

NEW RAILROAD MAY SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM FOR LAKE LABISH

ALLIES HOLD UP DEBATES SAYS BARON

Von Lersner Says Germany's Figures on Scapa Flow Are Ready for Verification—Ratification Waits

PARIS PRESS UNFAIR IS CLAIM OF DELEGATE

Visit to Berlin Was to Hasten Not Hinder Action States Envoy

PARIS, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The final debate of the repeatedly postponed exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles depends upon the speed with which the allied missions in Germany can verify the German figures of available floating tonnage demanded by the allies as compensation for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow. The Associated Press was informed to this effect today at the headquarters of the German peace delegation.

Baron Von Lersner, head of the German representatives, said he thought this would take at least a fortnight is not longer in view of the difficulties of transportation in Germany and details involved in verifying the figures.

Misunderstanding Claimed—“A decided misunderstanding is reflected in the Paris press during the past two days regarding my projected trip to Berlin, which I subsequently abandoned,” he said. “My object was to hurry rather than to delay the putting of the Versailles treaty into effect. From Monday night until Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, I was deprived of any communication with my government by either telegraph or telephone, in consequence of which Berlin had no knowledge of the entente note or of

CHRISTMAS DINNERS GO A-BEGGING PROSPERITY AND DROUGHT REASON NEW YORK POOR FEWEST IN YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Christmas dinners went begging on the Bowery tonight. Roast turkey with all its trimmings, candy and mince pie failed to attract half as many hungry men as were served in former years. This was attributed to prosperity and prohibition.

The famous Bowery mission served only 400 persons, where in former years it had been called to provide for at least 1500. At Hadley's Rescue hall fewer than 500 appeared for dinner. Many missions did not serve the usual Christmas repast because of the lack of applicants.

The usual Christmas noon hour dinner at the McAuley Water street mission was postponed until tonight because of the lack of applicants. Not a man appeared at noon, although 400 pounds of turkey and many good things had been provided. A few years ago it was not unusual for the mission to feed 1500, but tonight fewer than 300 hungry men put in an appearance.

Outside the Bowery, Christmas cheer was spread into many humble homes by organizations, institutions and individuals.

Salvation Army On Job.—The Salvation Army furnished

Christmas dinners to more than 3000 families. More than 500 merchant sailors were entertained at a dinner at the institute of the American Seaman's society. Several army camps bearing Christmas trees and thousands of presents made tears of the poorer sections.

Nearly 7000 children were made happy with gifts, valued at \$14,000, and distributed at the annual Christmas tree celebration of the New York lodge of Elks. Approximately ten tons of Christmas supplies were distributed by the Knights of Columbus to wounded soldiers. They also provided for each sailor on the naval ships in the harbor.

Service Men Got Jobs.—The “Christmas job tree,” erected by the Knights of Columbus in one-acre square, was covered with cards from employers, inviting ex-service men to see them for employment. The cards were distributed to jobless veterans as gifts.

Policemen throughout the city acted as Santa Claus for needy families in their districts. Each station house had a Christmas tree and thousands of gifts and baskets were distributed by the blue-coats.

DECISION OF COUNCIL ON POLAND HIT

Action in Granting Poles 25-Year Mandatory Over Eastern Galicia Protested by Ukrainians

SELF DETERMINATION MAIN POINT IN APPEAL

Limitation of Term of Control Indicates Doubt as to Fairness Is Claim

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Protest against the action of the supreme council at Paris in granting to Poland mandatory powers for 25 years over the territory of eastern Galicia, sixty-five percent of whose population claim to be Ukrainians, was made today by Julian Batchinsky, diplomatic representative of the Ukrainian Peoples' Republic, in a memorandum addressed to Secretary Lansing.

Appealing for the right of self-determination of peoples, Mr. Batchinsky cited the action of the 2,500,000 Ukrainians of eastern Galicia who had proclaimed through their legislative body the desire for a union with the former Ukrainian provinces of southern Russia now known as the Ukrainian Peoples' Republic.

The fact that the mandate over the territory was limited to 25 years indicated the doubtful character of Poland's title, in the opinion of the Ukrainian representative. As evidence of the alleged oppression Polish rule already had inflicted, Mr. Batchinsky enumerated the suppression of Ukrainian language and press and the suspension of all Ukrainian schools.

Decision Retorted.—“It is the opinion of the government and of the people I have the honor to represent,” he stated, “that the above mentioned decision of the supreme council is neither righteous or reasonable; that it will not lead to reconciliation, peace, liberty and happiness nor to the foundation and perpetuation of a strong and stable Poland; but on the contrary will lead to the downfall of the old Polish empire and will as inevitably cause the end of the Polish republic.”

Fishtrap Gear Worth \$50,000 Destroyed by Floating Ice

CHINOOK, Wash., Dec. 25.—Fish-trap piling and web gear valued at approximately \$50,000, has been lost in the lower Columbia river within the present week, as a result of the large quantities of floating ice, it was announced here today.

The heaviest losses were in the vicinity of Cathlamet and Altona, where many traps were still operating when the storms came. Few traps were materially damaged in Bakers bay, and some are still fishing and making extra good lifts of silversides.

LINE FROM CHEMAWA TO MOUNT ANGEL IS BEING CONSIDERED

J. O. Hays, Millionaire California Promoter, Interested Through Personal Holdings, and May Lead Property Owners in Movement—Alternative Is That Oregon Electric or Southern Pacific Build Branch Skirting Edge of Big Area

Lake Labish is about to enter another period of development. This is a proposed railroad project to relieve the transportation situation.

It has long been felt by those having investments in that productive gardening section that the greatest hindrance to further progress is the absence of adequate transportation facilities.

One of those who has a block of land in Lake Labish puts it in this way:

“Our trouble is to get families to locate on our land. Also we have difficulty to get sufficient transient labor to grow and market our heavy vegetable crops. The complaint is put up to us that it is too inconvenient to get to and from markets and points of shipment.”

Railroad Proposed as Remedy

The remedy now proposed is to construct a railway along one side of the lake. It is expected that this will be done either by those directly interested in the lake lands or by the Southern Pacific or Oregon Electric people.

This matter was first considered about one year ago when it was suggested that a branch line be sent from the Oregon Electric track at Chemawa down along the west side of the extinct lake to Woodburn, there to connect with the main line again.

The railway company went so far as to send a commission over this route. A report was forwarded to headquarters. But as the railway line was still under government management nothing further has been done.

The present plan is to run a railway from Mount Angel along the lake to Chemawa. It is believed there will be sufficient traffic arise within this territory to pay handsome returns on the investment in the very near future.

Hays Is Backer

J. O. Hays, a millionaire promoter of San Jose, Calif., owns a slice of 640 acres of those rich meek lands. He realizes that quick transportation must be provided so he can complete his original plan of development.

Mr. Hays has a representative in this territory now feeling the business pulse with a view toward maturing some plan to have the Mount Angel-Chemawa line built and put in operation at an early date if possible.

The most successful operators on the lake lands during the past few years have been the Japanese. One of these is said to have netted over \$20,000 in truck farming. But he has quit.

A number of these thrifty little fellows find that hauling their large tonnage day after day to the railroad station is a heavy expense.

Several Japanese families are anxious to get into the game of growing strawberries as they can then select a location near some shipping station. They figure that they can make even more profits by growing the strawberry, if, by so doing, they can economize in the time and expense of delivering the product.

Lake land owners are coming to realize more and more, that there are many kinds of rental propositions offered reliable tenants and that, if they expect to meet the competition of these they must be in position to hold up to tenant gardeners at least equal inducements.

Ripley of A. T. & S. F. Says Action of Wilson Is Right

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, said here tonight that the action of President Wilson in postponing the return of the railroads to private ownership from January 1 to March 1, “was probably a good thing for all concerned, in view of the fact that congress had failed to pass laws for the operation of the roads.”

“It will give everybody a chance to prepare,” he said.

American Legion Officials Greeted by Grand Commander

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 25.—Department commanders, executive committee members, alternates and adjutants of the American Legion today were sent holiday greetings by Franklin D'Olier, national commander. He thanked them for their cooperation and warned them against “any future over-zealous, thoughtless or unfair act which can weaken the legion's influence for national betterment.”

Horace Carson Well Known Prohibition Worker Is Dead

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25.—Horace Carson, for eight years superintendent of the Nebraska Anti-Saloon League, died here today. He was widely known as a prohibition worker.

Sleeping Sickens Fatal After 15 Days of Slumber

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 5.—John Brazil died in this city today of sleeping sickness. He had been asleep for fifteen days.

L'ITALIA WRECK IS FOUND IN FOG

Ship Overturns but Rights Self—Crew Believed to Be Lost

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—L'Italia, one of the two gasoline fishing smacks whose crews were lost Tuesday outside the Golden Gate in a heavy fog was picked up today off Lime Point. Unlike the Enrichetta, washed ashore in a wrecked condition, the L'Italia had only lost its hatch covers and the tiny deckhouse over the engine, and apparently had overturned and righted itself, for the cockpit was filled with water. Several life preservers were found in the cockpit, and it was believed the crew of three had been drowned before they had a chance to don them. Five men lost their lives in the wreck of the Enrichetta, none of the bodies have been washed ashore.

\$250,000 TOTAL OF THREE GIFTS

Episcopal Bishop of New York Announces Donations Toward Cathedral

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Three Christmas gifts aggregating \$250,000 towards completion of the nave of the cathedral of St. John the Divine were announced today by Right Reverend Charles Sumner Burch, protestant episcopal bishop of New York.

RAILROAD SHOP MEN MAY GO OUT

Strike of 600,000 Threatened if Congress Passes Anti Strike Clause

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 25.—Six railroad shop crafts numbering six hundred thousand members will strike if congress, when enacting legislation to govern the railroads when they are returned to private ownership includes an anti-strike clause, it was asserted today in a statement issued by W. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the international machinist's union, on the Santa Fe system.

Mr. Hohenzollern Is Host to Dutch Village Society

AMERONGEN, Dec. 25.—The former German crown prince Frederick reached here today to spend with his parents their second Christmas in exile. J. B. Kan, secretary of general affairs of the Dutch government, the burgomaster of Wieringen, members of the von Bentick family and some of the Amerongen functionaries were guests at a banquet this evening in the great hall of the Bentick castle.

This was the climax of a celebration arranged by the former emperor personally. A huge Christmas tree was in the hall, and from this the former ruler distributed gifts.

I. W. W. DEFEND 10 CENTRALIANS

Portland Workers Asked to Contribute for Defense of Men Held

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 25.—Printed pamphlets from I. W. W. headquarters at Butte, Mont., are being received daily by workmen in Portland's industrial plants, soliciting contributions to a fund to defend the ten members of the organization now in jail awaiting trial for the murder of Lieutenant Warren Grimal and his fellow soldiers in Centralia on Armistice day. The I. W. W. contention regarding the murders is set forth in the pamphlets and is similar to the tale published in the official organ at Chicago to the effect that the soldiers were shot down when they tried to raid the I. W. W. hall.

ALBANY FARMER IS FOUND DEAD

James C. Burch Dies of Gunshot Wound—Cause Believed Accidental

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 25.—James C. Burch, a farmer who lived near here, was found dead in a shed at his home here today, with a gunshot wound in his head. Burch had started to an outhouse to get a small rifle, intending to carry it while showing two visitors over the farm. Indications, the coroner said after an investigation, were that he had accidentally shot himself.

MINE OPERATOR WANTS TROOPS

Union Workers and Service Men Said to Have Clashed in Washington

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 25.—John J. Hewitt, treasurer of the Wilkeson Coal and Coke company of Wilkeson, Wash., at 8:30 tonight from Tacoma telephoned Governor Louis E. Hart appealing for troops to be rushed to Wilkeson because of fighting which is reported to have broken out between union and non-union miners, who are ex-service men.

FORMER SAILOR SHOT, IS DEAD

Inquest to be Held to Determine Cause of Chehalis Man's Death

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 25.—Earl Milton, discharged sailor of Chehalis, was found lying beside the road with a bullet wound in his head seven miles southeast of Chehalis near Forest, last night. He died in a hospital here today.

The young man's grave attracted a party of Chehalis motorists, who were on their way to an entertainment at Forest, and he was found. Beside him was a revolver with one empty cartridge in it.

The coroner announced tonight he would hold an inquest tomorrow. Whether death was due to suicide or murder was not indicated.

QUARTET WITH POLICE RECORDS ESCAPE WHEN STRANGE VISITORS GREET AND ATTACK DEPUTIES

Toledo, Ohio, Scene of Break in Which Four Wanted on, Safe Cracking and Burglary Charges Make Clean Get Away—Officer Shot

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 25.—Four men with police records all over the country escaped from jail here today during an attack upon six men upon deputy sheriffs, one of whom was shot. The four men at large are Edward Mehan alias D. E. West, 30, widely known as a safeblower; Albert Leach, store burglar known to police under six aliases; Leo Mitchell, with 11 aliases, safe blower, and Frank Howard, alias Whitney, safe blower and burglar.

Visitors Greet the Attack.

Six men visited the jail and said “merry Christmas” to the three deputies on duty. While one of the deputies was returning the salutation the men attacked the guards, locking

GRAIN GIVEN RIGHT OF WAY

Cereals Have Preference Over All Other Commodities by New Order

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—An order giving grain preference over all other commodities was issued today by R. H. Ashton, regional director of the Northwest. It follows to all railroads under their jurisdiction.

The order following complaints by grain men of the northwest and central west that they were unable to move crops, on account of car shortage, and will remain in force for the present crops have been distributed.

Not only are grain cars to have preference on the right of way, but they receive attention first in repair shops and extra forces to put order cars in condition are authorized by the orders.

TOLEDO, OHIO, SCENE OF BREAK IN WHICH FOUR WANTED ON, SAFE CRACKING AND BURGLARY CHARGES MAKE CLEAN GET AWAY—OFFICER SHOT

them in a cell. Leo Noonan, a deputy, was shot in the shoulder. Sheriff John Mathias, hearing the commotion, arose from his bed and unarmed, appeared on the scene. He was promptly taken by the collar and incarcerated.

Trace Lacking

The ten men then departed from the jail and although an almost immediate alarm was given, no trace has been found of them.

An abandoned auto was found near a roadhouse in the outskirts and it is believed that they escaped in it. Two men suspected of freeing the jail inmates have been arrested. Fearing an attempt to release them police with shotguns are guarding the city prison.

Now is a good time to do a little shopping for yourself.

Some Needful Things You Didn't Get

Men's Raincoats \$9.45

We have just five of them left—sizes 40, 42 and 44 and they are real Raincoats in every sense of the word. The material is a good grade of khaki with rubber back vulcanized into one solid, waterproof fabric. They are not cumbersome and require little care. These coats are made with military collar, slash pockets, and have detachable belt—a really very good coat at such a small price.

Men's Working Gloves \$1.25

The good old fashioned quality of Conklin's Horsehide in grey or tan, wrist or gauntlet style. Especially good values in small sizes—8, 8½ and 9. Conklin's, you know is the work glove that does “fit like a glove” and that's satisfaction.

Leather Suit Cases \$7.25

Just eight of these cases left in standard 4 inch size. They are splendid quality cowhide Veneer, thoroughly reinforced. Have good locks and trimmings throughout. These cases, you'll agree, are worth more money.