

GERMANY'S REPLY SAID TO BE READY

Geneva Advices Hint Note May Be on Way to U. S.

ATROCITY DENIAL IS MADE

Diplomatic Rumor Says Right Will Be Claimed to Continue Submarine Warfare.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Oct. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German reply to President Wilson has been completed and will be started on its way to Washington tonight, according to information coming from diplomatic sources.

The same sources are responsible for the statement that Germany accepts President Wilson's conditions generally with one exception. She declares that the submarine warfare must continue until the war's end. She denies having inflicted cruelties or carried out devastating measures beyond the scope of military necessities.

BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 18.—The German reply to President Wilson will not be completed and dispatched for several days, according to the latest Berlin advices. It is expected that the Reichstag will be summoned to meet on Tuesday.

Stubborn Defense Urged.

On the other hand, the patriotic and economic associations, including the great German Manufacturers' Association, have adopted resolutions urging the organization of a stubborn defense.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—Germany, according to a Berlin dispatch, says Germany's reply to President Wilson will strongly protest against the accusation of cruelty and will suggest that it would not be a bad idea to have an investigation of those cruelties.

The German reply, the newspaper adds, further expresses a protest against the enemy's starvation blockade.

The official text of President Wilson's note to Germany has been received and an agreement has been reached in principle regarding the reply, the Frankfurt dispatch says. The foreign affairs committee, the newspaper adds, has been made acquainted with the definite terms of the reply, which it is understood will be handed to the Swiss minister at Berlin Saturday afternoon or evening.

COFENHAGEN, Oct. 19.—Germany's reply to President Wilson, it is said by the Politiken, will deny the President's accusation of German cruelties and declare the submarine warfare cannot be stopped as long as there is no agreement as to an armistice.

Further Bargaining Sought. The reply, the newspaper declares, will not reject the President's demands, but will make further negotiations possible.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—There was another panic on the Berlin bourse Thursday, according to advices from Zurich. Maritime securities are reported to have dropped 25 per cent and Chemical products issues from 19 to 29 per cent.

BAN PLACED ON SMOKING

Willamette University Extends Rule to Training Barracks.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Captain Tyler, commandant at Willamette University of the Students' Army Training Corps, has issued an order prohibiting smoking in the local barracks building. The regulations of the university prohibit students from the use of tobacco on the campus, but the sentiment of several students was against the extension of this rule to include the barracks. Accordingly, to settle the argument, the question was put up to the men at drill. When it was discovered that only five of the men were tobacco users, the present order was given.

The members of the unit who desire to puff their cigarettes when off duty may cross the street and indulge in peace.

OREGON CITY CLOSED UP

New Cases of Influenza Bring About Closing of Public Buildings.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 19.—Owing to the epidemic of influenza here the city was closed this afternoon by Mayor Hackett. The order applies to pool halls, schools, churches, "movies," lodges, clubs and meetings of the Live Wires and Home Guard.

Dr. C. H. Meisner reports three new cases today, and in all nine cases, three of which are seriously ill. Drs. H. S. and Guy Mount also have several new cases today. Dr. M. C. Strickland reports six cases Friday and several new cases today, and Dr. J. W. Norris has four cases.

Among the cases reported this morning is that of Frank Ware, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Ware, who is seriously ill.

DOCTOR IS COMMISSIONED

Dr. Guy Mount, of Oregon City, Appointed First Lieutenant.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Dr. Guy Mount, well-known physician, received orders today from Washington to report to the Medical Officers' Training Corps at Fort Riley, Kan., for duty with Ambulance Company No. 14, within 15 days. Dr. Mount has been commissioned a First Lieutenant. He applied for service some months ago and has been expecting orders to leave for more than a month. Dr. Mount is a member of the local war board, and he will be succeeded in this work by Dr. M. C. Strickland, County Health Officer. Dr. Mount's nephew, Major Frank Mount, is now in France with the Medical Corps of the United States Army.

Sergeant Spear Transferred.

Sergeant George Spear, of the Portland Marine Corps recruiting station force, has been ordered to the Eugene station, which is to be the only one outside of Portland to remain open in the state. While here Sergeant Spear organized and trained the Junior Marine Corps.

Collision Causes Arrest.

Collision with the police patrol wagon at Sixteenth and Gilson streets yesterday caused the arrest of Bert Bell, a shipyard employe, on a charge of reckless driving. Patrolman Rudolph, driver of the patrol, said Mr.

ACCIDENTS FOR WEEK 560

Seven Fatalities Reported by State Industrial Commission.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Of 560 accidents reported for the week ending October 17, inclusive, seven were fatal, according to a statement issued by the Industrial Accident Commission today. The fatalities were: Richard Minikona, miner, Homestead; Klamath Billy, lumber worker, Siletz; Thomas Enright, flour mill worker, North Portland; John Gelferson, miner, Cornucopia; Charles Balcom, paper mill worker, Oregon City; Hjalmar Swanson, lumber worker, Seaside; W. W. Fletcher, logger, Novato.

PORTLAND OFFICER IS PROMOTED.



Lieutenant-Colonel William Ellis. A cablegram announcing the promotion of William Ellis, of Portland, from Major to Lieutenant-Colonel has been received here. With the promotion he was assigned as division adjutant to the 8th Division. Colonel Ellis went to France last Spring after having been stationed for several months at Vancouver. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having remained in the Army since that time. His family are residing at 823 Mason street during his absence.

visions of the compensation act, 31 were from firms and corporations rejecting the provisions of the act and three were from public utility corporations not subject to its provisions.

STUDENT ARMY WILL SING

Portion of Drill Period at Willamette Devoted to Music.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—A portion of the regular period for military instruction at Willamette University will be designated for singing. Dr. Sikes, head of the university school of music, will lead the Student Army Training Corps in the rendition of popular songs.

It is planned to send representatives to the Student Army Training Corps district singing conference, to be held at Reed College, November 14 and 15. Captain Tyler, commandant at Willamette University, is an ardent believer in this group singing idea, so he will give up a part of the drill period for this purpose.

Teachers' Institute Postponed.

NORTH BEND, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Owing to Spanish influenza the Coos County Teachers' Institute, which was to convene in this city October 23, has been indefinitely postponed. The schools of the county are closed as a precautionary measure and all public meetings and gatherings are prohibited.

NO ARMISTICE, SAYS WILSON TO AUSTRIA

Czechs and Jugo Slavs Must Have Freedom First.

NOTE CHEERED IN HOUSE

Foreign Relations Committee Members Voice Approval of President's Latest Move.

(Continued From First Page.) Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, said: "That is good stuff," and others expressed their agreement.

Hitchcock Makes Statement. Later Senator Hitchcock made this statement: "It seems to me to fill the bill exactly. It lives up to the letter and spirit of our relations with the subject nationalities of Austria whom we have encouraged to seek independence."

The text of the note handed by Secretary Lansing to the Swedish Minister follows: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the seventh instant in which you transmit a communication of the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary, to the President. I am now instructed by the President to request you to be good enough through your government to convey to the imperial and royal government the following reply: "The President deems it his duty to say that he cannot entertain the present suggestions of that government because of certain events of utmost importance which, occurring since the delivery of his address of January 8 last, have necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the Government of the United States."

Condition Ten Affected. Among the 14 terms of peace which the President formulated at that time occurred the following: "X.—The peoples of Austria-Hungary whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development."

"Since that sentence was written and uttered to the Congress of the United States the Government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czechoslovaks and the German and Austro-Hungarian empires and that the Czechoslovak national council is a de facto belligerent government clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czechoslovaks. It also recognized in the fullest manner the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom.

Peoples to Pass Judgment.

"The President is, therefore, no longer at liberty to accept the mere autonomy of these peoples as a basis of peace, but is obliged to insist that they, and not he, shall be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government will satisfy their aspirations and their conception of their rights and destiny as members of the family of nations."

"Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. "ROBERT LANSING."

In announcing his reply, Secretary Lansing also made public the official text of the Austro-Hungarian note. It follows: "Legation of Sweden, Washington, D. C., October 7, 1918. "Excellency—By order of my government I have the honor confidentially to transmit herewith to you the following communication of the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary to the President of the United States of America:

"The Austro-Hungarian monarchy, which has waged war always and solely as a defensive war and has repeatedly given documentary evidence

of its readiness to stop the shedding of blood and to arrive at a just and honorable peace, hereby addresses itself to his lordship, the President of the United States of America, and offers to conclude with him and his allies an armistice on every front on land, at sea and in the air, and to enter immediately upon negotiations for a peace for which the 14 points in the message of President Wilson to Congress of January 8, 1918, should serve as a foundation and in which the viewpoints declared by President Wilson in his address of September 27, 1918, will also be taken into account."

SHELL VICTIM IS FREED

E. L. Tompkins Released on Charge of Stealing Automobile.

When a soldier has been fighting on the French battlefronts for four years and has received an honorable discharge because of shell shock, he can be condemned when he slips just once and steals an automobile when in an unbalanced condition. This was the decision taken yesterday by county officials when they released E. L. Tompkins, aged 22, a returned Canadian soldier, from the County Jail. Tompkins admitted taking a machine from the Holman Undertaking Company and driving it to Eugene. His nerves are badly shattered because of shell shock received in France, and when his condition was brought to the attention of the Holman Company and county officials, they readily agreed that the youth should have his freedom.

EDITOR-SOLDIER SUCCEUMBS

Samuel N. Parker, of Seattle, Dead of Pneumonia in France.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 19.—Samuel N. Parker, attached to base hospital No. 56 American Expeditionary Force, died of pneumonia, according to private dispatches received here. Parker, at the time he enlisted, was relief editor in the office of the Associated Press here and was a member of the Post Intelligencer reporting staff.

Load of Birdshot Lands in Boy's Leg

Edward Pexley, 17, of 366 Hunt street, is in the Emmanuel Hospital with a load of birdshot in his leg as the result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun while he was cleaning it in his home. His condition is not considered serious.

Bank Sues for \$27,000.

Suit for recovery of \$27,000, alleged to be due in promissory notes, was filed yesterday in the Circuit Court against the Eilers Talking Machine Company by the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles. The notes, it is alleged, were given last year.

Turner Nurse Expects Call.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Expecting to go overseas shortly Miss Ruth I. Watson, of Turner, has secured her

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passports after qualifying for service as a nurse in the Red Cross. She is a graduate nurse and well known here.

President of Company Enlists.

Joe Sundwall, president and manager of the Sundwall Engraving Company, 148 Fifth street, has enlisted in the United States military forces. The Beaver Engraving Company, located for the last 10 years at 203 Pine street, has purchased the plant of the Sundwall company and is conducting the business at 148 Fifth street.

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