, Idaho.

**WOUNDED—Degree Undetermined**  
Wagoner Orville Dave Crippon, Salmon, Idaho.  
Private John W. Baird, Dayton, Wash.  
Private Walter Johnson, Seattle, Wash.  
Private Vincent F. Lemon, Garfield, Wash.

Private Thomas McDonald, South Bellingham, Wash.  
Private William P. Monaghan, Yamhill, Or.  
**WOUNDED SLIGHTLY**  
Private Sam Ventura, Portland, Or.  
Private Camiel L. Croesbeck, Boise, Idaho.

Private Henry D. Grant, Sedro Woolley, Wash.  
Private Jesse Chester Burdick, Marshfield, Or.  
Private John R. Fitzgerald, Sand Point, Idaho.  
Private Charles W. Krassin, Snohomish, Wash.

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Captain Math L. English, Coupeville, Wash.  
Lieutenant Orville A. Stevens, Portland, Or.  
Private Herman M. Gardner, Bend, Or.

Private Sam Johnson, Seattle.  
Private Swan L. Palmgren, Seattle.  
Private Melvin L. Peterson, Couer d'Alene, Idaho.  
Private Joseph C. Walters, Blackfoot, Idaho.  
Private Roy W. Kruse, Yoncalla, Or.

Lieutenant Edward D. Rhodes, Tacoma.  
Private Willard C. Anderson, Portland.  
W. R. Roscoe, Montesano, Wash.  
M. Grinstein, Seattle.  
A. G. Highy, Pingree, Idaho.

**DIED OF WOUNDS**  
Corporal Guy E. Newman, Idaho Falls, Idaho.  
Private Joseph T. Holmes, Medford, Or.  
Private Clarence W. Howard, Brogan, Or.

**DIED OF ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES**  
Private William T. Mullaney, Tenino, Wash.  
Corporal Ira L. Cater, Olympia, Wash.  
Private Frank Schoeffler, Camas, Idaho.

**DIED OF DISEASE**  
Private Terry C. Jones, Wamic, Or.  
Private Chester O. Waite, Fruitland, Idaho.  
Private Alfred Martell, Goodman, Wash.

**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Private Irvie H. Shore, Lapwai, Idaho.  
Private Roy Kouns, Camas Valley, Or.  
Private Sidney A. Walker, Gold Beach, Or.  
Corporal James Mack, Bellevue, Wash.

Corporal Joseph A. Wallace, Battleground, Wash.  
Private Lloyd Mattoon, Tekoa, Wash.  
Private Earl D. Modin, Emmette, Idaho.

Private Chris Moe, Tacoma, Wash.  
Private Avar P. Wall, Montevieu, Wash.  
**WOUNDED—Degree Undetermined**  
Sergeant Charles M. Pickard, Portland.

Private Harold Kirk, Pasco, Wash.  
**WOUNDED SLIGHTLY**  
Lieutenant Darrel D. Johnson, Corvallis, Or.  
Bugler John Bossart, Edwards, Wash.  
Private Roy Shrake, Medford, Or.

Private Orval L. Harrington, Korshis, Idaho.  
**MISSING IN ACTION**  
Private Eugene A. Caris, Murphy, Or.

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Corporal Willis C. Hough, Fort Steilacoom, Wash.  
Corporal Les V. Miller, Centralia, Wash.  
Cook Arthur E. Glover, Dayville, Or.

Private Lee W. M. Umphenour, Gooding, Idaho.  
**DIED OF ACCIDENTS AND OTHER CAUSES**  
Wagoner Frank J. Schur, Portland, Or.  
Private L. G. Harrington, Oswego, Or.  
Lieutenant Ralph J. Hurlburt, Portland, Or.  
Wagoner Bert Strickland, Seattle, Wash.

Private Frank M. Eckersley, Cove, Or.  
Private Archie G. Kunes, Cedar Creek, Idaho.  
Private Errol Smith, Weiser, Idaho.  
Private Alf M. Tronss, Bliss, Idaho.

**DIED FROM WOUNDS**  
Private Henry C. Nollmeyer, Oregon City.  
Private Frank H. Redfield, Anchor, Or.  
Private Bert Smith, Falls City, Wash.

**DIED OF DISEASE**  
Private Clarence B. Frenzel, Wallace, Idaho.

**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Private Charles E. Hall, Everett, Wash.  
Sergeant Van Alfred Norder, Hood River, Or.  
Mechanic Henry P. Koch, Portland.  
Private Reuben M. Oakden, Irwin, Idaho.  
Private Ira Politz, Portland.  
Private Benjamin Heartley, Tuatla, Or.

**WOUNDED—Degree Undetermined**  
Private Roy A. Herder, Mountain Home, Idaho.  
**SLIGHTLY WOUNDED**  
Private Vernie Kern, Crane, Or.  
Private Josiah L. Brill, La Grande, Or.  
Private Lars O. Lofquist, Auburn, Wash.  
Private Paul F. Hughes, Emmett, Idaho.

**MISSING IN ACTION**  
Lieutenant Thomas P. Evans, Snohomish, Wash.  
Private Clarence L. Stevens, Aurora, Or.  
Private Silvio Palandri, Portland.  
Private Albert C. Kramm, Boise, Idaho.  
Private Robert C. Naylor, Portland.

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Corporal Frank Cramblett, Gooding, Idaho.  
Private Eben Doan, Alger, Wash.  
Private Harry L. Causland, Anacortes, Wash.  
Private George B. Lafblom, Roseburg, Or.  
Private Steven Sherin, Enumclaw, Wash.

**DIED OF WOUNDS**  
Lieutenant Julius E. Bell, Springfield, Tenn.  
Sergeant Arthur G. Smith, Vancouver, Wash.  
**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Sergeant Arthur K. Armitage, Spokane, Wash.  
Sergeant Julius O. Yull, Soap Lake, Wash.

Sergeant Herbert E. Koons, Lakeview, Or.  
Corporal William M. Barr, Gray's River, Wash.  
Corporal William P. Stoehr, Sultan, Wash.  
Corporal Samuel R. Steelsmith, South Prairie, Wash.  
Corporal Sigard Edsberg, East Stanwood, Wash.

Mechanic Thomas J. McGough, Seattle.  
Bugler Trevor Dayton, Port Angeles, Wash.  
Bugler Herbert W. Minnick, Cheney, Wash.  
Horseshoer Joseph Greene, Klamath Falls, Or.  
Private William J. Brown, Bellingham, Wash.

Private Guy R. Burgon, Holbrook, Idaho.  
Private Ernest H. Prest, Dayton, Wash.  
Private Elmer E. Relmann, Portland.  
Private Thomas Hughes, Seattle.  
Private David A. Sundstrom, Friday Harbor, Wash.

Private Scott Humble, Seattle.  
Private Robert I. Kneeland, Shelton, Wash.  
Private Perry F. Tucker, Nooksack, Wash.  
Private George P. Roadman, Wellso, Idaho.  
Private Stanley A. McCarty, Seattle, Wash.

Private Leslie H. Stockman, Springbrook, Or.  
Private Guy H. McFerrin, Heppner, Or.  
Private John H. Tippetts, Georgetown, Idaho.  
Private Algje J. Pierce, Chehalis, Wash.  
Private Roy M. Ide, Outlook, Wash.

Private Frederick B. Mercer, Seattle.  
Corporal Ivan W. Hoyt, Blaine, Wash.  
**WOUNDED—Degree Undetermined**  
Corporal Herbert S. Legoe, Fandale, Wash.  
Corporal James A. Stafford, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Private Bernard Levinson, Portland, Or.  
Private Joe Gravel, Vancouver, Wash.  
Private Harry I. Brown, Tacoma, Wash.  
Private Lee Glenn Underwood, Spokane.  
Private Rollo W. Ellis, Humphrey, Idaho.

Private John Brant, Jr., North Powder, Or.  
Private Henry C. Clark, Dufur, Or.  
**MISSING IN ACTION**  
Private Raymond Vaughn, Seattle.  
Private Clarence P. Arzner, Seattle, Wash.

Private Lester Patterson, Seattle, Wash.  
**WOUNDED SLIGHTLY**  
Lieutenant Warland G. Cutler, Walla Walla, Wash.  
**ROLL OF HONOR KILLED IN ACTION**  
Lieutenant Joseph G. Kretz, Tacoma.

Lieutenant George Bullach, Seattle.  
Corporal Harry G. Beck, Spokane.  
Private John A. Timmerman, Stanton, Idaho.  
**DIED OF DISEASE**  
Sergeant Edward Stephens, Spokane.

**DIED OF WOUNDS**  
Private Herbert Irwin, U. S. M. C., Adna, Wash.  
**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Lieutenant Lee F. Jones, Platteville, Wash.  
Corporal Edwin C. Liden, McCammon, Idaho.

Mechanic Clarence L. Lauerann, Seattle.  
Private Walter H. Stafford, Seattle.  
Private Charles Williams, Seattle.  
Private Jacob Wormstrane, Tacoma.  
Private Frank B. Hamilton, Chehalis, Wash.

Private Maurice A. Harrison, Nampa, Idaho.  
Private Thomas L. Gillard Bonners Ferry, Idaho.  
Private Reuben Birch, St. Anthony, Idaho.  
Private Eric A. Uddman, Seattle.  
Corporal Homer J. Eligo, Valley Ford, Wash.

Private Thomas W. Woodworth, Milwaukie, Or.

Private Robert H. Albano, Kilgore, Idaho.  
Private Leland S. Benson, Sublet, Idaho.  
Private Richard Knigge, Files, Idaho.

**WOUNDED SLIGHTLY**  
Private Arthur C. Streeter, Creswell, Or.  
Private Emil J. Timmerman, Richland, Wash.  
Private John Poloudakis, Portland.

**MISSING IN ACTION**  
Private Frank S. Davenport, Parker, Idaho.  
Private Orley P. Chase, Dalas, Or.  
Private John T. Clegg, Dubois, Idaho.  
Private Walter C. Crane, Allegheny, Or.  
Private Clarke Cherry, Portland, Or.

**WOUNDED—Degree Undetermined**  
Private Anton Swanson, Vollmer, Idaho.  
Private Globbe Malgesini, Monroe, Wash.  
Private Olaf B. Peterson, Kellogg, Idaho.  
Sergeant Jack Montgomery, Portland, Or.  
Private Melvin Gill, Florence, Wash.  
Private John H. Zogender, Canby, Or.

Raymond B. Rice, Spokane.  
**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Private Jesse B. Collamore, Portland.  
Private Jacob Kerber, Stayton, Or.  
Private Robert Lamplin, Seattle.  
Private Frank Prodhman, Richfield, Idaho.  
Private Joseph O. Gans, Lapwai, Idaho.

Private Michael Logto, Pocatello, Idaho.  
Private Robert S. McCutcheon, Reardan, Wash.  
Private Charles J. Moser, Portland, Or.  
**SEVERELY WOUNDED**  
Captain Harrison S. Beecher, Tacoma, Wash.  
Corporal John S. Hepp, Tumwater, Wash.

Private Henry I. Stokes, Seattle.  
Private Theodore O. Sandburg, Stanwood, Wash.  
Private Earl A. House, Kimberley, Idaho.  
Private Condata Hatmaker, Fort Hall, Idaho.  
Private Peter T. Beckman, Ontario, Or.

Private Andrew Bloomquist, Seattle, Wash.  
Private Carl M. Hanson, St. Anthony, Idaho.  
**DIED OF DISEASE**  
Lieutenant Lee C. Walter, Newberg, Or.  
Private Carl Florence, Creston, Wash.

Private Earl C. Newell, Freeman, Wash.  
Private Henry W. Peterson, South Seattle.  
**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Corporal John A. Johnson, Seattle.  
Private Henry Buchanan, Chehalis, Wash.

Private Stanley Karpinski, Tacoma.  
Private Francis M. Yost, Cushman, Or.  
Private Wellington Larabee, Arlington, Or.  
Private Marvin L. Smith, Cottage Grove, Or.  
Private William A. Tuttle, Jordan, Wash.

**WOUNDED—Degree Undetermined**  
Private James M. Simonsen, Seattle.  
Private Willie Christensen, Portland, Or.  
Private Fred D. Coffeen, Eugene, Or.  
Private Theodore Warren, Blackfoot, Idaho.

**SLIGHTLY WOUNDED**  
Corporal Henry Bernstein, Leland, Idaho.  
Sergeant Elmer L. Lewis, Seattle.  
Private Andrew P. Nyborg, St. Anthony, Idaho.

**MISSING IN ACTION**  
Private Bernard Parkinson, Big Lake, Wash.  
Private Newt B. Riddle, Lynden, Wash.  
Private Marlon C. Hampton, Franklin, Idaho.  
Private John Lougee, Sharon, Idaho.  
Private Curtis F. Wachtman, Tacoma, Wash.

**COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—**The ex-kaiser is ready to leave Holland of his own free will, the Berliner Tageblatt announces, according to a dispatch from Berlin today.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—In a fit of melancholy, William Hohenzollern, former German emperor, attempted to kill himself at Amerongen, but was prevented by a member of his staff, who was himself wounded, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

The Exchange Telegraph correspondent quoted the Leipzig Tageblatt, which had stated that the information was secured from a "well informed source."

Previous cabled advices had said that the former emperor was in bad health and that a specialist was in constant attendance.

William's depression arose not only from the loss of his throne but from fears that he would be extradited and placed on trial.

That the kaiser had attempted to shoot himself, if the suicide report is true, was made evident by the statement that a member of his retinue who interposed, was wounded.

The cablegram indicated that attendants are keeping the ex-war lord under constant surveillance.

GOODING, Idaho, Dec. 6.—Gooding's new \$15,000 hospital is completed and open to receive patients. The structure is two full stories and basement, has 16 rooms and when fully equipped will have a capacity of 20 patients. Some of the rooms are large enough to increase the capacity to 35 patients by placing two in a room. It has the electric light signal system for each room instead of bells, thereby assuring quiet. Some of the rooms are to be furnished by lodges and other organizations of the city.

# STRONG FORCES OF UKRAINE OCCUPY KIEFF

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec. 7.—Forces of the Ukrainian national union have occupied Kieff, after a severe battle, in which the casualties totaled 10,000, according to dispatches received from Kieff by the Ukrainian bureau here today.

Among those killed were General Skoropadski, hotman of the Ukraine, and 500 Russian officers.

The national union, the dispatches said, now controls all of Ukraine. Skoropadski, backed by the Germans, became virtual dictator of the Ukraine when that district seceded from Russia and became an independent republic. The peasants revolted when German troops began to seize their grain and livestock and were soon joined by the workmen, who tied up transportation and industries of the country with a general strike.

The national union, formed by the Ukrainian proletariat, is not definitely pro-ally, but is intensely anti-German. Withdrawal of German troops from the Ukraine apparently gave the union the opportunity to overthrow and seize the government.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 7.—Oregon wooden shipyards are thrown open to the world. The shipping board granted today to the Northwest yards the right to build for private account any wooden ships that may be ordered, and has also granted the right to transfer vessels of such manufacture to the flag of other nations. This should mean much to the yards of Oregon and Washington, as there are hundreds of orders for these vessels which heretofore could not be placed anywhere. With these orders labor still may be employed and prosperity be retained in Portland and the other shipyards of the Northwest Pacific.

This order puts the Oregon yards on a par with those of England. Some weeks ago the British government opened up some of its yards to private orders from its own and foreign citizens, and already Norway has placed several orders with the English builders' barges and towboats, without count, still are needed and certain types of small vessels for coastwise trade should be in great demand. While other American yards also have this privilege, the Southern yards cannot compete.

No decision has been reached as to the contracts for wood vessels, now suspended and liable to cancellation in the wood shipyards of the Pacific Northwest. General speaking, the board has determined to cancel all suspended contracts with the exception of those on the Coast. Tuesday next the board will hold a special session to determine just what will be done with these particular tasks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—"America is more thoroughly policed today than ever before in its history."

This was announced today in the annual report of Attorney General T. W. Gregory, the man who has waged war against the enemy in this country.

The report reviews in detail the vast amount of work accomplished by the department of justice during this period—the battle against the enemy propaganda, sabotage, sedition, the control of alien enemies, the corralling of draft evaders and the score of other minor tasks performed by the department.

The following recommendations to congress for necessary legislation were made in the report:

1. A law making the warrant of arrest run to all parts of the country. The report points out that a person may now, under present federal criminal procedure, successfully resist removal from the district to the district in which he was indicted by repeatedly giving and forfeiting bond.

2. A law making it an offense to send threatening letters through the mails. At present this is only an offense if the letters are sent to defraud.

3. Legislation providing for the punishment of a single individual who defrauds or attempts to defraud the United States. The present statute only punishes two or more, as engaging in a conspiracy.

4. A law to allow the government to sue any corporation in any district in which it actually transacts business. Under the existing law the United States cannot sue a corporation in any district other than that in which is located its principal place of business within the state where the corporation was created.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Eight of the 13 divisions comprising the American Third Army now approaching the Rhine either are National Guard or National Army troops, and there is every disposition to believe that they will be on American soil again by mid-Summer.

General March, chief of staff, announced today that he anticipated no difficulty in getting these home within four months.

President Wilson, in his recent address to Congress, said the session of the peace conference probably would be concluded by Spring, and based on this estimate of the time, General March's statement was accepted to mean that these forces would remain until Summer.

New National Guard divisions, the 32d and 42, and two of the National Army, the 89th and 90th, are now in the front line of Major-General Dickman's army of occupation, which was within 20 miles of the Rhine last night, according to General Pershing's report.



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