

HALF A MILLION GERMANS STRIKE

War Industry Is Paralyzed in
Berlin and Other Parts
of German Empire

WORKMEN'S COUNCIL OR- GANIZED IN BERLIN

Strikers Demand an Audience
With Minister of Interior;
Other Disturbances.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—Late Berlin dispatches say that Berlin's strike is growing hourly and that the movement is spreading to provincial towns. Danzig and Hamburg are both affected.

A workmen's council of 500 has been formed in Berlin to be represented by an "action commission" of ten men and women.

Rumors were circulated that German soldiers on the east front shot some officers; also of disturbances among members of the fleet at Kiel. They are unconfirmed. All socialist classes joined the council.

Scheidemann and Dr. Hasse, leader of the independent socialists, and two workmen, told the Under-Secretary of the Interior, Von Wallroff, of the formation of the workmen's council, and demanded negotiations relative to the strike to be held in the presence of the workmen.

Wallroff prohibited labor meetings and announced he will not negotiate with the strikers, but would receive a delegation of socialist members of the Reichstag. One dispatch says that 75,000 are striking.

BERNE, Jan. 30.—The Frankfurter Zeitung received today, says that 100,000 were striking in Berlin Monday. There were no demonstrations or processions.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—The newspaper Vorwaerts says that half a million strikers went out in Berlin Monday. Five airplane factories are closed and a railway strike is likely. Disorder is frequent.

It is reported that some of the Krupp workers are striking and the entire war industry is paralyzed. Hamburg shipworkers have quit. The Kiel munition workers quit Sunday.

NO MARINE WILL SUFFER EMBLEM TO BE WORN BY GERMAN GIRLS

PARIS ISLAND, S. C., Jan. 30.—No-francism, or whatever it is, they call a pin-feathered brother Under den Linden, will ever sport a Marine Corps ornament at the end of her hatpin if the oath taken today, by a recruit company of U. S. marines in training here, means anything. This company (designation and destination deleted by censor), in formal conclave, swore to destroy their corps devices and to lose their lives if need be rather than see their honored emblem fall into the hands of the enemy to be worn by his women as a token of victory.

FLOODS CAUSE TEN MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—The crest of the flood is breaking the ice and destroying river property. The ice is tearing steamboats, launches and barges from their moorings, some going to the bottom and others carried on down the river. The property loss is over \$10,000,000. It is estimated that as a result of floods sweeping parts of Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Tennessee the loss in river boats alone is \$2,600,000; while many bridges are gone. There were three deaths in West Virginia due to the floods.

U.S. MAY DRAFT ALL AMERICANS IN CANADA

Agreement Obtained by Lansing
British Subjects Here Will
Be Subject to Draft.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—Britain and Canada have agreed that the United States may draft their subjects here into the army. Secretary Lansing announced this to the senate today.

He said Britishers and Canadians will be given a specified time to return to their own country for enlistment, and afterward will be subject to the American draft.

GUN CLUB TO SHOOT FOR THREE TROPHIES

The Albany Gun club will open the season of 1918 with the first of a series of its club shoots on Friday, Feb. 1st. These shoots will be held on the first and third Fridays of each month. The series comprises high trophy events of 25 targets each. The high trophy will cover a period of eight club shooting days.

Under this one event of 25 targets there will be three trophies to compete for, as follows: high general trophy, presented by Albany G. C., the club badge and the handicap trophy, donated by H. R. Everding.

The high gun trophy will go to contestant scoring the largest number of trophies in the eight events. The club badge will be shot for as usual. The handicap trophy, the "added bird" handicap system will be used, and this system which is the cleanest method of arranging a competition, as the mediocre shooter has the same chance as the expert. The winner of the trophy will be the contestant making the highest score in the eight events counting the added birds.

The trophy donated by H. R. Everding, of Portland, is a beautiful silver cup suitably engraved, and is now in the possession of the treasurer, H. B. Cusick. The donor, Mr. Everding, is interested in the furtherance of the good, clean sport of trap-shooting and his gift is very much appreciated by the members of the Albany club.

EXAMINATION OF SOLDIERS CONTINUES AT COURTHOUSE

The rush of examining registrants under the selective draft continues. Dr. W. H. Davis and other county physicians who are helping him with the physical examinations, County Clerk Russell, Sheriff Bodine, Deputy Prum and Miss Mae Tillman, chief clerk of the local board, are covered up with the work.

All members of the board who are receiving other salaries are doing the work for the government gratuitously, the only paid member of the board being the chief clerk, who devotes her entire time to the work and receives a monthly salary for her services.

Following are the names of the registrants examined yesterday, seven of whom qualified for limited military service, the rest being passed as fit for army service:

David Davidson, Albany; Frank Nicholas Jungwirth, Seio; Riley Rocker, Leacock; Victor J. D. Long, Albany; Bonnie Wade Cyrne, Albany; Joe Zornado, Shedd; Albert Lee Gentry, Lebanon; John E. M. Clellan, Lebanon; Henry Curtis Ames, Lebanon; Everett Carter Waller, Albany; Arthur Harris Olson, Cascade; Jasper Jesse Russell, Foster; Virgil J. Warden, Brownsville; Wallace McKerscher, Crawfordville; Roy Witt, Crawfordville; Leland McDonald, Mill City; Ferris Edison Ward, Halsey; Isaac Barker, Albany; Wilbert Rexford Hefess, Albany; Henry Jungwirth, Seio; Geo. Harry Danner, Shedd; Harry Elmer Carter, Mill City; Frank Cladek, Lebanon; Glen Lines Shilling, Shelburn; Ira Everett Jones, Tangent; Axel Harold Erickson, Albany.

MORE TIMBER CUT

The total amount of timber cut on the National Forests in the fiscal year 1917 was 840,612,000 board feet, as against 714,505,000 board feet in 1916.

AMBASSADOR'S LIFE THREATENED

Anarchists of Finland Send
Note to U.S. Diplomat Which
Causes Much Alarm

PLEA MADE FOR FREEDOM OF BERKMAN

Ask Release of Man Held for
Evading American Draft Law;
Washington Worried.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—An anarchist group of soldiers and workmen from Helsinki, Finland, sent an ultimatum to the American ambassador that he would "be held personally responsible for the life and liberty of Alexander Berkman," the anarchist convicted in America of combating the draft.

Later the Bolsheviks reported the capture of Helsinki from the Finnish revolutionaries.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—A dangerous international situation developed from the Finnish anarchists' threat to hold the American ambassador to Russia responsible for the treatment of Alexander Berkman.

The threats were officially received here a fortnight ago.

The order for the execution of Berkman's prison sentence is in the mail.

The news of President Wilson's intervention in the Mooney case was cabled to Russia and is being widely spread there.

SCIO CONDENSARY IS SUED FOR MONEY

According to two suits which were filed today in the circuit court, the Scio Condensed Milk company is evidently in tight financial circumstances. Suits to recover money were filed this morning by the Albany State bank and the Evergreen Cheese company, of Elsieville.

The Albany State bank alleges in its complaint that the condensary company arranged with it for the payment of checks issued by the company and that a total of \$2343.99 has been paid out. The company has placed on deposit but \$711.56, leaving a balance due of \$1632.43.

The Evergreen Cheese company alleges that on January 19 the Scio firm gave its check for \$2708.63 in payment for milk, but that the National City bank of Seattle, on whom the check was drawn, returned the paper with the instructions that there were no funds to the firm's credit.

In addition, a number of farmers who have sold cream to the company, state they have had their checks returned marked "not paid for want of funds." A large number living near Scio are affected and threaten to take action to collect what is due them.

The Scio condensary was pointed to as one of the solid business enterprises of the Queen City, and was thought to be in a prosperous condition. They have practically shut off competition for milk in the eastern part of the county by paying a price far in advance of any of the creameries or cheese factories. It was known that they have been working on large war orders and it was rumored that high prices were being received on the contracts. Scio people are puzzled to figure out the cause of the apparent collapse of the company. The owners are Seattle people who last year bought out E. C. Peery and other local owners.

AIRPLANE MATERIAL

About 200 board feet of wood is used in the actual construction of the average airplane. To obtain this material it is ordinarily necessary to work over about 1,500 feet of select lumber, which often represents all that can be used of 15,000 board feet of standing timber.

ALBANY SPRINGS SURPRISE AND DEFEATS CORVALLIS

Local Basketball Team Comes
Back and Shows Prospects
of Winning Form.

Albany high school basketball team sprang a surprise on its most ardent admirers last evening when it came out of the game with Corvallis high school in junior high gymnasium with the long end of a 23 to 22 score. Credit for the victory rests mainly with Jay Willard, who shot the winning basket in the last few seconds of play, but the whole team worked well and no particular stars were evident.

Local fans were beginning to feel that the basketball team was about to suffer the same fate that was administered to the football squad, which went through the season without a victory. But, with two games to their credit out of six played, hopes again begin to rise and high school students yet predict a creditable finish of the season. Last Saturday Corvallis defeated Eugene high school and, although Albany lost to Eugene, the home team feels that in the return game on the local floor they can smother the players from the University City.

The game last night had the spectators standing up all the way through. It was closely contested and hard-fought from first to last and proved the best contest seen here for some time.

By winning last night's game the local players are assured of winning their letters. Albany's lineup was: Irving and Nebergall, forwards; Willard, center; Bussard and Henderson, guards.

CITY NEWS

Telephone Men Here—J. R. Middleton, manager of the Home Telephone Co. of Portland, and J. C. Lowe, manager of the Corvallis office, were in Albany today visiting the local office.

Tonsils Removed—Mrs. J. W. Morgan had her tonsils removed this morning and is getting along nicely.

Had Measles—Word was received here this morning that Seth French, who is in the aviation corps at Austin, Texas, just left the hospital. He was confined with an attack of the measles.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 32 to 49 degrees. Rainfall was .03 inch. The river raised to 7.5 feet.

Visited Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins of Salem spent last night in Albany with their parents.

Royce on Vacation—Winn Royce, well known local agent for the Western Union Telegraph company in this city, will take a month or two off from his duties to recuperate at California cities. His place is being filled during his absence by H. M. Carr, of Seattle. R. D. Miles of Portland, district commercial manager of the company, is in the city today looking after the business of the company. Mr. Royce will be accompanied by his mother, Mrs. N. O. Baker.

Butchers May Close—A petition is being circulated among the butchers of the city to close their shops on Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock. All but one had signed this morning and it was expected that all would join in the move to take more hours of rest from business.

Miller Goes on Tour—Archie C. Miller will leave this evening for Hood River county where, as Deputy Master of the State Grange, he will visit the grange chapters in that county. He will go from there to Columbia county.

Cyrus Walker Improving—Cyrus H. Walker, who was injured in an automobile accident a short time ago, is slowly improving at his home in this city. Mr. Walker was hurt worse than was at first thought. It is thought that there is a slight fracture in the hip-bone, which is slow to heal. Mr. Walker's many friends hope to see him on the street again in a few days.

BRITISH TROOP SHIP SUBMARINED

Six Hundred Lose Their Lives;
Destroyer Is Also Sent
to Bottom

SECOND TRANSPORT LOST A DAY LATER

British Patrol Makes Successful
Attack on the Western
Front Says Haig.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—Northeast of Harvencourt, a British patrol attacked a German post, killing and capturing a number of the garrison.

The British transport Agragon was torpedoed and sunk in the East Mediterranean on December 30th. Six hundred were lost. A destroyer rescuing the victims was also submerged.

The Agragon carried 2,000 men and the auxiliary transport Osmani was carrying 800. The latter was submerged a day later.

Since the start of the war, Britain has transported 11,000,000 with a loss of nine transports, and 9,000 men. An air raid last night killed three and injured ten. The invaders were repelled before penetrating the city's defenses.

WASHINGTON MAN IN FRANCE WITH TROOPS

Mrs. Frank M. Dallom, Jr., of Seattle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hackleman of this city, has received some interesting letters from her husband, Sergeant Dallom, head clerk 41st division, paymaster's supply train, now in France. Sgt. Dallom is a well known newspaper man in Washington, owning several papers in that state. He was private secretary during the administrations of both Governors Meade and Hayes and last winter he was chief clerk of the legislature of his state. He enlisted in the service, was sent to Palo Alto and soon after was transferred to Camp Mills, New York, where he was made head clerk of the division in the supply train. His letters were written at sea and just after his arrival in France.

He states that after recovering from a cold caught at Camp Mills that he enjoyed the trip across. He was never sick and never tired of watching out over the sea, looking at the other transports and the other ships that they passed. He states that the difficulty in writing is in not being able to tell the things that are most interesting and have to confine his personal remarks because of the censor's eye. The letters from home are mentioned as one of the greatest joys of the service. They had no news of the world all the way across. Lawrence Dallom, a younger brother, is with the same division, but in another department.

PORTLAND GIRL IS TALENTED CELLO ARTIST

An exceedingly good bill was presented at the Globe theatre yesterday when Alaska Blalock exhibited his interesting moving pictures and delivered his lecture on Alaska and its resources and industry. In the brief period of an hour or two he took the spectator through the wonderful, rich land of the north, showed him the coast, the mountains, the mines, mining machinery and other industries of the frozen north. It was next to actually visiting the territory, for the pictures are excellent, and one is able to grasp a good conception of the nature of Uncle Sam's northern domain.

And no less enjoyable was the musical program presented by Miss Gladys Johnson (Johan) and her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, of Portland. Miss Johnson is one of the youngest artists appearing in public in cello solos in the state and her few numbers yesterday were greatly appreciated. Her rendition of "Gavotte" was remarkable—perfect, and she encores she played "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Mother Macchree," in a most pleasing manner. Mrs. Johnson, soprano, delighted the audience with "In the Garden of the Gods," "The Blue Bird" and "Annie Laurie," all sung with cello and piano accompaniment. It is regretted by many that the performance will not be repeated today.

Manager Meyers bill today features pretty Elsie Ferguson in "Barbary Sheep," her first appearance in pictures.

GERMANS RETREAT BEFORE ITALIAN ATTACKS

ROME, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—Two enemy divisions were annihilated around Colledara, near Rossobella. The Italians took a big number of guns and 100 officers and 2500 prisoners. The Italians hold Colledara and Monte di Valbetta. They are forcing the Teuton army to retreat.

SENATOR CUSICK ATTENDS LIBERTY LOAN MEETING

Committeemen from Linn County
Are Named; Drive Machinery
Oiled by Manager.

Returning last night from Portland where he attended the meeting of the state Liberty Loan committee, State Senator E. D. Cusick this morning announced an incomplete list of committeemen who will have charge of the drive in the majority of Linn county towns. The list follows:

Seio—E. C. Peery, D. C. Thom and J. F. Wesely; Lebanon—S. C. Stewart, D. Cormier and J. C. Mayer; Brownsville—W. C. Elmore, E. C. Stanard, W. J. Moore, Chas. Sterling and Ed Holloway; Harrisburg—Geo. A. Wilhelm, Dr. W. H. Dale, Thos. Summerville, Rex Davis and C. L. Morris; Halsey—D. Taylor and D. S. McWilliams; Shedd—C. J. Shedd.

HOLLOWAY'S STORE MOVES TO LARGER QUARTERS TODAY

After working most of last night, and for several days past, Holloway's Farmers' store opened for business this morning in their new quarters in the Rhodes block, five doors east of the former location. The new store room gives double the space that was available in the old place, more light, more room to display goods and to attend to the growing business that this firm has enjoyed.

D. S. Holloway, proprietor, is a young man and has enjoyed remarkable success in his business since opening in Albany five years ago. Mr. Holloway believes in signs, so he opened up in the grocery business on Friday, the 13th of June, 1913. He modestly lays his success to superstition, but there is more back of it than that, none the less of which has been the aid in the business given by Mrs. Holloway.

Mr. Holloway was born in Indiana. He came to Oregon when a boy and lived for many years at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Higam Parker. He went to Eastern Oregon for a few years and returned to Albany, operating a truck farm near this city for four years. He then spent a year in the Beam-Fletcher store, later buying the small stock of groceries, which involved about \$500, from L. E. Prouty. By adding a little capital he began his career as a retail merchant, and in the four and a half years he has built up one of the largest grocery businesses in the Willamette Valley.

NEW JERSEY SENATOR DEAD AFTER ILLNESS

TRENTON, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—William Hughes, senior senator from New Jersey, died after a long illness, today. He was a congressman and senator for 12 years.

NEW CLASSIFIED

"GOING SOME"—Oregon Cash Grocery store moving swiftly. Up to you if you wish any. Stock and fixtures must go. We are doing our part. Help us to a quick finish. Second and Ferry streets. J2931* A SNAP—It taken at once: a 5-acre tract with house, barn and orchard, three miles from Albany; \$650. Terms to suit. Fine for chicken ranch. Call at Davenport's Music House. MODERN HOUSE FOR RENT—at 825 West 10th street; good garden and berries on lot. Reasonable terms. Victor Oliver, Bell phone. J3011 ON WHEATLESS DAYS—I sell rye and Graham bread only. I will not sell pastry on wheatless days. East End Confectionery. J30

AMERICAN TROOPS REACH FRANCE

Old "Vaterland" Takes Thou-
sands of American Soldiers
Safely Across Water

FIFTEEN OTHER U. S. TRANSPORTS REACH PORT

All Were Former German Ships
Seized by America And Put
Into Commission.

A FRENCH CITY, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—The gigantic steamer Leviathan, formerly the German Vaterland, arrived at a European port today carrying thousands of American soldiers. The voyage was uneventful. They did not sight any submarines.

The officials also permitted the announcement that 15 other seized German vessels arrived in Europe safely, bringing thousands of troops and thousands of tons of supplies.

All are in commission ten months sooner than the former German crews believed the damages could be repaired. Half a million tons of shipping once owned by Germany is now active.

ALBANY MAN IN KANSAS LIKES OREGON BETTER

Cheney, Kansas, Jan. 11, 1918. The Albany Democrat: Well, I am in the land of the sun and sunflower—known as the state of Kansas, with a foot of snow on the ground and 42 degrees below zero.

Trains have been snowbound for five days and they are paying men 40 cents per hour for shoveling snow on the highway. Some weather for a weeklater.

I arrived in Oklahoma on Christmas Day. The wind was blowing sand at the rate of 60 miles per hour. Coming from Oklahoma overland in an auto, we ran into a wind storm and could not make over 15 miles per hour.

The dry grass and leafless trees are quite a contrast from Oregon, with her green fields and lawns.

As far as crops go, it is on a par this year with Oregon. This locality is all wheat, some corn—nothing else.

I find times prosperous and money plentiful, as every Tom, Dick and Harry has a car, and some two and three. But with all that, give me good old Oregon.

I am meeting quite a good many of my boyhood acquaintances. I may drop you a few lines later as we intend to visit in Missouri and Nebraska before returning to Oregon. The family is well. Respectfully yours, J. H. GERDES.