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## LANE ASKS FOR \$2,000,000 FOR ALASKA RAILROAD

## German Submarines Blockade English Coast

## ENGLAND'S NEW ARMY AMAZES THE FRENCH

### \$2,000,000 FOR FOOD THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane today formally asked for \$2,000,000 for this year's quota of the \$35,000,000 appropriation for Alaska's railroad. He named that figure when called before the civil sundry bill committee.

The request of Secretary of the Interior Lane is believed to indicate that title will not be acquired to any of the constructed railroads this year.

It is believed here that the construction this summer will consist mainly of a line from Ship creek to the Matanuska coal fields.

A bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the purpose stated will be introduced in Congress this week.

### WHEAT REACHES RECORD PRICE IN CANADA

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Feb. 2.—Wheat reached \$1.30 a bushel here yesterday for the first time in the history of Western Canada. Farmers who have been holding for that price now are figuring on \$2 wheat, so the sales continue slow.

### PARRY STILL ON PRESIDENT'S SLATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Will H. Parry, of Seattle, Joseph P. Davies, of Wisconsin, now commissioner of corporations; E. N. Hurley, of Chicago, George Foster Peabody, of New York, and a man from the South are on President Wilson's tentative slate for appointment to the new Federal trade commission. It is not known whether Mr. Peabody would accept, but with the possibility of a change or two, it is expected that the nominations might go to the Senate this week. Parry is a Progressive, Davies, Hurley and Peabody are Democrats.

### WALL STREET IS IN MIDST OF POVERTY

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Shocking housing conditions in tumbledown tenements that stand in the shadows of Wall Street skyscrapers are revealed in a report by the men's committee of Trinity church.

Within a stone's throw of real estate that could not be bought for enough gold pieces at edge-wise to cover the lot are slums where eight persons—men and women indiscriminately—sleep in one miserable ill-ventilated room, the report declares.

Trinity stands on Broadway at the head of Wall Street, in the heart of the great financial center of New York. Millionaires are as thick in the streets as Congressmen in Washington. Two minutes' walk to the east from the door of the church is the stock exchange, where fortunes are made and lost in the clatter of the thousand tickers.

### BAD DAY FOR THE OLD GROUND-HOG

If the alleged faith of the ground-hog in the tradition of his kind is based on fact, we are in for some bad weather before the sun gets back on our side of the equator. Today is "Ground-hog Day," and if the ground-hog came out he saw his shadow, for the sun was shining brightly hereabouts this morning. The New England tradition is that the ground-hog comes out of his hole on the second day of February and if he sees his shadow he hastens back to cover to remain for six weeks.

### ALDRICH TO FRATERNIZE WITH AGED PIONEERS

Senator F. A. Aldrich leaves tonight for a trip to Sitka, where he will pay a visit to the Pioneers' Home. Senator Aldrich, as President of the Grand Igloo, Alaska Pioneers, is personally known to a good many of the Territorial charges in the Home.

### THE WEATHER TODAY.

Maximum—41.  
Minimum—25.  
Partly cloudy.

### SHIPPING BILL RUNS ON SNAG

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A bolt of blue Democrats from the ship-purchase bill in the shape of which it now is brought about an adjournment of the Senate without action on the measure. However, Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, Democratic leader, says the bill will be passed. The Democrats are now holding a caucus, and will try to change the bill so that it will receive the support of practically all the Democrats and Progressives.

The strength of the opposition to the bill developed yesterday evening when Senator James P. Clarke, Democrat, of Arkansas, moved to recommend the bill to the commerce committee with instructions to amend it in certain particulars. Senator W. J. Stone, of Missouri, Democrat, moved to lay the motion on the table. The Republicans who oppose the bill joined with nine Democrats and Senator Stone's motion was defeated 44 to 42. The Democrats succeeded in getting an adjournment without a vote on Senator Clarke's motion, and a caucus was immediately called. It is still in session.

The administration forces, while disappointed at the turn the bill took in the Senate, say that it will be passed as soon as the differences over its terms are adjusted.

### UNDERWOOD DEFENDS BILL

Democratic House Leader Oscar W. Underwood defended the position of the President on the ship-purchase bill this morning in a speech in the United States house. He ridiculed the contention that the bill if it should become a law might involve the United States.

### JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS COMMAND IN FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Although somewhat pale and still far from strong as a result of his recent serious illness at the executive mansion at Springfield, Ill., where he was taken sick which he and Mrs. Lewis were guests of Gov. and Mrs. E. F. Dunne, Senator James Hamilton Lewis is "on the job" as Democratic whip in the United States Senate. Upon him devolves the duty of seeing that the Democratic Senators are within reach when wanted in the ship-purchase bill fight. He is strongly supporting the administration measure.

### TEACHERS MAY MAKE UP CHICAGO'S DEFICIT

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Chicago schools are short more than \$1,000,000 for 1915. This disclosure was made to a special division of the board of education finance committee yesterday afternoon.

Finding no plan that would work out to relieve the situation, the special committee "passed the buck" to Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of schools, who has proposed that teachers all donate two weeks' salary.

### WOMEN URGE "MADE IN U. S. A. LEGISLATION"

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 2.—The Woman's Board of Trade of Massachusetts has asked each United States Senator and Congressman to enact legislation making it a misdemeanor to use foreign labels on goods manufactured in this country. The Board of Trade says that 90 per cent. of the goods bearing foreign labels are manufactured in America.

### U. S. COINAGE WAS MORE THAN \$60,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The United States coinage in 1914 was \$61,750,161, in 145,859,157 pieces.

### FAGANS TO LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Fagan, Jr., and children will leave on the first boat for Seattle, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Fagan intends returning to a business association with his father.

Mr. Fagan came here over a year ago, and has been identified with the Alaska Gastineau Mining company.

### TITLE TO GOLD BELT IS SECURE

Judge Fred M. Brown this afternoon decided the suit brought by the government to cancel the patent to the tract known as the Golden Belt realty addition, against the government. Judge Brown's opinion in conclusion, says: "In my judgment the plaintiff has failed to establish a case requiring the cancellation of the patent in question and the plaintiff's complaint ought to be dismissed. Findings and decree may be prepared accordingly."

Defendants to the suit were J. F. Malony, Mrs. Lilla A. Olds, Mamie S. Williams, Mary C. Hebert, Lloyd M. Ritter, Lydia K. Ritter, Claude Ericson, B. D. Stewart, E. R. Jaeger, William J. Reek, Belle G. Simpson, P. J. Watrick, Walter K. Zott, Vera A. T. Zott, Mrs. J. T. Welch, J. H. Cobb and J. J. Clarke.

Patent to the ground, which was known as the Fractional Lode Mining claim, was issued on June 21, 1909. The application for patent was made March 31, 1908, nearly two months after an adverse suit for possession of the ground had been decided against G. S. Bakke, and others, and in favor of Mr. Malony and his associates.

Judge Brown declares: "The highest authority in the United States is unquestionably to the effect that a patent, being a written public grant of the highest character, should only be set aside on clear and convincing proof of fraud, and I am satisfied there was no fraud perpetrated here, and fully agree with the special agent of the land office upon whose report said land was passed to a patent."

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### FLOODS IN ARIZONA DO DAMAGE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 2.—Severe floods are sweeping over Arizona. Ranchers of the lowlands are fleeing to higher ground for safety. A great deal of livestock has been lost, and the streets of Globe, Miami, Glendale, Tucson, Bisbee, Tempe, Buckeye and Arlington are inundated.

Trains on nearly all of the railroads are stalled, and nowhere are they running on schedule.

The loss of property on account of the floods will be enormous.

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### NEW ARMY IN FIELD IN FRANCE

NORTHERN FRANCE, Feb. 2.—Several hundred thousand fresh British troops are being rushed into Northern France. They are well trained, and seasoned from nine weeks of work in Great Britain. They are accompanied by thousands of traction engines, thousands of motor cars, dozens of transport loads of steel rails for railroad construction, hundreds of mammoth siege guns, and miles on miles of barbed wire. The completeness of the army and its equipment have amazed the French, and created the highest spirit of optimism that has been experienced since the opening of the war.

The British established large camps near the coast, and are proceeding to the firing line.

The early advance of the Allies is predicted.

### CARRANZA'S BROTHER HAS BEEN EXECUTED

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 2.—Gen. Jesus Carranza, brother of the head of the Constitutional faction of Mexico, and his son, Albeator, and Aguacilo Peñalva, member of Gen. Carranza's staff, were executed yesterday by Gen. Santibañez, former Constitutional general, who was deflected to Zapata, according to a telegram received today by the widow of Gen. Carranza from his first chief.

Carranza's Enemies to be Killed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Gen. Fabian, commander of the Carranza forces at Tampico, has issued an order directing that any foreigner found in that city or in the territory within his jurisdiction assisting the enemies of Gen. Carranza be shot immediately.

The news of the order came to Washington from American consul De van.

### Constitutionalists Taking Cities.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 2.—San Luis Potosi was turned over to Gen. Carranza Sunday without battle.

The fall of Monterey is expected daily.

### GERMANY SHIPS GOLD TO PAY ROME BALANCES

ROME, Feb. 2.—Germany has made two shipments of \$500,000 each to settle balances in this city due to excess of imports from over exports to Italy.

### YUKON LEGISLATOR IS PACIFIC COAST VISITOR

VANCOUVER, Feb. 2.—Dr. Alfred Thompson, member of parliament for Yukon, is at Vancouver. He attended the review of the Yukon Boyle detachment here, having come west for that purpose.

### TURKS SAID TO BE EXPPELLING JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 2.—A Cairo cable says that Jews are being expelled by the Turks and Germans from Palestine. It is estimated that 7,000 Jewish refugees are already in Egypt and 80,000 more are expected.

### ITALY CARES FOR EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS

ROME, Feb. 2.—The Italian government has voted \$5,000,000 to aid the earthquake victims, and has declared a five months' moratorium in the affected district and a suspension of taxes.

### CANADA'S TRADE \$40,000,000 SHY IN ONE MONTH

OTTAWA, Canada, February 2.—Canada's imports fell in December to \$31,454,233, a decrease of \$21,000,000, and the exports were \$37,163,624 a decrease of \$18,610,052.

### IDAHO TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION ONCE MORE

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 2.—The Idaho House and Senate have passed a bill to have the prohibition question voted on by the people in 1916.

### GERMANS HAVE VERY BAD WEEK

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The past week is the most disheartening to the Germans since the war began. In three days 20,000 Germans were put out of action in one area of the British front alone as the result of fruitless assaults against entrenched and fortified positions. There has been a frightful sacrifice of life on the part of the Germans, and they have gained no ground anywhere.

The one bright spot from the German side is the trouble their submarines are causing the British merchant marine about the British coast.

British Win at Labassee.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The British yesterday defeated the Germans near Labassee. Three German battalions suffered terrible losses.

The Germans are evidently preparing for a general offensive movement in the vicinity of Labassee, and a big battle is expected there in the near future. The German forces in this vicinity have been greatly reinforced.

### Russia Continues Successes.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2.—The Russians have continued their successes in the vicinity of Tauris, Persia. The enemy has retired from the city with heavy loss.

Heavy fighting has been resumed in the Waraw front. The Germans were dislodged from the trenches at the point of the bayonet in several instances. Two German companies were annihilated.

### Germans Claim Success.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Germans claim to have met with successes in the campaign against the Russians in Poland all the way from Warsaw to the Galician front; also they report gains in Bukovina and northern Hungary. The Berlin newspapers say that the Russian movement toward Hungary has been checked.

### No Fighting at Suez.

CAIRO, Feb. 2.—Fighting has ceased in the Suez Canal district. There are many deserters from the Turkish army in that region after the march from Jerusalem.

### GERMAN INDUSTRY IS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The German production of pig iron in December was \$84,000 tons, as compared with \$87,000 tons in August, the first month of the war.

### BERLIN PAPER JUSTIFIES ZEPPELIN ATTACKS

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The North German Gazette prints an amplification of the German official answer to the British contention that bombardment by Zeppelin airships are contrary to international law.

It is stated that the recent raid was directed against Great Yarmouth, which, according to the official British lists, belongs to the coast defense, and is permanently occupied by military, and there is liable to bombardment. The other places where bombs were dropped, as the airships were going and coming, themselves were not to blame, because shots were fired from them against the airships, making them ipso facto defended places.

### ROUMANIA ALMOST READY FOR THE WAR

LONDON, Feb. 2.—A Madrid cable says that it is reported the Roumanian government has made inquiries in Spanish arms factories for a large number of Mausers. It is stated that Roumania will enter the war as soon as she is provided with enough arms and equipment for 200,000 men. France will meet the expenses.

### KENTUCKY PRODUCES RECORD FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTION

PARIS, Ky., Feb. 2.—All selling records were smashed on the local tobacco market yesterday when a crop belonging to Thomas & Wilson, of this county, grown on five acres of land was sold for \$2,008.01, an average of \$405.60 per acre. The yield of the five acres was 11,300 pounds and averaged \$17.77 the 100 pounds.

### FRANCE RAISES OVER \$600,000,000 FOR WAR

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The French minister of Finance has announced that subscriptions in France, England and the United States for the French war loan have reached \$600,000,000. The National war fund now exceeds \$540,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 was secured in England.

### BRITISH PORTS ARE BLOCKADED

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The appearance of German submarines on both coasts of Great Britain, and their destruction of at least seven merchant ships within three days has caused a sensation in shipping circles, and insurance rates have gone out of sight. The attacks, accompanied as they have been by Zeppelin activities have established, temporarily, at least, a blockade of all British ports.

The blockade resulting from the appearance of swarms of German submarines on both of England's coasts has been particularly effective at Belfast where all sailings have been suspended.

GERMANS SINKING MERCHANTMEN.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—A German submarine sank two British merchantmen yesterday in the English channel off Havre. It is believed here that the crews of the vessels were saved.

All the members of the crews of the merchant ships that were torpedoed on the west coast have been accounted for.

### ZEPPELINS OVER ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Five German airships appeared over Dover last night, travelling eastward. They were fired on by the British forts, but escaped toward the Belgian coast.

The police of London have been notified to be on the lookout for a Zeppelin raid.

### WHY GERMANY FAILED TO FOLLOW UP VICTORY

LONDON, Feb. 2.—English writers claim that the failure of the Germans to follow up the victory of Soissons is due to the thin lines and the constant necessity of shifting troops from one part of the battle front to the other.

### TURKS TO BUILD A ROAD TO CARRY THE TROOPS

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Cairo correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "Refugees assure me that the project of building a strategic railway to the Egyptian frontier has not been abandoned, but is being pushed forward with the utmost energy. The line now reaches Nablus and it is intended to continue it by way of Jerusalem, Hebron, and Beersheba. Troops are concentrating in the neighborhood of Beersheba and Geza."

### ONLY PART OF CANADIAN TROOPS ARE AT FRONT

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Denial is made by the government press bureau of the reports that all Canadian troops had gone to the front. It states that only a small portion were sent to the Continent, the remainder still being at Salisbury.

### More Canadians to Go.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—The second contingent of Canadians will sail for England early next month. The third will follow in June.

### LONDON BANKERS CANNOT LEND MONEY NOW

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Bankers see no prospect of being able to loan money in large amounts on remunerative terms for some time.

### GERMANY SENDS AUSTRIA 80,000 MEN FOR SERVICE

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Bucharest correspondent of the London Times telegraphs that the German contingent in the new army formed to invade Serbia is 80,000 men, well equipped with siege artillery. Austria is putting 300,000 men in the army.

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