

GERMANS PREPARE TO ACT AGAINST POLES

Invasion Feared in Upper Silesian Mining Area.

BOLSHEVISTS NEAR VILNA

Towns on Railway Between Brest-Litovsk and Minsk Occupied. Crime Is in Full Sway.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German Cabinet today continued its consideration of the Polish question, but no announcement has been made.

The Tagblatt says the government is believed to have decided that military action is necessary in order to check the Polish invasion. The Cabinet also is reported to be considering military measures to prevent the irruption of the Russian Bolsheviki.

Special dispatches report that a Polish invasion is feared in the coal mining region of Upper Silesia.

The Poles, it is claimed, have captured the railway junction of Nakel, west of Bromberg, and the invaders also threaten Schneidemühl and Butschko. In Southern Posen, the Poles threaten Kosten. Further north they have taken Mogilno and Znin.

Polish Danger Feared. The newspapers comment favorably on the alleged order given by the British government to a British officer to accompany Ignace Jan Paderewski to Warsaw.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4.—A People's Council to combat the Polish danger has been established at Danzig and a militia force will be recruited, according to reports from Berlin.

In Southern Posen the Poles have occupied the frontier town of Skalmerava and destroyed the fortifications. The German garrisons at Opatow and Krotoschyn, west of the frontier, are threatened seriously.

WARSAW, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bolshevist forces are in the outskirts of Vilna and have occupied towns on the railway between Minsk and Brest-Litovsk, according to reports. The Bolshevists are burning, robbing and murdering peasants as they advance.

Locomotives and cars are being brought westward from the path of the Bolshevist forces by the retreating Germans.

British Protect Liban. The Russian Baltic port of Liban, according to reports received here, is protected by one British cruiser, three destroyers and one gunboat. The British warships, however, have landed no forces.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4.—Fighting has occurred during the last few days around Lemberg where Ukrainian troops are making progress and are bombarding the city, according to Vienna advices to the Politiken.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Town Council of Petrograd, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, has decided that orphaned children between the ages of 18 and 45 shall be provided with husbands selected by the council.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee, after a conference at the State Department, announced today his intention to make a statement in the Senate Monday on the Russian situation, giving the facts sought by Senator Johnson of California, who has a resolution pending calling on the State Department for information as to the Government's relations with Russia.

Reps to Send Representative. The State Department, it is understood, does not oppose the resolution, but holds that there is nothing relative to the Government's attitude that cannot be publicly stated.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(Havas.)—The Bolshevik government of Russia intends to send Adolph Joffe, the former Bolshevik Ambassador in Berlin, to its delegate to Paris to claim admission to the peace conference, according to the Echo De Paris today.

PORTLAND BOYS DESERT

Three Reported to Police as Having Left Military Service.

Three Portland boys have been posted as deserters from the United States Army and Navy, according to word received yesterday by the Portland detective bureau from Washington. The alleged deserters are: Don Carlos Crampton, son of Mrs. Olla C. Crampton, 563 Gantenbein avenue, deserted from Fort Lawton, Washington, October 23, 1918; a private in the Army Medical Corps; Albert H. Fellows, of Estacada, deserted from the United States ship Salem on the Atlantic Coast, December 12, 1918; Glenn M. Wiser, son of Mrs. Pearl Bauer, 234 1/2 Morrison street, deserted from the United States Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va., December 1, 1918. The Portland police have been asked by the Government to aid in locating the men.

YOUNG GIRL SHOT, KILLED

Adopted Brother Handles Gun Supposed to Be Unloaded.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Nettie, aged 15, adopted daughter of Owen Stratton, well-known fruit-grower, was the only child to be instantly killed by her adopted brother, Byron, aged 15, here last night.

The funeral will be held tomorrow. After an investigation today Coroner Fortmiller decided that the shooting was accidental. The girl and her brother were playing in the barn when the boy accidentally discharged a shotgun he was handling, and the shot struck his sister in the back of the head, causing death. The boy thought the gun was not loaded.

Complainant Is Arrested.

After he had notified the police that he and John W. Epperson had been robbed of \$50 and \$50 respectively while sleeping together at the Erickson Hotel Thursday night, Robert Marshall was arrested and lodged in the City Jail, charged with the larceny of \$60 from his friend. Marshall climbed out of bed without waking his friend, the detectives declare, took \$60 from the latter's pocket, and went back to sleep. When Epperson discovered the theft next morning, Marshall also said that \$55 was missing from his own pockets.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

TWO OF THREE BROTHERS WOUNDED IN ACTION.



LEFT TO RIGHT—FRANK, WALTER AND CHRIS MULLER, OF DALLAS, OR. Late press dispatches announced the serious wounding of Walter L. W. Muller, private with the 162d Infantry, on November 11, the last day of fighting in France. This was the second injury suffered by young Muller in action. The last wound received from the young man by his sisters, Catherine Muller, 535 Hancock street, and Gertha Muller, 939 Alameda Drive, was in July, when he was in a hospital recovering from a shrapnel wound. Early in 1917, Muller, with his two brothers, Frank and Chris, enlisted in Company L, Third Oregon, which was afterward merged into the 162d Infantry. Frank, who became a member of a machine-gun company, was also wounded in action and when last heard from was in a hospital recovering from his injury. Chris, the only brother escaping uninjured, was not 18 years old when he enlisted.

PENDELTON BAN IS RIGID

NEW ORDINANCE FRAMED TO PUT STOP TO INFLUENZA.

Great Restriction of Business Ordered and Power Given Mayor to Close Everything if Necessary.

PENDELTON, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Business in Pendleton until the flu danger is removed will be conducted with an interval of four meetings separating the parties to the transaction. No more than one person to each 100 feet of floor space will be permitted in any store, business house, church or public building.

Business alone will be an excuse for visiting the railroad station. Farewell to travelers will not be permitted. Picture shows may operate with patrons occupying every other row of seats and every other seat in a room.

Two players will be allowed at a pool table or bowling alley, but only every other pool table may be used. No spectators will be allowed and no card games permitted. Power is vested in the Mayor and City Physician to regulate business in the city in any manner they see fit, even to closing all business.

These are the principal points of the ordinance which was prepared by the City Attorney to be submitted to the City Council at a special meeting tonight. In the new ordinance the effort has been made to protect the people of the city without stopping business altogether and without discriminating against any particular business. There were only two new homes quarantined today while the ban was removed from 15.

TROOP NEWS IS LACKING

Adjutant-General Unable to Answer Hundreds of Inquiries.

Relatives and friends of men in the American expeditionary forces can get no late information regarding their boys from the office of the Adjutant-General of Oregon. Scores of persons make inquiry there by telephone and letter every day. The fact that the office gets no "inside" or advance information made known yesterday by Captain Allan Hall, who said that the inquiries are so numerous as to interfere with business needing attention.

Persons who write to the office of the Adjutant-General of the Army, at Washington, for information as to location of soldiers will meet disappointment also, said Captain Hall. A courteous letter sent by Adjutant-General Beebe to the Adjutant-General in Washington asking about assignment of Oregon troops was answered in two sentences, giving no information whatsoever.

MAIL SERVICE TO RESUME

Suspension of Sumpter Valley Road Spurs Officials to Act.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Mail service to Canyon City and Prairie City, Grant County, having been cut off by the strike on the Sumpter Valley Railroad, Second Assistant Postmaster-General Prinnott has promised Representative Siggott that special service will be provided by stage or by way of Condon and Fossil or via Yukon.

The Sumpter Valley Railroad Company has telegraphed offering to send a delegate.

A GREAT ECONOMY BECAUSE OF EXTRA WEAR

"After a trip to Kilauea, the active volcano of Hawaii, my Neolin-soled shoes were the only ones not absolutely ruined. Many in our party wore hob-nailed boots," said Miss Jean P. Lane of Seattle, Washington.

The sharp jagged lava of Kilauea cuts an ordinary sole to pieces quickly. That Neolin Soles stood the test but emphasizes their toughness and durability. These qualities are built into them by a scientific process. Women—and men and children, too—who are hard on shoes should buy them with Neolin Soles. They come in many styles, and because of the extra wear they give, are a great economy.

And any repairman will re-sole your worn shoes with Neolin Soles, which are flexible and waterproof as well as long-wearing. They are made by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, who also make Wingfoot Heels, guaranteed to outwear all other heels.

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KEEP ROADS OUT OF POLITICS—M'ADOO

Extension of Government Control Strongly Urged.

OTHER PLANS 'INADEQUATE'

Federal Operation Defended Against "Attempt to Discredit It"; Successor Not Yet Named.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Only through the proposed five-year extension of Government management of railroads can the Government move toward a permanent and comprehensive solution of the railroad problem, Director-General McAdoo insisted today in testifying at the Senate commerce committee's hearing on railroad legislation.

Other plans, such as private management, possibly with limited Government supervision, Mr. McAdoo said he considered "inadequate expedients" and "makeshifts," and he was prepared now to make no further recommendation if Congress decides not to extend control as he had suggested.

Fear of Politics Urged. Questions of Senators Kellogg, Gore, McLean, Townsend, Cummins and Watson were directed at Mr. McAdoo in a vain attempt to ascertain his ideas of what course would be best as an alternative for the five-year proposal. Fear that railroad men would be thrown into the politics of the next Presidential campaign constituted one of the principal reasons supporting the five-year suggestion, Mr. McAdoo asserted.

"If the railroads are held only 21 months," he said, "I fear the employes themselves would become objects of solicitation for one plan of campaign or another, and the railroads of the United States must be kept out of politics."

Snare Judgment Declared. He defended Government operation against what he described as "an attempt to discredit it on the ground that net earnings had been insufficient to pay the compensation guaranteed by the Government," saying judgment of unified operation should be based on earnings only in normal peace times, and that this was another reason for testing Government control for five years.

"My judgment is that the test would show something conclusive—I do not know what," said Mr. McAdoo, replying to Senator McLean's query: "Can we test one system by trying another?" To Senator Gore's inquiry: "Don't you think the railroads should be permitted to consolidate, gravitating toward two or three competing national systems, with some Government supervision?" Mr. McAdoo answered: "I think that would be only a palliative to deal with certain conditions. I would prefer to deal with the question comprehensively."

Compliments Are Exchanged. At the end of his testimony, Mr. McAdoo and Senator Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the committee, exchanged brief compliments. It was the occasion of Mr. McAdoo's last appearance before a body of Congress before retiring as Director-General.

Mr. McAdoo still is expecting daily to receive word from President Wilson concerning the appointment of a new Director-General.

Meier & Frank Company Liberal. Meier & Frank Company has distributed its employes a bonus of \$50,000 in appreciation of efficient service and loyalty. The bonus handed its employes in cash was apportioned on the basis of length of service with the firm.

Those who had been in the employ of the company only a few weeks received a share. In making the distribution the company informed its employes that the year just closed had recorded the greatest business of its history.

Dry slabwood and blocks. Holman Fuel Co., Main 353, A 2533.—Adv.

GRAY'S Statement of Statistical Facts With Regard to the Clothing Situation

The boys are coming home, to put aside the khaki. Every one of them want to get out of uniform just as badly as they wanted to get into it. The civilian clothes and occupation never looked so good to them as now. It's one vast undertaking to clothe and re-employ our boys, but it will be done.

In many parts of the world there are no wools to be had; in some other countries fabulous prices prevail. To illustrate—\$35 per yard for suitings in Norway. Our soldier boys will soon be arriving home in large numbers.

Not much chance for you at-home fellows to get clothes then, so we say get them now and get them here at Gray's, where we furnish you the best in clothing and share the profit with you fifty-fifty.

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WAR VESSELS RETURNING

31 DESTROYERS AND 7 SUBMARINES SAIL FROM EUROPE.

Undersea Boats Will Require Fully Two Weeks to Complete Voyage Across Ocean.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Thirty-one destroyers and seven submarines have sailed from Europe and should reach their home stations within the next 10 days or two weeks. The destroyers, the Navy Department announced tonight, are proceeding to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Charleston while the submarines, all of the A-L class, are en route to Philadelphia. The submarines are the numbers 1, 2, 3,

4, 5, 10 and 11. It will take them fully two weeks to complete the voyage. The destroyers on the way to New York are: The Ericsson, O'Brien, Cushing, Allen, Rowan, Wilkes, Sampson, Davis, Nicholson and Winslow.

To Boston—The Porter, Wainwright, Kimberly, Sigourney, Little, Stringham, Bell and Wadsworth. To Norfolk—The Fairfax, Benham, Stockton, Downes, Duncan and Taylor. To Philadelphia—The Beale, Jarvis and Bushnell. To Charleston—The Preston, Dale, Decatur and Monaghan.

Soldiers to Become Rangers. Forest Examiner Hanzlik, who is on

a four months' furlough from the Portland office, writes that as an instructor in the forest department of the soldiers' civil re-establishment school of the University of British Columbia of Vancouver that he has about 25 returned soldiers who in the near future will be ready for positions as rangers in the Canadian forests. Mr. Hanzlik will return during the early Spring.

Polish Battalion Sails for America. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The French line steamship France, which sailed today, carried a battalion of Poles, numbering 154 men, recruited in America for the Polish army.

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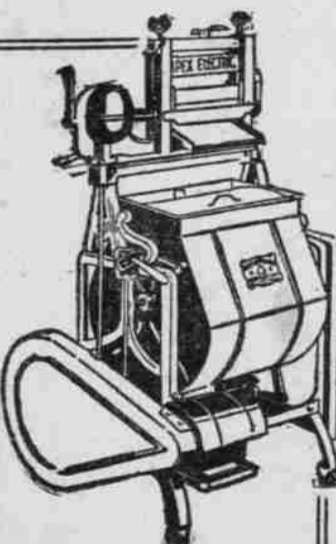
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