

ENTENTE TROOPS TO OCCUPY BERLIN AT EBERT'S REQUEST SAYS LONDON RUMOR

ALLIES PLUNGE TODAY IN REAL WORK OF PEACE

First Joint Conference Late This Afternoon Finds President Wilson Prepared.

SPENDS FORENOON PREPARING NOTES

All Trip Plans Put Aside; Peace Suggestions Flood Mail.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The program for the formal conference of associated powers is changing almost hourly. An official announcement by the French government yesterday that a preliminary meeting would be held this afternoon was premature. Another statement was issued today explaining that the meeting is postponed until Lloyd George arrives Saturday or Sunday.

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PARIS, Jan. 9.—President Wilson today figuratively rolled up his sleeves and plunged into the actual work of the peace conference. He conferred with Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sciano, spending the balance of the forenoon preparing a memorandum which he will use at the first joint conference of British, French Italian and American statesmen scheduled for late this afternoon.

All Plans Postponed. On account of work ahead, the President postponed all plans for future trips, but it is known he hopes to visit Brussels soon. He continues to be swamped with mail from all parts of Europe. Hundreds of letters daily contain suggestions regarding the best way to effect peace, from a league of nations and to prevent future wars.

Has Broken Arm. Al Slusher is wearing his right arm in a sling with a broken bone. He received the injury by catching his arm in the steering wheel of an auto when making a sudden turn to avoid colliding with another auto.

Fir Tree Burns For Over 4 Months Despite Rainfall

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—A dead fir tree, four feet in diameter, was ignited June 27, 1918, during a forest fire, and burned continuously until November 8, although heavy rains visited the region in September and October, according to Forest Ranger John Kirkpatrick. The tree stood near the mouth of the north fork Clispus river on the Kainer National Forest. When last seen by the ranger, the tree was still burning and had been reduced to a stub less than forty feet high. Ranger Kirkpatrick says that fires of this sort persist on account of the clinkers which form and lie in the center or lower part of the burning surface. The clinkers resemble those in the bottom of a blacksmith's forge and are like red-hot bricks. A tremendous amount of rainfall is necessary to cool them off.

RITNER WILL TRY TO CORRECT INJUSTICE TO ORE. TRUCK MEN

One legislative step contemplated by Senator Roy W. Ritner during the coming session will be an adjustment of a present injustice to Oregon truckmen who run into the state of Washington. An Oregon truck going into Washington must secure a Washington license but Washington truck may operate in Oregon territory without an Oregon license. Unless the Washington law is changed, Ritner will endeavor to enforce license payments by Washington men. Senator Ritner left last night for Portland and will go to Salem for the session, unless the legislative meeting should be postponed because of the influenza. He is promised a place on the present committee and is now making a considerable study of the road subject. To Increase Licenses. There are reports the legislature will be asked to increase the auto license \$50 per cent, so as to provide more money with which to care for new

16,000 STRIKE, HALT NEW YORK FERRY LINES

New Jersey, Staten Island Isolated; Serious Food, Fuel Famine Threatened.

60,000 MARINE WORKERS AFFECTED

Returning Soldiers Face Prospect of Impossibility to Land.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Fifty-eight thousand boat men and water front laborers are idle today and shipping is at a standstill. A strike of 16,000 tug boat employes and ferry hands threw 42,000 stevedores out of work in New York harbor. Rivers on both sides of Manhattan are empty save for police launches on guard duty. Goods are piled high at all terminals and streets being blocked with loaded trucks. The dispute is over working hours. It is feared many more unions will join and that the idleness in New York harbor will soon have a serious economic effect unless the government intervenes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The port of New York was tied up today when 15,000 members of the marine workers' affiliation struck at 6 o'clock this morning. No ferries are running to

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COUNCIL REFUSES TO STOP BUYING GOODS OF FELLOW MEMBERS

A motion that would have put the Pendleton city council on record as being opposed and frowning upon the paying of any bills to members of the council was defeated last night by a vote of four to two. Those vot-

DEFECTIVE FLUES CAUSED MOST FIRES

Defective flues had as the cause of fires in Pendleton last year, according to the annual report of Fire Chief Ringold submitted to the council. Five alarms were given because of defective flue fires, the next cause on the list being spontaneous combustion. The complete schedule on fire calls during the year is as follows: Defective flues, 5; flies burning out, 3; back fire from auto, 4; old defective wiring, 1; unknown, 1; trash burning, 2; grass burning, 2; careless handling matches in garage, 2; hot iron falling under floor in blacksmithshop, 1; wooden beam too close to boiler, 1; spilling gasoline on hot engine, 1; cleaning clothes with gasoline in residence, 1; coffee pot boiling dry and grounds burning, 1; boys setting fire to old trash, 1; called out to stop fight, 1; smoking cigarettes in bed, 1; putting gasoline in coal oil stove, 1; using cotton instead of asbestos on Christmas tree, 1; hot boy on shattering, 1; false, 2.

INVASION OF CANADA AMONG HUN SCHEMES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—German plans for the invasion of Canada by men in the United States who had served in the imperial German navy, were told to the senate committee probing German propaganda by Bruce Bielaski, head of the bureau of investigation in the department of justice today. Army Was Drilling. "The men Germany depended upon to invade Canada before we entered the war belonged to the 'Kriegsmarine,'" said Bielaski. "Men who had seen military service in Germany were eligible for membership. Some of the organizations were actually drilling and were supplied with rifles. Nothing of a serious character ever developed though they were harmful in their influences." Bielaski said the army was well organized, having a number of branches scattered through the country.

Says Railroad Rates Must Soon Go Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Railroad rates must go up, even under government control, Trevelin Cuyler, representing railroad executives, told the senate interstate commerce committee today. He said the government will have to raise the rates shortly.

WITH THE NEW WATCH ON THE RHINE



ABOVE—French forces dipping their standard in the Rhine at Honnigheim. This ceremonial observance signified the return of Alsace and Lorraine to France when the Army of Occupation marched in. The troops here shown observing this formality are the Second Moroccan division, commanded by General Modet.

MAYORS OF ALL OREGON TOWNS FORMS WELCOMING COMMITTEES, SEC'Y CHESSMAN HEADS COUNTY

In keeping with state wide plans which have been outlined by a committee appointed by Governor Withycombe, and of which Mayor Baker of Portland is chairman, the mayors of the various towns of Umatilla county are to head committees to welcome the homecoming of soldiers and sailors. The Patriotic Service League in a resolution adopted several weeks ago pledged itself to arrange a county demonstration at some future date when the majority of the boys have returned. At that time the league called upon the various towns to welcome back their own boys because of the impracticability of the county organizations attending to this matter. The state plan goes farther than this, in requesting the mayor of each town to form a welcoming committee. The secretary of the Patriotic Service League has been named by Mayor Baker as chairman of the Umatilla county committee but the other members of the executive committee will serve with him. Secretary Chessman has already written to the mayors of the various towns apprising them of their appointment. These various committees are also to serve as part of the machinery for securing employment for the returning soldiers and sailors. This branch of the work, however, has previously been organized through the cooperation with the federal employment office, the community labor board and the Patriotic Service League. Application for positions for returning boys should be made to Norbridge Berkeley, federal employment agent, or to Secretary Chessman of the Patriotic Service League.

FLU TAKES BIG DROP IN LAST SEVEN DAYS IN PENDLETON

The influenza situation in Pendleton is rapidly clearing up, to say the least, according to the report of quarantine officer Breuch to the city council last night. The number of quarantined homes in the city has been reduced to 18, and not one serious case. Yesterday was the first day since the epidemic broke out that an influenza patient has not been received at St. Anthony's hospital.

WHEN IS COUNTY ROAD CITY STREET? LAW MAY DECIDE

The legislature will be asked to pass a law that will clearly state the standing of county roads that have become streets in incorporated cities. The proposed law would provide that county roads when included within the limits of a city corporation, automatically become streets of that place. City Attorney Jas. A. Pea has been instructed to draft such a bill and forward the same to the Umatilla county delegation for presenting to the legislature. Henry Kimbrell, city engineer, states that it has generally been considered that such is the present law, but in preparing for paying assessment the question has been raised that the extension of Raley street is a county road and not a street of the city, and for that reason the assessment would not be valid. In the absence of any known court decisions on the question, it is thought best to settle the matter through a law that would work automatically in making such roads streets. With the finding of this condition it is thought the same may be found in a number of other streets of the city and the passage of the law would settle the question for all streets.

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WIDESPREAD FIGHTING AND TURMOIL RESULT FROM WAR BETWEEN RIVAL FACTIONS

UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT WOUNDED; TWENTY REPORTED KILLED IN AMERICAN EMBASSY; SPARTAN RE-VOLT WIDESPREAD, INCLUDES CONTROL OF RAILROADS.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Entente troops, at the request of Chancellor Ebert, will occupy Berlin, according to rumors today.

CORRESPONDENT IS WOUNDED. LONDON, Jan. 9.—John Granden, United Press correspondent in Berlin, was badly wounded during street fighting today, according to a personal message from him to the United Press bureau here. He said he has a badly mangled foot as a result of being struck by fragments of a hand grenade which exploded near the telegraph office where he had gone to file dispatches. He explained, however, that he was "too busy to go to the hospital."

CONTROL POLICE STATION. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 9.—Liebknecht, Ledebur and Scholtz have formed a new government, establishing their headquarters in the central police station, according to a Berlin dispatch today. The Spartans have proclaimed a general strike throughout Germany January 19 to prevent the election of a national assembly.

ALL WORK IS STOPPED. GENEVA, Jan. 9.—All work has stopped throughout Germany as a result of the spreading of the revolution, declare dispatches from various sources today. A bolshevik government is said to have been proclaimed at Mannheim and Oberhausen. A revolt occurred today in Nuremberg where the bolsheviks seized the newspaper Tagepost. A general strike is proclaimed at Brunswick. Ten thousand today paraded the streets, pillaging shops and occupying newspaper offices.

ALL GERMANY AFFECTED. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 9.—The Spartans' revolution has spread throughout Germany, according to dispatches from various sources. Bolshevism uprisings are reported at Munich, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt and Schwerin. Berlin dispatches, filed last night, said the government will declare a state in Berlin. Government troops, it was stated, are ordered from the garrisons to rush to Berlin in automobiles. Hundreds have been killed in Dusseldorf, where a bolshevik republic has been proclaimed. All shops at Frankfurt have been closed and business is reported at a standstill. In a demonstration at Munich, where there are 5000 unemployed, two were killed today in a machine-gun battle. Bolsheviki, led by sailors, seized the barracks and public buildings at Schwerin but were later driven out. Several shots were fired on the Danish Red Cross building in Berlin, according to dispatches.

ASKS DEFENSE GUARD. BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Chancellor Ebert issued the following manifesto yesterday: "Liebknecht has declared war to the knife against the non-socialist population. We have hesitated too long. Therefore you must form a volunteer republican defense guard."

20 KILLED IN EMBASSY. BERLIN, Jan. 7.—(Night).—Twenty persons were killed in the American embassy, which has been badly damaged by rioters. (There is nothing in the cable to indicate whether or not the victims were Americans. The embassy is located in the heart of the city on a square where considerable fighting occurred. It is believed the building may have been struck by shots going wild.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The state department is not informed regarding the reported killing of 20 Americans in the American embassy at Berlin. It is regarded as possible that some Americans were there.

JOIN SPARTANUS. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Army classes of 1919 and 1920 have joined the Spartans in Berlin, says a dispatch today to the Express. Fighting is reported in Leipzig and Wittenberg.

CONTROL ALL RAILROADS. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9.—All German railways are reported under the control of the Spartans as the result of the surrender of the central offices in Berlin, by the government.

TO HELP GOVERNMENT. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Kiel sailors are

AUTO BANDIT KILLED AFTER FIGHT WITH WALLA WALLA SHERIFF'S POSSE YESTERDAY

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 8.—Charles Greene, aged 22, alleged auto thief, is dead, and Lynn Ayres, 21, is in jail facing charges of grand larceny if not attempted murder as a result of a rifle fight with Sheriff Leo Barnes and a posse yesterday afternoon. Greene was shot by Game Warden Albert Van Audle after he had fired three shots at Sheriff Barnes, the first one of which was so close that it bilsted Barnes' left cheek and spun him around. The Mitchell six stolen from the ranch home of C. L. Whitney January 1 and the Franklin taken from the Maurice Woods ranch near Waiilatpu Monday night, were recovered. The men admitted taking the auto. Two Cars Stolen. The officers together with Deputy Sheriff J. T. Barnes and Emerson Wood, of Waiilatpu, started after the suspects. After a chase in which

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ARE LOCAL SOLDIERS TO GET NO WELCOME?

Although the return of the 51st Division, the 41st and other divisions will bring many Pendleton men home soon, no organized effort has been made to give a welcome to the returning local veterans upon their arrival from service overseas. The Umatilla County Patriotic Service League will be responsible for a large celebration when the bulk of the men of the county have returned and the Pendleton Commercial Club is planning to cooperate with the league at that time. It was under the auspices of the Commercial Club that Cliff Brown, first Pendleton man to return from France with wounds, was welcomed. However, the association feels that it would be impractical to attempt a reception for each local soldier or sailor who returns as the date of arrival in Pendleton is often indefinite, so President George Jaer said today. The Patriotic Service League took

EAST PRUSSIA TOWNS WRESTED FROM POLES

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Germans have recaptured a number of towns in east Prussia from the Poles, and are preparing to attack Posen, the Evening News today declared. Considerable disorder is reported in Warsaw. The situation in East Prussia is reported to be most serious.

MORE CULTIVATION OF COUNTY FARM URGED

That the grand jury thinks better farming methods could be employed at the county poor farm is shown by the report of the jury, which recommends the south field be leveled and put in shape for irrigating and seeding to alfalfa. This is in the opinion of the jury is one of the reasons the farm is not paying. Considering the acre of the buildings the report says they were found in good condition. The recommendation is made that the dining room be painted both inside and outside. The report says all buildings were found clean and inmates apparently well cared for.

BRITAIN WILL DESTROY UNSURRENDERED FORTS

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Britain, it is learned today, has informed Turkey that Dardanelles forts will be destroyed unless the Turks in Medina surrender them immediately. (Medina is in Arabia, 250 miles northwest of Mecca).