

LITTLE NATIONS FORM LEAGUE FOR LIBERTY

Oppressed Nations Organize at Washington—Finland, Serbia, Poland and Belgium Included—Finland as Much Tyrannized by Russia as Belgium by Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Recently there was organized in this city the League of Oppressed Nations. There are fourteen nations represented in the organization, one being Ireland. The principal ones are Finland, Poland, Serbia and Belgium. Madame Aino Malmberg, the well-known Finnish novelist, has been talking for her country. Her talk is a spirited indictment of Russia. Madam Malmberg speaks from experience as well as observation. She, with three other women of Helsingfors, were arrested by Russian officials and spent many days in jail.

"Why was I arrested?" she exclaimed. "I wish I knew. An appeal was made to Petrograd and a prompt reply came that the arrests would be investigated. The investigation has continued for eight years, but the mystery is still unexplained. I was released with one of the other women, but the other two are now in Siberia."

Tyranny in Finland.

"Fifty-two of the leading judges of our courts are in Siberia charged with nothing more serious than deciding cases according to the Finnish law. More than half the editors of Finnish newspapers are in Siberia and all freedom of press and speech has been killed by the censorship. But the greatest blow is the decree killing our educational system. The percentage of illiteracy in Finland is less than 2 per cent. But now Russia has decreed that our language even must be replaced by the Russian language—this even in the primary grades. Our nationality is to be wiped out."

"When the present war began Finland was in a condition of being temporarily let alone. We had suffered oppression, but it had been somewhat abated. There were conferences as to whether Finland should take any part in the war, and immediately after the conference an imperial decree was issued from Petrograd sweeping away every vestige of liberty or political autonomy Finland had enjoyed. And I will pause to say that in Finland we had woman suffrage and proportional representation. It was a very democratic, a very representative government. Now there is Russian terrorism."

Deportations by Russia.

"There are deportations from Finland. We hear a great protest about the deportations of Belgians. Only a few days ago—I have sources of information in spite of the censorship—the Russian officials went through the factories and offices in Helsingfors, picking out men at random. They were loaded into a train of cars—five box cars—crowded as close as they could stand, and taken somewhere—nobody knows where."

"There are brutal killings of the men and women. Remember, the nation is absolutely unarmed. Russian officials came and took every weapon and every cartridge when this oppression first began several years ago. In was informed that fifty women in my city had recently suffered violent deaths at the hands of the Russian officials. I asked a friend who is recently arrived from Finland and she says I must revise the number. It is nearer 500."

Seized in Streets.

"I have a girl friend in Helsingfors who was forcibly seized on the street by officers from a Russian ship, bundled into a taxicab and taken to the ship. This girl happily was rescued. But another girl who was sitting on a park bench with her fiancé was dragged off and her mutilated body was found the following day. Her fiancé, who was knocked on the head, is now in an insane asylum."

"We hear in this country about the 'birth of a new soul in Russia.' That is a joke. It is pleasant for those whose sympathies are strongly with the allies to believe that even Russia with her black past is now a white soul burning for freedom. Do not be deceived. Russia is Russia, and the stream of patriots to Siberia is still unchecked."

Little Nations Helpless.

"Our little nations are helpless. We can do nothing for ourselves. That is why we are in the United States trying to tell our story—or just a little part of our story, for the gruesome details cannot be told and the full story would be too long. But we hope to interest the greatest of the central nations, so that when the time comes

OOZE ORATORY BUT FAIL TO PASS FISH LAW

Eloquent Appeals for Downtrodden Sportsmen by Jackson County Statesmen in Behalf of Thomas Bill Make the Capitol Dome Reverberate—Charges and Accusations.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 1.—The Rogue river fishing bill, the perennial bone of contention in the Oregon legislature, went down to defeat in the house yesterday morning by two votes after a morning long session of heated oratory, charges and counter-charges of undue influence and financial pressure and insidious lobbying. When the vote was announced, showing 29 for the bill, two short of the majority necessary to carry it, Thomas of Jackson county, who had led the fight for the bill, changed his vote to no, for the purpose of reconsideration. In the debate on the issue, Mr. Belland, chairman of the fisheries committee, opened by explaining the bill which he stated was a compromise bill.

Tichenor for Bill.

Mr. Tichenor of Curry stated that it would be a waste of words to talk on the bill, that every one was familiar with it and had already made up their minds how to vote. He urged its passage, stating that it was a local issue and favored at the mouth of the river.

Sweeney of Josephine spoke, stating that it was not the desire to injure the commercial fishing industry at the mouth, and that the bill as drafted did not do this, but that on the other hand it gave more people a chance to make a living fishing, and took away the monopoly that now exists. He stated that the Rogue river was one of Oregon's greatest assets and that the state should appreciate this and make the river attractive to all. He stated that he occupied the position of being between both factions—and that in his opinion and the people of his district this bill was a solution of the problem.

Gore and Sheldon.

Gore of Jackson took the floor, stating that no one wanted to legislate the commercial fishermen out of business—but the interests at the mouth of the river want to take everything, and urged that the legislature give the upper river a little consideration.

Sheldon of Jackson next spoke, stating that people from every section in which the river is located are unanimously in favor of the passage of this bill. He dwelt on the value of the Rogue river as a tourist attraction, and that it was not the sportsmen alone who were being considered in the bill. He stated that the Rogue River valley is just coming into its own as a tourist center and that the river had a national reputation which attracted many people to it as being one of the best fishing streams in the world. He urged the passage of the bill, and also stated that in so doing it would not cripple the industry at the mouth of the river.

Callan Opposes Bill.

Callan of Multnomah was the next speaker and he stated that he was opposed to the bill, as the issue was the "anglers and sportsmen versus the commercial fishermen." He criticized Mr. Buffington, who he stated, had come here to lobby in behalf of the bill, stating that it was a political issue with Mr. Buffington.

Thomas Advocates Bill.

Thomas spoke for almost an hour in defense of the bill. He said: "We are here following out the usual program of southern Oregon to advocate a measure we have been consistently advocating since the year 1872, and we will still be advocating it at every session until it is finally settled." The opposition, he stated, is no surprise. The people of southern Oregon know full well the influence that are being exerted to defeat the bill, newspaper after newspaper having been used to assist in its defeat.

"I believe I appear before an honest body of men and that you will consider this bill on its merits. I am entitled to fairness and I demand on behalf of southern Oregon that you support this bill. There is no law at the mouth of the river—there has been no justice administered there,

of which your President Wilson speaks, and when the peace proposals are under consideration, the United States may raise its voice for the little oppressed nations.

The president has voiced his sympathy already in his speech to the senate and at that we are greatly rejoiced; but the country most know—the whole world most know and help to insist on a just settlement when the final settlement comes."

KIDDIES BATHE IN SNOW EVERY DAY



These little kiddies take a snow bath every day. The picture shows how much they mind the cold. They are tuberculosis patients at the J. N. Adam Memorial hospital, Perrysburg, N. Y. First they are treated to a sun bath, then turned loose for a snow romp.

and on account of its remoteness I doubt if there ever will be—one interest has controlled matters at the mouth of the river, and until these conditions are changed these conditions will never be remedied," stated Mr. Thomas. Numerous instances of violations were cited.

Brought in Millions.

"You people here wonder why we of the Rogue River valley are so vitally interested in this measure. Let me tell you that in five minutes I and several others sat down and figured up where over three and a half million dollars that had been invested in our country had come directly from sportsmen who had come to our section solely because of the fine sports enjoyed in the Rogue river.

"The people of southern Oregon went before the state with a measure to close the Rogue river to commercial fishing, and at this election a majority of 15,000 people went on record to close the river—but the legislature has ignored the wishes of our people."

Asked by Mr. Callan if his political future did not depend on this bill, Mr. Thomas replied, stating that "No person could or would dare run for office if he was not heartily in favor and went on record as being in favor of better legislation for the Rogue river."

Peck Opposes Bill.

Peck of Coos was next to speak, stating that he was opposed to the bill. He took issue with Mr. Thomas and stated the opposite side of the controversy, the hampering of the salmon industry thereby occasioned.

Griggs of Douglas declared that those who are in favor of encouraging monopolies will vote for the defeat of the bill, and those who have the best interests of the state at heart will vote for the measure, and that he was going on record as voting for the passage of the bill.

Corbett of Multnomah spoke in opposition to the bill and stated that Portland was vitally interested in encouraging industries throughout the state, and he did not want to see any one legislated out of business.

Sweeney of Josephine closed the debate. He said that by the passage of this bill the greatest number of people would be served and appealed to the members to vote in the interests of the majority of the people.

Upon the result being announced, Mr. Thomas changed his vote to "no," so as to ask for a reconsideration of the bill.

The vote was as follows: Yeas—Anderson, Bean, Belland, Bowman, Brand, Burton, Deelman, Eaton, Elmore, Goode, Gore, Griggs, Jones, Seymour, Jones, Walter, K. Laforet, Laugaard, Lewis, Lunger, Mueller, Porter, Portwood, Ritter, Sheldon, Staffin, Sweeney, Thompson, Tichenor—28.

Nays—Ashley, Barber, Brown, Brownell, Burdick, Callan, Cartmill, Childs, Clark, Corbett, Cornelius, Fuller, Hoopes, W. Al Jones, Kahl, Mackay, Mann, Martin, Matthew, Meek, Peck, Rowe, Selampff, Small, Stephens, Stott, Thomas, Willett, Stanfield—24.

Absent—Elgin, Forbes—2.

Excused—Crandall.

ESTATE OF \$250,000 LEFT BY MRS. WILSON

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—An estate valued at between \$250,000 and \$300,000 was left by the late Mrs. Caroline E. Wilson, widow of R. B. Wilson, who died January 23, according to a petition for probate of the will filed in the county court yesterday.

To two unmarried daughters, Misses Virginia and Clementine Wilson, are left ten valuable lots in Couch addition, together with the home they occupied with their mother at the time of her death. Also these daughters share equally with the other children in the remainder of the estate. The heirs are: Dr. Holt C. Wilson, Dr. George F. Wilson, Mrs. Mary C. Burns, Mrs. Mary Louise Luthien, Misses Virginia and Clementine Wilson, all of Portland, and Robert Bruce Wilson of Medford.

U. S. ISSUES WARNING

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The new crisis, however, brings new dangers to the very shores of the United States where a score or more of German and Austrian ships have been laid up since the beginning of the war and where several German commerce raiders are interned.

Reports of ships being armed secretly for a dash to sea, of plots to sink them at their wharves or to block American harbors by destroying them in the channels have been under investigation for many months.

American officials are not convinced that Germany's announcement of a campaign of ruthlessness reveals the entire situation. There have been intimations of dissension between the entente allies, all of which, however, have been officially denied, and there are other circumstances which have come into possession of the American government, but are not being disclosed, which give ground for the possibility that the

SUCCESS OF A NEW REMEDY FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS, RHEUMATISM.

Dear Mr. Editor—I suffered for years with backache. Last March I tried "Anuric" and have used this new kidney medicine recently discovered by Dr. Pierce, and it was wonderful the way it eased the pain and gave me relief in such a short time. I have tried several medicines, but "Anuric" is the only one that gave satisfaction. I feel it my duty to recommend "Anuric Tablets" to any one who suffers as I did. (Signed) MRS. MARGARET E. SNIDER.

NOTE: Folks in town and adjoining counties are delighted with the results they have obtained by using "ANURIC," the newest discovery of Dr. Pierce, who is head of the INVALIDS' HOTEL and SURGICAL INSTITUTE, in Buffalo, N. Y. Those who started the day with a backache, stiff legs, arms and muscles, and an aching head (worn out before the day began) because they were in and out of bed half a dozen times at night are appreciating the perfect rest, comfort and new strength they obtained from Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. To prove that this is a certain uric acid solvent and conquers headache, kidney and bladder diseases and rheumatism, if you've never used the "Anuric," cut this out and send ten cents to Doctor Pierce for a large sample package. This will prove to you that "Anuric" is thirty-seven times more active than lithia in eliminating uric acid—and the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector. If you are a sufferer, go to your best druggist and ask for a 50-cent box of "Anuric." You run no risk for Dr. Pierce's good name stands behind this wonderful new discovery as it has for the past half century for his "Golden Medical Discovery" a general tonic made from roots with pure glycerine which makes the blood pure, his "Favorite Prescription" for weak women and "Pleasant Pellets" for liver ills.

new submarine blockade may be only the forerunner of something else equally startling. Neither is there any assurance that the new warfare will be confined to changes on the seas.

The air of confidence which was openly expressed at the German embassy was generally interpreted as an indication that the Berlin government was very sure of the success of its plans.

RELATIONS PROBABLY ENDED

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States accepting the new assurances in a terse note which informed the Berlin government that it was taken for granted that observance of American rights was not contingent upon outcome of negotiations between the United States and another nation.

The new situation has arisen and the reserved liberty of action is to be used. According to information from Teutonic sources here, Germany has ready from 300 to 500 submarines ready to wage relentless war upon shipping in the proscribed area—a great section of the high seas, stretching three or four hundred miles from the coasts of the British Isles and almost the whole of the Mediterranean sea.

UTILIZE VACANT CITY PROPERTY FOR GARDEN PURPOSES

A system whereby the city may act as agent for owners of vacant property in the city in giving permission to other persons to cultivate the land has been devised by Page-Dressler company and will be submitted to the city council this week by Councilman J. H. Curkin. The plan is aimed to make it easy for persons wanting gardens to get vacant property for use free of charge. Mr. Dressler says it will play a part in the fight against the high cost of living and will greatly improve the looks of the city.

It is the plan to have the recorder's office prepare an ordinance for the council providing that property owners may file with the recorder a list of unimproved lots and that private individuals may be given permission by the street commissioner, Olen Arnsperger, to cultivate such lots free of charge.

TIME IS RIPE

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The chancellor discussed in detail the political situation and then referred to military affairs as follows: "A few days ago Field Marshal Von Hindenburg described the situation to me thus:

"Our front stands firm on all sides. We have everywhere the requisite reserves. The spirit of our troops is good and confident. The military situation as a whole permits us to accept all the consequences which unrestricted U-boat war may bring, and as this U-boat war is the means of injuring our enemies the most grievously, it must be begun."

"By this development of the situation the decision concerning submarine warfare has been forced into the last acute stage," said the chancellor. "The question of U-boat war, as members of the reichstag will remember, has occupied us three times in this committee, namely in March, May and September of last year. On each occasion in an exhaustive statement I expounded the points for and against in this question. I emphasized on each occasion that I was speaking pro tempore and not as a supporter in principle or opponent in principle of the unrestricted employment of U-boats but in consideration of the military, political and economical situation as a whole.

"I have always proceeded from the

standpoint whether U-boat war would bring us nearer victorious peace or not. Every means, I said in March, that was calculated to shorten the war constituted the most humane policy to follow. When the most ruthless methods are considered best calculated to lead us to swift victory, I said, then they must be employed."

SEATTLE RECOVERS FROM BANK PANIC

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—Banking conditions were practically normal today. There was no crowd at any bank door at opening time this morning, nor did any gather later, and withdrawals of savings deposits were only a little larger than usual.

ACIDS IN STOMACH SOUR THE FOOD AND CAUSE INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" Fixes Sour, Gassy, Upset Stomachs in Five Minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach headache, you can surely get relief in five minutes.

Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on these fifty-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic troubles of all kinds must go, and why it relieves, sour, out of order stomachs or indigestion in five minutes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harmless; tastes like candy, though each dose will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides, it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite; but what will please you most, is that you will feel that your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks, as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiastic about this splendid stomach preparation, too, if you ever take it for indigestion, gases, heartburn, sourness, dyspepsia, or any stomach misery.

Get some now, this minute, and rid yourself of stomach misery and indigestion in five minutes.

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Get some of the many bargains now in these two days or never. The way the stock is being slaughtered is a shame. A good many thousand dollars worth of reliable merchandise to choose from yet, the kind Ahrens has always carried, and at these prices you just cannot afford to miss it, even if you have to borrow the money.

ABSOLUTELY ONLY 2 MORE DAYS
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AHRENS' STORE

FRENCH TO IGNORE U-BOAT THREATS

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The central committee of French shipowners informed the Associated Press today that the new German submarine policy will cause no change whatever in sailing from France.