

GERMANY'S NAVAL STRENGTH FURTHER REDUCED BY VOLUNTARY INTERNMENT OF 27 OF HER MINE SWEEPING VESSELS

The Ships Arrived in Dutch Waters From Belgium and Were Promptly Interned by Government of Holland, Says Dispatch From Amsterdam

NEARLY HALF OF U-BOATS HAVE BEEN SURRENDERED

Secretary Daniels Announces That Until the Terms of the Naval Armistice Are Completely Carried Out There Will Be No Relaxation

London, Nov. 22.—Twenty-seven mine-sweeping vessels passed out of German possession on Monday, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. They arrived in Dutch waters from Belgium and were interned.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—Until every German warship covered by the armistice actually is in the hands of the allies, Secretary Daniels said today, the navy department will continue to operate under war regulations. He has called Admiral Benson and Vice-Admiral Sims, however, directing that they advise him officially the moment that the naval terms of the armistice have been accomplished. When this message is received, Mr. Daniels said, he would issue an order removing many, if not all, the restrictions which have been placed on the navy personnel.

NO RELAXATION OF ARMISTICE TERMS FAVORED BY HERBERT ASQUITH

London, Nov. 22 (British wireless service).—Herbert H. Asquith, the former premier, in answer to the appeal for modification of the armistice terms made by Prince Lichnowsky, former German ambassador in London, said today: "If I had to make a reply to Prince Lichnowsky's letter or any similar appeal, I should say that the terms of the armistice did not, in my judgment, in the least exceed the just necessities of the case. Germany has brought them upon herself."

NO IRISH NATION. Lloyd George Says Door to Such a Step Is Closed.

London, Thursday, Nov. 21.—David Lloyd George and Andrew Bonar Law have issued a long election address to the country. For the most part it follows the lines of speeches made recently by two political leaders in outlining plans for preference to the colonies. It says, however, that until the country has returned to normal industrial conditions it would be premature to prescribe a fiscal policy intended for permanent.

WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO REDUCE THE WAR DEBT IN SUCH MANNER AS TO INFLECT THE LEAST INJURY TO INDUSTRY AND CREDIT.

The military institutions of the country necessarily must be dependent upon the needs of the empire, its prospective requirements and the necessity of the league for the preservation of peace. "It will be the duty of the new government to remove all existing inequalities of law as between men and women and create a second chamber based upon direct contact with the people. There can be no political peace in the kingdom or empire while the Irish question remains unsettled. Therefore all practical paths toward a settlement must be explored. There are two paths, however, which are closed, namely, one leading to the complete severance of Ireland from the empire and the other to forcible subjection of the six Ulster counties to a home rule parliament against their will."

KEPT UP FRENCH MORALE. Gen. Petain Given That Credit by Premier Clemenceau.

Paris, Thursday, Nov. 21.—In making his formal proposal that General Petain be given the rank of marshal of France, Premier Clemenceau says: "General Petain will have the glory of having maintained to a high degree, even in the darkest hours, the morale of the French soldiers. His command forged the instrument of victory, to which his talents have so greatly contributed."

A FIVE-DAY WEEK But Nine Hours and 36 Minutes a Day Is Plan Favored.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 22.—Employees of the Marlin-Rockwell plant here, munition makers, today expressed their choice on the form of a 48-hour week. At the Norwich plant the employees by a large majority have voted for a five-day week, Saturdays off, each working day to be nine hours and 36 minutes. An order establishing the form of a 48-hour week will be issued later.

LA FOLLETTE INQUIRY IS ABANDONED

Senate Elections Committee Voted Two to One to Drop Investigation of Alleged Disloyal Speech.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—Investigation of the alleged disloyal speech of Senator La Follette at St. Paul more than a year ago was abandoned today by the Senate elections committee, on a vote of nine to two.

Committee members said that however much the speech of Senator La Follette, on which the proceedings were brought, might be developed there was no wish for expulsion from the Senate. Senator Pomeroy of Ohio, chairman, and Senator Walsh of Montana, both Democrats, voted against dismissal of the charges. A contest may develop in the Senate of adoption of the majority report, which will be submitted when the Senate reconvenes Dec. 2, by Senator Dillingham of Vermont, Republican. Chairman Pomeroy announced that he would submit a minority report and might contest adoption by the Senate of the dismissal recommended.

WAGE AWARDS MADE. Affecting Syracuse, N. Y., and Portland, Ore., Workers.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—Wage increases were announced today by the war labor board for all employees of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Northern Electric railway, and for interurban trainmen at Portland, Ore., street car men at Syracuse were given a scale ranging from forty-one to forty-five cents an hour and all other employees in shops or elsewhere were brought up to a minimum of 42 cents an hour with the provision that an examiner of the labor board shall be kept at Syracuse to enforce the decision, which takes effect as of Aug. 2, 1918. Back payments of wage increases awarded by it must be made before February.

TO FUSE BANK INTERESTS. It Is Hoped to Get Them All Into Federal System.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—A concerted movement by state banking interests to obtain uniformity of state bank laws and federal legislation to encourage state institutions to join the federal reserve system has been undertaken through the United States council of state banking associations. From newly established headquarters of the council here, a statement issued today explains that "it is hoped by close co-operation with the federal reserve board, legislation will be secured which will permit all state banks, the character of whose business makes them eligible, to become members of the federal reserve system."

The statement says further that "in establishing an office in Washington the council did not have in view the creation of an agency to advocate legislation designed merely to give one class of banks or banks in one locality, an advantage over others, but rather to assist as far as possible in the constructive development of our laws to the end that our banking resources may continue to meet the abnormal demands upon them."

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR SAXONY Is Said to Be the Plan of the New Regime.

Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—In a proclamation to the Saxon people, the new government of Saxony, according to a dispatch from Dresden, declares it is striving for the abolition of the old federal constitution and for the union of the Saxon and German peoples in a republic including German-Austria. Self-government and the protection of their cultural interests, the proclamation says, should be granted to the component parts of the republic. The authority of the soldiers and workmen's councils should be defined most speedily by the national council.

A national guard to replace the standing army after its demobilization is suggested. Expenditures, it is declared, could be covered by assessments on big fortunes, especially those derived from war profits. Those derived from the exploitation of labor should be abolished.

FORD PARTLY RETIRES. But He Will Run a Newspaper and Tractor Concern.

Detroit, Nov. 22.—Henry Ford today announced his retirement from active participation in the management of the Ford Motor company, complete control of the Ford interests in the company to be taken over by his son, Edsel. In making this announcement today, Mr. Ford said he intended to undertake the publication of a national weekly newspaper, dividing his time between the publication and his tractor industry.

A NEW ENGLAND MAN Among Seven Additional American Soldiers Lost on the Otranto.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—The names of seven additional American soldiers lost when the transport Otranto was sunk in foreign waters, Oct. 8, were made public today by the war department. They included the name of Private Henry F. Cox of New Haven, Conn.

JOHN D. RYAN OUT. Resigns as United States Director of Air Service.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—The resignation of John D. Ryan as director of air service and second assistant secretary of war was announced today by Secretary Baker. Mr. Ryan will return at once to his private business.

THIRD DEATH FROM WRECK. William C. Rollinson Died To-day at Portland, Me.

Portland, Me., Nov. 22.—William C. Rollinson of this city died today of injuries sustained last night when three cars of a Grand Trunk passenger train from Montreal jumped the track near Falmouth. His death made a total of three fatalities as a result of the wreck.

BELGIAN GOVT. RETURNS HOME

After Over Four Years of Exile Because of Invader

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A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE IN BELGIUM

Between 1,500 and 2,000 Casualties Were Caused by Explosion of Munition Trains—Holland Is Sending Aid.

London, Nov. 22.—An explosion of munition trains in Belgium Thursday caused casualties estimated to be between 1,500 and 2,000. One hundred and fifty dead already have been reported, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. The injured are being taken to Budel, Holland. It is reported that the cause of the disaster was a bonfire built by children, which spread to two German munition trains nearby. The destruction in the vicinity, the dispatch adds, was enormous. Assistance is being sent to the stricken region from all directions. Dutch military aid has been sent across the border.

RAILROADS TO TAKE BACK MEN IN SERVICE

Employees Are to Have Seniority Rights Restored, According to U. S. Railroad Administration.

New York, Nov. 22.—A majority of the nation's railroads plan to restore to employees who entered military and naval service the seniority rights which they sacrificed when they left the roads' employment, according to an order by the United States railroad administration made public here today. In as far as practicable, preference in re-employment and re-instatement would be given to soldiers and sailors as quickly as they were mustered out of federal service, the order said.

AMERICANS NOW EAST OF CITY OF LUXEMBURG

Gen. Pershing Reports a Splendid Reception in the City, the Americans Being Welcomed as Deliverers.

SMALL HOGS THROWN OUT. Those Weighing Under 150 Pounds Too Light for Export.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—All hogs weighing under 150 pounds were included in "throw outs" from packers' droves by an order today of the food administration. The act is designed to keep from the market hogs considered too light for export trade meat, and also to maintain the present price of heavier than throw outs, at \$17.50 a hundred pounds. This program will be continued until Dec. 3, when a meeting will be held with the packers and hog producers in Chicago for further action of hogs weighing 150 pounds, which cannot be utilized for export trade, a statement by the food administration says, "is necessary for the maintenance of price stabilization."

SIX WOMEN BURNED In Powder Flash in Factory at Simsbury, Conn.

Simsbury, Conn., Nov. 22.—A powder flash in the grenade department of the Ensign-Bickford company today burned six young women employees. Three who were seriously hurt and were taken to the Hartford hospital, were Grace Rose and Albertina Fournier of Collinsville and Josephine Dreslow of New Hartford. The others, whose burns were superficial, were Catherine Chernachek and Mrs. August Oster of Nepaug and Alice Johnson of Collinsville. All suffered somewhat from smoke.

WILLIAM STILL EMPEROR. As Far as the British Government Is Informed.

London, Nov. 22.—The Daily Mail attributes to "a high official of the British government" the statement that "William Hohenzollern is still German emperor and king of Prussia as far as the British government is informed."

REDUCED COAL RATES Are Demanded by the New England People.

Boston, Nov. 22.—A demand for reduction of freight rates on coal coming into New England was sent to Director General McAdoe of the federal railroad administration by the Massachusetts public service commission today.

EXPECT WILSON IN PARIS DEC. 12

French People Are Getting Ready to Tender Him a Reception

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HE WILL OCCUPY PRIVATE MANSION

English and Belgian Royalities Will Reach Paris Before the President

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WHY WE MUST SAVE FOOD.

Reasons Explained at a Conference of Workers at Montpelier. A conference of Vermont county chairmen in the food administration took place in the reception room of the State House Thursday evening, being attended by some 20 persons besides the county chairmen. Jack Munn of Washington, D. C., and Edward Trefz of the American city bureau spoke upon the food conservation that will have to be conducted in the coming months. Mr. Munn spoke relative to the different groups of nations which will have to be supplied with food and told how small allies will have to be helped, then the small neutrals, then the group in Russia and the Balkan states, and finally, the enemy. He explained that America, by placing an embargo on neutrals and not allowing any food to go to Germany had commenced the beginning of the armistice. Relative to Russia, he explained that conditions are such that there is no child under four years of age, that the mothers have been so reduced that the children have died. Relative to our enemies, he explained that Germany lost the whole of this year's crop because of the changes in the weather conditions. A survey of the food conditions resulting from the signing of the armistice occurred. Fats must be rushed to Europe. There is beef enough if it can be transported. The sugar conditions are better, and the country, since asked to conserve, has saved 800,000 tons in the time the regulations have been in force. The only reason we have more now is that Europe is limiting itself to about two pounds a month.

CONGRESS BEGINS 10-DAY VACATION

But Several Committees Will Work on Legislation to Be Presented to the New Session.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—Congress today started on its 10-day vacation, its first complete suspension since the session which adjourned yesterday sine die began Dec. 3, 1917. While most members will be at leisure until the new session begins Dec. 2, next, several committees will work during adjournment on legislation to be presented then. Leaders and many members also are preparing for the great reconstruction and appropriation program, which must be squeezed into the session ending March 3, next. Senate committees will continue work on the war revenue bill and the investigation of brewers' activities. House appropriation committees will proceed with drafting the score of regular supply bills.

TEMPERANCE WORK ABROAD Will Be Attempted by the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Columbus, O., Nov. 22.—Missionary work for the temperance cause in foreign countries will be conducted by the Anti-Saloon League of America from now until such time as it will be possible to formulate a league of nations for world-wide prohibition, it was stated by dry leaders participating in the world-wide prohibition conference here today. The league will co-operate with dry organizations already established in foreign countries and headquarters will be established in many others forthwith, it was stated. Invitations to co-operate have been extended already by the prohibition organizations of India, Mexico, Scotland and Bulgaria. Appearing in behalf of Mexico, Rev. C. A. Frausto of Saltillo declared Mexico's chief fear is that the American saloonkeepers will flock to Mexico when the United States goes dry.

INCREASES PRICE ON GRANITE

Boutwell, Milne & Varnum Announce a Raise of \$1 Per Cubic Foot.

By at least one quarrying concern on Millstone hill, definite announcement was made today that a general increase in all grades of rough Barre granite will become effective Jan. 1. Boutwell, Milne & Varnum have completed a revision of its price list which calls for an increase of \$1 per foot. That the somewhat radical revision upward is by no means the product of snap judgment is indicated by the fact that the biggest quarrying concern in the Barre industry has made an exhaustive study of conditions that are closely allied with price problems. No phase of the quarrying industry has been ignored in preparing the data on which the new tariff book is based.

"There is to be no break in the new price list," said James M. Boutwell, of Boutwell, Milne & Varnum, in an interview today. "On the contrary, there is not the slightest doubt that the tendency will continue upward indefinitely." The head of the corporation, who is also president of the Barre Quarries & Manufacturers' association, went on to say that back of the impending increase are facts and figures which made revision imperative if the industry is to thrive. Granite deposits on the hill are far from being the accessible quarries that they were a few years ago. Unless exception may be made of the dark stock, which stands alone in the monumental field today by reason of its superiority, the supply of Barre granite is inexhaustible, but the problems of the quarryer are multiplying.

"Only the practiced quarryman knows how long it takes to work a quarry before the granite can be merchandized," Mr. Boutwell asserted. Years of stripping, channelling and grouting are the essential factors, and huge sums of money must be invested and expended before one block of Barre granite can be placed on the market. The speaker went on to say that the condition of the labor market alone makes it patent that there can be no retrogression in rough stock prices. The prices of living essentials have a direct bearing on wages, and there is no immediate prospect that the cost of foodstuffs and wearing apparel will take a slump. Organized labor is determined that there shall be no radical reduction of wages, and in the Barre industry the wage schedules, instead of decreasing, are in the ascendancy.

FORD TRUCK HIT AT GRANITE ST.

Three Occupants of the Vehicle Had Seriously Experience When Train Bore Down on Them.

Three employees of the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company, Earl Young, Fred Cole and Guy Norris, had a narrow escape on the Granite street crossing near noon today, when locomotive No. 337, backing down from the passenger station, struck the Ford truck in which they were riding to the lighting company's sub-station on River street. Norris, who was riding in the rear end of the truck, was the last to jump. He received a sprained wrist, but Young, who was driving, and Cole, managed to escape without injury. No. 337 has been engaged in pulling loads of granite chips to the scene of the washout at Barre Junction. It was not traveling rapidly, but it struck the truck with sufficient force to throw it 30 feet down the track, shattering its entire front part.

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Of the Vermont State Horticultural Society Next Term.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 22.—The 23d annual meeting of the Vermont State Horticultural society, in session here since Wednesday night, held its final business session this forenoon, when the following officers were elected: President, G. W. Cummings of Burlington; treasurer, W. C. Colton of Montpelier; auditor, A. T. Clark of Vergennes; executive committee, president and secretary, ex-officio, E. S. Brigham of St. Albans, E. L. Wetherell of Middlebury and F. R. McCrae of Castleton. The place and date of next year's meeting and the personnel of a board of vice-presidents, one from each county, are to be determined by the executive committee.

FUNERAL OF MRS. A. S. LANE Was Held Yesterday Afternoon, Rev. B. G. Lipsky Officiating.

Funeral services for Mrs. Edith M. Lane, wife of A. S. Lane of 30 Berlin street, whose death Monday afternoon followed an illness which followed a severe attack of the influenza, were held at the house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. G. Lipsky, pastor of the Heading Methodist church, officiating. There were a number of fine floral tributes. Interment was made in the family lot at Hope cemetery. The bearers were: Fred G. Canton, Benjamin Tracy, and Michael Thompson and B. Herbrezo, with whom Mr. Lane is employed at the plant of Canton Bros.

TIME IS EXTENDED For Mailing Christmas Parcels to Men in Service.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—Christmas parcels for men in the army and auxiliary services of the allies may be mailed from this country up to Nov. 30, without the need of an export license, under an order today by the postoffice department. Nov. 20 had been designated as the final date of mailing, but this rule was amended to correspond with a 10 days' extension of time for accepting Christmas parcels for the American expeditionary forces in France.

MAJ. TRUMBULL HAD OPERATION. Died from the Effects of It in a French Hospital.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 22.—The death of Major John F. Trumbull of this city, former chief inspector for the public utilities commission, from result of an operation while he was overseas with an engineering unit, is confirmed in the official casualty list issued today.

DOCTOR IN AUTO HIT BY TRAIN

Dr. John Wesley, St. Johnsbury, Was Seriously Injured

TRAIN WAS MOVING AT RAPID SPEED

Side Curtains of Auto Were Drawn and Accident Happened in Darkness

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 22.—On his way to Concord to see a patient early this morning, Dr. John Wesley was struck by a Boston & Maine train on the Portland street crossing and seriously injured. The Ford car he was driving was thrown from 15 to 20 feet after being struck squarely in the middle, and was completely wrecked. Dr. Wesley was hurled 25 feet to another railroad track. His shoulders and one leg were fractured, there were bruises about the body, and internal injuries are feared. The train due in St. Johnsbury at 1 a. m. was 15 minutes late and was going at great speed.

The doctor was traveling with the side curtains of his car drawn and, thinking that the train had passed, he probably did not hear its approach until it was too late to stop on the down grade leading to the crossing. Trainmen carried the man to a doctor's office and later he was removed to Brightlook hospital.

Dr. Wesley's wife is a daughter of Rev. Joshua Wesley, a former St. Johnsbury pastor, who is supposed to have been drowned two weeks ago while returning to Portland, Me., from a hunting trip to the Rangeley lakes.

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