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## WOULD UNITE S. A. NATIONS AGAINST U. S.

### LUXBURG PLOT IN ARGENTINE DISCLOSED BY PUBLISHING IN- TERCEPTED MESSAGES

### USED PRESIDENT AS CATSPAW

#### Latin Americans at Washington Be- lieve That Argentine Will Soon Declare War Upon Germany

Washington, Dec. 21.—It is believed here that the publication of the series of communications between Count Luxburg, former German minister in Argentina, to his home office in Berlin, will certainly result in a declaration of war by Argentina against Germany. They show very clearly how, for several months, extraordinary efforts were made, through the president of Argentina, to direct the course of that country against the United States and into the plans being formed in Germany for Teutonic colonization in South America.

The messages given out last evening were published by the state department in agreement with the Argentine government, which, in an accompanying statement by its foreign minister, says the "inaccuracies" of the German diplomat's reports are "so surprising that no epithet will fit them."

The messages were sent to Argentina soon after the state department gave out the first series of intercepted telegrams, but heretofore demands for their publication have been in vain.

All of the correspondence was exchanged during July, August and early September, and most of it dealt with the negotiations then in progress over the sinking of Argentine ships by submarines. Before the messages fell into the hands of the American government, Germany virtually had settled the question by agreeing to pay indemnity and to treat Argentine ships according to international law.

Throughout the messages Luxburg dwells upon his difference with the foreign minister and upon his influence with the president. Finally he was conducting negotiations directly with the president, although the foreign minister's attitude made this troublesome. How far President Trigo's projects for an anti-North American alliance went, the correspondence does not develop.

## PROPOSAL MADE FOR QUEBEC TO SECEDE

Quebec, Dec. 21.—A proposal that the province of Quebec secede from the confederation of the Dominion of Canada, was made in a motion introduced into the provincial legislative assembly by J. N. Fracouer, a deputy from Lotbiniere.

Quebec was the only province that voted against conscription at the recent election.

## NAVY TOOK MOST OF SHIP BUILDING YARDS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Chairman Hurley today told the senate naval affairs committee that the navy's utilization of much of the country's available shipbuilding facilities was one of the principal reasons for the slow progress made in ship construction. Hurley said that he was now solely responsible for the ship program.

## PRICE ON SPRUCE IS STILL HIGHER

### Government Raises Already High Price and Offers Bonuses in Effort to Get Aeroplane Stock

Portland, Dec. 21.—Within a few hours of his announcement that \$85 per thousand would be paid for airplane spruce, properly cut by farmers or others who enter the business of helping the government obtain this timber, Colonel Brice P. Disque of the spruce production division, raised the price to \$90 and in an effort further to speed up production, announced that several bonuses will be paid. A bonus of \$40 per thousand for spruce accepted up to January 31, 1918, and of \$30 for that accepted up to February 28, were announced.

## DID NOT WAIT WAR FOR GIVING ORDERS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Quartermaster General Sharpe today told the senate military committee that the war department, without waiting for congressional appropriations, had authorized the giving of orders for supplies for a million troops, before the United States had entered the war.

## BIG HAUL MADE BY ILLINOIS BANK BURGLARS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Burglars drilled through an 18 inch steel and concrete wall into the vault of the Summit State bank at Summit, Ill., about 15 miles west of here, early yesterday and stole more than \$41,000 in cash and currency.

## DISPATCH SAYS THAT HUNS REJECT PEACE

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported here, unofficially, that the Germans have rejected the peace terms stated by the Bolshevik government. The report comes through a dispatch of the Exchange Telegraph company.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—S. L. Fowler and John Pétria were in jail here having been arrested in connection with the murder at Auburn, Wash., Wednesday of William Applesteale, a warehouse watchman of the Northern Pacific Railroad company.

## HUN SHIPPING SPIES HAVE BEEN INTERNED

Bayshore, N. J., Dec. 21.—Henry Schneider, a German Jeweler, has been interned at Ellis Island as an alien enemy, and Henry Heuer, a German grocer, is under guard at his home here where he is critically ill with pneumonia, after federal agents discovered a wireless outfit in Heuer's barn with its government seals broken. When the barn was searched memoranda of movements of transports and troops are alleged to have been discovered.

## THREE NEW FLIERS KILLED IN COLLISION

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—Three British aviators training here, were killed when two machines collided in the air at a low altitude. There were two men in each machine.

## HENEY PROBES INTO SECRETS OF STOCKYARDS

### INFORMATION SECURED THAT ARMOUR AND PRINCE CON- TROL CHICAGO BUSINESS

### TERMINAL COMPANY WRECKED

#### New Chapters in Frenzied Finance Disclosed in Federal Investiga- tions at Washington

Washington, Dec. 21.—Swift and company of Chicago have refused to deliver to the federal trade commission, the records desired in the investigation now being made into the packing industry. Attorney Heney announced that he would take drastic action to force the production of these records.

It was flatly admitted by W. M. Madden, former treasurer of the company, during the investigation, that Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince, the latter of Boston, owned the Chicago Stockyards company and the terminal railroads. The stock appears in about 15 other names.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Chicago meat packers were targets for the federal trade commission at the opening of its food investigation today under the direction of Francis Heney, San Francisco, special counsel.

Heney directed his fire toward the Union Stockyards company, Chicago, and allied concerns, in an effort to show that the big meat packers were the real owners—a fact always denied by the packers.

How Chicago Junction Railway & Stockyards company was wrecked and higher prices saddled on the public when packers obtained control of the yards, was developed at the opening of the hearing.

Through J. R. Hart, Boston financier, Special Counsel Heney uncovered frenzied finance; how Frank R. Pogram an alleged "dummy" of no wealth, purchased \$1,000,000 worth of stock was developed.

By threatening to remove his packing plant from Chicago, J. Ogden Armour, it was charged, forced a reorganization of stockyards ownership by which he obtained a bonus.

## WILSON WILL ASK SPECIAL RV. LAWS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president will send a special message to congress recommending the enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation immediately after the holidays. He has requested the interstate commerce commission to withhold any further investigation for the present.

London, Dec. 21.—Henry Thompson of Dawesmere, a potato dealer, was fined \$9,000 for selling potatoes above the price fixed by the food controller.

## CARDINAL REQUESTS MINERS: PUSH WORK

Washington, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Gibbons gave his sanction today to Roman Catholic miners working on the holy days falling within the holiday season. In a letter to Fuel Administrator Garfield he approved of a suggestion that miners take only Christmas day and New Year's day off and further proposed that saloons might co-operate by closing from 9 o'clock in the evening until 8 o'clock the following morning.

## CHAOS RULES INTERIOR OF SLAV DOMAIN

### ALL DISPATCHES TELL OF UP- RISINGS, NEW LEADERS AND PIERCE CONFLICT

### KERENSKY AND DUKE TO FORE

#### Bolsheviki Have Opposition on Every Hand With Armies Headed by Many Divergent Leaders

London, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force commanded by released German and Austrian officer-prisoners, has defeated the anti-Bolshevik element at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post. The dispatch also says it is believed that a force of released Teutonic prisoners, equivalent to two army corps, commanded by their own officers, is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

Another dispatch says that the Roumanians on the southwestern Russian front have joined the Ukrainians and Lieutenant-General D. G. Steherhatchef, commander of the Russian forces in Roumania, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Ukrainian front. The Bolshevik and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three versts apart.

A Reuter dispatch dated December 18, says that there have been three days' sanguinary fighting between the Bolshevik and Ukrainians owing to the refusal of the latter to allow passage of reinforcements for the suppression of the Don Cossacks. The Bolshevik leader was killed.

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Haparanda reports that M. Kerensky, with an army, is now marching against Moscow while Grand Duke Nicholas has gathered a great army of royalists in the Caucasus.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Seeds of revolution sown by the Bolsheviks are beginning to take root in Austria.

This was the interpretation placed by administration officials Wednesday on a cablegram from Lyons quoting a Zurich dispatch to a French news agency, to the effect that a demand has been made in the Austrian chamber of deputies that the central powers accept the Bolshevik reform principles and divide the land held by the nobles among the peasants.

Odessa, Dec. 21.—Fighting between the Bolshevik and the Ukrainians was halted today. Both sides agreed to mix patrols through the city to maintain order. Scores of shops and residences have been pillaged. The fighting of armed forces had been seized upon by bandits as a pretext for wholesale robberies.

## ITALIANS RECAPTURE POSITIONS ONCE LOST

Rome, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by the enemy Tuesday in the region of Monte Asoline, east of the Brenta river, has been retaken by the Italians who have held the retaken positions despite most violent artillery fire from the Germans.

## AUSTRALIANS BALLOTING ON CONSCRIPTION PLAN

Melbourne, Dec. 21.—Balloting to determine whether conscription is to be put in effect in Australia began yesterday.

## FARMERS' COUNCIL HOLDS ITS ANNUAL

### Agricultural Council of This County Addressed by State Leaders in Progressive Farm Work

### CONFIDENCE FELT IN PERSHING'S ABILITY

The sessions of the annual meeting of the Josephine County Agricultural council are being held today at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

At this morning's session officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, A. Wylberg, re-elected; vice-president, Clyde E. Niles; secretary-treasurer, William Ausland. The executive committee will consist of the above named officers and H. T. Hull and W. B. Lindsay.

In attendance at the meeting are Dr. Hector McPherson of O. A. C., who is recognized as one of the foremost authorities in the United States on marketing problems. He will confer with a committee of the local council on the matter of co-operative buying of such supplies as seed grain, stoves, hay, machinery, etc., and the marketing of livestock and other farm produce. Dr. McPherson and U. L. Upson of this city are given one day at the forthcoming conference at O. A. C. to lead a discussion on this important matter.

Prof. Paul Maria, state leader of extension work, is at the meeting to outline next year's program.

J. W. Brewer, former president of the Oregon Irrigation congress, and now representing the United States government in Oregon, in charge of the farm labor problem, is also present and will speak later in the day on the plans the agricultural department is making for providing ample labor for farm needs.

## WOMEN USED IN PLOT FOMENT INDIA REVOLT

Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurances of the confidence of both British and French commanders in General Pershing's ability and the soundness of his plans of preparing the American forces for the important part they are to play in future campaigns on the western front, were brought back to this country by Major General Hugh L. Scott.

## FIVE HUNDRED ENLIST FROM STATE UNIVERSITY

Eugene, Dec. 21.—About 525 University of Oregon men now have enlisted in the service, according to Karl Onthank, secretary to President Campbell. Many of these have enrolled in the ordnance courses offered by the university. Withdrawal cards have been issued to more than 30 students by the registrar's office within the last three weeks.

## MUTUALLY AGREE ON COURIERS TO RUSSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The Danish, French, British and Belgian consuls here arranged today with Foreign Minister Trotsky, for the exchange of courtesies to official couriers.

## ONE COUNTY TOPS QUOTA OF R. C. DRIVE

### UMATILLA COUNTY PROBABLY LEADS NATION IN FINE MEM- BERSHIP RECORD

### WHOLE STATE IS WAKING UP

#### With Twelve Counties Not Report- ing, State Shows Thirty Five Per Cent of Allotment Secured

Red Cross Christmas membership workers are asked to report to Mr. Macduff, campaign manager, the total number of memberships secured and the total amount of cash collected not later than Monday noon, December 24. All funds collected should be deposited in any bank to the credit of American Red Cross, N. F. Macduff, manager, and the duplicate deposit slips delivered to him, or the funds may be delivered to him for deposit.

Williams, Oregon, is the first precinct to turn in a complete report. With a quota of 65, it secured 83 memberships, with the possibility of more yet. Williams claims the distinction of enrolling the youngest member so far—Leland Forest Sorrels, three weeks old and a grandson of Ira Sparlin. W. J. Rowley, 80 years, is the oldest member from the Williams creek district, but he says he's never too old to serve his country.

Portland, Dec. 21.—Umatilla county goes over the top for the Red Cross with 192 per cent, having more than completed its quota of 7,500.

Union county, second, 76 per cent; Coos, third, 67 per cent; Clatsop, fourth, 64 per cent; Harney, Gilliam, Sherman, Curry, Wasco, Lane, Grant, Baker, Malheur, Deschutes, Western Washington and Walla are all over 40 per cent.

Portland is picking up rapidly and the entire state is going to make good.

Portland has now achieved about 35 per cent of its allotment of 240,000 members for the Christmas drive of the American Red Cross, the spectacular jump in the showing being mainly due to the improved showing in Portland, which is now 23,993 members. The state outside of Portland is 53,189 members, making the grand total for Oregon 82,182.

The following counties in Oregon

## RUSSIA AND JAPAN HAD PACT ON CHINA

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The newspapers here today published the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan, signed last year, providing for joint action by those two nations to prevent any third country from achieving political influence in China. The treaty is supposed to be aimed at England and the United States.

## SHIP PILOT JAILED AS A SPY SUSPECT

Chester, Pa., Dec. 21.—Charged with planning the destruction of shipyard property, George Berger was arrested at the Chester Shipbuilding plant. Letters found on the prisoner, according to the police, contained the statement that he "could do great damage to the shipyards here with proper materials." The police declined to state to whom the letters were addressed.