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RELEASED PRISONERS ENLARGE RUSS ARMY

WARSAW, Dec. 23.—Two million Russian prisoners, the first thousand of which are slowly passing forward, are being picked up by the Bolsheviks for the formation of their new army, all of whom appear to be tainted with Bolshevism, and there is danger of this spreading to Poland and Bohemia.

The Poles are rapidly organizing their own army around the nucleus of General Pilsudski's phalanxes. The old Polish legions which are coming home have no Russian or German sympathies, merely desiring to be left alone.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The allied governments have decided against further intervention in Russia, at least for the present, according to indications from official circles. Great Britain and the United States, it is represented, while recognizing that Russia should be assisted in a way to permit her to return to normal conditions, point out that military intervention on a large scale would involve difficulties and dangers of all kinds.

Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, explained the situation at length to the committee on foreign relations yesterday. He said the solution at present favored was to guarantee moral support to the governments which had sprung up at various points on Russian and Siberian territory.

BUDGET ESTIMATE OF OREGON STATE FAIR TO BE SUBMITTED

SALEM, Dec. 24.—The total of requests made for state funds for the next two years which will be submitted to the legislature in the biennial budget amounts to \$14,561,649.92, which is \$1,297,214.84 in excess of the total visible revenues of the state for the same period.

The budget, which is being compiled by Secretary of State Olcott and Deputy Secretary S. A. Koser, is nearing completion and will be ready to mail to members of the legislature within the next few days. This budget is one of the most elaborate and detailed compilations made by any department of the state government and gives the lawmakers complete information of the financial situation which awaits their attention.

While the total requests for all departments and state activities aggregate the sum of \$14,561,649, a considerable portion of that amount is already provided for by fixed millage taxes and continuing appropriations and incoming fees.

WAR RESTRICTIONS OF ALIEN ENEMIES ARE ORDERED LIFTED

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—Effective today, enforcement of all regulations imposed on German alien enemies of both sexes, with the exceptions of sections 9, 10 and 12 of the proclamation of April 6, 1917, are discontinued.

Instructions to this effect were received yesterday by United States attorney Bert E. Haney and United States Marshal George F. Alexander. All prohibited and restricted zones and areas, both waterfront and inland are abolished by the order, as is the necessity of permits connected with German registration.

The exceptions mentioned refer to restrictions on those entering or leaving this country and to those suspected of espionage.

MILSTED IS WOUNDED WHILE SERVING U. S.

Mrs. E. Milsted, of this city, received a telegram Sunday announcing the critical wounding of her son, Morris, who is in France. The young man was wounded while in action the day previous to the signing of the armistice. He has two brothers in the service, Henry and Jack. His father was drowned here a number of years ago.

BANK ROBBER GIVEN RELEASE ON SMALL BAIL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—Declaring that the bail of \$25,000 demanded of Arthur C. Davis by Municipal Judge Rossman to hold him to the grand jury was excessive, Presiding Judge Tucker, before whom an application for reduction of bail was made, yesterday reduced the amount to \$3000, which was furnished.

Davis was released from custody by order of Judge Tucker immediately after the bondsmen had qualified. Arriving in Portland and getting out of the inside of the jail, Davis made known his real name, robbing the bank. He at first took the money to have a go, but the police say he told them he did it for the sake of his family. Noticing the four stars on the bank's service flag, they say he began to ponder over the fact that he might lose his position when the regular clerks returned from war, thinking of his wife and child and the second baby which was expected soon.

When asked by the officers if he thought he could "get away" with the money, Davis is said to have replied: "I never would have taken it had I thought I would have been caught." Captain Cirila said yesterday that the first letter sent by Davis from Salt Lake City to his wife contained \$100 in currency. The contents of the second letter are not known to the police.

PRESIDENT WILSON LOSES WAY; SMALL BOYS MAKE RESCUE

PARIS, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—L'Intransigeant, describing President Wilson's shopping tour with Mrs. Wilson, says that the couple while strolling through the crowded shopping center yesterday lost their way and asked two little boys where they were. The lads gave the needed information and one of them, doffing his cap, astonished the president by asking: "Might one shake hands with Monsieur Le President?" The president shook hands with both boys heartily and wished them a Merry Christmas before proceeding on his way.

Late this afternoon President Wilson conferred with members of the American shipping board and then called upon Premier Clemenceau to say that he was going away for a week.

Mrs. Wilson went downtown during the day to purchase cakes and candy which she sent for distribution among Parisian orphan asylums.

COL. WHITTLESEY GIVEN MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey, commander of the famous "Lost Battalion," of the 308th United States Infantry, who told the Germans to "go to hell!" when they invited him to surrender, was given a congressional medal at exercises on historic Boston Common Tuesday.

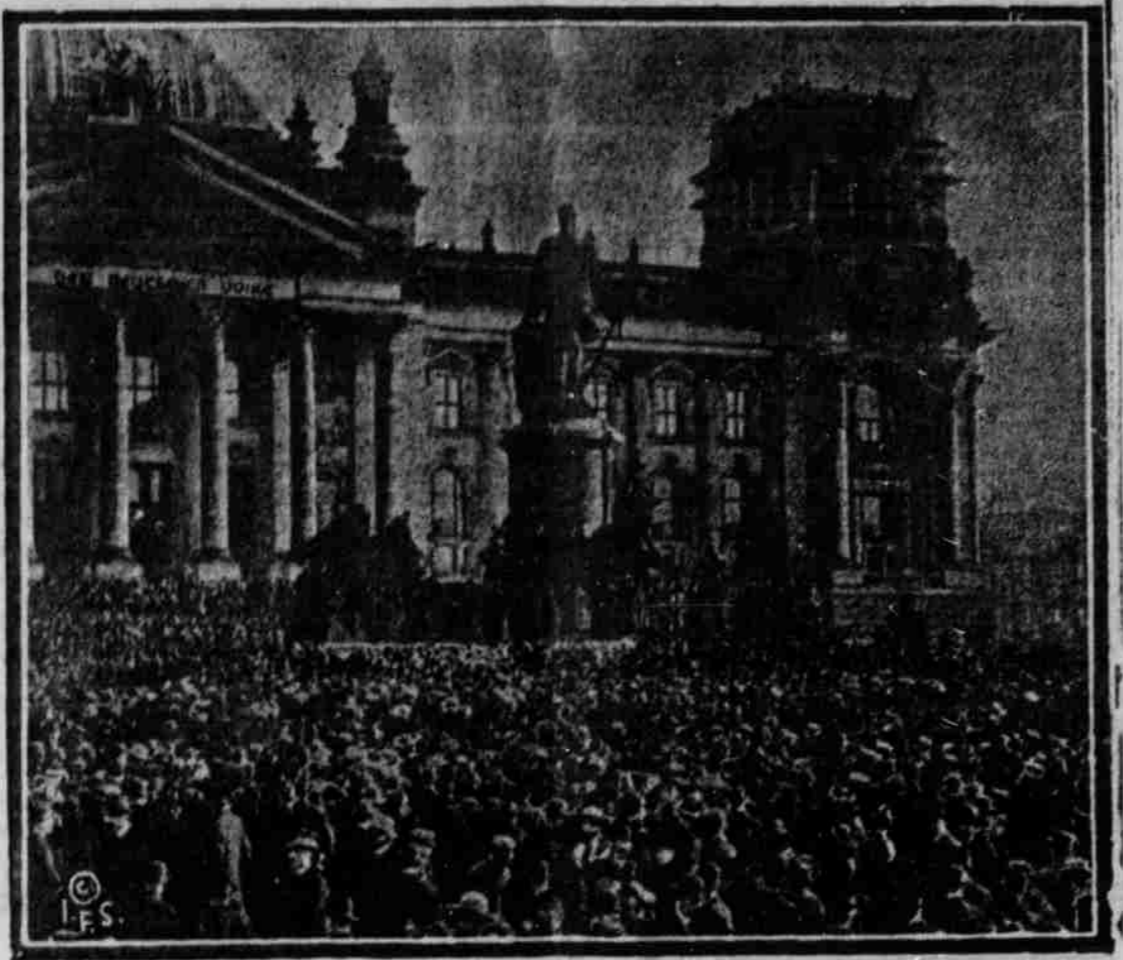
Seems to Be Just a Beatty Habit to Wear the Hat Coked and to Win success Early



EDWARD W. BEATTY

All the Beatty family may not wear their hats coked at an angle of assurance but two very prominent Beattys do. One is Admiral Sir David Beatty to whom the German fleet surrendered. Another is Edward Wentworth Beatty, who recently became president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Admiral Beatty is forty-seven, but at forty-one he was in command of the First Battle Cruiser Squadron. Edward W. Beatty became a railroad president at forty-one.

Scene in Front of Reichstag as New Government Was Proclaimed



This photograph shows the scene when Philip Scheidemann, vice-president of the Reichstag under the old regime, proclaimed the foundation

of the new German government before the building in which the Reichstag holds its sessions. This is one of the first pictures to reach this country of the rioting and revolution following the downfall of the Hohenzollerns.

PRUNING KNIFE WILL BE NEEDED AT LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.—When the legislature meets next month it will have more use for a pruning knife than any other instrument. Some very generous pruning will be required if the biennial appropriations are to be kept within the limits of the money available to meet them. But it is predicted that the legislature cannot provide for the needs of the state government and hold its appropriations within the funds in sight for the next two years.

The biennial budget, compiled by Secretary of State Olcott from estimates submitted to him by the heads of various departments and branches of the state government and state activities, shows a total of \$14,561,649.92 but \$5,383,354.11 can be eliminated without further consideration, as it represents contributions paid into the state industrial accident fund, fees to be applied to specific purposes, and receipts not paid into the state treasury.

This leaves \$9,167,795.81 for the legislature to work over. Included in this sum is \$901,100, representing continuing appropriations now in effect, and \$1,947,65.78, representing millage tax levies for the O. A. C. U. of O., "Month-month Normal, roads and county fairs, leaving \$6,319,044.03 to be met by direct appropriation. To take care of this \$9,167,795.81 the state has in sight revenues aggregating \$7,870,580.97, thus leaving a deficit of \$1,297,214.84.

Barcelona, Dec. 25.—Several soldiers and civilians were wounded yesterday in a clash between the police and crowds who were demonstrating in favor of home rule for the Province of Catalonia. Many shots were fired.

CONTRACTS ON 1919 CROP OF FLAX ARE MADE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.—Contracts for the state's 1919 flax crop are now being signed up by Warden Stevens of the state penitentiary with farmers living in the vicinity of Salem and Turner. There is still opportunity for several more growers to contract their crops to the state and about 500 acres more are needed. The state furnishes the seed, while the farmers sow the crop. The state harvests and shocks the yield and the farmers haul it to the plant at the prison. Farmers are paid \$25 a ton for the straw.

VICE PRESIDENT OF U. S. GIVES FEAST TO SENATE PAGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Congress was in recess today. The only activity at the capitol today was around the huge Christmas trees, one set up in the rotunda and the other of the plaza, upon which decorators were putting the final touches for the community celebration to take place late this afternoon and tonight.

At noon Vice President Marshall summoned the senate pages to the annual feast he gives in their honor. The pages listened to a speech by the vice president after the dinner was over. Speeches they hear in abundance every day of the week.

After gifts of money, books and candy had been presented, the vice president gathered the 20 pages about him for a round of stories that occupied most of the afternoon.

TONG WAR AMONG SAN FRANCISCO CHINESE BREAKS OUT ANEW

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Lee Lip Chuch was shot and killed in San Francisco's Chinese quarter last night and Hing Gee, said by the police to be a member of the Hip Sen tong, was arrested after a short chase, and is charged with murder.

The police said the killing of Lee probably marked a renewal of tong warfare, which has smoldered here since the killing of three Chinese and the wounding of two Americans in Chinatown several weeks ago.

THRIFT CARDS NEED NOT BE FILLED OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—To clear away a mistaken idea reported from many sections that war savings certificates must be cashed before January 1, Lewis B. Franklin, director of war loan organization, has issued this statement:

"War savings stamps and thrift stamps are as good as gold, whether your certificate or thrift card is completely filled or not. The idea that unfilled certificates must be cashed before January 1 is absolutely baseless. The government will continue to sell thrift stamps so that you can fill out these cards and exchange them for the 1919 issue of war savings stamps."

HELP NEEDED IN RUSSIA TO PREVENT FAMINE

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 25.—Russia must have help from the outside world at once. This is the message brought to this country by Charles R. Crane, member of the Root commission, that visited the czar's empire a short time ago and who is here today after another trip to the Orient.

The first important step that should be taken to aid the stricken country, according to Crane, is to maintain the trans-Siberian railroad. Famine and chaos stalk throughout the land and it is almost impossible to get an accurate estimate of conditions, said Crane.

"Russia presents an appalling tragedy," said Crane after leaving the liner Suwa Maru. "What the outcome of it all will be no man can say. It is certain, however, that without the trans-Siberian railroad being maintained, Russia will be in a still worse condition. Over it must flow the food and supplies that will rehabilitate the country. Without these supplies starvation and disease will take an enormous toll.

So many opinions and reports have been given out and printed regarding Russian conditions that we are in great danger of being misled. The truth is hard to discover. No one can say with authority when present conditions will end. It is useless for anyone who comes from that country now to attempt to give any accurate account of the situation."

Roseburg—Expects much road work activity in coming year.

READJUSTMENT MEETING CALLED BY WITHYCOMBE

SALEM, Dec. 25.—Governor Withycombe Tuesday issued a proclamation naming January 9, 10, and 11 as the dates for the "reconstruction convention" to be held in the public auditorium in Portland to consider means for the prevention of industrial depression and unemployment during the period of reconstruction and readjustment from war to peace basis. All interests are invited to send representatives. The governor's proclamation says:

"Inasmuch as the state of Oregon, in common with other states, is facing the vital problem and sacred responsibility of preventing industrial depression and unemployment during the period of reconstruction and readjustment from a war to a peace basis, and since it appears that only by the devotion and the concerted application of the intelligence, experience, and endeavors of our most able citizens can definite and desirable stimulus be given to the reclamation of the arid, swamp and logged-off land, the development of water power, highway construction, and the maintenance of productive industry;

"Now, therefore, I, James Withycombe, governor of Oregon, do proclaim January 9, 10 and 11, 1919, as the dates of a reconstruction convention to be held in the public auditorium of the city of Portland, Oregon, and do most earnestly invite the attendance of the representatives of agriculture, manufacture, labor, shipping, and commerce; highway, port and dock commissions; business, civic and professional organizations; the mayors and other authorities of Oregon cities; county commissioners of Oregon, and all others who, by their efforts and interest, may contribute to the sum of the state's well being."

JAPANESE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR TRADE IN SOUTH AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Japan seeks a substantial share of Brazil's foreign trade. Latin-American advisers indicated today. Announcement is made of the opening of a Rio de Janeiro branch of a large Tokio corporation, already represented at Buenos Aires. Japan has made special financial arrangements to care for the expansion of her trade interests in both Brazil and Argentina.

PARDONS ARE REFUSED TO THREE PEOPLE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.—Governor Withycombe has refused to grant the request of a number of Portland women who asked permission to appear at his office and plead for Christmas pardons for William Branson, Anna Booth and John Pender, all serving time at the state prison for homicide. The governor explains that he is opposed to granting pardons for sentimental reasons.

Aged Refugees Back in France from Holland With All Their Possessions in One Bundle



Thousands of French refugees hurried back to their native land after the armistice was signed. This photograph shows an aged couple, prosperous before the war, who "retired

some way," as the photographer says, during their exile in Holland. The wife carries all their belongings in a bag.

GERMANS FAVOR PLAN OF LEAGUE FORMATION

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 25.—Count Broelldorf Rantzau, newly appointed German foreign minister, declared in an interview with the correspondent of the Politiken that the majority of the German people are in favor of a peace on the basis of President Wilson's 14 points, which are regarded as the proper basis for the league of nations. "I have an unshakable faith in the German people and their future as a nation," he said. "My greatest task is to procure a peace on the basis of President Wilson's 14 points, which constitute the foundation for the league of nations. The majority of the German people are behind me."

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Order was restored today after mutinous marines had fortified themselves in the royal palace for several hours, following a clash with the Republican guard. The trouble arose when the marines refused to obey orders transferring them to various naval bases. A number of regiments participated in the fighting with the guard, which resulted in several casualties.

A deputation of federal officers succeeded in arranging a parley with the marines in the palace and an agreement was reached whereby some of the marines were to remain in Berlin while others were to report to Kiel and other ports.

The political situation continues to wear a variegated complexion. The Royalists and Republicans are carrying out their propaganda war. In Bavaria, where the monarchist movement appears to have gained some headway, the Catholics are proposing a referendum to decide between a monarchy and a republic.

SPRUCE DIVISION IS NEARLY ALL OUT OF COOS BAY COUNTRY

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 25.—In a few days the remainder of the 103rd squadron of the spruce division soldiers will leave Coos Bay. A few men are at the C. A. Smith mill and about 50 are at Beaver Hill, clearing up the big project which was started before the close of the war to get out airplane spruce. At one time more than 1000 soldiers were employed in the country, but now nearly all have left. The only body of soldiers of any size is employed at the camps of the Smith-Powers Logging company and these will be replaced by civilians as soon as men can be found to take their places.

Captain L. H. Frisach, who has been commanding officer of the military district, has been relieved and succeeded by Captain Oliver Smith. Headquarters will probably be maintained until all the soldiers are moved.

STATE PENITENTIARY INMATES CELEBRATE XMAS WITH BIG FEED

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.—Lives of the inmates at the Oregon state penitentiary are brightened by more than the usual Christmas cheer today, and the interior of the prison has been prepared for the observance. Feasting and theatricals were the main diversions.

Two theatrical teams from local playhouses went to the prison this morning and entertained the inmates for more than an hour. At noon an elaborate dinner was spread in the prison dining room. The menu included Coney Island clam chowder, chicken griblet patties, chicken with cranberry sauce, potatoes and onions, fish salad, mince pie, oranges, apples and candy. The prison chapel has been decorated by one of the inmates who is an expert decorator.

SNOW IN MIDDLE WEST

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Approved Christmas weather prevailed today throughout the middle west. All the valley states lay under a heavy blanket of snow. Temperatures ranged from zero in North Dakota to 30 degrees above in Southern Illinois. Railroad traffic delayed by storms Tuesday, returned to normal today.