

## WADSWORTH AND HITCHCOCK WOULD CONTINUE DEBATE

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### VOCAL ARTILLERY ALL READY

Two Solons Prepare to Loosen Bombardment Monday-Tuesday in Spite of Chief's Attitude.

Washington, Feb. 2.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's appeal for a "talkless congress" met with sharp opposition today. It appeared possible that instead of quieting the drumfire in some quarters for the "war cabinet" bill, the president may have stirred up the artillery.

Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, Nebraska, and Senator Wadsworth, Republican, New York, members of the military committee, were prepared to loosen their bombardment Monday and Tuesday respectively, in spite of the president's attitude. Senator McKel, Republican, Massachusetts, also may speak later.

Evidence Reported Increasing: "It's a case like that of the ancient gentleman who commanded the tide to recede," declared Senator Hitchcock. "We have been getting increasing evidence even during the past few days of the lack of coordination and central responsibility in the war department, and we propose to present these as well as the mass of others to the senate."

Senator Chamberlain, director general of attack, declined to discuss the president's order to administration. He declared that the military affairs committee would continue its investigation, however.

The war cabinet measure will not be voted on in committee for some days yet, it was indicated. Bill Hodge, Democrat, said Chamberlain.

After hearing the evidence of the last few days, one could hardly say that the bill was losing any ground," declared Chamberlain.

The committee today resumed its hearings with Howard Coffin, head of the aircraft production board, before it. Coffin was to be questioned as to the shortage of spruce which, it was declared, was materially interfering with the aviation program.

Next week the committee will take up the subject of army cantonments. This will complete the investigation, it was declared. The railroad control bill, radically changed in two particulars from that submitted by the administration, will be reported to the senate early next week by the interstate commerce committee. Its presentation to the house probably will be delayed a few days.

Agreement on Railroad Question: Early agreement on the measure was forecast by the compromise on the two vital points—the period of control and the rate-making power—which was reached only after a long session had been called upon.

This compromise, which received a two-thirds vote in the committee, limits the period of control to six months after the war and vests the rate fixing power in the president, with the interstate commerce commission, which, after the chief executive.

"Settlement of these points," said Chairman Smith of the committee today, "clears the way for an early agreement on the other parts of the bill. We expect to have our report ready by Monday or Tuesday."

Wilson is Demanding MORE PUSH FOR ARMY

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line of communication across the Atlantic are many times more complex than those of the nations associated with us. The job from America's standpoint, Pershing believes, demands youthful men not only to stand the physical hardships but the mental worry. It is a tremendously ponderous machine that the United States has had to build up. It needs a good deal of push.

March, his friends declare, will fill the bill. An embodiment of enthusiasm, the lean, wiry man, is likewise described as a dynamo in action. Like most army men who have spent the most of their years "in the field" he has little patience for red tape.

West Point Graduate: His experience in France, it is stated, has taught him in many ways the terrible cost of delay.

He is a native of Pennsylvania and graduate of West Point.

He served in the Philippines during the Filipino insurrection. During the Russo-Japanese war he was military observer for the United States with the Japanese forces.

St. Louis Streetcar Employees on Strike

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The employees of the United Railways struck here at 11 o'clock tonight. They are demanding higher wages, a nine-hour day and improvement in working conditions generally. They also claim the company is putting women conductors on the daylight runs and the men on nights. The service is completely tied up.

Seattle Manufacturer Dies

Seattle, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—John Wesley Kahle, 58, president of the Crescent Manufacturing company, died this afternoon.

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## Attempt Life of Boris Savinkoff

War Minister Under Kerevsky Reported to Have Had Narrow Escape; Anti-Bolshevik Against Lenin-Trotsky.

Stockholm, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Interest in the Russian situation switched suddenly today from Petrograd to Moscow. The anti-Bolshevik elements have united in a move to topple the Lenin-Trotsky regime and will try to bring their campaign to a head tomorrow at an all-Russian congress in the ancient capital. They have announced the gathering will take place at the short lived constituent assembly.

Boris Savinkoff, war minister under Kerevsky's regime, had a narrow escape from being killed by a would-be assassin today's advisers from Petrograd stated.

The war between the Bolsheviks on the one hand and the Rumanians and Ukrainians on the other continues. The Bolsheviks victories in capturing Orenburg, Odesa and Kiev have been offset by the Rumanian invasion of Bessarabia and the fall of Kishinev. The Bolsheviks and the Rumanians are threatened with encirclement if the Rumanians can muster sufficient forces for a southern sweep.

## LETTER MAY BE CLUE TO PERPETRATOR OF SHIPYARD HOTEL FIRE

Missive Sent State Health Officer Complains of Columbia City Plant Conditions.

Of curious relation to the supposed incendiary fire which destroyed the largest hotel of the Sommers Bros. Shipbuilding company at Columbia City Friday night, is an anonymous letter received Saturday by Dr. Holt, state health officer.

The writer dated it January 29, but Dr. Holt explains its delay in reaching him due to the fact that it was addressed to the state accident commission.

The letter pertains apparently to one of the hotels of the ship building company. The writer declares it is a menace to health.

The writer's last sentence is significant. "If you have any information in this case take it up, if not, destroy this letter."

The letter in part says: "This letter is an appeal to you or to the board of health of the state of Oregon to take some steps to abate a nuisance that exists at this time at Columbia City, at Sommers Bros. shipbuilding plant. For humanitary sake have it torn down or put in a sanitary way. As it now exists it is a menace to the health of many persons."

The letter continues with a description of the kitchen and the alleged unsanitary food storage rooms.

Apparently the writer did not wish to make his name known as the letter had no signature. It was laboriously written in pencil and poorly punctuated.

## Women Defy Police in Hunt for Slayer

Chicago, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Police are searching for the band who killed Dennis Tierney, collector for the Illinois Central railroad, in the station Friday night, were twice tricked of their quarry today by women.

Once in a raid on a flat where they suspected the occupants, the telephone rang as they entered. The woman screamed a warning into the instrument just as she was seized at at a woman held the police at bay 20 minutes while other occupants fled through windows. The police say they found part of the stolen money.

## Swiss Mobilize Reinforcements

Zurich, Feb. 2.—(U. P.)—The Twelfth Infantry brigade, two sections of Alpine guides and a signal company have been ordered mobilized Wednesday to reinforce the frontier guard, it was officially announced today.

The order is the result of "internal and external conditions," it was explained.

Speakers Today to Discourse on Thrift

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about two weeks ago, the record being made by the Dallas school children in pleasing to Superintendent Churchill and to local campaign workers.

The Dallas school now has more members in the Junior Rainbow regiment than all the other towns in the state combined.

Those of the 16 boys and girls whose names have not heretofore been published are Harry Logan, Wendell Sanders, Homer Ellis, Juanita Morrison, Bessie Byron, Hazel Butler, Rena Bennett, Gwendolyn Hooker, Madeline Geringer, Floyd Reed, Eugene Lucas, Alice Patterson and Alice Crider.

Service Pin Is Awarded: Rose Winslow of Aumsville is the first Marion county girl to be awarded the service pin, which is given to each member.

Other names received by Superintendent Churchill for membership in the regiment are Edwin Horn, Falls City; Edna Beaufort, The Dalles; and Ethel Leigh Hodgen, Umatine.

La Grande Starts Campaign: La Grande, Feb. 2.—With an organization that reaches into every precinct in the county, Umatine county is busy spreading the propaganda of saving and thrift preparatory to the launching of the actual campaign for the sale of Thrift Stamps. F. L. Meyer, cashier of the La Grande National bank, is county chairman in charge of the War Savings Stamp campaign. He is ably assisted by a corps of assistants covering every phase of the campaign. F. B. Currey, city manager, will be the acting executive in charge of the actual campaign.

Mail Clerk Is Busy: Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—Al Nye, mail clerk at the state house, is doing a thriving business in Thrift Stamps. He has had the stamps on sale only two days, but Friday he sold \$25 worth and today his sales ran up to \$150.

## RETURNING PRIEST SAYS GERMANY IS IN AWFUL SHAPE

Many Old People and Children Are Dying for Want of Nourishing Food.

### STRIKE TERMED REVOLUTION

People Not Strong Enough to Resist Military Now; Will Be Appeased When New Crops Come

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—A remarkable picture of conditions now obtaining in Germany was painted here today by Father Aloisius Daniels of Hervey, Wis. He arrived on a French liner after spending three and a half years as a student at the University of Munster, Westphalia, Germany. His standing as a priest enabled him to leave the central empire's November 20, though not without difficulty. By way of Switzerland he passed into France to get his steamer home.

The present strike in Germany is not an ordinary strike, but a revolution, he declared. "It has been expected since last July and the government has prepared since then to suppress it and will do so. The military authorities are still too strong for the people to overcome. They will keep the people under the iron fist until spring when the new crops will be harvested and the revolutionists will be appeased."

Babies Dying Unborn: "Food is very short in Germany. Most of the people above 50 or 65 years of age have died. The death rate among the children has been stupendous. It is estimated that 90 per cent of babies are born dead."

"Food is not the only commodity that is short. Clothes, shoes and practically everything used in ordinary life is just as short. Most of the shoes are made with wooden soles and with canvas or paper uppers."

"The Germans can get no new machinery. I cannot speak about the munition works, as no one is allowed to go near them except the workers."

"The personal suffering of the people has become the great factor in the situation in Germany. The people realize that the end is near. They are allowed to receive no information about our army and none of President Wilson's speeches penetrated to the universities where I was studying. The people of Germany are not bitter against the people of the United States, but they are bitter against President Wilson."

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## Immunity Lost With Crown, Court Rules

New York, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—A king or the head of any foreign government cannot be sued in the courts of New York state, but just as soon as he ceases to be a king or the head of a government he is liable just like anybody else. This decision by Supreme Court Justice Benedict of Brooklyn was placed on file here today.

The ruling was made in the case of the Marine Transportation corporation against Nicholas Romanoff for \$2,800,000, a writ of attachment against certain cash caches of the czar having been granted some weeks ago.

The plaintiff had set forth that it had loaded goods on a steamer, had then been refused payment by the Russian government and was forced to see its steamer seized by creditors, though it had the written promise of Nicholas to pay.

Reconnoitering Is Constant: London, Feb. 2.—(U. P.)—General Plummer, reporting from the British front in Italy tonight, announced constant reconnoitering expeditions across the Piave river. Four enemy airplanes have been downed this week, he added.

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## Memphis Fearful of Impending Ice Jam

Low Mud Bank Only Protection for Million Dollar River Fleet; Ice Gorge Towers 30 to 50 Feet High at Osceola.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The city's entire river fleet is meeting behind a low lying sandbar here tonight in deadly peril of the ice pack when the gorge breaks at Osceola, Ark., 60 miles north.

Mud Island, for two years an eyesore to Memphis, affords the million dollar fleet its only chance of safety. Shipping men regard this chance as a slim one.

The river stands 15 feet on the gauge. Fifteen more feet of water will send the ice running into the harbor. The flood stage above the gorge already is many feet above this.

The ice gorge at Osceola is the largest ever formed in southern waters. Behind a dam of ice towering 40 or 50 feet high, the gorge extends up the river for 30 miles.

Twelve hundred families driven from their homes in Newport, Ky., tonight by the high water are seeking shelter here. A Newport woman became a mother while being rowed here in a small boat. Another child was born at Newport while the flood crept into the mother's room.

Dayton, Ky., Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The flood tonight drove 400 families from their homes here.

## Pioneers' Children Invited to Dinner

All sons and daughters of Oregon pioneers are invited to meet at their annual dinner February 14 at the Chamber of Commerce, Fifth and Oak streets. The dinner will be for the members of this organization and all sons and daughters of Oregon pioneers are eligible to the membership.

The date has been chosen as a fitting one for celebration as it is the admission day of Oregon as a state into the Union. The occasion is always a particularly happy one to old time residents of the state and usually calls into the city hosts of pioneer folk from nearby towns making it an enjoyable reunion of friends of the "Earlier days in Oregon."

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## Halt Is Placed on Draft Examinations

Seattle, Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Following receipt of orders from Governor Lister, physical examination of men in the second draft was stopped here today. The governor received orders from Washington to delay examination. It is believed changes in physical requirements is the reason for the order.

All examinations already made will have to be repeated by the doctors in local boards. It is expected those drafted and not fit for service in the trenches will be assigned to other duties.

## Pedestrian Dodging Car Is Hit by Auto

Walter Stockel, 215 North Twentieth, driving a truck for the Portland-Damascus Milk company, struck W. A. Smith at Fifth and Washington about 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Smith was knocked to the pavement. His head was injured and his arm probably fractured. He was removed to the Emergency hospital. Smith is an elderly man and lives at 178 Kilpatrick avenue. The driver said Smith tried to dodge a moving streetcar and jumped in front of his machine.

## Maryland Senate Favors Dry Nation

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The resolution ratifying the federal prohibition amendment was passed to its third reading by the state senate today by a vote of 19 to 7, virtually assuring its final passage in that body. The house of delegates has not acted on it as yet.

## TRY WOOD'S SPECIALS

Chili Con Carne . . . . . 5¢  
Hamburger Sandwich. 5¢  
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## 'BIG' MASON TO GIVE MESSAGE TO SOLDIER BOYS IN PORTLAND

Speaker, Who Will Make Address at Y. M. C. A. Today, Is "Billy Sunday" of Cantonments.

"Big Mason" will deliver a big message to the soldier boys at the Y. M. C. A. at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. today.

The speaker is the "Billy Sunday" of the army cantonments. His message to the men is one of intense heart interest, according to reports which have come from the army camps where thousands have been cheered and advised by him.

"Big Mason" has the reputation of getting into the front line trenches of oratory in a manner which appeals to the hearts of his auditors. He does not mince words. He strikes straight from the shoulder and every sentence has a punch.

The meeting will be open to men and the message will be specially for them. The meeting today will be followed by others on succeeding Sundays, designed for the special benefit and comfort of the soldiers who are sojourning in Portland for the week end.

The Portland Y. M. C. A. has thrown open the many advantages of its big institution for the boys. The club rooms and the many other attractions these have already found an appreciative response from the young heroes who are enlisted in the fight in behalf of Uncle Sam.

## Valuation on Liberty Bond Issues Shaved

Denver, Colo., Feb. 2.—(U. P.)—Appraisers appointed by the local division of the United States district court to value Denver and Rio Grande securities now in possession of the court, today

placed a value of \$22,500 on second issue liberty bonds of the face value of \$25,000, and shaved the valuation of first issue bonds 2.70 per cent.

John C. Mitchell of the Denver National bank, one of the appraisers, explained the bonds were appraised according to New York stock exchange quotations.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 2.—(U. P.)—"To make Texas the most helpful and the most useful of all the states toward winning the war," Governor W. P. Hobby late today announced that he would call an extra session of the Texas legislature before the end of February, probably the 25th or 26th.

Regulation of saloons around army camps in Texas may be submitted for consideration. Various subjects growing out of the report of the state legislative investigating committee will be considered.

The top of a new table is hinged to fold back and reveal a writing desk with its usual accessories.

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## Aviation Applicants' Test to Be Shown

Greater Portland Association to Hold Open Meeting Tuesday Evening; Program to Be Rendered.

The Greater Portland association will hold an open meeting in the Multnomah hotel, Tuesday evening. After a short business meeting a program will be rendered.

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, will speak on "What of Your Future?" Mrs. Herman Politz and Dr. Stuart McGuire will sing. George E. Moore, manager of the association, will talk on what the organization has done and what it hopes to do in the future.

An interesting feature will be the examination of two applicants for the aviation corps. It will show what tests Uncle Sam puts his prospective aviators through before admitting them to the training schools.

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