

## 1,500,000 READY TO FIGHT FOR U. S.

### Army in France Soon to Be Half Million.

## 32 DIVISIONS WAITING SHIPS

### Secretary Baker Lifts Veil of Secrecy From War Preparations.

## AMAZING DISCLOSURE MADE

### Inefficiency Charge Replied To Before Senate Military Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—America will have an Army of 500,000 in France early this year, with 1,000,000 more trained and equipped ready to follow as quickly as ships can be provided to carry them—and the outlook for ships is not unpromising.

Secretary Baker gave this information to the world today in a statement before the Senate military committee. He bared much that until now has been carefully guarded with the Army's military secrets, in answering charges that the Government has broken down preparing for war.

### Statement Consumes Day.

From early morning until late afternoon the Secretary addressed the committee and a crowd, including many members of both houses of Congress, gathered in a big hearing room of the Senate office building.

He spoke extemporaneously, beginning the details of the mammoth task of building an Army of 1,500,000, answering such complaints of inefficiency as were cited by Senator Chamberlain in his recent speech and declaring that such instances were isolated and not general.

Some questions were asked, and Mr. Baker, from time to time, had assistants go to the telephone for reports on specific questions.

### Dramatic Feature Injected.

Then, toward the close of the day, the Secretary delivered a dramatic general statement of the American war plan, telling of the coming of the allied missions, of the day and night conferences with men from the scene of battle, in which the plans now being executed were adopted, and of success beyond the most sanguine expectations in building the Army, and its industrial supports at home, transporting men across the ocean, constructing railroads in France and preparing to strike the enemy with every resource at the country's command.

When Mr. Baker closed it was apparent he had created a profound impression. Chairman Chamberlain said so before he left the stand. There was no attempt at cross-examination.

### Hearing to Be Resumed.

The chairman proposed that the Secretary be given a rest, and it virtually was agreed to recall him for further examination later, after the committee has completed its hearings of officers of the medical corps, aviation section and other branches of the service.

While many things disclosed were impressive, the committee was frankly amazed when told that the men of 32 National Guard and National Army divisional camps are ready to go today at call.

When members wanted to know why such things had not been given publicity before, Mr. Baker spoke of the reluctance of military men to reveal their war plans, and quoted German remarks about America's advertisement of her preparations.

### Exposure of Shortcomings Invited.

Emphasizing that he was not there to defend himself or anybody else, the Secretary urged the committee again and again to lay bare any shortcomings or failure of the department that it might be corrected.

Frequently he paused to seek stronger language to describe the devotion of his associates in the department, military and civilian.

"For one reason or another," he said, "the impression has gone out into the country, to some extent at least, that the War Department has fallen down."

"It would be a tragical thing if..."

## TEUTON PEOPLE CALLED TO REVOLT

### Kaiser Termed Hangman of Germany.

Sensational Appeal Published in Deutsches Tages Zeitung for Raising of Nation.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says Deutsches Tages Zeitung openly calls upon the German people to revolt against the present regime.

"We, too," says this pan-German organ, "have a Judas among us today. He appears in the red coat and mantle of Germany's hangman. Who will save Germany from these traitors but the German people? It is now Germans help yourself and God will help."

Although Emperor William is not named in the article the expression, "Germany's hangman," is meant for the Kaiser, says the correspondent.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 28.—A Berlin dispatch to the Weser Zeitung says that the government desired a vote of confidence by the Reichstag, but at a joint meeting of the various parties on Friday the proposal was wrecked by Socialist opposition.

## BANANA BREAD IS LATEST

### Hawaiians Utilize Fruit in Production of Popular War Food.

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—"Have a slice of banana bread" is now a common question put to the newcomer in Honolulu. Banana bread is the latest war bread made. Due to the fact that there has been a lack of space of ships leaving Hawaii, the banana shipments to the mainland have been curtailed with the result that huge quantities of bananas are now stored in local warehouses.

An "a banana a day" campaign has been put into force and now comes the banana bread. The loaf is 50 per cent banana, has no sugar, no shortening, the balance being salt, wheat and yeast.

So far as taste goes it is far better than white bread. During the last few days it has become a "rage" and bakers are having difficulty in making enough to supply the demand.

## RELIGIOUS CENSUS TAKEN

### Catholics and Methodists Lead Among Soldiers at Camp Lewis.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Almost every creed under the sun is represented at Camp Lewis.

There are 24 infidels, six agnostics, nine Buddhists, 123 atheists, one fatalist, six holy rollers, 123 Mormons, four Mohammedans, six Quakers, one Russian Church member, one Yogi and 2616 non-sectarians among the thousands at camp, according to a religious census just completed by Lieutenant Raymond, aide de camp.

There are 7389 Roman Catholics, 4483 Methodists, those churches having the largest number. A complete list is given.

## PARK BOARD TO HOOVERIZE

### Part of Tacoma Zoo to Be Abolished; Animals Offered for Sale.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Part of the big zoological exhibits at Point Defiance Park will be abolished this winter by the City Park Board as a means of helping in the Hoover conservation programme.

At today's session the board instructed Secretary Gower to communicate with Eastern circuses and animal dealers and solicit offers for two big lions and other carnivorous animals at the park.

Meat bills for the animals at the park amount to \$125 a month and the park also has to furnish heat for the cages in which the animals are housed.

## LUMBER PLANT PURCHASED

### Property of Defunct Stack-Gibbs Company Is Acquired.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Rose Lake Lumber Company, one of the largest independent lumber operators of the Inland Empire, is purchasing the plant and mill-site of the defunct Stack-Gibbs Lumber Company at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Property and business interests, which total \$500,000, are involved in the transfer. The deal was practically closed after a week of negotiations. Final details are being settled today. The Stack-Gibbs property is being transferred to the Rose Lake interests by the Exchange National Bank of Spokane.

## CITY GARDEN CAMPAIGN ON

### Vacant Lots to Be Cultivated Is Plan of War Council.

The vacant lot garden campaign has started. All persons having vacant property they are willing to allow used for war gardens have been asked to notify City Auditor Funk.

The lot garden campaign has been worked out by the Portland War Emergency Council. It is planned to have every available inch of vacant ground in the city set out to crops.

In addition to the city's campaign representatives will be named in the various districts to promote the gardening.

Oregon Soldier Dies of Wound.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 28.—The name of S. W. Durdale, Hubbard, Or., appears in tonight's Canadian casualty list as having died of wounds.

## LONDON BOMBED IN 2 AIRPLANE RAIDS

### One Invading Machine Brought Down.

## ATTACKS ARE MADE IN NIGHT

### Bombing Almost Continuous for Five Hours.

## THEATER CROWD REMAINS

### Audience at General's Lecture, Told to Seek Safety in Basement, Cry "Carry On" and Stay Despite Gunfire.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Attacks by enemy planes on London and Essex last night and early today lasted intermittently for nearly five hours, and for two hours in London there was a heavy and almost continuous gunfire. One of the invading aircraft was brought down in Essex.

The crowds were sent to cover soon after the first attack, shortly before 8 o'clock last evening, when the bombing began, at which time the following official communication was issued: "Hostile airplanes crossed the Kent and Essex coasts shortly before 8 o'clock this evening and proceeded toward London. Some of the machines penetrated to the capital, where bombs were dropped between 9 and 10 o'clock. One machine brought down." "The latest reports show that one enemy machine was brought down by our airmen in Essex."

Bombing continued, and finally it was officially announced that a second attack by air raiders was delivered in London after midnight, the bombing beginning about 12:30 A. M.

The members of the Royal Geographical Society, with many ladies in the large audience, were assembled to hear a speech by Lieutenant-General J. O. Smuts. Sir Thomas Holdich, the president, announced that notice had just been received of an air raid, and that the police informed him the audience would be safer if they went to the basement of the building. There were loud cries of "Carry on" and the audience remained in the hall.

Few Planes Reach London. General Smuts spoke calmly for an hour, amid reports of the guns. Afterward Walter Hume Long, Colonial Secretary, paid a warm tribute to General Smuts and the African army, which represented all units of the British empire.

A majority of the theaters went through their performances with decreased audiences, but some were idle because of the failure of actors to arrive on account of the lateness of suburban trains. The raid was carried out by a considerable number of airplanes, which followed the familiar tactics of attacking in relays. As far as could be seen not more than three or four airplanes broke through the London defenses. The invaders were attacked by numbers of British machines.

## RUSSIA BREAKS WITH ROUMANIA

### DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES ORDERED SENT HOME.

### Commander of Russian Forces, Who Frustrated Attempt to Arrest Royal Family, Is Outlawed.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 28.—The government commissioners announce that diplomatic relations with Roumania have been broken.

The Roumanian legation and all the Roumanian representatives here will be sent out of the country by the shortest route. Lieutenant-General Dmitri Grigorievitch Stecherbatcheff, commander of the Russian forces in Roumania, has been outlawed as an enemy of the people.

General Stecherbatcheff for some time has been out of the good graces of the Bolsheviks. Recent dispatches said that the attempt by the Bolsheviks to arrest the Roumanian royal family was frustrated by him.

## GOEBEN ONCE MORE AFLOAT

### Former German Ship, Saved From Wreck, Re-enters Dardanelles.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 28.—It is officially announced that the Turkish cruiser Zeynep Selim (formerly the German cruiser Goeben) has been refloated and entered the Dardanelles.

The Sultan Yavuz Selim was beached at Nagara Point in the Dardanelles about 10 days ago after she had struck a mine while fleeing from British warships. Her sister ship, the Midilli, formerly the German cruiser Breslau, was sunk at the same time by striking a mine.

Since the beaching of the Sultan Selim British naval aircraft have flown over her, dropping bombs, a number of which scored hits. The German Admiralty in a statement issued January 23 said the Sultan Selim had grounded lightly on entering the Dardanelles and that she had not run ashore after striking a mine.

## NAVY IS NOT FRIGHTENED

### Imminent Submarine Offensive to Be Met With New Weapons.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Navy officials, it was learned tonight, believe the imminent German submarine offensive, predicted by the War Department, to be only the usual activities which have always succeeded a full in submarine warfare.

Secretary Daniels, in reply to questions, said today that the Navy expects a "continuing fight" with the submarines, with losses to both sides. He expressed the belief, however, that new operations now in use will make such operations increasingly costly to the German Admiralty.

## BATHLESS DAYS DECLARED

### Fisher, Minn., People May Submerge Only Twice a Month.

FISHER, Minn., Jan. 28.—Residents of the village of Fisher will in the future be forced to take baths on days designated by the Village Council, and each person will be limited to two baths a month.

This action was made necessary by the extreme lowness of the Red River, from which the population gets its water supply.

## FERRIS GRAFT HUGE DURING 9 MONTHS

### Naval Architect's Job Brings in \$170,100.

## SLOAN SHIPYARD PAYS BIG

### Senate Committee Investigates Designer's Work.

## COMMISSIONS WERE LARGE

### Clinchfield Navigation Co. Gave 2 Per Cent of Cost of Vessels on All Contracts Received From the Government.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—During the nine months that Theodore E. Ferris, of New York City, was holding down the job of naval architect of the Shipping Board, he "cleaned up" not less than \$170,100, of which \$22,500 was salary paid by the Government; the remaining \$147,600 was "fees," which Mr. Ferris collected or is to collect from shipyards or ship brokers who were building ships for the Shipping Board.

All but \$20,000 of these fees came from contracts placed with the Sloan Shipyard Corporation at Seattle and Olympia; the \$20,000 came from the Janke Navigation Company, of New Orleans.

These facts and figures are taken from numerous letters and memoranda filed with the Senate commerce committee today by the Shipping Board.

Ferris Tries to Explain. Included in the batch is a letter from Mr. Ferris attempting to explain his various private fees contracted for since he joined the Shipping Board staff; a comment by Admiral Bowles, who called on Ferris for the explanation; letters from the Clinchfield Navigation Company, of New York, with whom Ferris dealt on the Sloan contracts; and a summary of all the evidence by the assistant counsel of the Shipping Board.

The correspondence was considered at length by the commerce committee today and made public this evening. It was on the evidence above referred to that General Manager Piez called for Ferris' resignation on Thursday last.

Whole Story Not Told. The papers filed with the Senate commerce committee today fall short of telling the whole story of the Sloan-Clinchfield contracts; they do not disclose who, on the Shipping Board, negotiated those contracts with Vice-President Barnett, of the Clinchfield Company.

Chairman Fletcher, of the commerce committee, says additional witnesses will have to be called to supply the missing links and the presumption is that more testimony will be asked of the Shipping Board officials and probably a representative of the Clinchfield Company will be summoned to Washington.

The assistant counsel for the Shipping Board summarizes the Board's (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

## DISABLED VESSEL SIGHTED OFF PORT

### Companion Steamer Has Craft in Tow.

## NAMES ARE NOT ASCERTAINED

### High Wind and Heavy Seas Make Hold Difficult.

## TUGS UNABLE TO ASSIST

### Disabled Schooner Seen Off Coos Bay Believed to Be Santa Monica. Mariners Believe That Both Will Ride Out Blow.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—After standing off Coos Bay since 11 this forenoon awaiting a tug to relieve her of a steam schooner with disabled engines, an unknown steam schooner is tonight battling with a heavy storm of wind and rain to maintain her hold on the distressed vessel until aid can reach them.

The night closed down before any boat hove in the vicinity, but one approached about 6 o'clock, supposed to be the G. C. Lindauer, bound from San Francisco to Coos Bay. Signals were heard passing between the craft from the Arago lighthouse. The disabled craft is believed to be the steam schooner Santa Monica, since she has the appearance of that craft. She has no cargo. The name on the schooner which has her in tow cannot be made out in full, but the first name is "John."

Vessels From Southwest. The vessels came up to the bar from the southwest this morning shortly before 11 o'clock, and it was concluded by the Coast Guard and lighthouse crews that the leading vessel commander was afraid to venture a passage and was probably a stranger to this port. The bar was smooth and passable even with a tow.

Captain O. E. Brill, of the Coast Guard at Charleston Bay, made out the signal on the vessels after a couple of hours and essayed to obtain the tug Gleaner from the Umpqua River, but was informed the bar could not be passed. The Port of Bandon tug Kilby was then sought, and word came back she would go out tonight and assist. Captain J. Dunson, of the Arago lighthouse, was nearest to the vessels, but, owing to rain and mist, the name of the disabled schooner could not be discerned, although they were nearly up to the bar at one time.

Night Makes Work Difficult. It is not believed by seamen that the exchange of tow hawsers can be made at night, but the vessel now on hand and the Kilby are expected to stay by until morning, when the craft can be towed into Coos Bay or to whatever port she names. The tug Tyee is due also tonight from San Francisco and may be at the scene before morning.

Mariners believe the vessels will ride out the blow safely, for they are off-shore four or five miles, a sufficient distance to recover if the tow should be lost. The schooner which picked up the tow is laden with lumber. Inquiry of the United States radio station brought the information that they had no word from the ships in trouble and it is evident that they have no wireless.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 28.—Shipping men here are of the opinion that the vessels reported in distress off the Coos Bay coast are the steam schooner San Jacinto and the motorship Lassen, which left here Friday for San Francisco, the San Jacinto towing the Lassen, which will have her engines installed in San Francisco. The Lassen was launched here recently. Both vessels are loaded with lumber and belong to the E. K. Wood Lumber Company.

## LUMBER STRIKE FEARED

### I. W. W. Members at Work in Woods of Northern Minnesota.

VIRGINIA, Minn., Jan. 28.—Evidence that labor agitators in the woods of Northern Minnesota are prepared to call a strike in all lumber camps on February 1, was secured today with the arrest of two men on a charge of circulating I. W. W. literature.

The men made the statement that all lumbering was to stop on Friday for a period of 10 days as a remonstrance against the arrest and prosecution of I. W. W. members.

The Virginia police and soldiers are arresting all leaders that can be found.

## LABOR DRIVE IS STARTED

### Reports to U. S. Employment Service Indicate Progress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Reports to the United States employment service tonight, at the end of the first day of the drive to enroll 250,000 shipyard workers, said state directors of the public service reserve now are established in 42 states and that 25 states have completed reserve organizations.

William E. Hall, national director of the public service reserve, today called a meeting here Friday next of state directors of all states east and south of North Dakota.

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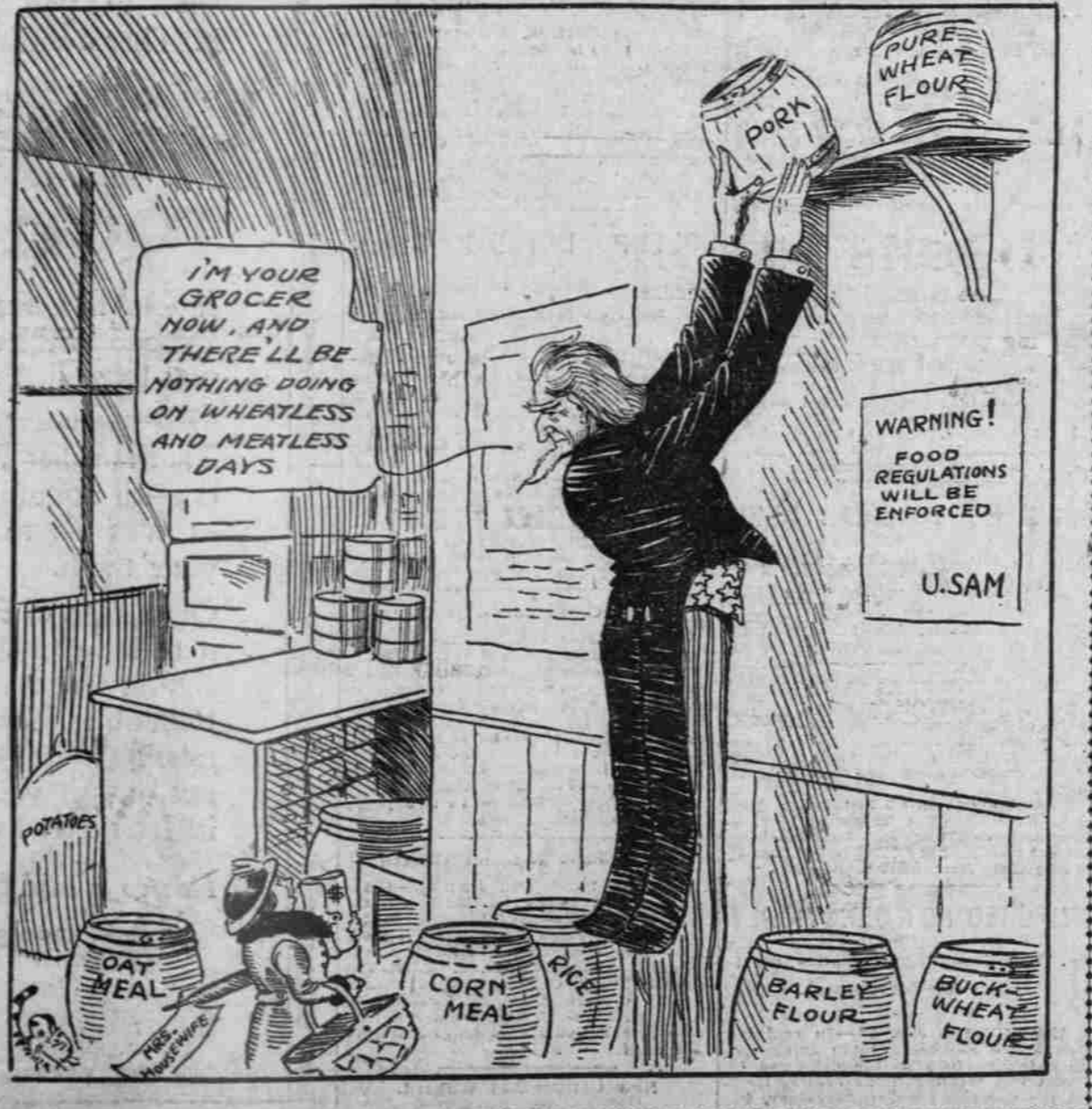
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### YOUR UNCLE SAM MEANS BUSINESS.



## DR. STUERMER'S EXPOSE OF GERMAN'S MACHINATIONS IN TURKEY TO START IN THE OREGONIAN NEXT SUNDAY.

"Two War Years in Constantinople," Dr. Harry Stuermer's startling expose of German injustice and atrocities in Turkey, will be published in The Oregonian, daily and Sunday, starting next Sunday, February 3.

This thrilling narrative comprises a book of some 300 pages and its contents make out a terrific case against Germany, being written, as it is, by one who is German-born and who finally renounced his native country because he could not do otherwise in the light of what he had learned of its duplicity at first-hand, while acting as correspondent at Constantinople for the Cologne Gazette.