

PERSHING REFUTES CANARDS ON BREST CAMP CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Health conditions at Brest, France, general camp conditions and the method of handling troops thru that camp have received high praise from all who inspected since the first formative day," General Pershing reported today to the war department. The message said General Pershing himself, General Harbord, his chief of staff, the chief surgeon and the inspector-general of the A. E. F., had all personally inspected the camp during the last month.

Conditions at the camp have been described as terrible in published reports and by witnesses before congressional committees.

Tables of hospital rates were included in General Pershing's report. The daily admission rate per thousand men for troops in Brest and vicinity for the first 19 days of February was 1.45. The similar figure for November was 2.11, for December 1.2 and for January 1.63.

Corresponding rates for the whole American expeditionary forces not counting men wounded in action is as follows:

For November, 2.2; for December, 2.14; for January, 2.04.

The daily average death rate per one hundred thousand men for troops at Brest and vicinity is shown as follows:

November, 5.15; December, 2.08; January, 5.15; February, to date, 5.62.

"More than 885,000 entered France via Brest," the cable states, "and over 155,000 left Brest. Total deaths among all these transients and among the permanent garrisons from November 12, 1917, to February 7, 1919, were 1311. Deaths on incoming boats or by the time patients reached hospitals at Brest, 2191; of these 1317 burials occurred when influenza and pneumonia cases were arriving on transports from the United States and were in no way due to health conditions existing at Brest."

DRIVE FOR BETTER EXPRESS PACKAGES BRINGS RESULTS

Ways and means for checking the waste caused by improper wrapping and marking of express shipments were discussed Wednesday at the second meeting of local express employees in the better service campaign being conducted throughout the country by the American Railway Express company.

Agent J. E. Dent acted as "Four Minute" speaker, and addressed the men employed in the business here. It was intimated that through the co-operation of local business houses, the drive for higher standards of preparing shipments for movement by express was making itself felt. The appearance of express matter being handled through the city terminals has greatly improved.

Particular emphasis during the meetings was laid upon the immense number of shipments which must be turned over to "No Mark Bureaus," because all means of identification have been lost as the result of a single tag being torn off, or the wrapping being insecure. This evil was attributed largely to the poor quality of paper and twine used by some shipping departments, as well as to carelessness in addressing packages.

Never before in the history of transportation, the local express head declared, has there been such a determined effort on the part of the public utility to better its service. The drive is of marked importance to every business man, because the subject represents a matter of dollars and cents to them. He expressed a belief that if business heads would take a personal interest in their shipping departments to see that the best methods were being followed in the matter of packing and marking shipments, it would be of great help in bringing about better express service. The co-operation of shippers is absolutely essential to the success of the present drive, he said.

HANSON INVITED BY WESTERLUND TO VISIT SALEM

Representative John A. Westerlund writes as follows from Salem:

I had the great pleasure of being in Portland yesterday at the League of Nations convocation, and to hear ex-President Taft and other speakers. I was a governor's delegate from Jackson county. In the afternoon I had the pleasure of being at the depot and meeting our soldiers. I shall never in my life forget the scene which took place when the dear mothers, sisters and sweethearts caught sight of the dear one returning alive. I met several of the Medford boys and they look fine and were so very happy to get home.

While in Portland I was informed that Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle would speak at the luncheon on Thursday at the chamber of commerce. I immediately took it upon myself to wire him as follows: "Will be pleased to have you appear before the senate and house joint session of the Oregon legislature at Salem at your most convenient time during your visit to Portland. Wire answer to Salem, J. A. Westerlund, chairman military affairs," to which I received the following reply last night: "J. A. Westerlund, chairman military affairs, Salem, Ore. If possible will accept your invitation. Ole Hanson, mayor." I read the telegrams to the house this morning and both the house and senate sent a formal invitation, inviting the man of the hour on the coast, Ole Hanson, that they would be pleased to have him come to Salem and appear before a joint session of the legislature. So we will have the great pleasure of hearing the great man who stopped the revolution at Seattle last week.

Just now we are busy in the house discussing and passing the ten million dollar bond issue. There seems to be no opposition so far as the people seem to be in favor of the bill. Very truly yours, J. A. WESTERLUND.

HOW UNCLE SAM DEALS WITH EVADERS OF FEDERAL TAXES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—How does Uncle Sam deal with tax-dodgers? This inquiry which was prompted by the severe penalties provided in the new revenue bill, has brought from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper a frank statement as to the internal revenue bureau's attitude toward those who attempt to evade taxation.

"Any person who deliberately conceals tax liability, or who falsifies a return in order to evade or reduce any internal revenue tax, or who deliberately abets such concealment or fraud, finds arrayed against him the entire strength of this bureau pressing for the full civil and criminal penalties. This is the attitude toward the tax-dodger, expressed in one sentence. Whether he is a moonshiner, a stealthy trafficker in habit-forming drugs, or juggler of income figures, a delinquent in making the sworn return the law requires, or a revenue violator of any other kind, the bureau is charged with the duty of hunting him out and exacting the full punishment provided in the law.

Toward the taxpayer who means to comply with the internal revenue laws, fully and honestly, the bureau extends a helping hand. Cooperation with the taxpayer is our watchword and objective.

These two contrasts,—the teeth of the law for the tax-dodger and the violator, and the aid of every lawful agency for the voluntary taxpayer—are policies necessary to the administration of tax laws under modern conditions. One of the most difficult of the many problems in tax collecting is to classify those who fail to fulfill the obligations imposed by law. The bureau is obliged to maintain a large staff and to use the utmost discretion in properly labeling these cases. Even-handed justice is a heavy responsibility and only thru careful sittings can delinquents be classified.

PRESIDENT CABLES HIS CONDOLENCES

ON BOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Wilson has sent the following message of condolence on learning of the attack on Premier Clemenceau:

"Lansing, American mission, Paris: "Please convey to Monsieur Clemenceau my heartfelt sympathy and my joy at his escape. I sincerely hope that the report that he was only slightly injured is altogether true. I was deeply shocked by the news of the attack. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Wounded severely: Corp. Joseph F. Teevin, Portland; Privates Calvin E. Bernard, Milton, Ore.; Louis F. Ullman, Mount Angel, Ore.; Otis H. Thomas, Echo, Ore.

Wounded, degree undetermined: Privates Herbert N. Drake, Portland, Ore.; Roy C. Poe, Lebanon, Ore.; Webster E. Corlies, North Portland, Ore.; Fred M. Schuerman, Ashland, Ore.

Wounded slightly: Private Harry R. T. Gilbert, Portland; Major Frank C. McColloch, Baker, Ore.; Private Andrew Stangland, Astoria, Ore.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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ASSASSIN'S FOLKS WORKING PEOPLE

PARIS, Feb. 20.—The father and mother of Emile Cottin, the would-be assassin of Premier Clemenceau, are simple working people. They live in Rue Convention, the father working in a factory in Issy Les Mouligneux. A brother, aged 17, also works in a factory there. A second brother is five and a half years old.

Neighbors of the family describe Emile Cottin as being addicted to neither smoking nor drinking, but say he was a great reader of novels and books on astronomy and sociology. The father tried in vain to combat the anarchistic ideas of his son, but the latter ridiculed him as being old-fashioned. When he heard the news of the attempted assassination he was at work, but felt a presentiment, it is said, that the criminal was his son.

Emile Cottin has been under treatment for an affection of the heart and a disease of the larynx.

ALLIED TROOPS TO SUPPRESS RIOTING

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20.—Marshal Foch has agreed to employment of German government troops in the neutral zone comprising the ten kilometer district east of Cologne, but not including Dusseldorf and also in the Rhine region, south to Honnet in order to suppress local disturbances, according to a telegram from Muenster.

SPARTACAN FORCES BOMBARDING TOWN

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20.—Spartacan forces are bombarding the town of Rottorop, in Westphalia, with artillery, according to a message received here from Muenster. Assistance to the defenders of Rottorop is being sent from Muenster, the message adds.

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