

THE WEATHER: Rain and slightly warmer tonight; rain and strong southeast winds Sunday. Humidity 92. VOL XVI. NO. 240. PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 16, 1918.—FOURTEEN PAGES. PRICE TWO CENTS.

GERMANS OPEN GAS ATTACK ON U. S. LINES

Americans, Forced to Wear Masks for Three Hours by Fairly Steady Stream of Shells, Hope for Attack but None Develops.

Artillery Reply to Teuton Bombardment Is Vigorous; Hun Bombing and Fighting Planes Are Driven Off Three Times.

By Newton C. Parke With the American Army in France, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Following a three days' lull, there was a shift of the wind on Thursday night and the Germans suddenly opened with a gas attack. The hoches sent over a fairly steady stream of shells, forcing our men to wear their gas masks for three hours. The Yankees were hopping mad, too, and all hoped that the shelling would be followed by an infantry attack to give them a chance to make the enemy pay for the uncomfortable time they were having. However, no infantry attack developed. The American artillery replied vigorously, pounding the German lines with both "8s" and six inch pieces. The enemy brought his heavier pieces into action and there was quite a lively "strafe" until Friday morning. The clear weather gave opportunity for considerable use of artillery work, in which the Germans were especially active. Three attempts were made during the afternoon to pass over our lines with both bombing and fighting planes, but all were driven off by well directed shrapnel fire which drove the hostile machines to an altitude of 15,000 feet.

Fire Breaks Out on Scandinavian Liner

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—A cargo of general merchandise valued at about \$750,000 was almost totally destroyed today when fire broke out on the Scandinavian-American liner Minsk at her pier. Two companies of United States infantry kept back the speculators who crowded close to the pier to watch the black smoke curling from the liner. River patrol boats and crews of several fire companies battled with the blaze. The Minsk was loaded with four months ago destined for Copenhagen, but did not sail because her agents were unable to obtain clearance papers.

Blockade Minister On Proposed League

London, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—High interest was aroused today by the declarations of Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, on the proposed league of nations after the war. Lord Robert said it would be possible to begin with a restricted number of powers and develop the league gradually. The minister added that there is no desire to establish an economic boycott against Germany, although the scars left by the conflict may have considerable influence in directing the course of trade.

SUNDAY JOURNAL FEATURES TOMORROW BIG ARTICLES BY BIG WRITERS BRUSSELS AT PEACE—By Brand Whitlock. WILSON'S MORAL LEADERSHIP—By Frank H. Simonds. PLANT A DOLLAR AND WATCH IT GROW—By James H. Collins. COPPERHEADS OF '61 AND TODAY—By Emerson Hough. THE WAR IN PICTORIAL REVIEW—Pictorial. WERE THE WEST FRONT IN OREGON—Map. WAR ZONE LETTERS FROM OREGON MAP. TOMORROW Five Cents the Copy Everywhere

GERMANY TO KEEP TROOPS ON THE EAST

ROME, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Germany has countermanded her order of troops from the east to the west front, because of the failure of the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations, according to a dispatch from Russia, published in the Idea Nazionale. Ukrainians Defeat Bolsheviks Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Bolshevik troops were reported today to have been defeated by the Ukrainians in a bloody battle at Kiev. It is believed that the Austro-German army has placed trained officers and guns at the command of the Ukrainian government.

HOOPER SUPPORTS LOW WHEAT RATE

Food Administrator Favors \$3.50 Per Ton; McNary Hopeful of Hurley.

Washington, Feb. 16.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Food Administrator Hoover has given Senator McNary full support in his fight to secure an ocean rate on wheat from the Pacific Northwest which will yield approximately the Chicago price. Hoover believes the rate should be made \$3.50 per ton instead of the shipping board figures of something in excess of \$11.50, the latter based on actual cost of the present advanced rates. Hoover and chairman Hurley of the shipping board appear to have reached a virtual deadlock in the discussion. Senator McNary is still hopeful that Hurley will see the justice of the Northwest contention and the advantage from a national standpoint in making a rate to move the wheat surplus by water. Senator McNary, with Northwest wheat representatives, will see Hurley this afternoon to make a full presentation of the situation. Local Inspection Arranged Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Chamberlain has arranged for a general system whereby goods manufactured at Portland for army blankets, overcoats and clothing are shipped back and forth to San Francisco for inspection. General Goethals, acting quartermaster general, reports that the depot quartermaster at San Francisco will have a mill inspection of materials instead of inspecting at San Francisco.

'Raise a Hog' Plea Fails to Move Court

L. V. Helt Fined \$7.50 for Violation of Health Laws by Maintaining Barnyard Too Near Home of His Neighbors. Horses, cows, chickens and pigs. The keeping of these barnyard denizens in a building at 28 Sandy boulevard contrary to the city's health laws led to imposition of a fine of \$7.50 against L. V. Helt, first for keeping a barnyard on Twenty-seventh street north, by Municipal Judge Rossman this morning. Helt in his defense cited the Hoover slogan "raise a hog." "Not under the very windows of your neighbors, however," said Judge Rossman. Neighbors testified that Helt took no cognizance of the proximity of their residences to his "barn."

Kansas Carpenter Invents Detector

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—H. A. Cooper, a carpenter of Sabetha, Kan., was awarded today from the navy department that his invention for detecting submarines under water had been favorably considered by the department and stated transportation facilities were furnished him for a trip to Washington. Cooper calls his invention "the eye of the submarine." The principle follows that of the X-ray, he says.

TAX VALUE IN COUNTY NOW \$305,981,645

Assessor Reed Reports Actual Cash Value of All Property to Be \$458,951,821.66; Total Tax to Be Raised \$8,475,773.98.

Levy This Year Is 28.6 Mills, of Which City Gets 10.8, School District No. 1 6.5, County 4.5, State 3.2, County School 1.6.

The total taxable value of all property in Multnomah county, according to the tax rate sheet compiled by Henry E. Reed, county assessor, amounts to \$305,981,645. This includes all land, improvements, personal property and public utility company values noted on the tax roll. The taxable values of land, as estimated by Assessor Reed, equal 75 per cent of the actual cash value, while improvements and personal property are valued at 50 per cent of their cash value, and public utility property at 60 per cent of its cash value. Land Value Is \$224,021,973.33 The total taxable value of Multnomah county land is given at \$183,016,406, which would make the actual cash value \$224,021,973.33. The taxable value of improvements is given at \$55,575,905, making the cash value \$111,150,010, while the taxable value of personal property is \$33,388,640 and the actual value \$66,777,280. The taxable value of public service company properties is \$35,001,439 and the actual value \$70,002,878. This gives a total actual cash value of all listed property in the county of \$468,981,821.66.

The total amount of taxes to be levied in Multnomah county for 1918, is given at \$8,475,773.98, an increase of 4.4 per cent over 1917. Of this total, the sum of \$979,141.26 is for state purposes; \$489,001.96 for county schools; \$181,812.83 for county library; \$1,375,315.49 for county governmental purposes; \$447,462.65 for Port of Portland; \$3,939.95 for Union high school district No. 1; \$13,908.49 for Union high school district No. 2; \$14,252.84 for county high school tuition fund; and \$31,729.88 for the towns of Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and school districts throughout the county. City Will Get \$2,819,717.55 The amounts included in the total but raised for city of Portland activities are: \$2,819,717.55 for city of Portland; \$1,187,154.80 for city docks, and \$1,872,154.80 for city schools. The state levy was 3.2 mills; the county school, 1.6; the county, 4.6; the library, .5 mill; Port of Portland, 1.5; school district No. 1, 6.5 mills; city of Portland, 10.8, a total of 28.6 mills.

DIRECTORS ORDER DOUBLE BERTH TIME

Sommer and Drake Pass Resolution; Prevailing Rate but Time and Half. Why should the taxpayers pay double time for all overtime on school construction while the prevailing rate is time and a half? This question arises as the result of a resolution adopted by the school board Friday evening, providing that future contracts for the construction of school buildings shall stipulate that the contractor is to pay double time for all overtime over an eight-hour day. Only three of the five members of the board were present, and only two of the three present voted for the resolution. The two votes in favor of the resolution were cast by Directors Sommer and Drake. Dr. Alan Welch Smith, chairman of the board, opposed its adoption and urged that action be deferred until all members were present. He was overruled, however, and the matter was put over to a later date. Bids for the construction of the Hawthorne-Buckman school are to be opened next Thursday and it was the evident purpose of Directors Sommer and Drake to have the new regulation in effect before the contract is let. The obvious result will be to increase the cost of the building. Taxpayers whose attention has been directed to the action of the board are likely to enter protest.

Tacoma Would Own Electric Railways

Tacoma, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—A proposition to vote \$500,000 worth of utility bonds for the acquisition of the entire electric street railway system of the Tacoma Railway & Power company by the city, will be put up for people at the next municipal election, April 2. Commissioner of Public Works Charles D. Atkins, Friday morning authorized City Attorney E. Harmon to draw up an ordinance for presentation to the city council, placing the proposition on the ballot.

Pennsylvania Town Is Raided for Flour ROLL OF HONOR

Untonown, Pa., Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Nearly 8000 pounds of flour were confiscated today by agents of the food administration in a raid on 12 residences in Kestler, a mining town near here. Sacks were stacked behind chain walls and between mattresses and springs of beds. In one house the flour had been sewed inside a mattress. Those killed in action were: PRIVATE HERMAN SAUERS, infantry, February 8, Epworth, Iowa. PRIVATE JOHN W. WHITE, infantry, February 8, Epworth, Iowa. PRIVATE LEWIS W. SPACK, infantry, February 10, Oklahoma City, Okla. PRIVATE EDWARD ROBERTS, infantry, February 8, Epworth, Iowa. PRIVATE JOHN W. HILL, infantry, January 30, Berry, Ala. PRIVATE MARSHALL R. PARNUM, infantry, February 8, Epworth, Iowa. PRIVATE MARSHALL R. PARNUM, infantry, February 8, Epworth, Iowa.

Paris, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—A strict and constant guard is being maintained over Bolo Pasha, who was found guilty of treason and sentenced to death. Bolo is very nervous, but expressed confidence that his appeal from the decision of the courtmartial would be successful.

OFFICIAL LIST OF PART OF DEAD LOST ON THE TUSCANIA

Washington, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—On the honor roll of America's hero dead the war department today wrote the names of 82 American soldiers who perished in the sinking of the transport Tuscania. Of the 217 officers and soldiers on board the Tuscania when she set sail for France, the war department has received to date the names of only 1894 who escaped death, not including the 21 who were taken off the ship sick at Halifax, on the way over. This leaves 264 still to be accounted for, although the war department has nothing official to show that the list of dead will be larger than its original estimate of 113. The list, the first installment of the official revised records here from London, follows: Anthony Abboni, Detroit, Mich. Fred K. Allen, Ada, Minn. Homer Llewellyn Anderson, Cumberland, Wis. Stanley Augspurger, Dayton, Ohio. Cless Bergerstock, Marienville, Pa. Reg Barker, Forestburg, Texas. Henry G. Bates, 2420 B street, Baker, Or. Russell F. Bennett, Plainfield, Wis. William E. Bennett, Rogers, Ark. John B. Blatson, Foster, Okla. George Nelson Bjork, St. Helena, Or. Claude Bradley, Swaty, Ark. Jack J. Byrne, Butte, Mont. James J. Buckley, Minneapolis, Minn. Robert Calhoun, Mount Solo, Wash. Harry Carpenter, Potomac, Ill. Otto Ray Coleman, Texas (previously reported as a survivor). John W. Chastler, Lucas, Wash. Frank A. Church, Providence, R. I. Arthur W. Collins, Appleby, Texas. Stanley L. Collins, Knights Ferry, Cal. Marcus E. Cook, Como, Mont. Almer C. Cown, Victor, Mont. Walter Crellin, Virginia, Minn. Jennings B. Crow, Appleby, Texas. Frank A. Cushman, Elgin, Ill. Everett H. Duffy, Sloom Springs, Mo. Alexander S. Gillespie, Los Angeles, Cal. Winston A. Hartsook, Rapidan, Va. James P. Hawley, Neenah, Wis. Elmer A. Houston, Held, Or. Raymond T. Hurst, Proccassot, Okla. Wesley W. Hyatt, Lehman, Wash. Delbert E. Englehart, Santa Monica, Cal. John C. H. Johnson, Big Falls, Minn. John A. Laacko, 2565 Burrough street, Astoria, Or.

SUPT. ALDERSON'S DAUGHTER KILLED

Edward Brune, Driver of Automobile, Arrested; Had Whiskey in Possession at Time. Geraldine Alderson, daughter of William C. Alderson, Multnomah county superintendent of schools, died at the Good Samaritan hospital at noon today as the result of being hit by an automobile, driven by Edward Brune, at 11 o'clock Friday night. Brune was attempting to turn a complete circle at the intersection of Second and Main streets when his car struck Miss Alderson, who could not get back on the sidewalk as she started to cross the street. She screamed at Brune, who it is said, did not make any attempt to stop his car. He was arrested on the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Four pint bottles of whiskey were found in his pockets. Miss Alderson was run over by Brune's machine. Her skull was fractured. She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital by the Ambulance Service company.

GERMANS TO REPLY SOON, IS REPORT

President Wilson's Speech Said to Have Impressed Austrian Foreign Minister. Geneva, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—"President Wilson's speech constitutes a step toward a general peace, and I shall act at the earliest possible moment," said Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, after reading a copy of the address, according to the journal today. The principles enunciated by the American statesmen are said to have made a very favorable impression in Vienna. Conjecturing reports continue to arrive as to the date of the war aims speeches expected from Count von Hertling, the German chancellor, and Count Czernin. It is now said that the German chancellor will reply to President Wilson on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and that the Austrian foreign minister will not speak until next week.

Russians Out of Galicia

Zurich, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The Russians have withdrawn from North-east Galicia, allowing the Austro-Hungarian forces to occupy Brody with only one opposition, according to information from the Austrian frontier today. The foregoing dispatch indicates that all of the Austrian province of Galicia is now clear of Russian troops for the time being, and that the Russian army is 50 miles northeast of Lemberg and about five miles within the Galician frontier. The Russians occupied the town in their last drive against Lemberg.

Germs Receive Garbled Speech

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The German people were given a garbled account of President Wilson's latest speech to the American congress, according to information received today from the German frontier. Two versions of the speech were printed and supplied by the semi-official Wolff bureau and the other by a private news agency. Part of the address, referring to Count Czernin, was reported to have been omitted.

Turk Accepts Wilson Speech

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—"President Wilson's speech offers the possibility of further developments, if Turkey's territorial integrity is not restricted and its sovereignty is preserved," Talaat Pasha, Turkish premier, declared in an interview with the correspondent of the New Free Press. Premier Lloyd George's speech does not allow the possibility of discussion."

Nauseous Odors End Stockyards Inquiry

Chicago, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Nauseous odors and great changes in temperature in passing from one plant to another forced Judge Alschuler, federal judge in the wage controversy between packers and their 100,000 employees, to drop his investigating tour of the plants Friday. After being twice overpowered by the odors, the judge, before this, however, he was able to question closely many of the workers.

BELGIANS IN NEAR REVOLT AGAINST HUNS

Justices of Court of Appeals at Brussels Deported to Germany; Crowds Storm the City Hall at Malines as Protest.

Official Dispatches to Belgian Legation in Washington Tell of Situation in Occupied Cities

Washington, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Serious popular uprisings against the German yoke in cities of occupied Belgium were reported to the Belgian legation here today, in official dispatches from the Belgian government at Havre. Crowds have paraded the streets of Antwerp, Malines and Brussels and the German authorities have been forced to order troops to restore order. The manifestations have been precipitated by the activities of the new German political party, the activists, toward Belgium and Flanders. The chief justice and two associate justices of the Belgium court of appeals at Brussels were arrested by the German authorities on February 9, following action of the court in ordering proceedings against the activists. All were deported to Germany. On February 4, 600 activists at Antwerp were manhandled by an infuriated crowd and had to be rescued by German troops, which dispersed the crowd. Last Sunday crowds paraded the streets of Malines. A delegation of 600 citizens stormed the city hall. The situation was characterized by the Belgian legation as "close to a revolution." The Belgian parliament has protested to the German minister-chancellor against the "shameful abuse of power by the activists."

Swedish Warship to Aland

Stockholm, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Vornsky, representative of the Bolshevik government at Stockholm, has gone to the Aaland Islands on a Swedish warship to try to stop the acts of violence which Bolshevik soldiers are said to be committing there. An interview was printed here today with General Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish war effort, in which he asks for aid to overcome the counter-revolutionaries.

Arrest Reichsrath Member

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Van Berloin, member of the reichsrath from South Tyrol, has been arrested in Trent, in connection with alleged widespread Italian espionage plots, according to copies of the Tageblatt, received here today.

Socialist Gets Long Sentence

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—A prominent German Socialist, Horn, has been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for participating in the recent German strikes, according to dispatches reaching here today from Berlin.

Warsaw Under Martial Law

Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Warsaw has been placed under martial law by the Germans as a result of the high feeling of the Polish population against the central powers, dispatches received here today declared.

Police Raid Socialists

Geneva, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Many Socialists were arrested in police raids at Berlin, Leipzig and Mannheim, according to reports reaching here today. No reason for the raids is known.

Snowfall Is Heavy In Wasco County

Wasco, Feb. 16.—During the past 24 hours additional snow to that which fell earlier in the week has covered this part of the state to a depth of 18 inches. The temperature is moderate.

Bulgars and Russ Resume Relations

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—The Bulgarian government has resumed diplomatic relations with Russia, according to a dispatch received from Sofia today.

SUBMARINE KILLS CHILD IN THE NIGHT

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—A German submarine bombarded Dover at night, killing a child and wounding seven persons, it was officially announced this afternoon. The bombardment lasted several minutes, and in all about 80 rounds were fired. The announcement of the attack was made by Lord French, commander-in-chief of the home defenses. Several houses were damaged. Dover is an important British port in Kent and has a population of about 50,000.

GERMANS REPORT CHANNEL VICTORY

'Strong Forces' Were Destroyed, Says Official Statement, by Torpedo Boats.

Berlin, Via London, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—The destruction of "strong forces" guarding the English channel, was reported today by the German official statement. "Thursday night German torpedo-boats, commanded by Captain Heinicke, surprised and attacked strong forces guarding the English channel," the statement says. "The forces consisted of a large guard ship, numerous armed fishing boats and several motorboats, which were forced to give battle. The major part were destroyed. We suffered no losses and no damage." An official statement issued Thursday by the British admiralty reported the destruction of an armed trawler and seven drifters by a raiding German flotilla.

Raiders Worked With Speed

London, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—German torpedo destroyers which sank several "drifters" and a trawler in the Straits of Dover on Friday morning, presumably operated from the German submarine base at Zeebrugge, the Chronicle stated today. The firing began about 12:30 Friday morning and continued for about an hour. The sound of the shooting could be heard on land and flashes of flame could be seen from high ground. The fleet of trawlers and drifters was engaged in hunting for mines and submarines when suddenly attacked. The Germans operated swiftly and the attack by the ships fired northward at top speed before they could be fired upon by British warships. The sailors on the attacked ships behaved with conspicuous gallantry. One drifters was sunk by a salvo from the crew took to the boats. After the Germans had fled the sailors returned to the vessel, put out the fire and took the boat into port. The raiders were assisted in their treacherous attack by the thick darkness and a slight haze that overspread the water.

Chief of Staff of British Army Quits

London, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Sir William Robertson, chief-of-staff of the British army, has resigned, it was announced this afternoon. He will be succeeded by Sir Henry Wilson. The official press bureau announced that an extension of the functions of the permanent military representatives at the Versailles interallied war conference limits the special powers of the chief-of-staff. The government offered Robertson his choice between permanent representative at Versailles or his present position under the new conditions. Both propositions were rejected. The new representative at the Versailles conference, will be announced within a few days.

Draft Evaders Are Trapped in Arizona

Willcox, Ariz., Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—John and Tom Powers and Tom Sisson, draft evaders, charged with the murder of Sheriff McBride, Graham county, Arizona, and two deputies, have been trapped in the Chiricahua mountains near Two Heads by a posse of deputy sheriffs and cowboys. A desperate fight is expected.

Supply of Rice Ample for Needs

Washington, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—There is no shortage of rice in the United States and lower prices are in prospect by April 1, the food administration announced today. Rice mills have been running to full capacity in order to supply the demand for 1,000,000 bags for our fighting forces and the allies. Deducting this amount from the available supply leaves a surplus of approximately 150,000,000 pounds, which the food administration believes is ample.

Famine Stalks Through Central Powers, Despondent Officer of German Army Tells a Friend

The situation was bad six months ago. It is infinitely worse today. The last cabbage crop was a failure. Next to the potatoes, the cabbage is the German masses' staple. The food administration, plague, caterpillars destroyed the crop, stalk and all. It is said that a wind blew butterflies from France, producing the devastating army of caterpillars. The plum crop likewise was a failure owing to the weather. The Germans boast a plum tree for each man, woman and child. Marmalade is one of the mainstays of the masses. Now there is practically none. The last grain crop was below normal despite reports to the contrary.

SHIPYARD WORKERS REFUSE TO GO TO WORK

Between 8000 and 10,000 Men Employed in New York District Idle, According to Organizer of the Marine Woodworkers.

Joint Commission Takes Over Negotiations to End Trouble and Immediate and Drastic Action Is Anticipated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Between 8000 and 10,000 workmen employed in shipbuilding plants in the New York district refused to return to work today, according to John Steward, organizer of the Marine Woodworkers' district council. His reports were incomplete.

New York, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Employees of a big shipyard at Edgewater, N. J., returned to their work today after having walked out when their employer offered to pay them the \$5.60 asked by the unions. This scale, he said, will be adjusted to the government scale if the government reaches an agreement with the workers.

By John Edwin Nevins

Washington, Feb. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The labor situation throughout the United States is most serious today. Centering, as it is, in the striking shipworkers, the discontent has spread until it affects many other industries which are closely allied with the national defense plans. The very success of America's part in the world war is to the impeded, officials say. Immediate and drastic action is considered certain and the situation is such that a united congress, President Wilson says, all of his advisers are giving it their personal attention. The joint commission of 10 made up of five from the National Council for Industrial Peace and five from the American Federation of Labor took negotiations to end the shipbuilding trouble early today. They were in direct communication with the heads of the various organizations which ordered the present strike from New York Friday night. The complete report of the wage adjustment board dealing with the demands of the ship workers in the so-called Delaware district was in the hands of Chairman Hurley this afternoon. It will be made public tonight. Officials of the shipping board indicated that they were somewhat doubtful whether the decision of the board would serve to end the various strikes and labor troubles in the several plants. Ordered All Members to Strike This strike, ordered by the executive of the Marine Woodworkers' Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (C. P. T. C. F. W. O.), is the first of a series of strikes which have been called in the New York district.

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