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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER
Fair; gentle, northeasterly winds.

BRITISH PRESS ASKS HELP FOR RUSSIANS

London, Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—Demands made in parliament for information concerning the policy of the entente powers toward Russia have failed to elicit very definite information as to the British policy toward the land of the Bolshevik. The British press is insistent that Russia must be helped economically, although it confesses utter lack of information as to give the attitude of the entente powers toward the existing government in Soviet Russia.

Replied to a question to Lieut. Colonel Lord Cavendish-Bentink as to the actual conditions in Soviet Russia, Arthur J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, said: "Information at the disposal of His Majesty's government is to the effect that the deliberate policy of the Bolshevik government is one of extermination, by starvation, murder, and wholesale execution of parties which do not support the regime."

Lord Cavendish-Bentink then asked: "Has the government any alternative to the present policy, which apparently has no effect but to strengthen the power of the Bolshevik government?" Mr. Balfour responded that he was not aware that anything the British government has done or has attempted to do, has strengthened the Bolshevik government. He also said he did not understand what his interrogator meant by an "alternative policy."

Russia's plight was brought before the house of commons again the same day through a discussion of the future of Armenia when Mr. Ponsonby, a labor member, insisted that the Turkish rule over non-Ottoman races must be terminated, and asked for a clear statement on the policy of the British government toward Russia. He urged that the British public be advised whether a state of war exists between the entente powers and Russia; what the British expedition in North Russia is doing; what the intentions of Great Britain are toward the Bolshevik government, and whether additional reinforcements are being sent to Archangel.

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ceedings of the so-called Russian government."

"It is not only that government's offenses against humanity which cannot be forgotten," said Lord Robert Cecil, "but it has committed offenses against this country which, if committed by any ordinary, civilized government, would more than justified this country in seeking redress at arms. A British naval officer has been killed while protecting a building to the British government. Other British subjects have been subjected to horrible hardships and crimes have been committed which stagger humanity. While primarily we ought to consider the interests and desires of the people, it is right to say that the Bolshevik government, as such, is entitled to no consideration whatever at the hands of the British government."

BELIEVES SIBERIA WILL BE SCENE

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"The United States government has arranged with the allies to assume the responsibility of seeing that there is as little physical suffering as possible among the people of Siberia, and that there are as rapidly as possible supplied with the necessary equipment to resume their peaceful occupations. For this purpose there has been organized the Russian Corporation of the War Trade Board. Working in cooperation with the quartermaster department of the U. S. army, very large quantities of supplies are now being forwarded to Siberia and offered for barter or on other basis of exchange in the principal cities of Siberia.

"The actual going ahead rapidly of the development of the enormous raw resources of Siberia will probably be delayed for several months, although the attention of the world is now being centered on the possibilities of Siberia to such an extent that we believe that it will be the scene of the world's next great development.

"Siberia is approximately twice as large as the United States, with enormous wealth in agricultural resources, timber, mines and fisheries.

"We have gathered in our files the most complete information available in the world on the subject of the industrial possibilities of Siberia, this information having been gathered by months of work in the government offices and in the Russian section of the libraries of congress. We gathered this information in the belief that there would be a very great demand to know the truth about Siberia. This data is available in our offices, or we would be very glad to answer any specific questions that you may wish to ask."

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SOLDIER LETTERS

141st Aero Squadron A. E. F., October 22, 1918.

Dear Dad:— I received your letter today and was real glad to hear from you. I am going to send that letter down to Ted so he will get it.

So the mines are taking quite a boom around home? I get the Courier every once in a while. My allotment stopped July 1 of this year and I haven't renewed it yet. Ours both stopped automatically and Ted renewed his. But I think I shall deposit so much money every month with the Q. M. for I figure on getting back to the U. S. before many years now. I wrote you a letter several days ago, also wrote to Paul and Mother. Suppose from now on the letters will be fewer on account of not having time to write and there isn't any Y. M. C. A. here.

I see, Dad, where the Salvation Army is raising money for over here. Well, here's one thing, if I ever get back to the states they will get all the change I can spare, and I think all the boys over here feel the same way about it. For you will find them closer to the trenches, and the last drive here they were first to offer coffee and cigarettes to the "dough boys."

I went on a "wild hog" hunt several days ago but had poor luck; saw some but it was too dark to hit them. There are a lot of them about 20 miles from here. I've got a German mauser, one that they use for sniping purposes, and lots of cartridges. Well, in fact most of the boys have one, so we have lots of target practice. Don't suppose I'll have a chance to hunt any more, though.

Well, good bye. Love to all. As ever your son

EARL, CORPORAL EARL WALLACE, U. S. Avi. Service, A. E. F., France.

HE KNEW WOMEN, BUT WAS BADLY PUZZLED

Paris, Dec. 17.—He wanted to buy a Christmas present for his girl back home so he thought he would show it to all the other girls, and destroy their peace of mind because it had come from France. He knew just what he wanted, too, but every time he thought of going into the shop and trying to ask in French for the thing he wanted, he got red behind the ears. He had gone over the top in the past, unafraid, but he couldn't do this.

At last, when his leave was all up, he went into the canteen and

asked the Y. M. C. A. woman there to make the purchase for him. He gave her the address, and hoped it wouldn't be too much trouble to send the package.

"Of course it won't," said the Y. M. C. A. woman who buys dozens of such gifts each week. "I'll enjoy it. I'll see that the package goes all right, and, if you like, I'll write her a little note, too, telling her how well you're looking."

"That will be nice," said the private. He counted out the money, a generous amount. Still he lingered. It was evident that he had something else on his mind.

"Anything else that I can do for you," asked the woman.

"It's like this," began the private, hesitatingly. He stopped, swallowed, and started all over again. "Please be careful what you say in that note, won't you, Ma'am? You see—my girl—she's funny about some things—she might think—well, you know how women are," finished the private wisely.

"I'll tell you what," said the American woman. "I'll tell her I enjoyed meeting you because I have a son in the army myself. Will that do?"

"That will be fine," said the private gratefully. "I wouldn't have mentioned it, only you know how women are." He smiled at her understandingly, saluted, turned and went out.

MEDFORD LIFTS BAN ON CHURCHES, MOVIES

Medford, Dec. 17.—At a special meeting of the city council last night the ban was lifted on churches, theaters and moving picture shows at once, but masks must be continued to be worn by everyone as heretofore within theaters and without. Public and private dances will be prohibited, and the council recommends that schools do not open until after the holidays.

Pool rooms and billiard halls will be opened under the same regulations regarding the wearing of masks.

The reason for this action is that councilmen feel that if the masks are of any value there is no need of closing legitimate business. Health officer Piekey and the doctors of the city support this view. It was also decided to quarantine all houses where flu exists in accordance with the recommendations of the state board of health.

AMERICAN ARMY BEGINS TO CURB THE GERMANS

With the American Army of Occupation, Saturday, Dec. 14.—Men in German military uniforms are not to be allowed within the American area of occupation after December 15, unless they are on duty and are provided with written permission of the American military authorities, according to a proclamation issued by Colonel J. C. Rhea, chairman of the American bridgehead commission.

Assemblages for the purposes of political discussion are prohibited unless sanctioned by the American military authorities.

The proclamation also orders that all civilians turn over to the proper authorities by December 15 all firearms in their possession.

The proclamation says that the prices of all commodities shall be the same for the Americans as for the Germans. All goods must be sold at the usual prices.

CHICAGO'S BIG SHIPMENTS OF PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Chicago, representative of the middle west, to which the world has looked for its provisions, has had a great share in virtualizing peoples and armies during the four years of the war and in that period an enormous amount of provisions has passed through the Chicago gateway.

With the 1918 shipments there has been shipped from Chicago more than 40,000,000 tons of cereals.

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