

CABINET PUTS OFF RECRUITING CRISIS

Asquith Finds More Support Than Expected and Resignations May Be Few.

KING USES HIS INFLUENCE

Sir Edward Grey, Alive to Importance of Unity, Seeks Conciliation for Effect on Allies. Labor Will Confer.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—In order to give time for a possible reconciliation of conflicting opinions on the recruiting question, a Cabinet council which was called for today has been further postponed until Friday, and there is great hope that it will then be possible that the Cabinet is in practical agreement on the acceptance of Premier Asquith's proposals.

It has become known that the Prime Minister found much greater support than had been supposed, some of the anti-recruiting Ministers having realized that the situation calls for exceptional treatment. Among these are A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, whose influence is great, and Lloyd George, who, however, will be guided by the views of the Labor party.

Much depends now on the attitude of the King. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Huddleston, president of the Board of Trade, both important members of the Cabinet, there is thought a hopeful feeling that they may yet be induced to support the Premier.

Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, looks with great apprehension on any signs of disagreement as having a bad effect upon the allies and is working hard on the path of conciliation.

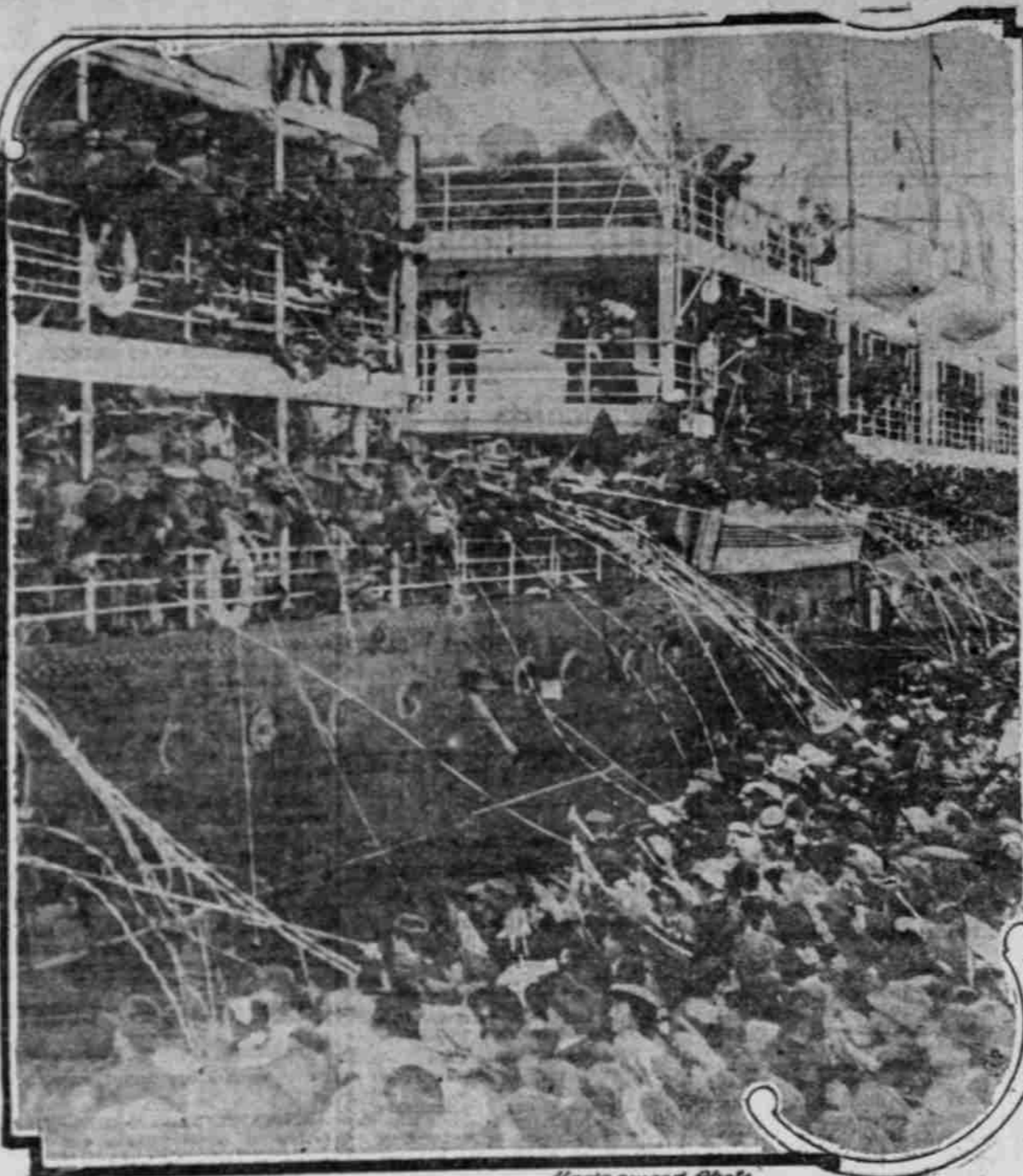
A strong point making for unity on the new government policy is that it has met with much less opposition from the Labor party than might have been expected. The royal influence is also being exerted, the King having publicly intimated his special desire that all the men who are affected under Earl Derby should wear the symbolic armband issued in connection with the scheme.

Much will depend upon the attitude of the Labor party which, although strongly opposed to conscription, may possibly be swayed by the Premier's view that the exceptional circumstances justify exceptional means.

A conference of representatives of the Labor party is being arranged to consider the desirability of the Cabinet. A meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers will be held tomorrow to consider the belief that Lord Lloyd George for relaxation of trade union rules so as to increase the number of men performing certain classes of work.

The evening newspapers today all concede that the decision of the Cabinet is in favor of conscription, and see little ground for the belief that there will be resignations of Cabinet ministers or for anticipating serious opposition from the country.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM MARKS DEPARTURE OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS FOR THEATER OF WAR.



PAPER STREAMERS USED BY SOLDIERS ON TRANSPORT IN HIDING GOOD BY TO LOVED ONES ON THE DOCK. Day colored streamers were used with a novel purpose in Sydney, Australia, when the contingent from the Antipodes sailed aboard the transports for service in the Dardanelles. After the last warnings had been given and all those who had no business on the transport had gone ashore, the soldiers threw great rolls of multi-colored streamers to their friends on shore. These streamers, the friends, sweethearts, wives or mothers held on to until the transport was out of the dock and the distance had become so great that the streamers of paper had snapped. The picture was made just before the hawseers were cast off and the transport left the dock.

DRIVE IS EXPECTED

Central Powers Believed to Be Moving on Saloniki.

GREAT FORCES REQUIRED

Armies Still Passing Through Constantinople Bound for Succ. Germany Thinks Roumania Has Balance of Power.

SALONIKI, Greece, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 29.—(Special cable.)—Persons arriving from Constantinople saying that Austro-German forces are still passing through that city bound for Saloniki. In connection with the reported concentration of Austro-German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops in Southern Serbia, it is believed here to indicate that the central powers are still contemplating an attempt to drive the allies from Saloniki, in spite of the protest of the Greek government against Turkish and Bulgarian armies advancing through Greece territory and the danger of arousing Greek public opinion to the point of entering the war against Bulgaria and Turkey.

Turks Have Few to Spare. It is difficult to see how the Austrians and Germans could spare enough troops from the French, Italian and Russian fronts to undertake the Saloniki campaign. Word comes from Constantinople that the Turkish army consists of 300,000 men, more than 200,000 of whom are fit for the front. Of these, only 100,000 can be spared for this front. There are also 25,000 Bulgars and 150,000 Austrians in the Balkans. The figures of the men necessary for the campaign. Already several small conflicts have taken place between Greek and Bulgarian troops on the frontier.

The allied positions extend in a crescent about Saloniki. Holding the present positions of the allies is a military necessity, for if they were abandoned the allies would lose prestige in the event.

Germany Hope for Roumania. Roumania might join the central powers and the Venetian party in Greece might be hopelessly weakened. From German sources it is said that the diplomats of Germany are working night and day to win the co-operation of Roumania, which they think holds the balance of power and is in a position to determine the outcome of the war.

They believe that Roumania must reach a decision within the next three months, and that the end of the war will follow within another three to five months. The allies believe that the war will continue much longer.

Indications are the Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian forces are digging themselves in on the Greek frontier, awaiting an opportunity to attack the allies as positions that difficulties will arise that will turn the Greeks against the French and British. In the meantime the feeling between the Greek army and the allies is growing more friendly. There is every reason to believe that the occupation of Saloniki by the allies will continue.

ARREST IS RESISTED

Federal Warrants for Buchanan and Others on Way.

3 GIVE THEMSELVES UP

Federal Prosecutor Denies Prerogative Applies to Case—Investigation of German Agents to Be Continued.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Warrants for the arrest of Representative Buchanan, of Illinois, H. Robert Fowler, ex-Representative from Illinois, F. B. Martin and Herman Schultz, four of the eight men indicted yesterday for conspiracy to foment strikes in American munition factories, were sent to Washington tonight.

Each of the four men for whom warrants were issued has announced his intention of resisting arrest. Buchanan has asserted that he is protected by his prerogative as a member of Congress, but this is denied by United States Attorney Marshall.

Following his arraignment Mr. Monnett issued a statement in which he denied ever having accepted or having been offered any German money. He said he never knew Lamar or Von Rintelen and that as far as he knew neither had any connection with the peace council. Monnett denounced the shipment of munitions to the allies as criminal and illegal.

Council Official Denies Charges. Taylor also made a statement denying the charges brought against him and also asserting that both Lamar and Von Rintelen were strangers to him.

Lamar refused to make any comment. The investigation into activities of German agents in this country will be resumed by a Federal grand jury which will convene here on January 5.

OREGON CASE IS PRECEDENT Immunity Denied Representative Williamson on Criminal Charge. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Representative Buchanan's claim of immunity from arrest is under investigation by the Department of Justice. A decision of the Supreme Court in 1905, written by Justice White, now Chief Justice, is regarded as sufficient authority for the official contention that members of Congress are entitled to no immunity in criminal prosecutions.

THOMPSON WILL NOT RUN

Chicago Mayor Asks That Name Be Taken From Nebraska List.

WEDNESDAY'S WAR MOVES

DISPATCHES from both east and west express the belief that the winter weather is likely to prove the most severe obstacle to war operations on the principal fronts during the next few weeks. The statement that the most dreaded period of winter is from the end of December to the end of January was General French's reply a year ago to the demands for a great offensive. The same remark would probably apply equally this year.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 29.—The request of Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, that his name be withdrawn from the Republican Presidential primary ballot in this state will be granted by Secretary of State Peck.

"Grover Cleveland" Kills His Wife. LANDER, Wyo., Dec. 29.—Grover Cleveland, a Shoshone Indian, 49 years old, last night shot and killed his wife, then turned the weapon on himself, inflicting a fatal wound, according to word received here today. A shooting took place on the Wind River reservation, near Fort Washakie.

Huge New French Dirigible Seen. PARIS, Dec. 29.—A new model of French dirigible made its appearance over Paris today and attracted much attention. The balloon, which is of exceedingly large size, moved across the city and crossed the Eiffel Tower.

Japanese Breaks Leg. F. Sata, a Japanese, received a broken leg yesterday in falling from a load of wood at Bridal Veil. The man was brought to Portland and taken to the Good Samaritan hospital last night.

The Weather a Year Ago Today. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A year ago today, the weather was a great deal different. The thermometer showed a high of 66 and a low of 48. There is only one "Storm" in the forecast. Look for signs of a W. G. G. G. G.

Advertisement for Roberts Bros. featuring a January Clearance Sale. Text includes: 'All Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled at Clearance Sale Prices. Express and Parcel Post Packages Prepaid on \$5.00 Purchases. YOU CAN DO BETTER FOR LESS ON THIRD STREET'. Roberts Bros. Third & Morrison. The Most in Value—The Best in Quality.

Advertisement for a 'Ready-to-Wear Dep't' clearance sale. Text includes: 'Our Great Twenty-Fifth Annual January Clearance Sale! Clearance Sale Reductions in Ready-to-Wear Dep't Are of Out-of-the-Ordinary Importance. Your Choice at \$4.98 For Suits in Popular Styles at \$25 For Coats, Various Styles, to \$18.50 For Dresses for Street or Evening, Values to \$20.00. Your Choice at \$4.98 A Great Clearance of Women's Waists at 29¢. At this extremely low price we are closing out a great lot of Women's Waists—all this season's styles in all desirable materials. Only three to each customer—none exchanged. Values up to \$1.50. Clearance price..... 29¢'

Advertisement for 'Wash Goods, Domestic Goods, Bedding, Flannels, Etc.' clearance sale. Text includes: 'CLEARANCE SALE REDUCTIONS ON Wash Goods, Domestic Goods, Bedding, Flannels, Etc. The Housekeeper's Greatest Saving Opportunity of the Entire Year. Fancy Border Scrims, white, cream, ecru. 10c Values to 18c yard. Priced at 10c. Baby Blankets, in various styles, 50c grade, 39c on sale at 39c. Fancy Bordered Scrims, white, cream, ecru. 19c Values to 35c a yard, priced at 19c. Velour Flannel, in kimono lengths, \$1.05 to \$1.40 lengths, on sale at 89c. White Outing Flannel, 32-inch width, 12 1/2c grade, at 9c. Pillow Slips of fine quality, 42 by 36-inch, 12 1/2c grade, reduced to 10c. Pillow Slips, 42 by 36-inch, best 15c grade, 12c on sale at 12c. Gray Cotton Blankets, 72x84 inches, \$1.89 \$2.25 quality, reduced to 98c. Washable Bathroom and Bedroom Rugs, \$1.25 98c. Bleached Sheets, 72 by 90 inches, best 50c 42c grade, at 42c. Extra Heavy Sheets, 76 by 90 inches, 70c 59c grade, at 59c. CLEARANCE OF WASH GOODS AT 19¢ YARD Regular 25c Lines. Included are Printed Crepes in flowered styles, Mercerized Foulards in dainty colorings in flower, figure and stripe styles, Fancy Stripe Poplins, Wool-finish Suitings, etc. Regular 25c lines. Clearance 19c.

prosecutions for criminal offenses and confining the privilege alone to arrests in civil cases.

STORM IS WIDESPREAD Blizzard in Middle West Extends Also to Southwest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Rain, snow, sleet and high winds were general over a wide section of the country today.

High winds prevailed along the east gulf coast, but the far reports reported tonight indicated, without material damage to property or shipping.

Helena, Mont., experienced a temperature of two above zero and a strong wind blowing from the north.

The storm is in the nature of a blizzard in the Eastern States, particularly in the Southwest. Reports from the government weather bureau indicate the cold wave is general throughout Montana. Butte's street thermometers showed 10 degrees below zero.

Oakland and Berkeley, Cal., appear in the weather dispatches as having experienced snow, the first in years, accompanied by high winds.

TICKET CLERKS TO TOUR E. Stratton, Who Will Go With Party, Will Distribute Literature.

During the trip through the South and East, which E. Stratton starts on Friday, he is going to take a bundle of literature telling about Portland and Oregon for distribution.

Mr. Stratton is attached to the Portland ticket office of the Southern Pacific, the road is sending a party of its ticket clerks on a tour. These young men will be taught how to induce tourists to travel to the Pacific Coast.

BIG REALTY DEALS STIR (Continued From First Page.) dence and had been one of the show places of the fashionable Westover Terrace district. It was erected about three years ago.

The fourth development of the day came in the form of an announcement from Albert J. Capron that a large Eastern manufacturing firm which he represents may build a \$500,000 branch plant in Portland. Mr. Capron says he now has several 10-acre sites under consideration in California and Washington, but that no decision will be made by his Eastern connections until he has filed his report on recommendations with the head office.

He says that the company is certain to build a plant somewhere on the Pacific Coast, and that if a free site can be obtained in Portland that will afford both water and rail transportation facilities, the Rose City will be favorably considered.

The company plans four factory buildings of the following dimensions: Two three-story buildings covering 60 by 250 feet of ground, a two-story

structure covering 40 by 60 feet and a three-story building covering 40 by 60 feet, all buildings to be of fireproof construction. At least 60 skilled workmen will be employed, Mr. Capron says, when the plant is completed.

Mr. Capron will not divulge the identity of the Eastern firm, and says that the site will not be selected until after the first of the year.

Postoffices to Be Raised. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—On January 1 the following fourth class Postoffices will be raised to Presidential grade, and the salaries of the postmaster will be fixed as indicated:

Oregon—Ione, \$1190; Saint Benedict, \$1700. Washington—Oak Harbor, \$1200; Vader, \$1000. Idaho—Downey, \$1190; Midvale, \$1190.

Kansas Crops Worth \$341,561,439. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—Kansas produced field crops valued at \$341,561,439 in 1915, according to the annual report of J. C. Mohler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, issued today. In only one year, 1914, has production been larger.

Advertisement for 'HOTEL OREGON, Inc.' Text includes: 'DON'T BE A PESSIMIST Because Oregon Has Gone Dry. Every Man, Woman and Child BOOST FOR OREGON We take this opportunity to thank our patrons for their liberal support given "Ye Oregon Grille" during the year past. Notwithstanding the elimination of wines and liquors, we shall continue to entertain our Grille patrons with the same high standard of Orchestra and Cabaret. Devoting our efforts toward creating in this popular Grille a standard of service, unsurpassed in any city of the United States, from a light lunch to a heavy dinner or any kind of a soft drink. Our beautiful Bar, opening on Broadway, will not close its doors on January 1, but will serve all kinds of temperance drinks to everybody. HOTEL OREGON, Inc. N. K. Clarke, Manager.'

Advertisement for 'EMPRESS TONIGHT SECOND SHOW PROFESSIONAL TRYOUT ACTS'. Text includes: 'A Great 7 ACT INCLUDING S. & C. SHOW 10c 15c 20c BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.'