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## INDICATIONS OF RESISTANCE ON PART OF RUSSIA

United Press Correspondent  
States Demobilization of  
Army Halts

## PREPARATIONS MADE TO DEFEND PETROGRAD

Berlin Officially Reports Con-  
tinued Advance of Ger-  
man Armies

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BERLIN IS EXCITED  
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Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—Berlin  
is greatly excited over the  
"Russian surrender" dispa-  
ches from the German capital de-  
clared today.

By Joseph Shapiro  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
Petrograd, Feb. 19.—(Delayed)—De-  
mobilization of the Russian army and  
fleet has been stopped, it was an-  
nounced at noon today.

The Russian troops have been or-  
dered to resist the German advance  
and to evacuate their positions only  
when necessary, destroying property  
as they fall back.  
Preparations have been made for a  
stubborn defense of Petrograd. The  
entire press urges the government to  
fight.

The Tsarskoe-Selo wireless station  
today picked up Prince Leopold's ad-  
dress, ordering the German advance  
against Russia, in which he declared:  
"We want no annexations or con-  
tributions, but restoration of order,  
Russia is the center of anarchy. The  
contagion is spreading into Europe.  
Civilized Europe understands the Ger-  
mans are defending order in Europe."

The suicide of General Kaledinev  
(officially announced yesterday) fol-  
lowed a reprimand from the Don go-  
vernment, charging him with cowardice  
after he had refused to agree to of-  
fensive against the Bolshevik govern-  
ment, desired by General Alexieff.

London Awaits News

London, Feb. 20.—Developments in  
the eastern theater were awaited with  
eagerness by allied diplomatic officials  
today.

The latest report from Berlin de-

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## PASSENGER TRAFFIC MAY BE CURTAILED BY HIGHER RATES

The West Will Be Section  
Country Most Affected  
Proposed Action

Washington, Feb. 20.—Curtailling of  
passenger traffic by sharp increases in  
passenger rates and by elimination of  
competing overnight trains between  
middle west and commercial centers is  
expected to be ordered soon by the rail-  
road administration.

Interchangeable tickets will be in-  
troduced at the same time to reduce in-  
convenience to a minimum. These steps are  
being worked out in detail now and soon  
as completed will be ordered into ef-  
fect by Director General McAdoo.

"Passengerless days" have been un-  
der consideration, railroad administra-  
tion officials state, but such action is  
not deemed necessary now, with the re-  
turn of moderate weather.  
The most drastic cutting of passen-  
ger traffic will be in the middle west.  
The cities affected include Chicago, St.  
Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines,  
St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Cleveland  
and Detroit.

It will be possible to run through  
night trains entirely over one route be-  
tween such cities, leaving competing  
lines free for freight business. This can  
hardly be done in day hours, it was  
pointed out, as lines traverse different  
territory which must be accommodated  
with intermediate train service, but  
even the clearing of all but one such  
line for twelve hours at night will en-  
able much greater freight speed and  
will relieve high power engines for  
freight service.

Some additional reduction will be  
made in eastern routes, but officials  
pointed out that already 4,000,000 pas-  
senger miles had been cut from the  
running schedules since the government  
took control of the railroads.  
Under the new passenger conserva-  
tion plan upper berths will be occupied.  
Heretofore trains have been running  
with half the berths empty in many  
cases. Railroad officials are convinced  
that the public will be willing to occupy  
upper, as well as lower berths in the  
interests of improved transportation.

Trains will be run only when loaded  
to capacity. Additional trains, and  
coaches will be put on only when traffic  
demands.

Club and buffet cars will not be per-  
mitted.  
The exact percentage of increase in  
passenger fares has not been decided  
upon.

Experts admit that such a light in-  
crease as one or two percent will not  
achieve the purpose sought. It is pos-  
sible this increase will affect only hold-  
ers of sleeping car tickets and that or-  
dinary day coach travelers will not be  
obliged to pay the increased fare.

As an example of the traffic which it  
is desirable to eliminate officials cited  
the scores of sightseers and others who

revenge for the recent ambushade of  
one of their patrols with the resultant  
death of five men.

An American sentry sighted two  
Germans in the darkness of No Man's  
Land last night. His challenge was  
answered by a shot. Rifle and machine  
gun fire began to pour from the Ger-  
man trenches. In response to a signal,  
the artillery laid down a barrage  
between the concealed German patrol  
and its trenches.

The bodies who are believed to have  
been lying in wait for an American  
patrol, fled. They took their casualties  
with them, but the ground was stained  
with blood. A number of bombs and  
a revolver that had been smashed by  
an American bullet were left behind.

## San Jose German Thought To Be Dangerous Alien

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Max Rein-  
hart, for a year a toy maker in San  
Jose, is in federal custody today, as a  
dangerous German alien.  
His arrest followed weeks of inves-  
tigation during which time Reinhart's  
place was under constant surveillance.  
Stories of his alleged operations—of  
how lead toy soldiers he made were  
smuggled to Germany to be recast into  
bullets; of how he had a crew of ne-  
groes working for him entirely at night  
—how he was his busiest in the early  
morning hours; and of quantities of lead  
delivered to him by transfer men—have  
been in circulation here for some time.  
It is also said the federal authorities  
unearthed several thousand dollars  
worth of pearls in Reinhart's possession  
and suspect a smuggling plot.

A Paso, Wash., farmer has sold a  
"war pig" for \$350. Must have been a  
regular pig and not merely a profligate.

## OPPOSING HOSTS READY TO BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

Secretary Baker Says Allies  
Are Prepared To Meet  
German Offensive

## ENEMY FORCES PICKED FROM BEST SOLDIERS

Secretary of War Believes  
Germans Will Be Compelled  
to Occupy Petrograd

By Carl D. Groat  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Feb. 20.—Both the al-  
lies and Germans are "now ready for  
battle" on the west front, Secretary of  
War Baker announced today in his  
weekly war review.

"The Germans recently have with-  
drawn a number of their west front  
units from the first line trenches and  
are busily training them in mobile war-  
fare."

"According to advices received, the  
German general staff hopes that by  
massing a large number of these picked  
shock battalions which have been  
intensively trained, they may deliver a  
crushing blow."

However, Baker adds, "a large num-  
ber of units—the bulk of the German  
forces are now assembled in the west—  
are wholly untrained in the method of  
western front warfare."

Furthermore, Baker says the German  
command "realizes fully that their  
forces will be met with far more diffi-  
cult tactical obstacles than any hitherto  
encountered by an attacking army."

The break through in Italy," he added  
was possible only after the "morale  
had been undermined."

Baker expressed a belief that the  
Germans "may find it expedient to ad-  
vance on Petrograd." He made the  
statement in view of the concentration  
of "an important body of German cav-  
alry in the vicinity of Riga."

"It is difficult to determine the ex-  
act status of affairs in southwestern  
Russia," Baker said.

The retreat of Russian soldiers be-  
fore the Turkish army has resulted in  
Russian evacuation of the Armenian  
centers south of the Black sea. The  
Turks are occupying these positions and  
Trebizond "probably will fall into Tur-  
kish hands soon."

The secretary also told of American  
trench activities during the week. Rainy  
weather kept the men at the pumps  
much of the time, to keep the trenches  
livable. Later in the week, hostile air-  
craft appeared generally over the Ar-  
merican positions and "a marked im-  
provement in our anti-aircraft barrage  
was reported." The sector was "show-  
ing with gas bombs, which, however,  
caused no casualties owing to efficient  
gas mask protection."

The most important engagement of  
the week on the entire west front was  
fought by joint American-French ar-  
tillery preparation in the Champagne  
sector. "After very careful artillery co-  
operation, during which our batteries co-  
ordinated usefully, French infantry ad-  
vanced to the assault southwest of Butte  
Du Mesnil, along a front of about 1400  
yards. They penetrated the German  
first and second line positions and  
reached the third, inflicting heavy dam-  
age to the enemy positions, and return-  
ing with 150 prisoners."

## Take Honeymoon Trip On Naval Airplane

New York, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant  
Lawrence B. Sperry, a naval aviator,  
and his wife, who was Miss Winifred  
Allen, took a brief honeymoon trip  
yesterday in an airplane. They started  
from in front of the chapel of Gov-  
ernor's Island, where they were mar-  
ried the evening before, for Massa-  
pague, L. I., a naval aviation station,  
where Lieutenant Sperry is on duty.

The groom was granted a 12 hour  
leave and made arrangements for the  
wedding one hour in advance. He flew  
from the station to Governor's Island  
with his fiancée at his side and they  
were married a few minutes after land-  
ing.

## PINCH OF WAR

Washington, Feb. 20.—Mrs.  
Cornelius Vanderbilt felt the  
pinch of war. She was denied a  
private car by Director General  
McAdoo to go from New York to  
Spartanburg, S. C., where her  
husband, Colonel Vanderbilt, is  
stationed. She even offered to  
pay forty fares in order to get  
an exclusive car, but the rail-  
road administration ruled that  
it would be a waste of fuel and  
motive power.



CREEPING SHADOWS

## TENSE CRISIS HOVERS OVER EUROPE WITH IMPENDING DECISION

Belief Prevails Generally  
Struggle For West Front  
Supremacy Opens Soon

By J. W. T. Mason  
(Written for the United Press)  
New York, Feb. 20.—Europe has  
suddenly become filled with tense  
crises, that may at any moment change  
the complexion of the war, for all its  
present comparative passivity, and  
bring about the final mastery.

The relations between Germany and  
Austria are strained as they have been  
at no other time since the war began;  
the contending forces along the west  
front are on the tip of expectancy for  
their delivery of a giant blow; the al-  
lies are just passing through the final  
phase of a critical situation concern-  
ing the authority of the Versailles war  
council; Russia is revealing an internal  
situation of growing confusion that  
may turn out to be the greatest crisis  
of all.

At no previous period in the war has  
there been so intense a feeling of gen-  
eral suspense as now exists. It is as if  
an instinctive belief had begun to cir-

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## Abe Martin



A committee called on Constable Plum  
today and urged him to reopen the rab-  
bit season. Who remembers the old song  
"He Never Cares t' Wonder From His  
Own Fireside!"

## AMERICA IS DESTINED TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP IN CONDUCT OF WORLD WAR

Lloyd-George Statement Yes-  
terday Is Regarded  
Highly Significant

By Robert J. Bender  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Feb. 20.—America is  
destined to take an ever growing lead-  
ership in war affairs. This was the in-  
terpretation placed here today in many  
quarters on the announcement of Lloyd-  
George that the Versailles supreme war  
council plan had been formulated main-  
ly under the stimulus of a letter from  
America.

The position as to the United States  
as storehouse and treasury for the al-  
lies, as well as the reservoir of man  
power gives her a constantly growing  
direction of the war. While the Versail-  
les plan is for unity of action, the Amer-  
ican stamp on affairs is likely to be  
more predominant in the future, es-  
pecially after we have placed a large  
army in the field.

The plan announced by Lloyd-George  
is regarded as accomplishing a unity of  
military control which had been lacking  
up to now.

Already President Wilson has assum-  
ed diplomatic leadership. His expres-  
sions in war aims of this country have  
been closely followed and endorsed by  
practically all the European leaders.

The discrepancy between his interpre-  
tation of the last speech of Count Cze-  
nin and the reception accorded Cze-  
nin's speech by Lloyd-George is regard-  
ed by officials and diplomats of both  
countries as valuable rather than other-  
wise now.

Britain as a whole has endorsed the  
Wilson view. Labor, both in England  
and America, has approved it. And the  
difference of opinion between Wilson  
and Lloyd George is expected to result  
in one or the other of both of the state-  
men speaking again to make more clear  
his objectives before the world.

As one diplomat put it today, America  
has become the hub of the diplomatic  
universe, and to her the fighting powers  
must more and more look for guidance,  
as well as material assistance in the  
war.

## ASK IMPEACHMENT OF MONTANA JUDGE

Charles L. Crum Has Ap-  
peared As Character Wit-  
nesses for Disloyalists

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## OFFENSIVE WILL BE LAUNCHED BY GERMANS SOON

Correspondent at Front Says  
Blow Is Now Momentar-  
ily Expected

## TEUTONS WILL USE TANKS AND MUCH POISON GAS

However, It Is Officially  
Stated That Allies Are  
Superior In Strength

By William Philip Stumms  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
With the British Armies in the Field  
Feb. 20.—America, watch the west  
front.

Civilization is on the threshold of  
the most colossal battle of all time.  
The German offensive is expected mo-  
mentarily.

With every gill of fighting blood  
Germany has left; with every belt  
and nut of its war machinery in hand  
with every ounce of strength of every  
kind behind them, Hindenburg and  
Ludendorff may hurl all into a finish  
fight.

For Hohenzollernism, this may be  
the critical hour.

The Germans will use tanks, like  
the British for the first time. Some  
of these will be equipped with mortars  
others with machine guns. They will  
move almost four miles an hour.

The enemy is counting largely on  
gas. It is not likely its bombardment  
will last long. Its infantry will be  
driven forward with unprecedented fer-  
ocity—German fashion—after a few  
hours of intense shelling.

All pieces—from trench mortars to  
42 centimeter guns—will smash against  
the British. The attack will probably  
center in the Cambrai region, although  
synchronized blows are expected all  
along the front.

The Germans probably will play their  
trench mortars on the barbed wire en-  
tanglements and front support trenches.  
They will use their heavy guns on  
battery positions, rear guards, rail-  
ways, suspected concentrations and  
rear approaches generally.

A heavy percentage of gas shells  
will be used everywhere. High explo-  
sives will be used against works.  
Then, in endless waves, the Germans  
will be driven like cattle through the  
holes they will hope to have torn.

Like sharpshooters doping the work of  
race horses, the German officers are  
telling their men of the infallibility of  
the scheme. Nevertheless, the troops  
are doubtful.

Impressions outlined in my Swiss

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## OPPOSE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR GREATER POWER DURING WAR

Senator Underwood Speaks  
Today Against Proposal  
Made by Wilson

By L. C. Martin  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Feb. 20.—The long ex-  
pected storm over granting President  
Wilson any further general blanket war  
powers broke today in the senate.

Senator Underwood, Alabama, in a  
speech on the railroad control bill, de-  
clared:

"While we send our soldiers abroad  
to fight to make the world safe for de-  
mocracy we must not lose sight of keep-  
ing America democratic. We know de-  
mocracy can never be safe in the hands  
of an autocratic government when pow-  
er is placed in the hands of a man and  
the country is governed by men and  
not by laws."

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## Badly Injured Patients Have Been Removed To Rear and Are Doing Well

By Fred S. Ferguson  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
With the American Armies in France  
Feb. 19.—(Delayed)—A German air-  
plane, after being beaten off twice this  
afternoon flew over the American  
field hospital which had been bombed  
twice in the last few days. The hehe  
aviator, however, dropped no bombs.  
A Michigan soldier, who was seri-  
ously wounded in the jaw by a stray  
German shell, and several other wound-  
ed Sammies, have been transferred  
from this field hospital to the rear,  
where they are reported doing well.

## Barley Worth More Than Wheat In California

Sacramento, Cal. Feb. 20.—Farmers in  
Sacramento county are feeding wheat to  
hogs instead of barley because barley  
due to its big market demand as a  
substitute in the conservation of wheat,  
sells for ten cents a hundred more than  
wheat.  
This became known today when a  
farmer brought his barley to the Phoe-  
nix mill and declared he was feeding  
wheat to his hogs because it is cheaper  
than barley and is "better for them."  
The farmer said that wheat, which  
the government is urging the people to  
save for the soldiers in France, is sell-  
ing for \$3.30 per hundred, while bar-  
ley, the principal wheat substitute, is  
bringing \$3.40 per hundred.