

## \$15 MAN SEEKS \$50,000,000 LOAN

### Morgan Negotiates With Phone Operator

## STATE DEPARTMENT DRAWN IN

### Bogus Marquis Arrested and Indicted.

## WOMEN ALSO VICTIMIZED

### Humble New Yorker, Gifted With Remarkable Nerve and Imagination, Gives Financiers of Metropolis Severe Jolt.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—How a \$15 a week telephone operator, posing as "his excellency, the Marquis Edmond Rousset, of Castillon, confidential representative of His Majesty, King Alfonso XIII of Spain," opened negotiations with the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., for a loan of \$50,000,000 to Spain, and by promising that Spain would enter the war on the side of the entente allies, brought the State Department into the matter, was revealed in the Federal Court here today when three indictments were returned against Edmond Rousset, under the espionage law.

Rousset was pressing his plan for the loan when chance caused his arrest on another charge, and his castle in Spain quickly toppled.

Banker Foreman of Jury.

William Pierson Hamilton, of the Morgan house, was foreman of the grand jury which returned the indictments and was familiar with the entire transaction because he was a member of the firm to whom the matter was entrusted.

When the subject of the loan was brought to the bank by Rousset, who had been previously introduced by W. E. D. Stokes, of New York City, the bank immediately communicated with Secretary Lansing, who opposed the loan to the Spanish government through the regular Government channels.

Secret Procedure Urged.

Rousset objected to this method of procedure, explaining that the loan was to be made personally to King Alfonso, and it was because of this secret arrangement he could promise that Spain was to join the allies.

The negotiations were still under way and Mr. Hamilton had the matter under consideration when Rousset, about three weeks ago, was arrested on the charge of falsely representing himself as "Count Rousset," a French diplomat here on a secret mission. Being unable to obtain bail, he was sent to jail. This led to inquiry, and the whole affair was laid before the grand jury.

Woman One of His Victims.

It developed that Rousset had not confined his operations to banking houses, but numbered among his confiding friends one woman from whom he had borrowed \$10,000 on oil stocks of doubtful value, but for the redemption of which he had pledged his "ancestral estates."

Another of his friends was a prominent actress, who told the authorities she had been introduced to "Count Rousset" and believing him to be in the French diplomatic service, had visited an English warship in the harbor with him.

As his credentials were well covered with seals which seemed to be all right, they were taken over the ship and shown every courtesy, she said.

Correspondence All Created.

Rousset established himself in a suite in a fashionable hotel, and there received many letters which are described as being covered with crests and seals and addressed to him as "Marquis," "Count" and "King's Messenger."

## BOLO, SENTENCED TO DIE, APPEALS

### FIGHT TO BE MADE FOR REVERSAL OF DECISION.

### Prisoner Passes Restless Night in Death Cell, but Has Not Yet Given Up All Hope.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Bolo Pasha, who yesterday was convicted by a court-martial of treason and sentenced to death, today appealed from the verdict to the court of cassation.

Bolo was dressed in prison garb and taken to the death cell on his return to Sainte Prison. He passed a restless night, but was apparently hopeful that the decision may be reversed on appeal, he said to the guards.

One of his claims is supposed to be that a witness for the prosecution was seen during a recess in the trial in conversation with the president of the court-martial and the government counsel.

Bolo's first inquiry this morning was whether his neighbors in prison had been informed of the verdict. He was told that Joseph Callaux, former Premier, was astonished at his conviction. There were many callers at the prison this morning, but none was admitted, as Bolo was subjected to strict prison regulations and was constantly under the eyes of the death watch. He was handcuffed when taken out for exercise and when brought into court.

Deputy Emile Constant today announced that he would interpellate the government on what he termed the irregularities and delays in the official investigation of the Bolo Pasha affair.

## DANGER PAST FOR COLONEL

### Theodore Roosevelt Will Be Able to Leave Hospital in Two Weeks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was so far recovered from his recent operation for abscesses that he will be able to leave the hospital for his hotel within two weeks and return to his home in Oyster Bay ten days later.

This was announced in a bulletin issued by his private secretary today at Roosevelt Hospital, where he is convalescing. The bulletin read:

"Colonel Roosevelt's condition continues to improve. The dizziness necessarily following such an operation is fast disappearing. All the alarming symptoms have disappeared."

Colonel Roosevelt was able today to read from books and newspapers, it was learned at the hospital.

## BEAN EMBARGO ORDERED

### Army Authorities Place Ban on Shipments From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—An embargo against the shipment of any white beans from California was placed in effect today by Army authorities.

The embargo was announced by H. Clay Miller, Pacific Coast representative of the division of co-ordination of purchases of the Food Administration. The embargo will affect approximately 40,000,000 pounds of white beans here.

"The embargo was declared in order that the Army officials might have opportunity of surveying the situation and ascertaining their needs," Miller said.

## 8 YEARS GIVEN CATTLEMAN

### Illinois Stockman Convicted of Selling Tubercular Animals.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—James Dorsey, a cattle raiser of Gilberts, Ill., was sentenced to serve eight years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and fined \$3000 by Federal Judge Ladd today for using the mails to defraud.

Dorsey was charged with having sold tubercular cattle to dealers throughout the Northwest on representation that they were free from disease. Pending appeal Dorsey was released in bond of \$15,000.

## BIG PIPE LINE IS FINISHED

### Oil Will Be Pumped Directly to Chicago From Fields.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—Local officials of the Sinclair Oil Company announced today that laying of a pipe line from the Mid-Continent field to Whiting, Ind., has been practically completed.

Within the next two weeks a steady flow of oil will be pumped directly to Chicago.

## BODY OF AMERICAN FOUND

### J. D. Blunt, Missing Ranchman, Discovered Dead in Juarez Valley.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb. 15.—The body of John D. Blunt, an American ranchman for a ranch in the Juarez Valley, was found late today in an irrigation ditch, with a deep wound on the top of the head.

He had been missing since February 5.

## ARTIFICIAL FOG IS LATEST

### Swiss See Hun Zeppelins Equipped With New Device.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Two new Zeppelins of large dimensions and provided with apparatus for producing artificial fog were reported sighted over Lake Constance in an official dispatch today from France.

It is reported that the craft were sent to a German seaport.

## HURLEY DEFIED IN SHIPYARD STRIKE

### Menacing Situation in East Prolonged

## IMPORTANT WORK HALTED

### Federation Official Roughly Handled by Men.

## SECOND MESSAGE SENT

### Carpenters and Joiners Still Out and Show No Disposition to Yield. President Wilson Follows Course of Strike.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—William L. Hutchison, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, declared late tonight that he was powerless to order the shipyard strikers back to work and enforce such an order.

He asserted, however, that it was his desire that all men return to work and trust to the Government to adjust their long-standing grievances.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A renewed demand that William L. Hutchison, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, send striking shipyard employes in Eastern plants back to work pending an adjustment of their grievances was made tonight by Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board.

Earlier in the day Hutchison had answered a previous appeal with a communication declaring it would be impossible for him to act until he had some definite proposition from the Shipping Board as to working conditions.

Hutchison's virtual defiance of the Shipping Board presents a situation in which officials decline to comment. Mr. Hurley's request that the men be put back to work immediately carried no threat and Shipping Board officials would not say what steps they have in mind.

Draft Humor Dented.

Reports today that local exemption boards are preparing to call into the military service striking shipyard workers within the draft age prompted the Shipping Board to send telegrams urging that such action be not taken.

Deferred classification for shipyard workers has been put by the Provost Marshal-General's office in the charge of the industrial section of the Shipping Board, and the board desires that all draft questions be decided in Washington.

President Wilson is known to be giving personal attention to the labor situation and is following every move in the shipyard strikes.

In his communication tonight to Hutchison, Chairman Hurley points out that the heads of the carpenters' and joiners' associations.

## WIFE CHOPS FINGER OFF DRAFT EVADER

### YOUTH CONFESSES SPOUSE ACTED AT HIS REQUEST.

### Jesse Merle Jones, Mullino Farmer, Is in Jail Following Investigation of How He Lost Digit.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Jesse Merle Jones, 22, a farmer residing near Mullino, confessed today that at his request his wife chopped off the "trigger" finger of his right hand, in an effort to disqualify him from military service. The United States Marshal took Jones into custody.

Jones and his wife reside with his father, W. H. Jones, a pioneer farmer of the Mullino country. The father and son were subpoenaed to appear before the board today, following a report that young Jones, recently placed in Class I, had mysteriously sustained the loss of a finger. Their statements were taken in the office of Deputy District Attorney Burke, before Federal and state officials, and were so conflicting that young Jones was placed in jail to await further investigation. Later the young man admitted that statements he had made earlier in the day were false and confessed to Deputy Burke, Assistant United States Attorney Lauretette and Clerk Harrington.

On January 22, according to Jones, he asked Mrs. Jones if she would cut off his finger. The wife agreed and he says he held his first finger of the right hand on a chopping block while she severed it at the second joint with one blow from a hand-axe. Mrs. Jones then dressed the wound temporarily and Jones came to Oregon City, where Dr. Strickland gave medical attention to the injured hand.

In his first statement Jones said that he had slipped while helping his wife chop wood and that she had accidentally struck his finger.

The father under oath said that he had cut off his son's finger accidentally.

Jones was married a few months ago at Vancouver, Mrs. Jones is about the same age as her husband.

## SOLDIERS OUST 10 I. W. W.

### "Wobblies" Waste No Time Quitting Logging Camp When Warned.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Forestry soldiers employed at Schaffer Brothers' camp just east of this city gave ten I. W. W. loggers just 20 minutes in which to leave that camp last night and the "wobblies" got away inside the limit set.

They had shipped into the camp as timber fallers and were ordered out by the soldiers as soon as they discovered they were I. W. W. members. No force was used.

## REDISTILLATION IS BARRED

### War Department Decides Against Use of Seized Alcohol.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Because of the expense involved and the danger of impurities, the War Department has decided against proposals to secure alcohol by redistilling seized spirits.

In a statement tonight the department said this plan would furnish only an insignificant part of the total requirements, which is nearly 100,000,000 pounds for this year.

## FOREIGN TRADE TO YIELD TO WAR NEED

### Exports, Imports Put Under License.

## LESS ESSENTIALS TO BE CUT

### Right of Way Given to Troop and Supply Ships.

## ALL ALLIES IN ACCORD

### New Arrangement Will Probably Result in Increase of U. S. Business With Latin America, and Decrease With Orient.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—All foreign trade of the United States—exports and imports—was put under license today by President Wilson as a part of a general programme of the American and allied governments for releasing ships to transport troops and supplies to Europe.

The less essential exports and imports will be reduced to a minimum and materials regarded as necessary will be transported by the shortest hauls possible.

The allies are working in close cooperation with the United States and the trade routes of the world in many instances will be shifted to bring the most economical operation of tonnage.

Allies to Co-operate.

The allies have already cut their foreign trade sharply, but will make further reductions as a part of the general plan. American representatives sitting in London will work with allied representatives in eliminating and rearranging ocean commerce to free ships for war service.

Licensing of American exports and imports will be handled by the War Trade Board, which has created a special contraband commission with final powers in deciding the country's foreign trade policies.

The board, which already issues licenses for the large number of commodities over which the Government has exercised export and import control, will work with the State Department, the Department of Commerce and the Shipping Board in arranging trade routes.

Harvard Authority to Help.

The Shipping Board has formed a special division under Dean E. F. Gay, of Harvard University, to prepare statistical data on shipping and commerce.

To bring about a proper co-ordination between the Shipping Board and the War Trade Board it is likely that a controller of ships and cargoes will be named to see that ships are used in the most economical manner.

There will be no hasty decisions, it was said tonight, in determining what exports and imports are to be eliminated. Trades interested will be given opportunity to be heard.

## NATIONAL ARMY 93 PER CENT INSURED

### CAMP DODGE LEADS IN PERSONNEL PROTECTION.

### Secretary McAdoo Announces That More Than Million Men Have Policies Exceeding \$ Billion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Ninety-three per cent of the men in large Army camps are insured under the new war risk plan, Secretary McAdoo announced today. More than one million applications, representing insurance of almost eight and one-half billion dollars, are on file with the bureau of war risk insurance and thousands of applications written up to February 12 have not yet reached the bureau.

On the percentage basis, Camp Dodge, Ia., leads with 99.2-100 per cent of its personnel protected by United States Government insurance. Next is Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., with 92.3-10 per cent, while Camp Funston, Kan.; Camp Travis, Tex.; and Camp Upton, N. Y., have 99 per cent each.

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., which led last week with \$284,000,000, has not made its final report.

## VALLEY IS SNOWED UNDER

### Fall of 14 Inches Reported in Upper Hood River District.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The heaviest snow storm of the season prevailed today in the Upper Hood River Valley and around the base of Mount Hood.

Fourteen inches is reported tonight from Mount Hood Lodge.

No snow fell in the lower valley. The heavy mountain fall will go far toward preventing a water famine for power centers and irrigation systems this summer.

## NOME LACKS WAR STAMPS

### Thrifty Stickers Will Be Taken to Snowbound City by Dog Teams.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—Ice-bound Nome, Alaska, is suffering from a famine of war thrift stamps, according to a cablegram received here today from F. M. Ayer, president of a Nome bank. The Postoffice is sold out and banks are limiting sales to two stamps for each person, the cable said.

More stamps will be sent to Nome by the dog stages over the snow trails.

## COLLEGE WOMEN TO HELP

### Service in Places Vacated by Men Is Provided For.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A division to place college women in positions of war service vacated by men has been created under the inter-collegiate intelligence bureau and the bureau has announced the appointment of Miss Louise Shepper, associate warden of Vassar College, as director.

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## SLAVS MENACE UKRAINE

### Teuton Advances Declare That Bolsheviks Are Moving Troops Against Young Republic Whose Granaries Price of Huns.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—That Germany and Austria were still at war with Russia was the belief expressed by Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, at the concluding session of the recent peace conference at Brest-Litovsk after Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, had made his final statement that Russia was out of the war and her armies would be demobilized, but that she would desert from signing a formal peace treaty.

The acts of war, Dr. von Kuehlmann said, ended when Russia and the Teutonic allies signed the armistice, but when the armistice ended, the warfare must be revived.

Demobilization No Factor.

He added that because one or two of the contracting parties had demobilized their armies this fact would in no wise alter the situation.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Germany has resolved to renew military activities against Northern Russia. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference at imperial headquarters, special dispatches from Holland say.

The conference was attended by Emperor William, Chancellor von Hertling, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff, Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann and others.

The no-war-but-no-peace plan of Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, was rejected at the conference, according to the Daily Express, and as Trotzky does not want peace he will get war.

Invasion to Go On.

Invasion of Great Russia, it is added, will continue at any rate until Petrograd is occupied by German troops.

Russia's withdrawal from the war was a real withdrawal and the throwing away of all agreements with her former allies, said Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in reporting to the all-Russian workers' and soldiers' council on the result of the Brest-Litovsk conference, according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here.

The dispatch says the council approved Trotzky's policy.

The wireless communication says:

"M. Trotzky yesterday reported to the all-Russian central executive committee of the council the result of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations. All parties, including the opposition groups, recognized that the decision taken by the commissioner was the only correct and dignified outcome of the newly-created international situation."

The question of the possibility of a Russian wireless dispatch received here.

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## WHAT YOU SHOULD EAT.

You face this question three times a day, every day of your life. If you are a woman and the head of a home you must decide it for the whole family. It is one of the most important questions in the world.

The Oregonian today offers you a free copy of a new book that will help you greatly in deciding what you or your family should eat. This book classifies the 99 commonest articles of food into five classes. If you eat food from each class every day, your diet is just about properly balanced. Such knowledge is worth having, you will agree.

THE WAR COOK BOOK IS FREE.

And that is only ONE of the MANY things you can learn from this valuable free book. For this is the new WAR COOK BOOK, which should be in every American home.

It explains the food situation. IT SHOWS YOU HOW TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOURSELF AT THE SAME TIME. It contains more than a score of new recipes. It suggests simple war menus. It is a handbook for practical patriots. It is issued by the United States Food Administration.

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