

CHICAGO WAR RESISTANCE OF ANARCHY

Pershing Heads Southern Department Shipping Food Is Direst Need

PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT ANNOUNCED

New Commander Receives Congratulatory Message From Chief of Staff.

GEN. BELL WILL COMMAND HERE

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing was formally appointed commander of the southern department today, succeeding Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston. The appointment will take effect immediately and does not require confirmation by the senate.

MAJ. GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING, commander of the El Paso military district, was notified Wednesday morning that he had been appointed by secretary of war Newton D. Baker as commander of the southern department, succeeding to the place made vacant by the death of Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston. The announcement came to Gen. Pershing in a congratulatory message from Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army.

Gen. Pershing will leave El Paso Thursday night or Friday morning for Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, where he will have his headquarters. He will be accompanied by his aid, Lieut. James L. Collins. Other members of his staff are expected to follow him to San Antonio soon.

Gen. Bell Resumes District Command. Maj. Gen. George Bell, jr., senior general officer in the district, has been appointed by Gen. Pershing as his successor in command of affairs here. Gen. Bell held this command during the period that Gen. Pershing was in the punitive expedition in Mexico. He is now commander of the 11th division at El Paso. He will assume the district command this afternoon.

Pershing Has Interesting Life. The appointment of Gen. Pershing as commander of the southern department, the largest military district in the United States, embracing about 100,000 regulars and national guardsmen, follows a life of distinguished service in the United States army. Born in Missouri, 35 years ago, Gen. Pershing entered West Point at the age of 17 and graduated with honors in the class of 1886. He had the remarkable distinction while a cadet of being both president of his class and captain of the West Point cadet corps and has held these two honors in the 1886 class since his graduation. It was the first time in the history of West Point classes that a cadet has held these two honors, as it had previously been the custom that the cadet captain was appointed with the other cadets, but Pershing's popularity brought him the two honors.

Fought at San Juan Hill. His first distinguished field service occurred during the war with Spain in the battle of San Juan Hill, in Cuba, as a captain of the 10th cavalry. He was recommended for gallantry and distinguished service to the war department in 1898. Gen. Pershing, while still a captain of cavalry, was one of the first officers appointed to the general staff of the war department, organized that year. While a member of this staff he organized the department of insular affairs, which is now one of the principal departments in the war office.

Roosevelt Promotes Him. Distinguished service in the Philippines brought him a promotion from captain to brigadier general in the Roosevelt administration in 1899. This promotion resulted from a campaign he undertook in subduing the Moros in the province of Mindanao. He distinguished himself in the Mindanao department and established schools and hospitals and pacified the people.

After four years of service as commander of the department of Mindanao, he returned to the United States in January, 1914, and assumed command of the Presidio, San Francisco, Cal. Here he commanded the 10th infantry brigade. He remained in command.

Alabama Prohibition Causes Drop in Crime. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—That prohibition causes crime to decrease is shown by the records of this city. In 1913, under open saloons, there was a total of 21,247 arrests and convictions. In 1914, under prohibition, the arrests and convictions dropped to 15,758. Many of the cases on the docket in 1914 were for violating the prohibition law. The success of prohibition in Birmingham is shown in dollars and cents also. In 1913 bank deposits were slightly in excess of \$25,000,000. In 1914, deposits climbed to \$29,755,000.

"BONE DRY" STATE OF U.S. HOUSE

WILSON TO GO BEFORE CONGRESS BUT WON'T ASK WAR DECLARATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—President Wilson has virtually decided to appear before congress prior to adjournment March 4, to ask for additional authority to protect American seamen and ships against the German submarine menace. While officials said today there was a bare chance that he will not carry out the plan, there was every indication that he would make his address either late this week or early next week. The president's position, as outlined authoritatively today, is that congress before adjourning should pass a broad resolution giving him additional authority. He has definitely decided what he will say to congress but that has not been made public. Officials generally expect that sooner or later arms will be furnished to American ships. In spite of the statement of the British government that a very small percentage of vessels going to and from the war zone were being sunk by German submarines, officials pointed out today that most American vessels in the trans-Atlantic trade were still being held.

DIG RAILROAD SYSTEM SOLD DE BACON'S BODY IS TAKEN HOME

Part of Missouri Pacific Goes at Auction for Sum of \$16,151,000. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.—The Missouri Pacific railroad was sold at auction here today to R. H. Nielson and J. W. Holmes, of New York, for \$16,151,000. This had been fixed as the minimum. Both men represent the reorganization committee. This afternoon, the part of the system known as the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern was to be sold—the minimum price being fixed by the court at \$7,500,000. Some of the Kansas lines of the Missouri Pacific will be sold at a separate auction at Topeka, on February 23. The three sales constitute almost the final step towards the ending of the Missouri Pacific receivership, which began in August, 1915. The sale of the road is approved by the federal court. It is anticipated that the receivership will end in a few weeks.

Both Houses of New Mexico Legislature Adjourn to Honor Late Governor. Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 21.—The body of the late governor Essequiel Cabera de Baca lay in state in the capitol building today until 2 o'clock, when the special train bearing the funeral party left for Las Vegas, where the interment will be made tomorrow morning. Both houses of the legislature have adjourned until Friday afternoon. There has been no agreement reached as to the amount of money which the state is to pay to the family of the late governor. The house tabled the senate bill which provided \$1000 and passed one of its own bills to provide \$10,000. This matter will be one of the first that will have to be threshed out and disposed of when the legislature is convened again on Friday afternoon.

DECLARE 2000 WRECK VICTIMS WILSON SEES DEPOSED RULER

Berlin, Germany, Feb. 21.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—There were approximately 2000 persons killed or injured in the recent railroad accident near Chiruchia in northern Rumania, according to the Moscow newspaper, Russkoye Slovo, as quoted by the Overseas News agency. Five hundred persons were instantly killed, according to this account. The train jumped the tracks and the cars were telescoped, read the summarized account as given out by the news agency. "Fire broke out at once in several places and a panic ensued. Fathers and mothers pushed their children aside in efforts to save themselves," says the Slovo. "Men pushed women into the fire, women and men attacking each other with teeth and finger nails. Others lost their minds and ran into the burning car. Then ammunition on board the train began exploding, killing many persons." An Overseas News agency statement on Jan. 23, based on accounts in the Russkoye Slovo, reported more than 100 Rumanians of high rank were killed in the Chiruchia train wreck. The train was carrying Rumanian refugees to Russia.

GERMANY EXPECTS U. S. TO AID GERMAN CONSULS. Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Germany is informing the United States through the Swiss government that it will give every assistance possible to American consuls in Germany transferred to other posts. At the same time Germany is understood to expect that the United States will help German consuls in the United States to proceed to new posts to which they have been assigned. Some time ago a number of German consuls in the United States were instructed to proceed to points in South and Central America.

MISS McADOO IS TO WED RUSSIAN EMBASSY ATACHE. Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The engagement of secretary of the treasury McAdoo's daughter, Miss Nona Hazelhurst McAdoo, to Ferdinand de Mohrenchildt, second secretary of the Russian embassy, was announced today.

JAPANESE REPLACE GERMANY IN AUSTRALIAN TRADE. Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Japanese manufacturers in every industry are taking advantage of war conditions to expand their trade in Australia, according to reports to the commerce department. Already many articles once obtained from Germany, are supplied entirely by Japan.

CANT RATIFY COLOMBIAN TREATY AT THIS SESSION. Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The senate foreign relations committee today determined that the long pending treaty to compensate Colombia for the partition of Panama could not be ratified at this session. This decision was reached after president Wilson's letter urging ratification had been read.

POSTOFFICE WON'T CASH MONEY ORDER FROM CUBA. Postmaster E. A. Shelton has been notified by the postoffice department at Washington to suspend payment on all money orders issued from Cuban postoffices with the exception of the postoffices in the city of Havana, which are dated on and after February 17. The order has resulted from the insurance which is in progress in the island.

ENTENTE SLOWLY STARVES GREECE; CHILDREN DIE OF IMPROPER FOOD

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ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 25.—(This message is sent by hand on the first ship carrying passengers for America that has left Greece since the declaration of the allied blockade of Greece on December 7.) The entente blockade is absolute. The only vessels of any nation allowed to make Greek ports are the rare Italian ones, themselves forbidden to discharge foodstuffs or mails for that part of Greece which is not Venetian. The price of ordinary canned goods has gone up 500 percent. The banks refuse to accept drafts on foreign countries, owing to the stoppage of the mails, there being no way of forwarding them for collection.

The blockade was officially declared on December 8, but has been in practical effect since December. No measures were taken to conserve the food supply until December 20. Then bread-cards were issued, the bread ordered mixed with corn meal, flour and barley and seven-tenths of a pound allotted per person per diem. Later sugar and potato cards were issued. To save coal, the restaurants were ordered closed at 10 p. m., the moving picture theaters closed in the evenings and the electric street lamps suppressed. Shops and stores were shut at 6 o'clock instead of 8:30, as usual. Cold Causes Suffering. A sudden cold wave a week ago produced great suffering among the poorer classes, a large majority of whom were (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4.)

CONSULS FINALLY BELGIANS MAY LEAVE GERMANY COME TO U. S.

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 21.—Via Paris.—A score of United States consuls and government agents with their families, reached Zurich last night after having awaited a week for permission to leave Germany. The arrivals consisted of 16 persons who had gradually assembled in Munich. The first party arrived in two sections, the first warmly praising their treatment by the Germans and the second containing members who complained bitterly over the enforced delay in their departure and also of having had to leave behind papers which the German authorities desired to submit to a more rigid censorship. The majority of the travelers, however, reported they had received studiously courteous treatment and declared the stringent regulations enforced were nothing more than what was to be expected. The majority of the consuls who have arrived here will go to Bern tomorrow week thereafter to await instructions from Washington.

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 21.—The purchase of 50,000 acres in California and the settlement thereof of 2000 Belgian families is the plan that has been entrusted by the vatican colonization board to James Slevin, papal knight, who lives here and who made public today some details of the plan in connection with a visit to the imperial valley in southern California. Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, was the originator, he said, of the plan to establish Belgians in America. Behind the Imperial valley plan, Slevin said, is a guarantee of \$5,000,000 which will be enough, the promoters estimate, to buy the land, bring at least 3000 Belgian families to California, give each family 40 acres, and provide support for a year and a half.

Slevin said he had been looking over a large tract of land in the Imperial valley but that, in his opinion, the owners were asking a prohibitive price.

BRITAIN GRIPS ENEMY THROATS GERMANS GRASP FOOD PROBLEM

Tightens Blockade Regulations Result of Germany's Undersea Campaign. London, Eng., Feb. 21.—In a speech in the house of commons today, Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, said the submarine menace recently had grown until its extent had become grave and serious. The menace had not yet been solved but measures had been adopted, he said, which would mitigate it by degrees. Sir Edward informed the house that an anti-submarine department had been established in the admiralty, composed of the most experienced and capable men in the navy. The number of armed merchant ships had been increased 47.5 percent in the last two months. In the first 18 days of February, 59 allied and neutral steamers of more than 1000 tons had been lost, their total tonnage aggregating 268,900. This was compared with losses of 63 vessels of 201,000 tons in the first 18 days of December and 65 vessels of 182,000 tons the first 18 days of January.

Prussian Minister Will Cut Red Tape in Dealing With Situation. London, Eng., Feb. 21.—Further vigorous measures for dealing with the food situation in Germany have been outlined in a statement to the Berlin press by Dr. George Michaelis, the new Prussian food commissioner, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Dr. Michaelis said he had come to an agreement with Adolf von Barock, president of the food regulation board, and Gen. Troener, head of the army feeding department, that food questions must be dealt with in the speediest possible way and that all red tape restrictions should be ignored. The Prussian minister has been given considerable authority to penalize recalcitrants. Among other things he has been authorized to close mills and bakeries which disobey orders.

It's a National Emergency. "We are confronted with a national emergency," I request, in behalf of the people of this country, that the commission forthwith issue an order in line with the requests that I have made of eastern roads. "Failure to secure such an order as indicated is likely to result in a state of civil unrest and anarchy throughout this country and the consequences of the same will be directly chargeable to the interstate commerce commission and the eastern roads." NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Policeman guarding the city hall prevented today another demonstration by east side women. Intent upon personally calling to mayor Mitchell's attention the increased cost of food, about 200 or the women approached the building to find patrolmen blocking their progress at every entrance. Reserves went among them informing them that if they dispersed quietly the mayor later would talk with a committee. The women scattered, some of them weeping. Earlier in the day groups of women attempted to gather in an east side (Continued on page 12, column 1.)

Stop Traffic, Remove Hats When Gen. Funston's Body Reaches City, Mayor Urges. ALL the people of El Paso are asked by mayor Lea to show respect to the memory of the late Maj. Gen. Fred Funston when the special train arrives here this afternoon with his body. Pedestrians are asked to stop for a moment when the salute of 13 guns is fired. All are asked to remove their hats and all traffic in the city is asked to be stopped while the salute is being fired. Automobiles and other vehicles are to be drawn up to the curbs and electric cars will stop where they chance to be at the moment. The special train is expected to arrive about 4:30 this afternoon and its arrival will be announced by the firing of the salute of 13 guns. Maj. Gen. J. J. Pershing has requested of mayor Lea that this mark of respect be shown to the memory of Gen. Funston and mayor Lea very quickly acted upon the request and endorsed it.

Call Campaign Failure. Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The British embassy issued a statement tonight announcing that Germany's "wide advertised campaign of ruthless murder on the high seas" resulted in the loss of less than one ship in every 100 plying in or out of British ports between February 1 and 14. "During the period in question the following are the figures of ships which have arrived and sailed from ports in the United Kingdom: "Arrivals: British 4623, allied 227, neutral 497; total 4777. "Sailings: British 2925, allied 225, neutral 261; total 4511."

FRENCH ARE URGED TO SOW AS MUCH GRAIN AS POSSIBLE. Paris, France, Feb. 21.—To help solve the food problem, French peasants have been urged by the ministry of agriculture to sow as much grain as possible so that "the sowers of the spring of 1917 may prepare the harvest of victory."

Mend Boy's Skull With 1917 Dime. Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 21.—When a mule kicked Livingston McConnell, a 3 year old negro boy, in the head, the blow broke the skull. Surgeons replaced the broken bone with a brand new dime of the vintage of 1917. The dime will go to the grave with the negro. Coming generations may find and marvel at it.

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NEW YORK WOMEN BESIEGE MAYOR. United States Senate Discusses High Prices and the Food Situation.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 21.—President J. P. Griffin, of the Chicago board of trade, today telegraphed to the interstate commerce commission and to the presidents of eastern railroads, insisting that unless an immediate embargo were placed on all products east-bound out of Chicago, except fuel and foodstuffs, the country will face the danger of anarchy and rioting. In his telegram to the railroad presidents, Mr. Griffin says: "Despite all your assurances, no relief has been afforded to move grain and other food products out of Chicago. The present scarcity of supplies borders on famine in many communities, with the consequent inflation of values directly chargeable to the failure of railroads to meet this national emergency. "I request that instructions be issued by you forthwith prohibiting the movement of any freight at this time excepting foodstuffs, coal and other commodities necessary to sustain human and animal existence. "Unless this is done there is great danger of riot and anarchy throughout this land. The present situation is largely caused by railroads giving preference to commodities other than those necessary to maintain life. "Failure to meet the situation is squarely up to the railroads. Preference Given Industrials. In his telegram to the interstate commerce commission, Mr. Griffin gives a synopsis of the one sent to the railroad presidents and asks: "None of the cures offered by the commission or the railroads themselves have been or can be effective. It is a fact beyond dispute that industrials generally are operating at from 300 to 350 percent above normal and securing such equipment as needed. It is very apparent therefore that preference is given to freight paying the greatest revenue. "It's a National Emergency. "We are confronted with a national emergency," I request, in behalf of the people of this country, that the commission forthwith issue an order in line with the requests that I have made of eastern roads. "Failure to secure such an order as indicated is likely to result in a state of civil unrest and anarchy throughout this country and the consequences of the same will be directly chargeable to the interstate commerce commission and the eastern roads." NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Policeman guarding the city hall prevented today another demonstration by east side women. Intent upon personally calling to mayor Mitchell's attention the increased cost of food, about 200 or the women approached the building to find patrolmen blocking their progress at every entrance. Reserves went among them informing them that if they dispersed quietly the mayor later would talk with a committee. The women scattered, some of them weeping. Earlier in the day groups of women attempted to gather in an east side (Continued on page 12, column 1.)