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## AMERICA MUST SAVE FOOD TO HELP RUSSIA

FOOD COMMISSION SAYS BREAD-  
STUFFS GREATLY NEEDED  
IN BATTLE-TORN REGION

## AMERICAN CASUALTIES LIGHT

Reds' General Staff at Moscow As-  
sert They Will Reach Archangel  
By First of May

Archangel, Mar. 14.—Information secured by the allied food commission on North Russia indicates that the American people must deprive themselves of breadstuffs until the Russian question is settled and the country again on a sound agricultural basis.

Archangel, Mar. 14.—Compared with the enemy's casualties, those of the allies have been extremely light since February 28. The estimated Bolshevik loss is 500 killed. The American casualties from February 28 to March 9 were 15 killed, one missing and 30 wounded.

London, Mar. 14.—A Helsingfors dispatch says the Bolshevik general staff at Moscow claims that the Bolshevik army occupied territory the size of France during January and February and will reach Archangel by May 1.

## ENGLISH LINE UP FOR "BLACK DIAMONDS"

London, Feb. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Coal queues, the terror of the poor of London, have again made their appearance because of an acute shortage in the coal supply, and thousands upon thousands of persons have been daily standing in line in the hope of getting enough coal to keep some kind of fire going in their homes.

A coal queue is an interesting sight. Early in the morning the number of customers appearing at some distributing point exceeds the number being disposed of by the coal merchant. So they line up, in the order of their arrival, and patiently await until they are supplied.

They buy in small quantities for two reasons—some of them have little money to invest in coal at the existing high prices, while the second reason is the lack of means to remove large quantities. Often perambulators provide the vehicle but more often the purchaser tucks the "black diamonds" away in a basket and hurries on his way.

## PARIS TELLS WOMEN THE LATEST STYLES

Paris, Mar. 14.—Paris fashions this year will be "strikingly new and handsome," regardless of the high cost of living, and in the way of gowns the feminine world expects to see a reaction from the wartime simplicity, says the Excelsior.

A "victory" style in women's gowns is expected to be much in vogue this spring and summer, the paper adds, and evening gowns will be more elaborate than they have been since the war.

Gowns will be longer and more ornate, it is reported, and brilliant colors, profusion of flowers, plenty of ribbons, frills and tulle will be the rage. There will be no pronounced "military style." The year 1919, it is said, will not see the birth of any distinctly new fashion as it is only a transition period.

## CLAIM BLANKS FOR CHROME MINERS

Shafroth, Dr. Foster and Mining En-  
gineer Will Form Commission  
to Supervise Work

Many inquiries have been made as to the manner in which claims should be filed by chrome operators under the recent mineral bill passed by congress for reimbursement of losses. A letter has just been received by Frank C. Bramwell, cashier of the Grants Pass Banking company, from Congressman Sinnott, in which he advises:

"Two members of the commission mentioned have already been named, Senator Shafroth and Dr. Foster, formerly chairman of the house committee on mines. The third will probably be a mining engineer.

"The committee purposes getting out questionnaires for claimants to sign; but in the meantime anyone may present his in a letter to secretary of the interior and so protect all his rights and preclude exclusion under the time clause of the bill."

Mr. Bramwell states that he has a pending request with the interior department for a supply of blank forms and departmental regulations, which will be sent him as soon as they are available for distribution. When the regulations have been prepared further announcement of the procedure will be made through the Courier.

## SEATTLE STRIKERS AGAIN QUITTING

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 14.—  
+ Nearly a thousand shipworkers  
+ who returned to work have  
+ quit again because dissatisfied  
+ with the terms of reinstatement.  
+ The bonus system is  
+ abolished, and discriminations  
+ are made, they charge.

## THE FIGHTING PARSON FAVORITE WITH BOYS

Butte, Mont., March 14.—Rev. Chas. Rexroad of Butte and Rev. E. A. Blackman of the 130th field artillery, fought a ten-round bout in the Y. M. C. A. at Paris in February, according to word received here. Rev. Mr. Rexroad is also an army chaplain. The contest is said to have been a fast one.

Rexroad (he scorns the prefix) was for eight years pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church here. He was a quiet, unassuming, powerful-built man and always was a promoter of athletics. While Rexroad never sparred in public here, he boxed in private and was known to be fast and clever. He was one of the first Montanans to volunteer as a chaplain and was known in the army as "The Fighting Parson."

## ROSEBURG LIEUTENANT VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Roseburg, Ore., Mar. 14.—Lieutenant Lenoir Ragsdale, formerly of the old Third Oregon, died in France of pneumonia. His mother received word to this effect. The lieutenant suffered from a gas attack, was wounded by shrapnel, and later decorated for bravery. He married a French girl last November.

## "FRITZIES" DON'T THINK THE ALLIES ARE ON THE SQUARE

Berlin, Mar. 14.—Reports from Paris that the peace treaty will provide that Poland shall have Danzig and that a buffer state shall be formed along the Rhine, have stirred the German press, both conservative and radical.

"It is to be hoped there is nobody in Germany who would suffer such a treaty to be signed," says the Tageblatt.

The Lokal Anzeiger says that if Danzig were given to the Poles they would get little enjoyment from it. "The stolen property," it declares, "would burn their hands."

## AMERICANS AT TIEN TSIN MIX WITH THE JAPS

TROUBLE STARTS IN JAPANESE  
DISTRICT WHERE SALOONS  
ARE THRIVING

## BITTER FEELING APPARENT

Little Men Repulse Americans Who  
Return 200 Strong and Make  
Mikado's People Scatter

Peking, China, Mar. 14.—The American marines have raided the Japanese concession at Tien Tsin, forcing their way into the Japanese consulate and assaulting the consul, according to dispatches received here today.

Trouble is said to have been caused by rough treatment given to American soldiers who became disorderly in the Japanese quarter. The Japanese soldiers drove the Americans out of the quarter with fixed bayonets, wounding two seriously.

The next day 200 angry marines, off duty, paraded through the Japanese concession and attacked every Japanese encountered. It is alleged. When they reached the consulate they forcibly entered and seriously injured the consul. The consular body is deliberating on measures to restore normal conditions.

Feeling between the Americans and Japanese is said to be running high at Tien Tsin.

Washington, Mar. 14.—Minister Reisch, of Peking, has notified the state department of a clash between American troops and Japanese policemen and some civilians at Tien Tsin, and has sent his secretary there to investigate. There was no mention of a raid on the consul.

Officials here would not discuss the matter, but said that if the Japanese consulate was violated, the guilty parties would certainly be punished and an apology made. The consulate is located in the saloon-restaurant part of the city and brawls are not infrequent.

Saloniki, Mar. 14.—Turkish forces in Southern Asia Minor are ignoring the fact that the armistice has been signed. They are terrorizing the Greeks, it is reported here. It is urged that allied troops be sent against the young Turks.

## LEGLESS ENGLISH OFFICER PLEADS FOR SQUARE DEAL FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

London, Feb. 20.—(Special correspondence)—Seated in a chair in the house of commons today, because he had lost both legs in action while fighting in France, Major Cohen, a member from Liverpool delivered an impassioned address in which he pleaded for honesty on the part of the government in dealing with disabled officers and men of the army and navy.

It was the first debate on the pension question which promises to become one of the most stirring features of the session. One speaker charged that preparing disabled men to meet the realities of life had not been carried very far, because only 90 officers and less than 8,000 men of the hundreds of thousands of wounded had up to this time been given technical training. Another charged that the discharged man who was physically fit was in much better situation than the sick, as tubercular soldiers were being charged \$1.75 a week for treatment in sanatoriums, although they had already paid for this in their natural insurance.

These men would have their pen-

## EBERT FORCES CLAIM RIOTS SUPPRESSED

SPARTACANS FIGHT STUBBORN-  
LY IN EDGE OF BERLIN AND  
LICHTENBERG

## FOOD PROPOSALS GIVEN HUNS

Germans Must Turn Over Their Ships  
and Securities, But Provisions  
Are Kept Secret

Basel, Mar. 14.—The Berlin insurrection may be considered suppressed, Gustav Noske, minister of defense, announced in the national assembly at Weimar.

It is reported that only one suburb remains to be cleared of the Spartacans. The disarmament of the population, it is said, must be hastened.

Brussels, Mar. 14.—Decisions of the allies providing for Germany turning over her merchant ships and securities in return for food, has been presented to the German delegation. No discussion of the terms is allowed.

London, Mar. 14.—Spartacan forces still retain part of the Berlin suburbs and Lichtenberg and are stubbornly resisting the government troops, a late dispatch says.

## PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, Mar. 14.—President Wilson arrived here this afternoon.

Brest, France, Mar. 14.—The steamer George Washington with President Wilson on board entered the harbor of Brest at 7:45 o'clock last evening.

The steamer anchored shortly after 8 o'clock and President and Mrs. Wilson boarded a tug to go ashore at 8:20 o'clock.

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## RECRUITS WANTED FOR REGULAR ARMY

Sergt. Bauer Will Open Recruiting  
Station Here—Men From 18 to  
45 Years Eligible

Colonel Bennett, of Portland, who has been visiting Southern Oregon for the purpose of establishing a recruiting station for the United States regular army, was in Grants Pass last evening, conferring with Sergeant Paul J. Bauer, of this city.

As a result of the colonel's visit, Grants Pass, upon strong recommendation by Sergeant Bauer, is to be made central auxiliary recruiting station for Southern Oregon. Only men for the regular army are wanted, but the age limits are now placed at 18 to 55 years.

Sergeant Bauer states that he will be in charge of the station here and that he will occupy old headquarters at 202 1/2 South Sixth street, and be ready to receive enlistments within about two weeks. Enlistments will be taken for one and three year periods, and it is very probable that the reserve will be done away with.

During his two years' stay in this city as recruiting officer, Sergeant Bauer says over 90 per cent of the men he enlisted here were a fine bunch of fellows and made a good showing. He has been in various branches of the regular army service for about 10 years and has experienced some strenuous times, especially in the Philippines.

Colonel Bennett returned to Portland this morning.

## SAYS ENGLAND WILL RULE THE LEAGUE

Albuquerque, N. M., Mar. 14.—  
+ "If the present league of na-  
+ tions plan is adopted, England  
+ will rule the league and I ob-  
+ ject to Americans again becom-  
+ ing a subsidiary country to the  
+ British Isles," declared Sen-  
+ ator Fall today.

## AMERICAN SHIPS MAKE RECORD AT MINE LAYING

London, Feb. 20.—Speed was one of the essentials in laying the great North Sea mine barrage which was almost completed when the armistice was signed. In doing 80 per cent of the work the United States forces maintained their reputation for doing things in a hurry.

The general average for the American ships was 1130 mines every hour, but a record of 1440 mines an hour was made when the United States vessels dropped and anchored 5920 of the death-dealing devices in three hours and 51 minutes. The ships traveled 56 miles in doing it.

The American ships laid all told 56,447 mines and the 23 carriers, 10 planters and two tugs were ready to go out again fully loaded when held up because of the certainty that the armistice was to be signed. The total cost was \$48,275,000.

The effect of the barrage has not been fully determined but a naval report just issued here indicates that its benefits were more moral than actual. It is known from German sources that submarine crews hesitated to accept the North Sea risk after the barrage was started.

It is definitely known that six submarines were seriously damaged while attempting to cross the barrage and "it is possible several submarines may have been sunk" says the report. The real effect of the barrage will not be known until further evidence is obtained from German sources.

## COWBOY CONVICTED OF KILLING RANCHER

Baker, Ore., Mar. 14.—Tom Adams, a cowboy, was sentenced here today to five to nine years for killing George Holbrook, a rancher, last December.

## HINES PUTTING RAILROADS ON PEACE BASIS

CONTRACTORS HOLDING ORDERS  
FOR \$100,000,000 WORTH OF  
ROLLING STOCK

## ROADS ARE IN A BAD TANGLE

Many Orders to Be Cancelled—Find  
Railroad Administration Help-  
less Without Congress

Washington, March 14.—A score of locomotive, car and accessory manufacturers are here conferring with Director General Hines on plans for financing equipment already completed or contracted for.

Hines expects to straighten out existing difficulties with these companies as his first move. This must be done before a definite decision can be reached on a scheme to obtain funds for running the roads. The equipment builders here hold contracts, including unpaid bills, totalling approximately \$200,000,000.

Some of these contracts undoubtedly will be cancelled, according to officials, and others will be revised. These contracts, it was explained, were made under war conditions and for war purposes. Peace time needs will be the basis for new calculations.

The car builders hold contracts for \$100,000,000 worth of freight and passenger cars. They were ordered last summer by John Skelton Williams, who is retiring as director of purchases.

Only 26,000 of these have been delivered.

The car orders have been a subject of constant differences. Some railroads have refused to accept or pay for cars allotted them. They hold to the argument that it was an expenditure of their capital funds which could well have been dispensed with. The railroad administration's stand was that in its capacity of supervising traffic it was authorized to purchase all equipment needed.

The car builders, in turn, say they have hesitated over what course to pursue. Some of them have gone on the assumption that the railroad administration was a sufficient guarantee. They, therefore, bought full quantities of material for their contracts.

The contractors also will be consulted by Hines relative to their attitude toward the proposed warrant system of payments. They were understood to approve the plan since warrants will provide new collateral and therefore new credit for them.

## Y.M.C.A. PLAN MANY VICTORY GARDENS

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Americanism illustrated in growing victory gardens is "the best antidote for Bolshevik doctrine," according to the Young Men's Christian Association, which is planning a 1919 campaign of "Americanism and the speaking of the English language via the victory garden." Details of the campaign were completed here today by the National War Garden Commission, cooperating with the immigration department of the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago. Plans also provide for the showing of the victory garden work in moving pictures throughout the country.

To start off the campaign 10,000 garden and canning books have been sent to Chicago in addition to several thousand posters. The Young Men's Christian Association had 150 acres of industrial gardens last year and they hope to better that record this year. These gardens are 25x150 feet in size.