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## CHOLM GIVEN UP IN PACT BY UKRAINE

Polish Pressure on Austria Causes Revision of Peace Treaty; Own People to Decide Fate of Province

**CENTRAL POWERS TO** GET UKRAINE FOOD

#### Von Seydler Quotes President Wilson on Self-Determination Plan

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 20 .-Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has announced to the reichstrath representative that the Ukraine rada and the Austro-Hungarian government have signed an agreement supplementing Ukraine peace trenty by which the province of Cholm will not revert to the Ukraine republic A mixed commission will be appointed to decide its fate on race principles and with regard to the wishes of the popula-The announcement is said to

have been applauded heartily. In an address to the lower house of the reichsrath at Vienna, Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian premier, declared that under the peace treaty with the Ukraine there had been placed at the disposal of the central powers the Ukraine's surplus of agricultural products. This surplus, the premier asserted, was greater than the central powers at the most favorable estimate could transport

#### Seydler Defends Treaty.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20. - The

"The Petrograd government." he sad, "has declared the state of war between Russia and Austria-Hun- Mare Island Navy Yard gary at an end, and, so far as human judgment can foresee, a state of war will not again arise between these two countries.

"Responding to German cries for from certain destruction these unhappy nationals living in those provinces. In full accord with our allies we decided not to participate in this

20,000 Prisoners Arrive, Dr. von Seydler announced that 20,000 prisoners had already ar- it was announced, irved from Russia and that negotiations would be resumed with the Petrograd government for the exchange of prisoners.

In explaining the appointment of the commission, the premier declared that the future of Cholm would depend upon race principles and the cesires of the population. Russia, he said, had demanded for its territories the right of all peoples to self-determination, even to the ex tent of complete severance.

"We accepted this standpoint for the occupied territories," he contin-"and all the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk were conducted on this basis. We recognized this right for the epoples of Lithuania, Courland and Poland, and no logical or moral ground could be discovered for depriving the Ukrainians of the ringt granted to other Russian peo-

"The members of the Polish, club cannot deny the existence of a large Ukrainian population in Cholm and that this nation has the right to be heard. I go even farther and cay it was the duty of the Austro-Hungar-Jan government to conclude peace with the Ukrainians.

"What was secured at Brest-Litovsk was peace for the people, and the Austro-Hungarian peoples would pire's reply have been if the foreign club is considering a farmers' week minister had returned and admitted program. that he had spoiled the chances of sed by the Polish part."

President Wilson Quoted. lifent Wilson's phrase that peoples ized banquet to the delegates where and provinces must not be transfer- the governor and other prominent red from one state of authority to men of the state will be invited to Clyde Rupert Convicted another merely as pawns in a game,

and continued: "Had we acted as the gentlemen of the Polish club demand we should when the convention is not in not only have failed to conclude a session. peace with Ukraine, but should have

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## LINE OF ALLIES

Secretary Baker Views Impending Offensive With Confidence

ENTENTE STRONGER NOW

Will Withstand Any Shock Is General Opinion From Abroad

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-Secretary Baker, in his weekly communique issued today, regards the impending German offensive on the western front line with a note of

confidence. Both the allies and the Germans, he says, after extensive preparations, silently and systematically carried on, are ready for battle.

By massed attacks of shock troops, especially drilled and mancuvered for weeks for the onslaught Secretary Baker says, in agreement with expert military opinion abroad, the German general staff hopes to smash through.

But the secretary of war points out that the German high command mnst realize it will encounter far more difficult obstacles than any other attack the army has hitherto encountered. Apparently the secretary with much information at his command which cannot be given to the public, shares the opinion of the allied experts that the line will stand any German shock against it.

#### Marshfield Man Aboard Tuscania Among Saved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Two names were added to the roll of would be lower toward the end of Austrian premier, Dr. von Seydler, known Tuscania dead by a dispatch this month than at any other period. speaking in the reichsrath to day, tonight to the war department. They Just are Sidney W. Bernett, Marshfield, original treaty of peace with Ukraine Or., and Eugene W. Snyder, Rimrock. and announced a subsequent treaty Wash. Both had been listed hereappointing a commission to define tofore among the unreported of the the frontier of Ukraine and Cholm American soldiers on board the liner. when she was torpedoed.

## Is Given Wage Increase

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 20.-Increase in wages from 10 to 15 per help from Esthonia and Livonia, cent for workers in all trades, and Germany resolved to march further helpers, employed at the Mare Island into the itnerior in order to save navy yard, were authorized in advices received here today from Washington.

The increase, it was reported, be comes effective on February 24, and military action. Our aim remains it is said, places the wage schedule what it was before -- to bring help at the navy yard on a par with that as speedily as possible to the Austro- in force in the private ship yards on Hungarian nationals still on Rus- this coast having the highest wages. In addition to the increase the plan of giving workers thirty days leave with pay wos to be continued,

### Total of Americans Lost on Tuscania 204

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- Two hundred and four Americans lost their lives on the Tuscania, according to the latest figures received at army head-

Of this total there have been identified and buried three officers and 137 men; unidentified buried, one officer and 31 men; missing (presumably went down with the ship,

## STATE GRANGERS WILL COME HERE

#### Commercial Club May Stage Farmers' Week in Connection With Event

The Marion County Pomona grange and the Salem Commercial club are making preparations for never have understood if we had the entertainment here the latter rejected this peace, or rejected the part of May of the state convention possibility of obtaining wheat mera- of the Oregon grange which will ly in order that Choim in its entire- hold through four days. The exact ity and unconditionally should fall dates have not been set. In connecto Poland. What would the em-

At a committee meeting yesterday peace because he refused to the afternoon announcement was made Ukrainian population of Cholm the that the hall of representatives at same right to be heard as is posses- the state house has been tendered for the use of the convention. On the first night of the convention the Dr. von Seydler here quoted Pres- commercial club will give a Hoeverspeak. The club will keep from fifty to seventy-five automobiles at the disposal of the delegates for use

Badges for delegates will be donsevered the delicate threads, which ated by the Pheasant Northwest Bevered the delicate threads, which ated by the Products company. The device will night of the theft of \$5000 worth of lar person calls the rate was raised Commissioner Buchtel flayed the tel-chantmen were sunk, thirteen of missaries: A wireless message which were of more than 1500 to the connection of peoples company severely for the system of the pank. The from 25 cents to 35 cents for the connection of peoples company severely for the system of the pank. The from 25 cents to 35 cents for the connection of peoples company severely for the system of the pank. The from 25 cents to 35 cents for the connection of peoples company severely for the system of the people company severely for the system of the pank. be a ribbon of appropriate color and liberty bonds from the bank. The from 25 cents for the ephone company severely for the sys- which were of more than 1600 tons, inscription and a loganberry.

# **IN PROSPECT**

Officials Point to Successful Campaign Against Submarine With More Government and Neutral Ships

SHIPPING BOARD CHART SHOWS UPWARD TREND

Confidence Is Expressed in Ability to Add 4,000,000 Tons in 1918

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Overseas ship tonnage available to America and the allies passed its low point about February 1 several weeks earlier than shipping experts had pre-

Officials believe the upward curve will continue until the war is ended unless difficulties now now foreseen are encountered.

In support of this belief attention was called to tday to the satisfactory results obtained in the campaign against enemy submarines, to the fact that government ships now are coming from American yards, and to the progress of negotiations for neutral vessels to be used in the nonhazardous trades to release other shipping for overseas carrying. Estimates Are Unchanged.

When experts first plotted the curve of the tonnage supply, taking into consideration the greatest success of submarines and all possible contingencies in the domestic situation, they found that the number of troops and for feeding the allies before the new crop is marketed. that would be, they did not care to Knowledge that the Germans SRY. sank about 6,000,000 tons of ships in 1917, nearly three times as much as was produced in Great Britain and the United States, did not change their estimates.

For the last three weeks the charts steady upward trend. Officials think that from now on new factors will ald rather than retard the efforts to put more ships into service. Chief of these will be the restriction of imports, made effective February 16, the results of which will not be noticable for weeks yet. As more ships are needed they will be withdrawn from the neutral trade and comerce

Officials declined to say what was the dominating factor, in checking the decline in available tonnage, but it is well known that optimistic opinions are held regarding the antisubmasine campaign. Despite labor roubles, confidence is expressed that the goal of 4,000,000 tons of shipuing will be built in this country this year. Sailing vessels, of which there are 2,500,00 under the American flag, are being put into the coastwise and other trade, to release the faster steamers for trans-Atlantic

#### Germany Demands Peace Cabinet for Rumania Government of Italy

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- It is asserted that on being asked by Rumania that he allow the proper time for the formation of a new Rumanian cabinet, Field Marshal von Mackensen. the German commander in Rumania. replied dictatorially that he expected the cabinet to be formed within 48 hours, and that it was to include no statesmen conspicuously hostile toward Germany or Austria.

#### 110 Persons Perished As French Steamer Sank

PARIS, Feb. 20 .- One hundred and ten persons perished when the steamer Dives was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on February 1, according to an official anouncement. The attacking submarine was not

### Salvation Army Barracks Burn: Two Men Perish

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-The bodies of two men, inmates of the barracks, were found in the ruins of the building, and the lives of 120 men and women were imperiled early this morning when fire wrecked the Salvation army barracks on Fourteenth street, and the officers' training school for men which adjoins it.

## on Charge of Stealing and towns.

POBTLAND, Feb. 20 .- Clyde J. theft was committed two months ago. first minute,

### WILSON WILL **AMERICANS OPPOSE HIGHER** PRICE OF WHEAT

Disturbance in Fixed Prices of Food Administration Claimed

\$2.20 BASIS IS FAVORED

Full Influence of Executive to BOCHE FLIGHTS MADE Be Used to Check Proposed Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. - The full influence of the administration will be used if necessary to prevent enactment of bills pending in congress to increase the price of wheat. This became known tonight from

an authoritative source. Opposition to the measures, another of which was introduced today by Representative Helvering of Kansas, is based on the ground that their passage would upset the entire wheat and bread program of the food administration, worked out in great detail and that President Wilson already has full authority to readjust the price if it is found advisable.

Wheat is selling now on a basis of \$2.20°a bushel and the price is maintained by heavy government purchases for the army and navy and for the allies. The food administration has worked out a scale of profits for millers and distributors of flour on this basis and bread is selling at a fixed price.

In enacting the food control law congress placed an arbitrary minimum price of \$2 a bushel on next season's crop. This is the price that the bills offered seek to increase. The 20 cents difference between the price of last year's yield and this year's crop was fixed in large measvessels available for transporting ure to draw wheat from the farms

## **400 PRISONERS**

of the shipping board have shown a Heavy Attack Made on German Line in Lorraine Over Wide Front

PARIS, Feb. 20 .- French detachments made a heavy attack on the Germans in Lorraine today, entering the German lines over a large front and capturing more than 400 priswith those countries curtailed to that oners, according to the war office announcement tonight.

#### Quarrel Arises; Stockman Kills Another, Surrenders

BAKER, Or., Feb. 20 .- Alex Mctelephoned to the sheriff at Canyon men are declared to have quarreled over the lease of land.

## Adopts War Insurance

ROME, Feb. 20 .- The Italion govof the United States in instituting a system of war insurance. A decree just issued provides that all Italian soldiers of combatant grades shall pense. life insurance policies at the National Assurance Institute of from United States. 500 to 1000 lire, payable at once to their beirs in case of death or to survivors in thirty years' time

# **HUNS IN AIR**

United States Officers at Front Urge Speedy Appearance of Large Numbers

LIKE PLEASURE TOURS

Altitude Too High for Effective Defense by Anti-Aircraft Guns

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 20 .- Control of the sive was near. One of the most air in the American sector belongs to the enemy. Any officer at the front will make this declaration-all have made it. The control is obvious. German arplanes come and go over the American lines almost at will. Every time the Germans come over

their path the sky is specked by fleecy shrapnel puffs but the chances of hitting an airplane with anti-aircraft shells are so remote that the enemy aviators calmly fly along as if on a pleasure tour. Every now and then airplanes of this side attack the enemy. They always do this when the get a chance. But the boche is come over and take pictures, make ridge overlooking the valley of the observations and do whatever else river Jordan." he desires and then calmly sail home without interruption. Nearly always meters, where he is comparatively two were abortive. During the same safe from anti-aircraft fire and period the British carried out thirknows it.

It is not permitted to name any of- had definite results. numbers of American airplanes with American pilots.

control of the air from the enemy, that is to fight him for it in the sky and relieve him of it by force of poisonous gases, said: overwhelming numbers.

Right now if the Germans knew them every time they came over the with gas which hitherto was a pro quent. Neither would they dare to we had no defense ready against it. attempt such a bold piece of work as The French had to retire and a Cawhen they recently flew over the line nadian division only saved Tpres by in an airplane disguised with the al- desperate and costly fighting. lied red, white and blue bull's eye

the trenches. If there had been American planes near by the chances of the German getting back home after such a trick the use of gas on our side as a counwould be small. And it is extremely doubtful, officers say, if they ever work and did so well that today we

would have tried it. An officer also will say that the safely of individual soldiers depends Gue, aged 35 years, was shot and on keeping the enemey from doing instantly killed today by Fritz Rader, as he pleases overhead. For days the a wealthy stockman, at Long Creek Germans have been flying over cerin Grant county. Rader immediately tain towns where American troops have been resting after periods in City and surrendered himself. The the trenches. One or twice these daylight observation tours have been followed the same night by visits by enemy bombing planes.

German airmen taht in some towns the commands are under strict orders to disappear under cover the moment a German airplane is sighted.

Moreover, officers say, more and more German planes are appearing erament has followed the example in the sky and in various quarters there is a growing belief that these are the first machines that the Ger mans have been building feverishly to offset the large number of ex in future obtain, at the state's ex- pected American airplanes in accordance with plans announced in the

Whether this belief is true or not

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## TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RATE SALEM TO PORTLAND ADJUSTED BY AGREEMENT MADE YESTERDAY

An agreement was made between the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the public service commission at a hearing in Portland vesterday whereby for a two-number call, the former rate of 25 cents for a investigation and the hearing vesterthree-minute conversation and 10 day was on the basis of the investicents for each additional minute will gations that followed. Several cases prevail between Salem and Portland, of inequality were found in the ineliminate discriminatory rates, Similar suggestions were made and ac- advisement. cepted relative to some other cities

Because of necessary readustments to be made the commission rescinded the new airline rates early this month for purposes of further This was suggested to the company vestigation. Some of these are remby the commission as one step to edied by the agreements entered into under that tonnage. yesterday while others are yet under

E. T. Busseile, consulting engineer of the public service commission. By the new airline rates that went who has moved his offices lifte the into effect the first of the year the Masonic temple, returned from Port- attacked. Rupert, formerly guard in the North- rate between Salem and Portland land last night after attending the western National bank, was convict- was raised from 25 cents to 30 cents hearing. He reports that the session show a slight diminution from the which says: ed by a jury in the circuit court to- on this kind of call and for particu- was exceedingly torrid at times. tem used in timing conversations. | and six under that tonnage.

## BRITISH SUCCESS IN AIR SETBACK TO HUN PRELUDE

Scouting Before Great Offensive Remarkably Hampered Is Report

of Airplanes for Quick Use MAURICE HAS COMMENT

German Move to Give Up Poisonous Gas Interests Entente Allies

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- Major General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, said today there had been no developments on the west front during the past fortningt to indicate that the German offensatisfactory features of the work of the two weeks in the west had been the continued British successes in the air, which had great importance as the preliminary to any battle. Maurice added that the General British air predominance hampered the enemy tremendously in gaining information which was required by him before any important battle. With regard to Palestine General Maurice said the developments of

the past week offered a promising field for further development. "General Allenby," he added, "has advanced in the direction of Jericlever while flying and manages to cho and now stands on the last main

Since January 1, General Maurice said, the Germans have carried out he is at an altitude of about 3000 five air raids on England, of which teen raids into Germany all of which

ficers of the American expeditionary . Discussing the efforts of the Ger-It is not permitted to quote mans to have the Geneva convention over which the Germans are open If both were allowed it would arrange for a discontinuance of the rating, from Southern Esthonia to be possible to carry a message from use of poisonous gas, General Mau- Lutsk, is more than 500 miles in virtually every officer at the front rice asserted that the entepte would urging a speedy appearance of large be glad to give up this gas if it were possible to get any guarantee that Germany would be bound by any

There is only one way to wrest promise or agreement to do like- the frantic announcement of a desire General Maurice, speaking of the "It was in April, 1915, that the Germans made a surprise attack on

American airplanes were waiting for the French and British at Yores line, their trips would be less fre- hibited weapon in war. Naturally

"Afterwards the Germans repeatmarking and cut loose with a ma- ed their gas attack at various times, chine gun on American soldiers in but our defensive megsures were rapidly developed and these attacks

were less effective. "Meanwhile, we began to develop ter measure. Our chemists got to have attained distinct superiority over the Germans, both in the deadliness of our gas on the offensive and its effect in gur defensive measures. It was not until we won this superiority that they started a propaganda for the discontinuance of

### nemy bombing planes. So free and unrestricted are the IS CANDIDATE

Attorney Announces That He Will Make Run for Justice of the Peace

Gleyn E Unruh, member of the law firm of Unruh & Macy, yesterday made announcement of his candidacy for justice of the peace for and other towns. the Salem district. Mr. Macy is a Republican and will go before the ments have been fought, although in voters for nomination at the primafies in May.

Aside from a seat in the city coincil of which he is now a member, Mr. Unruh has never held publie office. He has practiced law in rate of the law college of Willamette university and has the bachelor of arts degree from the Williamette university college of liberal arts.

#### U-Boats Sink Fifteen British Merchantmen

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- British mer chantmen sunk by mine or submarine in the past week numbered fifteen, according to an admiralty statement issued tonight. Of these twelve were senger from Petrograd is being sent

The arrivals at ports in the United Trotzky. The statement reads: ingdom for the week numbered "Today, Tuesday, at 7 p. m., a Kingdom for the week numbered

2322; sailing 2393. Eight vessels were unsuccessfully

previous week, when nineteen mer-

# NOT CHECKED

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Teutons Enter Southern Esthonia, Take Prisoners, Guns, and Roll up Vast Quantities of Booty

SLAV PEACE DESIRE WHOLLY OVERLOOKED

Hostilities Disappoint Austrian Populace-Russian Chaos Bloody

(By The Associated Press) The German invasion of Russia continued unimpeded.

Apparently there is to be no ces sation in the eastward-march of the ehemy until the Russian Bolshevik government entirely slakes the thirst of the Teutons for a peace "which corresponds with our interests," as expressed by the German foreign minister.

Southern Esthonia has been entered by troops from German warships in the Gulf of Rigs or from Moon or Desel island, lying off the shore, and a base established from which operations may be carried on against Reval, an important port on the Gulf of Finlands northeast and east of Dvinsk the penetration along the railroad lines leading to Petrograd, and Smolensk, at last ac-counts, had reached more than twelve miles, and thence southward to Southern Volhynia, the invasion was in progress over wide areas. with the Cermans taking prisoners and guns, rolling stock and other booty in farge quantities. The line

Peace Desire Overlooked. scant heed has been taken by the military authorities of Germany of on the part of the Bolshevik govern-

ment for a peace on Germany's terms. In the reichstag the German foreign minister has volubly announced his distrust in Russia's pacific intentions and declared that Germany berself must see to it that peace and order prevail in the occupied re-

gions of her eastern frontier. As a sop to those of the populace of Germany who are opposed to Germany making further war against Russia, however, the foreign minister said Germany still was ready for a peace in the east which would protect German interests.

Not alone in Germany but also in Austria-Hungary the recent recommencement of hostilities is unpopu-lar with the masses, who, tired of the war, had hoped that with the debacle in Russia a general peace was nearer. Prominent newspe in both Germany and in Austria-Hungary evince disapopintment over the new phase in the situation and several of the most influential journals desire to know who was responsible for it. The newspapers in the dual monarchy are unanimous against their country making further war against Russia.

Russia Gripped by Teutons. Nevertheless for the present at least all seems dark so far as Russia being able to loose herself from the grip of the invader is concerned. Meantime she is still in the throes of civil war, and, added to that, has another widespread anti-Semitic movement to contend with. Swedish advices are to the effect that there has been a return to the old-time practice of carrying out massacres against the Jews. Bloody pogroins are declared to have been commit-

ted in Lublin, Rasphoff, Tiraspol On the battlefront no big engage-Palestine the British operating against the Turks have pushed forward their lines on a front of fifteen miles east of Jerusalem and secured much desired positions. The advance was to a depth of two miles. Salem for eight years. He is a grad- On the fronts in France, Belgium and Italy, only bombardments and minor infantry operations are in

British airmen are continuing their intensive operations against German positions behind the battle -lines. Naval airmen again have bombed submarine bases, airplane docks and other military works of the Germans along the

North sea coast. Original Peace Message Sent Petrograd, Feb. 20 .- A Russian official statement says that a mesof 1600 tons or over, and three were to Dvinsk today with the original cace message which was signed by One fishing craft was also sunk. Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister

reply has been received by the Tsarskoe-Selo station from Geenral Hoffman to the wireless message of The sinkings for the past week the council of peoples' commissaries,

" "To the council of peoples" com-

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