

### CHILE FORMALLY THANKS AMERICA FOR PEACE OFFER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—State department advices today from Santiago, Chile, say that the minister for foreign affairs, in addressing the chamber December 13, gave an account of the United States government's offer of its service to aid in settlement of the Tacna-Arica dispute with Peru, referring to the action as friendly and as entirely appropriate to American diplomacy.

The foreign minister explained that the United States had never suggested mediation but merely the giving of assistance. Recalling the traditional policy of the United States of non-interference in the affairs of the other nations save when these other nations requested good offices, the minister declared the Chilean government had complete confidence in the friendship of the Washington government.

The Chilean ambassador here was instructed to advise the secretary of state of the warm appreciation of the government of Chile.

### SOCIALISTS GAVE 3 CHEERS FOR THE ANTI-WAR PLAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—R. A. Milroy and Earl Dole, both agents of the department of justice, were witnesses today at the trial of Victor L. Berger and four other socialists charged with violating the espionage act. District Attorney Clyne said he hoped to complete the government's case tomorrow, and the defense will probably take a week. Seventy-five per cent of the government's evidence is documentary—pamphlets and articles printed in the American Socialist and in Berger's paper, the Milwaukee Leader.

Dole testified that he attended a big socialist meeting in Milwaukee July 8, 1917, where Berger was present, and also Irwin St. John Tucker, another defendant. At this meeting, the witness said, resolutions were passed demanding that the war be stopped without delay. On motion of Berger, Dole related, the audience arose and gave three cheers for the People's Council of America for Democracy and Terms of Peace and its efforts to end the war.

### DELEGATES SPEAK OF IRRIGATION BENEFITS

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—One hundred and fifty irrigators and other interested in developing the irrigated lands of Washington this morning opened the sixth Washington Irrigation institute. R. E. Shepperd, Jerome, Idaho, brought greetings from the Idaho institute, asking mutual co-operation for the benefit of the northwest.

In his president's address, E. M. Chandler pointed out the great reconstruction possibilities of the state, emphasizing the Yakima high line project and asked the institute to pass resolutions pledging its support to Secretary Lane's land settlement plan.

R. K. Tiffany, project manager at Yakima, urged the institute to take drastic steps to curb speculation in lands under the proposed high line, saying it is the only way to gain federal assistance.

### LANSING WORKS TO ORGANIZE DELEGATION

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Secretary of State Lansing was in conference this morning with a number of the members of the American delegation to the peace conference in an effort to organize the working force. The secretary began the assignment of duties to the various members of the American group.

Secretary Lansing said that it was clearly impossible to do anything more than this preliminary work before the holidays, although there might be informal conversations between the American and entente delegates to the congress as they met socially and unofficially.

### SEES ALLIANCE OF POLAND AND POSEN

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Havas.)—In discussing the severance of relations between Poland and Germany, the Petit Journal foresees an alliance in the near future of the Polish government with the democratic party of Posen (German Poland.) The Polish government, the newspaper says, is preparing to adhere completely to the entente allies.

### Results of Late Shopping



### WOMAN PLEASSED WITH SMOKERS IN FLU MASKS

A little ray of sunshine and some hot knocks against the tobacco smokers and chewers of Medford has been thrown into the flu epidemic mask situation by the receipt of the following unsigned letter, no doubt written by a woman, to Mayor Gates: "Dear Pop Gates: "Allow me to congratulate you on the nice crowd appearing on the streets. They all look so neat. Their mask improves their looks. Their eyes smile over the top and all go along and tend to their knitting. They all look so alike—just like a bunch of white peas out of the same pod. "No one standing on the corners filling the gutters with tobacco juice. Even the old pipes, cigar stubs and cigarette stubs are gone. The air is pure and wholesome. The flu will soon be gone. Dear Pop Gates just take a walk up town and see the difference. So Pop, keep them muzzled for their own good and good looks until all danger of flu is past." The mayor was so impressed with the letter that in order to relieve his agitation he at once drove to his home, entered the woodshed thereof, and proceeded to smoke his weekday pipe, which is much stronger than the Sunday one.

### CAN GROW RICE IN SOUTHERN OREGON

According to D. H. Snivelev, a rice grower of Richville, Calif., there is no reason why rice could not be raised in the Rogue river valley with a fine profit for the growers. Mr. Snivelev arrived in the city yesterday with a sheaf of rice from his California ranch which he placed on exhibition at the Commercial club rooms.

"You have ideal soil here for rice growing," said Mr. Snivelev, "and it gets as hot here in the summer as it does in California. All you need is water and I hear there is a good chance of irrigation. To give you some idea of the profits from rice, I raised 48 sacks an acre this year which sold for \$212.

"Our main pests are ducks and geese. I saw five acres of rice destroyed in one night this season by a flock of them."

### PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH MARSHAL FOCH

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The president's last engagement of the day was with Marshal Foch, giving the president the opportunity to see for the first time the man who led the allied armies to victory.

Tonight's program held only one event, a dinner and reception at the American embassy with the president and Mrs. Wilson as guests. A limited but distinguished company has been invited.

### NIGHT MESSAGE RATES TO EAST ARE REDUCED

While other sections of the country have always had the benefit of a reduced rate for short overnight messages without restriction, the Pacific coast has never had the benefit of night message rates except to comparatively nearby points. This has now been corrected by Postmaster General Burleson who has ordered that effective January 1st a universal system of night messages at greatly reduced rates shall obtain in all parts of the country. Manager H. L. Glem of the local Western Union office advises that under the new schedule of night message rates the people of the Pacific coast will have a rate as low as 50c for messages of ten words to New York City and other places on the Atlantic seaboard with an added charge of only 2c per word for additional words. To Chicago where the night message rate

has been 60c and 4c for each additional word the new tariff is only 45c plus 2c for additional words, while corresponding reductions are made throughout the system. To nearby points the minimum rate is reduced from 25c to 20c.

There is a very large and constantly increasing need for quick communication across the continent which this new system of short overnight letters at cheap rates is well designed to meet. It should prove a great boon to business interests on the Pacific coast, by bringing them into close touch with all parts of the country at a very low cost.

### HOG EMBARGO CHICAGO BECAUSE CONGESTION

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Announcement was made this afternoon that on account of congestion existing at the Chicago stock yards an embargo has been placed on all fresh loadings of hogs for this city. The embargo will remain in force until the excessive accumulation has been cleared up. About 2,000 carloads of hogs are now in transit to Chicago or already in the yards there.

### FLU MASK RAID GATHERS IN NINE THEATERS OPEN

A number of well known citizens were captured today in a raid by Chief of Police Timothy on flu mask violators. Up to noon the chief had arrested nine men, each of whom pleaded guilty before Judge Taylor and were fined \$5. The chief devoted his efforts to watching the hotel lobbies, but several of the victims were caught in a front street pool and billiard room.

Those who pleaded guilty and paid the fines today were Fred Stillwell, J. H. Carleton, Grover R. Neil, W. K. Whisnant, S. A. D. Higgins, John Watson, Henry Hareke and Kenneth Jerome. A returned soldier walked right into Timothy's clutches as he emerged from an alley into a main street with his mask hanging down over one ear.

Henry Hareke, the manager of the Star theater, had just turned from the long distance phone in the Hotel Holland lobby, momentarily forgetting to put his mask on again, when Chief Timothy walked into the lobby.

Kenneth Jerome was arrested on complaint of Miss McGrail, the public health nurse, who walked into the Barnum apartments lobby Monday night and saw him sitting there without a mask on.

Now that the flu ban on public gatherings has been lifted the Rialto theater will open today. The managements of the Pace and Star theaters were undecided this noon as to when they will throw the doors of their houses open again to the public, but will probably open within a day or two. The patrons of the theaters must wear the flu masks while enjoying the performances.

There were only thirteen new cases of influenza reported yesterday, considerably less than the report of 20 for the day before. As the new quarantine order was not issued until yesterday, the gradual decrease in the number of new cases is probably caused by enforcing the mask ordinance.

### BELLINGHAM STARTS SECOND FLU CLOSING

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 17.—By order of the city board of health this morning, all public assemblies will be prohibited after today for an indefinite period in the hope of stamping out the Spanish influenza epidemic. This is the second closing order promulgated this year.

### EAGLE POINT BOY IS WOUNDED SLIGHTLY

The list of Jackson county soldiers wounded in France was swelled today by the name of John Singleton and

bearing in the latest casualty list. He is from Eagle Point and a nephew of Jennie Singleton, and his age is 23 years. Private Singleton was one of the last June drafted men from this county and he was serving in the infantry. He is at a base hospital in France and his relatives have received a letter from him recently stating that he is doing nicely.

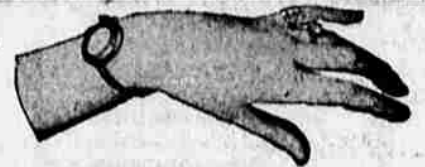
RENO, Nev., Dec. 17.—The initiative prohibition law will become effective at 12:01 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### Your Favorite Theatre

is open again tonight— get in line and come right down and see a show—Get the Christmas Spirit—and after you get through shopping any day this week—Remember we have a Matinee Daily—You will be just as safe here as in your own home.



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