



ARMY'S HEALTH MUCH IMPROVED REPORTS SHOW

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—General health conditions in the army are improved, according to reports to the surgeon general. The death rate is the lowest since November, with fewer cases of meningitis and pneumonia. The justice department is planning the immediate drafting of all slackers into service. Jails in many places are crowded with them and relief is imperative.

GAS ENGINES CLASS WILL START MONDAY

Active Work in Shop to Be Commenced Under Direction of Mr. Veberg.

The class in gas engine work at the high school, coming under the Smith-Hughes vocational Federal aid plan, will begin active work in the shop Monday. Mr. Veberg, instructor, who took the Holt Caterpillar course at Spokane, is now able to teach this subject. There are a number of students who have studied engines, but there are some who have had no practical experience. This will give them an opportunity to be able to go out in the harvest fields next summer and run an engine, according to Mr. Veberg.

At present the complete course, as required by the federal law will not be given, but enough will be offered to satisfy the requirements of the State Board of Vocational Education, which authorized the giving of this course at the Pendleton high school after an investigation several weeks ago.

SEEKING FUNDS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AID

Mrs. Robert Tate Meeting With Newly Organized Central Committee Today

To lay before the newly organized central committee on war relief and other benevolences a request to solicit funds in Pendleton and Umatilla county for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Mrs. Robert H. Tate, chairman of the child welfare commission of Oregon, secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Aid and honorary president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, is here today. She will present her cause to the committee at its meeting this afternoon.

Mrs. Tate states that this is the first time in the 22 years of the society's organization that it has felt obliged to make a general campaign for funds. Realizing that the people are being asked to give to many war relief funds, she states that the executive board of the society was reluctant to start a drive but that the need is imperative. "While we are taking care of the children of other countries we must not overlook our own," she said this morning.

Mrs. Tate was asked to raise \$500 in Pendleton and \$500 in the balance of the county.

TERRY McGOVERN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Terry McGovern, the ex-featherweight champion, died in Brooklyn today. He was thirty-eight years old. He lost the title to Young Corbett.

His death was due to Bright's disease. He had been ill several months. He died poor. In the last few years he had been living mainly on the pension given by an early day fight promoter.

More Than 600 Medical Officers Are Released

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Surgeon generals today released over 600 medical officers from the army. These have been found either physically deficient or unfit for the work they are performing. This is another step for greater efficiency.

GERMANS OCCUPY ENTIRE NORTHERN FRONT; RELIABLE SOURCES ADVISE U. S. SLAVS WILL MAKE A STAND

May Not Be Immediate and May Be as Far Back as Siberia But Certain.

EXPECT NEW LEADER WILL COME TO FRONT

Russia Will Eventually Be Split Into Small Republics is Belief.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Ensign Krylenko, commander of the Russian forces, proclaimed today a "revolutionary mobilization" to defeat the Germans.

If the Germans refuse peace, a life and death struggle is the alternative, said the commanders' proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Reliable diplomatic sources advise the United States that Russia will form a fighting unit and resist the German invasion. The stand may not be immediate and might be as far back as Siberia, but so surely as the German drive continues, so surely will the Russians resist. It is believed likely a new leader will arise when the food situation becomes acute to dethrone Lenin and Trotsky and resist the invaders. Reports state it is not believed Russia will be split into small republics, Germany maybe controlling part of the Balkan provinces.

Bolsheviki Trust German Revolution To Stop Slay Trust

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Petrograd reports that Germany demanded the occupation of Petrograd and a thirty-year trade agreement as a part of the peace terms.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The bolshevik ministry issued a proclamation declaring they agreed to peace with the central powers to save the country from final exhaustion and the revolution from ruin. Delayed Petrograd dispatches state they are accepting the terms "until the German revolution changes them."

The ministry says Germany is not hastening its reply because "evidently it wants to take as many important positions as possible." Ministers declare their confidence the German workers will rise against any attempt to stifle the Russian revolution. The proclamation concludes, "The Soviets and army organizations should deter their efforts in recreating the army."

HOST OF AMENDMENTS DELAY RAILROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Hopes of the railroad bill passing the house this week vanished when the leaders of both parties announced a host of amendments were waiting until the end of the general debate. The senate today rejected the second attempt to shorten the length of federal control of the railroads, defeated the amendment requiring congressional authority for orders affecting railroad control and retained the provision authorizing the President to set aside conflicting laws.

BEWARE OF GERMAN PEACE OFFERS WARNS MONTANA MAN JUST BACK FROM THE FIGHT

"Beware of German peace offers! Beware of this trumped-up talk of German strikes! Don't think it's true. Remember Kipling's warning 'Make yet no peace with Adam-Zad, the bear that walks like a man.'" This was the message brought straight from the French front to America yesterday by James McCulloch, a mining engineer of Butte, Montana, who went over to Europe to fight as soon after the Germans had marched into Belgium as he could get there. He sailed from New York on August 1, 1914, nine days after England declared war. He has fought ever since, except when he lay wounded in the hospital. Eleven Dead in Flanders. Fourteen Americans went over with him to take a hand in things. Eleven of them lie dead in Flanders. One of them was sent home disabled months ago and one between life and death, is in a hospital in Aldershot. James McCulloch is the last of that little group of offhand idealists.

GERMAN DRIVE THROUGH SWITZERLAND EXPECTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—A German drive through Switzerland to obtain the electric power there, much needed by the Germans, is predicted as a possibility by Will Irwin, the writer, who is just here from the west front and Switzerland. He says he believes Hindenburg will strike to eliminate France from the war, or strike to capture French seaports, maybe driving through Switzerland, which nation will not be able to fight as hard as Belgium did.

BULLETINS

AMERICANS POUND HUNS. AMERICAN FRONT, Feb. 22.—The heavy artillery exchange continues. This afternoon the Americans pounded German positions, destroying entanglements and damaging rear stations. American aviators are directing the shelling.

MAY ENFRANCHISE WOMEN. HALIFAX, Feb. 22.—Opening the provincial legislature, Lieut. Governor Grant announced a measure would be presented for enfranchising women. He also extended the thanks of the province to the United States for aid in the Halifax disaster.

FOUR DIE IN BLAST. VIKDEN, Ill., Feb. 22.—Four miners were killed when a powder line motor train exploded in the west mine of the Royal Collier company.

FEDERALS ARE RETREATING. TAMPICO, Feb. 22.—The federals under General Digney are reported retreating after sustaining heavy losses in a battle with the rebels.

BRITISH FRONT LONG. BRITISH FRONT, Feb. 22.—The British line now extends from the North sea to the Oise river, with the exception of small French and Belgian sectors. Haig recently took over part of the French front south of St. Quentin.

Must Rigidly Enforce Victory Bread Orders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Herbert Hoover telegraphed all state administrators for a rigid enforcement of the twenty per cent wheat flour substitute in bread after Sunday. Hundreds of bakers wired Hoover their customers enthusiastically receive "Victory bread."

Slavs Are Retreating in Disorder; Pskoff and Polotsk Are Evacuated.

AUSTRIANS CAPTURE LUTSK AND DUMNO

Fall of Minsk Endangers Food Supplies of Near By Towns.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The Germans captured Hapsal and Esthonia today. The first Estonian regiment is now under German command. Latvia is suppressed beyond Koneburg. Wolmar, Hiesvitz and Essel. Minsk is captured. German and Ukrainian forces effected a juncture at Novogratovsk. This is a front of 500 miles. Hapsal is on the Bol sound fifty miles below Revel. Its capture means the Germans dominate the entire Gulf of Riga.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.—The Germans occupy the entire northern front. The Russians are retreating in disorder. Russian cavalry is being rushed northward. The bolsheviks ordered Russian troops to evacuate Finland and prepare to meet the invasion. The Russians are evacuating Pskoff and Polotsk. The former is 150 miles from Petrograd. The capture of Minsk endangers food supplies in nearby towns. The Austrians have taken Lutsk and Dumno.

FARMERS ASSURED OF CHICAGO PRICES

Will Be Paid Basic Price at Coast Terminals; Delegation Accomplishes Results.

Definite word that the farmers of this county and of the whole Pacific northwest are to be paid for their wheat of the 1918 crop on a basis of Chicago prices at coast terminals was received this morning by the Commercial association from the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. The letter states that the delegation from the Farmers Union, the Grange and northwest commercial interests, which recently left Spokane for Washington, had with the aid of northwest senators and representatives secured a concession which assures this basis of payment.

Such a concession means an average saving to the farmer on a bushel of wheat of 21 cents, the letter states. Estimating the 1918 crop of the coast at 60,000,000 bushels, this means a saving of \$12,600,000. The expenses of the delegates to Washington were borne by themselves but a movement has been started to reimburse them. The Farmers' Union and Grange are taking care of the expenses of six and Umatilla county has been asked to contribute \$100 as her share of the expenses of the others.

STATEWIDE POISON PLOT IS DISCOVERED

San Francisco Post Office Holding Scores of Packages of Candy, Bread, Etc

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—It is learned the postoffice here is holding scores of packages of candy, bread, sugar, etc., sent through the mail, following an analysis showing it to contain ground glass. The senders have been traced for several weeks. Early arrests are expected. It is believed to be a statewide plot.

EMPLOYEES GET \$825.57 YEARLY. CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Packing house employees of the three big local plants receive \$825.57 annually, according to the packers' statement before provincial legislature. Lieut. Governor. Recently, economic experts testified \$177 is the absolute minimum wage on which a family of five can live comfortably.

U. S. Is Not Winning The War at Present Says President Hibben

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—"At present, Germany is winning the war," President Hibben of Princeton told the American Institute of Mining Engineers. "We are not winning the war, and might as well confess it. We must mobilize the country's intelligence, especially the scientific intelligence as this is a war in which scientific knowledge must turn the balance."

NEXT SIXTY DAYS TO BE MOST CRITICAL IN FOOD HISTORY UNITED STATES DECLARES HOOVER

America Far Short on Promised Food Supplies to the Allies; Lamb and Mutton May Be Eaten on Meatless Days Until April First; Railroads Blamed for Situation; Anxious Messages Come From Britain and Italy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Food foodstuffs over the railroad to the exclusion of other commerce is the only remedy. Hoover's statement is believed intended to spur shipping, the railroads and the people to get behind the food administration and push through food to win the war. Some quarters believe Hoover is also aiming at Congress in an effort to stop the proposed legislation to increase the price of wheat which it is claimed would completely upset the food program. The statement follows most anxious messages from Britain and Italy. Lamb and mutton are not exported to the allies so their exemption from meatless days tends to save beef and pork.

RED CROSS MONTHLY REPORT SHOWS MUCH WORK COMPLETED

Showing something of the magnitude of the work being carried on by the Umatilla County Chapter of the Red Cross is the monthly report from the surgical dressing department submitted to the executive board yesterday by Mrs. H. H. Hattery who is supervising this department.

Her reports show that during the past month the various surgical dressing classes have made 8426 gauze compresses 4x1, 500 gauze compresses 6x8, 1520 gauze compresses 4x4, 328 many-tailed bandages, 132 cotton absorbent pads, 12 cotton-filled absorbent pads, 22 irrigation pads 12x19, 23 irrigation pads 16x24, five paper back irrigation pads, 30 gauze rolls 2 yds by 4 1/2 in, and 80 folded gauze strips 6x2.

In addition the county Red Cross has made a large number of hospital garments, sweaters and other articles the reports on which have not yet been submitted.

So rapidly is the work being turned out that the chapter has difficulty in keeping sufficient materials on hand. Mrs. Hattery was authorized yesterday to purchase an additional \$2000 worth of gauze. Yarn is knitted up almost as fast as it can be supplied. All these materials cost money and provision will have to be made for more funds. The chapter has just received a check for \$182.75 from School District No. 94 in Despair, Guich which recently netted that amount from a basket social.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK. MADRID, Feb. 22.—It is announced the Spanish steamer Mar-Caspico was shelled and sunk by a submarine.

RETIRING AFTER 40 YEARS IN BUSINESS



After 40 years of continuous business activity in Pendleton, B. Alexander, prominent merchant, will tomorrow night relinquish the reins of management at Alexander's, turning over the store to a younger generation. The store will close tomorrow night not to reopen for a week during which time preparations will be made for re-opening under the control of the corporation which was recently organized. Mr. Alexander is Pendleton's oldest merchant from a standpoint of continuous business in this city. His decision to retire was caused by his son, Roy Alexander, answering the call to the colors. During recent years the son had assumed many of the burdens of the business and his father to shift the entire management of the large store to younger shoulders. Carl Cooley, who has been head bookkeeper at the store for 14 years, will take the position of manager.

SAYS ALLIES MUST SPURN FALSE PEACE

Jusserand Delivers Washington Anniversary Address to S. A. R.

PRaises WILSON FOR WONDERFUL ABILITY

Says Seeds of Justice Will Spring From Blood Soaked Trenches.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—French Ambassador Jusserand, delivering the Washington anniversary address to the sons and daughters of the revolution said: "The allies must beware of a patched up, bastard peace. Washington never considered such a peace, and never wavered. Seeds of justice will spring up from the blood-soaked European trenches. France and America must get on together, sowing the seeds of better days. We shall sow through the right until the rising in the east of the sun of lasting peace."

He praised President Wilson as "Washington's successor" for his decisive, prophetic words on the war.

PENDLETON TEAM MEETS WAITSBURG QUINTET TONIGHT

The Pendleton high school girls' basketball team, which will clash with the Waitsburg five on the local floor tonight, a good crowd is expected at the game, as the tickets have been selling rapidly.

The Waitsburg team is expected to be one of the strongest teams that the girls will play this year, according to Miss Bailey, Pendleton coach. The Pendleton girls will be handicapped because of Veve Cook, star forward, being out of the game on account of an injury which she sustained last week.

Helen Nelson, guard, will in all probability take the place of Veve Cook at forward. The others who have been notified to report for practice, and will probably play are Alice Finnell, Marjorie Ireland, Madeline Burgess, Mamie Harnett, Helen Thompson, Edith Laing and Jean Polson.

HUN UNITS MUTINY; OFFICERS ARE SHOT

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—It is reported German units at Beverloo and Belgium mutined and shot several officers after an officer ordered a soldier. A number of the mutineers were court-martialed and shot. It is also reported the mutineers are to go to Revak, Warsaw. It is also reported Rumania-Teutonic peace negotiations will start at Bucharest tomorrow.

Nearly Two and Half Million in Class I

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Provost Marshal Crowder reports that nearly two million and a half men, perfectly fit will be listed in Class I. This is half a million over the original estimates. The total in Class I is approximately three million, a hundred thousand. The percentage of disqualification is estimated at twenty per cent or less, owing to the recent lowering of physical requirements. There are about four million men each in classes two and four. Class five has about a million, class three, seven hundred and fifty thousand.

STRIKE THREATENS BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—The entire street railway system, including the surface, elevated and subway, is threatened by a strike. Seven thousand employees voted to strike Monday unless higher wages and heated cars are granted.

VALUABLE NEW INDUSTRY IN SIGHT FOR OREGON

Growing castor beans may soon become an important industry in Oregon, if investigations now being made by the University school of commerce lead to successful conclusions. Castor beans now have a tremendous commercial value because the oil which is extracted from them is used for lubricating airplane motors. The oil is hard to obtain and the beans can be grown only in the warmer climates in a damp atmosphere. Government officials and representatives of the school of commerce believe that certain parts of western and southern Oregon are well adapted to this purpose. On account of the certainty that airplanes will play an important part in the commercial development of the country after the war the demand for castor oil and hence for castor beans will be permanent.