

AUSTRIA MAY DECLINE TO FOLLOW HUNS

REPORTS ARE AUSTRIA IS RELUCTANT TO FIGHT BRITISH AND AMERICANS

SEPARATE PEACE MAY RESULT

Lloyd-George Challenges House of Commons to Move "A Want of Confidence" in Government

London, Feb. 13.—According to a correspondent of the Daily News, facts are known which bring the possibility of separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the entente much nearer. Great reluctance is manifested in Austria toward the prospect of fighting with British and American troops on the western front.

London, Feb. 13.—Lloyd George yesterday challenged the house of commons to move a want of confidence in the government, which it failed to do. The premier did not refer to President Wilson's address, but former Premier Asquith favored it.

London, Feb. 13.—Addressing the house of commons yesterday Premier Lloyd George said he had read with profound disappointment the replies given to President Wilson and to the declaration of the British government by Count Hertling, the German chancellor, and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. The premier added it was perfectly true that as regarded the tone there was a great deal of difference between the two speeches and he wished he could believe there was a difference in the substance of the allies' demands, he said, Count Czernin was adamant.

ANOTHER NEGRO IS BURNED AT STAKE

Estill Springs, Tenn., Feb. 13.—Jim McElherron, a negro, who shot two white men here last Friday, was burned at the stake here tonight, after a confession had been forced from him by application of red-hot irons. The man was brought here tonight by a posse, which captured him, after wounding him in a battle near McMinnville, early today.

KAISER BILL'S HEALTH IS REPORTED AS NOT O. K.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—Kaiser Wilhelm's health is in such a state that it is necessary for him to transfer his personal headquarters to the Spa, where he will "take a short cure," German newspapers received here today declared.

RAIDS ARE INCREASING ON THE WESTERN FRONT

London, Feb. 13.—Raiding efforts are growing stronger, especially on the Verdun-Woevre front. A German prisoner said the Germans will attack the British front sometime in March.

1000 ENGINEERS ARE WANTED "OVER THERE"

Washington, Feb. 13.—The war department has asked the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to furnish 50 men for tank service and 1,000 engineers for transportation service in France. Names of available men will be furnished by chief of the brotherhood.

MIXED FLOUR SALES RULES

When Containing Less Than 50 Per Cent of Wheat, Mixed Flours May Be Sold Without Restriction

Washington, Feb. 13.—Mixed flours containing less than 50 per cent of wheat flour may be sold without accompanying substitutes, the food administration announced tonight.

Where a retailer sells mixed flours containing more than 50 per cent of wheat flour, other substitutes must be sold to bring the sale to a basis of one pound of substitute for each pound of wheat flour.

A special exception may be granted upon application showing necessity in the case of specially prepared infant and invalid food containing flour.

200,000 BRITISH TO BE DRAFTED IN U. S.

New York, Feb. 13.—The convention between the British recruiting mission and the United States draft authorities under which it is expected 200,000 British subjects in this country will be subject to service in the British army has been agreed upon, it was announced today by Major Mitchell Innes, legal adviser to the British recruiting mission. The agreement only awaits ratification by the senate and the signatures of President Wilson and King George to become effective. All subjects between the ages of 20 and 41 are liable to call.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM SHOWN IN GERMANY

London, Feb. 13.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says: "There is great enthusiasm in Germany over the reported end of the state of war between the central powers and Russia. Cities everywhere are re-flagged and there is much rejoicing over Trotsky's unconditional surrender."

"It has been arranged that the central economic committee, now in Petrograd, shall settle the details of the resumption of relations between Russia and the central powers."

GREAT BRITAIN WILL NOT RECOGNIZE GERMAN PEACE

London, Feb. 13.—Great Britain will not recognize any peace between Germany and those delegates signing the pact for Ukraine, it was learned authoritatively today.

SPRINGFIELD HONORS MARTYRED PRESIDENT

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 13.—Canada and Ireland joined with the United States yesterday in paying homage to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, born 109 years ago. Expressions of the world's tribute centered in Springfield, the home and burial place of the emancipator.

Justice William Renwick Riddell, of the supreme court of Ontario, and T. F. O'Connell, Irish nationalist leader, were the principal speakers at last night's patriotic meeting. School children of the city joined in singing patriotic songs at a great gathering during the day.

Addison G. Proctor, of St. Joseph, Mich., said to be the only living delegate to the Wigwam convention which nominated Lincoln for president in 1860 told of the historic convention.

SLAV PEACE MAY FAIL TO BEAR FRUIT

1,500,000 GERMAN PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED, BUT WILL BE UNORGANIZED

WOULD SPREAD RUSSIAN IDEAS

Effectives of Troops on Eastern Lines Have Already Been Sent to the Western Front

Washington, Feb. 13.—Russia's complete withdrawal from the war is freely commented on, but it is impossible to estimate at this time the effect on combatants.

The fact that 1,500,000 German prisoners will be freed to return to Germany is regarded with no alarm at all. Military men say they could not quickly be re-organized into effective military units. The general opinion here is that Germany would be more interested in keeping the prisoners in Russia rather than risk having them carry Bolsheviki doctrine back to Germany.

The 147 Austro-German and Bulgarian divisions on the Russian front which will entirely be released by a separate peace, are regarded as already having been stripped of their effectives which have been transferred to the western front. Military experts say in addition that Germany would be obliged to keep some of these 147 divisions in the vast conquered territory for garrison purposes.

HUNS SERVE ULTIMATUM ON RUMANIAN KING

Washington, Feb. 13.—The state department today officially announced that Germany served an ultimatum on Rumania demanding immediate peace, and that the Rumanian cabinet has resigned.

VON HERTLING WILL REPLY TO PRESIDENT TUESDAY

London, Feb. 13.—It is unofficially reported that Chancellor von Hertling will answer President Wilson in the reichstag next Tuesday.

SCHOOLS OBSERVE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, February 12, being Lincoln's birthday, the grade schools joined in patriotic exercises at the Presbyterian church at 2:30 p. m., Professor Imel presiding.

Mrs. W. W. Canby gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Junior Red Cross. Glen Howard of the Riverside school gave Lincoln's address at Gettysburg and Rev. L. Myron Booser spoke on the life of Lincoln. The meeting opened with the singing of America and closed with The Star Spangled Banner.

The "Junior High" joined with the high school at their building the same day. A selection by the high school orchestra opened the program, followed by a reading by Bertha Calhoun. Rev. Melville T. Wire gave a patriotic address, which was followed by the singing of The Star Spangled Banner and a selection by the orchestra. The students were then dismissed to their own schools.

CENTRAL POWERS DEMAND RUMANIA CONSIDER PEACE

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The central powers demand Rumania enter peace negotiations.

MONDAY CLOSING ORDER HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

Washington, Feb. 13.—Dr. Garfield has suspended the Monday closing order, but leaves a way open to put it into operation if necessary.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES COMPLETED

ADAMS WITHDRAWS AND WILL H. HAYS, OF INDIANA, IS ELECTED HEAD

COMMITTEE TO MEET ANNUALLY

All National Committeemen Will Be Regarded As Heads of the Party in Their Respective States

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Will H. Hays, of Indiana, has been elected chairman of the republican national committee and his resignation from the state council of defense and resignations from all members of the executive committee have been accepted. The committee adopted a resolution that all national committeemen should be regarded as heads of the party in their various states and decided that the national committee should meet annually.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—John T. Adams, of Iowa, has announced his withdrawal from the contest for chairman of the republican national committee, which will probably elect Will H. Hays, of Indiana, by acclamation.

BULO PASHA'S TRIAL DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Paris, Feb. 13.—All the evidence, testimony and speeches by witnesses in the case of Bulo Pasha, who is on trial for treason, and apparently all the other "affairs" now under investigation before the French court were concluded at yesterday's session and today will open the arguments of the prosecutor. He will ask that the sentence of death be imposed upon Bulo.

The trial was resumed yesterday with M. Doyen, an expert accountant, again on the stand to refute charges made by Monsignor Bulo, brother of defendant, that Doyen had dishonored himself by falsifying a portion of his original report on Bulo's activities. The witness spoke with great reserve and moderation, declaring merely that he took exception "to the form in which these criticisms were presented by a man who strangely abuses the moral authority conferred on him by the cloth he wears." M. Doyen then explained in detail the portions of his report which the prisoner's brother had challenged. After M. Doyen had testified, Monsignor Bulo again took the stand and reiterated his attacks of Monday especially the authenticity of the telegrams of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, which he insisted should be produced rather than to rely on American state department documents.

VASSAR COLLEGE HAS DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Fire which broke out at 6:45 o'clock last night in the east wing of the main building at Vassar college, did \$300,000 damage and for a long time threatened to destroy the entire building. It was not until 9 o'clock that the blaze was brought under control.

The damage was confined to the dining room, assembly hall, kitchens and servants' quarters. None of the students were injured, and no fire reached the quarters of the students, who room in the main building.

The building which was erected in 1861-1865 was the first building finished at Vassar. It housed 400 girls.

CAMP GREENE IS CONDEMNED

General Dickman Reports the Camp Site As Knee Deep in Mud and Health of Men Threatened

Washington, Feb. 13.—Camp Greene, N. C., now occupied by regular troops, is to be abandoned as a permanent training center.

Major-General Dickman today reported the camp site knee deep in mud in some places owing to an unusually hard winter and the clay soil which underlies the surface and prevents rapid absorption.

The medical department has determined there is no danger to the health of the soldiers there until summer comes. By that time the men will have been moved.

KLAMATH RAILROAD NEAR COMPLETION

Klamath Falls, Feb. 13.—A very short gap, less than 200 feet, now lays between the end of the rails over which the train on the municipal railroad is hauling dirt from the Pine Grove district, seven miles east, and the point where the dedication exercises were held here on the third of July last.

The fill over which the train is now running is not yet completed, and will not be for the next two or three weeks, according to the Strahorn engineers, but work is going ahead as fast as possible with a gang of over thirty men; and the ding-dong of the engine has a pleasant sound to those who made such a strenuous effort to get the road under way last year.

The fine weather this winter has enabled the workers to go ahead more rapidly than was anticipated.

SEDRO MILL WORKS ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Bellingham, Feb. 13.—The Sedro mill works at Sedro Wooley were destroyed by fire today.

MAJOR RITTER WILL BE INTERNED IN UTAH

Seattle, Feb. 13.—Sergeant Major Ritter will be interned at Fort Douglas, Utah. Ritter was arrested when valuable papers in his care disappeared while he was stationed at Camp Lewis last November.

BRILLIANT BRITISH DASH IN PALESTINE

London, Jan. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—How British cavalry charged and captured three Turkish batteries and thus opened the way to Jerusalem, is told in a letter from a British officer.

"It was the first time the brigade had used their swords," he says. "When 'charge' sounded I think every man went stark mad. Guns were belching their shells at us in one sheet of flame, and bullets by thousands swept past, but not one man seemed to get hit as on we went, with drawn swords flashing in the sun, in a long straight line, horses going like mad and everyone shouting like fury. Now we could see some of our pals falling, yet straight at the guns we charged. As we came up with the first line of protecting infantry the enemy put up their hands as they stood in the trenches, so we jumped them and were charging at the second line when the first line thought better of their surrender and fired at us from behind. Their artillery and machine guns kept firing at us up to the moment we reached them with the sword. It seems marvelous that any of us escaped alive, but though our ranks were thinned we took the positions, and all the guns and ammunition."

RILEY MURRAY IS BURIED ON SCOTCH COAST

OF 171 VICTIMS, 135 ARE IDENTIFIED, AND 36 ARE UNIDENTIFIED

THIRTEEN OREGON MEN LISTED

Villagers Come for Many Miles Through the Rain to Pay Last Simple Respect to Dead

A Scottish Seaport, Feb. 13.—Up to last night 171 victims of the Tuscania had been buried in different points on the Scottish coast. This includes 131 identified Americans, 33 unidentified, four identified of the crew and three unidentified.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Home addresses of American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast taken from the Associated Press list of those unaccounted for shows the following Oregonians: Terry Tuttle, Elgin; William Morin, Portland; Theodore Lewton, Forest Grove; Percy Stevens, Bend; George N. Bujork, Helena, (Possibly St. Helens); Curtis Wilson, Salem; James Gurney, Glide; James Pierce, Creswell; Peter Agen, Jewell; John Laako, Astoria; Elmer Houston, Held; Riley Murray, Eugene, and Henry Bates, Baker.

An Associated Press correspondent cooperated with American army officers in obtaining the latest figures, which go forward to Washington, as the most accurate and complete list obtainable. The last 17 bodies recovered have been buried. They were all Americans. Villagers for many miles came in the rain to pay the last simple tribute. A squad of 25 American survivors followed the motor truck that carried the bodies. Eight Americans are still here, too ill to leave. Several are still dazed by their experiences. One officer and 14 men are in a hospital in Glasgow.

Riley P. Murray, who enlisted from Eugene and lost his life on the torpedoed transport Tuscania, aged 44 years, was born in Josephine county about 14 miles down the river from Grants Pass. He resided in the county until July, 1917, when he removed to Eugene. He spent many years farming in this vicinity but was a resident of Grants Pass for about five years, living at 725 North Tenth street. For a time he worked at the Southern Pacific roundhouse and for several months previous to leaving this city, served as car sweeper between Grants Pass and Ashland. He is survived by a widow, now residing at Eugene, a step-son and step-daughter, J. E. and Dorothy McCanus, of Grants Pass, and by two brothers, Lee Murray of this city, John Murray residing down the river, and three sisters, Mrs. Mollie McCallister, of Kerby, Mrs. Alice McCormick and Mrs. Smith, both living near this city.

Private Murray was a member of Co. D, 29th engineers.

Washington, Feb. 13.—With 267 American soldiers on Tuscania missing, 136 are unaccounted for and believed to be lost.

LAST DAY FOR ENEMY ALIENS TO REGISTER

Washington, Feb. 13.—Unnaturalized Germans who do not register with the police or postmasters by tonight will be subject to internment for the duration of the war, the department of justice declared today in a final warning to those subject to register. The final time was extended from last Saturday to allow the enrollment of farmers in the west who could not get to town during the bad weather of last week.