

GERMANS SHOW DECLINING FAITH IN HUN VICTORY

Hysterical Masses Want Peace One Moment and Annexations Next

KAISER LESS POPULAR

Fatherland Partly Regarded Chief Obstacle to Securing Peace

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Germany's declining faith in victory is described by a well-to-do neutral medical man who lately left Germany after living in Augsburg during the war period. Writing from Bern to the Daily Mail, he declared that though still believing that Germany could not be beaten, the German people had long since become weary and had given up hopes of the so-called German peace.

"The masses," he continued, "are in a hysterical state, one minute praying for peace at any price and the next under the influence of some piece of news, some well-organized patriotic concert or cinematograph exhibition gotten up by the Fatherland (annexationist) party at which they will be shouting with applause and singing 'Deutschland, Deutschland Über Alles'."

The Fatherland party is justly regarded by many people as the chief obstacle to peace. In Bavaria its propaganda is unceasing and is advancing by leaps and bounds. The party has unlimited funds and good business men to spend the money judiciously in cultivating the German 'will to power.' On the other hand, the Junta of government officials, country squire, ironmasters, bankers, and big manufacturers exercise an odious tyranny on all the people dependent on it. Woe-betide the village constable, the constable, the factory hand, or agricultural laborer underling who dares refuse his monthly gift to the Fatherland party's funds.

As for all the fuss about democratic reforms, the people are not so much interested in the benefits of the romantically inclined English Radical. There is discontent simmering up and down the country, but to quiet it a pound of butter a week would go farther than any promise of political reform. The riots that take place in the towns from time to time are the work of women whose husbands have long been away in the field and who have got out of hand. Mobs of half-grown lads run wild and get into mischief, and worse than mischief.

Kaiser Now Less Popular. In Bavaria the Emperor and Berlin, never popular, are now less popular than ever. Bavarians are unmoved by Williams' choice of von Hertling as chief adviser. In von Hertling had been a Bavarian born they say perhaps there might have been something in it, but he is a Hohenzollern. In Bavaria, as elsewhere, the Emperor has been completely overshadowed by Hindenburg, who to the average German is the war incarnate, and whatever there is of great respect about him is putting the Emperor and the royal princes entirely in the shade. On the other hand, Hindenburg is the war and will go with him. In Bavaria and elsewhere the dynastic sentiment is so strong that nothing can root it out.

It is considered that, however the war ends, whether the German Empire continues to hold together officially or not afterwards, the result will be an enormous intensification of separatist feeling in the various constituent states.

"As regards the food position, I should say that it is only acute for people of small means. They are

the only ones who suffer the pangs of real hunger, especially the small officials, the police, the schoolmasters, the ministers of religion, and people living on small salaries or annuities or savings.

It is generally recognized in Germany that German prisoners of war in British hands have been well treated, and the impression is now beginning to get abroad that the treatment of British prisoners has not always been what it might."

LABOR ACCEPTS NO EARLY PEACE

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foreign minister, had refused passports. The discussions of the conference's war aims were enlivened by the divergent views expressed by various delegates, particularly the Italian, on the subject of territorial adjustments, but a fairly satisfactory compromise or generalization was reached in each case where a disagreement was threatened. The general tone of the conference was in no way pacifist or pro-German, and the discussions revealed a desire to solve among widely separated factions to reach unity.

EUGENE COURSE PROVES POPULAR

Seventy-Five Students Will Take Fourth Ordinance Training Soon

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 23.—The fourth and largest class ever enrolled for the course in the department of ordinance work at the University of Oregon, beginning March 11, there are 75 men enrolled, chosen from 350 applicants from all parts of the United States. The other three classes were composed of 50 and later 75 men.

PORTLAND WANTS MORE FREIGHT

McAdoo Is Urged to Divert Traffic to Clear Other Terminals

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Urgent request was telegraphed to Director of Railroads McAdoo tonight by the state public service commission that a portion of the northwest freight be diverted to Portland as a means

ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY MAY BE ABOLISHED

Spreading of Propaganda Laid to German-American Society

WITNESS HAS EVIDENCE

Former President Received Eagle From Kaiser; Germany Is Favored

COMPANY MEETS ITS GODMOTHER

Sacramento Woman Is Host to Field Signal Corps Battalion

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 23.—The "suicide" company of the 322nd field signal corps battalion, Company C, the outpost company, met its godmother yesterday for the first time at a birthday dinner given by her in the company barracks. Today Mrs. William Beckman returned to her home in Sacramento, Cal., with an engraved gold pen presented her by her 280 godsons as a memento of their devotion to her.

O. A. C. Beats Oregon, Taking Eighth Victory

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EUGENE, Feb. 23.—Nothing could swerve the Oregon Agricultural College in their determination to make tonight's game with the Oregon varsity their eighth straight victory of the conference season and they walked off Coach Hayward's aggregation, 17 to 6.

MISSOULA MONT. FEB. 23.—

Montana defeated the University of Idaho basketball team here tonight 29 to 28.

ASSEMBLY IN MONTANA ENDS

Much of Business Transacted Deals With Charges of Sedition

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WAR IS FIRST FACTOR

Reasons Must Be Given Why Proposed Issues Cannot Be Postponed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Every municipal bond issue of \$100,000 or more hereafter will be passed on by the federal reserve board's capital issues committee before being floated. By reducing today from \$250,000 to \$100,000 the minimum size of municipal issues which it will consider the committee extended its influence over several ties more municipal bond issues.

The committee, after analyzing pending applications for approval of proposed issues, found that the bulk of municipal bonds were offered in blocks of less than \$250,000 and therefore not subject to the committee's restrictive influence.

Federal agents of the twelve reserve banks, who also act as chairmen of the sub-committees of the capital issues body in their districts, will come to Washington for a conference Tuesday to discuss the operation of the new system of voluntary regulation of securities issues.

In a circular of instructions the committee and its advisory body, headed by Allen B. Forbes, explained that the purpose and circumstances surrounding each issue must be described fully in the application for approval. This is particularly necessary if funds are needed for extensions or improvements relating directly to war production or fulfillment of any national, state or local government requirement.

"In all cases," said the instructions, full reasons should be given for the proposed issues cannot be postponed until after the war.

Details concerning capitalization and financial condition of a company are required in connection with application for the issuance of stock.

For state, county or municipal issues, the committee requires a copy of the bill, resolution or ordinance under which they were authorized.

The committee announced today that it is working with the federal bureau of public roads in determining what contemplated road construction this year is necessary for urgent military or economic reasons.

Most roads to which the bureau heretofore has planned to contribute will be built even under the capital issues restrictions, it is said, since they have been carefully selected on the basis of their economic importance. The chairmen of state highway commissions have been enlisted and they will report soon an outline of their curtailed road building programs for the year.

In normal times, highway construction and maintenance in the United States calls for an outlay of about \$300,000,000 a year. Officials are inclined to the view that this sum will not be greatly curtailed this year, but that it will be spent on roads vitally necessary for transportation of war materials. Program for building of roads which cannot be completed for more than a year probably will be given unfavorable consideration, since the capital issues committee is acting on the assumption that the war will not last more than a year longer.

THE CURATE DID HIS BEST.

The difference, not merely of degree, but of kind, which is supposed to separate the English rector from the inferior order of curates is amusingly exemplified in the following:

Returning to his parish after his autumn holiday, a dignified country clergyman, noticing a woman at her cottage door, with a baby in her arms, asked:

"Has that baby been baptized?"

"Well, sir," replied the curate's mother, "I shouldn't like to say as much as that, but your young man came and did what he could."

Chicago Herald.

RATION CARD IS PUT INTO USE

London Has Last Day of Free Buying of Meats; King on Rations, Too

LONDON, Feb. 23.—This was the last day on which persons living in London and the immediate adjoining counties could buy meat, margarine and butter without producing a ration card. When the stores open on Monday morning the new plan will be in operation and every one will be compelled to produce a ration card before making any purchases of the aforementioned articles, which are very scarce.

The newspapers have featured the details of the ration card plan to the exclusion of other news, giving prominence to the fact that King George has his food and meat cards like every other person in the city.

Voluntary rationing died hard. Long lines of people stood before the meat markets and margarine stores today. In most cases thousands sought in vain to get extra supplies to tide them over the still more lean days to come.

Bidding farewell to the days of voluntary rationing in these scarce products and greeting the advent of the first compulsory ration for every one proved to be a more absorbing topic than the latest war news. Every one in London and vicinity has for several days concerned himself with the business of hunting up his ration cards. A few days of grace have been granted tardy ones through the issue of emergency cards, which entitles them to supplies until they receive their regular cards, but the majority have cards and have been card indexed by the government for the opening of the new system on Monday. The last rationed dinner will be served on Sunday.

CAMP LEWIS HAS DISEASE RECORD

Average Lowest Among All Military Cantonments in United States

CAMP LEWIS, TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 23.—Camp Lewis leads all military cantonments of the United States with the lowest average for admission of disease and the non-effective rate, according to the weekly health report, issued today from the office of the division sanitary inspector.

"Two new cases of cerebro spinal meningitis appeared during the week," the report says. "The organizations involved were immediately placed in quarantine. No case of meningitis has yet appeared in an organization in quarantine for this disease."

The new cases of measles were scattered in various organizations. Each company involved was placed in quarantine.

"The scarlet fever continues to be of the mild type."

"One death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis and one was due to bronchio pneumonia complicated by nephritis."

The latest report from the surgeon general's office shows Camp Lewis below the average of all camps for admission of disease and the non-effective rate.

With the measles epidemic of the camp, reported at 39,561 men, there were reported during the week two new cases of cerebro spinal meningitis; 47 new cases of measles; five of lobar pneumonia; 13 of bronchio pneumonia; 30 of scarlet fever; 284 of mumps; 2 chickenpox, and two deaths.

RAILWAY PASSES TO BE CUT OUT

New High Salaries Positions and Overhead Expenses to Be Stopped

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Steps toward economy involving future curtailment of many intra-state passes, restriction of new high salaries positions and elimination of overhead expense in railroad financing, were taken today by the railroad administration.

At the suggestion of government railroad officials, the interstate commerce commission ordered roads to report fully by March 25 detailed information concerning their practices in issuing intra-state passes.

They were required also to report the states in which it is legal to give passes in exchange for newspaper and magazine advertising.

Railroad officials said this information probably would result in issuance of specific orders limiting the number of passes, supplementing the director general's recent order imposing federal interstate restrictions relating to passes on intra-state traffic.

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