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MEDICATED COTTON FOR HOSPITAL USE SENT BY AMERICANS

Whole Country Joins In Relief of German and Austrian Wounded

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Steamer Carries Gift From Sympathetic Americans at Peace with the World

New York, Dec. 4.—The Holland-American liner *Sommelsdyk* sailed from here at 11:30 a. m. today with 26,000 pounds of medicated cotton for wounded soldiers in German and Austrian hospitals. It was all sent by parcel post and it was in response to a suggestion by Correspondent William G. Shepherd of the United Press, who first announced the need for proper dressing for the wounded in Vienna.

FARMERS' MEETING HELD AT PRATUM

The following are the proceedings of a meeting held at the Pratum schoolhouse Wednesday evening, December 2, 1914:

Geo. Schnap was elected to preside and Hans Jensen and D. J. Steiner were selected to take down the minutes of the proceedings.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the advisability of the farmers making up a deficiency of six hundred dollars in order to retain County Agriculturalist Luther J. Chapin.

The following took part in the discussion: W. L. Simerni, Geo. Schnap, Ferd. Hirsch, Andy Cone, Fred Irwin, V. J. Krebbel, S. J. Yates, Frank Humphrey, Budd Desart, Geo. Clymer, Melvin Sten, C. J. Ramsden, J. H. Ginzner, D. J. Steiner and Orli Jerman.

It was suggested that better and more practical results could be obtained by having "farmers' institutes" during the winter months by securing the best available local and Oregon experiment station talent to give addresses on timely topics and then after the discussion have a question box, thus giving the wide-awake farmers an opportunity to ask vital questions or make suggestions.

It was also shown that the expense of conducting such meetings throughout the county would be much less.

A resolution was introduced by V. J. Krebbel making the "honorable county court" not to make any appropriation to maintain an agriculturalist, which was unanimously adopted.

Geo. Schnap, Chairman.
Hans Jensen, Secretary.
D. J. Steiner, Secretary.

"WORLD AT WAR" ATLAS

The Capital Journal has just received a new shipment of the "World at War" atlases. They are of a later and revised edition, compared with those we have been giving away to our subscribers. Instead of 16 pages, they consist of 24 large, highly-illustrated pages, printed on heavy enameled book.

The atlas contains splendid colored maps of all the warring countries, with routes of travel and railroad lines; many tables of army and navy and general statistics—in fact, the work is a complete ready-reference library for students of the great war. It is a book which would ordinarily sell for \$1.00 or \$1.50, but we are having them made up in large lots and buy them at a price which allows us to give them away to subscribers on very easy conditions.

All who pay three months subscription, renew, back subscription or in advance, in case their paper is delivered by carrier, will receive one of these atlases free. All mail subscribers, old or new, who pay a year's subscription (\$3.00) will also be entitled to receive an atlas without extra charge.

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TO HAVE CONVICTS CUT STATE'S WOOD

Prison Superintendent Submits Plan for Big Saving on Cost of Fuel

If the plans of Col. B. K. Lawson, warden of the penitentiary, are realized upon, the state stands to secure its wood supply for the several state institutions in future at the minimum of cost to the state, and, at the same time, profitable employment will be provided for a large crew of the convicts at the prison during the winter season when work is scarce upon the outside and inmates are forced to remain indoors and inactive. At his request, he was granted permission by the state board of control yesterday afternoon to contract for wood in the stump and cut it during the winter by convict labor.

Col. Lawson said that he was positive that he could secure wood in all most unlimited quantities for not to exceed 90 cents stumpage and that he had a force of about 30 convicts available to send out to cut it. After questioning him concerning the price he would have to pay and upon being assured that he could obtain the stumpage at the price named, the board instructed him to secure definite information upon the proposition and if it proved to be as he represented, to go ahead with the work.

"I have about 30 men who I could put out in the woods in camp to cut wood all winter," said Warden Lawson in discussing the proposition later. "and I am satisfied that we can put up enough wood through the winter to supply all of the state institutions in and near Salem for another year. All it would cost the state would be for the support of the prisoners, which is bound to do anyway, but otherwise in comparative idleness, which breeds discontent, and the cost of maintaining a light guard, but this would be nothing in comparison to the price the state is compelled to pay for its annual supply of wood under the contract system."

ALARMING REPORTS COMING FROM TURKEY

Washington, Dec. 4.—A cablegram of an alarming nature was received today at the state department from American Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople. It said Christians were being driven from the coast from the interior of Turkey since the Shok-Ul-Islam issued his holy war proclamation.

Calling under a later date from Bucharest, Morgenthau said he had learned through the Servian minister to Roumania that Turkey had proclaimed a holy war against Servia and all her allies. Servia, he said, followed Turkey's proclamation with a repudiation of all her treaties with the Ottoman empire.

Morgenthau declared that more than 100 French citizens had fled to Beirut, Trebizond and other points from interior cities and towns of Turkey. Secretary of State Bryan said the United States government stood ready to do whatever was necessary for the refugees.

When a man gets lonesome he begins to realize what poor company he is.

RUSSIAN ARMIES ATTACKING CRACOW; HELP FOR SERVIANS

Dispatch From Petrograd Says Germans Are Now On the Defensive

Kaiser Is Rushing Troops to the Front

Transports Guarded by Warships Are Landing Troops in Montenegro

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Germany's attempt to resume the offensive in Russian Poland has failed, it was asserted here today.

In the Lodz region, where they were strongly on the aggressive for a time, it was said they were now trying to do no more than defend their positions. In the Lodz district they were reported unofficially to have retired.

While this maneuvering was in progress, it was said the Kaiser was heavily reinforcing his eastern armies. At least five fresh Tonic corns were believed to have reached Czestochowa.

The Russians were declared to have considerably extended their lines along the Vistula river, which they deem it important to control, as by means of it the Germans have been getting quantities of supplies from their base with a minimum of exertion.

Russians at Cracow. Petrograd, Dec. 4.—The Russians were reported here today to be attacking Cracow's outer defenses.

It was stated that they held Wieliczka and that an enveloping movement was in progress. This is only 3 miles beyond Cracow's outer line of defenses.

A German attempt to turn the Russians' left flank in the Lodz region, it was stated, was being strongly resisted.

Troops to Aid Servians. London, Dec. 4.—Transports, guarded by French and British warships are landing troops at Antivara according to a Central News dispatch received here today.

The Austrian warships off the coast were said to have steamed away when the new comers arrived but Austrian aviators were reported hammering the disembarkation as far as they were able.

The Central News story lacked verification but the development was considered significant if true, inasmuch as troops landing at Antivara could get to the Servians' assistance without violating the neutrality of a non-belligerent country.

PATRONS MUST PAY FOR REVENUE STAMPS

Answering inquiries as to who should pay certain revenue taxes, the railroad commission quotes the law as follows: "It is provided in article A, of the tax law bill," says the railroad commission, "that the railroad shall issue a bill of lading, etc., to the shipper or consignee, and such shipper or consignee, agent or person shall duly attach and cancel, as in this act provided, to each of said bills of lading, manifests, etc., a stamp of the value of 1c. For telegraph and telephone messages, the charges for which are 15 cents or more, it is provided that the telegraph or telephone company shall collect from the person paying for the message or conversation a tax of 1c additional to the regular charge."

VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY

Washington, Dec. 3.—The American consul at Valparaiso, Chile, today called the department of commerce to the charges against the steamer *Sacramento*, which sailed from San Francisco, of violation of American neutrality laws apparently had been substantiated. The report indicated that the officers of the *Sacramento* knew, when the vessel was loaded with coal, that its cargo was destined for the German squadron and that its commercial assignment was fictitious.

But you can't judge a man's brain power by his tongue power.

ESCAPES ARE CAPTURED

Engene, Ore., Dec. 4.—James Clergy and Forest Fougherty, two of the four men who escaped from the county jail here Monday after overpowering Deputy Sheriff Croner, were captured near Loran today. They made no resistance when Possesmen Walter Holland and George Canady came upon them.

COAL MINERS SUFFER

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 4.—The strike in eastern Ohio coal fields, where 41,000 men are out, will continue. This was made certain at noon today when representatives of the miners and operators broke off negotiations here and adjourned their joint meeting after a session lasting three days.

Thousands of men, women and children in Belmont county are nearing starvation as a result of the walkout. The miners demanded 47 cents a ton for their work but the best offer the operators would make was 44.5 per ton.

BURGLAR IS KILLED BY PLUCKY WOMAN

Two Attack Husband, When She Shoots Killing One and Wounding the Other

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 4.—The police here were seeking the identity today of a burglar found dead and impaled on a fence in the rear of the home of Harry Plummer. He had died from bullet wounds inflicted by Mrs. Plummer, who had fired after two robbers had shot her husband. Plummer's wounds were not serious.

Another burglar was believed to have been wounded. Two men appeared at the Plummer house shortly after midnight and rang the bell. Plummer answered the summons. The two men covered him with revolvers and when Plummer made a quick movement both fired, one bullet taking effect in his hand and the other in his leg.

Mrs. Plummer, up stairs, seized a revolver and opened fire as the two men descended the stairs. They answered the fire, backing through the house and retreating through the back door. When the police arrived they found one of the men hanging over the fence, shot through the eye and the breast. Mrs. Plummer still clutched a smoking revolver in her hand.

Blood stains found in the house and yard indicated the other burglar also was wounded. Plummer formerly was a saloonkeeper in Louisville, Ky., and the police think there was something more than burglary behind the attack.

ARIZONA CONVICTS MAY NOT BE HANGED

Governor Investigating Each Case, Looking for Grounds to Justify Commutation

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 4.—A glimmer of hope remained today for the eleven murderers sentenced to hang at the Florence penitentiary December 10, Governor Hunt was toiling through the transcripts of testimony in their cases, eagerly seeking extenuating circumstances upon which he might base a further delay of execution. As a result, all plans for the executions are being held in abeyance, with the probability that they may be entirely revised.

"Of the thirteen men originally sentenced to be hanged," said the governor, "six have appeals pending in the supreme court. One of them, on retrial, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. The transcripts of testimony relating to the cases of the remaining six condemned men are being reviewed by me, for the purpose of determining whether extenuating circumstances exist."

Pending the completion of this review, I am unable to foretell definitely the precise date and mode of any of the executions."

While eleven of the prisoners had been condemned to die December 19, no date had been fixed for the other two. The eleven still were alive through the operation of reprieves granted by the governor to extend over the recent state election, at which the voters of Arizona defeated the executive's pet measure, a constitutional amendment abolishing capital punishment.

A one-sided quarrel is soon ended.

The Weather

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday unsettled, probably rain west portion; southeasterly winds.

ARMIES NOW EQUAL; ALLIES EXPECTED TO TAKE OFFENSIVE

Allies Have 700,000 Troops in Belgium and the Germans 750,000

THE COMING BATTLE MAY PROVE DECISIVE

400,000 More British Troops in Line—Germans May Also Take Offensive

By Ed L. Keen.

London, Dec. 4.—The allies were believed here today to be practically the Germans' numerical equals at last in France and Belgium.

This was a new thing, as was revealed by Field Marshal Sir John French's latest report to the British war office. Hitherto, as Sir John explained, the Germans have had the Anglo-French-Belgian forces outnumbered, with the result that the latter have been unable to maintain an offensive.

They were developing one today, however. It was also expected that they would be still further reinforced shortly, directly after which their offensive movement was looked for to reach its climax.

Experts predicted that this struggle would constitute a final decisive battle for control of the French coast. They were speculating as to what would happen if the Germans were forced to retire. In this event, it was believed they would first blow up their trenches. They were already minded as was considered certain. In two instances such mines have been exploded after their evacuation by the Germans and occupation by the allies' troops. No such risks would be run by the allies in the future, it was declared.

King George's visit to the firing line in France was said to have had a wonderfully inspiring effect upon the British troops.

Leaving France out of consideration the allies were estimated to have about 700,000 and the Germans approximately 750,000 men in Belgium.

The situation in the eastern fighting zone was believed to be unchanged. Petrograd reports were highly optimistic, but conditions, so far as they were known, certainly did not bode them out.

"The artillery fighting between Ypres and Roulers," said the statement, "was along the railroad and the Beclere and Panschendeke roads. The Belgians failed of success."

"In the Argonne district several German infantry attacks were repulsed."

"In Lorraine and the Woivre region cannonading continues."

Calva prevails between the Somme and the Argonne region and in Alsace."

The statement did not say so, but it was generally believed that the Beclere-Panschendeke fighting was in connection with another attempt by the allies to reach Mezier and Lys.

SALOON LIMIT IS REACHED

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Independence, Dec. 3.—The city council has voted the limit of saloons from six to three. Independence now has two saloons, and under the new ordinance another saloon will be opened. The license was \$5000 for each saloon.

34,000 CANADIANS LANDED IN EGYPT

Claim 33,000 Slav Officers Have Been Killed, Wounded or Are Missing

Berlin (by wireless to London), Dec. 4.—Athens reports that Great Britain has landed 34,000 Canadian volunteers in Egypt, announced an official statement issued today by the German war office here.

The same statement quoted the Russian military paper, the "Russian Invalid," to the effect that 33,000 Slav officers have been killed, wounded or are missing thus far since the war began.

It was announced further that "the German military authorities have taken measures to prevent a famine in those parts of Russian Poland which the Kaiser's troops have occupied."

The foreign office was out with a statement, too, in which it cited fresh evidence in support of its claim that Germany did not really violate Belgian neutrality, for the reason that the Belgians and the British had previously arranged for operations by the latter in Belgium in the event of a clash with the Germans.

Discover An Excuse. "German troops in the western theater of war," it was asserted, "have discovered a secret manual prepared by the British general staff containing detailed information concerning Belgian railroads and rolling stock and the siting of troops."

"This manual could only have been prepared with the active assistance of the Belgian government."

This is further evidence that Great Britain and Belgium had arranged long ago for British military action in the latter's country."

Of the actual fighting the war office reported: "France's attacks in northwestern Belgium have been repulsed, as have those directed against our lines northwest of Altkirch."

"In the eastern fighting zone, the Russian attack on us east of the Masurian lakes have resulted in heavy losses to the czar's forces. Our offensive in Russian Poland is progressing normally."

From Tiberias came the news that the Persian government has delivered to the British minister there a protest against Great Britain's violation of Persia's neutrality by sending British warships up the Karun river.

Italy was reported to have seized a Portuguese destroyer just finished at Genoa.

BOARD OF CONTROL MAKES SUGGESTIONS

"The application of the eight-hour law to the state institutions."

"A law governing the parole or the leave of absence of those committed to the state hospitals."

"Punishment for the crime of burglary, not in a dwelling, should be from two to 10 years" instead of "two to five years" as it is now. Also the penalty for the crime of manslaughter should be amended to provide two degrees, sentence for first degree manslaughter to be from "five to 15 years" and for second degree "one to 15 years" instead of "one to 15 years" in all cases as at present.

PEACE AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED BY RIVAL PRESIDENTS

Carranza Discouraged and Disheartened by Disaffection of His Troops

VILLA AND ZAPATA FRIENDLINESS HURTS

Villa Sends Agents to United States to Raise Funds for Gutierrez

Washington, Dec. 4.—Circumstantial reports of an impending peace agreement between the rival provisional presidents of Mexico—Carranza and Gutierrez—were received here today from several sources. It was known that General Carranza was discouraged because of the harmony existing between Villa and Zapata, and also because he was not convinced of the loyalty of his own generals.

United States Consul Canada at Vera Cruz wired the state department today that Carranza had not actively participated in the arrangements to oppose Villa.

Villa to Visit Zapata. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—General Zapata was reluctant to return to Mexico City and his meeting with General Villa, scheduled for yesterday, was postponed, according to advices received here today. Zapata yesterday received a delegation of Villistas at Cuernavaca, but he would not agree to return to the capital. It was believed likely that Villa would call on Zapata as he is anxious to start his campaign against Carranza at Vera Cruz at the earliest possible moment.

Confirmation of Carranzista claims that Guzman had been captured and Carranzista troops were now attacking Hermosillo was lacking today.

Villistas agents, the dispatch stated, have been sent to the United States to borrow several million dollars to finance the Gutierrez government.

POLK WILLING TO PAY ONE-THIRD OF COST

The county court of Polk county will meet Monday to make a formal proposition to Marion county that Polk county pay for one-third of the cost of the bridge across the river at this city, according to a telephone message from County Clerk Gellhar this morning. According to the telephone message, Polk county has decided unofficially to pay for one-third of the cost of the bridge, but feels it is unable to stand the cost of one-half of the structure at this time, considering its already high taxes.

Polk county has already made provision in its 1914 budget to raise \$70,000 or one-third of the cost of the bridge, leaving one-third to be paid for by the city of Salem and one-third by the county of Marion. This would provide for a bridge to cost \$210,000, which is a little more than the structure will cost, according to the plans prepared by State Highway Engineer Bowley. Polk county has an assessed valuation of about \$14,000,000, which is about the same as the assessed valuation of the city of Salem.

Judge Bushey is of the opinion that Polk county cannot be held legally to any agreement for less than one-half of the cost, notwithstanding the opinion of Attorney General Crawford to the contrary. If the bridge is held up on this account, the only speedy means of securing a bridge across the river to take the place of the present unsafe structure is to amend the law at the next legislative session.

The Polk county court favors placing the bridge either on Chomsketa or Court street on account of the inconvenience of using a ferry for several months of the year if the bridge were placed on the site of the present structure. They do not wish it to be placed further down the river on account of the increased distance from the city to be traveled by the people of West Salem.

of the report period for all institutions, was \$329,598.31.

The summary of appropriations recommended for the ensuing biennium embraces an aggregate of \$1,767,931.93, of which \$1,347,574 is asked for general maintenance and \$417,142.93 for other purposes, such as repairs, improvements, etc. This estimate includes an aggregate of \$37,000 continuous appropriation provided by statute.

ATTACK REPULSED

Vienna, via Berlin and London, Dec. 4.—Russia's attack on Wolbrun, 30 miles north of Cracow, has been repulsed, it was officially announced here this afternoon.