

### ALLEGED BOGUS LAND FILINGS TO BE AIRED

Date Set for Trial of Puter, Cook and Others.

### MANY DEFRAUDED, CHARGE

Approximately \$2,000,000 Cleared Up by Operators in Oregon, According to Indictment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The trial of 10 men charged in the United States District Court with an attempt to defraud colonists in the sale of lands along the Southern Pacific and Oregon Short Line railroads was set today to begin June 2. It will take at least four weeks to complete the trial, according to Annette A. Adams, United States District Attorney, who will have charge of the trial. The defendants in the case, known as the Oregon land fraud case, are Norman D. Cook and Franklin P. Bull, San Francisco attorneys; N. A. D. Puter, of Portland; J. L. Van Warner, of Fresno, Cal.; A. L. Baker, of Kerman, Cal. and others. An investigation into the alleged frauds began in 1912. Land Filings Urged, Charge. The Government in the indictments alleged fraud in inducing persons to file on alternate sections along the railroads from the Southern Oregon line to Eugene, Or. During the time the frauds were alleged to have taken place the land in question was under litigation, the Government having sought to have the title revert to the Government, claiming that the Southern Pacific Railroad failed to live up to the conditions in the grants. The Supreme Court in the United States referred the matter to Congress and in 1916 Congress passed an act providing that the lands be sold in accordance with their true value. Prior to the Congressional act, 21,000 applications for land, virtually all of them obtained by the alleged action of the defendants, according to the indictments, had been filed. The indictments alleged the defendants represented to applicants that a preference right to purchase could be secured by filing an application. Former Offenders Convicted. Former trials on similar indictments resulted in the conviction of nine men who were implicated in the alleged frauds. The indictment against Puter and his associates was returned July 23, 1916. It charged the defendants with having represented that the Government was cooperating with them and that it was the Government's purpose to force the railroad companies to sell the land to the applicants. It also charged that the defendants duped the applicants in many instances by filing applications over and over upon identical tracts of land.

### SENATE DISCUSSES PEACE

POSTPONEMENT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN DESIRED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Speeches advocating postponement of consideration of the league of nations proposal until after the peace conference were made in the Senate today by Senators Sterling, of South Dakota, Republican, and Myers, of Montana, Democrat. Both insisted that problems of the peace conference should not be complicated by this plan. Senator Sterling contended that existing relations between America, Great Britain, France and Italy made a league to enforce peace unnecessary. Senator Myers advocated establishing a restricted league later, without impairing the sovereignty of its members and with the central powers barred at least for this generation.

### SUMPTER VALLEY CASE UP

U. S. Traffic Director Meets Oregon Representatives. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 12.—Two proposals for settling the Sumpter valley case were presented today by Oregon representatives.

### GUN SMUGGLERS ARRESTED

ALLEGED REVOLUTION MAKERS TAKEN ON BORDER. Seven Mexicans and Mexican-Americans Charged With Sending Munitions South.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 11.—Seven prominent Mexican and Mexican-American residents of Tucson today were arrested here today by Federal authorities, charged with smuggling arms into Mexico in connection with a new revolutionary movement. Charges against them were presented at once to the Federal grand jury. The men arrested are Mike Webby, a Tucson merchant; R. P. Piers, G. C. Vasquez, Rosario Lopez, Major Federico Platt, formerly president of Camansea, Mexico; Ignacio Monge, of Douglas, and a man giving the name of Angeles Felix.

### GERMAN STEAMERS SEIZED

Provision Made for Soldier Excursions on Rhine.

COBLENZ, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two German river steamers to be used for excursions up and down the Rhine by officers and men of the Third Army, arrived at Coblenz today. The trips are to be part of the recreation programme for the Army of occupation. Four additional steamers have been requisitioned for the same purpose.

### COLD CAUSE GRIP AND INFLUENZA

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS REMOVE THE CAUSE. There is only one "Bromo" containing GROVE'S signature on the box. 30c.—Adv.

### COURT UPHOLDS REED PROHIBITION MEASURE

Transportation of Liquor for Personal Use Illegal.

### DISSENTING OPINION GIVEN

State Statutes, Permitting Small Quantities to Be Shipped, Are Nullified.

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Supreme Court held today that the "bone dry" prohibition amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes even intended for personal use.

### JUSTICE DAY GIVES OPINION

In rendering the majority opinion Justice Day said: "In view of the action of Congress over the subject matter and the enactment of provisions of legislation embodied in the Wilson and Webb-Kenyon laws, we have no question that Congress enacted this statute because of its belief in states prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes."

### JUDGE McREYNOLDS DISSENTS

Justice McReynolds dissented in dissent: "The Reed amendment in no proper sense regulates interstate commerce, but is a direct intermeddling with the state's internal affairs."

### MILDER BLOCKADE WANTED

President Wilson in Favor of Making Change. (Copyright, 1919, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

### TROOPS EXPEDITE ACTION

ALLIED SOLDIERS WANT EARLY PEACE PACT. Pressure Brings Denial From Leaders That More Men Will Be Sent to Russian Territory.

### BY JOSEPH W. GRIGG

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(Special Cable.)—The immediate effect of the demonstrations for quick demobilization by large bodies of British soldiers in this country, which took place in London and were joined in the north by some auxiliary units of the fleet, will be to accelerate action by the peace conference.

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limits strictly on a basis of necessity—to occupy enemy territory until peace is concluded.

From important quarters I was informed today that President Wilson is against any further military intervention in Russia, as recently told in my dispatch to the special to the Daily Telegram from its Rotterdam correspondent, who says he hears that the reigning confusion in the capital and plans for a Bolshevik coup, not only in Berlin, but also in other parts of Germany, were carefully prearranged.

### BERLIN COUP PREARRANGED

BOLSHEVIK PLANS DECLARED CAREFULLY PREPARED.

Support Said to Have Been Given to Government Only Until Revolutionary Forces Arrive.

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LONDON, Jan. 12.—(Special Cable.)—New light is thrown on the situation in Berlin in a dispatch to the Daily Telegram from its Rotterdam correspondent, who says he hears that the reigning confusion in the capital and plans for a Bolshevik coup, not only in Berlin, but also in other parts of Germany, were carefully prearranged.

His information is that while many of the soldiers' councils in Berlin were declaring their allegiance to the Ebert government, they were at the same time preparing for a revolutionary movement, to be put in motion when ever military forces strong enough for their purposes might be available.

This is really what occurred, and it was brought about in great measure by the methods employed in the mobilization of the German armies. This operation was so conducted, the correspondent says, that troops who left the colors consisted exclusively of those who were not affected by any extent by the revolutionary spirit, while most of those not yet demobilized are revolutionaries and are now adherents either of the Spartacus League or of the Independent Socialists.

So what remains of the German army is largely a Red army. The maneuver had special success in Brunswick, where the Soldiers' Council is wholly Spartacus in composition. It holds the reins of power and has declared its intention to ignore the National Assembly.

It has reason to believe, the correspondent adds, that this Machiavellian scheme was worked in the organization of the Berlin coup.

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