

REBEL ARMY GOES DOWN IN QUAKE'S MAW

800 Banditti Caught Like Trapped Rats in Great Cosmic Disaster Which Changes Face of Earth.

7000 Dead and 5000 Injured Is Known Casualty List; New Volcano Is Raging Like Inferno.

Mexico City, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The death list in Eastern Mexico since last Sunday from earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions was estimated at 7000 today.

Five thousand others are suffering from injuries. Earthquake shocks continue around Jalapa, in the state of Vera Cruz.

Nearly a score of towns and villages have been wiped out of existence. 800 REBELS DESTROYED

Near Teocelo, a band of 800 rebels under Celso Cepeda, which was marauding the countryside, was caught by flood and earthquake and destroyed.

The newly developed volcano at San Miguel mountain, in the state of Vera Cruz, is in violent eruption. At night time the flames light up the surrounding country for many miles.

Large quantities of lava are pouring from the crater, accompanied by subterranean rumblings.

The volcano is only a few miles from Jalapa, former capital of Vera Cruz, on the Inter-oceanic railway. Eighty per cent of the buildings in Jalapa have been destroyed. The town is full of refugees.

Inhabitants of most of the towns and villages near the volcano are in flight. EARTH TRANSFORMED

The surface of the earth around the volcano has been completely transformed. Valleys now indent the earth where mountains formerly stood.

Among the towns and villages completely destroyed or badly damaged are Teocelo, Casatlán, Actatlán, Coscomatepec, Simeones, Chilchotla, Plata, Quimistán, Coatepeque, Mazatlán, Saltillo, Lafragua, Atamitlán, Ayahuatlán and Barranca Grande.

Forty others have been less seriously damaged. It has been impossible to estimate the loss.

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BITTER TO DROP 5 CENTS A POUND

Monday Will Bring Decrease Because of Seasonable Accumulation of Stocks.

Butter will drop 5 cents a pound in price both in the wholesale and retail markets bright and early Monday morning.

This is one of the greatest individual declines in butter prices ever shown in the Portland market and is due to the fact that stocks are beginning to show seasonable accumulation.

The new price to retailers for best prints in parchment wrappers will be 67 cents a pound and in cartons 63 cents. The price to consumers will be 65 to 70 cents a pound for the best brands.

That dealers and creamery men do not expect the price to go higher within the immediate future is indicated by the fact that they have reduced the buying price of cream 6 cents a pound, a condition always shown when seasonable declines are made in butter values.

Bolshevik Envoy Out of Hiding; Seeks Talk With Senators

Washington, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Preliminary the complete annihilation of the Kolchak forces in Siberia, denying that the German government is financing and furnishing officers to the Bolshevik armies, and expressing a willingness to tell the senate committee, "I know" Ludwig G. A. K. Martens, self-styled Bolshevik "ambassador" to the United States, turned up this afternoon, after having been missing for two weeks.

Martens announced that he will go before the senate committee on Monday and make a complete "expose" of the activities and "persecution" of the department of justice against him.

Southern Pacific Electric Resumes Run to Elk Rock

Southern Pacific electric train service around Elk Rock, a high bluff between Portland and Oswego, was resumed at noon today, after being cancelled since last Sunday evening. Lodges of rock and debris on the face of the bluff, which became loosened by the recent frosts, have been blasted away and the operation of trains now.

Automobiles which have maintained service at Elk Rock were dispatched with this morning. Train No. 39 to Oswego was the first train to make the through run to Oswego.

POLITICS IS FASCINATING TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson is taking an active interest in the political situation which has been created by his message to the Democratic Jackson day banquet, it was learned at the White House today.

The president has asked for all papers and has read the accounts of the "aftermath" with "great interest," it was said. The president again walked for a short time in the White House grounds today.

BRYAN SAYS THERE HAS BEEN NO SPLIT

Declares Treaty Issues Too Big to Allow Personal Contentions to Creep Into It.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—William Jennings Bryan, who arrived here today from Washington, denied that he has "split" with President Wilson over the peace treaty issue. He described the issue as too important to allow personal contentions to creep in.

Mr. Bryan, however, reiterated his demand, first made at the Jackson day dinner in Washington, that the treaty be ratified and signed without delay. He said he would compromise, and the allies would willingly accept such a settlement.

SHOULD PASS TREATY "The Democrats should pass the treaty," he declared, "to the president, with all the reservations which their political opponents deem necessary. This is not a political issue."

"It should not be postponed until the presidential campaign," Mr. Bryan said. "I do not understand," he said, "the attitude of newspapers which seek to drag the discussion of the peace question down to a personal level. I stated at Washington that I am not a candidate for president. It seems to me that these issues are big enough to be considered on their merits by those interested in securing the best things for the country."

NOT IN OPPOSITION "There is no reason why the advocacy of a compromise by me should be interpreted as opposition to the president. The president is an official, and his recommendations travel by their own weight—or, as they say of automobiles, by their own power—and not by political authority."

"The constitution gives the president the right to make the recommendations to congress, just as it empowers congress to pass laws which the president may veto. The president and the senate are independent of each other, and in a crisis like this the country needs the wisdom of both."

Mr. Bryan is in Chicago en route to his home in Lincoln, Neb.

Unfilled Tonnage Of United States Steel Is 8,265,366

New York, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation totaled 8,265,366 on December 31, it was announced today. This was an increase of 1,137,936 over the November 30 figures, which were 7,128,330.

Launch and Two Men Are Saved From Sea

Newport, Or., Jan. 10.—The launch Transit, with a crew of two men, J. H. Wakefield and J. Smith, and a barge loaded with 46 cords of wood, was carried out to sea Friday evening by a swift tide. Z. C. Copeland, with the launch Muden, went to the rescue but could not tow them back. He took off up the launch a few miles down the coast. The barge and wood were lost.

Victim of Amnesia Identified by Son

Lambertville, N. J., Jan. 10.—(I. P.)—"Doctor X," the amnesia victim, who was found here December 22, was identified today as John L. Brand, aged 64, who disappeared from Easton in March, 1917. Lieutenant Commander Charles L. Brand, U. S. N., of Philadelphia.

Corvallis Boy Has Both Legs Broken

Corvallis, Jan. 10.—Both legs of the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neville were broken Thursday when he was run over by an automobile driven by a party from Taizent. It was said the little fellow attempted to swing onto the car for a brief ride and fell beneath the wheels.

Gompers Ill; Trained Nurse Is Summoned

New York, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Reports that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is ill, were circulated today after a trained nurse had been summoned to his apartment in the Continental hotel. His secretary explained he was only "resting."

Rain Is Forecasted By Weather Bureau

Washington, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The following forecast is for next week: Pacific states—Frequent rains probable over north portion and occasional rains over south portion. Nearly normal temperatures.

HUGE SCHEME OF IRRIGATION IS PROPOSED

Columbia River Basin Project Before Local Congress Embraces Nearly Two Million Acres.

Crops Estimated at \$300,000,000 Would Be Marketed in or Near Portland by Plan.

One million seven hundred and fifty thousand acres of valuable agricultural lands, now in a semi-arid and practically unproductive condition, encompassed in the Columbia river basin, will be put under irrigation and the bulk of \$300,000,000 worth of varied crops will be marketed in or through Portland if the dream of those backing the Columbia basin irrigation project is realized.

The great scope of plans for agricultural development through irrigation on the Washington side of the Columbia river were made apparent to members of the Oregon irrigation congress at their meeting at the Chamber of Commerce this morning when Professor O. L. Waller, secretary of the Columbia basin survey commission, recited the commission's hopes.

Although the plans for the project, which would be the largest single irrigation development in the world, are still on a tentative stage, there is strong hope for the early realization of the plan, according to Professor Waller.

This immense acreage, located in South Central Washington, would be directly tributary to Portland with its downward grade haul to the Columbia river gateway.

Estimated by comparison with the Sunnyside valley, whose production record stands to be sadly eclipsed by the new development, crops on the 1,750,000-irrigable acres of the basin would represent a total value of \$300,000,000, Waller believes. His estimate takes account of the fact that much of the Sunnyside territory is still in grass and does not include that valley's production of milk, eggs, butter and the like.

The project would add \$900,000,000 to the taxable value of the lands, would (Continued on Page Two, Column Five)

STERLING BILL TO PUNISH FOR SEDITION PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—The senate late today, with one dissenting vote, passed the Sterling bill to punish agitators for advocating violent overthrow of government. An amendment by Senator McKellar to include agitation for "peaceable" revolution was defeated.

Earlier in the day the senate accepted an amendment by Borah which prevents suppression of publications by the postmaster general without the process of a hearing and appeal by the publishers.

DR. EQUI APPEALS TO LAST SOURCE

Case of Woman Convicted of Disloyalty Taken Before U. S. Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 10.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—A petition was filed today asking the supreme court to review the case of Dr. Marie Equi convicted in the Oregon federal court and sent up for three years' imprisonment for inciting disloyalty during the war. The petition assails the constitutionality of the espionage law and alleges evidence was improperly admitted of words and acts of the defendant prior to its enactment.

Italian Railway Men Call General Strike

Rome, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The Italian railwaymen today decided to begin a general strike next Thursday. According to the Tribuna the government is prepared to work the lines with soldiers and engineers. It contemplates that the unions be allowed to manage the railways.

Soviet Ark Anchors At Kiel for Repairs

Berlin, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—The American transport, the "soviet ark," reached Kiel last night and docked for repairs. It was not known how long the vessel will remain here, but her ultimate destination was reported to be either Libau or Riga.

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V. BERGER IS EXCLUDED FOR SECOND TIME

Congress Refuses to Allow Milwaukee Socialist to Occupy Seat to Which He Was Elected

Members Hold View That Wisconsin Man Is Disloyal and Ineligible Under Constitution.

Washington, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Victor L. Berger, Milwaukee Socialist, convicted under the espionage act, was today for the second time in two months excluded from membership in congress.

The vote was 328 to 6 with one member voting present.

The resolution ousting Berger was offered by Representative Dallingler, who declared Berger was not being excluded because he was a Socialist, but for the reason that he was disloyal and thus ineligible under the constitution.

BERGER TO RUN AGAIN Berger announced his intention of again becoming a candidate in the Fifth district of Wisconsin, and expressed a belief that his majority in the next election would greatly exceed that in the last.

Those voting against excluding Berger were: Griffin, New York; Sisson, Mississippi; Sherwood, Ohio; Voight, Wisconsin; Representative Sabbath, Illinois, voted present.

Berger was defended only by Representative Mann, Illinois; Sherwood, Ohio; and Voight, Wisconsin. Representative Klecka, Milwaukee, attacked Berger, calling him "a revolutionist working with the international forces to overthrow law and order."

ADAM SMITH LAUGHED Representative Voight called him a "high minded and noble gentleman" and the house broke into laughter.

Voight then said: "If you call Berger a traitor, you must call the people of the Fifth district traitors."

"They are," Representative Blanton, Texas, said.

"They are as patriotic as anybody," Voight added.

"No, they're not," snipe came from all over the house.

Several times later the house laughed down Voight when he sought to praise Berger.

Berger is Renominated Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—The Socialist party central committee for the Fifth district in several days' temporary session today, announced the renomination of Victor L. Berger as candidate for congress.

Bolsheviki Capture 60,000 Prisoners, Is Claim in Wireless

London, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Bolsheviki forces have captured the important town of Krazenyorsk, about 650 miles west of Irkutsk, with the remnants of Admiral Kuznetsov's fleet, according to a wireless communique from Moscow today.

The count of prisoners already had reached 60,000 when the dispatch was filed, the Bolsheviks claimed.

New Bill Is Framed For Railway Between Bend, Klamath Falls

The latest and biggest proposal scheduled for submission to the special session of the legislature which is to meet Monday next, is a plan for the construction of a railroad between Bend and Klamath Falls by state cooperation if not with state aid to a greater or less extent. The concurrent resolution, or the bill as it may be determined, is now being drafted and will be ready for introduction soon after the session is opened.

The proposal, as outlined in the rough, would mark a new departure in railroad construction in Oregon should it be approved by the legislature. It contemplates, first, that the state highway commission be given the power and authority to construct a highway grade of sufficient width to accommodate a standard railroad line could be laid along one side without interfering with the use of the road by automobile or other traffic. It would also provide for the appointment of a non-salaried commission by the governor to make a full investigation into the feasibility of laying a rail line along the state highway between Bend and Klamath Falls.

It is argued by those who are backing the plan that the cost to the state of widening the main highway between Bend and Klamath Falls, if the route has been located on the road map by the legislature, sufficiently to permit the construction of a rail line along one side would be relatively small. Practically the entire distance, it is pointed out, is a level table land which would require but few cuts or fills.

It is argued, also, that the long reaches of non-productive territory between Klamath Falls and Bend make it likely, if not practically certain, that neither of the two railroad systems will extend their lines for some time to come. In the meantime, it is pointed out, the growing business of the Klamath county is being gobbled up by California nut growers.

Fronting these conditions it is argued that the state could well afford to furnish the grade for the extension, particularly as it would at the same time be engaged in grading for the state highway, provided that an agreement could be reached with the railroads to join hands in laying the rails and operating trains were the grade to be furnished.

It is not contemplated by those back of the scheme that the state would part with title to the grade but that it would merely grant an easement over it, to be used under such terms and conditions and for such time as might be determined by agreement between the railroads, companies and the state.

It is expected that tentative figures on mileage, gradients and construction costs, especially insofar as these might affect the state, will be assembled for presentation before the legislature for its consideration in connection with the proposed plan when it is laid before the session.

TAXES HIGH; VANDERBILTS TO SEL HOME

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Increased taxes on the Cornellius Vanderbilt residence, occupying an entire block facing Fifth avenue, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, here, was said to be the reason for the reported negotiations for the sale of the property.

The residence has been a landmark since 1894, when the original house was enlarged. The land is assessed by the city for taxation purposes at \$3,600,000, and the land and building at \$3,725,000.

KEELEY'S CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED

Investigation of Industrial Accident Commission Fails to Show Mismanagement.

Salem, Jan. 10.—No evidence was found to substantiate the charge of mismanagement in the administration of the workmen's compensation fund made against the state industrial accident commission by Le Roy E. Keeley, Portland attorney, according to the committee of nine, which concluded its investigations of the affairs of the commission this morning, and filed its report with Governor Olcott, who instituted the investigation last July at the request of William A. Marshall, chairman of the commission.

Numerous recommendations are contained in the report of the committee, including the following:

The appointment by the governor of a committee of three members, representing the public, the employers and the employees, to meet semi-annually in January and July, for the purpose of going over the administration of the law by the commission and to hear and investigate complaints, to make such recommendations as may be deemed advisable and to report to him.

KEELEY GIVEN PERMIT TO PRACTICE LAW WHILE PORTLAND ATTORNEY

Salem, Jan. 10.—Lee Roy E. Keeley, Portland attorney, against whom has been filed action to prevent his permanent admittance to the practice of law in Oregon, is practicing under an application for extension of his temporary permit, which expired December 26, pending the outcome of the investigation into the charges which have been filed against him.

Keeley gained state wide notoriety through the charges filed by himself against the state industrial accident commission, alleging mismanagement, which are under investigation.

Edna Leslie, Aged 23, Admits She Has 4 Living Husbands

New York, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Edna Leslie, 23, was arrested today on a charge of bigamy. Her husbands, according to the complaint, include:

- Charles Hoffman, 28; Robert Simmonds, 20; George Faucett, 22; John Leslie, 22.

According to the police she started at 16 by marrying Hoffman. She is alleged to have admitted marrying the four men but pleaded "she didn't know it was against the law."

Military Arrests Follow Clash of Irish and British

London, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Many military arrests have been made following a battle between two Irish regiments of the Connaught Rangers and the Royal Irish Fusiliers and English Westchestershire troops, according to a dispatch from Dover to the Evening News today. The fight started at 10 o'clock last night and raged until midnight.

Sticks and stones were used and much damage was done.

Premier's Silk Hat Regarded Emblem Of His Willingness

Paris, Jan. 10.—Premier Clemenceau's adoption of the silk hat since yesterday is the sole topic of conversation in diplomatic and political circles, as it is interpreted as confirmation of his willingness to accept the presidency.

The "Tiger" thus conforms with the senatorial traditions imposed upon France's chief magistrate. In recent years he has scornfully avoided the silk hat as "superfluous florescence."

Farrell Returns to Resume Road Duties

J. D. Farrell, vice-president of the Union Pacific system, returned to Portland this morning after spending nearly a month at Coronado and other California points. He returns refreshed by his vacation and is now ready to take up the work to complete reorganization of the western end of the Union Pacific lines in preparation for the return of private control.

NEW ERA DAWNS WHEN ALLIED POWERS SIGN UP PEACE PACT WITH GERMANS

Formal Ratification of Treaty of Versailles Brings to End Great World War Which Drenched the Nations in Blood

Defeated Enemy Also Signs Protocol to Enforce Terms; United States Is Not Represented at Last Scene in Paris

Paris, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Peace became effective at 4:11 p. m. today, when allied and German representatives exchanged ratifications of the treaty of Versailles.

Previous to the exchange of ratifications, the Germans signed the protocol covering enforcement of the terms. American Ambassador Wallace was not present.

Premier Clemenceau, in closing the session, said: "The protocol ending the armistice has been signed, ratifications have been exchanged and the treaty is effective immediately."

Following the ceremony several of the allied delegates bowed to the Germans, but did not shake hands with them.

Then the envoys of nine smaller powers signed the treaty, the alphabetical order of their nations. As the representative of each power signed his country automatically ceased to be at war.

It is expected that diplomatic relations will be resumed between the signatory powers immediately.

WILSON MAY CALL FIRST MEETING OF WORLD LEAGUE

Washington, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The United States took no part in the formal ratification of the peace treaty in Paris today, it was announced by the state department. Ambassador Wallace was not even present at an observance.

The matter of President Wilson calling the first meeting of the League of Nations within 15 days, as provided by the treaty, is being considered. It is believed that the president will take this step as an individual and not as an official of the United States. It is expected that the first meeting of the league will be held in Geneva or Paris.

WILSON TREATY ADHERENTS GAIN

Straw Ballot Shows Large Majority of People Stand by Original Treaty Draft.

1—For compromise and immediate ratification, 607.

2—For Lodge reservations, 103.

3—For ratification of the treaty substantially as submitted by the president, 9634.

4—Against any ratification, 211.

Above is the count up to 11 o'clock today.

News dispatches describe the situation at Washington as up in the air as the treaty, but that mild reservationists and the Democrats are redoubling their efforts to reach an agreement and effect ratification. That fact is all the more reason for a full expression of sentiment in the straw poll, no matter what your views, and bury them into the Journal.

Oscar Carlson, late of the navy, writes: "I would like to see congress go to work. This is no time for anything but work. I got back from the navy on a Sunday, Monday I went to work in the harvest field."

Anna G. Schwartz, aged 15, Portland, writes: "I am not entitled to a vote. But I cannot understand why those few senators are opposed to the peace treaty. How can they interfere with such a blessing as peace?"

Frank Banzer, Mist. Or., is against the present treaty. He writes: "The Journal is wrong in denouncing those who are opposed to the League of Nations in its present form."

Last U. S. Troops Leave France

Paris, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Brigadier-General Conner and his staff left for Antwerp early today, where they will take ship for America. Their departure took away the last of the American forces in France.

BALLOT ON PEACE TREATY

Vote on choice. Indicate preference by X mark in square.

Name _____ Address _____ Fill in and mail to The Journal. Limitation of ballot to qualified voters is requested.