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## GERMAN INVADERS DASH ON IN RUSSIA

Masses Appear Not to Approve New War.

## AUSTRIAN FEELING STIRRED

Kuehlmann Warns Reichstag Against Slav Peace.

## TROTSKY HELD INSINCERE

Economic Advantages of Ukraine Fact Pointed Out—Promise Made Poland Shall Have Voice in Chelm Settlement.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 20.—The forward movement of the German troops eastward into Russia continues, according to the official communication issued this evening. The text of the communication says:

"The forward movement continues in the east. German troops have entered Estonia. Further in the direction of the front, the German troops are passing through in an easterly direction. German forces on the Russian front yesterday advanced to the northeast and east of Dvinsk, the German War Office announced today.

The town of Werder, Estonia, is situated on the coast of the Baltic Sea. It is probable that the forces landing there came from Moon or Oesel Islands, which lie off the Estonian coast and which for a long time have been occupied by the Germans.

Towns Near Reval. Werder is about 65 miles southwest of the important Gulf of Finland port, Reval.

VIENNA, via London, Feb. 20.—The report from Austrian headquarters today says:

"General von Linsingen's troops have advanced further in the direction of Korne (Russia)."

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Germany's new war against Russia apparently is not popular with the German or Austrian people, according to comment in the press of the two countries.

"When the Best-Litovsk negotiations closed all talk in Germany was of peace. The school children were given a holiday and joy bells were rung. The public apparently did not discriminate between peace with the Ukraine and with Great Russia but acclaimed it as a general peace with Russia.

Fixing of Blame Demanded. George Bernhardt, in the Vossische Zeitung, emphasizes this point and wants an explanation of who was responsible for this disappointment. The Socialist Vorwaerts takes the same line.

A large section of opinion in Austria-Hungary also is alarmed over the prospect of a new war with Russia. Dispatches from Amsterdam and Zurich quote Austro-Hungarian newspapers to this effect, and a Vienna dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung reports a rising of feeling against Germany on account of her action against Russia.

The Arbeiter Zeitung, Vienna's leading Socialist newspaper, insists emphatically that Austria-Hungary must not take part in a new offensive.

New War Held Impossible. "Austria-Hungary," it says, "cannot hinder the plans of the German imperialists, but it cannot and dare not join Germany in a new war on Russia. This appears also to be the view of the Emperor and the government, but the people demand from Count Czernin, the Foreign Secretary, absolute assurance that Austro-Hungary regards her war with Russia as ended."

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20.—According to Berlin dispatches today, Dr. Herman Paasche, the Vice-President of the Reichstag, discussed the Ukrainian peace and Germany's intentions in the east yesterday, and concluded by declaring:

"However much we desire peace, we are firmly resolved to hold out with genuine German loyalty until a peace is attained which guarantees us, in a free country, washed by a free ocean, the certainty of healthy development."

The Ukrainian peace, Dr. Paasche said, showed that the central powers were in earnest agreement with the Emperor's declaration that they were waging no war of conquest. The Bolsheviks, when they found the Germans could not be enticed to destroy the foundations of civic liberty, he said, broke off the negotiations.

Hun Declared to Shudder. "We now shudder at the contemplation of the cruelties of the lawless bands which support the present so-called government of Russia," he continued, "and we hope that the energetic action on our part will help the races which severed themselves from old Russia, according to the principles of the right of self-determination, to return to peaceful work, freed from the terrible scourge of the Bolsheviki border hordes."

PETROGRAD, Feb. 20.—General Hoffman, the German military representative at the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, has telegraphed to the Bolsheviki government for a written authentication of the Russian wireless message sent yesterday to Berlin.

General Hoffman, according to a Russian official statement given out today, says that the authentication must be sent to the German command at Dvinsk.

The Russian official statement says that a message from Petrograd is being sent to Dvinsk today with the original peace message, which was sent by wireless yesterday.

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## FRENCH ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT WINS

IN EXCESS OF 400 PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED.

Germans Again Attempt Raid Upon American Lines, but Artillery Sends Huns to Cover.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—French detachments made a heavy attack on the Germans in Lorraine today, entering the German lines over a large front and capturing more than 400 prisoners, according to the War Office announcement tonight.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans again attempted a raid against the American lines last night, but the raiders were discovered and the artillery, responding to rocket signals, laid down a heavy barrage almost instantly. The Germans' path back to their line was marked by red lines.

In the night a machine gun bullet killed an American private. Enemy planes flew over the entire position repeatedly today.

One American machine, in a dash over an enemy trench, sprayed it with machine gun bullets.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British War Office, said today there had been no developments on the west front during the last fortnight to indicate that the German offensive was near. One of the most satisfactory features of the work of the two weeks in the west has been the continued British successes in the air, which had great importance as the preliminary to any battle. He added that the British air predominance hampered the enemy tremendously in gaining information which was required by him before any important battle.

LUMBER PLANT MAY QUIT Baker Company Threatens Suspension; Unable to Get Cars.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Unless cars are received by tomorrow the Baker White Pine Lumber Company, employing 100 men, it is stated, will be forced to suspend operations and lay the men off.

It is asserted by Mr. Gardiner that for the last four days the company has received no cars at all and that the other lumber companies here are in the same fix as his company. Officials of the Baker company, president of the Oregon Public Service Commission and also Director of Railways McAdoo.

TEUTON PLOT STIRS SPAIN German Embassy Said to Be in League With Anarchist Leaders.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Close relations between the German embassy at Madrid and the most notorious anarchists in Spain have been brought to light, according to the Matin.

The newspaper El Sol has published documents to prove that Dr. von Siohrer, second secretary of the German embassy at Madrid, sent money to anarchist agitators and committed the imprudence of writing to them.

The propaganda thus financed, adds this paper, was directed not only against public order, but even against the person of the King. The revelations have had a deep effect in Madrid.

WARMER DAY PROMISED Old Eurus Due to Retire into Ice Caves Soon.

Cheer up! It's going to moderate today and that Pacific Coast Nemesis, old East Wind, is due to spend itself.

The weather man last night predicted fair weather with moderating temperature and "slight" easterly wind.

Earlier in the day he thought he saw indications of another drop in the mercury, but these were dissipated later, when warmer weather started this way.

It wasn't so cold yesterday. It only seemed cold. The temperature was officially 32 at its lowest mark, and 35 at the warmest time of the day.

BLOW AIMED AT WEALTH Montana Would Conscript All Fortunes of Above Million.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 20.—The Montana House today adopted, 51 to 37, a joint resolution to Congress asking that the Nation conscript all fortunes above \$1,000,000 for war expenses and a resolution asking that Congress give the President power to fix prices on grain sacks, binding twine and farm machinery.

Adjournment of the Legislature, which was to have come today, has been put off by the impeachment proceedings against Judge C. L. Crum, of the Fiftieth Judicial District.

PHYSICIANS ARE HOPEFUL Senator Chamberlain's Condition Said to Be Satisfactory.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Chamberlain's condition tonight is considered by his physicians to be satisfactory. No unfavorable symptoms have developed since his operation.

Tomorrow the doctors believe it will be possible, with reasonable certainty, to tell what progress to expect later.

He has considerable pain.

## U. S. BATTLE PLANE SCHEDULE BEATEN

First Shipment Is Made 5 Months Early.

## MACHINES ON WAY TO FRANCE

Liberty Motor Is Feature of Every Craft.

## BAKER ISSUES STATEMENT

Remaining Problem of America's Sky-Fighting Campaign Is Declared to Be the Securing of Skilled Mechanics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The first American-built battle planes are on route to France, nearly five months ahead of the original schedule.

In making this announcement tonight, Secretary Baker said the first shipment, although in itself not large, marks the final overcoming of many difficulties met in building up this new and intricate industry.

"These planes," Mr. Baker said, "are equipped with the first Liberty motors from machine production. One of them in a recent test surpassed all records for speed and climbing for planes of that type."

Engine Production Near Peak. "Engine production, which began a month ago, is now on a quantity basis and the peak of production will be reached in a few weeks. Only the 18-cylinder type is being turned out, as developments abroad have made it wise to concentrate on the high-powered engine instead of the eight-cylinder."

Optimistic as the following statements appear, the Secretary said they should not be exaggerated, and should be considered in the light of these facts:

"That, after three years of warfare the total number of planes able to take the air at any one time on either side of the western front has not been more than 3500.

Each Machine Requires 46 Men. "That 46 men are required on the ground for every plane in the air, making a total of 115,000 men needed for the present maximum of 2500 planes."

"That for every plane in the air there must be two replacement planes on the ground and one training plane for every pilot, who eventually reaches the front, with a spare engine for each plane."

After reviewing the many obstacles that had to be overcome in getting the aircraft production programme under way, Mr. Baker said the great problem now remaining is to secure the thousands of skilled mechanics, engineers, motor repairmen, wood and metal workers, etc., needed to keep the planes in perfect condition, and without which the machines turned out soon would be useless and the flyers helpless.

"At best," said the Secretary, "the (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)"

## RANCHER IS SLAIN DURING EMBROGLIO

QUARREL OVER LAND RESULTS IN DEATH OF E. McCUE.

Fritz Rader, Long Creek, Fires Three Bullets into Victim's Body. Slayer Surrenders.

CANYON CITY, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Fritz Rader, of Long Creek, shot and almost instantly killed E. McCue this afternoon, eight miles from Long Creek on one of the Rader ranches where Mr. McCue was feeding stock. It is supposed they quarreled over a matter pertaining to the ranch.

Mr. Rader is the son of George Rader, a well-to-do farmer in that section. Mr. McCue came to this county last Fall and took up a homestead in Silvies Valley, where his wife and four girls were at the time of the tragedy.

Mr. Rader shot his victim three times, the first shot lodging in the temple and the other two in the stomach. He fell mortally wounded and lived about an hour.

Mr. Rader later appeared before Sheriff Howell here and was taken into custody.

## COLLEGES GET MILLIONS

Will of General Horace Carpenter Is Filed at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Large bequests to educational institutions were provided in the will, filed here today, of General Horace W. Carpenter, one of the original "Forty-niners" and a former Mayor of Oakland, Cal., who died January 31 at the age of 92.

His estate is valued at \$3,500,000. To Barnard College was left outright \$200,000 for scholarships or assistance from time to time to deserving girls, not excluding Chinese seeking education there. The residuary estate, which is expected to exceed \$2,000,000, will go to Columbia University and Barnard, "share and share alike."

To the University of California was given \$100,000, and a like amount was left to the Pacific Theological Seminary at Berkeley.

## OHIO SOLDIER MADE HAPPY

Governor Cox Cables Lad Father Is Pardoned From Prison.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 20.—A single word, "pardoned," was cabled to a boy with the American expeditionary forces in France by Governor Cox today. It is an answer to a letter just received from the Ohio soldier, who asked that his father be pardoned from the penitentiary.

"I am willing to die for my country and I could die happy if I could but know he is free to care for my mother," wrote the boy.

The man had been convicted of stealing and had almost a year more to serve.

## COLLEGE TEACHER NAMED

Miss Van Rensselaer Gets Appointment From Food Administration.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Miss Martha Van Rensselaer, of the department of home economics, New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, has been appointed head of the division of home conservation of the United States Food Administration.

## PEAK OF SHIPPING SHORTAGE PASSED

Low Point Hit About February 1.

## STEADY INCREASE IN PROSPECT

Transportation Facilities for Allies Growing.

## U-BOAT POWER CRIPPLED

Improvement in Harbor Facilities and Defenses in France Has Contributed to Change for Better.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Overseas shipping tonnage available to America and the allies passed its low point about February 1, several weeks earlier than shipping experts had predicted.

Officials believe the upward curve will continue until the war is ended unless difficulties not now foreseen are encountered.

In support of this belief attention was called today to the satisfactory results obtained in the campaign against enemy submarines; to the fact that Government ships now are coming from American yards and to the progress of negotiations for neutral vessels to be used in the non-hazardous trades to release other shipping for overseas carrying.

Expert Estimates Upset. When experts first plotted the curve of the tonnage supply, taking into consideration the greatest success of submarines and all possible contingencies in the domestic situation, they found that the number of vessels available for transporting troops and for feeding the allies would be lower toward the end of this month than at any other period.

Just how close to the danger point that would be they did not care to say. Knowledge that the Germans sank about 6,000,000 tons of ships in 1917, nearly three times as much as was produced in Great Britain and the United States, did not change their estimate.

For the last three weeks the charts of the Shipping Board have shown a steady upward trend. Officials think that from now on new factors will add rather than retard the efforts to put more ships into service.

Chief of these will be the restriction of imports, made effective February 16, the results of which will not be noticeable for weeks yet. As more ships are needed they will be withdrawn from the neutral trade and commerce with those countries curtailed to that extent.

Officials declined to say what was the dominating factor in checking the decline in available tonnage, but it is well known that optimistic opinions are held regarding the anti-submarine campaign.

Despite labor troubles, confidence is (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

## AMERICAN FLYERS AMAZE DIPLOMAT

AMBASSADOR SHARP SEES U. S. BOYS SOAR OVER FRANCE.

Astonishing Progress at Aviation Camp Abroad Reported—French Instructor Lauds Yankees.

(By the Associated Press.) PARIS, Feb. 20.—A city of 4500 inhabitants where six months ago there was a vacant field; many of the finest intellectual and physical specimens of America's young manhood, vying with one another in mastering the art of flying, and hundreds of airplanes continually hovering or spiraling overhead, are facts that caused William G. Sharp, the American Ambassador here, enthusiasm and delight at the achievements of the aviation department of the American Army when visiting the largest American aviation camp in France a few days ago.

The Ambassador said he was greatly impressed by the work accomplished in the short time, as ground at the aviation camp was only broken last August. The boys are working under ideal conditions.

The French officer of instruction told the Ambassador that the American boys are nervous fliers, quick to learn, courageous and energetic and will develop rapidly into "aces" comparable to the renowned air men in other armies. The men receive thorough preparation in this camp, but have to take a post-graduate course at another aviation camp near the front for a few weeks before going over the lines to face the Germans. The full-fledged aviators turned out daily at this camp are immediately replaced by other novices.

AVIATION SITE SELECTED Sacramento Business Men Raise \$50,000 Fund to Prepare Ground.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A site at Sacramento, Cal., has been approved by the War Department for an Army aviation school.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 20.—The \$70-acre site approved by the War Department for an Army aviation school is situated at Mills Station, 12 miles southeast of Sacramento. A fund of \$50,000 was raised by Sacramento business men to put the site in the condition required by the Government.

It is expected at least 1100 men will be stationed at the school, which will have 72 airplanes.

## DRAFT EVADER SENTENCED

Court-Martial Gives Colorado Man 20 Years in Penitentiary.

CAMP FUNSTON, Feb. 20.—A sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary has been imposed upon Gordon Spradlin, of Montrose County, Colorado, recently convicted by a court-martial here of evading the draft, it was announced today.

Spradlin also was convicted upon a charge of desertion.

## Death Is Confirmed.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Confirmation was received here tonight by E. W. Bernitt, father of Sidney Birnet, of the reported loss of the young man in the Tuscania sinking. The dispatch came from the War Department and said the sender deeply regretted having to advise that it was officially known the son had perished.

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## 20 PER CENT RISE FOR WOMEN URGED

Minimum Wage Body Makes Compromise.

## INCREASE IS HELD NECESSARY

Mercantile Class Scale Is Set at \$11.10 Weekly.

## CONFERENCE IS DRAMATIC

Objections Are Voiced by Workers' Representatives, Who Contend for Advance Equal to Increase in Cost of Living.

Twenty per cent increase over existing minimum wage scales for women workers of Oregon, in recognition of the materially increased cost of living, was recommended yesterday by a majority vote of the special conference committee appointed to investigate conditions and to make report to the Industrial Welfare Commission.

The session was not without dramatic elements of objection, voiced by workers and their partisans, who argued that the proposed advance does not adequately meet cost increases, and so falls of its purpose to provide an actual living wage.

Proposed Rise Defended. To this argument members of the commission, led by Chairman E. C. Bronaugh, replied that the proposed wage increase is equitable in every respect, conserving the interests of both employer and employee, and that self-denial and sacrifice must be expected from both during a period of unprecedented stress.

The proposed increase, however, represents an advance of from 1 to 2 per cent over that suggested at the previous session, for experienced workers, and of approximately 5 per cent over that proposed for apprentices. The purpose of the session, to hear comment and suggestion on the wage tentatively proposed last week, was fulfilled by exhaustive discussion which won the advance.

Further Rise Argued. "Then this tentative wage, in the minds of the committee, is a sufficient wage" was a query launched at the opening.

"Yes, it is," answered Chairman Bronaugh. "Not entirely adequate," demurred Mrs. W. L. Brewster, member of the committee.

"The wage should have gone up as high as the cost of living has," said Elizabeth Love, of the committee. "If living expenses have gone up 30 to 40 per cent, then the minimum wage should reach at least 30 per cent."

Chairman Bronaugh explained that the establishment of a minimum wage does not recognize the assumption that workers are always to remain in the minimum class, but merely provides a basis for advancement on merit.

Conditions Are Discussed. "Does the committee think that the minimum wage is a wage that a girl in the working class can live on?" pursued Professor W. C. Morgan, of Reed College.

"To put up the wage to anything like 30 per cent," replied Chairman Bronaugh, "would be entirely out of bounds by comparison with neighboring states, and would put the burden of stress under which we are living entirely upon one class. My sympathies are entirely with the workers, but the increase must leave the business man and manufacturer a chance to meet competition."

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OVER IN SEATTLE THEY HAVE PUT THE LID ON HIRAM GILL AGAIN.

