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## M'ADOO URGES THAT PLEDGES BE MADE GOOD

### CALLS ATTENTION TO WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AND SAYS GOVERNMENT NEEDS MONEY

## BIG EXPENDITURES FOR NOV.

### Government Faces Huge Problem in Caring For Troops Until They Are Returned Home

"I most earnestly urge that every possible effort be made to the end that pledges for the purchase of War Savings Stamps be fulfilled before the close of the year.

"The government's monetary requirements were never greater nor more pressing than they are today. Expenditures for November were greater than in any similar period. These expenditures growing out of the war must be met by borrowing from the people, and their magnificent response heretofore to the government's requirements make me confident that they will not fail to continue their support to the end that all payments resulting from the war necessities will be promptly met.

"Much remains to be done. Our brave troops must be maintained and paid until their work is fully accomplished and they are returned to their homes. This is not a time for us to relax our efforts and the treasury department is making plans for larger and even more important work during the coming year. Every effort should be made to urge upon the people the continued holding of their War Savings Certificates, the fulfillment of their pledges and additional purchases as their means permit.

W. G. M'ADOO.

## KAISER REFUSES TO TALK UNTIL HIS TRIAL

London, Dec. 12.—William Hohenzollern will not make any statement as to his efforts to prevent the outbreak of the war in 1914, according to the American correspondent of the Express. Count von Bentinck, the host of the former emperor, received the correspondent and after the question had been laid before Herr Hohenzollern, he is reported to have said:

"The kaiser much appreciates your message and thanks you. He says: 'Tell him that if there is any possibility of my becoming a defendant I prefer postponing anything I have to say until that time. In addition, I do not desire in any way to compromise any member of the government as it existed at the time of the outbreak of the war.'

## GERMANY IS TO BE TAXED MONSTER SUM

Bristol, Dec. 12.—The war bill of the allies against Germany is 24,000,000,000 pounds (\$116,640,000,000), according to the British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, who presented this and other interesting facts before a large gathering here. The cost of the war to Great Britain was eight billion pounds (\$38,880,000,000).

Before the war the estimated wealth of Germany, said the Prime Minister, was between fifteen billion and twenty billion pounds sterling, so that if the whole wealth of Germany were taken there would not be enough to pay the account. Therefore, he had used the words "Germany should pay to the utmost limit of her capacity."

## FRENCH MOTHERS CRY FOR JUSTICE

### Ask That the Kaiser Be Tried For Crimes—Minor Girls Carried Off and Mistreated

Paris, Dec. 12.—Legal action against the former German emperor has been commenced by an organization of "Lille Mothers." The demand for prosecution states that the commanders of the German army in April, 1916, directed that minor girls be carried away from their families, that they were submitted to odious treatment and forced into close contact with notorious women. The statement of complaint says that whereas said commanders were the guilty of the crime of abduction and that they were under command of their former emperor, prosecution is demanded.

## LATIN REPUBLICS ASKED TO BURY DIFFERENCES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The state department has made public a recent note from the United States to the presidents of Chili and Peru, urging that they owe it to the rest of the world to compose their differences.

The note stated that a severance of relations would be viewed with the gravest of apprehension, particularly on the eve of the Paris conference.

## REPUBLICANS SHY AT GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Director General McAdoo's proposal to keep the railroads of the country under government control for five years met instant criticism on the republican side. Senator Kellogg of Minnesota declared that permanent government ownership is at the bottom of the move. He characterized McAdoo's letter as a most remarkable document coming just after the president's address, saying he had no judgment of his own.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Extension of the period of government control of railroads for five years, until January 1, 1924, was recommended to congress last night by Director-General McAdoo.

The advantages of this, he said, are that it would take the railroads out of politics for the present; give time for carrying out of an extensive program of improvements and provide opportunity for a fair test of unified control and to indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problem.

"The president has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter," Mr. McAdoo said.

Mr. McAdoo explained that to continue government operation for 21 months after formal declaration of peace under present conditions would mean disruption of morale among employes and officers, and could not enable the government to go ahead with improvements and purchases of equipment.

## MORE TROOPS LEAVE FRANCE FOR U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The sailing of four army transports, bringing additional units from France was announced by the war department. The transport Rappahannock sailed December 6, and the Mallory, Leviathan and Celtic sailed on the eighth, bringing about 9,000 men.

## PAVEMENT TO JACKSON CO. LINE IS NEXT

### IMPROVEMENT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM PRESENTED BY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

## EMPLOYMENT FOR THOUSANDS

### Three and Half Billion Dollars to Be Expended in Road Improvement in Oregon Next Year

The largest annual program of road construction ever presented by the state highway commission was drafted late yesterday at the concluding session of the commission, covering practically every district in Oregon and calling for an estimated expenditure of \$3,525,200.

The commission ordered State Engineer Herbert Nunn to prepare the bids, which will be opened at subsequent sessions. Several bids are expected to be ready for consideration at the next meeting of the commission, which is set for January 7, 1919.

The proposed expenditures are estimated by the state engineers from the \$6,000,000 bond fund and also from the one-quarter mill auto license fee fund, the bond fund expenditure being estimated at \$2,790,200 and the latter at \$735,000.

It is said that the good roads program now in prospect will furnish employment for at least 3,000 men and should prove an important adjunct to the re-construction labor problem. The Hood River-Mosier project, for example, will consume at least one year and will employ several hundred men.

Projects to be defrayed from the \$6,000,000 bonding fund, together with estimated costs submitted by the state engineering department, include Grants Pass to the Jackson county line, pavement, 6 miles, \$105,000; Wolf Creek to Grave Creek, rock, 5.8, \$34,800; Central Point north, pavement, five miles, \$92,500.

## LIEUTENANT HOGLAND COMPLETES ROUND TRIP

Sacramento, Dec. 12.—Army Aviator Lieut. A. F. Hogland arrived here at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, completing his round trip from Mather Field to Seattle and return.

## READY TO GIVE HOME RULE TO EMERALD ISLE

### SPENCER CHURCHILL SAYS ENGLAND IS ANXIOUS TO SETTLE PROBLEM AT ONCE

## IRISH FACTIONS STILL CLASH

### "Quarrels and Disputes Among the Irish Prevent a Solution of Question"—Churchill

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 12.—Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, speaking here today, emphasized the impossibility of coercing Ulster in the matter of home rule for Ireland, and said that the present government is anxious that the problem be solved as soon as possible. Colonel Churchill said: "Before the war we had reached a definite arrangement with the leaders of the Nationalist party that Ulster was not to be coerced. Why do not the Irish leaders come forward and take up the burden of responsibility of government within the British empire. Why do they not, by a spontaneous feeling of comradeship win Ulster?"

The government is most anxious that the Irish question be pressed forward vigorously to a solution. Great Britain goes to the peace conference ready to bestow self-government on Ireland. It is only the quarrels and disputes of the Irishmen themselves, that prevent a solution to this great question.

Speaking of fiscal matters, Colonel Churchill said:

The financial question is becoming increasingly grave. We are heavily in debt to the United States. We have sent to America \$400,000,000 in bullion and from £800,000,000 to £1,000,000,000 in securities which had been gathered as a result of two generations of prosperous trade.

The payment of interest on that debt and the loss of interest on securities previously held will impose a very serious burden in coming years, but we will face these difficulties with courage, keeping our word in every respect.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Information has reached the war department that there is a general strike in Cuba as the result of I. W. W. and other enemy propaganda. Order is being maintained.

## WILL NOT CONVENE REICHTAG

Berlin, Dec. 12.—It is officially denied that the government is considering convening the reichstag.

## SOLDIERS OF 91ST MAKE FINE RECORD

### Lose Many Officers While Fighting Desperately in Argonne Region Takes 2,300 Germans

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 12.—One regiment of the "Wild West" or 91st division, made up of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California troops largely, lost three commanding officers in two days in the fierce fighting in the Argonne region, France. This and other details of the heroism of the Pacific coast lads, in their terrible baptism of fire, were contained in a letter received here from Major-General W. H. Johnston, commander of the division.

During eight days of the desperate fighting in the Argonne, Gen. Johnston's letter said, only two regiments of the division kept their original commanding officers. From Sept. 25 to Oct. 11, the "Wild West" division fought its way further ahead in the Argonne than any other division of the Fifth army corps, to which it was attached, and captured 2,300 Germans. After ten days' rest, the division was sent north and went into action at Audenarde, Belgium, where it fought until hostilities closed. Possibly as a reward for its bravery, the division was assigned as part of the escort of King Albert and his little Belgium army during their reoccupation of Belgium cities and entry into Brussels.

## MINE OWNER MIXES IN FAMILY QUARREL

Baker, Dec. 12.—George Holbrook, a miner, was shot and killed yesterday at Homestead, a little village near Baker, by Thomas Adams, owner of the Innaha mine, according to word received here by the authorities. Adams intervened in a dispute between Holbrook and Holbrook's former wife, from whom he is divorced. Adams and the woman are held.

## RAILROAD EMPLOYES TO CONTINUE IN HIGH PAY

Washington, Dec. 12.—The railroad administration has no intention of reducing wages of railroad men generally after peace is declared, and if government control is extended for five years wages would probably stay at the present level, it is authoritatively stated.

## WELCOME TO PRUSSIAN IS SOLEMN

### GERMAN TROOPS RETURN TO BERLIN UNDER NATIONAL BANNERS—BANDS PLAY

## ARMY TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT

### German Cabinet Anticipates Refusal of Allies to Deal With the Present Government

London, Dec. 12.—Copenhagen correspondents learn that as a result of the support he is receiving from the Prussian Guards, Premier Ebert is taking a stiffer attitude toward the Spartacus group. Arrests are expected.

Berlin's welcome to the Prussian Guards was solemn, rather than triumphant. The troops marched under the national colors. The bands played "Deutschland Uber Alles," and not the revolutionary airs.

Ebert welcomed them, saying: "A new government is established and the army will be its strongest support." Addressing the soldiers, Ebert said: "Your deeds and sacrifices are unexampled. No enemy overcame you. Only when the preponderance of our opponents in men and material grew heavier did we abandon the struggle."

The soldiers' representatives said they did not want to be "led away from the path of quiet by Dr. Liebknecht or any other dreamers."

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The German cabinet is anticipating a refusal by the allies to deal with the present government, and the soldiers' and workmen's council is considering convoking the reichstag to give the government parliamentary basis, according to the Berlin Tageblatt. The reichstag session is expected to begin next week.

Dr. Solf, foreign minister, has handed in his resignation which has been accepted by the cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Negotiations for the prolongation of the German armistice began at Treves today.

German delegates requested the allies to reinforce their troops at certain points in order to aid German authorities in maintaining order.

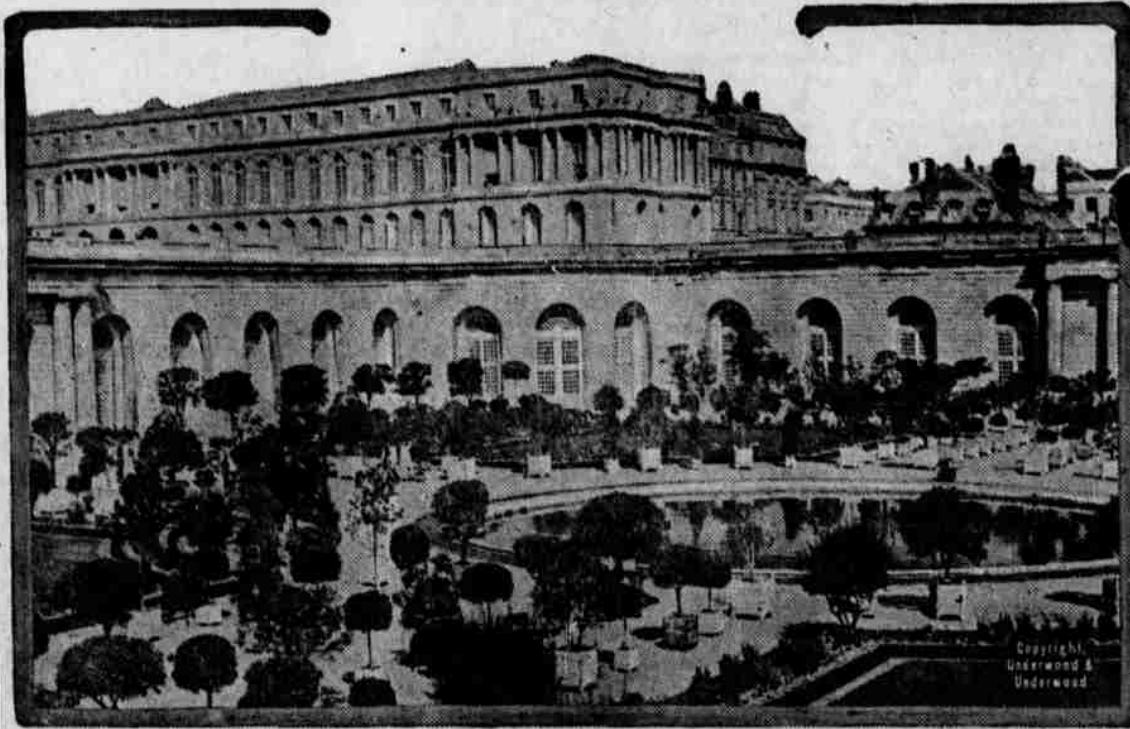
Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—Extensive riots occurred yesterday in Aussig, Bohemia, according to Prague dispatches. Machine guns and rifles were used against the mobs. Three persons were killed, five seriously injured and many slightly injured.

## WILL NOT SOLICIT THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Portland, Dec. 12.—No soldiers, sailors or children will be solicited to take out membership in the Red Cross when the membership drive is held December 16 to 23. These are specific instructions from the national headquarters to State Chairman Wilber E. Coman and State Manager H. E. Witham. Every solicitor in the drive must observe the order.

Those Oregon people who have soldier boys in the service are especially interested in the drive, because their boys have received the benefits of the Red Cross while overseas. Those other Oregon people who were unfortunate enough not to have some relative fighting for the United States are likewise interested in the drive, for if they could not do anything else they can at least back up the boys by having a membership in the greatest humanitarian organization on the face of the globe.

## VERSAILLES, WHERE THE INTERALLIED CONFERENCE MEETS



This is a view of the beautiful palace of Versailles, the seat of the interallied war conference that settles Germany's doom. In the foreground is seen part of the Orangery. The palace is one of the most magnificent structures in the world. It is said Louis XIV spent \$100,000,000 on it and the surrounding park.