

ARGENTINA TAKES STEP TOWARD WAR

Military Attaches Recalled. Break With Germany and Austria Expected.

POLITICAL CIRCLES ACTIVE

Notes of Brazil, Peru, Uruguay Relative to Their Respective Policies Answered by Their Neighbor in Significant Manner.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 1.—The Minister of War has recalled Argentina's military attaches from Berlin and Vienna.

In political circles this action is regarded as significant, and connected with the sinking of the Argentine steamship Ministro Triestino.

The Argentine Minister to France has notified Argentina that the vessel was flying the Argentine flag when sunk.

The government has not announced by what authority the change of flag was made after leaving this country.

The vessel having sailed under the French flag—but reports the sinking as an unfriendly act, even though the use of the home flag was unauthorized.

It is assumed in political circles here that Germany does not intend to keep her promises in regard to Argentina's shipping.

The situation here is tense and the authorities are maintaining more than their usual silence on the subject.

Incidents at the Government House late today lead to the belief that the government at last is preparing to take an important step.

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HEATLESS DAYS IN EAST MAY WARM UP

Rescinding of Monday Order Seriously Considered by Authorities.

EARLY DECISION PROMISED

McAdoo and Garfield Issue Joint Statement That Announcement Bearing on Important Matter Will Be Made Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Abandonment of the heatless Monday program after its enforcement next Monday was predicted tonight at the close of a prolonged conference between Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director-General McAdoo.

At the conclusion of the conference tonight the following statement was issued jointly by Dr. Garfield and Mr. McAdoo:

"We have had under consideration the question of suspending after Monday next the Monday closing order. We have not reached a final conclusion about it. We shall have another conference Tuesday next when the results of the Monday closing order will be made known to us."

The Monday closing has brought the most vigorous opposition from commercial interests, particularly the big department stores. The small stores, too, have opposed it, as have the owners of office buildings.

Both Mr. McAdoo and Dr. Garfield are of the opinion that since the coal problem is largely one of transportation, embargoes will bring results without continuance of the Monday closing.

The Fuel Administration's preferential order calling for the distribution of coal first to householders, ships, public institutions and favored war industries will stand, as will the railroad administration's order giving preferential rail movement to coal and food.

Officials make no secret of the fact that had rail embargoes been declared in the first place the industrial closing order would not have been issued. Officials of the railroad administration believe a return of good weather will speedily restore the transportation system and that this will solve the fuel problem.

Fuel Administrator Garfield has not been ready to revoke the closing order, despite the amount of pressure brought to bear by commercial interests, until assured that the embargoes would be continued.

FINN OUTLOOK BETTER

RED GUARDS SURRENDERING ALL OVER COUNTRY. Helsingfors Still in Hands of Revolutionists—Attempts Continue to Foment Trouble in Several Districts.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The situation in Finland is more reassuring, according to the latest reports received at the Finnish legation at Stockholm and transmitted by the correspondent of the Times.

The Red Guards have been disarmed or are willingly surrendering their arms all over the country. The revolutionists still hold Helsingfors, the capital.

A Helsingfors dispatch of Wednesday's date says the Diet and the legitimate government are being prevented by the revolutionists from exercising their duties.

The foreign governments which recognized the independence of Finland are said to have been notified by the revolutionists of the change in government brought about by the revolution.

The White Guard, it is announced, has taken the town of Tampere, 99 miles northwest of Helsingfors. Strikes continue in Helsingfors and the revolutionary government is said to be fomenting slight outbreaks in several other districts.

EXPERTS TO BE CALLED

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE TO AID IN MILITARY SERVICE. Administration's Bill Approved by Senate Committee; Non-Essential Factories to Do War Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Administration bill authorizing the President to call skilled experts in industry or agriculture into the military service irrespective of classification under the draft, was approved today by the Senate military committee.

Arrangements also were made for final action tomorrow on another bill requiring youths reaching 21 years of age to register for service and changing the quota basis from state populations to the number of men in class one.

Conversion of so-called non-essential industries to war work, rather than the establishment of new ones, was endorsed today by a conference of state directors of the public service reserve, which is recruiting voluntary workers for industrial war service.

By the use of existing plants, they said, distribution of labor will be facilitated and confusion lessened.

PIANO CAUSE OF SUIT

MRS. DUFFY SACRIFICES TO Give Her Daughter Education. Young Widow Testifies That Uncle Refused to Release Instrument Needed by Little Girl.

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Mahogany base and stand, with silk shades of assorted colors. At Very Special Price \$2.98.

RATE AUTHORITY WAIVED

COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL RE-TAIN RAILROAD POWERS. Pending Measure Limits Administration Control Over Lines to 18 Months After War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Prospects of an early agreement in Congress on the Administration railroad bill brightened today when members of the Senate interstate commerce committee returned from a White House conference with word that the President did not desire to have the Interstate Commerce Commission deprived of its rate-making powers under Government operation of the carriers.

As finally approved, the committee wrote into the bill provisions limiting Government control of railroads to 18 months after the war and are of the opinion that the Senate inter-state commerce committee returned from a White House conference with word that the President did not desire to have the Interstate Commerce Commission deprived of its rate-making powers under Government operation of the carriers.

This proposal, which was adopted by a vote of 11 to 4, was a compromise of the committee's differences and eliminates the most serious obstacle to prompt enactment of the measure.

The agreement was submitted to the committee by Chairman Smith and Senator Underwood.

It provides that the bill will provide that Government control of transportation shall continue for 18 months after the war terminates, instead of until Congress shall thereafter order otherwise, as originally drawn.

It gives the President authority during the period of control to initiate rates, as the railroads are empowered either the carriers or shippers object, an appeal can be taken to the commission, which will make the final decision.

FLOOD DANGER NEAR

Warm Weather in Middle West Sends Rivers Up Fast. FOOD WILL BE REMOVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—For fear of serious floods in the Middle West and South within a few days, the Government Railroad Administration today rushed the empty cars Westward from the Eastern congestion area to provide for an emergency movement of corn to elevators and cotton to Southern seaports for trans-shipment to New England mills engaged on Government orders.

Special efforts are to be made to transport corn, much of which is tied up in soft and must reach elevators quickly. After conferring today with a delegation of grain merchants from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, Railroad Administration officials arranged to dispatch a number of empty cars to these states tomorrow to carry corn to St. Louis, Chicago and other terminals.

From the corn territory west of the Mississippi the movement of corn Eastward continued.

From St. Louis, Memphis and other points where there are large accumulations of cotton, waiting shipment to market, between \$0.009 and .0095.

FERGUSON HOME IS SOLD

Charles E. Dant Purchases Property at Cost of \$25,000. The \$25,000 three-story home of the late E. Z. Ferguson, at 825 Alameda drive, was purchased by Charles E. Dant, of Dant & Russell, according to an announcement yesterday by R. Street, Irvington Realty dealer, through whose agency the sale was transacted. The cash consideration is said to be around \$25,000.

The Ferguson house is situated on a quarter-block of level land on the crest above Alameda drive. It is one of the most conspicuously attractive homes in that neighborhood, with a brick exterior and the interior finished in oak and mahogany.

The sale of the Ferguson house is the largest all cash deal to take place on the East Side since the outbreak of the war.

The semaphore of the traffic police in some of the large cities are supplied with a system of mirrors by which the operators are enabled to see in all directions about them.

Women whose sensitive nerves often yield to coffee's harmful stimulation, appreciate the change resulting from a ten days trial of INSTANT POSTUM INSTEAD of COFFEE. Such a delicious drink makes the change easy and better nerves make it a permanent one. There's a Reason

WOODBURN, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The Woodburn High School basketball team defeated the fast Silverton quintet here this evening by a score of 24 to 17. The Woodburn team has not lost a game this season, winning all eight games played. Stecher Defeats Swedish Champion. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 1.—Joe Stecher, Nebraska mat champion, won in straight falls over Otto Freberg, the Swedish champion, in their match here tonight. The Nebraskaer won in 2 minutes to win the first fall. He took the next 2 minutes. Both were scissors holds.

Bring This Coupon AND GET 20-Extra-20 Stamps on your first 41 cash purchases at the double on the balance. Good on first floor and in basement today, February 2. RUBBER GOODS. FLANNEL WATER BOTTLE COVER FREE. With each Hot Water Bottle or Combination at \$1.50 and over. 3-quart red molded Fountain Syringe, 1-year guarantee—special—98c. 25c Rubber Gloves—19c to close at. Good quality, flexible steel NAIL FILE six inches long. Reg. 25c value—now 15c. Westinghouse TURNOVER ELECTRIC TOASTER. The only Toaster that turns the toast, only \$5.50. \$1.50 Hair Brush, solid back, 11 rows bristles... 89c. 10c Almond Oil Soap—25c three for. 10c Jergens' Rose Glycerine Soap—3 for... 25c. One case 20-Mule-Team Borax Soap—100 bars... \$6. \$2.00 Pyralin Ivory Hair Brush, 11 rows of bristles... \$1.49. Geisha Scalp Cleaner... 10c. One case Ivory Soap—100 bars... \$5.65. 25c Colgate's Dental Ribbon... 23c. 50c Java Riz Powder... 39c. 25c Listerized Antiseptic Tooth Powder—3 for 65c. 35c bar Mt. Hood Castle Soap... 26c. 4711 Eau de Cologne... 25c. 50c Pepsodent... 45c. 60c Cameline... 40c. Princess Cream, 50c, 75c, \$1. 25c Cuticura Soap... 18c. 25c Woodbury's Soap... 22c. Cucumber and Elderflower Cream at 50c and 75c.

WOODARD CLARKE & CO. Always "S. & R." Stamp First Three Floors. bales will move to South Atlantic and Gulf ports within the next week on order of Director-General McAdoo, issued today to C. H. Markham, regional director for the South. Arrangements have been made for ships to carry the cotton to New England mills, some of which have been forced to close for lack of material. Goods Moved South. Satisfactory progress was reported today in the movement of export shipments of food for the allies to Southern ports, to which they were diverted several days ago to avoid the Eastern rail and harbor congestion. To New England the flow of coal was better than yesterday and promised to improve further tomorrow. Transportation conditions generally were reported improved. CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—The Ohio River went over the 60-foot mark here during the night, or more than ten feet above the danger line, and it is believed that the situation is becoming more serious. River experts agree that no relief from the present flood can be expected until the ice gorge breaks. CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—February started out in Chicago as though it intended to follow the example of the most wintry January the city has ever known. The mercury reached five below, but slowly worked back to zero. Forecaster Mitchell said tomorrow would be warmer. RIVER IS GORGED WITH ICE. Low Temperature Halts Flow in Mississippi. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 1.—Reports tonight from Richardson's Landing, about 50 miles above this city, on the Mississippi River, indicated that low temperatures last night and today had tightened the gorge there and practically stopped the passage southward of the heavy ice. Silver Lake Firm Gets 3 Contracts. CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special).—J. A. Byerly, of the Silver Lake Lumber Company, and who also is connected with the Wilson Shipyards at Astoria, has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he received the contract for three wooden ships to be built for the Government as soon as men and material can be procured. They have now three vessels for the Government on the ways, making six that this company has furnished. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7079, A 6095.

Special Saturday 2 to 8 P. M. 6 Decorated China Cups and Saucers. Regular Price \$1.80 For Only 94c. I set to a customer. None to dealers. Sold for cash only. No deliveries. Special Sale on Comforts and Blankets. Large assortment from which to select. Come early and look them over. Cafe Bros. HOME FURNISHERS. 68-70-FIFTH ST. PORTLAND, OREG. 2 1/2 Blocks North of Washington Street.

Lower Prices on Good Shoes. THIS sale has brought prices down on many lines of footwear which we are unable to replace. Unquestionably, you will save more money if you buy before the sale ends. You will be certain, too, of owning some good shoes, for this store carries nothing mediocre. Note these specials for today: Laird, Schober & Co.'s Women's Coats, Brown and Domino Calf Lace Shoes, with gray or fawn buck tops and military heels. Normally priced at \$12 and \$9.95. \$12.50. Special, pair... \$9.95. Hanan & Son's Women's Gunmetal Button Shoes, with gray cloth tops, \$9.95 reduced to... \$9.95. Women's Lace or Button Shoes, with gunmetal or patent cloth vamps and cloth tops. In small sizes only. Values up to \$2.95. \$7.50. Pair \$2.95. Sole Portland Agents Hanan Shoes. ROSENTHAL'S 129 Tenth Street, Bet. Washington and Alder.