

## GREAT BATTLE PENDING ON WEST FRONT

Armies of Allies and Central Powers Ready for Perhaps Most Terrific Clash of World War.

Washington, March 4.—Continued preparatory movements on the part of the Germans along the western front are noted today by the War department in its review of the military situation for the week ending March 2. "The momentum of battle is increasing," the statement declares, citing three attempts by the enemy to reach the lines held by American troops as an example of what is taking place on a "larger scale along the entire western front."

The definite announcement is made that American forces have taken over a sector northwest of Toul and that a number of detached units are in action in the Champagne.

Operations in the eastern theater are expected to affect events in France, through a modification of German plans, the review intimates. Six Tenth columns were operating in Russia and to only one of these—the column moving towards Vitebsk—was any opposition noted.

**Turks Massacre Armenians.** Turkish forces advancing in the Caucasus are meeting with little resistance and are massacring Armenian residents of the districts retaken from the Russians. The review follows:

"The third month of relative quiescence on the western front has come to a close. During this period both belligerent groups have been massing their forces.

"There is evidence that the enemy continues to bring up fresh units. Owing to transportation difficulties this has been slow and laborious process.

"The allied war council is now in continuous session, assuring complete unity and flexibility of control.

"The British have extended their front.

"Our own forces have taken over a sector northwest of Toul. In addition a number of our detached units are in action in Champagne and the momentum of battle is increasing.

**Enemy Driven Back.**

"We have but to note the occurrences of the last week in our own sector in Lorraine in order to gain an idea of what is taking place. Patrols have been very active. Early in the week the enemy made two attempts to reach our lines, but was driven off by machine gun fire. On March 1 the enemy developed a sharply driven attack. After a short struggle the hostile detachment was repulsed.

"The Germans are now using gas along our front. Our men are being accustomed to this weapon.

"Our gas masks are efficiently protective. Our artillery was very busy shelling enemy positions and inflicted considerable damage on gun and mortar emplacements.

"Important troop movements took place behind the German lines opposite our front.

"In spite of the low visibility, hostile aircraft continued active and made frequent incursions over our lines.

"In the region of the Chemin des Dames lively encounters took place. A French raid against the German outposts, in which a number of American volunteers participated, was successfully carried through.

**Americans With French.**

"On February 24 the French executed a coup de main, destroying hostile defensive works and shelters near Aspach in upper Alsace. Small raids

## School Teacher Passes Spare Time Training for the Ambulance Service

**Teacher's War Sacrifices**  
Passes all time out of school repairing autos.  
Gives up lunches.  
Passes three nights a week learning to speak French.  
Buys Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps.

To drive a Red Cross ambulance in France is the aim of Miss Eula H. Wester, 3710 South Twenty-sixth street, teacher in the Garfield school. One wouldn't dream she is a regular school teacher to see her in her overalls and cap, putting away at the inside of a car or lying flat on her back tinkering with a recalcitrant valve.

Miss Wester believes she knows more about the inside of a Ford than Henry does himself, she's worked so hard learning. She works every day after school, sometimes until far into the night, and all day Saturdays, in a service garage at Eighteenth and Nicholas streets, in order to get the practical experience necessary to qualify for the motor driving service of Uncle Sam in France. She does all sorts of repair work, overhauls engines and can tackle any job in the mechanical line.

"Grinding valves is pretty hard on the finer nails, but I'm willing to sacrifice them for my country," was the laughing reply of Miss Wester when questioned about the difficulties of her man's-size-job. "The exhaust smoke, too, gets into my hair so badly, but otherwise there are no hardships for any girl who is strongly

built and in good health."

Miss Wester has been working in the garage since shortly after war was declared. One night last week when the energetic young teacher wished to treat herself to some real recreation and pleasure, she went to the auto show! Autos are her hobby, she frankly confesses, and if Uncle Sam takes too long to decide whether he wants women in his ambulance-driving service, Miss Wester plans to enlist in the British or Canadian service, which is accepting women more readily.

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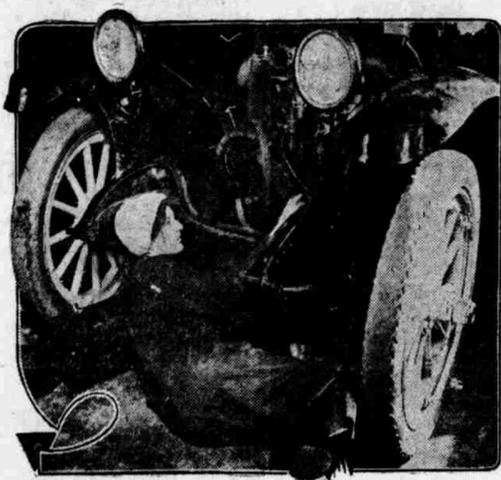
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## COMPENSATION OF ROADS AGREED UPON

New Plan Will Save Nearly Ten Thousand Tons of Coal Per Month.

Washington, March 4.—Agreement on compensation of railroads while under government control, based upon the average of their net income for the three years ending June 30 last, and substantially in the form approved by the senate, was reached today by the conferees on the administration railroad bill.

The house conferees accepted the senate provision providing that no allowance shall be made for money spent on improvements during the last few months preceding federal control. This would reduce the compensation about \$5,500,000 annually.

Subject to final approval, the senate conferees agreed to include all short line railroads under the act instead of only competing short lines.

These settlements leave only two important points still in dispute—rate making and period of government control.

Competing trains at approximately the same hours will be eliminated and railroad administration officials give assurance that the public will not be seriously inconvenienced. It is estimated that the new schedules will save 9,538 tons of coal a month. Freight traffic also will be improved.

Railroad tickets will be good on any line. Further removal of competitive trains west of the Mississippi is expected soon.

**10,000 Machinists Called To U. S. Aviation Service**

Washington, March 4.—Call was issued today for 10,000 machinists, mechanics, chauffeurs and other skilled workmen needed at once by the aviation section of the signal corps, it was stated, and announcement was made that additional increments must be obtained from the same classes in the near future.

The degree to which the aviation program of the army depends upon highly skilled labor is shown by the statement that "98 of every hundred men in the aviation section must be skilled in some branch of work."

"Men registered in the draft," said the announcement, "may be inducted into this service by applying to their local draft board. Men not registered may enlist at any recruiting office."

**"Feel Bully," Says T. R. After Long Siege of Illness**

New York, March 4.—Theodore Roosevelt left the hospital today after four weeks of convalescing from operations. As he walked to his automobile the former president expressed his satisfaction in response to greetings given him by a small street crowd and his negro chauffeur.

"Oh, I feel bully," he said. "My goodness, it feels good to be out."

The colonel paused, breathed deeply of the fresh air, and accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, entered the machine, which took them to the Hotel Langdon. There the colonel will remain a few days before going to Oyster Bay.

**Clyne Calls McDonald Dangerous Extremist**

Chicago, March 4.—Declaring that J. A. McDonald of Seattle, editor of the Industrial Workers, is a "dangerous extremist," Charles F. Clyne, United States district attorney here, today opposed a motion for a reduction in bail in the cases of McDonald, Charles Achleigh, San Francisco, and A. D. Kimball, Phoenix, Ariz.

The men were among the 106 members of the Industrial Workers of the World who were indicted for sedition and disloyalty. They are held in jail because unable to raise the \$10,000 bail demanded of each.

Mr. Clyne handed Judge Landis a letter written by McDonald, in which the latter said he was amazed that any member of the Industrial Workers of the World should desire to become a citizen of the United States.

Attorneys for the men claimed that jail life was breaking their health, especially McDonald, who, they said, is suffering from tuberculosis. Judge Landis took the application under advisement.

**Hawaiian Isle Dry.**

Washington, March 4.—At the request of the War department and because of its military importance President Wilson, by executive order, has put prohibition in effect in the Islands of Oahu of the Hawaiian group.

potamia the British are advancing up the Euphrates and have arrived in the vicinity of Hit, which is reported to have been evacuated by the Turks."

**Eight Army Nurses Will Report at Post Hospital**

Major F. H. Poole, Fort Omaha post surgeon, has received word from Washington that eight army nurses will report for duty at the post hospital.

Only five names are known to Major Poole. The nurses are not Red Cross nurses. The government uses the latter only for service abroad. They are all sworn into the regular army.

They are Mrs. Roslyn Chambers, Los Angeles; Miss Carrie Kinley, Sibley, Ia.; Miss Cora M. Kelly, Shamokin, Pa.; Miss Harriet B. Foulkrod, Kane, Pa., and Miss Ida M. Martinson, McPherson, Kan.

Fort Omaha hospital has been without any assigned nurses. There are 66 boys there now.

**War Work Canvass Board To Meet Tuesday Night**

Those who will canvass Omaha with cards to learn for the State Council of Defense just how much and what kind of war work each and every family has done to date will meet at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at 8 o'clock for further instructions.

The County Council of Defense has already organized the work in half the wards in the city down to precincts and blocks and the other half remain to be worked out at this meeting.

**Approximately 40,000 Income Tax Returns Made in State**

Approximately 40,000 personal income tax returns have been made in Nebraska, according to Internal Revenue Collector Loomis. This is a little more than half the total number expected by April 1, which is the limit of time. No corporation or excess profits tax returns have been received in the state yet.

## Alas! Spring is Not Here; Cold Wave Predicted

A cold wave is predicted by the weather bureau for the northern and western parts of Nebraska. Much colder Tuesday is the prediction for Omaha.

A temperature of 8 below zero prevailed in western Canada Monday morning, and a high barometer there will bring the cold to this part of the country. As the temperature here

was abnormally high Monday morning, Colonel Welsh says Omaha can stand a big drop without getting extremely cold.

The ice in the Missouri river broke up below the mouth of the Platte Sunday. The high northwest winds which are expected by tonight may break up the ice in the river at Omaha and above, the weather bureau says.

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## Your Fortune Possible From \$30 Investment

Shrewd Investors Are Asking How

Since running our announcement in this paper the past few days we have been receiving a great many requests for our Gusher Oil Bulletin, explaining our proposition in detail. Every mail the number of inquiries is getting larger, and we will no doubt have to greatly increase our office force in order to be able to promptly mail out our bulletins.

Orders Coming In Very Rapidly

We have already started receiving quite a large number of orders for tracts from people who have received our Bulletin, and after studying our proposition over carefully, have decided to join us in the profits to be made in our development work. We believe that nearly anyone with a little red blooded courage will buy at least one quarter-acre tract, when they understand how our offer combines safety of investment with reasonable possibilities of tremendous profits.

You Purchase Geologically Approved Oil Land

NOT OIL STOCK, but a full quarter acre of real oil land. Each tract is now selling for \$30.00. Warranty Deed with each tract. The best geologists in the world, those of the U. S. government, say that High Island has indications similar to the famous old Spindletop, northeast of our property, where wells came in at a reported production of 75,000 barrels of oil per day.

We Guarantee To Drill Two Big Wells

One to be drilled on this wonderful prospective property, and one on our positively proven lease in Famous Humble Gusher Oil Field, already surrounded by big wells, with oil positively proven to be on our lease.

50% of Profits Goes to Tract Purchasers

Each tract purchaser shares proportionately in 50% of the profits from the two wells we guarantee to drill, and also shares in the same ratio in the profits made from all other wells we may drill later.

You Receive 10% Of Oil From Your Tract

If your tract, or tracts, is selected upon which to drill, you would receive a royalty of 10% of all oil produced and saved in addition to your pro rata profits. For instance, if we bring in a 2,000-barrel on your tract at \$2.00 per barrel, or \$4,000 per day, your royalty would be approximately \$400.00 per day.

Our Humble Lease Protects Your Investment

We believe our Humble lease alone should enable us to pay you 500% annually on your investment, and when we bring in oil on our High Island property, proving up these tracts, we believe every one of our purchasers will be able to make enormous profits by leasing or selling their holdings. One acre in Humble Field sold recently for \$218,750.00 after oil was brought in.

Free Gusher Oil Bulletin

Send at once for our Bulletin, full of official maps, photographs and U. S. government reports, covering our plan in detail, or, if you want to be absolutely sure of not losing this opportunity, send in a remittance immediately for the number of tracts you want. We will then mail you our Bulletin, and will cheerfully refund your money, if after a week's study, you are not positively satisfied with the investment.

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Daily Matinee 2:15  
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# Orpheum

Superior Vaudeville

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Merchants' Market Week

For the Merchants' Spring Market Week the special amusement event is to be the evening of Superior Vaudeville at the Orpheum Theater. It has been arranged by Omaha jobbers and manufacturers that all visiting retail merchants, in order to be adequately entertained Wednesday evening, must be taken to see the bill of striking excellence, headed by

# Ruth St. Denis

In a Series of

## Pictorial and Dramatic Dances

Reservations to the number of 1,500 have been made, to the end that the merchant guests may be shown the right sort of hospitality.

An entertainment commensurate with the demands of this special occasion has been planned by the Orpheum. In addition to the artistic stellar event, there are to be two special features: CHARLES WITHERS in "FOR PITY'S SAKE," and vocalist entertainer, FRANK CRUMIT, known as "The One Man Glee Club." There will also be five other acts, each of them distinctive and diverting.

It being a fact well established that the Orpheum affords vaudeville entertainment of a standard unsurpassed, the visiting merchants are certain to be admirably entertained.

Stars seen elsewhere at \$2.00 a seat, are seen at the Orpheum at prices ranging from 10c to 75c. For instance, Ruth St. Denis comes this week, and next week the brilliant prima donna, FRITZI SHEFF, will appear.