



**General March Announces Return** of Certain Units Now in Europe.

Washington, Dec. 31.-(I. N. S.)-Early return to the United States of approximately 2100 officers and 12,000 enlisted men of the American Expeditionary forces was announced today by General March, chief of staff. Among the units are :

The 329th and 330th infantry regiments of the 83d division, 118 officers and 6882 men from Ohio and West Vir-

The 116th Engineer regiment and train complete of the 41st division, 26 of- March ficers and 1600 men from Washington. Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. The 17th, 18th and 19th Mechanics' companies, with seven officers and 483 The 31st, 32d, 33d. 37th, 640th, 43d,

101st, 257th, 469th. 184th. 21st, 490th. 489th, 483d, and 162d aero squadrons, with an average of four officers and 150 men to each squadron, all squadrons being part of the 4th regiment of the air service

106 officers and 2429 men.

In addition to these large units, there single exception of the shipbuilding inare numerous miscellaneous organiza- dustry all lines of manufacture are busy tions and troops included in the detail and look for increasing activity during for early return.

## **Father Shaw Dies** In California; Was Well Known Here

Martinez, Cal., Dec. 31.-(U. P.)-The Rev. Father H. F. Shaw, pastor of the Catherine Catholic church here for the past six years, died early today from pleurisy with pneumonia compli-cations. The funeral will probably be Thursday, with interment at Benicia.

Father Shaw, a Dominican, was very well known in Portland, having been pastor of the Holy Rosary church, at East Third and Clackamas streets, for 15 years, from 1895 to 1914. At the expiration of his pastorate here he was ent to Martinez, where he was given charge of the Dominican church. He was a distinguished theologian, a gradu-ate of the University of Louvain, Belclum, receiving there the degree coctor of theology.

Secretary Balfour

Secretary Balfour Arrives in Paris Paris, Dec. 31.-(U. P.)-Foreign Sec-retary Balfour arrived here today and wont into conference immediately with Colones House on details of organization of the peace deliberations.

**GERMAN CONTROL** 

pected to be made president of the Polish republic. The Poles, seeking an-

nexation of the district of Posen, are

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.-Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who is still at the head

force, according to word from the Ger-

New German Political Party

Copenhagen, Dec. 31 .- (I. N. S.)-A

resolution to form a new German po-litical party to be called "The Revolu-

tionary Communistic Labor Party of

imously adopted by the Spartacus con

gress in Berlin on Monday, said a dis

(The Spartacus group is made up o

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Lebanon, N. J., Dec. 31 .-- (U. P.)--

**Eleven Persons Are** 

patch from that city today.

the German Spartacusbund," was unan- 913,643.

opposed by the Germans.

Poles Gain Upper Hand in Work-Clearings of Portland banks for the year 1918 total \$1,323,082,798.21, coming Out Republic Under pared with \$868,331,422.07 for last year,

according to the records of J. L. Hart Paderewski. man, secretary of the Clearing House association. For the month of Decem-ber clearings totaled \$140,970,428.61.

compared with \$83,947,097.51 for the cor-London, Dec. 31.-(U. P.)-Polish forces now control Posen and have responding month of 1917. Clearings Break All Records executed several German officers, disarming others, a Central News dis-The record for clearings from month patch reported today. Communication

in the building line during the coming

to month for 1917 and 1918 shows a conwith Berlin has been cut. stantly rising increase in the latter year over the former. In each year Riots began in Posen last week, short clearings reached their maximum in y after the arrival of Ignace Jan Pad-October. Following are the figures: erewski, the famous planist, who is ex-

1918 61,975,186,94 \$ 80,417,178,17 January . 51.459.666.1362.724.839.1173.370.993.0174.114.392.3072.567.265.94 88.061,453.39 103.752,854.18 96,853,218.64 April May 67.826.942.50 100.928.446.22 63 557 318 50 106.513.572.94 63,557,318,50 60,664,462,75 66,744,768,36 108,442,951,99 83,946,897,51 83,947,097,51 November

109,707,378,55 of the German army, has telegraphed to 125,334,598,85 the government at Berlin that the Ger-165,926,798,87 man industrial magnates are in favor 132,049,603,85 of the occupation of Berlin by a British 140,970,428.61 of the occupation of Berlin by a British December Total .\$868,331,422.07 \$1,323,082,798.21 man capital today. Cessation of war activities has so far had no appreciable effect on the commer cial activities of the city. Merchants

The 54th Field artillery, C. A. C., with report better sales during the Christmas season than in any past year. With the

the year 1919. **Postoffice Business Greater** 

Building permits issued during the year show an increase in number over 1917 and an increase in value amounting to \$2,483,747 over 1917. For the year ending today a total of

1685 permits, valued at \$6,127,157, were issued for buildings in the city. compared with a total of 3377 permits, valued at \$3,643,410, issued during the year 1917. 'The total number of permits issued during December was 292, calling for the construction of buildings valued

at \$268,320. are believed to have been killed when Postmaster Myers reports an increase an acetylene tank exploded in the postof more than \$300,000 in postal receipts office building here. Two men were blown through windows of the building. for the year, compared with 1917, the total for the past year being \$1,650,000

Deposits in the postal savings bank otal \$1,800,000, an increase of more than \$200,000 over January 1, 1918. The money-order business has been greater he says, than at any previous time in the history of the Portland office, a total of more than 325,000 orders, valued

sued during the year. **Damaged Turbine** 



Berger's attorney interrupted hin

ere. "When you said 'victories we won,' 000 to 250,000 was urged by Secretary. Daniels this afternoon when he again what did you mean?" he asked. "That was accidental," Berger an-swered. "I was referring to the allies. appeared before the house naval affairs committee. Transfer of 1000 temporary or reserve officers to the permanent

We didn't become one of the allies until naval establishment also was proposed later.' Continuing, Berger said : When the Germans got within 17 officers consist of 300 senior and 200 junior lieutenants and 400 ensigns, "with

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Gigantic Loss in Manpower Results From World Battle

today.

wounded.

bigger navy program. Abolition of the senior rule in promo-London, Dec. 31 .- (I. N. S.)-The tion of officers in the navy was also British, Russian, Italian, French. Ameriadvocated by Daniels, who requested congressional legislation to provide that can. German and Austrian armies lost 6,296,504 in killed and over 16,238,270, in all promotions be fixed on a flat basis wounded during the war, according to a cable compiled by the Evening News today. The table omits the French ment to the c

The secretary submitted an amendment to the committee providing for such legislation which he suggested as a "rider" to the 1919-20 naval appro-

listed personnel of the navy from 143,-

Secretary Daniels suggested that the

Would Abolish Senior Rule

The secretary requested new legisla-

tion by congress to permit the increases

in the navy's permanent personnel of

officers and men which he explained he

deemed essential to the success of his

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Never Saw Papers Again

was also signed in blank by Segur.

The witness also said that he under-

stood at the time that Smith was to

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the paper.

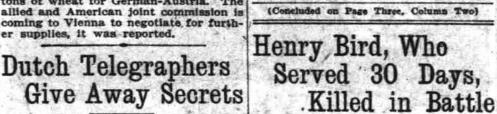
Italy Sacrifices 1,406,990 priation bill the committee was con-

sidering. Members of the committee Rome, Dec. 31.-(I. N. S.)-Italy's passes in killed and wounded in the war signified their approval of the amendment. totalled 1,406,990, according to an an-May Need Higher Pay

follows: killed, officers, 16,362; men, 443,638. Wounded, officers, 23,347; men, Declaring that the "men of the navy were woefully underpaid before the war,"

Daniels not only urged that "they be well paid," but said that it "would be extremely difficult to keep the per-4000 Tons of Wheat sonnel of the navy up to its necessary strength unless the men were offered Promised to Austria monetary inducements which provided civil life with its attractions for young

mep." He advocated the continuation of the increases in pay of from \$6 to



Amsterdam, Dec. 31.-(L. N. S.)-Three telegraph officials were arrested Henry Bird, who hailed from Eastern Oregon, has paid the supreme sacri-fice. He died fighting for his country here today charged with giving the German legation at The Hague copies of telegrams sent and received by the herefore, blotting out the stain of entente legations. This had been going on since September, it was said. being a slacker.

Bird was convicted in the United States district court upon evidence pres-ented by Assistant United States At-Prince Says Kaiser torney John Veatch and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

Completing his sentence, Bird passed the physical examination and was in-ducted into the army during the month Tried to Avert War Berlin, Dec. 29.-(U. \* P.)-Prince

sion for dismissing her attendants. The ex-empress weeps at long periods. It had previously been reported that her heart was affected. Henry was quoted today as declaring that he will personally testify that his brother, the former kaiser, zealously en-deavored until the last moment to avert the war.

At last reports the ex-kalserin was still in Berlin,

Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily News. (Copyright, 1918, by Chicago Daily News Co.) Paris, Dec. 21.—The Clemenceau gov-ernment appears successfully to have Was Told It Was Legitimate Segur testified that he was working for H. A. Smith, doing some carpenter weathered the storm. The budget de work on Smith's house. In December, bate will continue for a few days, but the possibility that M. Briand will suc-1900, H. A. Smith, his employer, came to Segur and asked him if he would ceed M. Clemenceau as parmier is nov sign a paper. Smith volunteered the ininsignificant.

formation, so Segur testified, that the Clemenceau's position, which looke transaction was "a perfectly legitimate shaky a week ago, was strengthened by the government's sudden decision to Segur testified that he had told Smith abandon the Russian expedition. The that "if it was all right" he would sign

opposition feels, too, that the form of the debate has weakened their attacks, "What did he tell you you were doing each deputy speaking on whatever subby signing it?" Segur was asked on the ject he chose to take up. Thus Marcel Cachin's important speech

witness stand, and his answer was: "Nothing, only that it was a legitlof the foreign policy was followed imediately by a speech on rubber in Smith told him, Segur testified, that Indo-China, and this again was folthe paper he signed "was for school lowed by an interminable speech de-tailing the entire history of the French land" and he said that Smith paid him \$5 for signing his name to the applicabudget through many years so that the tion, which was in blank, and to the important issues in the present budget assignment of the certificate of sale, were neatly smothered by unimportant which had not been issued and could not details.

be until after the application had been filed with the state land board. Moreover. Premier Lloyd George's striking victory in the British election will further strengthen M. Clemenceau. The assignment, like the application If within the next fortnight the gov

ernment makes a serious effort to alle-(Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

have the land, that he had never seen the papers afterwards, but had gone Man Fears Blindness, back to his work as soon as he had been paid the \$5 for his signature. Two other men, Robert Gee and L. T. Wiser

fellow workmen, had also signed applications and assignments at the same time and had each received \$5 for hav-San Francisco, Dec. 31.-Fear of blindness caused Emil B. Lagers, ma-H. A. Smith, who hired Segur to sign chinist at the plant of the Union Iron the application, was working with Jones works, to murder his wife and two children and then killed himself. The and Mays to secure the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve. He procured tragedy occurred some time Sunday many men and some women to sign apnight and was not discovered until plications and assignments, and paid Monday night, when officers forced an them for the use of their names. He was in communication with Binger Herentrance into the house at the request of neighbors and found the dead bodies

mann, who as commissioner of the gen-eral land office was assisting in havof the entire family. A revolver was used by Lagers to exterminate his fam ing the reserve created. Smith was one ily. of those who secured and forwarded pe-titions asking that the reserve be cre-**ROLL OF HONOR** Segur's application was filed in the state land office on December 21, 1900. The certificate of sale was issued by

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

## DIED OF WOUNDS

DIED OF WOUNDS Washington Private Chris Benson, emergency address, Hans Benson, 1617 Taylor street, Seattle. Private Earl E. Winshest, emergency address, Pete J. Peterson, Shohomish. Gorporal Eimer B. Connolly, emergency ad-frees, Mrs. Anna Connely, P. O. Box 134, Al-addm.

Private Sherman Troubridge, em ress, Mrs. Charles Rohun, Gannett, DIED FROM ACCIDENT

Washington Private William L. Robb, emergency addre Pets Riley, Regina hotel, Seatle, Private Josse R. Matthems, cuergency addre & W. Matthews, Liberty.

MISSING IN ACTION Private Marry W. Hamilton, emergency ress, Grant Hamilton, Cheweish.

Washington, Dec. 31.-The list of casualti the American expeditionary forces abroa ade public to date, including the ories belo

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Portland Shivers at 26 Above Zero, but California Is Colder, Montana Coldest in U.S.

Crisp, wintry weather, with the temperature at 26 degrees above zero, tho point recorded by the local owest branches of the weather bureau this winter, was reported at 8 o'clock a. m. The next lowest temperature today. was 20 degrees, which was recorded a few days ago. Havre, Mont., and Billings, Mont., were the two coldest points

in the United States, each place regis tering 12 degrees below zero. Much cold weather is prevailing over

sections of the entire West, and the temperature is generally below normal east of the Mississippi river, California has been caught in the cold grip, freezing weather being reported from most sections of the sister state. High temperatures prevail in the East.

Los Angeles Shivers

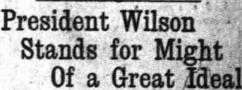
Los Angeles, Dec. 31 .- (U. P.)-Portand, complaining of its cold weather, with 26 above registered, should come to Southern California for a brisk cli-

Temperatures registered at 6 a. m. to-Kills Family and Self day were: Pomona 25, San Bernardino 25, Santa Ana 22, Escondido 24, and Los Angeles 28.

The weather bureau warned fruitgrowers to protect their crops, for it predicted tonight will be as cold or colder. Whether damage has already been done fruit is unknown,

## 39 Above at San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 31.-(U. P.)-At. 5 o'clock this morning San Francisco thermometers fell to 39 degrees, the lowest point reached here this year.



London, Dec. 31. - (U. P.)-President Wilson represents the world's greatest civilized country, the Manchester Guar-dian said Monday.

"President Wilson's visit is no. "President Wilson's visit is no small honor," it declared. "He stands for the might of a great ideal, for a moral pur-pose which is stronger than armies. "He is a good fighter and has some of the world's big forces with him. We do not think he will fail. We hall him

as destined to victory."



Apna Ward Tiffany, well known actress, died at her home here today,



of May. A few weeks later he left for "over there" with the SIst division.

leven Persons Are Missing After Blast allied and American joint commission is coming to Vienna to negotiate, for furth-Eleven persons are missing today and er supplies, it was reported.