

A. O. DAVIS CAPTURED BY WOMAN

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin Overtakes Fugitive in San Francisco and Recovers Much of the Money.

Young Man Says He Will Make Amends; Admits He Has Been Living "High" Since Escapade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Arthur C. Davis is under arrest here today, charged with robbing the East Side bank of Portland, Or., of \$18,500.

He has confessed, the police say. The arrest was effected through the cleverness of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, former policewoman of Portland, who recognized Davis.

Mrs. Baldwin saw Davis passing in an expensive automobile. She commanded a jitney and followed him. Finally when he alighted, she went up to him, engaged him in conversation and signaled a policeman.

The arrest was made last night, but was not announced until today.

Because he was a minister's son, he never had an even break. That was the excuse Davis gave today for a train of circumstances that led him to rob the East Side bank in Portland of \$18,500.

"The fellows always pointed me out as a 'goody-goody,'" he said. "As a boy they always ridiculed me as the minister's son. Whenever I did anything to show I was a regular fellow, people would say, 'Ministers' sons always are bad.'"

"They can say that now, all right," Davis said, with a smile.

Strict home training, lack of a chance at real fun, combined to make him do a real "outline," he said, and he obtained his funds for the "outing" from the bank.

Davis, who is married, and who is the son of a minister in Portland, was employed by the bank for a brief period during the robbery.

Soon after the money and bank's papers were missed, an attempt was made to find Davis. His wife said he had left before daylight that morning after leaving \$1500 with her. This money she turned over to the bank. She said Davis left in the early morning, returning later with a suit case. He then kissed her goodbye and gave her the money.

Davis had \$735 on him when arrested. He said he had \$1500 more in a trunk in his room. The police also found a \$50 Liberty bond, nine \$100 Liberty bonds and one \$500 bond. Some of the valuables stolen from the bank consisted of Liberty bonds.

Davis admitted he had been living "high" since leaving Portland. He had assumed the name of A. F. Hill. Mrs. Baldwin said she talked over the case with Davis before turning him over to the police.

"He is the son of the Rev. C. Howard Davis and is a member of a fine old family," she said. "He is very immature. I cannot believe he is a real criminal. He left a wife and 16-month-old baby in Portland. His wife never had lost faith in him. He was married at 18."

His wife's case is most pathetic. Every night she has waited for him in their little cottage, believing he would come back. There was no other woman in the case, I believe, and I think it will be found he still has much of the money.

A large reward had been offered for the capture of Davis, and this probably

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BRITISH SHIPS SHELL FORCES OF BOLSHEVIKI

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—A British squadron in the Gulf of Finland bombarded the front and rear sectors of the Bolshevik forces, halting the enemy's advance, the Estonian official communique announced today.

London, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says it is reliably reported that the Bolshevik government intends to evacuate Petrograd and establish headquarters at Nijni-Novgorod.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The allies are expected to land troops in Petrograd after Christmas, according to travelers reaching here from that city today.

SHIPPERS TO SEEK RIVER GRADE RATE

Inland Empire League Expecting Active Interest of River Ports in Petition.

Great interest has been excited among ports of the Columbia by the organization of the Inland Empire Shippers' league at Pendleton last Saturday and the determined decision of that body to seek from the interstate commerce commission a rate based on the cost of rail transportation to tidewater.

Such a petition by the shippers involves a demand for recognition of the Columbia water grade route and an official establishing of the fact that transportation over the rough and high mountain ranges to Puget Sound of necessity is more costly than via the almost level water grade to ports of the Columbia.

The active interest of Portland, Astoria and Vancouver in the promised petitioning of the interstate commerce commission by inland empire shippers is expected to express itself in two forms.

First—In a common desire for an order establishing a differential in the rates from the Inland Empire to Puget Sound and to tidewater on the Columbia.

Second—A lively concern as to the form which the anticipated order of the commission will take, whether recognition of the water grade route will be involved, or whether there will be taken into account as a means of figuring the cost of transportation, the respective distances of Columbia river ports from the Inland Empire.

What Puget Sound ports, particularly Seattle and Tacoma, will do to meet the petition is problematical, but active resistance is anticipated as the parity of rates in respect to Puget Sound and ports of the Columbia, arbitrarily and artificially imposed in disregard to the costly mountain routes to the sound, has permitted Seattle and Tacoma to compete commercially with ports of the Columbia.

Precedent May Be Set As private properties the railroads serving Puget sound and the Columbia river ports would be represented by various forms of influence and intervention. The extent to which their status will be modified by government administration is yet to be determined.

The petition for a differential in favor of the Columbia water grade is the first of its kind since control of the railroads was taken over by the government, and if won, would set a precedent for the entire country.

Chinese Delegates Arrive in U. S. on Way to Versailles

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Four Chinese diplomats, on their way to Paris to participate in the peace conference, were passengers on the liner China which arrived today.

They are: Chao Hsiang Zee, Tom King, Dr. Wei Techo and Ty Chieng. A delegation from the Chinese consular met the party.

Chinese trade questions and the problem of race recognition by allied nations will be taken up by the diplomats at the peace table, it was said. Wei Sun Tsou, new Chinese minister to Belgium, also arrived today.

ROLL OF HONOR

In the roll of honor made public today are the names of the following men from Pacific Northwest:

KILLED IN ACTION Oregon PRIVATE LARS J. GIBBOLT, emergency address Mrs. Nora Gibbolt, Astoria.

Washington LIEUTENANT WILLIAM O. HOGE, emergency address Mrs. M. E. Hoze, Portland.

Ideaho SERGEANT WESLEY W. WEEKS, emergency address Mrs. Weeks, Lewiston.

Washington PRIVATE FRED McNEILL, emergency address Mrs. McNeill, Richfield.

Washington PRIVATE ERNEST F. ECKERLEIN, U. S. M. C., emergency address Alex Eckerlein, Salem.

Washington PRIVATE JOHN L. FULWELLER, U. S. M. C., emergency address Fannie L. Fulweller, Spokane.

Washington PRIVATE CLARENCE L. KEYS, U. S. M. C., emergency address E. Keys, Auburn.

Washington PRIVATE HARLOW F. HOOPER, U. S. M. C., emergency address Laverne Hooper, Rupert.

DIED OF DISEASE Oregon PRIVATE JOHN SINGLETON, emergency address Mrs. Jane Singleton, Eagle Point.

Washington SERGEANT DAN B. PARKHILL, emergency address Fred A. Parkhill, Bellingham.

Washington PRIVATE FRED R. W. KEUNE, emergency address Mrs. R. W. Keune, Two Rivers.

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RED CROSS ENROLLING THOUSANDS

Incomplete Reports Indicate 25,850 Members Obtained by Workers on First Day's Drive.

Two Precincts in Wasco County Hundred Per Cent Strong; Reports Are Slow in Coming In.

INCOMPLETE reports this morning showed that 25,850 members were enrolled in the Red Cross Monday on the first day of the drive. These figures include Portland and the state outside.

When O. C. Bortmeyer closed his office in the Liberty temple Monday night, only 12 out of the 53 precincts had reported, and they made a total of 8875. On this basis, the city probably enrolled 25,000 or more members the first day.

Only 11 counties out of 36 reported to State Manager H. E. Witham up to 10 o'clock this morning, and one of these represented the city. Presumably there were between 60,000 and 65,000 enrolled in the state.

So well have the women been received by the public that they are enthusiastically this morning starting the second day of their membership drive with renewed energy. The cordial

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FINDS NO LAW FOR GIVING UP KAISER

German Chancellor Says His Only Desire Is That Guilt for War Be Fixed.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—(British Admiralty Wireless).—Friedrich Ebert, German chancellor, in an interview today said he knew of no provision in law upon which the ex-kaiser could be extradited.

"We have separated ourselves from him after decades of bitter struggle," Ebert said. "And we only regret that guilt for the responsibility of the outbreak of the war should be finally fixed in order that he should be exposed to the law. I cannot think of any provision in law upon which Wilhelm would have to be given up."

Asked if he took an optimistic view of the future, Ebert replied: "As far as the future, I am optimistic. Our old government which has taken over such a heritage and finds itself placed before such a terribly tangled situation. You must remember that our influence upon the course of events is limited. We cannot create bread for the German people. If the nation is allowed to starve, then the inevitable will follow. That a nation can be brought to such a desperate situation that it must break all restraints is shown by the experiences of the past year."

Such people regard themselves upon the authors of their misery. Our old system came to the ground finally as a result of Russian events which it had itself invoked."

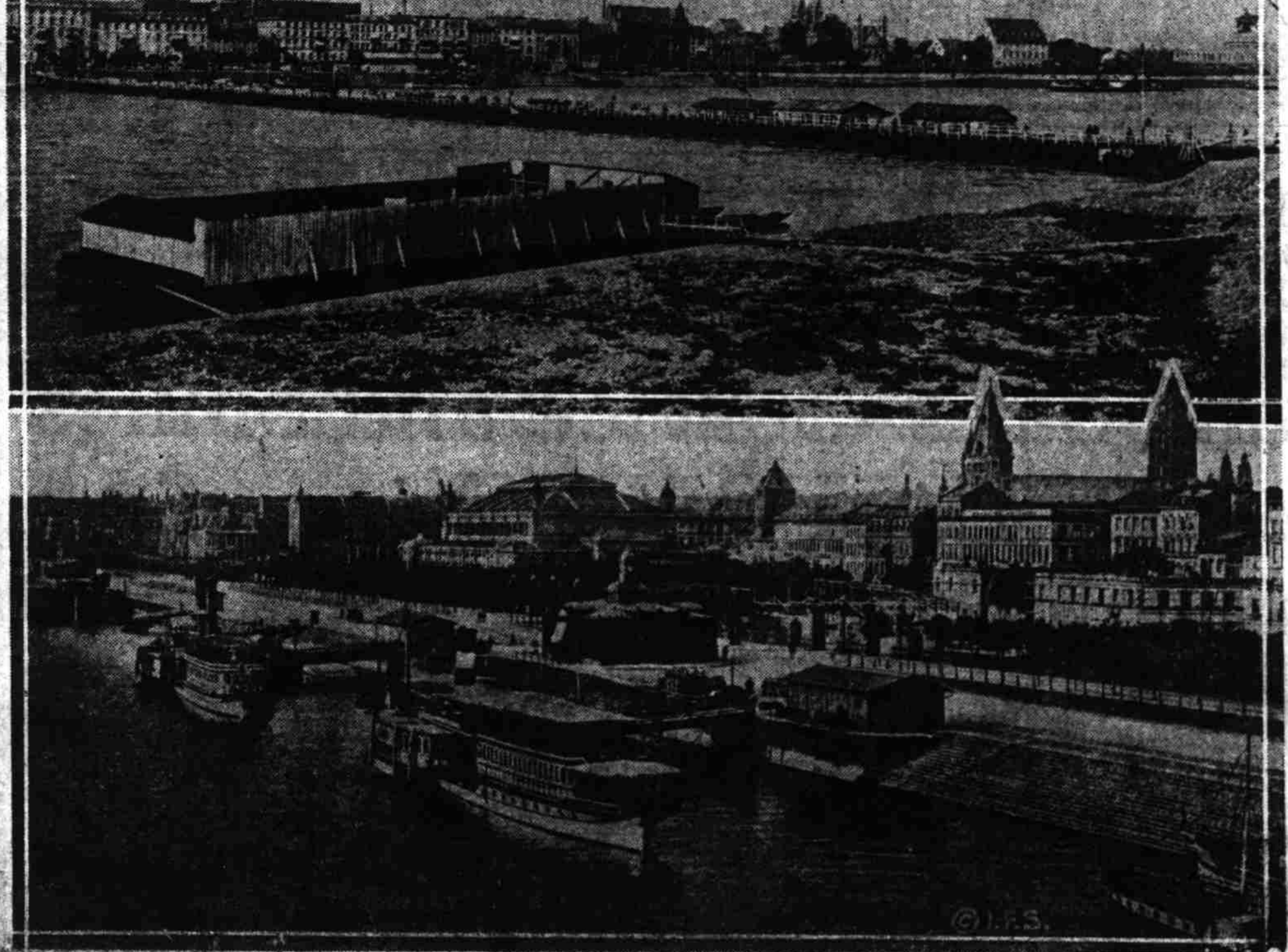
Kaiser Plans Return Is Reported LONDON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—That the ex-kaiser of Germany is planning to return to Berlin was indicated by a Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Express today stating that the Dutch government is to petition the German government to insure the safety of the former emperor on his trip to the German capital. The dispatch added that the ex-kaiser may return soon.

Flu Patients Will Be Shifted to the Nisbit Sanatorium

Arrangements were made by City Health Officer Parrish today whereby the Nisbit sanatorium at Nineteenth and Lovejoy streets will take over influenza cases now being cared for at the Auditorium. Mayor Baker and Superintendent Hal White of the Auditorium were out of town and no action could be taken with regard to the clearing of the big emergency hospital of its patients, but the mayor will probably issue the necessary order as soon as he returns from Salem.

TWO IMPORTANT RHINE CITIES WHICH YANKS ARE OCCUPYING

HERE are two of the most important cities on the Rhine which American troops are now policing. At the top is Coblenz, which a battalion of the 39th infantry first occupied. Below is Mainz, viewed from the Rhine. Mainz is the capital of Rhenish Hesse and is one of the principal fortresses of Germany on the left bank of the Rhine. These photographs, copyrighted by the I. F. S., give a good view of the famous German river.



QUESTIONNAIRES ARE TO BE FILED

Draft Records to Become Part of Historical Records; Information Not to Be Used.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—All questionnaires which have been filed on and returned to local draft boards are to be kept as historical records in war department vaults here.

Practically every man in the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 has filed out one of these blank forms, thereby placing himself at the service of the government in the past emergency. The only exceptions are those near the age limit of 45, who were the last to receive the forms.

Those which were not filled out before the armistice was signed have been returned to the provost marshal general's office.

All questionnaires are to be sealed and kept for reference, it was stated today. Chief among the uses to which they will be put are:

First—Will be used in connection with other data, to aid war risk insurance bureaus in checking up on soldiers due to receive allotments for injury or service.

Second—Will provide a record for men eligible to enter organizations similar to the G. A. R., which will undoubtedly be formed after all the soldiers have returned home.

The questionnaires will not be used to keep the government informed as to the occupation, earning capacity or character of registered men, it was pointed out. Nothing of this sort is or has been contemplated by the government. The reports have been circulated at various times since the selective service act was put into effect that the information gained through the filling out of the questionnaires would be used to public advantage. This would be impossible, it was stated at the provost marshal general's office because the records are to be sealed and opened only at the request of the person whose record is in question.

French Premier Sustained by Vote Of 310 to 175

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The chamber of deputies today passed a vote of confidence in the Clemenceau government, 310 to 175. The vote was taken on the question of whether the armistice terms are acceptable, when Deputy Emilio Constant asked why total immediate demobilization of the German army was not included.

Rhine Is Wider Than Willamette, Not So Pretty, Yanks Find

By Damon Ranney Special Cable Dispatch With the American Army of Occupation at Coblenz on the Rhine.—(By Courier to Nantes, via Paris), Dec. 16.—At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, four doughboys were sitting on the west bank of a very famous river in Germany having their soaking feet in its cooling waters, and idly squirting the juice of Horeshoe plug into the stream.

They got to debating the merits of the river. One scoffed at it as a puny affair. "Buddies," he said solemnly, "when I think of the Nile, the Amazon, the Mississippi down Natchez way," he asserted stoutly.

Another admitted grudgingly that it is wider than the Willamette, but promptly added that it's "not half as pretty."

"Wouldn't trade Hudson for it," said the third, picking up a pebble and chucking it into the water.

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"Keep 'Watch on Rhine'" Tonight gruff American voices were floating out over the bosom of the water as American soldiers strolled along the banks, under great trees, watching the lights bob up and down the stream, passing many joyful remarks about keeping the "Watch on the Rhine."

In many a cafe overlooking the river, American soldiers had their big American feet under German tables and long German beer and listening to the music of German orchestras while citizens and soldiers of the tumbling empire sat about with their women folks watching them with great curiosity. Waiters with closely cropped heads rushed about serving newcomers. Most of them had fed German machine guns somewhere between the Marne and the Meuse, against their fresh patrons.

Holiday Spirit Prevails On the walls of cafes still hang pictures that bring the memories back to the old regime. One, showing the Kaiser and his six sons in military array, must have been once quite popular. Throughout the town of Coblenz there is an atmosphere of pre-holiday spirit amounting to downright gaiety as the big invaders from over seas stamp along the streets.

MARCH TO RHINE TEST FOR YANKS

Army of 250,000 Men Marches Between 200 and 300 Miles in Month; Test Severe.

By Webb Miller With the American Army of Occupation at Coblenz on the Rhine.—(By Courier to Nancy, U. P.)—The third army now occupies a strip of Germany containing more than 1500 square miles. It is supervising the administration of several hundred villages and operating hundreds of miles of railroads and street-car lines.

The methodical taking over of this tremendous responsibility with the multitudinous needs of hundreds of thousands of people will be almost entirely accomplished within 15 days.

There is not a precedent in history for this occupation, which is also remarkable in that it was finished without any hostile demonstration by either inhabitants or troops.

An army of 250,000 men marched between 200 and 300 miles within a month, starting almost immediately after weeks of the hardest kind of fighting. In the last six weeks men and officers have undergone probably the most severe physical test that any American army has ever experienced.

Yet as they reached the Rhine after wearisome and muddy marches, they presented a magnificent appearance, despite their worn and mud-spattered uniforms. Many of the men were wearing the same uniform they had in their last fighting. The shoes of some were torn and worn out, but they limped along, refusing to fall out and bristling they would hang on and finish the job.

Every phase of the occupation was completed in exact accordance with plans laid out the week before the march began. Even the Germans admit they were surprised by the smoothness and directness of the method of occupation.

Purchase of Land To Protect Water Supplies Approved

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.—Representative Hawley today appeared before the house committee on public land and the committee directed favorable reports on his bills to authorize the purchase of land in the state of Oregon to purchase 1200 and 300 and 20 acres, respectively, of the Oregon and California grant lands for protection of their water supply. The bill to transfer grant lands to forest reserves to protect the Oregon City, Dallas and Corvallis water supplies was considered but action was postponed to a later meeting.

SOCIALISTS TURN DOWN BOLSHEVIKI

Liebkecht and Rosa Luxemburg Refused Permission to Sit in the Council of Workingmen.

Ebert and Scheidemann Appear to Be Strengthening Hand in New Government of Germany.

BERLIN, via Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The German congress of soviets today voted for the formation of a national assembly.

This will take the place of the reichstag. The decision to form a national assembly was a sharp defeat for the Spartacus, or extremist group, headed by Karl Liebknecht and his radical lieutenant.

The independent socialists deserted their former allies, the Spartacus group, and voted with the majority socialists for the first time.

By Frank J. Taylor BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(120 p. m.)—(U. P.)—Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Bolshevik leaders, today were refused permission to attend the national meeting of workmen's and soldiers' councils.

Radical members introduced a resolution demanding for Liebknecht and his aide the right to sit in the conference, but they were outvoted by a huge majority.

The scene in the parliament chamber was a striking one when the meeting was called to order. The room was filled with soldiers in field gray uniforms. Mingling with them were workers in shabby clothes. There were also a few sailors. And this room formerly was tenanted only by legislators of the most formal and correct dress. There was one woman delegate and there were several women in the audience. They were the first ever in the chamber. Ebert, Haase and Scheidemann occupied the tribune beside the rostrum.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—(Delayed)—(U. P.)—Germany is groping in a political semi-chaos. She can be compared to a big industry from which the owners have been removed, leaving the workers in control. Engineers and irrigationists and industrialists are trying to get the reins of government back into their hands. They are trying to get the reins of government back into their hands. They are trying to get the reins of government back into their hands.

TWO BIT STAMPS DID NOT IMPRESS

Malheur Ranchers Didn't Know They Could Invest \$1000 in 4 Per Cent Paper.

By Fred Luskley Ontario, Dec. 17.—On Friday and Saturday of last week there was held at Ontario an irrigation and drainage school. Interesting lectures by expert engineers and irrigationists and constructive talks by those in attendance made the two day session a profitable one.

Professor W. J. Powers, chief of the department of drainage and irrigation at O. A. C., was the principal speaker. He spoke on the "Selection and Preparation of Land for Drainage," on "Economic Use of Irrigation Water" and on "Drainage of Water Logged Land." He answered scores of questions on the practice of irrigation.

Fred W. Cupper, state engineer, discussed Oregon water laws and John (Concluded on Page Eighteen, Column One)

All Regulations on Fuel Oils Removed

Announcement of the removal of all restrictions and regulations on fuel oil by the United States fuel administration was received from Washington this morning by Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes. This severs completely the connection which has existed between the oil division and the fuel administration.

Belgian Delegation To Versailles Named

Brussels, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The following peace delegation is being announced today; will represent Belgium at the peace conference: Foreign Minister Hymans, Minister of Justice Vandervelde and St. Vanderhevel, minister to the Vatican.