

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF ALL RAIL LINES WILL NOT IMPEDE INDUSTRY

President Sproule of Southern Pacific Says the Move Simply Means War Expediency.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—"It should be evident to everybody that it is the intention of the government not to impede industry, but to facilitate it, that the utmost facilities of the railroads may be put to the public use and the business of the country gain in dispatch. The plans of the president are so broad and stated in such clear terms that there should be no doubt of the intention," said President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific in a statement he issued Thursday afternoon regarding the action of President Wilson in taking over the railroads.

Highest Motives Actuate President "There can be no question that the highest motives actuate the president," he continued. "Let us not forget that the center of the target at which the nation is aiming is war."

"If we will keep our minds fixed upon that as the center we will have a better measure of what is taking place. The public can rely upon it that in the operation of the railroads, interference with the normal business of the country will be kept to the lowest point consistent with the purposes of the government in the winning of the war."

As to the financial aspects, the financing suggested for the roads needing it leads inevitably to the secretary of the treasury.

How Financing Will Be Done "Such financing must be done under his auspices and his approval, which can be accomplished directly when it is the secretary of the treasury himself who has his hand on the operation and conduct of the railway systems of the country."

Reliance can be placed upon the continuing desire of the railroads to do their part toward the winning of the war, whatever may be the duration of this deplorable struggle for human rights so ardently championed by the president, behind whom we all stand."

Two Men Are Held As Spies of Kaiser

Fancy Aliens Attempt to Enlist at Camp Lewis, After Having Joined Y. M. C. A. of Seattle, and Will Be Interned.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Claimed by the federal authorities to have been artillerymen in the German army and to be dangerous spies, Wilhelm Fred Elio, 24 years old, and John Forcella, 23 years old, both of whom have been imprisoned for a week or more, were formally arrested late Thursday afternoon on presidential warrants providing for their internment.

Recently both men attempted to enlist for service at Camp Lewis, having first joined the Y. M. C. A. of Seattle. Several months ago, the officers say, the Germans escaped from a Canadian detention station in Vernon, B. C., where they had been held in the belief that they were spies.

They crossed the line on September 27 and went to Great Falls, Mont., to Idaho to Spokane, and then to Seattle. Forcella is a member of the L. W. W.

Physician Decries Death Deformed Babe

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Harry J. Haiselden of Chicago, who caused a sensation in medical circles by allowing deformed babies to die, has advised Marion Griffith of Des Moines to let her three-months-old deformed baby die, it became known Thursday. Dr. Haiselden was called here by Chief of Police C. C. Jackson.

The mother was told to chief the infant paragonic and relieve it of its sufferings, or permit Dr. Haiselden to take the child and operate on it for experimental purposes. The mother said if she was unable to find anyone to care for the baby she will turn it over to him for the operation.

Woman and Children With Money Vanish

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—With her two small children and a considerable sum of money obtained from a recent divorce settlement, Mrs. C. W. Howard disappeared Wednesday from her home here, and it is thought went to Portland. Her mother, Mrs. Stanton, with whom she lived, appealed to the police.

Mrs. Howard is said to have been in communication with her former husband recently, and the police are attempting to locate him. Her mother informed the police that she had talked with a man on a trip to Portland and other coast cities, and the police of these cities have been asked to watch for the missing mother and children.

New French Weapon Discovered by Judge

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Judge E. M. Landis, in the U. S. district court, could hear the voice of a defendant Thursday, but could not see him. Learning over the high bench, the judge spied Bernard Schaeffer, arraigned as a slacker.

"Say, how tall are you?" he asked. "Five feet one," came the reply from Schaeffer, his chin tilted upward.

"How much do you weigh?" "One hundred and ten," was the response. "You'd be a handy thing to have around a trench," the jurist added. Schaeffer pleaded not guilty and his case set for January 8.

NOT TREES IN THE BACKGROUND, BUT CAMOUFLAGED TENTS AT TRAINING CAMP



Bayonet practice at an American camp in France. The trees in the background are not trees at all, but skillfully camouflaged tents. The photograph is copyrighted by the United States committee on public information.

Captain of Police Is Nearly "Pulled"

Motorcycle Officer Holds Up Superior for Violating Auto Light Regulations and Latter Almost Misses Killoch.

Police Captain Circle was almost arrested late Wednesday night while he was on his way to police headquarters before rollcall on the second night of the week. As he neared Grant avenue and Hawthorne street, he was stopped by Motorcycle Patrolman Frieburg for having glaring headlights on his automobile.

"If you, don't you know those lights don't comply with the law?" asked the motorcycle officer.

"Is that so? Well the people I bought them of said they complied with the law," was the answer coming from the machine.

"You can tell that to the judge Friday morning in court," Frieburg announced as he reached for his pad to take the number of the car. "What is your name and address?"

"My name is Harry Circle and my business address is the police station. Now, if you have the information you desire I've got to beat it or I'll be late for rollcall," said the captain, as he reached for the clutch.

"Beg pardon, captain, I didn't know it was you," the officer said. "That's all right, you're a good cop and on the job. When do you want me in court?" smiled the captain. "Umph," grunted Frieburg. "I'll see the judge about it."

Argentina Sponsors Congress of Neutrals

Despite Recent Luxburg Revelations Latin Republic Calls Upon South American Countries to Keep Out of War

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—It was officially announced Thursday that a congress of South American neutral countries had been called to decide on a collective attitude toward the war.

For more than a year there has been strong agitation in Argentina for a congress of South American neutrals, but the project never got beyond its preliminary stages.

The present action indicates that despite the recent Luxburg revelations Argentina is bent upon maintaining neutrality, at least until the coming March. Neutral South and Central American countries besides Argentina are Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Paraguay and Salvador.

It is possible, however, that the call will be extended to those that have broken relations with Germany, but have not actually entered the war. This would include all except Brazil, Cuba and Panama.

Minority Socialists Arrested in Germany

Zurich, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—A wholesale roundup of members of the German minority Socialist party was made on Christmas eve, according to dispatches received here Thursday.

More than 300 Socialists were arrested by order of the war office at Munich, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Dusseldorf, Nuremberg, Mayence, Coburg and other places.

The minority Socialists are expressing opposition to the consummation of a separate peace with Russia on the grounds that if it is effected by German militarists it will strengthen their power and dash all hope of a German democracy.

SHERWOOD SOLDIER TELLS OF THRILLING TIME AT HALIFAX

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. McAdoo Receive Letter Christmas Day That Their Son Is Safe.

Sherwood, Or., Dec. 28.—Christmas was made exceedingly bright to Mr. and Mrs. I. V. McAdoo because the long looked for word from their son, Fermin McAdoo, who is with a Canadian regiment at Halifax, arrived. The son was present when the great catastrophe took place in that city on December 6. He escaped death three times that day. The guards, he says, were waiting in the Armory for orders when the explosion came. The shock hurled him like a ball through the door and across the street. His marching mate was instantly killed.

In attempting to go to his friend's aid, a board struck him on the shoulder, knocking him backward just in time to save him from being crushed by a heavy steel beam.

He says the town was immediately placed under martial law and the military took possession. This alone saved thousands of dollars from looters.

All the soldier boys gave up their beds and their bedding except one blanket for the women and children who had no place to go.

While on patrol, young McAdoo was ordered to shoot to kill any man who refused to obey orders. He had to shoot one, but not to kill, as it was "to get or be got." He said the guard patrolling the opposite side of the street with him shot and killed a man who was trying to get away on a motorcycle.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c. (Adv.)

Two U. S. Soldiers Praised by Pershing

Washington, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Letters of congratulation sent by General Pershing to two soldiers in his army who were cited for bravery in French army orders, were made public here Thursday evening by the department.

The recipients were Lieutenant Edwin N. Post Jr., reserve squad on air service, and Private Frank A. Ross, Company B, Twenty-sixth Infantry. Post was cited for courage and skill displayed in landing a blazing airplane, Ross for conduct under bombardment. He was partially asphyxiated. Post's mother, Mrs. Price Post, lives at Tuxedo Park, N. Y. Ross' next of kin is his uncle, Charles Cooper, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SATURDAY at the Boys' Shop

TOMORROW I shall show a big assortment of nobby, tailored Norfolk suits for boys, at \$8.50.

Made of chevots and fancy mixtures; two pairs of "knicks." Sturdy suits for midwinter at a modest price.

Many other lines of boys' suits at \$5 to \$20.

I am showing scores of warm, stylish overcoats for boys at \$6.50 to \$15; overcoats for children at \$5 to \$15.

Boys' heavy Mackinaws, in lively colors, \$5 to \$8.50.



Ben Selling LEADING CLOTHIER

Morrison Street at Fourth

—PORTLAND AGENTS FOR LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS. —PORTLAND AGENTS FOR RICHARDSON'S FINE LINENS.

U.S. Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps

—Put your savings to work and help Uncle Sam win the war by purchasing Thrift Stamps or Savings Certificates. Splendid New Year's gifts for the children. For sale on the Main Floor.

The Red Cross Needs Your Help For War Work—\$1 Buys a Membership Card

TAKE LUNCH IN OUR TEA ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR PROMPT SERVICE.

Olds, Wortman & King

The Standard Store of the Northwest
Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

Hemstitching 5c a Yard

Lace Dept., Main Floor
—This special offer applies to purchases of dress or waist materials such as silk chiffons and Georgette crepe. All work guaranteed first class in every respect. Get your order in early. —Lace Dept.

Saturday's Page of Economies in the Clean-Up Sales

Double Stamps Given With All Charge or Cash Purchases

Neckwear Clean-Up

98c Collars, Jabots, Stocks 98c
\$1.25 to \$1.50 Grades 98c

Main Floor—ONE LOT consisting of several hundred pieces of novelty neckwear sharply underpriced for Saturday's selling. Large, medium and small effects trimmed with gold and silver laces, flowers, ornaments, etc. Hats of exceptional quality—easily worth \$12.50, \$15 and \$18, Saturday at only \$5.—Double Trading Stamps.

Toilet Needs & Drugs

—We reserve the right to limit quantity of any article in this list to be purchased by any one customer. We give S. & H. Stamps.

Ivory Soap 25c
5 Cakes for 25c

Bennett's Milkbone Dog and Puppy Biscuits—24 cakes 30c
Unguentine, for cuts and burns, specially priced now for only 25c
Mentholum, 2 sizes... 23c-45c
Hall's Catarrh Balm now at 75c
Violet Ammonia, 1 pint for 19c
Djer-Kiss Face Powder 60c-81c
Holmes' Frostilla, special at 25c
PROPHYLACTIC Tooth Brushes, factory "seconds," but fully guaranteed. Saturday 15c
Pluto Water, large bottle at 35c
Woodbury's Facial Soap at 25c
Cuticura Soap, special, cake 15c
Pears' Unscented Soap at 15c
Sempre Giovine, special at 43c
Strong's Arnica Root Soap 22c
Fitch's Dandruff Remover 50c
Java Rice Powder, special 39c
Oriental Cream priced at \$1.25
Orchard White—3 oz. size 35c

Clean-up Sale of Women's and Children's Underwear

Center Circle, First Floor—WOMEN'S UNION SUITS—odd lines and irregular makes in winter weights. Wool, silk and wool, silk and ribe and cotton. Union suits of \$1.50 to \$5.00 grades now underpriced special at ONE-THIRD OFF

—WOMEN'S Wool Mixed Drawers—special price at only 94c
—WOMEN'S extra quality wool mixed drawers \$1.15

For Children

—Famous Stuttgarter sanitary wool underwear for children—odd garments at about half price.
—75c to \$1.00 garments now 49c
—\$1.25 to \$1.65 garments 79c
—\$1.75 to \$2.00 garments 95c
—\$2.25 to \$2.75 garments \$1.15
—Double Stamps with purchases.

Women's Union Suits at \$1.00 and \$1.25

Dept. Main Floor—Women's medium-weight, fleecy-lined Union Suits—two styles, hihneck with long sleeves or Dutch neck with elbow sleeves. Extra value. Regular sizes \$1—Outsized at \$1.25

Saturday—Clean-Up Sale of COATS

\$27.50 Coats Now \$15.00
\$30.00 Coats \$19.45

Second Floor—Women's and Misses' Coats in novelty styles with wide belts, large collars of fur or self material, fancy pockets, etc. Velours, burella, mat-lamb, chevots and other popular materials. Coats formerly \$15.00 priced to \$27.50 at \$15.00

Second Floor—Novelty belted styles and high waistline effects with fur or plush collars. Velours, boucle, loopine, chevots and various other fabrics. This season's best styles. Coats formerly priced up to \$30.00. Clean-Up Sale price \$19.45

Trimmed Millinery \$5

\$12.50, \$15.00 to \$18.00 Models

Second Floor—Beautiful m'd. winter Millinery in the smartest of the season's models—many of the hats in this lot are patterns and therefore exclusive. Large, medium and small effects trimmed with gold and silver laces, flowers, ornaments, etc. Hats of exceptional quality—easily worth \$12.50, \$15 and \$18, Saturday at only \$5.—Double Trading Stamps.

Basement Millinery Clean-Up

Basement—Women's and Misses' Ready-to-Wear Hats of velvets, corduroys and felts. Sailors, colonials, tams, etc. Formerly \$1.48, special \$1.00

Basement—Trimmed Hats in a splendid assortment of styles and shapes. Large, small and medium. Formerly priced to \$3.98, special Saturday \$1.00

Girls' Coats Half-Price

Clean-Up of All Odd Lines

Second Floor—Practically our entire stock of girls' Winter coats, now at 1/2 price. Only one of two of a style—good range of colors

—Girls' \$5.50 Winter Coats, ages 2 to 6, for \$2.75
—Girls' \$10.50 Winter Coats, ages 2 to 6, at \$5.25
—Girls' \$14.50 Winter Coats, ages 6 to 14, at \$7.25
—Girls' \$22.50 Winter Coats, ages 6-14 \$11.25

STUMEZE FOR CHRONIC STOMACH TROUBLE

Not a mere after-dinner tablet, but a real stomach medicine, for most cases of indigestion, flatulence, gas, heartburn, etc. Sold and guaranteed by all druggists.

35c Hair Ribbons 25c

Saturday Clean-Up Special

Main Floor—Good, firm quality hair bow taffetas in the wanted plain colors, also plain moires and novelty ribbons such as Dresdens, fancy plaids, floral effects, stripes, etc. Ribbons from our regular lines 25c—35c quality, priced special a yard at only 25c

All Ribbon Novelties 1-4 to 1-2 Off

No. 8 Wash Boilers \$2

Third Floor

—No. 8 Wash Boiler as illustrated herewith. Seamless corner, metallic bottom and stationary hook handles. Order early in the day. Special while this lot lasts at \$2

—DOUBLE STAMPS WITH ALL CHARGE OR CASH PURCHASES. DON'T OVERLOOK THIS SAVING!

Wear-Ever Aluminum Roasters

Third Floor—Seamless, sanitary and self-basting. Replace your old roaster with a "Wear-Ever." For a limited time reduced to \$4.95 \$6.50, \$6.00. —Ask for your Trading Stamps