

MANY LOST ON ALASKA COAST; AUSTRIA PLANS TO DEMOLISH

C. P. LINER SINKS; 268 TRAVELERS ON BOARD

Steamer Princess Sophia Slips Off Vanderbilt Reef in Lynn Canal, on Which Vessel Had Been Fast Since Wednesday.

Majority of Passengers Reported to Be Klondikers on Way Out for Winter; Craft Sent to Aid Standing by in Bad Weather.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—A report reached Vancouver early this afternoon that the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Sophia has been lost and that the loss of life is believed to have been large.

The big C. P. R. coasting steamer left Skagway on Wednesday night at about 10 o'clock. She was steaming southward down Lynn canal at 3 a. m. when she struck Vanderbilt reef.

Apparently the weather had been bad there, because it was known on Friday afternoon that her passengers were still aboard.

A private message via Ketchikan reaching Vancouver this afternoon says the vessel and many passengers were lost. When last heard from last night, Captain Locke is said to have sent word that the main steam pipe had broken. The vessel was holding on the reef, but he then said that it was too rough for the small steamers which were standing by.

Major Cronkhite Is Accidentally Killed

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—Officers at Camp Lewis expressed regret today over the death of Major Alexander P. Cronkhite, who accidentally shot himself through the heart while at pistol target practice Friday. Death came almost immediately.

Major Cronkhite was a son of Major General A. Cronkhite, in command of the 80th division in France. He was with the 21st engineers.

Crews Wreck Ships in South American Ports

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—Six German ships were destroyed by their crews in the harbor of Coronel, Chile, late August, following a series of allied successes on the eastern front, according to Louis Falk, American editor, who reached San Francisco today from the South American republic. South American Germans, he said, were panicky over German reverses.

Waste of Manpower Brings Grave Crisis To German Industry

ARTICLE NO. 7
By Alfred G. Anderson
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Since the war began, 20,000,000 Germans have been called to the colors in one form or another. Not all, of course, were soldiers.
Of this number, 2,000,000 had been killed in action and 750,000 permanently crippled up to the time I visited Berlin. These figures were furnished to me by Captain Erich von Saltsman, nephew of General Ludendorff and military critic of the Voessische Zeitung, during a "friendly call" made in company with a neutral newspaper correspondent. I could not help feeling they were exaggerated. My questions were edged in quite casually in the course of a triangular conversation about general matters of no particular import. Had the captain been aware of my true identity,

THEY WILL STAND BY WILSON

HERE are two candidates for public office at the coming election for whom President Wilson asks you to vote. At the top is Oswald West, former governor of Oregon and now Democratic candidate for United States senator. He will loyally back President Wilson. Below is John S. Smith, who is a candidate for member of congress from the Third congressional district. He is a Democrat and he will be 100 per cent for Wilson policies.



IMPROVEMENT IN INFLUENZA CASES

No Deaths in 24 Hours and but 170 New Cases; Many Wear Masks.

Spanish influenza patients at The Auditorium hospital showed decided improvement today, no deaths having been reported at the hospital for the past 24 hours, according to office reports.
Friday 26 new patients were admitted and 15 were discharged as cured. The patients as a whole were reported to be progressing favorably.
New cases reported in by physicians today totaled 170, which was a decrease over the day previous. Up to date the health office records show that 178 cases of influenza have been reported in Portland. The total death toll is placed at 115.
In a number of cases deaths occurring at The Auditorium hospital might have been prevented, it is believed, had the victims received proper treatment earlier. In one instance a patient had remained unattended in his room in a hotel for a week, during which time he had little to eat.
The policy of requiring the general public to wear masks is being enforced.

Bank Clearings for Week \$41,921,196.11

Portland bank clearings for the week ending Saturday totaled \$41,921,196.11, compared with \$25,639,945.31 for the corresponding week of last year. Clearings for the week were considerably increased by checks on deposits credited to the spruce product division. Clearings for the week ending Thursday totaled \$45,861,370.16, the record for any one week in the history of the Portland Clearing House association.

ROEL OF HONOR

In the roll of honor below are the names of the following men from the Pacific Northwest:
DIED OF DISEASE
PRIVATE RUFUS T. FINNELL, emergency address, Mr. M. A. Finnel, Lewiston, Idaho.
SERGEANT ROBERT J. BROWN, U. S. M. C., Mr. Margaret O'Mara, Morrison, Wash.
WOUNDED SEVERELY IN ACTION
Private Nathan E. Hunt, U. S. M. C., emergency address, Mrs. I. Hunt, 685 East Tenth street, Portland.
Private Dolan A. Miller, emergency address, Mrs. Muriel Tate, Holland building, So. Lake, Wash.
Private Harry A. Wilson, emergency address, Mrs. Robert Hydon, First River, Idaho.
IN HOSPITAL CLASS D, PREVIOUSLY RECORDED
Private Seth O. Gudman, U. S. M. C., emer.

ATTACKSON PRESIDENT FORCE HIM TO ASK AID

Open Charges by Such Men as Poindexter and Roosevelt Compel Wilson to Ask Return of Democrats to Congress.

Poindexter Says He Should Be Impeached, While Roosevelt Practically Accuses Him of Pro-Germanism and Treason.

UNITED STATES SENATOR POINDEXTER in an interview published this week in New York papers, declared that "President Wilson should be impeached" if he conducted negotiations with Germany on a basis not in accordance with Poindexter's views. Intense indignation, irrespective of party, is expressed throughout the state of Washington, Senator Poindexter's home state, over the impeachment proposal.

A few days earlier Senator Poindexter introduced in the senate a resolution declaring it "unlawful for any official of the American government to answer in any way any note, message or representation from the German government or the German people or from any official representing them, on the subject of peace or an armistice until the German armed forces have surrendered."

Roosevelt Attacks President Theodore Roosevelt in one of many dastardly attacks upon the president declared that Woodrow Wilson "pro-German" enough to have the support of Germans whose "loyalty is to Germanism and not to Americanism." In effect, Roosevelt accused the president of treason.

These and other malignant attacks, launched on the eve of a national election, are part of a concerted plan to take from President Wilson the conduct of the war at its most critical moment. They constitute a deliberate propaganda inspired by partisanship and not by patriotism. The effect of this conspiracy, if successful, must be to discredit in the eyes of our allies not only the president but the American people.

This conspiracy was the compelling force which drove President Wilson to appeal to the American people to uphold his administration by returning a friendly congress.

The congressional elections are at hand," says the president. "They occur in the most critical period of our country's history and it is likely to face in our time. If you have approved of my leadership and wish to continue me to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourselves unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the senate and the house of representatives."

"The leaders of the minority in the present congress have unquestionably been pro-war, but they have been anti-administration from the very beginning since we entered the war they have sought to take the choice of policy and the conduct of the war out of my hands and put it under the control of legislative bodies of their own choosing. This is no time either for divided counsel or for divided leadership. Unity of command is as necessary now in civil life as it is upon the field of battle. If control of the house and senate should be taken away from the party now in power, an opposing majority could assume control of legislation and oblige all action to be taken amid contest and obstruction."

"The return of a Republican majority to either house of congress would, moreover, certainly be interpreted on the other side of the water as a repudiation of my leadership."

"It is well understood there, as well as here, that the Republican leaders desire not so much to support the president as to control him. The people of the allied countries with whom we are associated against Germany are quite familiar with the significance of elections. They would find it very difficult to believe that the voters of the United States had chosen to support their president by electing to the congress a majority controlled by those who are not in fact in sympathy with the attitude and action of the administration."

Big Storm Rages From Rockies to Mississippi; All Wires Are Down

Snow Falls in Colorado, the Dakotas and Wisconsin; Traffic Hampered.

The entire Western Mississippi valley, from the river to the eastern slope of the Rockies, is today in the grip of a storm of unusual severity. Traffic is seriously hampered and wire service is practically nil.

According to the weather bureau, there is snow in Colorado, the two Dakotas and Wisconsin, while heavy precipitation and temperatures between 20 and 40 degrees are reported in Northern Texas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa. Eastern Montana and Wyoming are also in the storm area. The storm is traveling north from the Gulf of Mexico.

Storm warnings were sent out Friday for all the territory west of the Mississippi, from Lake Superior south.

Heavy Snow in Nebraska Denver, Col., Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—Eleven inches of snow following a sleet storm near Grand Island, Neb., have prostrated miles of telephones and telegraph and railroad wire lines. A high windstorm between Garden City, Kan., and Dodge City, Kan., paralyzed communication in an area through which lines had been re-routed to connect points cut off by an earlier storm. Officials of the American Telephone & Telegraph company here stated that no relief was in sight before probably late this afternoon.

Storm Warning Issued Here The first storm warning of the season was issued at 11:30 this morning by the weather bureau, in a notice to small cities, all Oregon and Washington stations. "A moderate storm will move southeast from the North Pacific, with moderate southeast gales shifting to southwest Sunday," the warning says.

LITTLE HOPE FOR IRRIGATION ISSUE

Capital Issues Committee Critical in Consideration of Warm Springs Project.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The capital issues committee rehearing on the proposed Warm Springs irrigation bond issue Friday developed little encouraging figures on the labor and material supply and work needed by the dry farmers. A vigorous presentation of conditions was made by Senator Chamberlain, followed by Senator McNary, Representative McArthur and Representative Smith of Idaho.

The capital issues committee has not been so "critical and technical" with other irrigation projects as it was with the Warm Springs irrigation project of Malheur county at the hearing in Washington Friday. California schemes for irrigation have been approved by the same committee that was reluctant to give sympathetic backing to the Malheur county county settlers whose homes and stock and years of arduous work stand back of their petition. The fact that the capital issues committee has granted authority to sell bonds to California projects but not to Oregon was telegraphed to United States Senator George E. Chamberlain by former Governor Oswald West and by Senator Chamberlain presented before the capital issues committee. The message showed that the following California projects have received favorable action:

"Happy Valley district in early September for \$260,000. District contains 18,000 acres of which 2000 acres are in young olive and peach trees and the balance of which is in brush, are second grade or waste lands.

"Provident irrigation district approved in late August or early September for \$1,000,000. District contains 22,000 acres to either house of congress would, moreover, certainly be interpreted on the other side of the water as a repudiation of my leadership."

"It is well understood there, as well as here, that the Republican leaders desire not so much to support the president as to control him. The people of the allied countries with whom we are associated against Germany are quite familiar with the significance of elections. They would find it very difficult to believe that the voters of the United States had chosen to support their president by electing to the congress a majority controlled by those who are not in fact in sympathy with the attitude and action of the administration."

"The Warm Springs irrigation district is projected for the production of grain, beef, pork and alfalfa."

FOREST IS CLEARED OF HUNS BY YANKEES

Bourgogne Wood Taken by Americans in Short Dashes; Gains Made in Region of Dormount Wood Despite Resistance.

Austro-German Forces Are Driven Back on 45-Mile Line on Serbian Front; British Go Forward in the Valenciennes Region.

By Fred S. Ferguson WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—The Americans have cleared the Germans out of the important Bourgogne forest, north of Grand Pre, driving a sharp wedge into the enemy lines.

The forest was taken in short rushes, the doughboys then swinging eastward behind the German lines and threatening to cut off the Boche northwest of Grand Pre.

The attack in the Grand Pre region followed that of Friday, farther to the eastward, in which the Americans advanced nearly half a mile near Bantheville, occupying the high ridge north of that village. The British were taken after several assaults against numerous machine gun nests. One hundred and seventy prisoners were taken.

Bourgogne forest extends from a point west of Grand Pre to a point about 2 1/2 miles north of that village. Bantheville is about 10 miles east of Grand Pre. The high ridge referred to extends from the northern outskirts of the village

American Aviators Show Supremacy On Verdun Front

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 26.—(I. N. S.)—(Night)—Lieutenants Chester E. Wright of Brooklyn; Oscar H. Ude of New York; Ralph Hartman, Catawbas, Pa., and Harold Folmer of Selms Grove, Pa., were engaged by seven German Kokker airplanes while machine gunning Boche positions northeast of Verdun in conjunction with other attacks in this sector. The engagement took place over Fontaines.

One of the Fokkers was brought down in flames. The American aviators returned safely.

Steamer Cancels Alaska Sailings

Seattle, Oct. 26.—(I. N. S.)—The Humboldt Steamship company today announced the cancellation of the sailing of the steamship Humboldt for Alaska ports tonight. This action was taken as a result of Governor Thomas Riggs of Alaska forbidding anyone landing from a vessel aboard of which are influenza patients.

District Went Over Top by \$25,000,000

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—The twelfth federal reserve district over-subscribed its Liberty loan quota by about \$25,000,000, those in charge of the district campaign said today. Every town and county in the district went over the top. Exact totals are not yet compiled.

7400 Miles French, Belgian Soil Taken

Washington, Oct. 26.—(I. N. S.)—The allied forces have reclaimed 400 square miles of territory in Belgium and 7000 square miles of French territory since July 18, General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army, said correspondents here today.

Allied Diplomats Hold Conference; Hun War Council Awaiting Action

Inter-Allied Conference Began Sessions Tuesday, Is Official Announcement.

Paris, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—The inter-allied diplomatic conference began at Versailles Tuesday. It was officially announced here today.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(I. N. S.)—That the German war cabinet recognizes the serious situation confronting its armies is best indicated, officials said today, by the decision of that body to await the decision of the allies on the armistice question before replying to President Wilson's note. It is not believed that it will have long to wait.

The military and naval chiefs of the United States and the entente already are in conference in France. They have had before them the tentative program passed upon by the Versailles war council and the British admiralty authorities. This program will be materially strengthened, officials here believe, before it is sent to the allied premiers for approval and transmission to President Wilson, who will, in turn, pass it back to Germany.

It will be in Berlin, unless some unexpected obstacle presents itself, not later than the end of next week.

German Situation Critical Meanwhile the internal political situation within Germany constantly grows more critical. The demand for the immediate abdication of the kaiser, fanned by the extreme Socialists, is being voiced from every quarter of the empire. So far there has been no notable change of this "lese majeste" by the authorities, but it is generally believed here that they will have to take steps to end this agitation and that this action will precipitate a conflict that will have far reaching effects.

The junkers and the military party are calling on all "loyal Germans" to gather around them and announce a "resistance to the death" program. The Socialists and the workers in the industrial centers are planning a general strike to compel the immediate ending of the war under the best terms possible. No one here can forecast which proposition will be successful.

Boy Scouts Are Under Arms The situation admittedly is charged with dynamite and the official reports reaching Washington are so conflicting as to be almost worthless in aiding in reaching a conclusion as to what to expect. That the authorities are extremely apprehensive of a coup d'etat by the radicals is indicated by the report that they have armed the Boy Scouts in the big industrial centers, including the shipping cities and the munition manufacturing communities, with machine guns and placed them under the direct command of the police authorities. These Boy Scouts are to aid the elderly policemen in putting down up to the average military leaders say, the threatened strike.

Diplomatic dispatches reaching here today told of processions of women in some German cities who carried banners demanding peace. These dispatches emphasized the great greeting that was given Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Socialist leader and former member of the reichstag, on his release from prison, where he has been confined since his charge of attempted treason in connection with the May day riots of 1916. He is reported to have summoned a conference of the socialist leaders to determine a program that will force an early peace.

But, regardless of what may develop in connection with the diplomatic situation, there will be no confirmation in the military measures being pressed by the United States and the allies. The overseas movement of troops continues up to the average military leaders say, despite the ravages of Spanish influenza throughout the country. If the military party regains control in Germany and decides to fight on, the leaders will find that Field Marshal Foch has anticipated that possibility and will continue his hammering on all fronts.

The movement against the Austria-Hungarian forces on the northern Italian battle front between the Brenta and Piave rivers is expected to aid the peace movement in Austria.

The Italian have the benefit in this offensive of British and French veterans and their success already is remarkable when the extremely difficult terrain with which they are fighting is considered.

Officials here say that the crisis in Austria's internal affairs cannot be determined longer. There is no confirmation here of the Italian reports that Emperor Charles has declared his intention of abdicating, but all of the dispatches from Rome, Berlin and from Scandinavian sources emphasize the seriousness of the revolts in Hungary, where the army apparently is seizing strategic cities in an effort to force an immediate peace on any terms obtainable.

Emperor Expected to Abdicate London, Oct. 26.—(I. N. S.)—A rumor circulated in Vatican circles has it that Emperor Charles of Austria and his family are about to leave Vienna for a journey through Hungary, preliminary to the emperor's abdication, the correspondent of the Daily News said in a dispatch today.

Anheuser-Busch to Dry Spuds, Carrots

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—With the coming of the anti-beer law, Anheuser-Busch officials here today announced their local plant would be operated by a new corporation, the American Products company, and would be used for dehydrating vegetables. The company already has a \$50,000 government contract.

HUNGARY WILL SEEK IMMEDIATE PEACE PACT

Dispatches From Switzerland Are to the Effect That Alliance of Dual Monarchy With Germany Has Been Denounced.

Preservation of Nation's Territorial Integrity Reported the Only Condition Hungary Stipulates to Be Permitted to Quit.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Preparations are being made for the demobilization of the Austro-Hungarian army, it has been officially announced in Vienna, according to dispatches received here today from the Austrian capital.

A dispatch from Berne also stated that, following a conference of Hungarian officials, it was decided to ask for an immediate peace. The alliance with Germany also is said to have been denounced.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and French ministers to that country an offer of peace virtually amounting to a surrender, according to a Berne dispatch to the Daily Mail.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—The German war cabinet has decided not to answer President Wilson's last communication until the entente allies state their conditions for an armistice, according to advices from Berlin to Zurich, a Central News dispatch said today.

The Hague, Oct. 26.—(U. P.)—In his first speech in the reichstag since his release from prison, Herr Dittman, Socialist, demanded a German republic, it became known here today. Independent Socialists echoed the demand at meetings throughout the empire.

To Cease Fighting London, Oct. 26.—A practical agreement has been reached between the Hungarian people and the Hungarian army to cease fighting on November 1, no matter what Austria and Germany's attitude may be toward President Wilson's last note. Information to this effect was telegraphed Friday night by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express.

Preservation of Hungary's territorial integrity, the correspondent says, "is the only condition Hungary stipulates for a separate peace. Separate peace has been determined upon at all costs, a revolution is necessary to bring it about."

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—So serious was the condition of the German kaiser, who is ill, that all her children have been called to her bedside in the Potsdam palace, it was learned from Berlin today. The kaiser was 66 years old on Tuesday.