

SEND OVERCOATS TO ARMY CAMPS

Baker Reports by Now Soldiers Everywhere, Are Comfortable; Blames Transportation Tieup for Delay.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 5.—Overcoat shortages at National guard and national army training camps were reported ended except at Camp Beauregard, La., by Secretary Baker, in a further response today to the senate military committee's resolution urging immediate steps to provide the soldiers with adequate winter clothing. Many of the camps still are short of woollen blouses, which the secretary said were particularly hard to obtain. The report was based upon the War department's latest telegraphic advices from the division commanders. Emergency express shipments and local purchases have been authorized, and Mr. Baker expressed the belief that today "all the men are comfortable."

Of a total shortage of 11,500 overcoats, Camp Beauregard needed 10,863. A deficiency of about 68,000 blouses was scattered among posts. Camp Kearney, Cal., needed 13,809. Blame for delay in furnishing winter garments was placed by the secretary partially upon supply, but largely upon the transportation situation.

At Camps Jackson, S. C., and Greene, Cal., supplies of both overcoats and blouses were reported sufficient. Bedding supplies were said to be adequate at all camps.

Coats to Beauregard.
To meet the overcoat shortage at Beauregard Secretary Baker said 22,300 had been expressed December 26. He told also of recent shipment of 600 overcoats to Camp Custer, 10,000 blouses to Camp Funston, 2,000 blouses to Camp Wadsworth, 2,000 overcoats and 6,000 blouses to Camp Dix.

"Instructions have been sent to all to obtain locally and immediately," said the report, "any uniform garments which are short, in order to give each man one whole uniform; to use sizes on hand to exchange with other camps if practicable, and to employ garment makers to alter garments so as to fit those without necessary uniforms."

A bill introduced today by Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, as a result of the committee investigation of the system of army supply purchasing would abolish the advisory committees of the Council of National Defense and prohibit civilians from serving the government under the existing practice at \$1 a year. The bill would amend the law creating the council and permit the president to appoint one advisory commission of seven members to serve without compensation.

National Defense Council Relates Its Achievements

Washington, Jan. 5.—Expedient production and delivery of war supplies and substantial saving in contract price to the government have been achieved by the Council of National Defense through its civilian advisory commission, according to the council's first annual report transmitted to congress today by the president. The report covers the work of the council for only four months, from the time of organization, March 3, 1917, to the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

The report says that of 408 persons working continuously for the council, only 168 were paid, the greater part being clerks and stenographers, not counting a very large number of persons giving part of their time in and out of Washington.

Lenine Appoints Former Royalist as Bank Director

Stockholm, Jan. 5.—A belated Petrograd dispatch received here today announced that Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik prime minister, had appointed M. Bezobrazoff as director of the imperial bank. His appointment caused surprise here because he was one of the former Russian emperor's favorites and regarded as one of a group that was said to have intrigued to bring about the Russo-Japanese war to protect its financial interests in Manchuria and Korea.

Six Soldiers Killed in Train Wreck Near Montreal

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Six soldiers are known to have been killed, one is missing and 30 other persons were injured in a rear-end collision on the Canadian Pacific railway near Dorval station tonight.

Water Power Development Is Now Before Congress

Washington, Jan. 5.—A definite legislative policy to develop the nation's water power is under consideration by house leaders today in the form of a bill approved by President Wilson and designed to handle all water power problems through a commission composed of the secretaries of war, interior and agriculture.

Melville Stone, Jr., Dies

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 5.—Melville E. Stone, jr., son of the general manager of the Associated Press, died here today. Mr. Stone had been seriously ill since Sunday. He had been in poor health for some time during which time he lived at Altadena, a suburb, with his mother and sister, Miss Elizabeth Stone.

Miller, Inventor, Dies

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 5.—A. C. Miller, inventor of the automatic train control device which bears his name, and promoter of the New York-Chicago air line which failed of realization, died suddenly here today, aged 66 years.

Australia Retains Premier

Ottawa, Ontario, Jan. 5.—The nationalist party of Australia has resolved by a vote of 63 to 2 to retain Premier Hughes in the leadership, according to a Melbourne dispatch received by the Reuter Agency here.

Would Put Women at Camps on a War Basis

New York, Jan. 5.—Adoption of a specialized scheme of housing for the women workers at military training camps and cantonments and in industrial centers, was urged upon Secretary of War Baker in a letter made public here today by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, jr., representing the housing committee of the war work council of the Young Women's Christian association. The association plans to build, at its own expense a model home for girls at Charleston, S. C., and the hope was expressed that the government would erect duplicates of this institution throughout the country.

"In view of the probability that an increasing number of women must necessarily be employed in war activities in connection with camps, it is strongly recommended that these women be placed on a war basis," the letter said, "enlisting for war service under military discipline. Such control would do away with many objectionable features of such service at the present time."

Lower Death Rates in War Training Camps

Washington, Jan. 5.—Lower death rates in both the National Guard and national army divisions in this country during the week ending December 28, are shown by the weekly report of the division of field sanitation. In the guard there were 108 deaths as against 120 the previous week, and in the national army there were 98, compared with 118 the week before.

Slight improvement in general health conditions in the camps also is shown, there being a marked abatement of meningitis epidemics prevailing in several camps. Pneumonia epidemics also have improved somewhat, but 73 deaths among the guardsmen and 66 among the national army are from that disease.

New Bill Would Raise Civil War Pensions

Washington, Jan. 5.—Three bills to increase the pensions paid civil war veterans were introduced today in the senate. One by Senator Gallinger would grant veterans who served 90 days or more a pension of \$25 a month and those serving three years or more \$50 a month.

Another by Senator Smoot would grant pensions ranging from \$30 to those who served 90 days to \$40 for those who had two years or more of service. The third by Senator Jones of Washington would grant veterans an additional \$20 a month except in cases where this amount would increase their pensions to more than \$50 a month.

Special Committee to Work on Water Power Problems

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson laid before a conference of house leaders tonight, the draft of a bill designed to establish a definite legislative policy to develop the nation's water power, 35,000,000-horse power of which is estimated by government engineers to be wasted annually.

"Deutschland Uber Alles" Ideas Get Lawyer in Bad

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 5.—Maximilian von Hoegen, a young lawyer of this city, who has attracted notice by German utterances, returned his draft questionnaire to the draft board here, it was learned today, with "Deutschland Uber Alles," written across it and stating that he has an "overwhelming desire to see Germany victorious in the war." At one time he claimed to be an agent of the German government and a representative of the former German ambassador to Washington, Count von Bernstorff.

Young Farmer Found Guilty of Wife Murder

Wauzon, O., Jan. 5.—Frederick Lehman was found guilty of first degree murder of his wife in a verdict returned by the jury this morning. The jury was out 40 hours. Its recommendation for clemency will save the young farmer from the electric chair and the penalty will be life imprisonment.

Sammies in France Send Greetings to President

Washington, Jan. 5.—General Pershing today cabled the thanks of the American expeditionary forces for President Wilson's New Year's greetings. His message said: "All officers and men of this command extend to the president as our commander-in-chief, most sincere thanks for his message of confidence and we heartily return his New Year's greetings and trust that his health and strength may be conserved. All ranks extend to him and our people at home pledges of loyalty and devotion."

Brazilian Monkeys Find Gotham's Cold A Great Discomfort

New York, Jan. 5.—Only polar bears and seals are enjoying the cold spell here. Ring-tailed monkeys from Brazil, giraffes from Africa, hartebeests, aardvarks and other animals from tropical climates domiciled at the Bronx and Central Park zoos are not. The exiles from the equator were threatened with death by freezing today until several hundred re-quisitioned tons of New York's coal supply arrived in time to maintain their quarters at something like a home-like temperature.

Sioux City Man Loses Fight For Million Dollar Estate

Boston, Jan. 5.—William Jackson Phillips of Sioux City, Ia., lost his fight for the \$1,000,000 estate of the Phillips family of Swampscott, when the supreme court declared today that he was not the son of the late John C. Phillips of Swampscott, who died in 1896.

ARGUES THAT WOMEN NOT FIT TO VOTE

Wise Man of Buffalo Says They Should Stay at Home Instead of Meddling in Politics.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representatives of the American Constitutional league, of which Charles S. Fairchild is president, today appeared before the house woman suffrage committee and urged that action on the proposed suffrage constitutional amendment be deferred until after the war.

Through Everitt P. Wheeler of New York, the league argued that passage of the amendments by congress at this time would divert the attention of American women from the necessity of putting forth every energy to help win the war.

Dr. Lucien Howe of Buffalo, a member of the league, argued that women were not qualified to vote. He presented statistics tending to show that the high rate of infant mortality made it necessary for the women to keep their places in the home instead of giving their attention to politics.

The speakers at today's hearings are not connected with the national association, opposed to woman suffrage, but represent, they said, an organization composed of both suffragists and anti-suffragists, favoring action by the individual states.

Cannot Meet Socialists' Demands, Mayor May Resign

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 5.—Mayor Daniel A. Hoan, elected to office on the socialist ticket, issued a statement today saying he could not comply with the platform of the socialist party adopted at St. Louis and at the same time obey the constitution and laws of the United States. He said the Milwaukee county central committee, the highest local socialist governing body, held the same view and had voted unanimously that it was Hoan's duty to execute and carry out the laws of the United States.

Fifty Killed in Quake; 100 Persons Injured

San Salvador, Jan. 5.—The latest advices received here show that the first reports of the Guatemala earthquake were exaggerated. The fatalities as a result of the disturbance aggregated 50, while only 100 persons were injured.

Earth shocks continue, but they are weak. Relief committees are being formed all over the country and a section of the Red Cross will depart shortly for Guatemala taking medicines, blankets and other necessities.

Western Roads Curtailed Service; Cut Off Sleepers

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Curtailed service of the transcontinental railroad has been effected as a result of the taking over by the national government of the operation of railroads in this country, it was announced today. The scenic limited, from San Francisco to St. Louis and Chicago, via Denver, has been reduced to one standard and one tourist sleeper.

Siam's Capital Is Under Water; Loss Is Very Heavy

Washington, Jan. 5.—Floods in Siam, worst since 1831, are devastating the country. Dispatches today from the American legation at Bangkok say the water has risen to the roofs of houses, causing great crop and cattle losses. A relief commission has been appointed.

Heavy Frost at Tampa, But Fruit Suffers Little

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 5.—Tampa had heavy frost last night, with 31 degrees, and freezing weather over-spreading most of the state. The citrus trees are dormant and little damage has been done by the week of cold weather. Truck crops have suffered in some sections.

L. H. Malone Chosen Secretary by Kinkaid

Washington, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Kinkaid has a new secretary in the person of L. H. Malone of Inman, Holt county, Nebraska. Mr. Malone is a son of Judge C. J. Malone of Holt county. Representative Sloan returned to Washington today, having been 15 hours longer than usual on the way.

Sends Cars to Mines

Washington, Jan. 5.—Director General McAdoo today took further steps for the relief of the coal famine in New England by ordering the distribution of 500 coal cars to mines along the lines of the eastern railroads.

To Recognize Free Finns

London, Jan. 5.—The Swedish council of ministers, at a session presided over by King Gustave, has decided to recognize the independence of Finland, according to a Reuter dispatch from Stockholm today.

Blames Garfield for Big Coal Shortage in East

South Charleston, O., Jan. 5.—In an address at a farmers' meeting here today, Governor Cox of Ohio, declared that the 1,000,000 tons excess of coal in the northwest, occasioned by the blunder of Fuel Administrator Garfield, is responsible in large measure for lack of fuel in the east and for transports, loaded with supplies for troops in foreign countries, reported tied up at ports.

Indict Members of Alleged \$1,000,000 Confidence Gang

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil, F. K. Buckminster and three others were indicted today on charges of having mulcted two Indiana business men out of \$115,000 through the operation of an alleged confidence game. The total operations of the band are said to have netted them upwards of \$1,000,000.

The indictments charged Weil and Buckminster, John Smith, James W. Head and Michael Reel with conspiring to commit confidence games in which Albert A. Charles, president of the Kokomo Steel and Wire Works of Kokomo, Ind., lost \$100,000, and Charles H. Worden, president of the First National bank of Fort Wayne, Ind., was swindled out of \$15,000.

Bill for \$100,000,000 Farm Bonds Passes House

Washington, Jan. 5.—The bill authorizing the treasury to buy \$100,000,000 worth of farm loan bonds this fiscal year and a similar amount next year was passed today by the house. A similar measure already passed by the senate would authorize the purchase of \$100,000,000 worth this year only and only for the purpose of financing the production of foodstuffs.

LOVETT BLAMES 'TAG' SYSTEM FOR TIEUP

Says He Is Not Responsible for Priority Orders Charged Against Him as Cause of Congestion.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Blame for the congestion of railroad lines and freight terminals today was placed by Robert S. Lovett, director of priority, on the tag system instituted by the railroads and the supply departments of the army, navy and shipping board, which gave preference in movement to all cars bearing official tags.

Judge Lovett explained that his statement was made to correct "unwarranted" inferences that he was responsible for unwise priority orders, which were charged by witnesses before committees and in reports with causing the present traffic situation.

Would Shut Enemy Alien From Mayor's Office

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senators Watson and New of Indiana asked President Wilson today to take steps to prevent Fred C. Miller, born of German parents and without final naturalization papers, from becoming mayor of Michigan City, Ind., next Monday. They urged that regulations governing enemy aliens be changed so as to prevent them from holding public offices.

Omaha Postoffice Clerks

Washington, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—John E. Howley and John J. E. Buckley have been appointed clerks in the Omaha postoffice; Warren Laughlin at Lincoln.

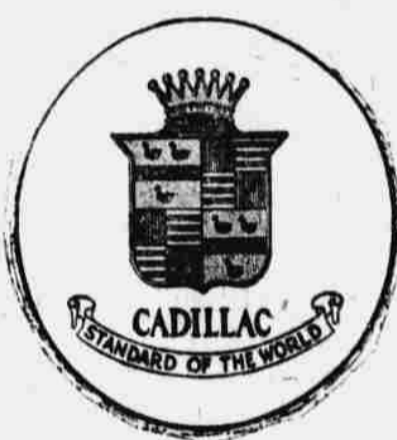
Soldiers Serve Terms for Xmas 'Absence Without Leave'

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 5.—"Absent without leave" is the charge against 1,000 Texas and Oklahoma soldiers here, because of the holidays. These 1,000 were not in the 14,000 granted furloughs by Major General Greble. So they just went home anyway for the festivities. One hundred of them, members of Company B of the 144th infantry, went to Dallas in a body and paraded. About 200 of the men are already in the guard house serving out their terms. They say the holiday was worth the punishment.

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