

# FIRST STEPS ARE TAKEN IN OREGON BIG SHIP PROGRAM

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## GREAT ACTIVITY IS SEEN

### L. J. Wentworth, in Charge in Oregon for Emergency Fleet Corporation, Hopes Promises Will Be More Than Fulfilled.

First steps to see that Oregon meets its pledge to the government of \$25,000,000 of steel and wooden ships during 1918 were taken today by L. J. Wentworth, in charge of the Oregon district of the emergency fleet corporation.

## 600,000 Ton Output Possible

In the wood shipbuilding industry there are a number of men who believe that Oregon can deliver to the government 600,000 tons in 1918.

With the shakeup in the shipping board which has put Chairman Hurley in charge; with the Oregon and Washington districts divided among Mr. Wentworth, a business acquaintance with local conditions and needs, in charge of the Oregon district, and with the formal pledge committing the state to large production, wooden shipbuilders feel that the industry has at last been launched into an era of big production and increasing efficiency.

The wood shipbuilders have as yet taken no steps toward the organization of a state, northwest or Pacific coast wood shipbuilders' association, as was suggested.

Chamber's Work Satisfies  
They profess to be well content that the Chamber of Commerce continues to represent them in dealings with the federal shipping board as it did in the formulation of the pledge of 1918 production. They have not as yet considered the standardization of design of vessels and of supplies which might be attained through the agency of an organization directly representing the industry.

The message sent by President H. L. Corbett of the Chamber of Commerce was in answer to Chairman Hurley's appeal for a pledge of production for 1918; during 1918, which was received here December 18. The Chamber of Commerce reply reads:

**Text of Oregon Pledge**  
"Wood construction of present conditions of shipbuilding we will launch 525,000 tons, deadweight, in 1918. Installation of machinery will be predicated on priority accorded our builders by war industry board, which controls. However, with government cooperation, we can arrange for increased engine and boiler construction over present orders for this equipment. Steel construction—We will produce and equip 400,000 tons, deadweight, in 1918. We consider our estimates low and contain ample margin of safety if present efficient program of your board continues."  
The Oregon pledge is a little less than one sixth of the government's total shipbuilding program, 6,000,000 tons, during 1918. The Pacific coast as a whole has pledged approximately one half of the wooden and steel ships to be supplied the government during the coming year. San Francisco has pledged 500,000 tons of steel ships and 100,000 tons of wooden ships.

## CONGRESS OF LABOR DELEGATES ANSWERED

Wilson's outline of war aims in full. "The war," he declared, "becomes a struggle of old and new forms of government. Secret diplomacy and compulsory military service should be rendered unnecessary."  
The allies must renounce their intention of creating an impenetrable barrier against the German people. Germany's autocracy must give place to democracy. Militarism must be universally discarded.  
Declaring his complete support of President Wilson's war aims for America, Henderson said:  
League of Nations, Aim  
"The American people are fighting for a league of nations more than anything else. And yet this moment has been selected by Sir Edward Carson to treat that proposal with scorn and contempt."  
Henderson outlined Carson's recent speech at Portsmouth in which he declared that "not speaking lightly, we knew Austria and Turkey did not want to continue."  
"Aren't we justified," Henderson continued, "in concluding that Austria and Turkey are ready for a settlement, provided the government is prepared to deal with them as Germany is dealing with Russia? Why wasn't a similar course pursued, especially with regard to Turkey, by us? Did we prefer to take Jerusalem forcibly? Is it surprising that neutrals, Russia, even America, can suspect us of annexationist designs?"

## LABOR WANTS CLARIFICATION

"Labor must demand a clarification of Britain's position, if the workers are to go for further sacrifices."  
"This does not mean the white feather. Labor does not desire that Germany be admitted to a league of nations while intoxicated by her military successes. The struggle will continue only for principles and ideals and not for conquest."  
Labor asks an opportunity to ascertain how Germany is prepared to accept the laborite peace proposals.

## RUSSIANS WILL SEEK PLACE AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE ENEMIES

London, Dec. 28.—(L. N. S.)—Russia will formally transmit the peace terms of the central powers to the entente governments forthwith, said a dispatch from Petrograd today.  
In view of this action by the Bolshevik government, Russia virtually attempts to become a mediator between the Teutonic alliance and the entente.  
Just how far the Austro-German offer of peace without annexations and indemnities will go towards ending the war was a question that none would undertake to answer today, but judging from the sharp press comments, the offer will probably receive a cool reception in the entente capitals of Europe and at Washington.  
Playing Shrewd Game  
Although there is a desperate desire for peace on the part of the entente powers, especially in Austria-Hungary, it was pointed out in diplomatic circles that Germany may be playing a shrewd game, meanwhile using Russia as her tool.  
Diplomats were not slow to see the situation that would be created if the allies ignore the offer contained in Colonel Czernin's answer to the Russian terms.  
If the entente governments ignore the Austro-German offer of peace on the basis of no annexations nor indemnities, the German government would be in a position to announce her intention of annexing territory which the German armies have occupied.  
That Germany has designs on Russian territory has been made apparent while Bulgaria has made no secret of her intention to annex part of Roumania and all of Serbian Macedonia, if possible. In a telegram from Amsterdam today contained a quotation from an interview given by King Ferdinand of Bulgaria to the Neu Freie Presse of Vienna, in which he declared that this government was determined to hold the ground won in the Balkans.  
Big Issues Not Touched  
While the Austro-German offer is viewed with suspicion it is not in authoritative circles that the entente governments would move cautiously and would take time in reaching a decision. One significant feature of the central empire's offer was the omission of certain questions which, up to this time, have taken a prominent place in the peace talk. Nothing was said about "freedom of the seas" nor disengagement nor an international league to enforce peace.  
A telegram from Copenhagen said that Czernin is negotiating with plots and counter-conspiracies and that it is impossible to see the outcome of the German peace offer, although the general impression is that Russia will eventually accept a peace treaty.  
There will not be another session of the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk until January 8, added the Copenhagen dispatch. At the meeting German agents are swarming in Petrograd and Moscow carrying on their pro-German propaganda.

## Civilian Prisoners Return

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—(L. N. S.)—A number of German civilian prisoners who have been released in Russia by the Bolshevik government, arrived at Haparanda today. They are on their way to Germany.

## More than a score of German army officers and many peace envoys representing Germany and Austria are reported to have arrived at Petrograd.

It was stated that there would be a meeting next Wednesday to consider questions relating to the armistice.

## LABOR WANTS WORK CONFERENCE

Paris, Dec. 28.—(L. N. S.)—The French national labor union, in session at Clermont-Ferrand, today adopted a resolution recommending an international labor conference to discuss war aims. The union endorsed the peace plans of both President Wilson and the Russian socialists.

## Bank Robbers Flee In Car With \$5000

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—Three masked men today held up the First National bank of White Bear, Minn., and escaped with \$5000.

The robbers made their escape in a limousine belonging to Frank Crosby of the Washburn-Crosby company, which was stolen in Minneapolis this afternoon.

# COL. ROOSEVELT IS PRO-GERMAN, SAYS KANSAS CITY POST

### Declares Camouflage Has at Last Been Torn Away From Propagandist.

## "CAN'T FORGIVE PRESIDENT" Recent Allegiance of Paper's Manager to Kaiser Referred to in Course of Article.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—(L. N. S.)—In answer to an especially bitter attack upon President Wilson by Theodore Roosevelt in Thursday's Kansas City Star, a pro-German paper, the Kansas City Post, today calls attention to the fact that the general manager of the Star, August F. Seested, became a naturalized citizen after war was declared and that his affidavit upon file with the federal offices describes himself as a "subject of Kaiser Wilhelm." There was a semi-secret hearing at which Seested obtained his naturalization papers.  
Shortly after Seested was naturalized, an arrangement was made whereby Colonel Roosevelt began publishing a series of editorials, syndicated by the Star. Each of these editorials contained a veiled attack on the Wilson policies. Thursday's editorial charged that President Wilson is responsible for shortage of supplies for the army, lack of guns and prevalence of disease in camps.  
Camouflage Torn Away  
In part the Post says: "At last Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is out in the open—all his camouflage torn away, all his fervid protests of patriotism swept away by his desire to implant in the hearts of the people of the United States a distrust of President Wilson."  
"By suggestion he would have the people believe that every camp is a pestilential spot, every youth stricken with disease, every boy unclothed, every soldier sent to Europe unarmed."  
"That Colonel Roosevelt chooses for the organ of distribution of his propaganda of distrust of the president, of the disruption of national spirit, of disorganization of the nation's loyalty, a paper whose general manager was so lately a subject of the Kaiser, that the ink is scarcely dry upon his naturalization papers may or may not be significant."  
"Cold Fact Remains"  
"The cold fact remains, Colonel Roosevelt cannot forgive the president who is being president. He cannot forgive the people for electing Wilson. He cannot refrain in this hour of crisis from attempting to divide the people in their loyalty and their war purpose in order that he may again become the president and give to Major General Wood the command which Pershing has."  
"Certain it is that were the Kaiser himself given free editorial rein in this country, were Bernstein back with his plottings and his subsidy of newspapers, they would not be able to do better than which Colonel Theodore Roosevelt sends broadcast through the Kansas City Star. "Has the hour come when the people of the United States will desert the American eagle for the croakings of the raven?"

## WAR BOARD TO OPERATE RAILROADS FOR M'ADOO

Paris, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—The War board is to operate the railroads for M'Adoo. The board is to be composed of the director of traffic and a director of finance.

## Pool Railroad Stock

The director of operations will be the man told to get cars rolling in the most efficient, economic and practical manner, regardless of any interests except those of the public and the paramount one of winning the war. He would enforce the vast pooling of rolling stock, terminals and other equipment made possible by government administration. In short, all problems of actual physical operation will be directed up to this man, subject, of course, to direction of Director General McAdoo. In view of his duties, this man, it was regarded as a certainty, will be some prominent, broad visioned railroad operator. Several, including Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington, and Fairbank, president of the Southern, are mentioned.

## Plan Highly Centralized

The director of finance will handle the fiscal adjustments between the road owners and the government, under provisions of the legislation congress will pass and of disposing of any excess earnings the government may make, also are expected to come under him. Below these three subheads, highly centralized working organizations will gradually be evolved, utilizing present railroad organization as far as it is compatible with the plan of divorcing private interest from the management. This plan, given today as the "probable and logical" arrangement, it was emphasized, may not be wholly adopted at the outset.

## Wage Adjustment Board Proposed

Director General McAdoo announced first steps will be taken, cautiously to

# AMERICAN FLIERS PRACTICE IN EGYPT

### Airplane Students From United States Also Busy in England and France.

Paris, Dec. 15.—(By Mail.)—American aviators are learning to fly in Egypt at the great British schools organized near Cairo. American youths are being sent across the Mediterranean to the Egyptian schools on every boat. Some of them, who had flying experience in the United States, have already received their brevets as fighting pilots. That an American was among the group of aviators that formed an aerial convoy for General Allenby when he entered Jerusalem. The entire service of the signal corps of the United States army is utilizing every means to train its pilots as thoroughly and quickly as possible. All of the schools in Southern France are filled with beginners, and the Americans form a big proportion of the pupils.

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Washington, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—All industries of America are now virtually under war control, as a result of President Wilson's proclamation for government operation of the railroads.  
Leaders of commercial enterprises working here for the government, federal officials and representatives of labor agreed that the nation is placed on a war footing under the centralized guidance of President Wilson and Secretary of Commerce McAdoo.  
Board of Directors Chosen  
The first act of McAdoo, preliminary to actually starting operation of the roads January 1, will be selection of a board of directors.  
This will include representatives of the railroad war board, the interstate commerce commission, priority board and other agencies now engaged directly or indirectly in transportation work here. Much of the actual administration of the roads will be done, for the time being at least through existing agencies.  
Later, as need for further coordination develops, McAdoo will alter his working arrangement.  
All Industrial Enterprises Affected  
All industrial enterprises are affected by the president's order. Drastic regulations to supply and accommodate one of those commercial enterprises vital to the war work are expected.  
Railroad employees stand behind the government.  
The president's action was absolutely the only solution to bring an efficient administration of the roads during the war. We are gratified at his so-called self sacrifice for an early settlement for the brotherhood leaders.  
Ultimate Government Ownership  
Centralization of authority will have a far-reaching effect on the people of the country. It promises immediate relief to districts suffering from coal famine and many points destitute of needed supplies.  
"It is absolutely essential for relief of congestion," said Fuel Administrator Garfield A. Coffey, "to have an early betterment of the coal situation as a result of the new control."  
In the far-reaching order of the president, there has been the first move toward the eventual ownership by the government of roads.  
Officials in confidence admitted the possibility. Railroad labor leaders were outspoken in their prophesies.

## PERSHING SUSPENDS LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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better, even, than the Hindenburg line. It is great to stop it again after Langemarck and Cambrai.  
"Langemarck was bloody, but Cambrai was simply unforgettable."  
"We went over the top in perfect order and quiet. A few rifles were fired, but otherwise there was no sound save foot-steps and the rattle of equipment. I walked slowly across the well-grown fields, considerably behind the advance waves."  
"There wasn't much fighting—the Boches were too surprised and there wasn't much chance for resistance. We got established and started on advanced dressing stations, but there were very few casualties."  
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