

### OUTLOOK HOPEFUL, DECLARES WILSON

Details of Peace Conference Developing.

### TREATY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

Freedom of Seas and League Held Imperative.

### MUCH NOW ACCOMPLISHED

President Will Go to England to Continue There Discussion of World Problems.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The President's first week in France finds the preliminary situation surrounding the peace conference fairly well developed toward the point where, according to President's statement, it will be worth while for the United States to participate.

The President's conferences with French and Italian statesmen have served to emphasize that he considers a treaty of peace not enough, but that the general agreement to be made among the nations must include a satisfactory settlement of the question of the freedom of the seas and a league of nations.

The President now goes to England to continue the discussions there along the same lines as those he had with the representatives of France and Italy, which the President's advisers describe as having been satisfactory.

**Holiday Plans Completed.**

The definite announcement of President Wilson's plans covering the period from Christmas eve to New Year's eve, including Christmas dinner with the troops near Chaumont, the President's trip to England and meeting with Premier Lloyd George and his return to France on New Year's has served somewhat to clarify the pre-conference situation.

Continental Europe makes much of the Yuletide; so, in the absence of President Wilson and others closely identified with the war settlement, and because of many holiday social functions engaging the Americans, it is not likely that there will be political or peace developments of note. The week will be devoted principally to perfecting the machinery of the conference.

**Trip Strictly American.**

The President will go to England, it is announced, probably by the Boulogne-Folkestone route. The desire is to have him cross on an American warship, so that the landing in England will be distinctly American. American naval vessels, therefore, would be given charge of the channel crossing. There are 18 American destroyers at Brest, and some of these have been ordered to proceed to Boulogne.

Crossing by a destroyer, however, would depend on weather conditions. Destroyers are bad sea boats, and if the seas are rough the President may take a British warship.

The inclusion of a visit to Manchester makes an important change in the President's programme, as Manchester is an industrial center. There he would be brought into contact with the labor classes.

**Italian Affairs Discussed.**

Saturday was largely a day of conferences, the only public function being the conferring of a doctor's degree by the University of Paris in the presence of a notable assembly.

President Wilson will be accompanied to England by more than 50 American correspondents, who go as guests of the British government. When it became known early in the week that the President would visit Great Britain, it was announced that the American Army authorities would

### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS RETAIL AT 50 CENTS

PORTLAND MERCHANTS REPORT BRISK DEMAND FOR BIRDS.

Quotations for Geese, Ducks and Chickens Range From 40 to 45 Cents Per Pound.

The Christmas turkey will sell for 50 cents a pound in the Portland market, according to retail dealers. This will be the price of the best birds. Others not so good can be had at 45 and 40 cents. Chilled turkeys left over from Thanksgiving will bring from 40 to 45 cents.

Farmers marketed more than the usual proportion for the Thanksgiving holiday and have had fewer to offer for the Christmas trade, according to reports received from the country. There was the usual early buying for shipment to the Sound cities and the Northern buyers stood ready to pay a high price for the best selections. The dealers look for very heavy local buying; in fact, it has already begun, and with geese and ducks scarce, they believe turkeys will command a high price up to the close of Christmas buying.

Only a few dressed geese have come in yet and not many are expected. They are selling for 45 cents a pound. Fat dressed ducks bring 50 cents and milk fed dressed chickens 40 cents a pound.

### WAGE SURVEY NATION WIDE

Report of Government Survey Expected This Week.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator McNary today conferred with Postmaster-General Burleson concerning the wage question presented by the appeals of employees of telephone and telegraph companies and was informed that the question has been under investigation for seven weeks by a board of wage adjustment and that a report is expected during the coming week.

The board has made a Nation-wide survey and expects to be able to make a report of Nation-wide application, though the wages recommended may not be uniform throughout the country.

### SOLDIERS' RELIEF IS URGED

Congress Asked to Provide Fund for Sick and Wounded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Immediate legislation to permit the War Department to pay in full soldiers returning from overseas for hospital treatment was asked of Congress today by Secretary Baker.

He said 97 per cent of the soldier patients arrive in the United States without service records or other papers showing the date to which they were last paid.

He suggested a law authorizing the War Department to pay the men upon their personal affidavit as to the date of last payment and condition of their accounts.

### SEA FOOD IS PLENTIFUL

Municipal Market Has Plethora of Crabs and Oysters.

No one should go without oysters or crabs this season, says Dan Kellaher, The Municipal Fish Market, 185 Third Street, has a supply of hard shell fish on hand that would be enough for all, he says. Eastern oysters are quoted at 50 cents a pint while Olympias are five cents higher. Crabs are selling at 20 and 25 cents.

Eastern oysters on the shell are 35 cents a dozen. Clams also are on hand in quantities, he says.

### COUNCILS TO KEEP LID ON

Defense Organizations Asked to Look After Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—All state councils of defense and local organizations were called upon today in telegrams from the Council of National Defense to urge state, municipal and county authorities to "keep the lid on tight" during the Christmas holidays, for the protection of soldiers and men discharged from the Army.

### GERMAN CABINET GAINS PRESTIGE

Fullest Authority Given by Parliament.

### MAJORITY SOCIALISTS RULE

Committee of 27 Soldiers and Working Men Appointed.

### STATE CONTROL APPROVED

Government Will Start Industrial Experiment by Taking Over All Coal Mines.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The revolutionary parliament which adjourned yesterday gave the cabinet the fullest authority to manage affairs. The prestige of Chancellor Friedrich Ebert and Philip Scheidemann has been greatly enhanced by the appointment of a national central executive committee of 27 soldiers and working men, comprised wholly of majority Socialists.

The committee is largely a body with parliamentary functions on a small scale. It can eject obstreperous cabinet members and has a restricted veto power.

**State Control Approved.**

The congress devoted its closing hours to socialization problems. It approved the state control for such industries as are ripe for the experiment and a start will be made with the coal pits. Afterwards the steel and chemical industries and the alkali mines will be in line for seizure, although the bulk of sentiment was for leaving such complex problems to the national assembly.

Emil Barth, of the Ebert cabinet, urged that an immediate start be made with the coal mines on account of the economic situation, as industries were being menaced by the chronic unrest in Silesian and Rhenish mining districts.

**Welmar Proposed as Capital.**

Herr Rickett proposed Welmar, capital of the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Welmar-Eisenach, as the seat of the constituent assembly.

The general makeup of the congress was pronouncedly mediocre, as the majority of members were from local soldiers' and workmen's councils hurriedly organized in the early days of the revolution. The fact that the congress convened at Berlin was responsible for some embarrassing episodes, such as invasions by soldiers and laborers.

**Scheidemann Loudly Cheered.**

Herr Scheidemann was loudly cheered by the country members when, in the course of his address, he declared that Berlin was not Germany.

The Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts predicts that the main part of the disclosures of Adolph Joffe, former Bolshevik Ambassador to Berlin, will shortly be forthcoming, in view of the former Russian diplomat's declaration that he no longer owes to Hugo Haase, Foreign Minister in the Ebert cabinet, the consideration due a former friend and political ally. Herr Haase jettisons Joffe by declaring that the latter merely supplied him with data for speeches in the Reichstag.

**Bolshevik Rubles Scattered.**

The categorical denial by the Independents that they were beneficiaries of the Bolshevik rubles, which were alleged to have been scattered profusely about Berlin while Joffe was there, leads to suggestion in some quarters that the Spartacus group was financed out of funds deposited here to the order of the leader of the Independents, Oscar Cohen, a former Reichstag member, who is now under

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### 1920 TAX RATES FIXED BY SENATE

All Provisions in War Revenue Bill Adopted.

### VOTE STRICTLY PARTISAN

Long and Spirited Debate Precedes Test.

### CORPORATION TAX REDUCED

Senator Lodge Denies Republicans Desire to Force Extra Session, but Expects One.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—By a strict party vote, the Senate late today adopted all provisions in the war revenue bill prescribing tax rates for 1920, which Democrats advocated and Republicans opposed, but failed to reach a final vote on the measure. Adjournment was taken until Monday, when its passage is expected.

Disposition of the controverted 1920 tax provisions, designed to raise about \$4,000,000,000, as compared with the \$6,000,000,000 estimated for 1919, precipitated long and spirited debate, with numerous partisan clashes.

**Vote Strictly Partisan.**

Action was taken virtually on a test vote in disposing of the provision reducing the individual income normal tax rate to 4 per cent in 1920. On a motion by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, Republican, to strike out this section, 37 Democrats voted to retain it and 31 Republicans were recorded for its elimination.

Later 11 other 1920 provisions were adopted with pro-party voice.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, senior Republican member of the finance committee, offered motions to strike out the sections, but these were bowled over by a chorus of Democratic "yays."

**Corporation Tax Reduced.**

Among the 1920 clauses thus approved was the provision for reduction in the year of the corporation normal income tax rate from 15 to 8 per cent. In similar manner the Senate adopted the 1920 war excess-profits tax section, prescribing excess profits ranging from 20 to 40 per cent, in lieu of those from 20 to 60 per cent for 1919 and abolishing the 10 per cent war profits levy after 1919. An amendment by Senator Jones of New Mexico, Democrat, to continue war profits taxes in 1919, was voted down, 44 to 15.

Disposition of the 1920 tax question caused such protracted debate that Chairman Simmons abandoned plans for a night session and agreed to adjournment until Monday at 10 o'clock in an effort to expedite passage that day, with a night session if necessary.

**Speedy Session Predicted.**

With this issue out of the way Senate leaders predicted that other provisions, including the inheritance, luxury and other sections, would be disposed of speedily.

In the partisan contest over fixing rates at this time for 1920, Senator Penrose, Townsend of Michigan, McCumber of North Dakota and Smoot of Utah led the Republican attack, while Chairman Simmons and Senator Smith of Georgia defended the Democratic policy. Charges by the Republicans that in so doing political advantage was sought with a view to avoiding an extra session of the next Congress, in which Republicans will have a majority, were met by assertions from the Democrats that Republicans desired to force an extra session.

A suggestion by Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, that there was "some mystery" about changed attitude of Republicans on the bill, caused evident surprise among both

### CHILDREN DYING OF HUNGER IN NEW YORK

INQUIRY SHOWS PARENTS CANNOT BUY MILK.

Underfed Boys and Girls Faint in Schoolrooms; Clothing Mere Bundles of Rags.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Aroused by reports that, with Christmas approaching, East Side children are "fainting in schoolrooms and dying at home from hunger," because their parents cannot pay the prevailing high prices for milk and staple foods, representative citizens today organized a committee to "feed them first and investigate afterward."

A plea that something be done for her pupils, who were "slowly starving to death," was made recently by a teacher to Joseph S. Markus, a banker, who now heads the relief organization. Mr. Markus himself visited schools, hospitals and tenements and today issued a statement dealing with conditions on the East Side.

One settlement, he said, has the names of 150 babies who, recovering from influenza, now face death from pneumonia because their parents cannot buy milk needed to restore them to health. Every hospital in the district, he continued, knows hundreds more underfed children, many of whom are physically unable to continue their studies. Of his visit to one school, he said:

"In one room there were 22 children. A ragman would not have paid cents for all the clothing they wore. Many had no undergarments and those who did could hardly call them by that name. Many were without shoes and others had heelless and soleless ones. We learned most of them came there without any breakfast. Some kind people were giving the teacher a little money every week, and with that she purchased some milk and cocoa, preparing gruel over a small stove in the room. She said with the high cost of milk now she was not able to buy much, and that several of the children had fainted right there in the classroom. Others were too weak to leave home and died there. Malnutrition was the cause—starvation."

### OREGON BEHIND AS DRIVE NEARS END

Only Five Counties Exceed Last Year's Figures.

### STATE'S TOTAL NOW 173,976

Multnomah Guard Takes Hand in Final Campaign.

### SOLDIERS RALLY TO CAUSE

Parade of Trucks and Street-Corner Meetings Help to Swell Portland's Membership.

ATTENTION! MULTNOMAH GUARDSMEN!

General orders No. 91:

1. Field staff, non-commissioned staff, machine gun company, transportation company, supply company and companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H will assemble at the Armory at 8 A. M. Sunday, December 22, 1918, to answer the call of the Red Cross in its membership drive.
2. All former members of the Guard are asked to respond with their old comrades and aid in this campaign.

By Order of Colonel Campbell,  
CAPTAIN R. C. DOLBIN,  
Adjutant, Multnomah Guard.

Only today and tomorrow and the Christmas rollcall of the Red Cross will have ended, but not before Oregon has performed her full duty in the cause of mercy this time, as she has done before, if the hundreds of men and women throughout the state who are selling memberships attain the goal at which they are aiming.

Unless the response in Oregon in common with other states is generous enough for the estimated totals of membership to be reached, it is said another Red Cross drive will have to be conducted to obtain sufficient funds to carry on the work of the organization.

**Oregon Goal Far Ahead.**

It was estimated at state headquarters, in the Gasco building last night, that the state had enrolled only 24 per cent of the persons available for membership in Oregon. Redoubled efforts today and tomorrow, both in Portland and the outer-state districts, it is hoped will bring the desired results.

Enrollment yesterday totaled as follows:

Portland	80,163
Outer state	93,793
Total	173,956
Total secured in Portland yesterday	41,425

Whether the Red Cross will have to come before the people for funds again before next Christmas depends upon the success of the Christmas roll call campaign, according to a telegram received yesterday by State Director Coman and City Manager Reed from Hervey Lindley, division roll call chairman for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

"Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council," reads the message, "has just sailed for Europe on the call of President Wilson to arrange for the necessary extension of Red Cross work. The million American soldiers remaining in France indefinitely will need the ministrations of the Red Cross."

**Merch Work to Continue.**

"The coming of peace will show a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before, demanding the

### HOW CARTOONIST REYNOLDS VIEWS DIPLOMACY OF THE LAST WEEK ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

