

# FRANCE WILL AND BRITAIN AGAINST REDS

## Hospital Ships Leave Toulon for Black Sea Soon After English Squadron Sails Out of Malta.

## Additional French Warships Ordered to Hold Themselves in Readiness to Go to Near East

By Henry Wood  
Paris, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Great Britain plans to send troops into the Caucasus to prevent the spread of Bolshevism into Armenia, Turkey, Persia and Mesopotamia. It is reported here today.

The British request to the supreme council yesterday to have French and Italian troops take the place of the British units in the allied forces, which will preserve order in the various regions where placidities were ordered by the peace treaty, was necessitated by their plan to send troops into the near east. It was said.

### CLEMENCEAU RESIGNS

Georges Clemenceau, the former French premier, resigned as president of the supreme council. He was given an eloquent farewell by his colleagues. Departure of French hospital ships from Toulon for the Black sea, almost at the same time a British squadron departed from Malta for the destination, strengthened the belief the French navy will cooperate with the British in southern Russia in action against the Bolsheviks. French warships also have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to depart for Constantinople.

### COUNCIL'S FINAL MEETING

The supreme council held its final meeting today. Clemenceau presided at first, but was succeeded by Premier Millerand. It was decided to create immediately a council of ambassadors to succeed the supreme council. This new organization will meet permanently in Paris with power to execute the Versailles treaty and decide all matters already under discussion. Questions of principle will be referred to the heads of the interested governments who will meet in London, Paris and Rome.

### Supreme Council Has Informed the Rumanian Premier that the Allies Would (Continued on Page Two, Column Two)

# VISTA HOUSE VETO ECHOES OLD SCORE

## Dispute Over Cost Had Been Waged Between Yeon and Commissioner Holman.

Governor Olcott's veto of the bill validating the expenditures made by the county in the construction of the Vista House, brings back to memory the controversy that raged between Commissioner Rufus Holman and Roadmaster John E. Yeon, during the time that monument to the pioneers of Oregon was being constructed.

When the Vista House was commenced it was represented that the total cost of the structure would not exceed \$125,000. After work was put under way this amount was first raised to \$180,000, and then kept crawling up finally, when all bills had been paid and the structure had been completed, it had cost the county approximately \$105,000.

After a good deal of wrangling about the matter the county commissioners finally approved all of the bills that had been incurred by Roadmaster Yeon, during the time that monument to the pioneers of Oregon was being constructed.

# More Quake Shocks Felt at Vera Cruz; Volcano Is Spouting

Mexico City, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—More earthquake shocks have been felt in the state of Vera Cruz, a dispatch from Vera Cruz said.

# Masquerader May Be Missing Heiress

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A girl arrested here on the streets in male attire late today, is believed to be the daughter of a wealthy American resident of Switzerland, who disappeared from Hull House, Chicago, on December 20, and for whom an extended search has been conducted. Officials are trying to confirm her statement.

# New York World Comes Out Strong For Hoover for Next President

## Democratic Paper Declares That American People Are Disgust- ed With Party Politics.

New York, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—The New York World, in its leading editorial today declared for Herbert C. Hoover for president. The World, a Democratic paper, has been a strong supporter of President Wilson.

"We should be glad to support Mr. Hoover as the Democratic candidate for president," the editorial said, "on a platform that represented the historical principles of the Democratic party. We should be glad to support him as an independent candidate on a platform of progressive liberalism. We should not hesitate to support him as the Republican candidate on a platform representing the kind of government which Hoover has exemplified in his public career."

The World declared partisan objections to Hoover are arguments in his favor, adding: "The American people are tired of professional politicians and disgusted with party politics. The old party lines have been broken down . . . and in respect to principles both parties are bankrupt."

Most of the presidential candidates of both parties, the World says, "are so inadequate in view of the issues that the next president must meet, that their aspirations are little short of ridiculous. . . . Of all the men whose names have been mentioned, the World believes Hoover alone measures up to the presidency in the fullest sense."

### Another Hoover Boom

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—The "Hoover boom" in the presidential campaign was launched here today by a temporary organization of several Minneapolis business men, formed last night. The group is headed by a prominent banker, Hoover for the Republican nomination for president.

# AUTO ACCIDENTS CUT 50 PER CENT

## Marked Reduction in Traffic Mishaps Shown by Police Records Recently.

The number of traffic accidents on Portland streets is decreasing. They have been cut almost in half. Police records for the first 17 days of January show 309 accidents, or approximately 18 a day. In November, there were 21 every 24 hours.

Injuries have dropped to less than one-fourth the November totals. Whereas, there were more than four injuries every day that month, only 15 persons were mutilated during the first 17 days of January, or less than one a day. Four of the injuries in January occurred in one accident. The figures indicate that drivers and pedestrians are more careful.

# FATALITIES ARE ABSENT

Not a single person has been killed since November 21. With the exception of August, 1918, no month passed since February, 1917, without a killing, until last December. Of the 309 collisions so far reported this month, 209 were between automobiles. Machines collided with 58 street cars, eight bicycles, an equal number of women and two smashups with trams, and 21 pedestrians were struck.

Failure to give right of way was one of the great causes of accidents. That was the trouble in 49 cases. Forty-five accidents were caused by skidding, or lack of control of the machine. IS LAID TO SPEEDING

Eighteen were the outcome of speeding, seven of failure to signal, six of recklessness, and three of defective brakes.

Nine accidents were the result of cutting corners, five of driving on the wrong side of the street, four of jockeying on bridges, and four of absence of tail lights. In two smashups with trams, a defective parking gear was responsible for three smashups with side curbs, one double parking one, and an inexperienced driver another. The remaining accidents were the fruitage of various other types of carelessness.

# Rebellion Reported in County of Tipperary

Dublin, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The county of Tipperary was reported this afternoon to be in a state of revolt. One report was that a band of armed men attacked the police barracks and blew up the walls. Under the cover of darkness, armed men were said to have captured the station.

# WINE GRAPE SALES IN PORTLAND SHOW BIG INCREASE; DRY FRUIT PRICES UP

## Commission Men Declare There Is No Secret in Buying of Wine Stock.

More than 100 carloads of fresh wine grapes and 40 carloads of dried stock have been sold in the Portland market during the last few months, according to commission men.

This is by far the greatest supply of wine grapes that has ever been sold in the Portland market.

Recently sharp advances have been made in the price of the dried fruit; sales being made to the wholesale market from 20c to 25c a pound.

These grapes cannot be used for anything except a hatching place for ducks and geese and other wild fowl, and situated along the Southern Pacific railroad eight miles southwest of this city, is now about to become a vast, intensely cultivated garden.

For several months local people have been aware of unusual activity in the sale of this land, nearly all of which has been turned by one man, L. Jacobs of this city, to wealthy Chinese and Japanese. This association is one of the largest producers of garden truck and potatoes in California.

Members of the association first became interested in the land in this section late last summer. Young Chinese experts from American universities were sent to analyze the soil and found that it is composed of peat and silt, and that a depth of loam and collar will be limitless. Layer after layer of decomposed vegetable matter has been added until now the rich black surface is 10 feet deep. In view of the fact that the land is rich in lime and iron, it is a great surprise to Klamath county.

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### CARL GRAY IS COMING

Carl Gray, the new president of the Union Pacific system, and Harry M. Adams, vice president in charge of traffic, are already on their way to Portland. They are making an extensive study of all physical properties and are due at Huntington to meet and accompany the party over the lines in Oregon and Washington.

Each of these presidents will be the guest of honor of the Chamber of Commerce at special dinners, if they will accept the invitation, according to P. Hetherington, assistant secretary, this morning.

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# FLOUR PRICES ARE DUE FOR BIG INCREASE

## Rise of 80 Cents a Barrel in Flour Thursday Is Expected to Affect Bakery Product.

Up goes the price of your daily bread. Flour prices will be advanced 80 cents a barrel or 20 cents a 49-pound sack in the Portland market bright and early Thursday morning.

This means a retail selling price to the consumer of the best brands of patent flour of \$3.45 per 49-pound sack or a wholesale selling price to retailers of \$13.15 per barrel at the mills in less than carload lots.

### BREAD ADVANCE EXPECTED

With the advancing price of flour you may expect an advance in the price of bakery bread.

At the higher price named for flour millers say that values here are lower than in any other section of the United States. Wheat is even higher in Portland today than in many Eastern centers and flour is lower.

Flour prices on spring wheat patents, made from Minnesota and Dakota hard spring wheats, range from \$14.75 to \$15.50 per barrel in Minneapolis, and hard winter wheat patents made from Kansas and Nebraska hard winter wheats range from \$14.00 to \$14.65 per barrel at Kansas City.

The price on these flours is basis cotton halves and where packed in cotton quarters for family trade, the price is 15c per barrel additional.

# MERCHANT MARINE PLAN IS SUGGESTED

## A. F. Haines Urges Public Ownership Through Government Corporation of Such a Fleet.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Public ownership through a government corporation of the American merchant marine fleet was suggested this afternoon to the senate commerce committee which is considering permanent merchant marine legislation.

The proposal is known as the Pacific coast plan. It was presented to the committee by A. F. Haines, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Steamship company. He recommended that congress create a federal merchant marine corporation with authority to issue \$2,000,000,000 in public service bonds for the purpose of taking over the emergency fleet corporation vessels, shippers, terminals and other properties. The life of the bonds should be 20 years, and that of the federal merchant marine corporation should be 25 years. The government should sell the bonds as it did the Victory loan bonds, but limit the amount of the bonds to \$500,000,000 at any one time. All bonds should be registered to prevent the massing of the securities.

The federal merchant marine corporation should sell the fleet at reasonable prices for specific trades on terms that would enable the American shipping companies to absorb the fleet and operate the vessels for the fleet and operate Terms of such sales might be 5 per cent cash and 5 per cent per annum.

"It is impossible for Americans to operate the American boats under the American flag without some governmental assistance," said Haines.

# Naval Officer Short \$75,000 in Accounts, Is Report to Daniels

Washington, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—An investigating board this afternoon submitted a report to Secretary of the Navy Daniels showing an apparent deficit of \$75,000 in the accounts of lieutenant C. F. Bennett, U. S. N., disbursing officer in charge of accounts of officers stationed in Washington.

# THIRTY-TWO BILLS KILLED BY GOVERNOR

## Olcott Continues to Wield Execu- tive Axe, Giving Reasons for Vetoing Measures Passed.

Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—Abuse of the special emergency session of the state legislature by the consideration of measures not of an emergency nature, as the radical misuse of the emergency clause, is severely scored by Governor Olcott in his messages to the senate and house, returning 32 measures which had fallen under his official veto up to this morning. Seven of the 32 measures which have been vetoed thus far bore the emergency clause.

There are yet a number of bills left for consideration by the governor and it is expected that several more measures will be cut down by the official veto before the time limit for executive action has expired.

Principal among the measures vetoed to date are the straight party ticket measure steered through the two houses under the chaperonage of the Republican machine, and 11 local road measures, through which the voters played horse with the state highway map during the closing days of the session.

Governor Olcott stated his reasons for vetoing the "straight party ticket" bill, as follows:

"I herewith return senate bill number 53, with my disapproval. It seems that an attempt is made in this bill to so amend our election laws that the so-called 'straight party ticket' may be put into use. Any such sweeping change as this in the ballot vitally affects every voter in the state of Oregon. Such a change which goes toward the heart of our form of government should be finally passed upon by the people."

# REPRIMANDS GIVEN LEADERS AT O. A. C.

## Three Men Censured by Student Affairs Committee for Part in Breach of Rules.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 21.—Three of the most prominent seniors in college were severely reprimanded by the student affairs committee for responsibility in the violation of college regulations during the Oregon game week. These included Lloyd Carter, Portland, chairman of the Greater O. A. C. committee; Emil Siebert, Pendleton, president of the senior class, and Bernard Mainwaring, Newberg, editor of the Barometer.

The official act of the student affairs committee, not submitted to the student body, was that the student body, in the current issue of the Barometer, charges these men with being lax in their official duty and deserving of public censure. They were elected by the student body to take charge of the rally events of the week preceding the Oregon game, at which time a street dance was staged with objectionable features.

This action is the second aftermath of that breach of rules. The first action was taken last week, when Heine Anderson, Aberdeen, Wash., yell king, and Robert Warrens, Portland, president of the junior class, were removed from office.

A storm of disapproval on the part of the student body was stirred up as a result of these acts of the official committee. At a mass meeting of the student body, the ousted officers were given a vote of confidence and a committee of five, consisting of Roy Keene, Salem; Clement Sharkey, Portland; Harold Poling, Corvallis; Emil Siebert, Pendleton; and Bernard Mainwaring, Newberg, was elected to draw up amendments to existing student regulations.

This committee has organized, with Roy Keene as chairman, and is now at work preparing measures to amend certain objectionable features in existing student regulation. This committee will act in cooperation with the student affairs committee in an effort to draw up regulations more in harmony with popular sentiment on the campus.

# Chicago Epidemic Showing Decrease

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—New cases of influenza reported in the health department today for the last 24 hours totalled 1725, a slight decrease over yesterday's figures of 1887. Fifty-six deaths were recorded.

# WOULD BAR CHILDREN OF U. S. JAPANESE

## WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Senator Phelan, California, today introduced a resolution to amend the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution so that Japanese born in the United States and its possessions cannot obtain citizenship.

Phelan pointed out that within a few years, under the present constitutional provision, Japanese born in Hawaii will control the territorial government. The high birth rate of Japanese in California is also a menace to the control of land by the whites, he said.

# GAME COMMISSION APPOINTS CARTER

## Ashland Banker to Serve as Ninth Member of Board in Fish Controversy.

E. V. Carter of Ashland has been agreed upon as the "arbitrator" of the double jointed fish and game commission elected by the special session of the legislature.

Under the terms of the law creating that commission, there are three commissioners representing the commercial fishing interests of the state and five representing the anglers and sportsmen of the state. The act also provides that there shall be one vote for a unit vote, a ninth commissioner, who shall be the "arbitrator" and have the deciding vote as between the two factions in case the vote is evenly divided.

### BANKER AT ASHLAND

Carter is one of the best known citizens of Southern Oregon. He has been prominent for many years as a banker and a member of the Ashland board of city politics, having served in the legislature from Jackson county for several sessions. He was speaker of the house during the session of 1916.

It is a generally accepted opinion that the arbitrator of the fish and game commission will have to be an iron man to fill the position created by the new law, unless by some miracle harmony is brought about during the game controversy. In spite of the membership of nine, the commission, so far as the voting is concerned, is a commission of three. The commercial wing of the commission has one vote, the sportsmen wing has one vote and the arbitrator has one vote, which throws the chairman into the position of voting on all contested questions either with the commercial interests and against the sportsmen or with the sportsmen and against the commercial men.

# NORTHERN ITALY IS UNDER SIEGE

## Milan, Genoa and Other Cities Patrolled by Troops Because of Wide Unrest.

Rome, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A state of siege was proclaimed by the government today at Milan, Turin, Genoa, and other cities in Northern and Central Italy as a result of the unrest which has accompanied the new railway strike.

The strike areas are being patrolled by heavy forces of troops. A train near Genoa was fired upon, presumably by strikers.

The railway strike is now general throughout the northern and central parts of the kingdom, but the southern railway employees have not yet joined the movement. The Catholic workers are not participating.

# Red Offensive in Poland Predicted By Military Men

Washington, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—A terrific spring offensive by the Bolsheviks against the Poles is expected by military experts here today.

The drive, the experts believe, will be calculated to annihilate Poland as the "buffer state" between Red Russia and the non-soviet nations of Europe, permitting Trotsky's hordes to advance into them.

# SOCIALISTS IN SECRET PACT, HEARING TOLD

## Unseating Proceedings Aimed at Citizens of Alien Empire, Lit- tleton Tells Assemblymen.

## Says Soviet's Work Should Be Wiped Out Before It Poisons Entire System of Government.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Martin Littleton, counsel for the state, said before the legislative committee that the five socialists whose seating is in question, "are citizens of a secret alien empire, the empire of the international. This secret alien state threatens to overthrow all government. It is raising its head in the United States today. It is appearing in our churches, in our public forums and in our legislative assemblies. It speaks of force and when we challenge it, as we are doing here, it meekly says that it has reference to the force of the ballot. But it really has in mind the force of violence. These five men are citizens and emissaries of this alien secret state, and that is why we have brought them to trial here."

### SOVIET AND SPARTACIST

"They could have taken an oath to our country instead of an oath to this alien invisible empire with its corner resting on soviet Russia and its other corner resting on the Spartacists," he continued. "The question here is, can this assembly expel the agents of this invisible empire, who are loyal to this country; if this assembly has the right to remove them before the poison has contaminated the system?"

"Mr. Hillquit said yesterday that the treason of today may be the law tomorrow. It will be the law tomorrow if you let traitors write the law."

Denouncing applause interrupted the speaker at this point, and Chairman Martin succeeded in restoring order only after repeated uses of his gavel. He then served notice that another public hearing would be met with expulsion from the chamber.

### Hired Alien Agents

"The men are the hired agents of alien," shouted Littleton, pointing dramatically to the five. "They may not act the way the alien-paying members of the Socialist party tell them to act."

"All this patter about representative government has nothing to do with this case," Littleton referred to "the misdirected remarks of Mr. Hughes."

# Man Who Let Minor Drive Car Is Fined

A \$50 fine was imposed on E. B. Bode this morning by Municipal Judge Roseman for allowing a minor to drive an automobile in violation of a city ordinance. Payment was suspended on \$10 of the fine. Other traffic fines were: E. J. O'Connell, \$10; E. E. Egan, \$12.50; Mrs. Matson, \$15; Ed Hall, \$5 and D. Goodsell, \$2.

# Steamer China Is Reported Ashore

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The steamer China, a passenger liner from San Francisco to the Orient, is ashore five miles off Nagasaki, Japan, according to a cablegram received by the marine department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce today.