



# RUSS MAY YIELD TO HUNGARIAN PEACE; PREMIER ASKS CONFLUENCE VOTE

## DECISIONS OF COUNCIL UPHELD BY PREMIER

Lloyd George Declares Inter-Allied Conference Results Were Outcome of Strong Representations by All of the Allies.

Only Difference, He Says, Rose Over Constitution of Council, as All Were Agreed on Formation of Central Authority.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Premier Lloyd George, addressing the house of commons this afternoon, demanded an immediate vote on whether the house and country wishes the government to proceed on its present policy.

Lloyd George said if the vote of confidence is not given, he would quit office.

Declaring that "we are facing terrible realities," the prime minister insisted that the government was entitled to know tonight whether it had the support of the house.

Former Premier Asquith declared that he now knows, so far as General Robertson is concerned, the Versailles decisions were not approved by the military advisers as a whole.

The premier declared that the decisions of the Versailles inter-allied conference were the result of strong representations by all the allies, including America.

The premier declared there was plenty of argument in favor of a change of machinery to effect greater coordination. Therefore, he said, the council decided to form a central authority, with executive power, to coordinate the allies' strategy.

All the representatives agreed to the decision, Lloyd George said. The only difference arose over the constitution of the council.

American delegates were responsible for centralization of the allies' strategy in the supreme war council, the premier declared.

He also asserts that the government was anxious to retain General Robertson so long as compatible with the allies' policy, but regretted to find it impossible.

It was thought the chief of staff should have the central authority," said the premier, "but the American delegates presented an unanswerable case against it. It was one of the ablest military documents ever submitted."

All the delegations met separately, Lloyd George said, and reached a conclusion. When they reported, each favored placing the supreme authority in the hands of the inter-allied council.

## R. R.'S WORSE THAN DIVERS, SAYS HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Lloyd George had maintained faith with the avowed purpose of starving the allies, Germany's U-boat campaign has miserably failed.

New figures given congress by Herbert Hoover showed today a loss of but seven per cent in food shipments during 1917.

Starting at the high water mark last April, when 12 per cent went down, the food ship toll has steadily decreased. In October and November but "one or two per cent" was lost.

But Hoover warned more sharply against railroad failure in this country. This already, he said, has hurt food shipments vastly more than the enemy.

"The number of grain cars reaching terminals during the 10 months ending with January, was 108,000 less than during the same period of 1916," Hoover said.

## LIGHT THROWN ON STREETCAR SERVICE

Public Service Commission Hears Complaints Regarding Congestion of Traffic.

"Staggering the peak" seemingly is the remedy for congested streetcar traffic at the shipyards, to judge from the consensus of testimony and expert opinion given before the public service commission at its scheduled hearing this morning.

The term, in plain English, means an arrangement by which the starting time in the morning and the quitting time in the evening be spread out so that the maximum number of streetcars are running at different periods. This would enable the streetcar company to spread its service over a longer period and avoid the rush that comes twice each day.

When the commission began its hearing the city, was represented by Mayor Baker, Commissioner Mann and Deputy City Attorney LaFayette; the streetcar company by President Griffith, Vice President Fuller, General Superintendent and Superintendent of the streetcar system Cooper and several other operating officials; the public generally by one little woman from Union avenue who was too bashful to give her name for publication but who desired to complain against the congested conditions of Union avenue.

The testimony showed, in summary, that the streetcar company has had to its service since January 1; that it was working over all open cars preliminary to adding them to regular all year round work, and that practically all the rolling stock of the company was now in daily use.

The traffic congestion was caused by the large numbers of passengers going to and from work at the St. Johns and other shipyards during the same hour morning and evening, and the company was bending every energy to handle the jam to the best advantage, though admitting that the service was not the best that could be desired.

Mayor Baker said complaints were general, that he had made an investigation on his own motion, and suggested that switches be installed to shunt limited trains ahead of locals, and gave it his opinion that the loop system must come some time, as the traffic situation in Portland would soon assume serious proportions.

He said, in answer to Chairman Milligan's question that the council considered the five cent fare limitation, the provisions for paving cost, bridge rentals and other similar charges, to be a part of the contract between the company and the city, and that the city would not take any action to change or shift these burdens off the company, until the pending litigation concerning the jurisdiction of the public service commission had been decided. The commission will make its order upon the transportation commission and the city, having completed the testimony this morning.

## RUSH WORK ON BIG ELEVATOR IS NECESSARY

Next January Held Probable Date of Completion, Though Favorable Circumstances May Cut Off Two Months.

Community Effort Can Aid in Providing Skilled Men and Securing Advanced Consideration of Priority Request.

Emergency effort of the most strenuous kind will be needed if Portland's bulk grain elevator is to be finished in time for the 1918 grain movement, according to estimates of time required for construction which were furnished this morning by G. B. Hegardt, chief engineer of the commission.

Next January is the probable date of the elevator's completion, said Mr. Hegardt, though favorable circumstances might shorten the time two months.

Plans for the elevator will be finished by the end of this month. Five weeks required in advertising for bids and other preliminary work must elapse before the contract can be let, Mr. Hegardt believes that April 15 is the earliest practicable date for the awarding of the contract.

24-Hour Work Is Planned. J. M. Witherspoon, the grain elevator expert of Chicago, who is advising the deck commission in the preparation of plans, is Mr. Hegardt's authority for the estimate that six to eight months, and probably the latter period, will be required by the contractor in building the elevator. The actual time, said the engineer, is of course, dependent on the state of the labor market.

A large element of time also will be involved in securing machinery, which will be ordered as soon as possible. Men will work night and day, said Mr. Hegardt, in building the elevator, not only because night and day work will be required to hurry completion but because the pouring of the cement for the big grain bins must be carried forward without pause when once begun.

It was made clear that where community effort might supplement the work of the deck commission is in providing an extraordinarily large force of skilled men to help build the elevator, and in inducing the priority board to give advanced consideration to the orders for machinery.

When the contractor begins work, said Mr. Hegardt, he will find on the ground both the reinforcing steel and provision for immediate delivery of the cement. These matters having been attended to in advance by the commission. The rails for the connection with railroad lines will also be on the ground. The commission has already ordered its electric motors and transformers. Sand and gravel to be used in mixing cement are available locally in abundant supply.

Lumber to Be Forthcoming. Under the ruling of the emergency fleet corporation, lumber may be permitted to furnish all the cement form lumber needed without any delay.

The machinery, which must be secured through the aid of the priority board, includes smelters, cleaners, aspirators, belt, shafting, conveyors and transmission.

Mr. Hegardt believes that the excavation at the site of the elevator and the driving of piling for the foundation will be finished by April 1 without delay from high water. The plans would have been finished before the last of this month, he said, had it not been for the difficulty in securing and retaining the services of draftsmen.

These orders are of an emergency nature and are the result of the failure of the Southern Pine association to fill its contracts with the United States shipping board, it was announced.

## CHAMBERLAIN UNDERGOES OPERATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, was rushed to Providence hospital this afternoon and was operated on successfully for appendicitis, following consultation by his physicians today. His physicians reported him resting well.

The senator was suddenly attacked by a recurrence of appendicitis Monday afternoon.

Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain, son of Senator Chamberlain, said he had received no private advice concerning the operation. His only information was from the above dispatch.

## FORTY-SIX TRAINS OF SHIP'S TIMBERS

Shipyards on Atlantic Coast Will Receive Fir Shipments Quickly From the Northwest.

Sixteen hundred carloads of fir shipbuilding timber must be shipped in the shortest possible time from the mills of Oregon and Washington to shipyards on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, extending from Texas to Maine, according to an announcement of H. E. Van Duser of the fir production board.

These shipments will be sent in 45 trains of about 35 cars each and will have priority over all other traffic, says Mr. Van Duser. A uniformed officer of the United States army will accompany each train and look after its speedy movement. This is made necessary by the extreme congestion of traffic east of Chicago.

At a joint meeting of the emergency fleet corporation and the aircraft board in Washington, D. C., Monday, a fir production board was appointed to control the lumber production of the Northwest and see that the needs of the government's shipbuilding program are met. The members of the board are: J. H. Bloedel, Seattle, chairman; Colonel Bruce P. Dague, Portland, and Mr. Van Duser of Portland.

This board has control of the Northwest lumber production and distribution for the war and navy departments, emergency fleet corporation and for the needs of the aircraft board. The board as a whole will have charge of the lumber production of Oregon and Washington for administrative purposes the territory has been divided into two districts, with Mr. Van Duser in charge of lumber production in Oregon and J. H. Bloedel in charge of Washington.

The distribution office for Washington has not yet been named.

Will Deliver Lumber on Time. At a meeting this morning in the offices of Mr. Hamilton in the Northwest National Bank building, Harvey E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Union Pacific System; W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the S. P. & S. railway, and W. F. Miller, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, together with Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Van Duser, outlined plans for handling the 1600 carloads of lumber embraced in the government's orders now at hand.

These orders are of an emergency nature and are the result of the failure of the Southern Pine association to fill its contracts with the United States shipping board, it was announced.

"We are meeting with the hearty cooperation of officials and employees of logging and lumber companies and of the railroad companies, and it is necessary to filling these immense requirements of the government," said Mr. Van Duser, "and we will get the needed supplies by the United States Coast shipyards on schedule time."

Chicago, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—An undertaker is holding the body of Mrs. Sadie Arnold, colored widow worker, her sister and has officially declared she is dead. Hugh Arnold, her white husband, is convinced she is not dead, however, and that she will return within the next 48 hours she will come back to earth as a beautiful 17-year-old white girl.

## SOLTER HAS LEGAL RIGHT TO BE HEARD

Supreme Court Reverses Opinion of Circuit Judge Duffy in Case of Douglas Lawson, Who Was Serving on Mexican Border.

Defendant Being in Military Service Had One of Strongest Reasons for Asking Continuance, Says Justice Bean.

Salem, Or., Feb. 19.—By reversing the decision of Judge T. E. J. Duffy of the circuit court for Crook county, the supreme court today gave protection to a soldier who was sued for alleged debt and the case brought to trial and judgment rendered while he was with the national guardsmen on duty at the Mexican border, where he had no opportunity to defend himself in court.

The case is that of M. R. Elliott against Douglas Lawson. Defendant was called into active military service when troops were sent to the Mexican border in 1916. He obtained a furlough and returned to his home at Prineville to give attention to personal business and half an hour before he was due to leave on his return to his company he was served with papers in a suit for \$114.84. He turned the papers over to a lawyer and caught his train in order to rejoin his regiment.

The case came on for trial and Lawson, through his attorney, asked for postponement on the ground that he could not obtain furlough and his attorney had no opportunity without his client's presence, to prepare a defense. Circuit Judge Duffy denied the motion for continuance and heard evidence on behalf of the plaintiff, while Lawson's attorney declined to offer any testimony, and the court then directed verdict in favor of plaintiff for the full amount claimed.

"It is the policy of the law to give a party to an action his day in court or no day at all," said Justice Bean. (Concluded on Page Thirteen, Column Three)

## PAIR SOUGHT WHO SHOT RALPH HERR

Seattle Votes in Primaries While Police Seek Candidate's Assaulters.

Seattle, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—While Seattle voted at today's primaries to nominate candidates for mayor of the city, the police investigated the alleged attack on police officer who shot Ralph Herr, one of the seven candidates.

Herr announced at midnight, just after he had concluded his final speech of the primary campaign, that two men shot and wounded him in the shoulder as he entered his law office. He has received several threatening letters from the assailants. One of his assailants, he declared, "One of his assailants of last night, he said, declared: 'We warned you not to talk against us.'"

Herr said the two men, after shooting him, escaped by the fire escape.

His wound is not considered serious. Chief of Police Warren is mystified by the affair, he said in a statement today. He has a squad of men at work investigating the revolver with which the shooting was done has not been found.

Interest in today's primary election was high. The two high candidates in today's election will go before the voters again in the final election two weeks from today.

## GERMANS INVADING RUSSIA

MAP SHOWING where the Germans have begun the invasion of Russia, entering and occupying Dvinsk without opposition. The arrow shows the Germans are but 450 miles from Moscow. They are 125 miles from their own border. The battle line has been practically abandoned by the Russians under orders from the Bolshevick government.



## PRESS CLUB NOT PUBLISHING PAPER

Subscriptions Taken From Business Men for Newspaper for Soldiers.

Supported by subscriptions solicited from Portland business men, "The Soldier's News Letter" is being published semi-monthly in Portland by the "Northwest Patriotic Press association."

The association has issued three numbers of the "News Letter," which contains a condensation of local news in tabloid form from Oregon counties, newspaper representatives throughout the state serving as correspondents.

The association is a non-incorporated organization of a somewhat vaguely defined form. Mark Woodruff is president, R. W. Michael, vice president and business manager; O. A. Walker, cashier of the Portland Press club, is secretary; Frank Dool of the Hibernia Savings bank, treasurer, and Charles W. Myers, editor. So far as could be learned the association has no regularly constituted board of directors.

Not Connected With Press Club. Mr. Dooly, who said that his entire duty had consisted in furnishing a depository for the fund and that he was serving at the request of Mr. Michael, produced a report which showed that a deposit of \$735.80 was made on January 15, that \$858.60 had been deposited since, and that there was a balance on February 18 of \$217.15. Checks had been signed by Michael as vice president and manager and by Walker as secretary.

The association rents desk room in the rooms of the Portland Press club, Elks building, but the Press club has no other connection with the association.

F. W. Ward, who has no official connection with the association, but who declared himself an active believer in its principles, explained to a journal representative that the association pays only one salary, that of the editor. A collector, he said, receives street fare. The business manager, he said, receives no salary. Mr. Michael, the business manager, in a later interview, said that he is paid for his work, but that his salary is not charged against the paper.

Business Men Subscribe for Soldiers. Mr. Ward explained that the subscription price of the paper is \$2 a year and that business men are solicited to take one or more subscriptions, the paper to be sent not to the subscriber but to a soldier. Each contributor of \$25 or more has his name printed in a marginal column of the paper. A large list of names follows.

ROLL OF HONOR. Washington, Feb. 19.—Additional deaths reported: PRIVATE LYNNWOOD L. PAYNE, infantry, Puyallup, Wash., pneumonia, February 16. PRIVATE ELLIOTT JONES, stevedore, Birmingham, Ala., meningitis, February 16. PRIVATE GEORGE W. HARRIS, company quartermaster corps, Macon, Ga., pneumonia, February 16. PRIVATE WILEY PATTERSON, stevedore, Tallied, Ga., Ala., pneumonia, February 16. PRIVATE ANGELO PAGLER, hospital unit, Alala, Ala., meningitis, February 15. INFANTRY, BRUCE, Allegheny county, Pa., pneumonia, February 15. PRIVATE GARDNER H. BENNETT, ambulance section, Sutton, Vt., pneumonia, February 14. CAPTAIN LINDLEY H. DEGRAND, aviation section, Fort Belknap, N. D., typhoid, February 16. PRIVATE ELLIOTT JONES, stevedore, Birmingham, Ala., meningitis, February 16. PRIVATE MIKE DUDA, infantry, Ashby, Penn., pneumonia, February 16. CAPT. PAUL H. HERRICK, infantry, Lehigh, Pa., pneumonia, February 16. PRIVATE CARL W. HOBBS, infant, quartermaster corps, Senatobia, Miss., pneumonia, February 14.

## DOUGLAS' DEATH IS CAUSE OF CONCERN

Husband of Eva Ballis Douglas, Missionary of First Presbyterian Church, Succumbs in Teheran.

"Douglas died typhoid." These three words in a cablegram from Teheran, Persia, to the National Armenian Relief committee and telegraphed to J. J. Handsaker, secretary of the Oregon Armenian relief committee, have aroused profound concern in Portland.

The Douglas referred to is Charles Arthur Douglas, American missionary to Persia, supported by Oakland Presbyterians. His wife is Eva Ballis Douglas, an American missionary, whose work is supported by the women of the First Presbyterian church of Portland. Mr. Douglas has a brother in Portland, William Ballis, 856 Northrup street, of the Wakefield-Fries company.

Dr. John H. Boyd received word confirming the death of the missionary this morning. The Douglases were due for what is called an intermediate furlough and were expected in America soon, he said.

With Armenians and others in every pitiable state of destitution crowded around the missionaries seeking their care and with the pestilence of typhus for typhoid in addition to the misery, the field is one that has proven fatal to five missionaries, explained Dr. Boyd.

Apparently to accept appointment to service in the stricken land is little short of signing one's own death warrant. Mr. Ballis had telegraphed to the Armenian relief committee in New York for further information, but the word received by Dr. Boyd anticipated what he sought. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas took up their work in Persia in 1901.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—The house rivers and harbors committee, which is authorized to study the worst shipping board, these only are deemed urgent. It has been decided. The Crescent City item involves no application to the government this year, money provided by local interests being now used. The chrome ore deposits furnished the controlling argument for its adoption.

## MINISTER'S WIFE IS BADLY BURNED

Garments of Mrs. George H. Young Catch Fire and Her Death Is Feared.

Albany, Or., Feb. 19.—The presence of mind and cool headedness of Elizabeth, 13-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George H. Young, of the Baptist church, undoubtedly saved her mother from burning to death Monday night. Mrs. Young is in a critical condition in St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Young was standing in an air-tight heater in her home at 11 o'clock waiting for Dr. Young to return when her dress caught fire. The flames quickly leaped upward burning her skirts off and burning some of her upper garments. She tried to pick up a rug to wrap around her but could not hold it on account of the painful burns on her hands.

She screamed and her daughter, who was in bed, ran down stairs, wrapped the rug and a cloak around her and put out the flames, but not until Mrs. Young had been seriously burned was the fire quenched. Deep burns on her lower limbs, back and hands and on her stomach may yet cost her her life. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where Tuesday morning she was feeling easier, but it is reported that her condition is critical and it is doubtful if she will recover.

## Strike Leader to Be Given Federal Post

William Hutcheson, Head of Woodworkers of Eastern Shipyards, to Be Offered Wage Commission Place.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—William Hutcheson, leader of the striking woodworkers in Eastern shipyards, is to be appointed to the shipping board wage adjustment commission. This was the latest development today in the government's move to prevent future walkouts in the shipyards. Hutcheson, if he accepts the new post, will be asked to sit in when woodworkers' cases are being considered, just as A. J. Berres, representing the steel workers, the Hoar's assails during consideration of steel workers' demands.

## 4 BILLIONS DEMANDED OF RUSSIA BY BERLIN

Dvina River Crossed Without Opposition, German Official Statement Says; Advance Made 100 Miles Southeast of Riga.

Bolsheviki Announce Russia Will Fight, Declaring Huns to Be Counter Revolutionists; Socialists Are Recruiting Army.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—A wireless message from Petrograd states that the commissaries have been forced to declare their willingness to sign a peace on the terms of the central powers.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Foreign Minister Trotsky, addressing the Bolshevick executive committee, has outlined publicly for the first time the startling peace terms presented by Germany, which Russia refused. They include retention of Poland, Lithuania, Riga and Moon Island and payment of four billion dollars indemnity.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Germany's advance against Russia was under way today, according to the Berlin war office. The Dvina river has been crossed without opposition, a German official statement said.

Called to help Ukraina, the are advancing from the direction of Kovel," the statement asserted.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—"The Germans have entered Dvinsk, with little resistance," the war office announced today. (Dvinsk is on the Dvina river, about 100 miles southeast of Riga.)

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Russia will fight. The Bolshevick foreign office so informed the United Press today.

If the Germans advance against Russia they will be declared counter revolutionists and will be fought like Alexieff and Kaledine, it was asserted. (Concluded on Page Seventeen, Column Six)

## Wife and Children Victims of Suicide

Eveleth, Minn., Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Grief-stricken over the death of his son, Fred Nyland shot and killed his wife and four children on his farm near here and then committed suicide. Neighbors found the bodies today in various rooms on the farm.