

NEW REPUBLIC IS MODELED AFTER U.S.

German Constitution Provides for Government Similar to America.

PRESIDENT WILL HAVE LESS POWER.

Two Legislative Bodies to be Composed of Equal Number of Representatives.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The constitution of the new German republic as drawn by a committee headed by Hugo Von Preuss, Secretary of the Interior, closely follows the general plan of the American Constitution, it is announced.

The central state government will bear exactly the same relation to each other as obtained in the United States. The President's power will be somewhat more restricted than that of the American representative, however. The legislative body will be composed of an equal number of representatives from all the proposed fourteen states. A union of German-Austria with Bavaria is planned in the outline of the supplementary program submitted by Herr Abtcock.

GENERAL RHODES INJURED BY AIRPLANE.

Paris, Dec. 23.—U. P.—Gen. Rhodes, head of the American armistice commission, was severely injured in an airplane accident on the outskirts of Paris today. His pilot, Lieut. Gilbre, was killed.

The machine collapsed just as it reached the city's verge, on a trip from Treves to Paris.

MONTENEGRO AND SERBIA MAKE PACT.

(MONTENEGRO) ETAOI ETAOINI Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—By U. P.—A union of Montenegro and Serbia was officially proclaimed by the Montenegrin parliament today, says a Belgrade dispatch.

BRITISH SHIPS WILL APPEAR IN U. S. REVIEW

London, Dec. 23.—U. P.—It is reported that the first and fifth British battle squadrons will participate in the American naval review celebrating the victory over Germany. It is also stated that the French and Italian warships might take part.

TELEPHONE HEARING BEING HELD TODAY.

Members of the Public Commission and officers of the Home Telephone Company from all parts of the state are here today to participate in the hearing which is being held at the Court House in the application of the Home Company for an increase in rates.

NEW CLASSIFIED

Notice.

The annual election of officers of the Brazilian Chapter No. 18 O. E. S. will be held Tuesday evening, December 24th at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. By order of Worthy Master, Dec. 23-24. Last.—A large Cameo breast pin, on Thursday, either on train between Albany and Lebanon or in Albany. Return to Democrat Office. Reward, Dec. 23-26. LOST.—A female dog, fine hair, bob tail. Call C. G. McKy, Corvallis, Home Phone 338. Dec 23-26. FOR SALE.—Good \$2,000 mortgage on 200 acre farm near town, 7 per cent interest payable annually. Hocker & Beam, 135 Lyon Street Albany, Oregon. Dec. 23-26. Carrier Boy Wanted.—Evening Telegram. Albert L. Rowlers, Agent, Phone 528.3 or Home 1252, or see the agent at 514 Oregon Electric. Dec 23-26. St. Francis will serve an Old Fashioned Turkey Dinner Christmas Day. Music. Dec 23-24.

FIRST LINN BOY RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Corporal Phillips Returns; Lost a Leg by German Shell in Famous Battle.

Corporal H. N. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips of Gooch is the first Linn county boy to return from the battlefield of France. He arrived in Albany yesterday and left on the first train for his home, where he will spend the Xmas holidays.

Wounded by shells fired at the battle of Chateau Thierry, Corporal Phillips was sent to a base hospital and his left leg was later amputated. He was ordered to return to America as soon as he had recovered from the effects of the operation but was held at the Letterman General Military Hospital in San Francisco on his way home for several weeks. A brother of Corporal Phillips is said to have faced the enemy fire and brought the wounded boy back from the firing line. Both were in the same company and enlisted in Albany at the same time.

YANK SOLDIERS PREPARE FOR HOLIDAY.

Paris, Dec. 23.—U. P.—For most doughboys this will be their first Christmas in Europe. It can now be stated that there were only two American divisions in the training areas last Christmas. Thousands of packages from America reached France during the past week and were hurried to the front for distribution.

CITY NEWS

Owing to the inability of the management to heat the Armory, there will be no drill of the Home Guards this evening.

Les Hughes today received his second letter from his son Geo. E. Hughes who is with the American forces in France.

A. A. Gordon, who has been working at Mill City is back in Albany for the holidays.

Rev. Poling Coming.—Rev. Poling, formerly pastor of the Congregational church of this city will occupy the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Marriage Licenses Issued.—The following marriage licenses were issued today by the County Clerk Edward Hughes of Brownsville, Dave Fitzwater of Berlin and Edith Gregory.

5th Company Boys Home.—Ferry Williams and Earl Scott, of 5th Company have received their honorable discharge and have returned to Albany. They have been stationed at Fort Canby since leaving Albany, about a year and a half ago.

"The Honey Moon" at the Globe Today.—"The Honey Moon" a delightful swift comedy of material mishaps starring Constance Talmage will be shown at the Globe Theatre today.

Here From Idaho.—Miss Cecil Knox, of Boise, Idaho, arrived home this morning to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Knox.

Here Over Night.—Miss Stella Warner returned to Portland this morning after visiting here over night.

To Spend Christmas.—W. L. Smith and G. C. Smith of the hospital corps of the naval training camp at Goat Island were in Albany this morning a few hours on their way to independence to spend the holidays with their parents. They have a ten day furlough.

C. A. Burgess Passed Away this Afternoon.—C. A. Burgess, passed away at 12:30 this afternoon at his home in San Francisco after a lingering illness with nephritis.

The deceased was born August 2, 1875 at Blue Earth, Minn., and on December 24th, 1893 he was married to Florence L. Hamner. If he had lived until tomorrow they would have celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. The family moved to Albany three years ago for the benefit of Mr. Burgess' health.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Earle and Helen.

The funeral services will be held at the family residence in Sunnyside at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Rev. G. H. Bennett will have charge of the services.

FOOD ENROUTE FOR STARVING EUROPE

Ten Million Pounds Now on Way to Scandinavian Countries Says Hoover.

WILL REACH DESTINATION BY XMAS.

Big Shipment of Cereals is Also Authorized to Feed People of Finland.

Washington, Dec. 23.—More than ten million pounds of foodstuffs to meet the actual shortage in Scandinavian countries is now on the way from the United States, the war trade board announced today.

This will reach Sweden in time for Christmas. The board authorized a shipment of ten tons of pork products and cereals to Finland for civilian relief there, besides two thousand tons of pork products and thousands of tons of industrial fats and one thousand tons of sugar.

This action was taken on recommendation of Administrator Hoover.

Washington, Dec. 23.—All food restrictions upon public eating houses are declared off today.

Came Up Yesterday.—Arthur Palmer, who has been working in the shipyard in Portland, came up yesterday to be with his family

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS WILL PAY TAX.

New Revenue Measure Will Strike Hard Blow at Those Who Help on Campaign Expenses.

Ensign Fish Home.—Ensign Henry W. Fish, of the Naval Aviation Corps, arrived home this morning from Buffalo, New York, on a ten day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fish. He was met in Portland by his father and accom-



MANY OREGON MEN NOW IN BELGIUM

Ninety-first Division is Located by War Dept. for Benefit of Relatives.

LANSING GIVES LIE TO LODGE STATEMENT.

Members of Peace Commission Never Discussed Proposal to Sink Ships.

Washington, Dec. 23.—U. P.—The war department today, in locating the all-American divisions in France, announced that the 91st division, composed of Westerners, is at Denterghem, Belgium, under the command of Major General H. H. Johnson. The 42nd division is at Mersch, Duchy of Luxembourg.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Sec. Lansing officially denied today that the American peace delegation had decided to advocate the sinking of the surrendered German high seas fleet. He said that this proposition had not even been discussed in official circles.

Here Saturday.—Sergt. Louis Jones, of 5th Company was in Albany Saturday visiting old friends for a few hours on his way to Southern Oregon to visit relatives. He has received his honorable discharge.

NIGHT POLICE DO QUICK WORK.

Man Steals Robe in Halsey at Two O'clock, Arrested Two Hours Later in Albany.

John Rodgers of Eagle Creek, Oregon, was today arraigned before Judge Swan on the charge of stealing, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25.00 and costs.

Rodgers was driving from Eugene to Portland and stopped off for a few moments in Halsey, shortly after two o'clock this morning. A robe was covering the car of J. J. Dannen, night operator at the S. P. Depot at that place and it was taken by Rodgers just before leaving for Albany in his Ford. Dannen wired the night police and they arrested Rodgers on the streets of Albany at four o'clock this morning. The man was lodged in jail and arraigned this morning.

CITY NEWS

paired home. No Meeting Tomorrow.—The East Albany Red Cross Auxiliary will not meet tomorrow, but will meet on Thursday as usual.

Honor Guard Meeting Tonight.—All Honor Guard Girls are requested to report at the Library tonight at 7 o'clock sharp for a short meeting. Be on time.

Mrs. Biggs Home.—Mrs. John Biggs and baby arrived home yesterday from Fort Canby. Sergt. Biggs will receive his discharge Tuesday and will return home Wednesday. He has been a member of 5th Company and has been stationed at Fort Canby for a year and a half.

Here For Christmas.—James Grigsby arrived home yesterday from Bremerton, where he is stationed in the Government printing office. He will return to Bremerton next Sunday, but expects to be released soon.

Left for Bend.—Miss Lucille Snyder left today for Bend, Eastern Oregon to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Snyder.

Crabtree Man Here.—James Cupor, of Crabtree transacted business here today.

To Spend Christmas.—Miss Janet Dawson left yesterday for Newport to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawson.

Drove Over to Corvallis.—F. K. Churchill and wife drove over to Corvallis Sunday to visit their daughter-in-law Mrs. Jennie Churchill.

On Business Trip.—D. E. Nebergall went to Portland this morning on business.

Weather Report.—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 22 to 39 degrees. The river fell to 4.9 feet.

Tonight and Tuesday fair continued cold.

Spent Sunday.—John Wheeler spent Sunday in Mill City with friends.

Here From Vancouver.—Alva Saxton, came up Saturday from Vancouver and spent Sunday in the city. He was accompanied back by his wife, who will spend the holidays in Vancouver.

Visited Parents.—Miss Winnie Austin visited her parents over Sunday and returned to Portland last night. She will return for Christmas.

Left For San Francisco.—G. W. Donald, chief clerk at the Albany Hotel left this morning for San Francisco to spend a three weeks vacation.

Breaks Arm.—Ray Wheeler had the misfortune to break his arm Saturday evening while cranking a Ford Car.

Here for Two Weeks.—A. W. McGilvery arrived this morning from North Bend to spend a couple of weeks.

Spent Day in Albany.—H. S. Logan came up yesterday from Vancouver, Wash., and spent the day.

Dr. Bridgwater Home.—Dr. J. E. Bridgwater arrived home last night from San Francisco after a several months absence in military service. He will resume his practice in Albany.

Went To St. Helens.—James and Walter Welch went to St. Helens this morning to visit relatives.

BLOODY STREET FIGHTS REPORTED

Riot at Essen Said to be of Most Serious Character Many Killed.

MOBS TRY TO DESTROY BIG PLANT.

East Prussia in Revolt; Situation Said to be Grave by Close Observers.

Zurich, Dec. 23.—By U. P.—Bloody street fighting occurred at Essen between the forces of the workmen's and soldiers' council and the Spartacus group, it is reported today.

The Spartacists were apparently defeated. The rioting started when the strikers attacked the Bortorr Mine arrested by agents of the local Soviet. Obtaining reinforcements, the Spartacists attacked the prison, released their comrades and imprisoned the Soviet representatives.

Later, an armed mob marched upon the Moiler Mine, attempting to destroy the plant. The workmen's and soldiers' forces, planting machine guns at strategic points, met the rioters with a deadly fire and dispersed them. Many fell.

The Bourgeois Council has called a congress of Bourgeoisie from all parts of Germany for January 5, according to a Berlin dispatch.

SISTER'S ACADEMY CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Sister's Academy has closed for the holidays. The attendance has been good and the school has been untouched by influenza. Nearly all the girls of the boarding school have remained at the Academy for the Christmas holidays, their parents considering it the safest place for them during the widespread epidemic.

SETTLES FIVE ESTATES IN DAY.

Attorney Sam Garland, of Lebanon, was here today and made a record in the matter of settling up estates. In less than an hour he has closed up five probate cases in the estates of the late O. L. Baltimore, J. O. Elder, Susan J. Brewster and Johann Behrens.

DEMOCRAT HAS TROUBLES.

Owing to defective wiring on the molting pot attached to the Linotype the Democrat is late this evening being unable to set up several advertisements which were received this morning. No type was set in the Democrat office during the day and the matter that is seen in today's paper was set through courtesy of F. K. Churchill.

Here On Business.—H. H. Beach, of Cottage Grove is in the city today on business, until after Christmas.

Visiting Son.—Mrs. E. E. Green, of Brownsville, came over yesterday to spend a few days visiting her son, W. W. Green.

Few Rejected for Physical Defects.—Out of 512 men examined by the Local Examination Board of the 1917 class only 43 were rejected for physical defects according to figures compiled by County Clerk Rufus Russell. This is about 8.4 per cent or an average of 1 out of every 12 while in other parts of the United States the average is 1 out of every five rejected for physical defects.

SHOOTS MAN; THEN TAKES OWN LIFE.

Portland, Dec. 23.—By U. P.—Mala Carlson, who shot and killed Gus Johnson here Thursday, committed suicide in his cell here today by cutting his throat. The murderer claimed that Johnson attacked Mrs. Carlson.

TURKEY WILL ASK FOR A RECEIVER.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—By U. P.—Turkey will declare itself bankrupt, according to a report received here today, voiding all her war debts.

HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP



A food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is not rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine, with stores accumulated on the farms, there is famine in the large centers of population.

Belgium and northern France, as well as Serbia, appear on the hunger map distinct from the rest of Europe because they stand in a different relation from the other nations to the people of the United States. America has for four years maintained the small war nations of Belgium and northern France and is already making special efforts to care for their increased needs for war needs, which, with those of Serbia, must be included in this plan, are urgent in the extreme and must have immediate relief.

The gratitude of the Belgian nation for the help America has extended to her during the war constitutes the strongest appeal for us to continue our work here. The moment the German armies withdrew from her soil and she was established once more in her own

seat of government the little nation's first thought was to express her gratitude to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for preserving the lives of millions of her citizens.

Germany, on the other hand, need not figure in such a map for present indications that she shall be relied on at all to take thought for the food needs of Germany. Germany probably can care for her own food problems if she is allowed access to shipping and is enabled to distribute food to the cities with dense populations, which are the trouble centers.

England, France, the Netherlands and Portugal, all of which have been maintained from American supplies, have sufficient food to meet immediate needs, but their future presents serious difficulties. The same is true of Spain and the northern neutral countries—Norway, Sweden and Denmark—whose ports have been open and who have been able to draw to some degree upon foreign supplies.

Most of Russia is already in the throes of famine, and 10,000,000 people there are beyond the possibility of help. Before another spring thousands of them inevitably must die. This applies also to Poland and she practically throughout the Baltic re-

gions, with conditions most serious in Finland. Bohemia, Serbia, Rumania and Montenegro have already reached the famine point and are suffering a heavy toll of death. The Armenian population is falling each week as hunger takes its toll, and in Greece, Albania and Rumania so serious are the food shortages that famine is near. Although starvation is not yet imminent, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Turkey are in the throes of serious straits.

In order to fulfill America's pledge in world relief we will have to export every ton of food which can be handled through our ports. This means at the very least a minimum of 20,000,000 tons compared with 4,000,000 tons per year exports and 11,820,000 tons exported last year, when we were bound by the ties of war to the European allies.