

GERMANY DISTURBED BY PEACE FIASCO

Russian Efforts to Transfer Conference Complicates Situation.

London.—The Bolsheviks are definitely strengthening the front, Petrograd advisers say. The Bolsheviks intend to send home all who do not wish to fight, so that they will have an army which is willing to fight for an ideal.

Russian efforts to have Germany acquiesce in the transfer of the peace negotiations from Brest-Litovsk, in German control, to the neutral city of Stockholm apparently have failed.

The report from German sources that fear of intrigue in Stockholm on the part of the entente interests would endanger the work of the plenipotentiaries, is not confirmed from Petrograd. Foreign Minister Trotsky went to Brest-Litovsk in a vain attempt to persuade the Germans to go to Stockholm.

In Germany the political situation is much disturbed over the attitude of the liberal parties concerning the government's stand on the proposed transfer. The socialists appear to be the stumbling block and there is danger that they may desert the reeling majority, making it necessary for the government to reform the party alignments.

Berlin has issued an official denial that General Von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general, has resigned.

BRITISH PREMIER STATES WAR AIMS

London.—The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, set forth Great Britain's war aims in an address before the delegates of the trades unions.

The three cardinal points of the British terms as enunciated by the British prime minister are: Re-establishment of the sanctity of treaties; territorial settlement based on the right of self-determination of the content of the governed; the creation of an international organization to limit armaments and diminish the probability of war.

Among the issues for which Great Britain and the allies were contending, he stated, were the restoration of Belgium and reparation for the injuries inflicted; restoration of Serbia, Montenegro and the occupied parts of France, Italy and Roumania. France must have Alsace-Lorraine, and to this end, the premier said, the British nation would stand by the French democracy to the death. Russia could only be saved by her own people. He declared an independent Poland an urgent necessity for the stability of western Europe.

The Turkish empire, within the home lands of the Turkish race, with Constantinople as its capital, may be maintained. But the passage between the Mediterranean and Black sea must be internationalized and neutralized, and Arabia, Armenia, Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine are entitled to recognition of their separate national conditions.

FARM LADS NOT SUPERIOR

No Better Off Physically Than City Cousin, Army Finds.

Washington.—The common belief that country boys are superior physically to those bred in the city is not supported by the records of the selective draft.

A special comparison made by the provost marshal general's office between 10 large cities and 10 rural counties in various parts of the country shows that the result was virtually a tie, as 28.47 per cent of the city boys were rejected, as against 27.96 per cent of the country boys.

"The country lad," says General Crowder's report, "accustomed to hard physical labor, may be more muscular than his city cousin, but he is not superior in the possession of the degree of physical soundness essential to his acceptance as a soldier."

Railroad Men Not Federal Employees.

Washington.—Railroad employes are not to be considered government employees in compiling draft classifications. Provost Marshal General Crowder ruled in answer to questions from draft boards in all parts of the country.

Board Favors Importing Chinese.

San Francisco.—The California development board at a meeting of the executive committee went on record as favoring the importation of experienced Chinese farmers to California for the duration of the war.

Conscription Act Is Constitutional.

Washington.—The selective service act was held as constitutional by the supreme court.

GENERAL GUILLAUMAT



General Guillaumat, who has succeeded General Sarrail as commander of the allied forces in Macedonia.

TRAIN SERVICE CUT TWENTY PER CENT

Washington.—To free locomotives and crews for the more important freight transportation, 20 per cent of the through passenger trains on the eastern railroads will be discontinued by approval of Director-General McAdoo. The running schedule of others will be reduced to lower speed to facilitate the movement of freight trains.

This policy, announced by the director-general, will be gradually extended to affect train service throughout the country.

Commenting on reasons for curtailing passenger traffic, Mr. McAdoo said: "By elimination of unnecessary passenger train service much motive power, skilled labor, track and terminal facilities are released for the handling of coal and food and other supplies essential to the life of the people, as well as to the successful prosecution of the war."

"Every patriotic citizen can directly help the government in clearing up the present unsatisfactory condition of the railroads by refraining from all unnecessary travel at this time."

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Freezing temperatures continue to hold the British front in an icy grip. Last year 367 Norwegian vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 566,000, were sunk.

Italy has adopted a drastic new policy to increase her fighting forces. Physical requirements have been modified, and all men between the ages of 18 and 44 years previously exempted for defects are ordered to present themselves for further examination.

The American army in France is to be reinforced by the American aviators who became famous as pilots in French escadrilles. Thirty-two men, mostly members of the Lafayette escadrille, will be the first to be sworn into the American army. Others will follow them as rapidly as possible.

The peace negotiations between the central powers and the Bolshevik government in Russia have been "temporarily suspended" by the Germans. It appears the rock upon which a continuation of the pour paroles split was the demand of the Russians that the conference be resumed at Stockholm, instead of at Brest-Litovsk.

R. R. LEGISLATION IS ASKED

Bill Is Promptly Introduced and Swift Passage Expected.

Washington.—Legislation to regulate the government's operation of railroads and to guarantee the carriers compensation on the basis of their average operating income for the last three years was asked of congress by President Wilson in an address to both houses in joint session. Bills embodying his recommendations and carrying an appropriation of \$500,000,000 as a "revolving fund" were introduced immediately and an attempt will be made to rush them to prompt passage.

Earl Reading Will Be British Envoy.

London.—Earl Reading, lord chief justice, will go to the United States as direct representative of the British war cabinet, according to the Daily Express.

Germans Recognize Finnish Freedom.

Amsterdam.—Chancellor Hertling has officially announced Germany's recognition of Finland's independence, according to an official statement received from Berlin.

PRESIDENT STATES WAR AIMS OF U. S.

Wilson Presents Definite Program for World Peace to Congress.

Washington.—President Wilson Tuesday, addressing congress, delivered a restatement of war aims in agreement with the recent declaration by the British premier, David Lloyd George. The president presented a definite program for world peace, containing 14 specific considerations.

The president presented the following as necessary elements of world peace:

1. Open covenants of peace without private international understandings.
2. Absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war except as they may be closed by international action.
3. Removal of all economic barriers and establishment of equality of trade conditions among nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.
4. Guarantees for the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.
5. Impartial adjustment of all colonial claims based upon the principle that the peoples concerned have equal weight with the interest of the government.
6. Evacuation of all Russian territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.
7. Evacuation of Belgium without any attempt to limit her sovereignty.
8. All French territory to be freed and restored, and reparation for the taking of Alsace-Lorraine.
9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers along clearly recognizable lines of nationality.
10. Greatest opportunity for autonomous development of the people of Austria-Hungary.
11. Evacuation of Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro, with access to the sea for Serbia and international guarantees of economic and political independence and territorial integrity of the Balkan states.
12. Secure sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman empire, but with other nationalities under Turkish rule assured security of life and opportunity for autonomous development, with the Dardanelles permanently opened to all nations.
13. Establishment of an independent Polish state, including territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations, with free access to the sea and political and economic independence and territorial integrity guaranteed by international covenant.
14. General association of nations under specific covenants for mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to large and small states alike.

"For such arrangements and covenants," said the president in conclusion, "we are willing to fight and continue to fight until they are achieved; but only because we wish the right to prevail and desire a just and stable peace."

Such a program, he said, removed the chief provocations for war.

"The moral climax of this, the culminating and final war for liberty, has come," said the president in ending his address, "and they (the people of the United States) are ready to put their own strength, their own highest purpose, their own integrity and devotion to the test."

7 BILLION ADDED TO SHIP PROGRAM

Washington.—Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, asked congress for \$2,000,000 for acquisition or establishment of shipbuilding plants in addition to the \$165,000,000 heretofore asked for the next fiscal year. He also asked for increase of authority for construction of ships from \$1,234,000,000 to \$1,935,000,000.

F. A. Brown, purchasing officer for the emergency fleet corporation told the committee that within 60 days the shipping board hopes to have delivered from the Pacific coast the heavier timbers for the construction of 200 wooden ships, at a price of \$15 less a thousand than pine timber, which the south was unable to deliver.

The shipping board was advised by the senate commerce committee to commandeer ferryboats and trolley lines in the New York City district, if necessary, to transport workers to and from shipbuilding yards.

To Mobilize Farmers and Shipbuilders

Washington.—Mobilization of three million workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contract plants was entrusted to the United States employment service by the department of labor. John B. Densmore, of Montana, solicitor for the department of labor, will be national director of the employment service.

COTTAGE GROVE BOY ON STEAMSHIP WHICH MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

Harold Sams, of this city, is understood to be on the United States Steamship Michigan, six members of the crew of which were killed when a cargo mast went down in a heavy storm. His name was not on the list of killed or wounded.

McCarar Now in France.

Dr. and Mrs. E. McCarar have received word from their son Elwyn. The letter was written four days out from port. He is undoubtedly now in France with the aviation corps.

RED CROSS SOCKS MUST BE KNIT PRECISELY LIKE THE INSTRUCTIONS

Several pairs of socks knit for the Red Cross have been returned to the Cottage Grove branch because of the fact that they were made with double heels and in other ways failed to follow the instructions from headquarters. The Red Cross society positively will not accept socks for the soldiers except those knit according to instructions, which may be obtained from the local branch officers.

SORCERERS BURNED AT STAKE

Custom of an Early Age When Thousands of Unfortunate Students Were Put to Death.

Alchemists often believed that by deep thought they could find a way to turn base metals into gold, but alchemy itself was much deeper and broader than this, according to a writer. It was supposed at this time that there were seven heavenly bodies—the sun, moon, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn—and seven metals—gold, silver, iron, mercury, copper, tin and lead. There were also seven days in a week and seven colors in a rainbow. There were twelve signs in the zodiac, twelve months in the year, twelve precious stones, and twelve parts to the body. It seemed to the alchemists that there must be some hidden connection between these things of nature, and in trying to find it they spent much time in watching the sky and in bending over their crucibles and retorts.

During an age when superstition was rife such nocturnal activities could not fail to arouse suspicion, and to be accused of being a sorcerer was generally followed by burning at the stake. Many thousands of such unfortunate students were put to death during these dark centuries, but in spite of the dangers men secretly studied alchemy.

RUSSIAN NAMES WERE EASY

Pronunciation Not to Be Compared With Talk Between Baby and Parrot, Proud Parent Boasts.

Reference at a social session was made to lingual dexterity when Congressman John M. Evans of Montana, said he was reminded of a little incident along that line.

Down at the cigar store one night the regulars were talking about the war and remarking how it gave one something worse than face ache to pronounce the Russian names that appear in the news.

"Those Russian names are nothing," remarked a man named Johnson, with an expansive smile. "You just ought to hear what I stack up against in my own home every day of my life."

"What's that?" demanded one of the regulars, amazedly. "Do you mean that you have somebody in your family who can put a kink in those Russian syllable twists?"

"Well, I should say that I have," rejoined Johnson. "You should come around some time and hear the baby and the parrot when they get to talking together."

Africa Second Largest.

Africa is the second largest of the continental divisions of the earth, containing 11,632,000 square miles. Europe contains 3,671,004; Asia, 17,470,280; North America, 7,116,000; South America, 7,344,000. At the outbreak of the present war, August, 1914, European states had established protectorates over it. By agreement, Great Britain controlled about 3,700,000 square miles; France, 4,422,000; Germany, 931,000; Belgium, 909,000; Portugal, 704,000; Spain, 592,000, with native ownership ignored everywhere. These areas of control have undergone material changes since the war began and no doubt will be further changed at its conclusion. The different areas have been held and governed as colonies, the only politics being a contest among the nations to obtain and hold as much as possible. It has been what might be called in common phrase "a grab game" on a large scale, with a continent as the spoils.

Death to the Puppies.

The details of the snatching from this life of four brindle Boston bulls in the prime of their puppyhood were related when a woman reviewed her married life in the court of domestic relations in New York. "Only last week," she said, "our bulldog, Ida, had a family that would have been worth \$200 if it had grown. My husband went to a veterinarian and the doctor told him if they wouldn't take milk out of a saucer to put some milk in his own mouth, but a nipple in his mouth and feed them that way, just like dog fanciers do. At first he didn't even want to do it."

"Well," said the court, "and what has that to do with the case?"

"Because when he did do it, I tell you, the dogs died."

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

Non-fiction—Story of the Red Cross, Clara Barton; Dog's Book of Verse, Clausen; Old Fort Dearborn, Currey; Should Students Study?, Foster; Hunting Pigeons, Geil; Commencement Day, Gladden; La Salle, Haskin; The Great Plains, Parrish; A Schoolmaster of the Great City, Patri; Northern India, Pennell; Venice, Ragg; Poems, Alvan Seiger; Letters and Diary, Alvan Seiger; Manual of Mineralogy, Dana; One Deposit, Richard; Practical Mineralogy, Rowe; The Evidence in the Case, Beck; Life of Buffalo Bill, Cody; Camp and Trail, Dickson; Lloyd George, Dilnot; Sea Warfare, Kipling; Making an American, Kils; Secret Trails, Roberts; Feeding the Family, Rose; With the Flying Squadron, Rother; Spell of the Yukon, Service; Rhymes of a Red Cross Man, Service; My Mother and I, Strain; Ways of Women, Tarbell; John Paul Jones, Tooker; Principles of Nationality, Zangwill; Up From Slavery, Washington; Science and Health, Eddy; Modern Copper Smelting, Peters; The Earth and Its Story, Hegin; Self-Propelled Vehicles, Homans; Brazil, Elliott; History of Germany, Hawtrey; Panders and Victims, Roe; History of Greek Art, Tarbell; French Traits, Brownell; Greek Civilization, Mahoney; Harrold's History of Native Races (12 volumes); Messages of the Presidents (20 volumes); Life of Lincoln, Nicolay & Hay (10 volumes); History of Mexico, Bancroft; Handbook of Calculations for Engineers, Hawkins; Maxims and Instructions for the Boiler Room, Hawkins; Where No Fear Was, Benson; Home Building and Decoration, Brown; Mechanical Drawing, Hawkins; Out of Their Own Mouths, from Nat. Security League; Alaskan Bird Life, Ed. by Ernest Ingersoll; The Modern Lumberman, official report; Problems in Lumber Construction, official report; Juvenile—Sara Crewe, Burnett; The Beach Patrol, Drysdale; Redskin and Cowboy, Henty; Lightkeepers, Otis; Fighting Heroes of Navy, Parker; Patriot's End, Carruth; Buccaneers and Pirates of Our Coast, Stockton; The Boy Mechanic (from Popular Mechanics); Prince and Pauper, Mark Twain; Prickly Porky, Burgess; Old Man Coyote, Burgess; Dumbbell of Brookfield, Foote; The Brown Mare, Oliphant; Man Without a Country, Hale; Aztec Treasure House, Jaurier; Captains Courageous, Kipling; Polly Trotter, Patriot; Knives, Jack Halliter's; Fortunes, Pyrie; Boy With the U. S. Life Savers, Roll; Boy With the U. S. Mail, Roll; The Wandering Dog, Saunders; The Saphire Signet, Seaman; Trail of the Sandhill Stag, Seton; Monarch, The Bear of Talle, Seton; Patty's Fortune, Wells; The Wrecking Master, Paine; Ungava Bob, Wallace; White Fang, London; The Strange Gray Canoe, Tomlinson.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WAR PICTURES COMING SUNDAY TO THE ARCADE THEATER

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Lieutenant Dryer, who is responsible for the photography, is to be congratulated upon the success of his efforts to secure a pictorial record of the doings of the various units on both sides of

Bad Back Today?

Backache is usually kidney-ache and makes you dull, nervous and tired. Use Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys—the remedy recommended by your friends and neighbors.

Mrs. J. J. Moore, Sixth St., Cottage Grove, says: "I am more or less subject to kidney trouble. My back gets very sore and lame at times and during this misery, my kidneys act irregularly. I feel tired-out and depressed generally. After I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills for a few days my back feels as strong as ever and my kidneys become normal."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Moore uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. j10-17

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at Cottage Grove, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, December 31, 1917:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$174,381.75
Overdrafts, secured, none	157.76
U. S. bonds (other than Liberty Bonds of 1917)	12,500.00
U. S. bonds deposited, to secure circulation (par value)	12,500.00
Total U. S. bonds (other than Liberty Bonds) and certificates of indebtedness	25,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	17,500.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve bank	1,800.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from national banks	8,558.46
Net amount due from banks and bankers, and trust companies other than above	3,701.18
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	12.20
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer and due from U. S. treasurer	625.00
Total	\$403,949.38

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	2.24
Interest and discount collected but not earned (approximate)	913.16
Amount reserved for taxes accrued	772.16
Circulating notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	254,394.58
Certificate of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	8,608.56
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,443.54
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank	12,138.75
Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Total demand deposits	280,980.43
Postal savings deposits	4,220.20
Other time deposits	54,461.13
Total time deposits	88,681.39
Total	\$403,949.38

Total of Oregon, County of Lane, ss: I, T. C. Wheeler, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. C. WHEELER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Jan., 1918.

Lowell ROY H. BRAINARD, Notary Public. My commission expires Oct. 4, 1919.

CORRECT ATTEST: HERBERT A. KENIN, N. W. WHITE, J. H. HAWLEY, Directors.

Backs; The Straight Road (anon.); The Yellow Dove, Gibbs. Fiction—Lone Star Ranger, Gray; Hornet's Nest, Woodrow; Undertown; Norris; Mr. Britting Sees It Through; Weller; The City of the Elmire, Long; Joan; Thursday, Vance; Martha by the Day, Lapman; The Husband's Story, Phillips; Into the Light, Green; The Real Adventure, Webster; Voice in the Fog, Macdonald; The Hunted Woman, Curwood; The Primal Lure, Row; 54-48 or Fight, Hough; No. 13, Wash Square, Scott; Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo, Openheim; The Harbor, Poole; Flying U. Ranch, Bowser; Prairie Wife, Stringer; Flow Wagon, Gates; Code of the Mountains, Buck; Secret of the Reef, Bindloss; Kent Knowles-Quahog, Lincoln; Diversity of Creatures, Kipling; Breadwinners, John Hay; Place Beyond the Woods, Comstock; City of Numbered Days, Lynde; Today's Daughter, Bacon; Prince of Granstack, McCutcheon; To Have and to Hold, Johnston; The Witch, Johnston; Fall of a Nation, Dixon; Tom Burke of Ours, Lever; Jack Hinton, Guardsman, Lever; My Lady of the North, Parrish; My Lady of the South, Parrish; The Maxwell Mystery, Wells; Women Haters, Lincoln; To Him That Hath, Scott; The Bantox, Vance.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor with the will annexed of the estate of James A. Sears, deceased, has filed in the county court of Lane county, Oregon, his final account as such executor and that Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1918, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. of said day, has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing any objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

Order made and entered of record, January 15th, 1918.

ERNEST J. SEARS, Executor. j18-115

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the county court of Lane county, state of Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel T. Couey, deceased, and any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same to the undersigned as such administrator, duly verified as by law required, at the office of the undersigned administrator at Eugene, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Eugene, Oregon, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1918.

J. M. DEVERS, Administrator of the estate of Samuel T. Couey, Deceased. j18-115

