

PRESIDENT DISFAVORS SECRECIES

American and Foreign Correspondents' Stand for "Open Covenants" Duly Appreciated.

Clemenceau Says That to Reveal Delicate Points Might Hamper the Peace Negotiations.

By Robert J. Bender
PARIS, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—On the eve of formal opening of the full peace congress it may be stated authoritatively that today President Wilson is feeling more optimistic regarding the general situation than at any time since his arrival in Europe. When preliminary conferences were resumed today it was expected the delegates would take prompt action on publicity demands formulated by the committee of newspaper correspondents. The president is known to be strongly appreciative of the support of both American and foreign correspondents of his ideas of "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at," and he believes the desired publicity will be achieved.

Paris, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Twenty-five countries will be represented at the formal opening of the peace congress today. It was officially announced today. In addition to the 21 states which participated in the war, there will be Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay and Bolivia, which severed diplomatic relations.

By John Edwin Nevin
PARIS, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Premier Clemenceau explained to the chamber of deputies that the reason that greater means for publicity had not been provided by the peace delegates was because of many delicate problems, regarding which it would be unwise to say one nation proposed and another opposed. The premier cited President Wilson's denial of the alleged threat to withdraw American troops from France as an example of the disturbing false news.

"Of course there are going to be arguments," declared the premier. "It would not be a conference otherwise."
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STATE POLICE IS CREATED BY BILL

Orton Introduces Measure Conferring Powers of Sheriff, Constable and Police on Body.

Salem, Jan. 17.—Senator Orton has introduced a bill creating a state police department, to be headed by a superintendent of police at a salary of \$3000 a year. The bill carries an emergency clause, so if it is passed and approved by the governor it would become a law immediately and the people of the state, if it were distasteful to them, would have no opportunity to invoke the referendum.

ROLL OF HONOR

In the roll of honor printed below are the names of the following men from the Pacific Northwest who were killed in action, previously reported as missing.

KILLED IN ACTION, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS MISSING

Oregon

PRIVATE ALBERT HADON, emergency address, 214 1/2 Commercial, Astoria, Ore. Died from wounds.

PRIVATE CHARLES E. HUTCHINSON, emergency address, Mrs. Lane, Roseburg, Ore.

PRIVATE WENDEL W. HOFFMAN, emergency address, Mrs. Allen, Astoria, Ore.

SERGEANT PAUL W. HOFFER, emergency address, Mrs. Marie C. Foster, Fairport, Wash.

PRIVATE DAN W. ROOF, emergency address, Mrs. Emma Lamary, 1425 Fourteenth, Seattle.

PRIVATE HENRY A. TAYLOR, emergency address, Mrs. W. W. Taylor, Astoria, Ore.

PRIVATE WALTER S. BURTON, emergency address, Mrs. E. F. D. S. Foster, Astoria, Ore.

PRIVATE GEORGE H. MEYER, emergency address, Mrs. E. F. D. S. Foster, Astoria, Ore.

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RUSSIAN "PREMIER" IN SPAIN

NIKOLAI LENIN, reported as having been imprisoned at Moscow by Dictator Leon Trotsky a few days ago, has arrived at Barcelona, Spain, according to a private telegram. Lenin displeased Trotsky, it was reported, when he opposed continuation of the reign of terror.



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LENN HAS GONE TO SPAIN, REPORT

Private Telegram Contains Information but Does Not Reveal Object of Visit.

London, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Nikolai Lenin, Bolshevik premier of Russia, has arrived at Barcelona, Spain, said an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Madrid today, stating that the information had been received there from Barcelona in a private telegram.

There has been no previous report of Lenin leaving Russia. It was rumored a short time ago that Lenin had been arrested at Moscow for opposing Trotsky's insistence upon a continuation of the reign of terror.

Suspects Arrested in Switzerland

Geneva, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Many suspected Bolsheviks were arrested here and at Lausanne today on orders from Bern. Among those arrested at Lausanne were certain Bolsheviks who are alleged to have been plotting against the safety of Premier Clemenceau.

Head of Keymen of Portland Declares Situation Alarming

C. H. Preston, senior secretary of the Portland local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, has sent the following message to Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor at Washington, D. C.:

"Some sick and penniless, others positionless, together with wholesale disorientations, burroughs, omissions and sidings scale up in operation among the Commercial Telegraphers by local Western Union officials, creates an alarming situation and a shock to humanity here. Reported eight more Commercial Telegraph employees to be dismissed in next few days. Please demand of Burleson universal freedom and a fuller acknowledgment of the rights of man."

Webster Corliss, Hero of Argonne Fighting, at Home

Minus his left eye, which he lost when struck by a piece of a high explosive shell while on duty in the Argonne forest with Company A of the First engineers, a part of the First division of the American army, Webster Corliss, son of Judge Guy C. H. Corliss, a prominent Portland attorney, is home on a furlough from the LeMay general hospital at San Francisco.

Corliss enlisted with the First engineers in May, 1917, and arrived in France in December, 1918. He spent six months in a hospital in France after being wounded October 5, and arrived in San Francisco two weeks ago.

OUTBREAKS TO BE MET BY TROOPS

German Government Plans to Use Soldiers of New Divisions Against Disturbers in Berlin.

Death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg Followed by Fresh Radical Demonstrations.

ZURICH, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—The Spartacan revolution has been revived on a large scale in Berlin and several of the provinces, following the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, it was reported in a dispatch received here today.

The government is expected to take violent measures in an effort to suppress the new disorders.

Five new divisions of government troops have arrived in Berlin. The city gives the impression of being occupied almost entirely by soldiery.

Berlin, Jan. 16 (Via London, Jan. 17).—(U. P.)—Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, two of the chief active in spreading Bolshevik propaganda in Germany, have been slain. It was officially announced Thursday. Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg were arrested at 43 Mannheimstrasse in Wilmersdorf, a suburb, at 9:30 o'clock at night. They were brought into Berlin to staff headquarters, which was located in a hotel. There their identity was established and they were ordered to Moabit prison temporarily. News of the arrests spread and a great crowd collected, the people forcing their way into the hotel.

NEEDS OF RETURNED SOLDIERS LISTED

Applicants for Work Include Salesmen, Mechanics, Loggers, Farmers and Office Clerks.

Fifty-four returned soldiers came to Liberty Temple federal employment division Thursday, looking for work. There were three salesmen, six lumbermen, five farmers, four office clerks, nine truck drivers, six laborers, one blacksmith, three machinists, one cook, three auto mechanics, two loggers, one draftsman, two stenographers, one watchman, two painters, one teacher, one engineer, one pipe fitter, one oiler and one waiter.

"We have little trouble placing labor," said Captain J. O. Conwill, director for the government of the soldiers and sailors' employment division.

"There stands a chap who is a crack-rocket salesman. We are having trouble getting him placed, although there should be many business houses wanting such men."

"We hope that business men and employers will continue doing their best to place returned soldiers. Those that are calling now are but a few compared to the hundreds and even thousands that will be honorably discharged from military service and who may be expected to reach Oregon in the near future."

Representative for Coos and Curry Is Dead at Bandon, Or.

Salem, Jan. 17.—James R. Stannard of Gold Beach, state representative for Coos and Curry counties, died at Bandon from influenza January 15, according to a letter received today by Speaker Seymour Jones. He was on his way to Salem to attend the legislative session when he was taken ill at Bandon. The letter states that his family is ill at Gold Beach and could not be notified of Mr. Stannard's death.

Steamer Hits Mine; 450 Lives Are Lost

Messina, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Four hundred and fifty persons perished when the French steamer Chaouia was sunk by a mine off Cape Palermo on Wednesday. It was learned today. The Chaouia, which was on route from Marseilles, carried 600 passengers and a crew of 80. Only 230 were saved. The victims included Bertrand Emmanuel, French minister to Greece.

Ex-Kaiser Is Near Being Kidnaped In His Castle by Yankee Officers

Ten Young Soldiers in Autos Reach Castle, but Retreat at Internment Threat.

By Robert Wells Ritchie (Special Cable Dispatch)
London, Jan. 17.—Here is a story that equals the wildest D'Artagnan exploit with 10 American officers in two automobiles playing the part of Dumas' swashbuckling hero attempting nothing less than kidnaping the former kaiser from Amerongen.

The most remarkable feature of the adventure is that the ex-kaiser gave word that he was willing to be kidnaped if shown a safe conduct to American headquarters and if promised he would not be shot en route.

In detailing this wildest of war adventures, the only facts not recorded must be the names of the participants, for two reasons, though this writer gleaned the complete story from two of them just before leaving Paris for London early this week and subsequently verified it from another source.

The Daily Express Thursday published one more version of the "Visit of American Correspondents to Amerongen in Two Toned Automobiles," which headline only adds to the legend of which the following is the sober truth, more surprising than fiction:

In a small town occupied by American troops the Year's celebration continued for several days and culminated (Concluded on Page Two, Column Four.)

BIG WATER POWER BOND BILL LOOMS

According to Those Who Claim to Possess Inside "Dope," Measures Is in Preparation.

Salem, Jan. 17.—A big bonding bill for water power development is in the air, it is now being prepared, according to those who say they have the inside dope, by former Senator I. N. Day of Portland, and its purpose is to carry out the idea of harnessing the power on a basis at Celilo Falls, on the Deschutes river and conveying the energy to Portland and surrounding territory.

It is said that former Senator Day and those interested with him in the proposed project are prepared to show that the electrical energy can be delivered in Portland much cheaper than the rate now being charged by private corporations, and there would be enough of the juice to operate all the industrial plants of the Pacific coast.

Coupled with the idea of harnessing this power is the thought that manufacturing plants and industries of various sorts can be attracted by the abundance of cheap power until Oregon will be transformed into a great industrial state.

The exact amount of bonds, which the promoters of this idea want is not known, but the sum of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 has been mentioned.

Senator Day was a member of the commission which made an investigation of the possibilities of developing the power on a basis at Celilo Falls, on the Columbia river, a few years ago, and at that time he also dug into facts and figures relative to power possibilities of the Deschutes and it is understood that the present movement takes definite form, is an outgrowth of that investigation.

Costly Fire Sweeps Big Mining Plant

Butte, Mont., Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Damage estimated at \$1,200,000 was caused by a fire which swept the sawmill plant and elevator of the Anaconda Mining company at Bonner early today. The 100,000 barrel mill, valued at 400,000 to 500,000, escaped serious damage. The planing mill, escaped serious damage.

Public Service Body Is Aimed at in Bills

Salem, Jan. 17.—A bill to abolish the public service commission is being drafted for introduction in the house of representatives, while another is in the course of preparation. The bill takes from the commission all its functions, relation to weights and measures and transfer them to the state sealer of weights and measures.

Business Suspended As Result of Strikes

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Business is generally suspended at Lima and Callao, Peru, through strikes in these two places. State department messages today say the Lima strikers voted to stay out indefinitely.

\$100,000 FOR WORK PROVIDED

Measure to Provide Employment for Soldiers Is Passed by Both Houses of Legislature.

Ayer, Burgard, Anderson, Cranston and Stevenson Named to Administer Purposes of Law.

THE committee named by Governor Willycombe to administer the bill for relief of soldiers needing employment is as follows:

W. B. Ayer, chairman.
John H. Burgard.
Harry Anderson.
James A. Cranston.
John H. Stevenson.

Salem, Jan. 17.—The legislature Thursday appropriated \$100,000 for use in giving immediate relief to stranded soldiers out of a job and away from home. If investigation reveals that a greater sum is needed, another bill will be passed increasing the amount.

As soon as the measure, which carried an emergency clause, reached the governor the chief executive announced the personnel of the commission he will appoint to administer the fund and carry out the purposes of the bill. The members of the commission are: W. B. Ayer (chairman), John H. Burgard, Harry Anderson, James A. Cranston and John H. Stevenson, all of Portland.

The senate also passed the house joint resolution directing the state highway commission to inaugurate highway work on force account, which will give employment to not less than 1000 men, giving soldiers preference.

When the emergency appropriation measure, which was introduced in the house, reached the senate it provided for an appropriation of \$250,000, but the senate ways and means committee refused to stand for that amount if the bill was to be rushed through at once.

After the committee, on motion of Senator Eberhard, cut the amount to \$100,000 and returned the bill to the senate, it was passed with but one dissent.

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TO MAKE APPEAL FOR DIFFERENTIAL

Public Service Commission to Join in Demand for Lower Rate Down Columbia.

The Oregon public service commission has decided to join with other agencies in appeal to the Interstate Commerce commission for a rate differential in favor of the Columbia water grade route.

Comparative figures showing the cost of operating trains over the mountains to Puget Sound and to the points of the Columbia have been obtained by the commission. The difference in cost of operation is said to average 30 cents a ton in favor of the water grade route.

The Inland Empire Shippers' league recently organized for the purpose of carrying the grievance of grain growers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to the interstate commerce commission is said to be rapidly completing its complaint.

The grain growers will ask that the commerce commission prescribe a rate based on the cost of haul. The cost of hauling is less to ports of the Columbia than to Puget Sound and a rate differential would have the immediate effect of diverting to the tidewater terminals of the Columbia the business for which Puget Sound has been able to compete on equal terms by reason of an artificial and unjust parity of rates.

The Portland point of view in the appeal will be represented by the Portland Traffic & Transportation association, the Chamber of Commerce, the port and dock commissions. Astoria and Vancouver are expected to be represented.

Montenegrins Fight Serbs, Losses Heavy

Paris, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Bloody fighting with heavy losses on both sides has resulted from an alleged attempt by Serbians forcibly to abolish Montenegrin sovereignty, according to official dispatches received here today by Montenegrin representatives. Twenty thousand Montenegrins are said to have participated in an uprising against the Serbs. The report that King Nicholas is opposed to incursion of Montenegrins in the proposed Jugo-Slav state is untrue.

Especially Interesting

If you are in any way interested in farm land or acreage, you will want to pay particular attention to the special offerings that will be featured in The Journal "Want" ads Saturday and Sunday. There will be something that will interest you.

Seacoast Cannon Are Included in Federal Defense Items Submitted

Large Sums Are Also Provided for Aerial Seaboard Stations for Insular Possessions.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—For aerial seaboard defense stations for American insular possessions, \$28,827,028—this was one big item in the supplemental estimates aggregating \$67,246,692.75 for the next fiscal year submitted to congress by the war department this afternoon.

A total of \$40,126,561 for American coast defense was provided including: Seacoast cannon, \$1,000,000; Ammunition sea coast cannon, \$200,000; Ammunition for sub-calibre guns and other accessories, \$1,650,000.

For the Panama canal zone, \$6,929,238 was provided for aerial seaboard defense stations.

For military posts, \$329,199.40; repair of arsenals, \$5,941,835; for the disposition of remains of officers, soldiers and civilian employees, \$19,429,627.35.

For arsenals—Frankfort arsenal, \$49,500; Benicia arsenal, \$58,600; Pictatin arsenal, \$31,050; Rock Island arsenal, \$103,600; Rock Island bridge arsenal, \$41,400; Rock Island power plant, \$23,500; Springfield arsenal, \$18,000; Watertown arsenal, \$74,700; Watertown arsenal testing machine, \$15,000; Watervliet arsenal \$27,000; ordnance depot, Honolulu, \$117,270.

MAY ALTER PLAN OF WOOD VESSEL

Changing of Steamers Into Typical Schooners for Coast Lumber Trade Being Considered.

Officials of the division of operation are reported to have under consideration plans for the transformation into schooners of the wooden steamers of the coast trade. Orders for construction there seems to be little demand. They are also considering the alteration of plans for those on the ways.

This discussion comes from a suggestion by Captain J. Pillsbury, manager of the California district of the Emergency Fleet corporation, and is intended to be the means of riding Pacific coast trade. Mr. Pillsbury reports that the plans have been approved there and the only requisite needed now to effect the change is to obtain the permission of Chairman Edward N. Hurley of the shipping board, who is now abroad. It is believed there that his consent will be given.

The opinion is prevalent among Oregon steamer men that the present steamer could be converted, with some few changes, the best plan would be to make changes in the plans of the hulls not launched yet, as better results could be obtained. Orders for the single-deck type, which seem to be the best carriers for the Pacific Coast trade, have caused the change at San Francisco and will likely make some change in Portland.

If transforming those steamers already afloat, it would be necessary to change the bulkheads, remove some machinery and the bridge, shift the quarters aft and add more masts. The only trouble found by the officials is that the vessels would have to carry a very heavy load and might not be as easily to deckloads as the single-deckers.

It is understood here that both Count Brockdorff-Rantzau and Chancellor Ebert will take the stand that, as Germany has accepted Wilson's 14 points, there is no alternative to signing the peace treaty. When it is ready, we shall not be allowed to discuss it, but must accept whatever terms they wish to impose.

It is understood that Germany is going to make a desperate attempt to bluff the allies. She is not ready to accept any terms for preparing a cut and dried peace treaty. When it is ready, we shall not be allowed to discuss it, but must accept whatever terms they wish to impose.

Lime Board to Ask Wider Authority To Sell Its Product

Salem, Jan. 17.—The state lime board met today and decided to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$20,000 for making further improvements to the state lime plant at Gold Hill and for operating capital. The board will also ask for an amendment to the state law, which will permit the board to sell lime without restrictions. The board desires to be in a position to sell lime to dealers or to buyers outside of the state and in less than car lots.

The present law provides that lime must be sold in carload lots to Oregon farmers.

Disastrous Blaze Visits Annapolis; Loss Considerable

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Fire which broke out here this morning has already destroyed the Colonial theatre and four other buildings and threatens the Masonic Temple and adjoining property. The loss has already reached \$100,000.

Fire Destroys Cathedral

Monreal, Que., Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—The Catholic cathedral at Chicoutimi, in the Lake St. John district, was destroyed today by fire which threatened the presbytery and other adjoining buildings. The damage was \$300,000.

BIG SUMS DEMANDED BY FRENCH

Marshal Foch, Say Germans, Ordered Payment of \$12,500,000,000 as Armistice Terms.

Indemnity for Northern France and Belgium \$7,500,000,000; Remainder for Other Purposes.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—\$12,500,000,000 from Germany at the armistice negotiations in Tressies, State Secretary Erzberger stated to the German government, according to a report in circulation here today.

Of this sum \$7,500,000,000 was for indemnity as a result of damage done by the Germans to Northern France and Belgium, and \$5,000,000,000 was for other damages.

As a guarantee for payment the allies demanded control of German railways and forests, it was stated.

The armistice has been extended. Articles prolonging the truce were signed at Tressies on Thursday afternoon by State Secretary Mathias Erzberger, representing Germany, said a dispatch from that city today.

Paris, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—The prolongation of the armistice for a period of one month following the conference at Tressies between Marshal Foch and the German delegates, was officially announced here this afternoon. The war office statement says:

"The clauses concerning agricultural material, Russian prisoners of war, naval armaments and restoration of frontier traffic to the enemy in invaded territory were signed."

A naval clause of the new armistice conditions requires the surrender of every submarine now in commission and the destruction of all U-boats in course of construction, and places the German merchant marine at the disposal of the allies.

Ebert Threatens to Quit Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—Chancellor Ebert of Germany has threatened to resign, rather than take the responsibility of signing a "peace of might," said a dispatch from Berlin today.

The Berlin Zeitung Am Mittag and the Dusseldorf Nachrichten and other papers sound this same note:

"What have we been doing for peace? Our enemies have prepared a cut and dried peace treaty. When it is ready, we shall not be allowed to discuss it, but must accept whatever terms they wish to impose."

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SEATTLE SHIPYARD MEN PLAN STRIKE

Notice Is Served on Owners Men Will Walk Out at 10 o'Clock Next Tuesday Morning.

Seattle, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—The Metal Trades Council, representing 23 shipyard unions, today served strike notice on Seattle shipyard owners.

The strike, affecting 25,000 men, takes place at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and may include the entire Northwest shipbuilding industry, according to union leaders.

The Metal Trades Council ordered the walkout following a report by a special committee Thursday night, of refusal of shipyard heads to accede to demands for wage increases to \$5 a day for mechanics, \$4 for specialists and \$3 for unskilled workers.

Fifty-seven delegates in attendance voted to strike and immediately telegraphed Tacoma, Vancouver, Olympia and Aberdeen unions, requesting assistance from labor there that it was ready to support the Seattle walkout.

Tacoma Backing Promised Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—The Tacoma Metal Trades council here promised its support to the Seattle Metal Trades council in its strike order, but this does not necessarily mean an immediate shipyard strike in Tacoma," was the statement today of C. B. Barre, secretary of the local council.

"The original demands presented to the Macy board, similar to the present Seattle demands, will, however, be presented to the shipowners here."

"Conditions in Tacoma are somewhat different from those in Seattle. Under our agreement here we must give 15 days' notice before calling a strike."

Sinn Fein to Hold Assembly Jan. 21

Dublin, Jan. 17.—(U. P.)—The Irish constituent assembly will open here January 21, it was officially announced at Sinn Fein headquarters today. The government, it is believed, will make no attempt to prevent the meeting.