

LODGE ATTACKS WILSON'S PLANS

League of Nations Is Assailed
by Republican Spokesman
in the U. S. Senate

OBJECTS TO SOME OF "FOURTEEN POINTS"

Report that Peace Party De-
sired to Sink German
Ships Is Error

By FRED FERGUSON, U. P.
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PARIS, Dec. 21.—The report that the American commissioners here had decided to advocate sinking the surrendered German fleet is "pure bunk," a high official told the United Press today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Calling Wilson's league of nations idea "captivating, and attractive," Senator Lodge, republican floor leader, seriously questioned its practicability as a working plan to keep the world's peace.

An attempt to form this league now, Lodge said, can only "embarrass the peace that we ought to make at once with Germany." He urged postponement of discussion of the following five of Wilson's 14 peace points until a satisfactory and binding treaty had been signed: league of nations, freedom of the seas, secret diplomacy, economic barriers, reduction of armaments.

Government Investigator Here on Railroad Work

C. E. Woods, representative of the interstate commerce commission, is in Albany this week gathering data for the government. A part of his work consists in taking a physical valuation of all railroad property in the city.

The North Albany Thursday club met this week at the home of Mrs. Robt. Smith. An interesting musical program was given and during the afternoon the ladies tied a comforter for Mrs. Smith. Late in the afternoon a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses. Those present were Mrs. Gatter, Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Luther, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Woodriddle, Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Olmstead, Mrs. H. Schoel, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. C. Schoel and the Misses Wise and Winn.

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Buy Christmas Presents at our leisure, evenings will be open Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Good lights, good service and good gifts.
THE BLAIN CLOTHING CO.
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SON OF J. H. SWANK DIES IN FRANCE

Boy Who Once Attended Albany Schools Succumbed to Pneumonia There

Eldon Swank, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swank of Tangent and a former Albany school boy, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at a base hospital in France on December 4th, according to word received by his parents from the war department.

Eldon Swank enlisted in the army and left for Camp Lewis on April 1st 1918. He was transferred to Camp Leuzia for transport overseas on the 25th of June of the same year and has since been serving with the 91st division, 363rd infantry.

He was born four and one-half miles east of Tangent and at one time attended the public schools of Albany. He was 23 years of age.

Government Ownership Is Provided for in Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—U. P.—The Arbeiter, Soldaterrat, at a final session last night, adopted a measure providing for government ownership of mines and all essential industries.

It also instructed the people's council to begin socializing German industry immediately.

New Foreign Minister Appointed by Germany

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—U. P.—Count Brochdorff of Rantzau, minister to Denmark, has been appointed foreign minister for the Berlin socialist government, a dispatch from there announces.

Agitation for New Republic Is Started

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—U. P.—Strong agitation in favor of forming an independent republic of Silesia is reported.

CITY NEWS

Went to Roseburg—
Clarence Bruckman left today for Roseburg to visit relatives.

Arrives from Mare Island—
Floyd Safely arrived this morning from Mare Island to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Safely of North Albany.

Students Leave for Home—
The Albany college closed yesterday for a ten days' vacation, and will open again Dec. 30th. Many students are leaving for their homes to spend Christmas. Among those leaving last night and this morning were: Miss Junia Markell, of Ellensburg, Wash.; Miss Annie Watkins for Portland, Oregon; Miss Alice Clement for Beaverton, Oregon; Miss Minnie Lenhart for Rainier, Ore.; James Macnab for Kittitas, Washington.

Enroute Home—
Miss Gladys Downing of Oregon City passed through Albany today enroute to visit her parents, who live near Kingston.

Left for Portland—
Miss Cynthia Ross left this morning for Portland and Seattle to visit relatives and friends.

To Spend Day—
Mrs. L. Erwin went to Salem this morning to spend the day.

To Visit Daughter—
Mrs. T. J. Germansen went to Portland this morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Kennedy.

Leave for Home—
C. Dahgraa of Portland and Serget. G. L. Burnett of Seattle, who have been attending S. A. T. C. at Corvallis, left this morning for their homes after spending a few days in Albany visiting friends. They have received their honorable discharge.

Returned to Portland—
B. R. Perkins returned to Portland this morning after attending to business here.

Here From Fayetteville—
Mrs. E. L. Haviland and daughter of Fayetteville spent the day here shopping.

Went to Salem—
Mrs. A. Neaby went to Salem this morning on business.

To Visit in Virginia—
Lieut. C. M. Hartsock of the engineers' corps, son of E. Hartsock of North Albany, who has just received his discharge at Camp Humphrey, Va., will visit relatives in Virginia and Missouri before returning home. He will arrive here about the first of the year.

BERNSTORFF FLAYS KAISER WILHELM

Says that He Advised Against
Break With America but
Was Overruled

DID EVERYTHING IN POWER TO STOP WAR

Says that Wilson Will Win at
Peace Conference on the
League of Nations

By Frank J. Taylor

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The Germans feel that their political salvation depends upon the successful inauguration of the League of Nations, according to Count von Bernstorff, formerly German ambassador to the United States.

Bernstorff, who knows President Wilson better than any other German in public life, is optimistic over the outlook for a peace settlement along the lines Wilson advocates.

Since his recall from Turkey Bernstorff has been acting technically as foreign secretary under the socialist government, gave the United Press the first public utterance which he has directed at America since the declaration of war by America.

He refused to talk on any other question. He reiterated the statements made when leaving the United States "that he had done everything in his power to prevent a break with America. He asserted that he never for a moment doubted the gravity of this error on the part of the Kaiser's government.

There Now, Tommy!
TAKE YOUR OLD JOB

LONDON, Dec. 21.—"Oh, if the men would only hurry up and come back and take their old jobs! We're fed up to the ears with this stuff."

After having been jolted about, buffeted about, thru fog, cold and sun for four years on an autobus, this was what one conductorette replied today when asked if she would be willing to give up her job when the men came home from war.

ILLINOIS ASSEMBLY WILL VOTE ON DRY LAW

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 21.—When the Illinois general assembly goes into session here Jan. 8, it will have two big decisions to make.

One will be on the federal prohibition amendment. Drys claim to have sufficient votes in both houses to put it over. The wets make no such admissions. The count will be very close. Impartial opinion indicates the measure will be adopted.

The second big decision will be as to the manner of electing delegates to and the meeting time of the constitutional convention. The state's first convention was in 1840 and the second in 1870. Since the latter date there has been no change in the constitution.

The convention resolution was passed by the last general assembly only after prolonged debate, and then by a close vote. The proposition was adopted by the people at the last general election by an overwhelming majority.

GOOD FLYING RECORD
RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 21.—March aviation field, near here, lays claim to the best record as to freedom from accidents of any of the army fields.

Maj. Chas. G. Eicher, medical officer, has announced that student aviators have piled up a record of 31,800 hours total flying without a fatality.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends for their sympathy and kindness during the loss of our mother, and the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. J. A. DU MOND,
E. W. QUIMBY,
A. H. QUIMBY,
AND FAMILY.

Library Will Close—
The public library will be closed on Christmas Day.

LINN COUNTY AGENT FUND STILL SHORT

Meeting of Executive Com-
mittee Held Yesterday to
to Speed Up Work

Despite the fact that the committees have been doing some splendid work, the guarantee for the county agent work for the ensuing year is still short several hundred dollars and a meeting of the executive committee was called yesterday to speed up the work.

It was the unanimous opinion of those who attended that the money would be raised and that a county agent is practically assured but the entire sum must be pledged on or before the first of January and the work is therefore to be pushed for the next two weeks.

CHURCH NOTICES

United Presbyterian—

I will preach tomorrow morning at 10:30, the second sermon on world politics, and will show why human governments are failing; and why the hope of the world is the wonderful government that God has promised to set up on earth in which every problem of capital and labor, wealth and poverty, war and peace, health and disease, life and death will be perfectly and forever solved. In the evening my subject will be: The Conversion of the Jailor at Phillipi. Our Bible school meets at 11:45 a. m. The Christmas treat will be given to the younger scholars at the Bible school hour. You are invited to our services. W. P. White.

Corner Fourth and Ferry streets.

Sunday services 11 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday school 9:45 and 11. Wednesday evening meeting at 8. A reading room is open in the church parlor Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4:30 p. m. to which the public is invited. All are welcome to the various services.

Baptist Church Christmas Services—

The choir has prepared appropriate and beautiful music for both services. The evening sermon is: "Why Is Christmas the Greatest Day in the World's History?" The music is: "Deliverance to the Captives," "The Angel and the Heavenly Host," "God the Glorious King." You ought to be present. A royal Christmas welcome awaits you.

Evangelical Church—

Corner First and Pine streets. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Young People's Alliance service at 6:30 p. m. and the evening sermon at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome. C. L. Schuster, pastor.

Baptist Church Sunday School—

The Christmas services of the Baptist church will be held at the morning hour. An appropriate and beautiful service has been prepared. There will be fitting Christmas music and exercises. Every boy and girl member of the Sunday school should be present to participate. Others are invited.

Christian Church—

Bible school at 10 a. m. Christmas program at 11 a. m. On account of local conditions this will be the only Christmas program of the year. 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor. Miss Florence Eastburn, leader. 7:30 p. m. evening service. Sermon subject, "The Wise Men Guided by a Star." S. Earl Childers, pastor.

The Free Methodist Church—

Services each Sabbath in the Bazaar Hall over the Farmers' Feud Stable. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Everybody welcome. F. W. Oliver.

Presbyterian Church Services—

Bible Study at 11 o'clock, which includes every member of the church and congregation. Special music, including Sunday school chorus and orchestra. As there will be no Christmas exercises, the candy and nuts will be distributed to the scholars at the close of the exercises. Classes have been provided for all. Let every member of the church and congregation assist in the work by his presence.

Methodist Episcopal—

Third and Ellsworth. George H. Bennett, pastor. Christmas sermon, "Principles that Live." Sunday morning 10:30. Special music by the double quartet. Sunday school 11:45. No evening meetings until further notice.

Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene—

Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning

GERMAN PRESIDENT TO BE NAMED

Conference Will Be Held on
December 29 to Elect a
Head for Republic

ENGLAND READY TO MEET U. S. DEMANDS

Leader Says She Is Ready to
Revise Sea Laws and to
Make Concessions

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—U. P.—A conference which will elect a President of the German republic will assemble December 29, according to a Berlin dispatch.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Britain will go as far as possible to meet President Wilson's point of view regarding "freedom of the seas," according to advance skirmishers of the British peace delegation.

They say that Britain is fully cognizant of the necessity of revising the antiquated sea laws. But they point out that such revision must be consistent with Britain's insular position, which they believe Wilson himself will agree requires special consideration and safeguards.

TANGENT GIRL CALLED BY DEATH TODAY

Miss Sophrona Johnson Succumbs to Attack of Spanish Influenza

Miss Sophrona May Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnson of Tangent, died this morning following an acute attack of Spanish influenza.

The deceased was 14 years of age at the time of her death and had a large circle of friends in the Tangent neighborhood, to whom the news of her death came as a severe shock.

She was born in Morrow county, Oregon, but later moved with her parents to Linn county. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Turner of the M. E. church of Tangent at Sandridge Cemetery at 2 p. m. Sunday.

Lebanon Not Satisfied With Train Service

One of the worst features about the new train schedule is that it cuts out the main day service between Lebanon and Albany. True, there is a mail train running into Albany every other day, leaving here at 2:30 o'clock, and on the alternate day coming out of Albany, arriving here at 9:40 in the morning. It does but little to relieve the situation as there is no through connections at Albany with main line trains, leaving only the early morning and late evening trains to accommodate our people.—Lebanon Critic.

Former Lebanon Boy Wounded in Action

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Howard, former residents of this community, have received a telegram from Adjutant General Harris, of Washington, D. C., informing them that their son, Sidney Howard, was wounded in action on October 9th. He was serving in Company I, 159th Infantry and the parents had not heard from him since his arrival in France in July.—Criterion.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their sympathy for the loss of our daughter and sister, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. W. HUDKINS,
MR. AND MRS. R. A. HUDKINS.

Services 11 a. m. Subject, "Renewing Strength." Isaiah 40:31. Evening services 7:30 p. m. Subject, "God's Good Will Toward Man." Luke 2:14. Prayermeeting every Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m. Rev. Harold J. Miller, pastor.

FOOD FAMINE IS NOT ENDANGERING HUNS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—U. P.—Germany is not in danger as to food now, according to state department information. Her chief difficulty is one of distribution.

The Austrian food situation is, however, serious. The American government will make neither hasty nor extensive readjustments.

German propaganda wails for assistance are falling on ears that they do not deceive.

January 6th to 11th Is "Pay Up" Week

The local Commercial club has received a communication from the Merchants National Trade Journal asking that a movement be started in Albany declaring the week beginning January 6th as "Pay-Up" week for all residents of the county.

Red Cross Books Are Now on Sale

About 25 copies of "Under the Red Cross Flag at Home and Abroad," by Mabel F. Boardman, and "Red Cross Stories for Children" by Georgene Faulkner, have been received. They will be on sale at the R. C. store, also at headquarters. The proceeds to go to the Red Cross as do those from the desk calendars. They make desirable Christmas gifts.

The workers at the R. C. rooms this week shipped to headquarters the following garments: Moys' wool suits 125, convalescent robes 46, sweaters 150, socks, 465 pair, wristlets 20 pair, women's housegowns 200. The next shipment will be of refugee garments.

Will Help Poor—

The Honor Guard Girls are planning on distributing cooked food, vegetables or anything else which would be appreciated by needy families. They will distribute on Tuesday. Anyone having anything to donate should leave same at the library on Monday.

CITY NEWS

Here From Jefferson—
Mrs. Roscoe Thomas and children of Jefferson are here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Smith and also doing some shopping.

Visiting Cousins—
Mrs. Mike Richard went to Salem this morning to visit her cousins.

Here Shopping—
Mrs. I. M. Saxton of Fayetteville spent the day shopping in Albany.

On Business Trip—
Mrs. J. D. Pirtle made a business trip to Salem this morning.

Returned Home—
Miss Letha Wait of Portland returned home this morning after a visit here with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Catlin.

Transacted Business—
H. C. Bohrstedt, of Salem, yesterday conducted business in Albany and returned home this morning.

Corvallis People Here—
Mrs. E. W. Adkins and son of Corvallis came over this morning to shop. They were formerly of Albany.

Here From Seio—
A. Holub of Seio transacted business in Albany today.

Weather Report—
Yesterday's temperature ranged from 31 to 44 degrees. The rainfall was .04 inch and the river raised to 5.2 feet.

Here on Business—
W. A. Coffee of Portland transacted business here yesterday.

Returned Home—
Miss Mae Ballack arrived home yesterday from University of Oregon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ballack. Miss Mildred Garland stopped off in Albany a few hours with Miss Ballack on her way to her home in Lebanon.

Visiting Son—
Frank Howard of Loma, Mont., is here visiting his son Lawrence Howard and his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Conn on West Fifth street.

To Visit Aunt—
Miss Louise Dannaill will go to Portland this evening to spend a couple of weeks with her aunt, Miss Mamie Montgomery.

Expected Tomorrow—
Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson and granddaughter, Miss Evelyn Davidson, are expected tomorrow to spend the holidays with the former's daughter, Mrs. Cyrus Whitney.

Here Shopping—
Mr. and Mrs. F. Sylvester of Halsey came down this morning and spent the day shopping.

COUNCIL TO NAME NEW OFFICERS

Victor Oliver and Dan Johnston Both Mentioned for
City Attorneyship

SIX BERTHS TO BE FILLED IN JANUARY

Two Mentioned for City
Health Officer; Other
Names Mentioned

With six appointive offices to be filled by the new council interest is centering at the present time in the first meeting of the council after the same is reorganized on January 6th, at which time the newly-elected members will assume their duties. The first meeting will be held on January 6th and it is probable that the appointive officers will be announced at that time.

For City Attorney both Dan Johnston and Victor Oliver are mentioned. Mr. Oliver holds the position at the present time and it is understood will be a candidate for reappointment but has filed no application or definitely announced his candidacy. In fact, thus far no formal applications for any city office have been filed with City Recorder Lewelling.

Both Dr. J. H. Kolnett, retiring member of the city council, and Dr. Joseph Myers, present incumbent, are mentioned for the position of city health officer but the Democrat is not authorized to announce the candidacy of either of these physicians.

F. N. Woods and Geo. Simons are both mentioned for street commissioner and Dick Rogers and Chas. Dow are mentioned for members of the night police force. A fire chief will also be appointed and W. A. Eastburn, present incumbent, is mentioned for reappointment.

Swedish Fleet Is
Ready for Action

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—U. P.—The Swedish fleet appeared off the Estonian coast, according to a dispatch, today.

The Bolsheviki forces are reported to be retiring from the Weissenberg front. This is 60 miles southeast of Revel.

Northern Pacific Co. Makes Thirty Millions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—U. P.—Operating contracts have been signed by the railroad administration with the Northern Pacific company and its subsidiaries, guaranteeing a standard annual return of more than \$30,000,000.

British Give Orders to Workmen and Soldiers

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—The British governor of Cologne ordered the workmen's and soldiers' councils to discontinue their activities on both banks of the Rhine immediately, evacuating all public buildings.

British Paper Warns England of New Danger

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The newspaper Nationale warns the British that it would be suicidal to enter into a navy-building competition with the United States, declaring that if there be any naval supremacy in the future it will be American, not British.

Reorganization of U. S. Army Started

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—U. P.—Reorganization of the United States army on permanent lines started today. Major-General Menoher, formerly commander of the Rainbow division and later leader of the 16th army corps, was named by Chief of Staff March as director of the air service.