



# SESSION OF FEBRUARY PREDICTED

### Opening Date for Peace Conference Still Delayed; President Takes Walk in Paris Streets.

### Trip to London Will Be Made Immediately After Visit to the American Front at Christmas.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President Wilson will return to Paris from his English trip December 30, prepared to take up the final preliminaries of the formal inter-allied conference.

By that time he will have obtained the principal points of view of the British, French and Italian diplomats, together with those of some neutrals.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The inter-allied peace conference at Versailles will not be convened before February, "at the earliest," the Echo de Paris stated today.

Paris, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson's plans for Christmas were completed today. He will leave Paris for General Pershing's headquarters at Chaumont on Monday and will spend two days with the American troops.

President Wilson will leave Paris for London immediately after his Christmas trip to the American front. This was learned here today, although the details of the American executive's trips are being closely guarded.

The program of presidential activities for today included the conferring of the degree of doctor by the Sorbonne at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and a motor trip to Versailles earlier in the day.

The ceremonies in connection with the conferring of the honorary degree were planned to be held in the grand amphitheater at the Sorbonne.

During the morning the president walked through the streets of Paris, leaving the Marais headquarters at Chaumont, accompanied by his personal physician, Dr. Grayson, and the usual secret service agents, promenade toward the center of the city.

The president wore formal morning attire and a silk hat. Very few persons recognized the distinguished visitor and those who did politely respected his incognito.

Because he has been unable to take his customary golfing exercise in the day.

British Extend Occupation  
Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The British troops in Prussia have extended their occupation from Cologne to Düsseldorf, said a dispatch from Cologne today, quoting the Gazette. Düsseldorf is 21 miles northwest of Cologne.

Austria Asks Allies  
To Send Troops to  
Occupy Vienna  
Zurich, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Austria has again asked the allies to send a force of British, French and American troops to occupy Vienna, according to advices from the Austrian capital today.

## CRIPPLED ORPHAN IS MADE HAPPY THROUGH GIFTS OF SKIN BY TWO MEN FRIENDS; WANTS CHRISTMAS AIRGUN

Up at St. Vincent's hospital, with one leg off and the other swathed in bandages, 12-year-old William McGregor is happy—so happy that he wants an airgun for Christmas.

## JUNKER NO. 2 SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, WHO HAS JOINED SENATOR PHILANDER C. KNOX OF PENNSYLVANIA IN OPPOSING THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN OF PRESIDENT WILSON.



## JUNKER TACTICS HARMING WILSON

### Despite America's Wish Sessions Are Likely to Be Held in Secret.

By James J. Montague  
Special Cable Dispatch  
Paris, Dec. 21.—What President Wilson has come to France to accomplish, namely, world safety, may be impossible till all European peoples understand that Americans stand solidly behind him.

Any patriotic American seeing the situation here would do his utmost to end anti-administration action in congress.

The French people may be easily led to think that Senators Lodge and Knox and others are more powerful than are the American peace delegates. Serious interferences with the American plans and with the plans to bring about an early peace may result from the deliberate attempts to persuade the populace here that President Wilson is not the spokesman for all American people.

What the American peace commission wants is a speedy ending of all possibility of further wars.

But certain political factions are seeking to spread the idea that Mr. Wilson has come to dicker and trade and that America's plans are not as idealistic as they have been stated to be.

Such false ideas are capable of indefinite mischief at the present stage of affairs.

President Wilson is not worried but he is concerned and is anxious to see that his own country ascertains the real state of affairs and all the news it is possible to give out.

The president will go to England, Belgium and Italy.

He declines to go to Germany in any circumstances. He will not, however, enter into any negotiations.

# LEAGUE IS FOUGHT BY SEN. LODGE

### Republican Leader in Senate Comes Out Openly in Opposition to Wilson Peace Plan.

### Opposes Discussion of Secret Diplomacy, Freedom of Seas, and Reduction of Armament.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The task of the peace conference is to make peace with Germany. All other problems, "having to do with issues that at this time are vague or unknown," should go over for future discussion.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, who will be, majorly leader when the peace treaty is before the senate for ratification, laid down this doctrine today.

Senator Lodge singled out five of the president's 14 peace points which he said should not be considered by the peace conference and should not be dealt with in the treaty.

They are:  
1—The president's first point relating to secret diplomacy.  
2—The second point, dealing with the freedom of the seas.  
3—The third point, referring to the removal of economic barriers.  
4—The fourth point, declaring for a

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## PORTLAND BANKERS ARE TO BACK W. S. S.

### Members of Clearing House Vote to Exert Influence to Put Oregon's Quota Over.

Members of the Portland clearing house at a meeting Friday night voted to get solidly back of the War Savings Stamp campaign for the rest of the year, and to exert their influence in putting Oregon "over" for its full quota by midnight, December 31.

The spirit of the Portland clearing house on the subject of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps was embodied in the following recommendation adopted at the meeting, upon report of E. G. Crawford, first vice president of the United States National Bank; Edward Cooling-List, vice president of the Laund & Tilton bank, and John L. Hartman, president of the J. L. Hartman company, members of a committee appointed to report upon the sale of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps. These recommendations include:

That the Portland banks purchase as many War Savings Stamps and certificates as possible before January 1.

That they urge the payment in full of War Savings Stamp pledges.

That the Portland banks carry in their advertisements in the daily papers, until January 1, a notice setting forth that Oregon and Portland are behind in their quotas, and asking that amounts pledged be paid by January 1.

A resolution was also adopted setting forth:  
That the Portland banks have purchased nearly \$1,500,000 of stamps and certificates; and  
That the president of the clearing house, and five other British generals have sent a telegram to all Oregonians, requesting the purchase of as many stamps as possible by January 1; and  
That the state of Oregon has met its quota more nearly than any other Northwestern state; and  
That great credit is due to C. S. Jackson for the results obtained.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Freida Weichman, bride of the "gypsy honeymoon," was killed by a blast from a shotgun of the same gauge and type as a gun owned by Milo H. Piper and wadding from a cartridge found in the body of the dead girl compares exactly with that of a cartridge seized in a raid on Piper's home here. Prosecuting Attorney Jackson declared today.

## MEN ON FRONT HEARD PEACE NEWS NOV. 8

AMERICAN soldiers in the front lines in France celebrated November 8 simultaneously with the first celebration of the armistice in Portland, according to a letter reaching Portland from Sergeant Bill Stepp, Battery A, 14th F. A., Oregon unit, indicating that the belief that the armistice had been signed by the first German delegation was prevalent all over France.

"We were sitting in our dugouts only the other night," writes Sergeant Stepp under date of November 11, "when all the rifles and pistol firing a man ever heard turned loose. Star shells, red blue and green fires and rockets of all kinds were sent up. And on the auto trucks head lights were on, right up where Fritz could hit us with a rock. It had us battymen puzzled as to what the enemy officers from our captains to keep under cover with all lights out.

## ONLY ALIBI TO BE RED CROSS BUTTON

### Enrollment Solicitors Will Be Busier Than Ever Tonight and Tomorrow.

Portland enrollment ..... 75,000  
State enrollment ..... 70,000  
Total enrollment ..... 145,000

Far from what was expected in the Red Cross membership campaign is the total of figures today. By this time Oregon should have passed the 100,000 mark, considering the effort expended by the solicitors and the worthiness of the cause.

The state of Washington had enrolled Friday night, 109,000, of which 110,000 came from Seattle, so that Oregon, outside of Portland, is ahead of Washington state, outside of Seattle. Idaho state figures last night were 61,000.

In Portland Friday there were 11,965 enrollments.

A telegram has been received by Henry E. Reed, city manager, from Herbert Lindley, director for the Northwest, that the Red Cross management believed there would be a universal response to the Christmas roll call, it was considered that no other fund would be required next spring, as originally planned. The message to Mr. Reed stresses the fact that unless Portland makes the necessary showing in membership there may have to be a drive for funds during the coming year. To avoid making such a drive, it is important that the universal membership campaign now in progress be intensified.

William Ellis, managing the Baker county drive, reports that there is an overflow in his section, even when the soldiers do the soliciting, and he is preparing to publish a list of the slackers in the Baker newspapers.

In Portland today the drive took on new life with the appearance of the soldiers of the spruce production division and the Red Cross canteen girls. They

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## Story of Proposal To Sink Hun Fleet Called 'Pure Bunk'

### By Fred S. Ferguson Paris, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The report that the American commissioners had decided to advocate sinking of the surrendered German fleet is "pure bunk," a high authority said today.

Submitting suggestions regarding the German fleet or guessing how it will be disposed of are among the favorite pastimes here at present. The same applies to disposition of the former kaiser.

As a matter of fact nothing in regard to either has been decided upon yet. A great number of proposals have been received but they have not yet been thoroughly discussed.

# MUST POOL ARMS SAYS PRESIDENT

### Wilson Tells London Times the Delegates Should Get Together on 'Ideals Common to All.'

### Says Men in Streets Know as Well as Anyone What Chief Purposes of Conference Are.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President Wilson, in an interview with the correspondent of the London Times, declared it is necessary that the delegates get together and pool everything they have got for the benefit of the "ideals which are common to all."

He expressed confidence the peace conference will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems presented and earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it.

Replying to a question as to what is the great purpose of the peace conference, the president said:  
"The plain man on the street can answer that as well as I. The plain people of all nations are now looking with anxious expectation toward Versailles, and I am sure they are asking this question: 'Will there be found enough wisdom of purpose among the statesmen assembled there to create a safeguard against future wars?'"

"The difficulties and responsibilities—"  
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## CHINA SUPPORTS WILSON POLICIES

### Everything That President of U. S. Proposes Is Indorsed, Says Minister.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—"China's stand in the peace conference is not alone going to be for the 14 points of President Wilson, but for everything he stands for."

The above statement was made today by Minister S. T. Wei, Chinese delegate to the peace conference, on his arrival here en route from Peking to Versailles. Following the peace conference Wei will take up his duties as minister to Belgium.

"We stand for the principle of the government of people by the consent of the governed," continued the plenipotentiary. "I believe that out of the peace conference will come a better, freer, greater China, and I believe that the peace conference and our policy is not specified to do with the cementing together of the opposing factions in the north and south of China."

Asked if the Chinese commission would demand the return of "Ting" and the Chinese railway which was taken over by the Japanese and English from the Germans, the minister said:  
"I do not believe we will have to ask for this. We expect it and will stand for it. All of this would be returned to China and we will get it back."

"We are going into the conference with the same ideas in mind that your president has put forth, and we expect to get the same consideration as other nations—not that we are asking for anything that we are not entitled to but our rights."

## British Paper Is Against Any Contest

London, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The weekly newspaper, National, warns the British people that it would be suicidal to enter a naval building competition with the United States, declaring if there is to be any naval supremacy at all it will be American, not British.

# State Lands Lost Through Fraud Can Yet Be Recovered

### Looters of Public Domain Made to Disgorge Whenever Prosecutions Have Been Made in State and Federal Courts

THE school fund of Oregon has lost a vast and uncomputed sum of money through the looting of the state's public domain by fraud and collusion.

Timbermen and land grabbers have amassed vast fortunes by the illegal acquisition of state school land, school indemnity land and swamp land in the years gone by.

The land fraud prosecutions of 1905, and following years, established the fact that the state of Oregon, as well as the government of the United States, was robbed of its public lands in vast blocks by conspiracy and deceit.

The problem of furnishing homes for returning soldiers and sailors has raised afresh the question of whether the state of Oregon, through its state land board, or otherwise, should not at once institute proceedings to recover these state lands fraudulently taken from it, or the value of the land so taken.

The suit brought by the United States against Willard N. Jones, and the \$18,000 judgment given against him, established the fact that it is possible for the government to recover damages for the illegal acquisition of government land. The result of that trial would seem to fix the rule that the state government can recover damages from all those who, by fraud and deceit, have robbed the state of its lands, and the irreducible school fund of the money that would have come from them.

Much Already Won Back  
But the state needs no precedent suit to spur it to action. The uniform success of Attorney General Brown in his efforts to recover state land fraudulently acquired in the Hyde-Benson court and deceit, have robbed the state of its lands, and the irreducible school fund of the money that would have come from them.

Puter, McKinley and their underlings got the Hyde-Benson lands in the Cascade reserve for the benefit of those timbermen. The state has already recovered 14,000 acres of these lands, and stands to recover the remainder.

Jones, Mays and Sorenson secured the Blue mountain reserve lands for various timbermen and speculators. These beneficiaries have profited from the frauds, as did Hyde and Benson. There is reason to believe that the state, if it put its machinery into action, could recover all lands fraudulently acquired, just as it has recovered the Hyde-Benson lands.

Validity of Title Questioned  
Besides this is the case of the Chewaucum Land & Cattle company concerning the validity of whose title to 30,000 acres of valuable swamp and pasture land there is grave question.

The Marion county grand jury, on April 28, 1906, pointed out that there were 14,000 acres of school lands, and that there was strong ground to believe that the applications covering 600,000 acres of these lands were false, forged and fraudulent. In September of 1906, Jones, Mays and Sorenson were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands in what is known as the Blue Mountain Reserve case. In that case state school lands in the Blue mountain reserve were used as the means for defrauding the government. A large part of the lands were those included in the report of the Marion county grand jury. The records of the state land office were used by the government to establish the conspiracy.

Deeds Given Despite Scandal  
Prior to that time S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley and others had been convicted of defrauding the government of its lands through the manipulation of school lands in the Cascade forest reserve. Among these were the Hyde-Benson lands, part of which have now been recovered to the state and all of which are in a fair way to be returned to public ownership.

In spite of the conviction of Puter and his accomplices in the Cascade reserve case, and in spite of the conviction of Jones, Mays and Sorenson in the Blue mountain case, the state land board on November 27, 1906, ordered deeds issued to 12,880 acres of school lands covered by the Hyde-Benson case.

## ROLL OF HONOR

The roll of honor made public today contains the names of the following men from the Pacific Northwest:  
**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Idaho  
PRIVATE ERNEST W. JONES, emergency address Mrs. E. W. Jones, Malad City.  
DIED OF WOUNDS  
Washington  
PRIVATE RAYMOND A. BENNETT, emergency address Charles J. Bennett, Cema.  
Idaho  
PRIVATE ROY MILLER, emergency address Mrs. Anna J. Miller, Bonanza.  
DIED OF DISEASE  
Washington  
PRIVATE EDWARD KUNERT, emergency address Lewis Kunert, Aberdeen.

PRIVATE JOSEPH M. BURGER, emergency address, Mrs. Solly B. Miller, Parma.  
WOUNDED SEVERELY  
Washington  
Lieutenant Harry J. Meloyne, emergency address, Mrs. J. H. Meloyne, Duwamish.  
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# GERMANY PLANS FOR ELECTION

### Selection of President for Republic Set by Conference for December 29, Berlin Says.

### Proposal Made That Council of Six Send Delegation to Ask if Allies Are Ready for Peace.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The conference which will elect a president of the German republic will assemble December 29, a Berlin dispatch stated today.

London, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Chancellor Ebert of Germany is expected to resign today as a result of a conflict between him and the executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' council at Berlin, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Geneva.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Richard Barth has proposed that the council of six send a delegation to Versailles immediately to ask the allies if they are ready to discuss peace.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Ulrich K. Brochdorff-Rantzau, the German minister to Denmark, has been appointed foreign minister at Berlin, it was learned today.

The first foreign minister in the Ebert cabinet was Dr. Hugo Haase. He was succeeded by Dr. Solf.

By A. H. Decher  
Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily News  
Berlin, Germany, Dec. 18.—(Delayed)—The third day's session of the Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates from all parts of Germany resulted in giving the Ebert government all the powers necessary to govern without the constant and sinister opposition of the independents and Bolsheviks. Yesterday's attempt to stampede the assembly by the sudden appearance of soldiers

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## OREGON MAN NEAR DEATH BY TORPEDO

### Lieutenant Saurman, of Way Home to Bend, on Ship Carrying Mines When Attacked.

After more than a year and a half of active service both in the United States and foreign waters, Lieutenant Senior Grade J. S. Saurman, M. C., U. S. N., arrived in Portland Friday morning. He is leaving today by automobile for Burns, Or., where he will resume his practice of medicine.

Lieutenant Saurman had the exciting experience of being on a ship carrying 2000 live mines when it was missed by a scud few yards by a torpedo. The U-boat submerged and came to the surface between the ship and two of its convoy. It "got" both the convoying vessel which was just ahead of the ship and also the torpedo. The ship's commander swung his boat toward the submarine just in time to dodge the torpedo.

"It would have been a painless death," he remarked, "if the torpedo had got us."  
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## Miss Pankhurst in Address Predicts New Election Soon

London, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Another general election in the British Isles seems predicted by Christabel Pankhurst, famous suffragist, in a speech at Queenshall. Miss Pankhurst, who was a candidate for election to the House of Commons in the political labor party, said Miss Pankhurst. "The country is now threatened with political opposition from the old Liberal crowd, the Bolsheviks and the Sinn Feiners, consequently it may become necessary in the near future for Premier Lloyd George to decide upon another general election to purge the house of commons of these enemies of Britain and the empire."

## Draft Slacker Given Year in County Jail

One year in jail, the maximum sentence provided for violation of the selective service regulation was imposed by Judge Bean upon William Dell Robson, who pleaded guilty in the United States district court today. Robson, it was said, forged the name of his wife and an attorney to his questionnaire in effort to secure deferred classification in the draft.

## To Form Political Labor Party in U. S.

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—A movement has been launched here for the formation of a political labor party throughout the country. The movement started in response to a "spontaneous demand of the working people of New York City," Thomas J. Curtis of the Central Federated union declared in a statement.

## PARIS IS GAY WITH UNPRECEDENTED CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WHILE UNOFFICIAL POUR PARLERS BY DIPLOMATS GO ON

Paris, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Allied diplomats located in the Bois de Boulogne, Christmas tide are "carrying on" with unofficial pour parlers until 1919.

Packed with the most distinguished gatherings in its history, Paris has joyously capitulated to the holiday spirit. Fig Berthas and Gethas belongs to the stone age. Santa Claus is premier.

The city is illuminated by night and gay with burning by day. The victory flag has been added to the usual Christmas decorations.

Shops are stuffed with the most fascinating and costly of women's bedizenments. Jewelers display the richest pavements ever seen here. Restaurants, expensive and gay, are overflowing.

The boulevards hold the greatest throngs since the exposition. Temporary booths in the Bois de Boulogne are hawking mistletoe, holly and evergreens. Fakers are vending kermes-ading rubber kaisers and capitalizing on "Huns." Topical songs regarding President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau are being sung in the theatres and music halls, where "S. R. O." signs are common.

The people appear to have totally forgotten the war. So far as they are concerned, peace is already signed.

The uninterrupted conferences of emperors, princes, presidents and kings has become as spectacular as part of a colossal carnival.

Parisians, by their four years of terrible sacrifices, have earned the right to be gay. And they are making the most of that right.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

THE Christmas idea will prevail among the features of THE SUNDAY JOURNAL tomorrow.

There will be a page of photographs depicting scenes in the life of Christ as portrayed in clay by d'Mastroianni, the celebrated, Italian clay artist.

Dr. Esther Clayton Lovejoy, Portland physician who is now in Red Cross work with headquarters in the gulf states, has a story, "The Mobile Christmas Tree," based upon her experiences of Christmas 1917, when she was a Red Cross physician among the repatriates of France.

A JOURNAL artist interprets the spirit of the Christmas season by a group of interesting sketches.

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