

# HUNGER HASTEN NEW PEACE MOVE

Officials and Diplomats in Washington See Elements at Work Tending to Bring Great World War to the Closing Stage.

## PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY REGARDED PROBABILITY

Some Name July as Month When Armies and Navies Will Receive Word to Cease Fighting; U-Boat Campaign Now on Trial.

New Negotiations Alleged. Copenhagen, March 12.—(U. P.)—The Norwegian Shipping Gazette declares that new negotiations have been opened between Germany and a United States on the submarine question.

London, March 12.—(U. P.)—Germany is considering altering her submarine warfare, possibly with a view to making some concessions to neutrals, according to the Norwegian Shipping Gazette.

London, March 12.—(U. P.)—Military has broken out among German troops near Huy and Namur, Belgium, according to the Amsterdam Telegraph.

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—A general peace move will be launched within three or four months, according to views of diplomats and officials today.

In the opinion of military men, government authorities, and representatives of foreign powers, many elements work which are tending to bring the great world war to its closing stage. These elements include an increasingly acute food situation in all the warring nations, particularly among the central powers; a growing unrest among the peoples as indicated by the dissatisfaction manifested toward the entente cabinets; possibility of any one of the principal nations breaking suddenly under the military and economic strain; and the possibility of an overwhelming victory such as would force a strictly military peace.

# BERNSTORFF CHARGES BRANDED AS UNTRUE BY CANADIAN CENSOR

Statement Issued Denounces Accusations as "Deliberate Falsehoods."

Ottawa, Ont., March 12.—(U. P.)—Denial was registered officially by Canada today that Bernstorff was the author of the statement issued for protest by Count von Bernstorff for the examination accorded the liner on which he traveled to Copenhagen.

The Canadian chief censor here today issued this statement: "Officials who were in charge of the staff engaged in the examination of the Frederick VIII at Halifax describe as ridiculous the attempt to misrepresent the character of the Halifax examination. The examination of the ship and her passengers was, of course, thorough, a superficial one would have been useless. There was not a moment's unnecessary delay and special care was taken by all to prevent any of the passengers being subjected to indignities. The examination of passengers was done by female examiners. The examination of Countess von Bernstorff took less than three minutes.

The statement that the insoles of her shoes were ripped off is an absolute falsehood. It is devoid of any basis in the statement that all her water bottles, baby nipples and rubber heels were confiscated. Passengers having more than one water bottle in their baggage were searched, but not one. There was no baby nipples or rubber heels seized. The examination was conducted from beginning to end with the greatest care, comfort, and respectability and rights of all the passengers."

The Canadian censor said that all newspapers printing the original story sent by wireless from Christiania to print the above reply. A supplementary statement denouncing as "deliberate falsehoods" the statement that the customs examiners were brutal and that two customs officers were drunk while on duty.

# Honor Guard's Officer Stops Fleeing Thief

Miss Evelyn Nicolai, Starting Out to Gain Recruits, Makes Man Drop Purse.

With a good pair of lungs and fleet feet, Miss Evelyn Nicolai, recruiting officer of the Portland branch of the Civil National Honor Guard, frightened a fleeing pickpocket into throwing her purse back at her Monday afternoon while the 3:45 McMinville train awaited her return.

Miss Nicolai was bound for McMinnville, where she went to the honor guard rally last night to enroll a chapter at that place. Accompanied by Miss Bertha Baxter, who went to Gaston to organize a chapter, she was waiting for the electric at Portland and Washington streets when she unconsciously took note of a man who was moving aimlessly about the crowd.

When the train was heard coming and the crowd of passengers edged back to the curb, she was conscious that he was just behind her and had moved with her. As the train slowed up, she was jostled in the rush and reached to cover her purse, an oblong black leather hand purse which she had slipped into the outside pocket of her coat. The purse was gone and the nondescript man with the dark blue coat and high top shoes ran rapidly out of the crowd. Following a quick "hunch," Miss Nicolai parted the crowd about her with a shout of "Stop that man; he has my purse!" The man ran up Washington nearly to Fifth, and cutting across the street in the middle of the block, saw his pursuer. He threw the purse back at her. She last saw him making tracks around the corner at Fifth and Washington, when she sped back in time to catch the moving train.

# WATER COMPETITION COAST TO COAST IS NEGLIGIBLE FACTOR

Interstate Commerce Commission Proposes to Lower Rates to Interior Points.

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—The transcontinental railroads are justified in establishing substantial increases in rates on general merchandise, particularly heavy freight, as iron, steel, etc., from eastern points to the coast, the Interstate Commerce commission finds, in a tentative report issued this afternoon in the intermountain rate case.

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—The Interstate Commerce commission has made a tentative proposal to interested carriers looking to a settlement of the matter, the commission finds, in a tentative report issued this afternoon. No intimation of what the recommendation contained was given by the commission.

It was stated that existing rates of a wide range of commodities from eastern cities to Pacific coast points are being reviewed. The proposed adjustment would be effected under the proposed plan by raising through rates and prescribing proportional rates to intermediate points.

Present through rates on a long list of other articles, including brass, bronze or copper goods, electrical goods, certain iron products, pulp and lumber, wheat, rice, and tobacco are found to be reasonable, and adjustment of rates to intermediate points would be made by reducing the present rates where they exceed through rates.

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# BROTHERHOODS NOT TO STRIKE IN CASE OF WAR

President Wilson Receives a Letter Promising Full Support; No Mention Made of Any Walkout Order.

EXTRA SESSION MIGHT BE DELAYED BY STRIKE

Order Is Discussed at Meeting of Labor and Brotherhood Representatives.

Fighting on West Front Increasing

Mediation Effort to Be Made.

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—The United States board of mediation and conciliation today announced an open breach between the big four brotherhoods and the railroads last April, will make a final effort to reach an agreement in the present recurrence of the controversy, the United Press learned today.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 12.—(U. P.)—On account of certain strike conditions, it will be unable to accept any livestock for delivery off our main line after midnight on Thursday," officials of the Big Four railroad announced this afternoon.

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson today was informed by the four big railroad brotherhoods leaders that in case of war no strike will be called on the great railroad systems of the country.

In a letter from the brotherhoods which reached the White House today, the railroad brotherhoods leaders stated that they would stand by the president in event of actual hostilities. No promise was made, however, that a strike would not be called.

The letter declared the brotherhoods will meet with the railroad managers Thursday. They will then make a determined effort to reach some agreement. The brotherhoods leaders hope to be successful. The letter does not mention any strike order to be used in the event that the Thursday meeting fails to settle the matter, it has been reported, sets Saturday night as the time for starting "a progressive strike" which will begin on the eastern coast and spread to the west.

The brotherhoods letter to the president was as follows: "Cleveland, Ohio, March 7, 1917. Mr. President: We feel obligated to again meet the national conference committee of the railroads on March 15 for the purpose of making another attempt to reach an agreement.

# FRANCIS J. HENEY IS SAID TO REPRESENT PUTER IN O. C. CASE

Brief Filed in Supreme Court Causes Much Comment in Washington.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Francis J. Heney, by filing brief in the supreme court opposing the government in the O. C. land grant case, has stirred unusual comment. His brief failed to disclose that he represented private interests and some attorneys say his obligations to the government alone should represent Puter's views of justice and law of this case.

Heney has been in New York since Saturday and the date of his return to Washington is being held in abeyance. The date of the matter has not yet been determined.

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# BERNSTORFF TO LODGE PROTEST AT TREATMENT

Former German Ambassador Only One of Party Not Subjected to Most Minute Search; Wife Included.

MANY EXAMINATIONS ARE CALLED BRUTAL

British Refused Right to Telegraph Protest; Mail Protest Censored.

Copenhagen, March 12.—(U. P.)—Count von Bernstorff and party left here today for Berlin.

Christiania, March 10.—(U. P.)—(By wireless to Berlin and thence via Tuckerton, N. J., March 13.)—Not even Countess von Bernstorff, the American wife of the former ambassador to the United States from Germany, was exempted in the minute search of the Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII and her passengers by the British authorities at Halifax.

So thorough was this search and so repugnant the methods as well as the delay it enforced on the former envoy, that he will lodge formal protest at Washington.

At the time of the searching the British authorities refused to transmit his telegraphic protest. They did, however, permit a letter to be sent to the Swiss minister in Washington, who was left by Bernstorff in charge of German interests at the American capital. But this was not forwarded, it is understood.

The British authorities refused to permit the American consul at Halifax to come aboard the Frederik VIII and for the captain of the liner to promise not to use his wireless.

Count von Bernstorff was the only one of the party who was exempted from search. His wife was thoroughly searched.

# REPORT OF GERARD ON GERMANY'S ATTITUDE IS GEAR COMPLETION

Former Ambassador Will Also Tell President of Central Powers' Condition.

Daytona, Fla., March 12.—(U. P.)—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, today was putting the finishing touches on his report to President Wilson on the attitude of Germany toward the United States and conditions in the central empire. Mr. Gerard will reach Jacksonville at 1:30 this afternoon and expects to get to Washington Wednesday afternoon.

The former ambassador and 40 other Americans who compose his party are traveling in special cars. Gerard declined to answer questions regarding his report, but members of the party stated it would be a complete expose of German intrigue against the United States.

"Germany, in her desperation, has simply run amuck," stated one member of the ambassador's party. "The Berlin government counts on Mexico and the United States occupied in this hemisphere if hostilities should come between Germany and the United States. Realizing that her chances of winning the war are slim, Germany is trying to bolster up her failing fortunes by every possible means. If the submarine campaign fails to starve England into submission, Germany is doomed."

Ambassador Gerard expects to see Secretary Lansing immediately on his arrival at Washington.

# Colombian Treaty Is Imperative, Report

President Is to Tell Senate, When Fact Is Reported Tomorrow, He Has Intention to This Effect.

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—The Colombian treaty, modified in two particulars, but with the sum to be paid Colombia left at \$25,000,000, was again reported by the senate foreign relations committee today. It will go to the senate formally tomorrow.

That phrase in the document which expressed regret by this government over differences between the governments was changed so as to read that both governments regret the differences.

A phrase also was added emphasizing that nothing in the treaty shall be held to cast any doubt about the title of the United States to the Panama canal zone.

# McCormick in Mind For Tokio Position

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, is to be offered the post of ambassador to Japan, according to well authenticated reports today. It is believed that the Pennsylvania is not keen for the appointment, but that it would be urged on him by the president, who is anxious to have the post filled by a man of more than average tact and executive skill.

# Pure Milk to Be Provided For Children

Ladd School Pupils Will Be Given Milk, Rich and Pure, to Go With Their Lunches.

An experiment in education, absolutely new to Portland, will be inaugurated at the Ladd school, probably Wednesday. Milk, rich and pure, will be secured for the children to eat with their lunches, or to be available at recess for children who come without their breakfasts.

The plan is based upon a survey by the school inspector showing that more than 25 per cent of the 800 children attending Ladd school are insufficiently nourished.

In a number of the homes both parents work and leave in the morning before the children are up, so that the children either have to prepare or buy their own breakfasts and lunches. Some are not able to secure lunches. One boy who complained of severe pains in his stomach to the inspector admitted that without interference he was spending the 20 cents a day given him for cheap cakes and chocolates.

Those who can buy the milk will be furnished it at little more than cost; those unable to buy will receive it free. The work will be inaugurated by the Parent-Teacher association, with the expectation that proof of its value in bettering the mental development on the part of the children will demonstrate its worth to the school board and secure its support.

A vote of absolute support was given by the confidential exchange composed of representatives of nearly all philanthropic, social service and charitable organizations, Monday, and the exchange also pledged a comfortable supply of all the schools of the city to information already gained.

# Three Buildings at Elgin Are Burned

Loss Is Placed at From \$6000 to \$7000; Volunteer Firemen on the Job; Flats Glass Goes, Too.

Elgin, Or., March 12.—Fire starting at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed three frame buildings on Front street, entailing a loss of \$6000 or \$7000. The buildings were occupied by K. Yama's barber shop, a hardware store, and a frame in which was located the dental office of Dr. E. O. Wilson and the tailor shop of W. S. Mumks.

A thousand dollars worth of plate glass in the E. M. & S., the Hub and the Blumenstein and K. of P. buildings was destroyed. Fourteen volunteer firemen fought the flames for two and a half hours. At first ice in the creek hampered the water pressure. Considerable damage was done to the telephone lines of the Union County Telephone company. The fire was stopped by the two-story stone K. of P. building to the north of the burning front street frames.

# Philadelphian Kills Woman, Ends Life

Camden, N. J., March 12.—(U. P.)—Because she refused to see him, Charles Steelman, a Philadelphia private detective, today shot and killed a woman in Camden, N. J., and fatally wounded Mrs. Steelman, at whose home Mrs. McCoy was stopping, and then committed suicide. Steelman was relative of the woman fatally wounded.

It is said that Steelman was a member of a good family. A letter found in a pocket yielded with him to return and be forgiven by his wife.

# Armed Ship Travel Prevents Insurance

New York, March 12.—(U. P.)—At the offices of several large insurance companies in New York it was revealed that none of the companies is willing to issue life insurance policies on any terms to any one contemplating traveling on an armed vessel. Representatives of several companies said they would regard such insurance as no insurance at all, but a gamble, "and we are not gamblers," one official added.

# Pardons Asked for Diggs-Caminetti

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—An appeal for the pardon of Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted in California of violation of the Mann white slave law, and whose case reached the highest court in the land, where the conviction was upheld, has been made to President Wilson.

The appeal was made by a petition, including written support by 16 of the jurors who heard the case, Judge Davies of the United States court of appeals, Senator Phelan and scores of citizens.

# No Crime to Play Poker, Court Holds

Baton Rouge, La., March 12.—(U. P.)—It is not unlawful to play poker for money according to a decision handed down by the supreme court of Louisiana. The court held that the city of Baton Rouge has no right to fine and sentence prisoners for violating the gaming laws for betting on a game that "has never been denounced in the state laws." The prisoners were released.

# Anti-Death Penalty Measure Is Vetoed

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—Governor General Harrison of the Philippines notified the war department today that he has vetoed the senate bill restricting the imposing of the death penalty in the islands.

# He Had Vertigo And Fur to Go So Was Let Go

John McHugh was before Municipal Judge Stevenson this morning for drunkenness.

Judge Stevenson, solicitously, explained that McHugh had not been drunk at all, but was subject to fainting spells, as was understood one of these when arrested.

"Do you have vertigo?" asked Judge Stevenson, solicitously. "Have I more fur to go, you say?" asked McHugh in reply.

A burst of laughter over the courtroom, caused the innocent punster to gasp in astonishment. The court let him go.

# MAYOR GILL CLAIMS HE HAS WON A POINT AGAINST BILLINGSLEY

Stipulation Provides Government Will Not Have to Prove Character of Liquor.

Seattle, Wash., March 12.—(U. P.)—Federal prosecutors speeded up their work of corroborating various points in the amazing testimony given by Logan Billingsley, king of bootleggers, in America's largest dry city, when the booze graft conspiracy trial of Mayor Gill, Chief of Police Beckingham, ex-Sheriff Hodge and City Detectives Doom, McLennan, Poolman and Peyster was resumed today.

By a stipulation entered into late yesterday by the defense, the government will not have to spend two weeks proving that the liquor shipments involved in the case were of an interstate character.

This Mayor Gill said today, was really a victory for him, because the stipulation showed far less whiskey was imported than the government had claimed, and that it showed he had practically broken the Billingsley ring before its leaders charged him with having extended protection to them in return for a bribe.

Attorneys for the defense started their cross-examination of Arthur R. Hatton, a bookkeeper for Logan Billingsley, in the afternoon.

# Insurance Manager To Fight With Allies

J. H. Constantine Has Gone to Join the British Forces on the Western Front in Engineer Corps.

John H. Constantine, manager in this city of the National Mutual Fire association, left Portland Sunday to join the British forces in France. He will sail from New York for England and proceed directly to the scene of war on the western front to join the engineers, with whom he has been offered a commission.

Constantine is a veteran of the Boer war, in which he served as a dispatch bearer under General Buller. While carrying dispatches from the staff to the front line a horse was shot under him on one occasion.

Constantine has lived in Portland for the past six years, and before coming to this city resided in Seattle for 11 years. A brother, C. P. Constantine, a Seattle advertising man, is a former member of the Royal north-west mounted police of Canada, and his brother-in-law is already serving in France.

# Father Is Seeking To Recover His Son

Charging that his 5-year-old son is being restrained in the home of James T. and Ella Hendryx, 1547 Fisk street, R. W. Turner filed an application for writ of habeas corpus with Judge Clarke county clerk this afternoon asking the circuit court to give him the child.

In his petition Turner says that his son, James R. Turner, was born in Clarke county, Washington, December 21, 1911, and upon the death of his mother was taken by the Hendryxs. Turner says that he was later adopted by the Hendryxs and that the superior court of Washington but that the Hendryx refuse to give the boy up.

# Thaw Is Declared Insane but Must Fight Extradition

Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—(U. P.)—A sheriff's jury of six today adjudged Harry K. Thaw insane. The commission on the insanity of Thaw, who was committed to the state hospital by the court upon the petition of Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, his mother, who seeks to prevent him from being extradited to New York, where he is under indictment for alleged assault and kidnapping Frederick Gump Jr., of New York.

Governor Brumbaugh will set a date within a few days for an extradition hearing. Governor Brumbaugh will have the report of the insanity commission before him when the hearing is held.

# BIG WILCOX WILL BE GIVEN STEEL VESSEL

Northwest Steel Co. Yields to Popular Demand That Portland Be Allowed to Celebrate Launching.

LAURITZ KLOSTER WILL HIT WATER MARCH 31

Chamber of Commerce and Other Civic Organizations Will Participate.

The Lauritz Kloster, Portland's first steel ship, will be launched before the Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Rotary club, the Portland Business Saturday, March 31, is the date. Walter Berbe, vice-president of the Northwest Steel company, last night changed his mind.

Monday, 11 a. m.—The public will not be invited. We want no ceremony or pomp connected with our launching. Monday, 5 p. m.—The public will be invited. We will shut down our plant on launching day and our yards will be open to everyone.

With this decision uppermost in mind the plans for celebration of Portland's first steel merchant ship launching will be a grand right merry. Permission to the public to use the O-W. P. dock on the east side secured from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will now not be necessary.

Use of two big river steamers to transport the members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Rotary club, the Portland Business Men's club, City club, East Side Business Men's club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and other organizations will not be required.

The celebration will be unmarred by lack of cooperation. Every whistle in town will blow when the ship hits the water. Two Full 100,000 voices will join in the yell at sight of her.

The Chamber of Commerce is going ahead with plans for a monster banquet to follow the launching of the Kloster craft. Shipping men from all parts of the country will be invited. It will be an occasion to celebrate the growth of Portland's largest industry.

# LAGRANDE CHINESE IS SHOT AND KILLED BY PERSISTENT GUNMAN

Victim Is Billy Eng, President of Chinese Young Men's Association; Police Busy.

La Grande, Or., March 12.—Billy Eng, president of the Chinese Young Men's Association, was shot and killed in front of the La Grande post office 10 minutes after 12 today by a Chinese gunman.

Mrs. C. E. George was struck in the ankle by one of the bullets. Eng was first seen running east on Adams avenue pursued by his slayer. The first shot either hit slightly injured him, as he continued to run after it was fired. When Eng fell the gunman leaned over him and with the revolver but two or three inches from his head emptied the magazine. He then ran a few feet, returned, and again leaning over the body, snapped the trigger of his gun again with the muzzle but two or three inches away from the side of Eng's head. Eng was dead when bystanders recovered sufficiently to run to the body.

Police and an angry crowd of citizens were on the scene of the shooting. The murderer was shot two years ago, when one man was killed.

# Flying Cable Kills Fireman Meeker

Frank Meeker, fireman of a donkey engine in the logging camp of the Cameron-Taylor Lumber company, was killed today by a flying cable four miles north of Bull Run, when almost instantly killed this morning when struck by a flying cable. The cable was supposed to have snagged over the stump and Meeker was jerked taut again. The body is being brought to the Dunning & McEntee funeral establishment by Deputy Coroner Lower. Representatives of his employers located Meeker's widow near Oregon City, while a daughter resides in the town of Reno. Meeker was about 60 years old.

# Land Bank to Name Its Own Counsel

La Grande, Or., March 12.—Turner Oliver, in his position as registrar and attorney of the Spokane branch of the federal land bank, will receive \$4900 a year.

Mr. Oliver had applied for the position of chief counsel of the branch but was told in a letter from Senator George E. Chamberlain that the bank would be permitted to appoint its own chief counsel and that, for the present, the position of registrar and attorney should carry all the legal work.