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VON HINDENBERG ESTABLISHES NEW LINE

Disquieting news comes from Berlin today in the form of an announcement that von Hindenberg, field marshal of the German army who never relinquished his command, announces that he is forming "a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice." Berlin does not know what the former war lord means by this announcement and has telegraphed him for further information but has received no reply. In some quarters it is taken to mean that Hindenberg plans armed resistance to an advance on Berlin by the allied armies if they accept the call that has been repeatedly sent to them from the German capital to take charge of policing that city.

Another significant dispatch from Berlin announces that a "people's league" has been formed with several of the former kaiser's closest friends and supporters at its head. These include the notorious Count von Bernstorff who was German ambassador to Washington and while acting in this capacity violated every law of neutrality and decency by planning murder of American citizens and destruction of American property and tried to involve the United States in war with Mexico and Japan.

President Wilson is to be the guest of King George of Great Britain at Buckingham palace, London, next Thursday, December 26. President and Mrs. Wilson will be entertained by the king and queen during their four days' stay in London.

Following are the cable and telegraphic dispatches received today:

New "Hindenberg Line" Being Established.

PARIS.—Field Marshal von Hindenberg has telegraphed the Berlin government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice according to a Zurich dispatch to La Journal. The government has asked for an explanation which as yet has not been received. It was announced that two regiments of the active army will be sent to Frankfurt on the Main soon.

Von Bernstorff in "People's League."

LONDON.—A "People's League" has been organized in Berlin, says a Central News Agency dispatch from Copenhagen. The league's committee included Prince Maximilian, of Baden, former German Imperial chancellor; Hugo Haase, independent socialist; Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, and Mathias Erzberger, centrist leader.

Ebert Government Reported to Have Resigned.

LONDON.—Copenhagen reports state that the German cabinet, headed by Frederick Ebert, has resigned, but there is no confirmation of the report.

President Wilson to Be Guest of King.

PARIS.—President Wilson's plans for visiting London, while not yet positive, contemplate leaving for England next Thursday, December 26, and he will probably remain in England four days.

LONDON.—It is definitely announced this afternoon that President and Mrs. Wilson would arrive in London Thursday, December 26. They will be the guests of King George at Buckingham palace. Earl Curzon, acting for the war cabinet in arrangements being made by Lord Chamberlain's department for the reception and entertainment of the president.

President Confers With Italian Statesmen.

PARIS.—President Wilson, in addition to conferring today with Italian statesmen also received Andre Tardieu, the French high commissioner to the United States, with whom he discussed relief work in France and economic questions. He conferred some time with Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino, of Italy, who explained in detail the country's ambitions. President Wilson expressed the warmest sympathy with Italy's aspirations but has not committed himself fully.

Lettish Government Asks Protection.

WASHINGTON.—An appeal for protection from Bolsheviki was received by the state department today from the Lettish government through the American legation at Stockholm. Lett representatives said the German troops are not remaining to maintain order as the armistice permitted but are leaving the country at the mercy of Bolsheviki.

Hold International Air Conference.

LONDON.—British air board has drafted articles for an international air convention which will be submitted to the Allies, Lord Weir, secretary of state for war forces, announced today. The draft is accompanied by the suggestion for an international air conference.

300,000 Soldiers Sent Home.

WASHINGTON.—Well over 300,000 soldiers have been discharged from the army and returned to civilian status, Secretary of War Baker said today. The rate of demobilization has now reached 150,000 weekly. The war department is pressing its efforts to make the daily discharges 1,000 from each camp.

Sixteen Billion Dollars Saved.

WASHINGTON.—Over \$16,000,000,000 cash appropriations under contract authorizations voted by congress for war purposes will be unexpended, Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, chairman of the house appropriations committee announced today.

Million Tons Shipping Released.

PARIS.—Arrangements have been made for the release of 1,000,000 tons of shipping from the army supply service which will be diverted to American export trade to aid home industries to return from a war to a peace basis.

Lodge Will Let Peace Delegates Settle Questions.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, republican leader in the senate address today, advocated the postponement of the formation of league of nations until after the peace conference. Lodge said the question should be considered separately and later.

G. P. MIX BUYS FINE HERD OF HOLSTEINS

WELL KNOWN MOSCOW CITIZEN ACQUIRES G. D. HODGE'S PRIZE WINNING COWS

Mr. G. P. Mix of Moscow has just purchased one of the finest bred herds of Holstein-Friesian cattle that could be found in any community in the United States. G. D. Hodge, court reporter, of this city, was the seller.

So quietly has he gone about it in the past that but few of Mr. Hodge's friends have known that he knew the difference between a common "cayuse" and one of royal ancestry, but for the past ten years from his farms he has been distributing throughout Idaho and Washington a class of dairy cattle of a type and quality that has demonstrated his ability as a constructive breeder.

For the past two years he has loaned to the state university his herd sire, King Segis Matador Walker to head their herd. This young bull, a three year old, weighs 2300 pounds. His dam at but 20 months of age made over 17 pounds of butter in a week. His sires dam at four years of age made over 33 pounds of butter in seven days. His first five sisters to freshen as two year olds made over 21 pounds of butter per week each. A brother to this bull took first prize at the National Dairy show in Ohio. He himself was first prize winner at the Northwest Live Stock show.

Mr. Mix acquires by this purchase four heifers from this sire. In the sale were included four cows bred and raised by Mr. Hodge, whose sire's seven closest related females averaged by official test 29 pounds of butter per week.

Mr. Mix is to be congratulated in acquiring this fine dairy herd, and it will be his aim to maintain its present high standing. Mr. Mix has handled cattle all his life, and his past experience has demonstrated that the Moscow country is a good dairy country, and concerning dairy cattle he has learned that the best is none too good.

SIX MILLION KILLED BY THE INFLUENZA

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Times medical correspondent says that it seems reasonable to believe that throughout the world about six million persons perished from influenza and pneumonia during the past three months.

It has been estimated that the war caused the death of 20,000,000 persons in four and one-half years. Thus, the correspondent points out, influenza has proved itself five times deadlier than war, because in the same period at its epidemic rate influenza would have killed 100,000,000. Never since the black death has such a plague swept over the world, he says, adding that the need of a new survey of public health measures has never been more forcibly illustrated.

WILSON WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT EXPENDITURES

WASHINGTON.—The department of justice's report on the government's Hog Island ship-building project was made public at the White House today on wireless instructions from President Wilson.

The report says a searching investigation has disclosed no criminal liability but recommends that the arbitration board determine what, if any, over the \$60,000,000 the plant cost was in excess of reasonable necessity.

GERMANS MURDER MORE AMERICANS

AMERICAN PRISONERS SHOT BY GUARD—MINED BRIDGE KILLS 15—WILSON TOLD

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The killing of Lieutenant Coeheny, an American airman, in the German prison camp at Stralsund, December 5, is reported by three British officers who have arrived here.

The American lieutenant, the officers say, went outside the barbed wire for a moment and the German guards fired three times at him. Lieutenant Coeheny was killed by a bullet through the chest. A British officer was seriously wounded by the shots.

The guards refused to allow Coeheny's comrades to remove his body.

Wilson to Hear of Outrages.

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The plan was formed at the suggestion of Dr. Henry Van Dyke of Princeton university, who met some of the people in the association at a reunion held recently.

Buried Mine Kills Fifteen.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—(Havas.)—A German mine which had been planted in a bridge at Guise has exploded, killing 15 persons and injuring 25, according to a Guise dispatch to the Matin.

The dispatch says the explosion occurred more than a month after the armistice began.

CLOVER BULLETIN FOR DISTRIBUTION

EXPERIMENT STATION ISSUES IMPORTANT WORK ON THE DESTRUCTIVE APHIS

The experiment station staff of the agricultural college of the University of Idaho, has been working on the problem of destroying the clover aphid, which has done enormous damage to the clover crops of southern Idaho in past years.

The work during the past season has been highly satisfactory and it is believed that a remedy for the aphid has been discovered. Professor Ralph H. Smith, assistant entomologist of the agricultural college, who has been working on this problem, has just issued a bulletin for general distribution, which treats the subject, shows the damage done, the methods used in combating the aphid and the success attained.

Twelve thousand copies of the bulletin, known as "Bulletin 112" have been printed and will be ready for distribution next week. The bulletin shows that \$1,500,000 worth of clover has been destroyed by the aphid in Idaho in the past four years and that its ravages have caused a reduction of 75 per cent in the acreage of red clover and 90 per cent in the acreage of alsike clover in that period.

The bulletin deals with the aphis from the laying of the eggs to its maturity and death and shows how it can be destroyed and its ravages stopped. It is believed by the staff that if the directions given in the bulletin are closely followed that the red and alsike clover crops of Idaho may be saved, but that if the aphid were permitted to go on as it has in the past four years, these crops would be entirely destroyed in the aphid infested districts.

MONTANA IS PREPARING FOR A LONG DROUTH

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 20.—Montanans are storing away large quantities of "hard licker" against the coming long drouth, according to Judge F. L. Mann, deputy collector of internal revenue, and that same liquor is going to be confiscated if the state anti-saloon league succeeds in getting the state legislature to place this state among the really "bone dry" states.

Judge Mann is authority for the statement that stocks worth as much as \$6,000 and ranging from that figure down to \$600 have been cached in many parts of the state. In fact, the various distilleries of the country have been shipping carloads of whiskey into the state, and it has disappeared as if by magic.

SABOTAGE SHOWN IN I. W. W. TRIALS

EVIDENCE BROUGHT OUT SHOWS SYSTEMATIC PLANS FOR HURTING EMPLOYERS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Letters referring to arson and other forms of sabotage were read to the jury late today at the trial of 46 persons on trial in the United States district court here for alleged plots to violate war work and disrupt war activity.

Most of the letters bore the signatures of alleged conspirators with the defendants here, including several men convicted at the Chicago I. W. W. trial last summer. Several touched upon activity charged against the Industrial Workers of the World in the northwest.

Alleged formulas for treating plants and trees with chemicals and directions for "mixing the finest flour of emery dust in lubricating oil for machinery" were also read to the jury.

Today's showing was for the purpose of proving the general conspiracy charge. Witnesses are to be placed on the stand, beginning tomorrow, in an effort to connect the individual defendants in the plots charged it was announced.

A letter signed E. Krause, Sec., Portland, August 13, 1914, and addressed to Vincent St. John, I. W. W. writer, who was convicted at Chicago, said:

"The stiffs in this part of the country are certainly raising hell, as more than 50 threshers burned around here and the farmers offered \$1000 for the guilty party who is supposed to have put matches in the grain. Sunday we held a gigantic anti-war demonstration here and more than 5,000 people attended."

"If we could be about a million strikers and turn the sab-cat loose in Utah and leave a stickler where anything happens I think it wouldn't make it so easy for the masters to railroad men who are fighting for labor," said a letter signed "C. M. Anderson, Sec., Minneapolis, 9-14-15," and addressed to William D. Haywood former general secretary of the I. W. W., who was convicted at Chicago.

A letter signed "William Weyh, Sec., Stockton," and addressed to "Bert Kelley, Sec., Hoquiam, Wash.," said:

"The weather is very dry and hot here and we are all excited over the numerous fires in our town, eight and ten a day, and just think, the I. W. W. hall is not insured."

From Sacramento, May 20, 1915, Lambert is said to have written to John Panner: "Things are pretty tough. The boys in Stockton are having all kinds of trouble with the bosses. Trouble is there is not enough at work to make the cat effective."

"Tell the boys we've got hold of the tail of California's goat—yours for the O. B. U.," Lambert is alleged to have written to G. J. Bourg from Sacramento in June, 1915.

"The O. B. U.," or "one big union," is another term for the I. W. W. organization, government investigators said.

Referring to certain "good jobs" credited to spies, C. L. Lambert, who was convicted at Chicago, in a letter alleged to have been written to the Latin Branch of the I. W. W., in San Francisco in August, 1915, suggested printing a sticker reading: "The German spies will continue their work until Ford and Suhr are free."

H. D. Suhr and Richard Ford were convicted of the murder of E. T. Martin, well known attorney of Yuba county, Cal., in connection with the hop riots in 1914, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

A letter alleged to have been sent to Haywood by Lambert June 25, 1915, referring to the cutting of wages said: "The only outfits that have not taken advantage of this hard spell is the oil companies; there is too many opportunities for good sabo in the fields."

ROBERT WEST IS VISITING MOSCOW

WELL KNOWN PIONEER COMES HOME FOR A DEER HUNT—LOCATED AT BREMERTON

Robert West, well known pioneer of Latah county, who has been at Bremerton for the past 14 months, is in Moscow, having arrived here yesterday and will remain several days. Then he goes for a deer hunt. Mr. West has a fine farm near Moscow and is looking after business interests while enjoying a furlough of 35 days. He is employed in the boiler factory of the government ship yards at Bremerton.

Mr. West says times have been very lively there during the time the United States was at war with Germany, but have quieted down to some extent since the signing of the armistice. He says the government is calling no more men now, although there was a constant call for more men before fighting ceased.

Bremerton is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants, during normal times, but now has about 20,000 people there, so one can draw a picture of the congested conditions.

SWITZERLAND HAS FOOD SHORTAGE

COUNTRY HAS BEEN ON RATIONS FOR LONG TIME—METHODIST WILL HELP

A serious shortage of food threatens all Switzerland, according to a communication received by the joint Centenary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church from Bishop John L. Nuelsen, stationed at Zurich. "A week ago the salaries of all the state and city officials in Zurich who received less than Fr. 5,000 were increased 110 per cent," declared Bishop Nuelsen. "This measure was submitted to a popular vote and was adopted by a large majority. The public discussion preceding the vote was very illuminating. It was proved by figures that the living expenses have gone up more than 100 per cent. It is exceedingly difficult for our ministers to make both ends meet, even by practicing the most stringent economies."

CONSUMER SCAN SOLVE PROFITEERING PROBLEM

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 20.—The solution of the profiteering problem lies, after all, in the hands of the consumer, William Ruth and James Anderson, members of the Lewis and Clark county fair price committee, declare in an open letter to the public. They confess that the committee, which sat during most of the war period, has effected practically nothing in reduction of prices on the necessities. They advise the public to study dealers and their methods and to boycott those who indulge in profiteering.

POSITIONS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE ASKS CO-OPERATION OF EVERYBODY TO SECURE PLACES

BOISE.—The decks have been cleared to put into force and effect in the state of Idaho the demobilization program of the government by which returning soldiers and sailors may be given employment. Final action was taken on the program following the receipt of instructions from the state council of defense from the Council of National Defense, at a meeting of the executive committee held here this week. Present at this conference besides the members of the committee were Federal Labor Commissioner M. J. Kerr of St. Anthony, E. H. Hasbrouck, county commissioner, and Captain P. W. Masters of Camp Lewis, who will direct the men from that cantonment to their homes in this state, when notified of the employment open to them.

J. T. Pence, chairman of the state council, was authorized to issue a statement to county councils of defense, which was approved by the executive committee, showing the plan to be followed. This statement is in part as follows:

"The National Council of Defense has worked out a program and forwarded the same to the several state councils of defense for the establishment of bureaus for returning soldiers and sailors and other war workers."

"The respective state councils of defense, through their various organizations, have been called upon to assist in the immediate prosecution of the plan."

"The U. S. Employment Service is the official governmental organization charged with the duty of helping find positions for returning soldiers and sailors, as well as war workers and others."

"It therefore becomes important that the county councils of defense carry out the program mapped out, with dispatch, as their machinery is complete for carrying out the plan as directed."

"Where there is no community labor board, you will take the initiative and proceed at once to call a meeting, inviting the cooperation of all organizations."

"At such meeting a board of management for the bureau will be chosen. Where there is already a community board organized in a county, you will act in conjunction with that board."

"The board of management chosen at this meeting will be composed of a representative of the community labor board, where such exists, a member of each of the other organizations cooperating and a representative of labor. Such body is called the board of management. The board of management will select its own officers. Wherever its size makes it advisable, such board of management should appoint a small executive committee and vest in it such powers as may be necessary for prompt and effective action."

"The bureau manager shall report directly to the Idaho director of the U. S. employment service upon such blanks and forms as will be provided for him from time to time by that officer; will and in the matter of administrative details will be under the direction of that officer."

Major Fooks is Wounded.

Major Herbert C. Fooks, former commandant at the University of Idaho, was shot through the lower jaw by a machine gun bullet on November 9, two days before the armistice was signed. He is in a hospital where he had been two weeks when he wrote and said he expected to be there 12 weeks longer, but his letter indicates that he does not regard his wound as serious. He was with Pershing in Mexico and has been with him from his first activities in France.

Maximum Copper Price Ends.

WASHINGTON.—The maximum copper prices will expire January 1 and will not be renewed. It was announced today by the price fixing committee of the war industries board.

RAILROADS WILL HELP AGRICULTURE

COOPERATION WITH ALL SECTIONS OF NORTHWEST PLANNED BY ADMINISTRATION

SPOKANE, Dec. 20.—To co-operate with agricultural institutions, county agriculturists and all irrigation and other activities looking to a greater development of the inland Empire and the entire northwest, organization of a committee to aid agricultural development was completed at a meeting held by L. J. Bricker of St. Paul, Minn., assistant supervisor of agriculture of the Northern Pacific railway, in this city, yesterday.

The meeting was under the direction of the division of traffic of the United States railroad administration, in accordance with its agricultural development plans under the division of traffic.

Besides Mr. Bricker, others present were Fred W. Graham, Seattle, agricultural agent of the Great Northern railroad; C. L. Smith, Portland, agricultural agent of the O.-W. R. & N.; J. P. Warner, Spokane, representing H. F. Hunter, supervisor of agriculture of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway; Waldo G. Paine, Spokane, representing the S. P. & S.; Arthur J. Shaw, Spokane, representing the Spokane International, and C. E. Arney, Spokane, assistant supervisor of the Northern Pacific railway.

The advisory committee is composed of E. F. Benson, state commissioner of agriculture, Olympia; W. S. Thornber, director of extension, Washington State College, Pullman; R. E. T. Tiffany, director of United States reclamation service, Yakima; D. G. O'Shea, president of the federal land bank, Spokane, and C. F. Green, president state bankers' association, Spokane.

One resolution adopted provides for cooperation in the work of the war garden commission in the distribution of publicity. Another sets forth that the publication of farm bulletins, agricultural magazines and other printed educational matter shall be continued by the various railroads. Still another heartily endorses the plans as suggested by Secretary Franklin K. Lane for the purpose of furnishing occupation to the returning soldiers and for the preparation by reclamation or otherwise, of farms or ranches to be sold to soldiers and selected settlers upon the most favorable terms and conditions.

MORE UNIVERSITY GIRLS LEAVE FOR HOME TODAY

Many more of the young women students of the university are leaving for their homes to spend Christmas. These left yesterday:

Misses Evadna Roberts, Nampa; Inez Sanger, Marjorie Albert, Payette; Helga Anderson, Boise; Edeline Wall, Pullman; Ernestine Rose, Butte, Mont.; Evangelina Fleming, Burke, Idaho; Irene McKay, Mullan; Ashta Bosworth, Spokane; Carol Sternberg, Rathdrum; Helen Cochran, Emmett; Georgian Oylear, Middleton; Marie Freehafer, Nettie Bauer, Boise.