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FORTY-SECOND YEAR NO. 10. SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1919. PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

## Senate Doesn't Believe \$250,000 Is Necessary

### Declares That Oregon Boys Are Kind That Would Put Down Bolshevism.

Skeptical as to the reality of the reported urgent need for a large sum of money to take care of the returning soldiers who are stranded in Portland, without money, jobs or friends, the senate yesterday afternoon voted to carry out from \$250,000 to \$100,000 in the size of the emergency appropriation which was rushed through the legislature yesterday at earnest solicitation of Mayor George L. Baker, and other members of a Portland delegation.

Without any effort the bill was rushed through the house and reached the senate shortly before noon, when it was referred to the special committee on reconstruction, which made a favorable report. Then it went to the ways and means committee, with instructions to make a report on it within 15 minutes.

The 15 minutes lengthened into 40 before the committee agreed to report favorably on an appropriation of \$100,000. If it had not been for the instant urging of Mayor Baker, the committee would have put the bill over until next Monday and taken the time in between to make an investigation into conditions.

Only One Dissent.

When the bill was returned to the senate, as amended, it was passed with only one dissenting vote, that of Senator Wood of Washington county.

It was then returned to the house, which accepted the senate amendment. The bill was quickly enrolled and rushed to the governor, who was waiting in his office to sign it. The chief executive immediately announced the members of the soldiers' and sailors' commission for which the bill makes provision.

The members are W. B. Ayer, chairman, John H. Burgard, Harry Anderson, James L. Cranston and John H. Stevenson, all of Portland. Ayer was food administrator for the state. Burgard is an insurance man. Anderson is a laborer. Cranston is an official of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Stevenson is an attorney and former police judge of Portland.

When the bill was before the senate ways and means committee, Mayor Baker stated the conditions which he said existed in Portland, where he said it was necessary to find a place to sleep for many soldiers each night. He argued that \$250,000 was not a large sum for meeting the situation, but would be barely enough.

"If you do not meet the situation, the fault will rest with the legislature," he said. "It is not a responsibility for 'city of Portland to bear. And it is not child's play."

Expressed No Fear.

Practically all the members of the committee declared that if they were to judge by conditions in their coun-

**SALEM STILL TO BE CLOSED**

Dr. S. G. Sealey of Portland was in the city this morning for a brief conference with the board of health and physicians with regard to the influenza situation. It developed in course of the conference that the great majority of doctors as well as leading citizens were in favor of keeping the city closed for at least another week. Dr. Sealey, respecting the opinions of the local physicians, has left the matter there, promising that at some date next week he will again visit the city, call a conference of teachers, ministers, and others, and block out a campaign of education preparatory to opening the city in the near future.

## POLITICAL FIGHT BEING STAGED IN PARIS IN SECRET

General Question Of Peace Delegates At Stake Now In Russian Situation.

**CORRESPONDENTS' FIGHT FOR PUBLICITY WEIGHTY**

### Slay Case Puts Principle Of Self Determination On Trial At Outset.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Paris, Jan. 17.—The greatest political battle of modern times was being fought out here today—in secret. This struggle centered on the Russian situation. Its outcome was believed to hinge largely on the result of the newspaper correspondents' fight for publicity of the peace proceedings.

### HENDERSON, BRITISH LABOR LEADER GIVES INTERVIEW TO U. P.

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## SENATOR KENYON OF IOWA SUGGESTS PLAN TO GIVE EMPLOYMENT

Believes Conference Of Governors Could Offer Solution Of Question.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Jan. 17.—A conference of governors here to work out plans with the department of labor for putting the growing army of the unemployed to work at once, was proposed today by Senator Kenyon, Iowa.

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### FIRST YANK TAKEN BY GERMANS TELLS STORY

Was In Platoon Of Ten, All But Two Of Whom Were Killed Or Wounded.

London, Dec. 23.—(By Mail).—Here is the story of the first American soldier to be taken prisoner by the Germans in the war, as he told it today, sitting in a comfy armchair in the American Red Cross headquarters on Grosvenor Gardens.

## WILSON OPTIMISTIC OVER PEACE OUTLOOK

Expected That Delegates Will Act Promptly Concerning Publicity.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Paris, Jan. 17.—On the eve of formal opening of the full peace congress it may be stated authoritatively that today President Wilson is feeling most optimistic regarding the general situation in Europe. When preliminary conferences were resumed today it was expected the delegates would take prompt action on publicity demands formulated by the committee of newspaper correspondents.

**Units Are Assigned To Early Convoy Home**

Washington, Jan. 17.—Assignment to early convoy has been made in the case of the following organizations:  
One hundred eighty-fourth infantry brigade (92nd division); 370th infantry headquarters and 370th battalion and medical detachment 93rd division; headquarters detachment and troops 308th sanitary train, 380th motor supply train; 322nd, 323rd and 324th machine battalions; 160th infantry brigade headquarters and detachments of officers (all of 83rd division); headquarters train, supply company and Third battalion of 307th infantry (92nd division); 322nd infantry, less second battalion (92nd division); headquarters supply company, Second battalion and sanitary detachment, 309th infantry (93rd division); regimental headquarters companies, A, B, and C and medical detachments, 56th engineers; 102nd balloon company; Fifth trench mortar battery (Fifth division); 107th trench mortar battery; (32nd division); Eleventh trench mortar battery (35th division); 112th trench mortar battery (37th division); 310th trench mortar battery (85th division); Forty first ambulance company.

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Would Not Consent

"The Mexican people would never consent to sell a portion of their territory," Governor Cantu's message states. "Their constitution does not authorize therefore either the president or the congress of the republic. Their feelings are just as much hurt when the purchase of Lower California is discussed in the American congress as the feelings of Americans would be if the purchase of upper California were discussed in the English parliament. They are fully confident, however, that the principle of self determination for all nations, which the American president has nobly voiced, shall effectually safeguard Mexican territory."

Replied to Telegram

The governor's statement was made in reply to a telegram sent him by the United Press informing him that the people of the United States would appreciate an expression from him regarding the agitation in the American congress for the purchase of the peninsula.

Resolutions instructing the president to begin negotiations for the purchase

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## MURDER OF LIEBKNECHT REPORTED OFFICIALLY

Stabbed Guard And Made Break For Liberty While Being Taken To Jail, Says Dispatch.—Rosa Luxemburg Also Reported Beaten And Drowned In Landwehr Canal.

London, Jan. 17.—Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg have been killed, an official dispatch from Berlin announced today.

The dispatch added that the persons who committed the murders will be severely punished. Several arrests have been made.

Stabbed Guard

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—Karl Liebknecht stabbed a guard and made a break for liberty while being taken to jail, a Berlin dispatch reported today.

The automobile in which the Spartacist leader was en route to jail broke down. The escort proceeded on foot. Liebknecht stabbed one of the guards with a knife he had concealed and ran. Soldiers in the escort fired at him.

## TRADES COUNCIL OF SEATTLE TO STRIKE

Affects 25,500 Men And Will Take Place Tuesday Among Shipbuilders.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 17.—The metal trades council, representing 23 shipyard unions today served strike notice on Seattle shipyard owners.

The strike, affecting 25,500 men, takes place at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and may include the entire northwest shipbuilding industry, according to union leaders.

The metal trades council ordered the walkout following a report by a special committee last night, of refusal of shipyard heads to accede to demands for wage increases of \$8 a day for mechanics, \$7 for specialists and \$6 for unskilled workers.

Fifty seven delegates in attendance voted to strike, and immediately telegraphed Tacoma, Vancouver, Olympia and Aberdeen unions, receiving assurance from labor there that it was ready to support the Seattle walkout.

## BECOMING DISORGANIZED

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Berlin, Jan. 15.—Karl Liebknecht was still at liberty today following his escape from a trap set by government troops while he was visiting his family. His wife and sons were captured. (Later dispatches from Berlin officially reported that Liebknecht had been murdered.)

The Spartacists are becoming more and more disorganized but are conducting guerrilla warfare from windows, roofs, and hiding places in the streets. There are occasional outbreaks in which rifles, machine guns and hand grenades are employed, but these are rare.

Innocent Killed

Many desperadoes and ex-convicts have taken advantage of the Spartacist revolt to conduct a campaign of robbing and plundering. Many persons, mostly innocent pedestrians, are killed or wounded every day.

Twelve persons were reported to have been killed and forty wounded in yesterday's outbreak at Dusseldorf.

Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantau in his first public statement January 16 called upon the German people to unite, that their peace representatives may offer a stable government and the country's contribution to the league of nations.

"We accepted that President Wilson's fourteen points, including the construction of the world," said he. "We will stand by it with all our idealism. We want a final victory for the democracies of the world."

## MRS. GIBBONS RELEASED

Los Angeles, Cal. Jan. 17.—Mrs. Gertrude M. Gibbons, under arrest for more than a month accused of murdering her husband, Frank Gibbons by giving him poison, will be given her freedom today.

That was announced by the district attorney's office after the grand jury of which five members were women, refused to return an indictment against her.

## TACOMA TO SUPPORT STRIKE

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—The Tacoma metal trades council has promised its support to the Seattle metal trades council in their strike order, but this does not necessarily mean an immediate shipyard strike in Tacoma," was the statement today of C. E. Barrett, secretary of the local council.

"The original demands presented to the Macy board, similar to the present Seattle demands will, however, be presented to the ship owners, here."

Conditions in Tacoma are somewhat different from those in Seattle. Under our agreement here we must give 15 days notice before calling a strike."

A strike here would affect about 8000 men.

Lieutenant G. H. Lindberg of Tacoma has been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre by King Albert.

## CONFIRMS DEATH

Biele, Jan. 17.—The Frankfurter Zeitung officially confirms the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. The former was shot by his escort while trying to escape. The woman was beaten into insensibility by a mob and then drowned in the Landwehr canal.

## REVOLUTION REVIVED

Zurich, Jan. 17.—The Spartacist revolution has been revived on a large scale in Berlin and several of the provinces, following the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg; it was reported in a dispatch received here today.

The government is expected to take violent measures in an effort to suppress the new disorders.

Five new divisions of government troops have arrived in Berlin. The city gives the impression of being occupied almost entirely by soldiery.

## ABE MARTIN

THE YELLER THAT'S ALIVE TELL'S OF "A LITTLE COINCIDENCE" NEVER SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT CONSTITUTES A COINCIDENCE. SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE COMPANY LEAVES MIS-

"The first thing they did was to take off our shoes and give us wooden slippers. The next was to tell us to get to work."

"Still all we had to eat was a little black bread and watery soup."

"After four months of hard manual labor we were so weak we couldn't walk."

"One day a German general visited the camp accompanied by a man who said he was an American newspaperman. We refused to believe him at first thinking it was another German trick to put us off our guard. He was continually asking us if we had any message to send the home folks."

"Finally one of our crowd called out, 'If you tell the folks anything tell them we never expect to see them again. Before long we shall all be over there in that graveyard near the camp where"

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