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Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday rain; moderate southerly winds.  
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## DEADLOCK AMONG PEACE CONFEREES REPORTED TODAY

### Central Powers Evacuate Russian Territory Now Occupied

## PEACE DISCUSSIONS NOT HARMONIOUS

## Trotsky Demands That Representatives of German People Attend Conference

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—The Russo-German peace negotiations are apparently deadlocked again today, according to dispatches received from Brest-Litovsk via Berlin. The German delegates still insist on the Central Powers retaining their grip on occupied territory in Russia.

Following General Hoffman's categorical refusal for the Central Powers to evacuate Courland, Lithuania and Riga for technical administrative reasons, the entire sitting adjourned. The date for possible resumption has not fixed.

The discussions on Friday were close to acrimonious. Russian Foreign Minister Trotsky refused to admit as part of the peace agreement the statement, "resolved, we will hereafter live in peace and friendship."

The Germans declared that complete evacuation by their troops could only follow the Russian demobilization because, owing to the changes in the Russian governmental system, the Russians might suddenly assume the offensive.

In addition, German Foreign Minister Kuehnemann declared that the question of evacuation applied only to regions of Russia which are still a part of the states actually negotiating at Brest-Litovsk, carrying out the previous German stand as to Courland, Esthonia, Livonia and Poland.

Later in the proceedings Foreign Minister Trotsky demanded to know why there were no representatives of the people present and suggested they be invited. Czernin and Kuehnemann postponed discussion of the invitation until later.

## WOMAN MAY BE ACCOMPLICE OF TEUTONIC AGENT

### Trail of Spy Leads Through Social and Military Life of East Today

## WEALTHY CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE INVOLVED

## Teuton Agent Was Caught In Act of Firing Magazine In Naval Zone

Washington, Jan. 15.—The trail of a beautiful woman believed to be the chief accomplice of Walter Sporemann alleged German spy lieutenant, now under arrest, led government agents through fields of social and military life in the east today.

Of nine persons now held for examination as possible accomplices, it is known wealthy citizens of Baltimore and other points are involved.

Sporemann himself, under federal guard at Richmond, refused to divulge information about his "friends," preferring to die rather than involve others, he said. He will be sent to Baltimore later for examination.

Government agents, under the navy and justice departments, have already followed for weeks the footsteps of alleged intriguing leading up to Sporemann's arrest after an attempt, it is charged, to fire a magazine at the army aviation field near Norfolk.

Today another name was added to the growing list of those swept into the net of the intelligence officers when Marius Anseh was arrested at Baltimore.

Just what part the woman played in Sporemann's activities was kept a secret by the government today. The little information allowed to leak indicated that the government detectives originally learned of his alleged spying as a result of his association with the woman. It was recalled that former Ambassador Von Bernstorff was known to have many women friends upon whom he depended for valuable information.

Sporemann, according to government evidence was a paid agent of Bernstorff's friend and aide, Boy-Ed.

Clad in American army uniform, he visited important military places, attended social gatherings and finally invaded the naval district around Norfolk, where, it is claimed, he got employment and tried to touch off a magazine at the army aviation field near Norfolk.

His brother Frederick was arrested.



"TO HELL WITH LIBERTY!"

## FOREIGN MINISTER TROTSKY WINS HIS CONTENTION OVER GERMAN JUNKERS PARTY

By J. W. T. Mason  
(Written for the United Press)

New York, Jan. 15.—Reports that the peace negotiations between Russia and the central powers will be transferred from Brest-Litovsk to Warsaw, indicate that Foreign Minister Trotsky has won a half victory over the kaiser's militarists.

The menacing power of the German army does not hang over Warsaw as it does over Brest-Litovsk. Rather, there is a strong atmosphere of democracy within Warsaw. As the capital of Poland, it is to be liberated, in one form or another, as the result of the war, from the tyranny that formerly governed there. Peace negotiations at Warsaw will mean that the Russian delegates will be emboldened to make demands in the name of democracy that might not be so strongly felt if uttered in a city chiefly known as a fortress captured by the Germans.

The initiative in the peace negotiations is, therefore, once again passing to Trotsky. It is the Germans who must negotiate on the defensive. Having announced a policy of "no annexations and no indemnities," as a basis for a general peace, it will be well

nigh impossible for the German delegates to come to a satisfactory agreement with the Russians alone. There is much reason to believe that not only Lenin and Trotsky will not agree to a German imperialistic peace, but also that if they did so they would be repudiated by the Russian people.

To offer terms acceptable to the Russians, the German delegates must abandon any ambition for annexation and under any form whatever of Russian territory. It would be possible for the Germans to agree to non-annexation of Russian territory in exchange for some of their colonies by the allies; but none of this colonial territory is in Russian possession.

Russia cannot, therefore, make an exchange, while if the Germans restore Russian territory without getting back any of Germany's best land, German militarism must confess itself badly defeated. In this situation the Germans cannot come to a decision favorable to all their interests. The irreconcilable attitudes of militarism and democracy may, indeed, be so strongly developed at Warsaw as to exert a profound influence upon the internal situation in Germany.

## STATUTES TO ENABLE HOOVER TO ENFORCE FOOD REGULATIONS

## Meatless and Wheatless Days Must Be Observed or Penalty Will Follow

Washington, Jan. 15.—Administration bills empowering Herbert Hoover to enforce wheatless and meatless days and stipulate war bread, if necessary, have been introduced.

As drawn by Senator Pomerene and Representative Lever at the suggestion and with the aid of Food Administrator Hoover, the measures provide:

Authority to compel observation of meatless and wheatless days; license hotels and restaurants; control milling concerns to increase the flour output; power to enforce substitution of greater quantities of rice flour and cornmeal for wheat flour; authority to compel use of locally manufactured products with a view to eliminating cross hauling; and other measures necessary for greater food regulation.

While the administration declares the new steps are vital to successfully feeding the allies and prosecuting the war, there will be a violent, though probably not prolonged fight against enactment of the legislation in both houses. The old cry of government usurpation of power is expected and Senator Reed, original anti-Hooverite, has stated he will have "something to say on the legislation."

The senate commerce committee today will hear William Denman, one of the prominent in the recent Goethals-Denman shipping board dispute. Denman wants to deny all blame for delaying the shipbuilding program.

In both houses the railroad bill still is in committee. It seems unlikely that either committee will amend the bill as the railroaders desire—to make 1917 the basis for computing payments to the roads, instead of the past three years.

The senate votes late today on the Smith bill, putting production and distribution of print paper under government control.

Meanwhile the senate is preparing for another peace movement. Many senators are writing speeches and preparing resolutions.

These resolutions will express America's sympathy for Ireland, Greece, Poland, Lithuania, Russia, Serbia and any other countries that occur to members of the senate.

Lithuania, Russia and Serbia are to be sympathized with by Senators Knox and Penrose, Pennsylvania, in which state many naturalized Lithuanians, Russians and Serbians live. Senator Lewis, Illinois, and Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, are likely to discuss the Irish question.

Either Senator Calder or Senator Wadsworth, New York will probably cover the Greek situation.

A few senators also will discuss President Wilson's recent war aims speech and Senator Lewis' resolution pledging congress' support to the president in the achievement of these aims.

The date for "peace day" is indefinite, because of the great number of speeches being prepared.

## RIGHT OF WAY FOR COAL FOR SUFFERING FAMILIES, INDUSTRIES

## National Railroad Takes Action to Relieve Situation Which Is Now Critical

Washington, Jan. 15.—Coal for suffering families and war utilities has the right of way over the national railroad today.

Priority orders issued by Director General McAdoo declare that fuel must be supplied at critical points before any other kind of freight—fuel, munitions or anything else—moves.

After the first vital needs for coal have been supplied, then, his order states, fuel is to be given priority and thirdly, bunker coal for 118 ships tied up in New York harbor by lack of fuel.

All state administrators were notified by Fuel Administrator Garfield today that wherever a shortage in coal or coke is found to exist for domestic use, coal or coke may be diverted to the stricken districts, no matter what its previous routing may have been.

The action was deemed necessary by Director McAdoo in the face of terrific congestion and attendant suffering. Freight traffic between Chicago and St. Paul and eastern points is practically suspended and passenger traffic is limited to the moving of stranded trains into terminals according to word from

## PITCHER G ALEXANDER DRAFTED IN FIRST CLASS

### Famous Twirler Not Much Worried Over Prospects of Army Since It Was Doubtful If He Would Have Played Anyhow

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 15.—Grover Alexander has been drafted and placed in the first class.

"Yes sir, I'm drafted," said Alexander over the telephone this afternoon. "I just got my card from St. Paul (Neb.) and I've been placed in class one, division A. Don't know when they will call me up for examination."

Alexander has been spending the winter in Omaha.

"I wired Weegham this afternoon and haven't heard anything yet, so I can't say what this will do with the deal which transferred me from the Phillies to Cubs."

"I didn't intend to play this summer anyhow unless I got my part of the purchase money. I don't know what my chances were for getting money so I don't know what difference the draft will make."

## REPUBLICANS TO HOLD CAUCUS ON MUNITION CONTROL

## Senate Is Flooded With Bills To Render War Work More Effective

## CHAIRMAN GIFFORD BEFORE COMMITTEE

## Backs Demand For Minister of War Industries to Speed Up Work

By L. C. Martin,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—While house republicans today proposed to caucus on the creation of a ministry of munitions and other war efficiency measures, the senate was flooded with bills to strengthen the military organization.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee on military affairs, introduced a number of these measures, bearing the approval of the war department, while Senators Williams, Jones of Washington and Hitchcock presented others.

Chief of importance among the Chamberlain bills is one providing for immediate registration of all men who have become 21 since June 5, 1917, while another does away with the basis of computing draft quotas on the basis of citizens registered, about which widespread complaint has come from centers of alien population.

At the same time, Walter S. Gifford, director of the Council of National Defense, was vigorously backing up the demand for a director of war industries to supervise war purchases, a variation of the ministry of munitions idea contained in Senator Chamberlain's bill and the recent speech of Representative Medill McCormick before the house.

Gifford's testimony before the senate military affairs committee agreed entirely with that of Daniel Willard and Bernard Baruch, members of the council, who yesterday urged one man control of purchases for the army, navy, shipping board and the allies.

The house caucus, called primarily to consider war issues, will consider McCormick's munitions ministry plan and modification of the Willard-Baruch-Gifford idea. Some republicans favor appointment of a "supervisor of purchases," for the army and navy.

Essentially this idea is the same as

## SWIFT RECEIVED BONUS FOR ST. PAUL ENTERPRISE

## Million Dollars and Complete Packing Plant Was Price Paid to Secure Location There—Also Owns Stock in Terminal Company

## KILLED IN WRECK

## ARREST ALIEN ENEMY

## Abe Martin

## Pope Is Informed Peace Outlook Dark

## Narrow Escape Experience of American Officers in Shallow Trench at Front

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ran—I got away faster than the shells," he pantingly explained to the occupants of the dugout.

"BLITHY" FOR SAMMIES  
By J. W. Pepler  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the American Army in France Jan. 15.—A general order issued today creates a "blithy" for America's Sammies.

It announces the grant of a week's leave every soldier for each four months' service at the front. These days are to be spent in special recreation centers now being established "somewhere in France." These are being built solely with the idea of

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By John H. Hearley  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Rome, Jan. 15.—According to reliable vatican information today, papal nuncios to Austria and Germany have informed Pope Benedict that there is no encouragement for peace hopes at the present time.

The pope, it was asserted, will suspend judgment on the peace situation until government pronouncements are received.

Presumably the nuncios reported on the peace "feelings" which United Press dispatches of a few days ago reported as having been tentatively put out by the vatican. At that time it was reported the pope had called attention of Emperor Karl of Austria to the American outline of peace aims as likely to afford possible basis of peace discussion and had suggested that the Austro-Hungarian monarch take up the matter with the kaiser.

What's become o' th' ole time girl that used t' worry about th' mistletoe crop? Some fellers are so jealous o' their rights that they fergit t' make a livin'.



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By George Martin  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—The kaiser is deeply concerned about the short German baby crop, according to official government advices here today, but, according to the same source, he doesn't care much about what happens to the mother after the babies get to growing up and their daddies are fighting at the front.

It's this way:

Just before the recent holidays there was a great hue and cry, kaiser-inspired, all over Germany and Austria, about how much the fatherland was interested in seeing its young folks happily married.

"But," replied the young folks, "while it is possible for us to be married, how are we going to keep on being married with nothing to eat?"

This gave the kaiser's brain department experts slight pause, but in a little while they came back with the announcement that "the magistracy has arranged to supply double food vouchers for newly married persons. The first fortnight of the honeymoon is thus to be glorified by their food rations being doubled."

And, one newspaper blandly added, "It is presumed that this measure will stimulate the inhabitants' desire to marry."

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