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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

TO STATION FULL ARMY DIVISION AT AMERICAN LAKE

This Provided Pierce County Donates Government 70,000 Acres

MAY CALL ELECTION TO VOTE \$2,000,000 BONDS

Minimum at Camp Would Be 15,000 Men and 670 Officers

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 4.—Mayor Fawcett, head of a committee of Pierce county citizens, today announced that Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, had signed a formal agreement that the government will station a full division of United States troops at American Lake, near here and establish a permanent cantonment, mobilization and training camp, provided Pierce county will donate to the government 70,000 acres of land.

A monster petition which has been circulated quietly here for several weeks, will be presented late today to the board of county commissioners asking that a special election be called for January 6 to vote \$2,000,000 of bonds for the purchase of the desired tract.

The county commissioners, canvassed in advance have agreed to submit the question.

Secretary Baker's agreement contemplates stationing a minimum of 15,000 men and 670 officers, including two major generals and five brigadiers at American Lake.

The government is thought likely to spend at once on temporary cantonments, storehouses, hospitals, officers' quarters, stables, garages and the like \$1,500,000 for materials alone.

If the bond issue carries, it is proposed to have the county condemn the entire tract. War department officials then will select and reject the various parcels while the towns of Roy, Hill, Forest and Spanaway, which lie in the tract, will be left in their present hands and with their present boundaries, the troops when maneuvering go around them, or where roads permit, marching through.

The proposed camp is three times the size of San Francisco's Presidio and three times the size of Plattsburg.

EGG BOYCOTT BEGINS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—With an egg boycott in full swing today, housewives of Portland began their first organized attack on the high cost of living. Plans for the boycott were laid at a mass meeting, at which the "food brouters" were scathingly denounced.

The church is also taking a hand in the fight. Father Black, of St. Francis, in his sermon said: "There are reasons to believe that wicked men gather into time to time the country. They perhaps criminal laws."

ASK \$32,128 FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

Largest Coast Item Is \$975,000 for Work on Columbia River

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congress was asked today for \$32,128,000 for rivers and harbors improvement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. Last year \$42,680,000 was appropriated for the work.

The biggest single item in the estimate, submitted through the treasury department, is \$6,000,000 to continue Mississippi river improvements from head of Passes to the Ohio river and to provide for the Mississippi river commission.

The second largest item is \$5,000,000 for dams and locks on the Ohio river to give a depth of nine feet below Pittsburg.

Appropriations asked amounting to \$100,000 and over for Pacific coast are: Columbia river in Oregon and Washington, \$975,000; Humboldt harbor, California, \$371,000; Hilo, Hawaii, \$120,000.

INTRODUCES BILL TO PLACE EMBARGO ON FOOD STUFFS

Four Plans Outlined—One Regulates Cold Storage, Other Parcel Post

WOULD SEIZE ALL FOOD WHEN IT IS CORNERED

Socialist Members Would Have Food Dictatorship with Embargo

Washington, Dec. 4.—Legislative proposals intended to shatter the high cost of living marked the reopening of congress today.

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VILLA CAPTURED VAST QUANTITIES OF VALUABLE LOOT

Five Modern Guns Removed and Three Others Put Out of Commission

SIXTY MACHINE GUNS AND 7,000 RIFLES TAKEN

Proceeding Leisurely Into Mountains With Four Train Loads of Plunder

By Webb Miller (United Press staff correspondent.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—After systematically looting and evacuating Chihuahua City, Villa is today marching westward toward the mountains of western Chihuahua, carrying four train loads of loot and supplies.

In the first messages exchanged after the wires were reconnected between Chihuahua and the border, nothing was said of the fate of the six Americans who were known to have been in Chihuahua City when it was attacked and captured by Villistas a week ago.

In Juarez today troops train with fresh supplies of ammunition were preparing to start south. Unofficially, it is stated that the chief columns of General Murguia and the remnants of General Trevino's command had marched into Chihuahua City from the south and that the new artillery brought up by Murguia is being emplaced on the dominating hills of Santa Rosa.

Every preparation is being made to guarantee the safety of the Texas frontier. A conservative estimate by Carranza military authorities place the number of government troops now in the northern capital at 8,000.

From unofficial sources it was learned that the loot gathered by the Villistas was enormous. The bandits carried everything of value in wagons to trains at the Mexican Northwest station. Automobiles were commandeered to haul Villista officers about the streets while the sacking of the city was in progress.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Wheat had a lower opening today and declined slightly under the depressing influence of the scarcity of ocean vessels to relieve the congestion in eastern ports. Later news was that shipping to the east would be resumed shortly.

Corn was higher on news that reserves are as low now as they are ordinarily in March, December was up one at 88; May up one at 90 3/4 and July up 1 3/8 at 90 3/8.

ENGLISH CABINET CRISIS THOUGHT TO BE ALL SETTLED

Asquith As Usual Comes to the Front As the Original Placater

WILL BE NO DEPARTURE FROM OLD WAR POLICY

Unionists Threatened to Resign But Have Concluded to Remain

London, Dec. 4.—Premier Asquith announced in commons today that King George had approved plans for a "reconstruction of the government."

The prime minister followed this statement with the suggestion that all questions regarding the cabinet be postponed until Thursday, to which date he suggested the house of commons adjourn after today's meeting.

London, Dec. 4.—England is preparing to "reconstruct."

Premier Asquith made formal announcement in the house of commons today that King George had rendered his assent to the "reconstruction of the government," which a statement yesterday had announced was in contemplation.

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Washington, Dec. 4.—If it will take \$1,654,819.65 to run the government of the United States from June 30, 1917, to June 30, 1918.

This is the estimate of the heads of the various branches of the government of the country submitted to congress today through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

DIVERS IN WEST INDIES

Providence, R. I., Dec. 4.—The Providence Journal today declared it has authoritative information that there are now two large German submarines in the West Indies and that two others having left Kiel, November 5, escaped the British patrol and are on the way to the United States coast.

COAST TERMINALS MAY HAVE LOW RATES

Supreme Court Holds It Lawful to Make Discriminatory Rates

Washington, Dec. 4.—The supreme court today held the interstate commerce commission had the right to permit railroads to charge less on freight to the Pacific coast than they charge inland cities along the coast.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Officers of the chamber of commerce traffic bureau, which has been fighting for some time to keep freight rates to terminal points lower than the rate to inland cities, declared today that the Washington decision means that the battle is won.

For several years inland cities on the coast have made against "back haul" charges, while coast cities have held that a lower rate to them was necessary in order to permit them to meet wanner competition.

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GERMANS BEGIN FIRING SHELLS INTO BUCHAREST

Were Reported Within Ten Miles of the Capital City Friday

RUSSIANS CLAIM TO HAVE CHECKED ADVANCE

Germans Claim Rumanians Demoralized by Many Defeats

By Carl W. Ackerman (United Press staff correspondent.) Headquarters of Field Marshal Von Mackensen, 50 kilometers from Bucharest, Dec. 4.—German troops today were within 10 miles of Bucharest. The Rumanian retreat is so precipitate that German advance columns on Thursday and Friday, hotly pursuing them, lost touch with the German infantry, backing them up. The slower moving infantry was unable to keep up with the advance column in pursuit.

Officers all declare the moral of the Rumanians is completely broken. It is not expected they will be able seriously to defend their capital.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen and General Von Falkenhayn, however, are taking no chances. Every road leading toward Bucharest from the south, the west and the north is packed with German, Austrian, Hungarian and Turkish troops, carrying all equipment necessary for a siege of the city.

The above dispatch was dated Friday and puts the German forces encircling Bucharest closer to their mark on Friday than had been expected at the official statement.

Ackerman's dispatch was written December 1. Since that time Russian official statements have detailed a strenuous effort by Russian forces to stem the tide of this advance. The point of greatest menace to Bucharest was to the south—and this is probably the section where Ackerman's dispatch puts the German forces within 10 miles of the capital.

In the light of Ackerman's dispatch, indicating that the German advanced skirmishers were pursuing the Rumanians so hotly that they had lost contact with the infantry forces backing them up, the Russian victory becomes more apparent.

Dispatches received by the United Press today from Carl W. Ackerman, with Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army said the German force attacking Bucharest was within 10 miles of that city Friday.

TO ADVANCE CASE Washington, Dec. 4.—Motion by the government to advance the Adams eight hour test suit before the supreme court will be made Solicitor General Davis upon the convening of the court today, it was announced at the department of justice.

CONGRESS CONVENES FOR SHORT SESSION

Has Great Amount of Work Before It—Much of Which Will Go Over

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congress convened at noon today for a hard three month grind.

It faced President Wilson's mandate for completion of unfinished railroad legislation, it had budgets of millions upon millions for government expenses; and it planned a right around food price matters that may make for alleviation of housekeepers' burdens.

His bills in brief are: No. 1—Provision for an out and out export embargo of farm products and manufactured foodstuffs for one year.

No. 2—Provision for the president to suspend exportation whenever prices become extortionate and the public interest requires such action.

No. 3—Regulation of cold storage by prohibiting interstate shipment of foods other than butter, stored longer than 10 months; with distinct labeling of the date on which the goods were stored.

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Are Getting Ready for the Third Trial San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Attorneys in the Oregon land fraud cases prepared today for a third trial to decide the innocence of three men in whose case a jury in Federal Judge Douling's court disagreed Sunday.



Abe Martin There's no use cryin' over split dogs. Sawin' wood is a lost art, but we kin still say nothin'.

THE WEATHER Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday fair east, occasional rain west ports; southerly winds.