

NATION ON RATION BASIS TOMORROW

President Proclaims New War Measure.

VICTORY BREAD TO BE EATEN

Food Need of Fighting Allies Abroad to Be Met by Self-Denial Here.

BIG SAVING NOW URGENT

Wilson Calls on American Public to Cut Down Materially Use of Meat and Wheat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The American people will go on a war-bread diet Monday as a part of a war-rationing system prescribed tonight by President Wilson and the food administration. "Victory bread," the food administration calls it.

The reduced rations are asked for the purpose of creating a larger export surplus of food for the allies. Curtailment of consumption will be accomplished largely by voluntary effort, but force will be employed wherever permitted under the food-control act.

Programme Arranged for 1918.

The rationing system, as presented by the President in a proclamation and by Food Administrator Hoover in a list of regulations, forms the food administration's 1918 food conservation programme, of which the chief features are:

A baker's bread of mixed flours, beginning Monday, with a 5 per cent substitution of other cereals for wheat until a 20 per cent substitution is reached, February 24.

Sale by retailers to householders of an equal amount of substitute flours for every pound of wheat flour purchased at the time the wheat flour is bought.

Seventy Per Cent Basis Fixed.

Sale by millers to wholesalers and wholesalers to retailers of only 70 per cent of the amount of wheat flour sold last year.

Two wheatless days a week—Monday and Wednesday—and one wheatless meal a day.

One meatless day a week—Tuesday—and one meatless meal a day.

Two porkless days a week—Tuesday and Saturday.

Manufacturers of macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, crackers and breakfast foods, pie, cake and pastry will be permitted to buy only 70 per cent of their last year's purchases, and are asked to perform a patriotic service by using substitute flours.

Equivalent to Be Maintained.

Flour will be sold through the regular channels and in such a manner that each community will receive its equivalent share.

The food administration will purchase for the Army and for the al-

CONVICTS CAPTURE ESCAPED PRISONER

ABE RUSTEIN CAUGHT WITHIN FEW MILES OF SALEM.

Honor Gang Spreads Out Over Country and Party in Auto Without Guard Retakes Man.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—When Abe Rustein escaped from the penitentiary wood camp a few miles from Salem today he did not count on the rest of the honor gang taking to his trail. But Abe landed back in prison in time to get a cold supper.

Willard Tanner, who, with Hazel Erwin, is serving a sentence for murder; Al Dawson, B. E. Rodefel and E. W. Olson, all convicts, are credited with the capture of Rustein, although the balance of the honor gang spread out over the country after him. Tanner, with his party, had the advantage of the rest by being furnished with an automobile which was driven by Olson. Near a little station called Switzerland, east of here, they spied their man on a dog trot along the road and picked him up without any trouble and rushed him into the prison.

Rustein was sent to the prison from Hood River County in 1915 and was paroled in 1916, but violated his parole and was returned last March. Tanner and his men were given the use of the machine today without any guards and they rode back triumphantly into the prison yard with the party intact, and with the addition of Rustein.

BATTLEFRONT LIFE THRILLING DRAMA

Heavens Seem to Split as Shells Burst.

BIG SHOW, SOLDIERS CALL IT

Trench to Hospital Trip Dreary Sequel.

GIRL NURSES BIG SUCCESS

Interesting Description of Actual Life Amid Constant Deadly Peril Written by One Right on Scene.

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THE AMERICAN CAMP, SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Jan. 26.—It was as if we were in the cleft of an iceberg. Ice varnished the clay-cemented logs that walled our narrow trench. When either of us crouched a little lower into the freezing mud of the floor, a crust of ice broke under us. From the narrow strip of sky overhead, the stars, which seemed close enough for plucking, hung like so many torches.

For a long hour there had been no sound save the occasional crackle and tinkling of ice—we might have been alone upon our berg in an arctic sea. "I'd rather like to know," I whispered—at night you always whisper in the trenches—"I'd rather like to know what it's like when a shell explodes in a dugout."

"Whang!"

A couple of hundred yards on our left the blackness blazed into sudden fire and instantly left us in blinding dark.

"Well," said Bill, "you've come to a likely place to learn."

Dressed for Trenches.

My aching fingers could almost have touched the boy, had the sold permitted me to stretch out my arms, and yet he was only just discernible.

Only just discernible and scarcely to be recognized for the American infantryman. In any conscript camp from that at Arr, Maas, to that at Amblonnet, Ala., the rawest reserve officer would have censured him, for his uniform had suffered the sea change that every one of our uniforms is suffering over here.

The familiar service hat had been replaced by a fore-and-aft cap that covered his ears; a Red Cross knitted muffler hid all the lower portion of his face; he had raggedly cut off the skirt of his overcoat to his knees; when he worked his toes to stimulate circulation, water gurgled in his broken boots.

"That," he explained, evidently nodding toward the scene of the explosion, "was a trench mortar—minkawaffer. Mornings you can see 'em comin'. Ever play football? Those things look like a spiral kick-off."

Another conscript put the period to his concluding sentence, a conscript different from its predecessor. I was acquainted with the sound that followed it, a sound for all the world like the first drops of rain storm on autumnal leaves. It was abrupt and that meant that the enemy was finding a range for his bigger guns.

Heavens Seem to Split.

The shrapnel increased, and then there was a minute's lull.

"Now for the big show," said Bill. I meant to ask him something. Perhaps I did ask it. I don't know. I don't even remember the tremendous

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GERMANY SAID TO FACE REVOLUTION

Grave Rumors Filter Out of Empire.

BERLIN SCENE OF DISORDERS

Police Ruthlessly Suppress Bread Riots.

TEUTON LEADERS WARNED

Scheidemann, Socialist Leader, Says Kaiser Must Make Peace With Russia or Government Is Doomed to Fall.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Express says that extraordinary reports are current concerning a revolution in Germany, and that there have been rumors of grave disorders in Berlin during the past two days, the rioters clamoring for peace.

He also reports bread riots, which were ruthlessly suppressed by the police, many persons being wounded.

The correspondent admits that confirmation of these rumors is impossible, but thinks that it is remarkable that no telegrams, either press or commercial, were received in Holland Friday direct from Berlin. None of Thursday morning's Berlin newspapers has arrived.

Scheidemann SOUNDS WARNING

Socialist Leader Hints at Fall of Government Leaders.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26.—Philipp Scheidemann, president of the Social Democratic party in Germany, answering Chancellor von Hertling's speech in the main committee of the Reichstag, warned the military leaders of the imperial government that if they did not bring about peace between Germany and Russia "they would be hurled from power."

Scheidemann's reply to the Chancellor, as published in the Berliner Vorwaerter, follows:

"The chief arguments were advanced by the militarist party for the prolongation of the war, namely, the success of the U-boats and the strength of our army. But these were to have given us a decisive victory in six months, according to the announcement made in 1918.

"Alas! that period has long since passed and, while the U-boat has admittedly hampered England enormously, its chief visible effect has been the entry of America into the war.

Russian Peace Blocked.

"If the United States had not entered the war we may be sure the Russian revolution would long ago have brought a general peace.

"What about the army? Suppose the army should capture Calais and Paris; would that mean peace? I say 'no.'

"Suppose the army conquered France and England; would that mean peace? I say 'no' for we would still have to conquer America."

Herr Scheidemann fiercely attacked the militarist leaders, declaring that their attitude toward Austria was likely to lose for Germany her last friend.

"If our government leaders cannot free us from these patriots," said the Social Democratic leader, "they had better go. I warn them that if they do not bring us peace with Russia they will be hurled from power."

Herr Scheidemann declared that an agreement easily was possible on 11 points of President Wilson's statement.

Assess Blocks Way.

"But Mr. Wilson must be told plainly," the speaker said, "that Alsace is Germany's and will remain so. If one

EFFORTS TO FIND MISSING GIRL FAIL

YOUNG TEACHER'S DISAPPEARANCE MYSTIFIES ALL.

Reported Arrival at Portland Hospital Is Not Verified—Friends Fear Mental Derangement.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Efforts to locate Miss Mignon Swanson, a young woman who was teaching school near Halsey, and who disappeared mysteriously eight days ago, have been unsuccessful. A few days ago relatives received word, apparently from the young woman herself, that she was in a Portland hospital, but she has not been found.

A week ago last night Miss Swanson left the home where she was boarding near her school, east of Halsey, saying she was going to the home of his sister, Mrs. Edward Nitzel, near Shedd, to spend Sunday. When she failed to appear at her school last Monday morning an investigation disclosed that she had not gone to her sister's home.

About this time a postcard was received by the School Board, purporting to be signed by Elsie Olson, of a Portland employment office, suggesting where a new teacher could be engaged. This teacher was employed. The relatives heard that Miss Swanson was ill in a Portland hospital, but they have not found her. Her brother-in-law, Edward Nitzel, went to Portland today to continue the search.

No reason is known for Miss Swanson's disappearance, except that she had been in poor health recently, and it is feared she may be suffering from mental aberration.

Miss Swanson is a daughter of John Swanson, of Waterloo. She was a student at the University of Oregon some years ago.

MIDDLE WEST HIT BY NEW BLIZZARD

Winter-Weary District Faces New Trials.

STORM MOVING ON EAST COAST

Present Disturbance May Be Worst of Year.

TRAIN SERVICE GIVEN UP

Situation in Chicago and Other Cities Critical Because of the Shortage of Fuel and Danger of Great Fires.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Snow which began to fall tonight is expected by the Weather Bureau to continue through Sunday and be followed by zero weather.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Wearied to the point of exhaustion by battles with three previous great blizzards and heavy snowfall, a large area of the Middle West was struck last night and today by a fresh blizzard, accompanied by heavy snow, which may prove the worst storm of the remarkable season.

Dispatches from Detroit announce that snow has been falling over that district steadily for 15 hours and is continuing tonight. The storm is riding on a high gale and may reach the Atlantic Seaboard by morning.

Forecasters announce that the blizzard will be followed by an intensely cold wave, which will continue several days.

In the Chicago district the cold wave is being felt tonight and the temperature may reach zero by morning.

Work of Weeks Undone.

The situation is extremely serious. The railroads are abandoning their trains tonight as the snow has drifted in all the cuts and undone the work of three weeks. The trains are now running through tunnels of snow.

Filed high on each side of the tracks are great icy walls of snow, shovelled up at the cost of thousands of dollars. Between these snow walls the trains have been running, but this blizzard may efface the walls and pile high the snow on the tracks again.

The great Fox River Valley is rapidly being snowed in. Announcement was made this evening that the Aurora & Elgin interurban system has used its last shoveful of coal and shut down all trains.

Light and Heat Shut Off.

This system also supplies a number of cities ranging in population from 15,000 to 75,000 with heat, light and power, and these cities tonight are without light and heat, except as individuals possess it.

Tracks of the Interurban, running (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

DRAFT REGIMENT LEAVES

First Full Unit Quits Camp Lewis for Unannounced Destination.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—With destination unannounced, an unnamed regiment has gone from Camp Lewis.

With the bands playing "Where Do We Go From Here?" the strapping young Westerners shouldered their blankets and tramped to the station. Standing by were men from other regiments, envious that their units were not given the order to go as a body. This was the first complete regiment to leave Camp Lewis.

As the long troop train pulled away the soldiers leaned with their heads out of the windows and waved good-byes with hats and handkerchiefs to their friends on the platform.

SIMPSON TO DECIDE SOON

Prospective Candidate for Governor Will Make Statement.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—L. J. Simpson, of Coos County, made the statement here today that he will announce his decision as to whether he will become a candidate for Governor in Portland, February 1, or shortly after.

This was taken by some to mean that he is seriously considering getting into the race. He said his friends in Coos County would not take "No" for an answer, but that they were not familiar with conditions over the state. Mr. Simpson was here pushing the War Savings Stamp campaign.

PARIS POLICE GAS-MASKED

Preparations Made for Fear Germans May Make Air Raid.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—Gas masks of the latest model have been furnished to the police as a protection against gas bombs, in the expectation of air raids on Paris.

The police have been warned to keep the masks within easy reach.

UNION COUNTY HAS SNOW

Depth of Five Inches Covers Ground During Night.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Snow fell over Union County last night to a depth of five inches. The thermometer today was low enough to preserve the covering.

PICTORIAL SIDELIGHTS BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ON SOME EVENTS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS.

