

# HOOVER TO HAVE CONTROL OF ALL AUSTRIAN LINES

### Service to Be Under Relief Administration; to Run Over All Lines Without Interference.

Paris, March 8.—The supreme war council has decided to give Herbert C. Hoover, director general of allied relief, practical control of all the railways in the old Austrian empire and to make him the mandator of the control in demand locomotives and freight cars from each of the new states of old Austria with which to create a food and relief service. The relief trains will run over all lines without political or military interference.

The service will be under the relief administration headed by Mr. Hoover. He has placed the matter in the hands of American army engineers for execution. The engineers have been detailed by General Pershing.

The decision of the council amounts, in effect, to making Mr. Hoover director general of the Austrian railway system in the carrying out of relief work.

Five new states have arisen within the area of old Austria and all have agreed to place the entire question of the distribution and management of the railway-rolling stock in his hands. The Italians, who had been maintaining a food blockade against Jugo-Slavia, have finally allowed their differences with the Jugo-Slavs to be settled by a commission, and the supreme war council has decided that the blockade be raised at once.

The action taken is the result of reports on the serious situation throughout Austria-Hungary. Owing to restrictions placed on American appropriations for relief, Mr. Hoover has arranged for the British government to purchase \$10,000,000 worth of foodstuffs from the United States. Grain consignment This will be turned over for distribution in Vienna. Similar relief measures will be taken in other parts of the old empire.

## Boycotts Block Settlement of Buenos Aires Port Tieup

Buenos Aires, March 8.—Members of the maritime council said today that the offer of the shipping agents to the government yesterday that the striking port workers could return to work if they declared off existing boycotts presents nothing upon which they can discuss a settlement. They refused to discuss further the right of boycott, which they are determined to exercise when deemed necessary.

The minister of public works has withdrawn from the negotiations, leaving the government efforts in the hands of the minister of marine. The government will ask congress on Monday for permission to requisition all Argentine vessels and take over port service throughout the republic.

## Hibernians Make Attack on President Wilson

New York, March 8.—Resolutions characterizing as "hasty, impulsive and unjust" President Wilson's refusal to receive Daniel F. Cohalan, state supreme court justice, have been adopted by the united county board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New York city.

The incident occurred the night of President Wilson's Metropolitan Opera house speech here when a committee representing the Irish race convention, of which Justice Cohalan was a member, was not permitted by the President to interview him until Justice Cohalan had been excluded.

## Roentgen Society Will Have Meeting This Month

Two thousand five hundred invitations have been sent out by the Omaha Roentgen society to physicians and dentists of Iowa and Nebraska for the annual convention to be held here, March 29. Capt. Norman C. Prince, recently returned from France, will explain the improvements in x-ray apparatus and methods growing out of the war. Dr. Boyd Gardner of the Mayo Clinic will also deliver a lecture. There will be clinics at St. Joseph's and the Nebraska University hospitals.

## Youth of 14 Leaves Home to Come "West to Be Rancher"

"I had to cook for the whole family," declared Charles Ewers, 14-year-old Muskegon, Mich., boy, "so I thought I'd come out west and get a job on a ranch."

## Find Liquor; Men Escape.

Nearly 100 pints of whisky were found by policemen in a Pullman car on a Missouri Pacific train from Kansas City yesterday as the train arrived at the Union depot. The officers saw two men leap from the rear platform and run eastward through the yards. Entering the car they found two unclaimed coats, lined with 24 pockets each, and every pocket containing a bottle of whisky. A suit case was also discovered which contained whisky.

## Two Held for Investigation.

Harry Harris, 2809 California street, and Harry Haykon, 2701 Howard street, were arrested last night for investigation. Chief of Detectives Dunn suspects that the men took blank checks from the Bee Hive grocery store, wrote checks for \$20 and \$22.50, cashing them at the George Pray and Sherman & McConnell stores.

## Colby Quits Board.

Washington, March 8.—Resignation of Bainbridge Colby, as a member of the shipping board, submitted to President Wilson several weeks ago, has been accepted by the shipping board was announced today. A successor has not been appointed.

# Campaign "To Make World A Better Place to Live In" To be Made by Red Cross

### Plans For Organization of International Movement, Including Central Powers, Outlined by New Chairman of Central Committee on Eve of Departure For France to Prepare For Conference.

New York, March 8.—Plans for organization of an international Red Cross to be led by the American Red Cross in a great peace-time campaign to prevent disease, relieve suffering and "make the world what the war was fought for—a better place to live in," were outlined by Dr. Livingston Farrand, newly appointed chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross, at a conference of Atlantic division chapter delegates here today. About 1,500 delegates were present.

Immediately after his address, which was his first public discussion of peace-time aims of the organization since his recent appointment as its head by President Wilson, Dr. Farrand sailed for France to prepare for an international conference of Red Cross societies which will meet in Geneva 30 days after the signing of peace. The international organization will be proposed at this conference.

### Must Soon Raise Funds.

Dr. Farrand warned Red Cross workers that they would be called on for continued service for a long time after peace had been declared and announced that a nation-wide appeal for funds to carry on the organization's work would be made soon.

"We shall postpone the call as long as possible," he added, "but I don't mind telling you that the bottom of the Red Cross treasury is in sight, and it would be quite impossible for the American people not to act in this particular field."

Discussing the proposal of the organization of the international Red Cross, Dr. Farrand declared the war had shown "that the war basis of the Red Cross has become outgrown."

"The war," he said, "has shown that the great possibilities of the Red Cross lie in time of peace, and we propose now that not only shall the American Red Cross assume its responsibility in the United States and possibly take the lead in an international movement, but we now assume and propose that the allied Red Crosses, that the Red Crosses of the central powers, shall all unite in an international movement for the prevention of disease, for the relief of suffering, for the possibility of making the world a better place to live in."

### Peace Aims To Be Realized.

Of the peace aims of the American Red Cross, Dr. Farrand said: "I happen to be one of those who for some 10 or 15 years have been looking for the day when there might be some organization strong enough, fit enough, representative enough to co-ordinate all of those random and unofficial efforts in the direction of the prevention of disease and the protection of public health, upon which the welfare of any nation depends."

"It seems to me that now for the first time in the history of the world, in the history of the country, certainly we have an organization that is able to bring about those ends."

## AMERICANS ASK \$750,000,000 FOR WAR LOSSES

### Claims Divided in Two Classes, Submarine Atrocities and Other Acts of Central Empires.

Washington, March 8.—Claims filed by American citizens and concerns with the State department against Germany and Austria-Hungary total about \$750,000,000, the State department announced today. Additional claims are expected.

The claims, which will run into the thousands, are divided into two classes, those arising from submarine atrocities and those due to other acts of the central empires. The State department for several months has had a large force engaged in compiling American losses. Included in the items comprising claims growing out of submarine warfare are losses alleged for death and injury of American citizens; losses suffered in the destruction or damage to American vessels; losses suffered in connection with American cargoes, both in American and foreign bottoms; and the loss of much valuable personal property other than cargoes.

Losses due to other acts of Austria-Hungary and Germany include destruction and requisition of American properties both in enemy territory and territory occupied at various times by enemy forces.

The State department's statistics show that American citizens at the outbreak of war had about \$300,000,000 worth of property in enemy countries and in those which have been under enemy occupation. Heavy losses have resulted in connection with this property as a result of war measures taken by the central powers.

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## Brief City News

### Royal Sweepers, Burgess-Graden Co. Have Root Print It—Beacon Press.

Dr. L. G. Horton has moved to 716 Brandeis theater building, D. 2047.

Edward Hayden Returns—Edward T. Hayden has returned from southern California.

### City Loans—Money to loan on choice residence or business property. First Trust Company.

Dr. W. Douglas Burns has returned from the dental corps of the army and resumed practice, 658 Brandeis theater bldg., Tyler 4248W.

### Card Party—The American Insurance union will give a card party at Nineteenth and Farnam streets, Monday evening, March 10.

### Mrs. Rogers Recovering—Mrs. George Rogers is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis which she underwent recently at Swedish Mission hospital.

### Should Register Letters—All soldiers or sailors discharged sent to Washington under the federal act granting \$50 pay to discharged men, should be sent by registered mail.

### Omaha Boy Back—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell, 2508 North Fifteenth street, have received word that their son, Andrew A. Campbell, arrived in New York from overseas Friday.

### Defense Council Meets—Mrs. A. G. Peterson of Aurora, Neb., state chairman of the woman's Liberty loan committee, has gone to Lincoln to attend a meeting of the council of defense.

### Plan Orphanage Dance—Wednesday evening, April 23, a dance benefit will be given for the James Orphanage in the city auditorium. Miss Robina Kammerer of the Brandeis stores is in charge of the benefit.

### Loan Worker on Trip—Mrs. George W. Walker of Kansas City, who spoke at the Liberty loan meeting of Nebraska women workers, has left on a trip which will include a visit to the states of the 10th district.

### Dr. Henry to Speak—Dr. E. C. Henry, just returned from a year's service in the medical corps overseas, will speak on "The Other Side" at the good fellowship luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

### Theological Society Lecture—"How to Control Destiny" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered by Mildred E. Jones, Los Angeles, Cal., before the Omaha Theological society in the rooms, 201 and 203, Kennedy building, Sunday night at 8.

### Press Meeting Here—The executive committee of the Nebraska Press association will meet in Omaha March 15. With the Western Iowa Editorial association, the committee will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce publicity bureau at luncheon.

### Person Funeral Services—Funeral services for Miss Ellen Perren, 38 years old, who died Tuesday, will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the chapel of the undertaking establishment of Johnson & Swanson, 2204 Cuming street. Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

### Attend Highway Meet—Mayor Smith has arranged for the recognition of a Lincoln highway meeting to be held next Wednesday morning in Lincoln. In this connection there will be meetings of county directors of the 13th International Soil Products exposition to be held in Kansas City next October 16 to 26. The Bureau of Publicity will take action on this matter at its meeting Thursday.

### Want Rates Changed—Nebraska lumbermen have filed with the Omaha district freight traffic committee application for a change in rates on doors, sash and blinds, shipped in car lots from Dubuque, Ia. They ask that the distance scale rates be applied when they are lower than the regular commodity rates.

### Astrology Class—The Theosophical special study class meets Tuesday evening at 8 in the McCaskey building. The course presents the "Science of Astrology as the Key to the Mystery of Human Existence." The lesson will deal with the "Watery Triplicity." The lecture will be illustrated with diagrams and charts.

### Hebrew Club to Meet—Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock J. J. Friedman will deliver a talk before the Omaha Hebrew club in its club rooms in the Crounse block, Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, on the subject, "An Outline of United States Government, its Branches and Departments." This is the second of a series of talks to be delivered before this club at its regular meeting.

### Be Want Ads Are Business Get-Business Boosters.

# War Taught Soldiers the Real Meaning of Religion

### Aksel Olsen, Omaha Boy, Relates His Experiences in Letter to Captain Harry O. Palmer.



Sgt. Aksel G. Olsen, whose name is unknown, is shaping the destiny of man.

Capt. Harry O. Palmer, assistant executive officer, judge advocate general's office, Washington, has just received a letter from Sgt. Aksel G. Olsen of the American expeditionary forces in Germany. Sergeant Olsen will be remembered as the Omaha boy who left the Nebraska Wesleyan university to join the colors, was rejected by the navy because his father had died before he could complete his naturalization, was rejected by the army and marine corps because of hernia, but who was not to be denied and hurried to the immanent hospital, where he underwent operations to correct all defects. Immediately upon his release from the hospital he presented himself at the army recruiting office again and was accepted. His letter to Captain Palmer follows:

"Kindly forget military relations for the time being, as I am not writing to the captain, but to the citizen and friend.

### Richer in Experience.

"Much time has transpired since I told you goodbye back in Omaha, and I am the richer in experience therefore. The second battle of the Marne or Aisne-Marne offensive, was our initiation, then came the St. Mihiel, and shortly after that the Argonne. Throughout the fighting I enjoyed a comparative safety, as far as safety goes in war, but the drives of the ambulances which I assisted in directing, all had strangely narrow escapes. There is only one possible explanation for these escapes and that is that of a supreme being making its influence felt. The soldiers judging from outward appearances, are not even as religious as before they entered the service, we are not as polished in manner or speech, we say 'damn' and 'hell' oftener than we used to, but nevertheless, I have not, among all the soldiers I know here who have gone through the war, heard one sneer or scoff at religion like we heard every day in the states. There has come a deep-rooted conviction to most every one, not a conviction relating to any particular creed or dogma, just a belief in a supreme being that, through a pro-

### Guarding Germany Monotonous.

"I trust we get back before this damned monotony and consequent depression of spirits incident to the act of occupying Germany gets the best of us. I hate the life with all that is in me. There is nothing here to live for that I can see. While at war there was everything to live for, everything to die for—death, real death, is a part of right living, but now there is nothing here worth dying for, nothing to inspire living. Our job is ended and everyone wishes to go home. Personally, I long for school, I need the stimulus now of school life and fear for the consequences of this. But at best I can't hope to be back for months. There was much talk of discharging soldiers for a variety of reasons, but we find that, as usual, it amounts to S. O. S. (in the accepted, rather than the official sense of that word.

"I imagine that many people are envying us the privilege of being here, but like most other things it loses its romance when subject to close study, and man—there is nothing in this world like old U. S. A. That is a lesson learned over and over again by the soldiers in Europe. We know it by heart now."

## Revolution in Peru Blocked by Arrest of 200 Mutineers

Buenos Aires, March 8.—Two hundred Peruvian officers and soldiers have been arrested in Lima after a sanguinary mutiny which threatened to lead to a revolution, according to a dispatch from Santiago, Chile, to La Prensa. The outbreak is said to have been caused by the issuance of a proclamation naming candidates for the presidency of Peru.

## Police Captain Heitfeld Undergoes Operation

Police Captain Heitfeld was taken to the Lord Lister hospital Saturday afternoon to undergo an operation. He has been suffering during the past few months until his condition became such that an operation was necessary. Captain Heitfeld is past 50 years old, and requested that he be given no anesthetic in order to effect the operation. Dr. E. C. Henry, lately returned from military service, is the attending surgeon.



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