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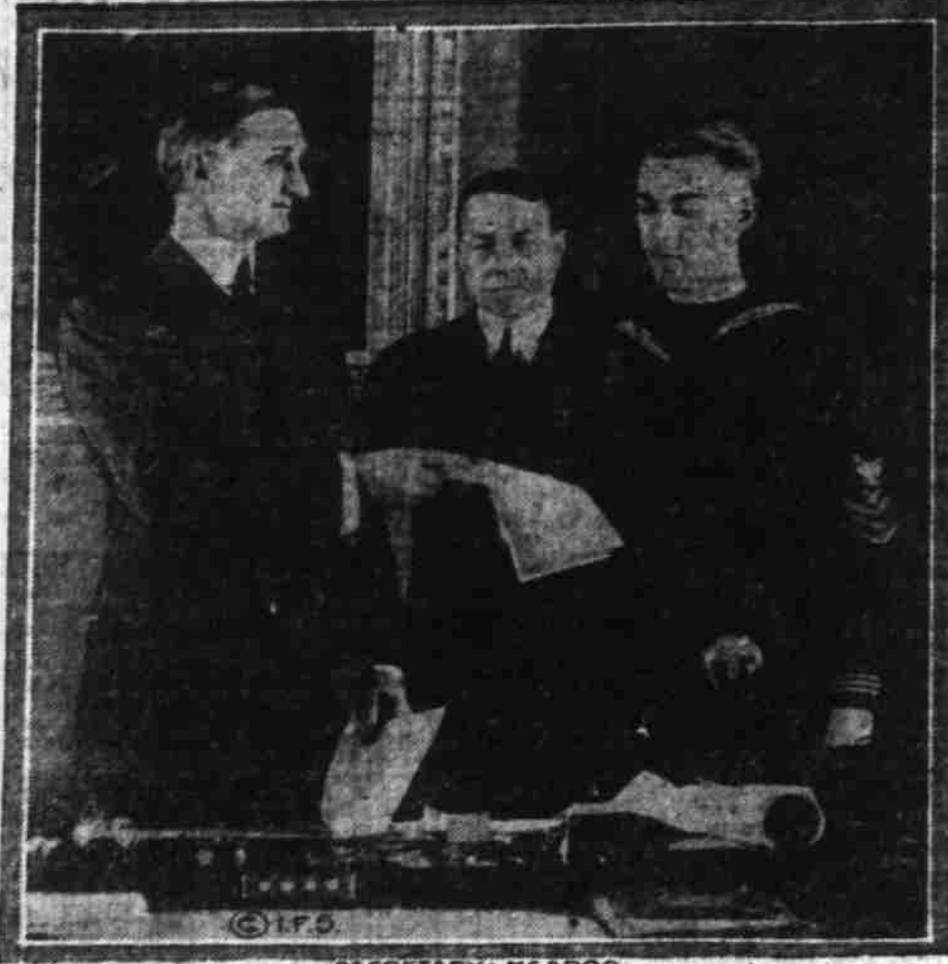
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### First War Insurance Policy Signed by McAdoo



The first war insurance policy signed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was handed by him to Yeoman M. J. Krumm, the first man to be insured by Uncle Sam. The third man in the photo is the private secretary to Mr. McAdoo.

## OFFICER TELLS OF HIS FLIGHT FROM GERMANY

Former Santa Fe Railroad Man Was Shot Down in Aerial Battle

### STORY IS TOLD TO KING

O'Brien and Monarch Have Complimentary Impressions of Each Other

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Flight-Lieutenant Pat O'Brien, the former Santa Fe railway man who effected a remarkable escape from Germany after being shot down in an aerial battle as a member of the Royal Flying Corps and who walked across a part of Germany, all of Luxembourg, and Belgium before digging under the "wire of death" and reaching Amsterdam, has just told his story to the king at Buckingham palace. And O'Brien and the king have formed complimentary impressions of each other.

"I have met some of the heads of departments on the western division of the Santa Fe, some of the big business men in Chicago, and a few of the men doing the fighting in important positions in this war, and I want to say that the king is one of the best," said O'Brien, who is a native of Mombasa, Ill., and a resident of San Francisco. "I don't think he knows what side means. We shook hands heartily three times—on my arrival, when I thought I might be taking too much of his time and started to go, and finally when we said good-bye."

"I received a telegram to call at 10:30 o'clock and, arriving two minutes before, found the King on railroad time. I was not kept waiting a minute, but was taken directly to him by one of his secretaries who withdrew on presenting me. We then chatted for 40 minutes, the King showing great interest in my experiences and questioning me minutely as to my route from the time I jumped out of the train window until I concealed myself nearby and studied the electrically-charged barrier between Belgium and Holland for about a week of night before succeeding in a plan of escape.

"The King first offered me a chair, but when I declined politely stood with me throughout our conversation. He certainly had more than an amateur's knowledge of electricity, as I gathered by the lively interest he displayed at the several ways I had in mind as to how best to put the live wires out of business. I thought first of grounding the current in the several wires with a horizontal metal bar, then made a ladder of saplings so green that the wood proved a conductor and decided on another plan successfully.

"He was keenly interested in my jump through the window of the train and the guard's effort to hold me in. I think he laughed most heartily at my passage with the guard guard previously when I complained of our having to ride in fourth-class compartments. The guard responded that we rightfully should be riding in hog-trucks. I answered that such would be possible to idling with Germans, and then my English-speaking guard exploded in gutturals, probably not knowing profanity in a foreign tongue.

"I couldn't realize the King was a king. He seemed just like other men, but more interested in my story. He expressed great sympathy for my mother owing to her long belief that I had been killed, it indeed having been so announced in the British official report. I have been given leave for three months to visit her at Mombasa, Ill., but my time may be extended. It is very funny that I received my first training and was the American Flying corps, in which

likely that I shall be transferred to serving at San Diego before becoming restless and enlisting with the Canadians in Victoria. I have now recovered from the effects of seventy-two days diet of cabbages and turnips."

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## ITALIAN WOMAN FIRST CAPTAIN

Examination Is Passed and Assignment to Merchant Vessel Awaited

PARIS, Jan. 31.—Italy claims the first woman to qualify as a captain of a merchant vessel in the ocean-going trade. She is Miss Elise Belluomini, a young woman of Viareggio, Italy, who has just passed her final examinations and is awaiting assignment to active service.

Born and reared among a sea-faring folk, Miss Belluomini developed in early life an ardent desire to follow the sea for a career. She communicated her ambition to her relatives and friends, but they laughed at her. A woman sailor! It was impossible, they told her.

The young woman was not to be swayed from her purpose, however, and she finally found a sympathetic friend in a retired sea captain who told her of having seen women navigators in the coastwise trade of the Hawaiian Islands. The girl's remarkable knowledge of the sea surprised the old captain who gave her every encouragement and finally recommended her to the maritime authorities of Livorno.

Some months later Miss Belluomini was, by special decree, allowed to take a course in the Nautical Institute of Viareggio. Her progress was astonishing. The ease and facility with which she mastered the difficult nautical problems submitted to her won the admiration and respect of her professors and fellow students, who aided her in every way possible.

New difficulties presented themselves, however, after she had passed the required examinations at the institute, the Mariner's Union refused at first to break its traditional policy of admitting a woman into its membership. The girl's perseverance finally triumphed over all obstacles and she received the coveted master's license in the ocean-going trade.

Concerning her plans Miss Belluomini said: "I enter sea service at a troubled period when each day one risks his life at sea but I will attempt to demonstrate to my sailors that a woman may be just as courageous as a man. If I should be unfortunate enough to have my boat torpedoed, I shall follow the traditional policy of the sea and aided her crew is saved first. I shall be the last to leave the boat that has been confided to my care. My life! I am ready to sacrifice it. I am today at the service of my country and of her dear and noble sisters, France, America and England."

**CONSTANT SUFFERER FINDS** "I have been a constant sufferer from kidney troubles and was down sick in bed," writes C. F. Reynolds, 472 Herrick St., Elmira, N. Y. "I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills. In a few days I was up out of bed." Recommended for rheumatic pains, backache, biliousness, sore muscles, stiff joints, "tired out" feeling. J. C. Perry.

**A DESERVED HONOR.** George W. Braden, athletic director at the National Army encampment at Camp Meade, was recently tendered a dinner in honor of his appointment as physical-director-in-chief of the Italian army.

## AMERICA LIVES UP TO DEMANDS MADE BY ALLIES

Hoover Program of Conservation Is Bringing Surplus for Entente

### GOODE TALKS ON FOOD

Great National Movement of Self-Sacrifice Described in Detail

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Sir William Goode, who since the entry of the United States into the war, has occupied the important post of liaison officer between the British food ministry and the United States food administration, discussed the present food situation in an address today in the London Rotary club.

"Few people," said Sir William, "have yet grasped the fundamental fact that Great Britain still relies on the United States and Canada for 65 per cent of her essential foodstuffs. Unless we can get this food or nearly all of it, we shall perish. As to how we get it, the popular idea seems to be that the United States is an up to date combination of miracle leaves and fishes and the widow's crust."

"What I want you to realize is the amazing way in which the energies and sentiments of the American people have been sacrificed to a great national movement of organized self-sacrifice, so that the allies can have food enough to carry on." He proceeded to give a detailed account of the steps taken by the United States toward food production and conservation.

"The cynic will tell you," he said, "that it is ridiculous to imagine that the American people, living in the midst of plenty, will make such sacrifices as these for the sake of their allies thousands of miles away. The cynic will relegate President Wilson and Herbert C. Hoover to the category of well-meaning idealists. But these voluntary measures can be tested by results."

"Early last month we received from Mr. Hoover a cablegram saying he found that as a result of the American conservation campaign he had 150,000,000 pounds of frozen meat more than British representatives in the United States had estimated as likely to be available. His offer was so unexpected that we had to hustle to get the finance and shipping for this winter and fall. Later on it turned out that the amount of frozen meat available was thousands of tons above the Hoover estimate. Except for the holdup of shipping in American ports due to congestion on the railways and blizzards our bacon and meat shortage would long since have been eased by these arrangements which represent only a small percentage of the total sacrifices of the American people."

"It is lucky for us that a man like Mr. Hoover is at the helm of the allied food supply and that behind him is a people willing to deny themselves so we may live to fight."

## CONFERENCE TO RUN BUSINESS

Alliance Is Concluded Between British, French and American Lines

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) British, American and French steamship lines, interested in the north Atlantic trade have concluded an alliance for the purpose of governing the passenger business of the lines, according to an official announcement. The alliance will be known as the "Atlantic Conference," replacing a similar organization which existed before the war, but from which the German and Austrian

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## FRANCE NEEDS SPHAGNUM MOSS

Material Is Used As Absorbent in Hospital Behind Battle Lines

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—Sphagnum moss, which grows profusely in the Ouzt Sound country and Alaska, is wanted for use as an absorbent in the hospitals behind the battle lines in France, according to a bulletin issued by the botany department of the University of Washington.

Hikers of the northwest now generally spend their Sundays in the forest and bogs gathering Sphagnum instead of roaming the hills and valleys. The mountaineers, a Seattle tramping organization has turned a large quantity of the moss over to the University to be sent overseas.

Sphagnum moss, when dry, will absorb twenty times its own weight without dripping, according to authorities. The moss has absorbent powers far greater than cotton, it is claimed.

In preparing the moss for hospital use, pads six inches square are made and sterilized for use as dressings for wounded. These moss dressings are considered very useful for bed burns and splint pads for fractures.

Through the University of Washington several thousand moss dressings have been shipped to France. All the work on shipment was done by volunteers.

The moss is generally found in cranberry marshes and in wet places in forests. The young leafy stems are desired.

The mayor of North Plainfield, N. J., announces that hereafter wife beaters convicted in his court will be whipped.

A pound of butter sold at auction at a Washington Red Cross fair for \$5.67 has been sent to President Wilson.

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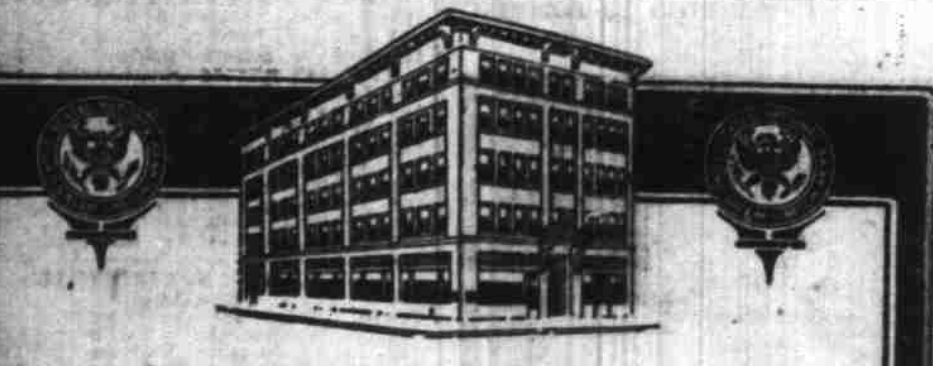
## OFFER SERVICES TO METROPOLIS

Public Service Commission Will Turn Over Data to Portlanders

The public service commission yesterday through Chairman Miller sent a following offer to Mayor George Baker of Portland: We are advised that your city well has made an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars to defray the expense of making an appraisal of the properties of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. This commission, as you know, has spent considerable time and money on an inventory and appraisal, but recently completed, of that property. There is filed in our office an immense amount of engineering data and computations submitted in connection therewith. We also have on file the testimony taken in the valuation cases, exhibits introduced by owners of both the company and the commission and all other data of information obtainable at the time of the investigation.

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