

**SNOWSTORM PAST; GROUNDSHOOT FEELS ON GREEN BROWSE**

Forecast Indicates Rising Temperature and That Snow Will Soon Be Gone From Streets.

**SUN BEHIND CLOUDS TODAY**

Some Citizens Aver That Porkless Day Was Fixed With Regard to Ancient Belief.

No more snow will fall here now; that on the ground is melting away and there is no chance for the ground hog to see his shadow.

In a few words, that was the information gleaned from Weatherman Wells this morning. And it will be welcomed by Oregonians, who don't like snow because it doesn't favor their climate.

Today is the day in American lore that the ground hog emerges from his winter quarters to survey the weather. If he sees his shadow he slips back into his hole for six weeks more winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, contentedly will he browse in the feeling that spring is here.

Weatherman Wells says, as the weather will be cloudy today, there is no chance for his rival prognosticator.

And there is another reason why Mr. Ground Hog should be unclothed and allowed to roam at will. It is attributable direct to government edict which is in the interest of war economy. Today is also "Porkless Day." Making of pork, not to say anything of eating it, is taboo.

Some have vouchsafed the opinion that the government purposely had "Porkless Day" fall upon Ground Hog day in the interest of checking the winter weather, which is proving to be a first class ally of Kaiser Bill.

"The meeting will be gradual, but those forced to be cut should equip themselves with rubbers or other protection against wet feet," advises Wells.

**CZAR'S GRIM OLD PRISON - LIKENED PLEASANT HOTEL**

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"I do not believe czarism has a chance of being revived."

Looks Like an Animal

Despite his crimes, the spectacle of Sukhomlinoff, repentant, was one to create sympathy. The former minister offered us cigarettes and then returned to his work table. He hesitated a moment and then volunteered, with a faint smile:

"I am now also of the proletariat. My entire property has been confiscated."

We had the general goodbye.

The cell of Schener, another of the monarchists accused with Sukhomlinoff, was next visited. He was excited and downhearted, apprehensive over the ordeal of his trial which is due very soon. While in the cell a soldier guard brought us an invitation to visit M. Kolkoff, who is suspected of having engineered the murder of Kokholski and Shingareff, two former Kerensky ministers shot down a fortnight ago. We found Kolkoff, a man of gigantic size with deep set, piercing eyes.

Absolutely illiterate, he gave the impression of a strong, healthy animal.

Trotsky's Policy Assailed

"I called you to say that I am innocent," he explained. As we stood in the corridor we met the Mencheviki (Menshevik) leader Volinski taking his constitutional. He passed us proudly by, refusing to talk. As we went on down the corridor we met Avskenteff, former provisional government leader of the Social Revolutionary party. He shook hands cheerfully and talked in German. As he left he called back:

"Adieux until I meet you at the international Socialist congress."

Next we entered the cell of former Foreign Minister Tereschenko, which Tereschenko shared with the former provisional minister of finance, Ber-

**FUN IN SNOW MAKES JUVENILE CHEEKS ROSY**



Rolling youngsters of the Ladd school found an accommodating snow scraper driver who helped them celebrate the first snow of the winter. The picture was taken along the Park blocks during noon recess Friday, when the problem was to get the walks cleared for pedestrians.

ndatsky. We found Kerensky's former minister a tall, polished man, with statesmanlike attitude and proud, clear eyes. He immediately launched into a political discussion. He had just read Trotsky's second speech to the Russian pan-soviet, in which the Bolsheviki foreign minister revealed the possibility of a separate peace. Tereschenko violently attacked Trotsky's viewpoint.

Reputed Slayer of Rasputin Talks

"His policy is absolutely against Russian interests," he declared. "It is illogical and impractical. A separate peace would be a misfortune for Russia and for the entire world. I tried my hardest to prevent this."

Both Tereschenko and Bernadsky were very pessimistic over the future for Russia.

In the next call we found M. Purihkevitch, a noted anti-semitic leader and reputed to be the actual slayer of the mad monk, Rasputin. He is a small, well set man with piercing eyes and apparently about 50. He greeted us in the corridor and cheerfully invited us inside his cell to discuss eagerly the political situation.

"Which do you consider the most important cause of the revolution?" the United Press correspondent asked.

"I will put it in one word—Rasputin," he replied. "The complete overthrow of the old regime was necessary. The czar was surrounded by women and children and mad men. I was the first to openly attack Rasputin in the duma for corruption under the old regime. But, alas, my warnings came too late."

Purihkevitch was likewise very pessimistic over the peace situation. "Peace with Germany now will mean the betrayal of Russia," he declared. "It will mean a new war five or 10 years hence. The Slavs and the Germans cannot rule side by side. One or the other must yield."

He expressed his personal respect for the German kaiser, remarking: "The man is a devil, but he's a man in comparison with Czar Nicholas."

"Russia," he concluded, mournfully, "is being split and ruined. Our power is lost." He laughed bitterly as we left.

Darkness had come over Peter and Paul, as we stepped out into the dim prison church, where a lonely sister knelt over the marble graves of former czars. Her prayers for their souls went up from the prison they built to perpetuate their power—the prison now by strange caprice of fate, occupied mostly by those who fought the czar in the name of the people, but who are now themselves called the enemies of the people.

**'BIG MASON,' FAVORITE Y. M. C. A. CANTONMENT WORKER, TO BE HERE**

Popular With Soldier Boys, This Prominent Worker Brings a Special Message.

"Big Mason," one of the foremost speakers of America, and a prominent worker for the Y. M. C. A. cause, will deliver a special message to the soldier guests in Portland, at the local Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday morning and afternoon.

The speaker won distinction for the splendid manner in which he looked out for the interests of the soldier boys on the Mexican border during the recent brush with the Mexicans.

Since the United States entered the war against Germany "Big Mason" has carried on his work among all the leading cantonments of the country.

His visits and his personal magnetism have made him in great demand in all camps where the young heroes of Uncle Sam have been assembled.

In inaugurating the series of meetings for the soldiers the service department of the Y. M. C. A. is endeavoring to meet and relieve the needs of the enlisted men. The meetings will be held on Sunday because of the fact that scores of soldiers are sojourning in Portland at that time.

The hours of the meetings are: 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The association extends a special invitation to men to be present at the meeting Sunday.

The association has already taken a prominent part in entertaining the soldiers, the club rooms at the building at Sixth and Taylor streets, having been thrown open to them.

In attending the "Big Mason" addresses the boys are assured an intellectual and patriotic treat, according to the association management, which declares that wherever the distinguished speaker has appeared he has been rewarded by large and interested audiences.

**FOOD SUPPLY TO STRIKERS CUT DOWN**

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ment officials believed today. Only desperation stirred by hunger and a widespread spirit of revolution will bring about sufficient chaos in the kaiser's empire seriously to affect the war, it is now believed.

Long years of domination by military rule will serve to subdue the public mind now, it is felt; but, nevertheless, this government is watching closely the outcome of the "showdown" between German labor and the military leaders.

Through the closely censored dispatches—and the lid has again been shut down tighter on news out of Germany—officials sought to learn whether the strike reported sweeping the great industrial centers of the kaiser's empire have been subdued as expected by the Teutonic mailed fist.

No hope is held here for a German revolution now. It is regarded as possible, however, that the increasing boldness of the Socialists and workers may lead to graver events for the kaiser.

Meantime the situation in Austria, blanketed by censorship, may be serious, officials believe. By airplane and other means this government is distributing news of German developments over the German lines. The real situation, however, may not be fully known until the war is over.

Veiled Threats to Massacre Made

London, Feb. 2.—(U. P.)—Hunger will stalk through Germany—the kaiser's ally is bending his striking subjects to his will.

Thousands of men, women and children, innocent victims of the German militarists' determination to starve protesting workers into submission, will come under the governmental order to reduce strikers' rations, effective today.

The order was contained in Berlin dispatches received through Zurich.

Back of this kaiserist famine is the supreme war council's poorly veiled threat to massacre German citizens indiscriminately if other methods fail to down the strike. The order forbidding public meetings or crowds was couched in the following words:

"If it is necessary to resort to arms no distinction will be made between strikers and others."

At Charlottenburg where strikers participated in a riot, according to the Tyd, blood was shed. Mounted police were fired upon. They charged the demonstrators with drawn swords. Organized street fighting resulted, the strikers resisting behind improvised barricades.

**GERMAN RAID IS HALTED BY U. S. GUNNERS**

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sharp-eyed Americans. A crossfire was directed against the spot and the boche sharpshooter was glad to get back into the safety of his trenches as quickly as he could.

The past 18 hours have been the liveliest the American sector has known for many days. Snipers, machine gunners and artillery have all increased their activity.

On Thursday afternoon the Germans undertook to enfilade an American trench with their machine gunfire, meanwhile throwing winged bombs against an American observation post, but the doughboys were not worried by the shooting and it had no effect whatever.

Thick Fogs Continue

The visibility continues poor, with thick mist. Most of the shelling has been against points previously registered. There was no aerial activity at all on Friday.

While today weather continues foggy, it is warmer.

Road Amundsen, famous Norwegian Arctic explorer, and Captain Oberyding of the Swiss general staff, have arrived at field headquarters on Saturday.

All the field clerks and officers at field headquarters were today provided with steel helmets as a protection against possible air raids.

Trench land is fairland along the American front right now. Jack Frost has covered every bit of barbed wire, the supporting posts, every shell crater, the bushes, the shell wrecker, farm houses and every bit of camouflage with white crystals that glisten with a myriad of colors when the shelling has ceased.

Out in No Man's Land, German and American working parties and patrols, moving about at night under a full moon, whose rays are almost wholly blanketed by mist, appear like gray shades from the realm of spirits. White, green and red rockets that are sent up both sides during the night, burst with strange glare through the fog.

task ever given a set of men," with rare skill and effectiveness.

"The situation is simply this," he said. "Last year I estimated that if we turned out 1,250,000 tons deadweight we would have done a remarkable task. I think we did a trifle less than that. Three million tons this year would be a wonderful achievement."

Senator Johnson—Two and a half million probably closer?

Powell—No, I think, labor willing, we'll do the wonderful.

Senator Harding—What do you think of the concrete ship?

Powell—Well, I've seen concrete crack. Ever think of that sort of a happening while you were out in the middle of the ocean?

Senator Randall—But you think them worth trying?

Try Everything, Is Advice

Powell—Yes, yes; try everything. A thorough test. Don't overlook one bet.

Powell concluded that the working man's spirit was only that of the steel manufacturer before prices were set. Both made their price rest on the necessity of the buyer.

A floating concrete wall to stop the kaiser's U-boat ravages—this is one of the constructive suggestions that the senate commerce committee has to offer today, as a result of its investigation of the shipping problem.

The committee, which has nearly completed its work, is preparing today to recommend a program of concrete ships to increase the tonnage of the American merchant marine. Members of the committee are seriously considering a bill asking for the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the construction of such ships.

Attack Would Be Localized

Concrete ships are not new, for they were first built in 1849 in France, but they have been undeveloped, according to the testimony told before the committee. Roy H. Robinson, a Chicago contractor, has brought the idea to the attention of the committee and has submitted to them complete reports of investigations he has made into the feasibility of such vessels. The report carries a mass of technical argument in favor of this type of vessels, and has been endorsed by the committee. It now remains for the committee to make formal recommendations to the senate.

Concrete ships would stand submarine attacks far better than steel or wooden ships, according to the evidence before the senate committee. Torpedo boat heads are built every 50 feet through the vessels, and when a torpedo explodes against the concrete hull the nature of the shock is reduced through the explosion. The hole made by the torpedo will be between two bulkheads. In steel and wooden vessels, it is contended, the shock of the torpedo carries its effects throughout the entire vessel.

Whittlock on Belgium

Brand Whittlock, the German attorney in Belgium in the Sunday Journal, was tackling the "most tremendous" and the workingman is the squarrest fellow I know.

Shipping Task Big One

Powell said he thought the shipping board, since its present organization, was tackling the "most tremendous"

**REGISTRANT WHO DOESN'T ANSWER SUBJECT TO LAW**

Failure to Return Questionnaire Will Hereafter Be Reported to Department of Justice.

**MEN PASSING PHYSICAL TEST**

Local Division Boards Have About Completed Work on Mailing Classification Cards.

The practise of the local and district examination boards of placing registrants in class 1 who have failed to return their questionnaire, must be discontinued, according to instructions just received from the adjutant general's office.

According to the information, it seems to be the understanding of the local boards that all registrants must be placed in class 1 when they return no questionnaire even though the board knows they should be placed in a deferred class as, for instance, because they are non-declarant aliens or alien enemies or already in military service.

Hereafter the violation of the law by the registrant in failing to return his questionnaire must be reported by the local board to the nearest representative of the department of justice.

This discretionary power of the boards in no wise alters the sections of the regulations dealing with delinquents or deserters.

All the local division boards are now conducting physical examinations and the mailing of classification cards to registrants is almost completed.

Local board No. 5, 522 Selling building, reports the following men qualified for general military service:

John A. Coulter, 11 East Morrison; Christian Zeller, 515 East Twenty-third street; Frank Edward Meyers, 416½ Hawthorne; Emilio Crispo, 307 East Ninth; David Lloyd Painter, 660 Elliot; Mark Yeoman, 358 East Thirty-ninth; Chester L. Florence, 412 East Thirty-ninth; James Donnelly, 2703 Seventy-first street southeast; Vincenzo Oland, 459 East Thirty-second; Thomas

James Duffy, 1917 East Washington; Guiseppe Miluccio, 355 East Clay street; Michael Schlosser, 360 Elliot; Guiseppe Speciale, 125 Tanager; Joseph J. Yodanis, 260 East Eighty-fifth. For limited service: George Meyer, 1841 Division; George S. Swanson, 212 Eleventh street. No registrants were found physically deficient.

Local division board No. 6, 406 Stevenson building, general service: James Arvanets, Charles E. Miller, Lloyd Frank, Carl L. Lacy, John Fontaine, Alf Birquist, Gustav A. T. McCauley, Robert E. Rogers, Austin A. Ryle. Limited service: Robert M. Finnell, Paul Edwin Means, Harry Roy Hamilton. Physically deficient: Guy E. Bennet, Charlie V. Robinson, Arata Nicola, Henry Earl Schmen, Francis J. Holland, Harry Hampton.

Local division board No. 6, general service: Bagriel Lubra, Domenico Contentine, Jack W. Bennett, William Lester Quiner, Mike Wilger, V. H. DePenning, C. M. Rodeth, Dan W. Bradley, Harry E. Arbuckle, John T. Strong, Roy Munn. Limited service: Louis Francis Simpson. Physically deficient: John A. Doest, Arthur W. Nelson and Albert Lewis.

Local division board No. 7—General service: Willard O'Neil, 428 Sacramento; George Philip Bergland, 645 East Fifty-second north; Philip A. Stennis, 1412 East Davis; Gale Alexander Shelling, 354 East Seventeenth north; Fred W. Cally, 215 East Eighty-ninth; John A. Doest, 4 East Seventy-sixth street; Sydney M. Klinefelter, 88 Beryl Terrace; Robert Guy Smith, 101 East Broadway; William M. Maloney, 521 East Seventh north; Vern Logan, general delivery; L. R. Storelock, R. P. D. 4; Wilbur Cook, Carlson, 821 Tillamook; Carl Gust Ostrom, 649 East Fifty-second street north. Limited service: John Alexander MacKenzie, William Lafayette Gregoire, 371 East Fifteenth north; Claude Bennett, 4135 Washington; Newton Carson Smith, 414 East Thirtieth street north; William W. Elliman, 251 Tillamook; Raymond Kelly, 558 East Forty-first; Henry Arthur Frick, 149½ First southeast.

I. J. Wentworth, district officer United States shipping board, emergency fleet corporation, Portland, has supervised the local and district and government appeal agents with the following additional list of industries allied with shipyards building government ships. Employees of such industries engaged in the manufacture of fittings of ships are subject to deferred classification the same as employees of direct contractors: Columbia Steel company, Commercial Iron works, Independent Foundry company, Oregon Brass works, Pacific Iron works, Hoiser & Under Machine works, Electric Steel company, Peninsula Iron works, Phoenix Iron works, Portland Iron works, Smith & Watson Iron works, Wood-Iving Iron works, West Side Pattern works, Specialty Foundry & Machine works, John Wood Iron works, Portland Pattern works, Willamette Pattern works, Earl Hicks, Kink Irons, Bolter works, American Bronze & Brass works, Harris Ice Machine works, Multnomah Iron works, Clark County Iron works, Western Structural Steel & Tank company, Portland Bolter works, W. A. Viggers Iron works, Vaughn Motor works.

**HOW TO GET COAL**

**Leading Coal Experts and Railroad Executives Make Practical Suggestions for Relieving the Present Acute Situation**

Despite the Garfield holidays, the "coal famine" is still with us. In view of this condition, what further steps should be taken to get coal where it is needed, and what should be done to prevent another such fuel crisis?

To get an answer to this question, THE LITERARY DIGEST requested an expression of opinion from those men who should be best qualified to know—the heads of the coal-producing and coal-carrying businesses.

The result of this canvass of experts is presented in THE LITERARY DIGEST for February 2d, and a reading of this article will do much to enlighten the public and acquaint it with constructive and practical methods for relief.

Other important subjects that claim attention in this exceptionally interesting number are presented under these headings:

**Where Irish-Americans Stand in the War**

A Frank Expression of Opinion from Editors of Journals Devoted to Irish Interests in the United States

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