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Ocean Seal Goal And Purpose of German Smash Through Roumanian Capital

BUCHAREST CAN STAND BUT FEW DAYS AT THE LONGEST

Military Critics Learn Germans Have Eye On Fertile Wheat Areas About Black Sea Port of Odessa

Berlin, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—An official news agency has declared officially that it is reported Bucharest and Ploesti have been captured.

Odessa, the biggest seaport on the Black sea, and the greatest wheat port the Russians own, is geographically but a reasonable distance from Bucharest. To march on Odessa from Bucharest would be a march always straight East, and would set up for the Germans tremendous wheat belts—the greatest in Russia. It takes but little imagination to picture Germany holding the Southwestern corner of Russia, farming it and making of it a granary for her armies and peoples. Were the Odessa campaign carried to full fruition, it would straighten the German lines from Warsaw on the North almost straight south to Odessa.

War Bulletins

Mackenzies Takes Materials.
Berlin, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Officials have made a statement saying further large captures of prisoners and material from Roumania have been made by Mackenzies, fighting victoriously on the railroad to Bucharest.

On the Danube, Russian attacks were repulsed.
Petrograd, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Russian occupancy of a height west of Kabanitz but forced retirement later on account of artillery being the official statement today.

Serbian Have Victory Streak.
Paris, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Serbians have conquered strong positions north of Grunitza and Bulgarians are retreating northward.

Franco-Serb forces in the same theatre advanced. Violent artillery fighting is progressing north of Monastir.
BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.
(United Press Correspondent.)
With the German army near Pitesci, (via Sayville) Dec. 6.—Bucharest, capital of Roumania, can stand but a few days at the most. The desperate resistance made by the Roumanians can only delay occupation.

Observers have discovered that the goal of the present German sweep through Roumania is not Bucharest, alone, but Odessa, Russia. Officers now believe that the beginning of the Hindenburg operations was to bring a decision of the war to the Eastern front from the Western.

The swift advance of General Mackenzies and Falkenhayn, has cut Roumania in three parts. Today's operations are expected to set up the three holes and force Roumanians to defend Bucharest from the North or evacuate.

CLAIMS HELD ILLEGAL ONES

District Attorney Holds Toll Gate Road Accident Not Claim Basis.
After investigating the matter in much detail District Attorney Eberhard has filed an opinion in the matter of the claims of a half dozen members of the Swank family at Cheney, Wash., against Union county for injuries sustained in an accident in this county last summer. All were hurt more or less, but the district attorney opines that the accident appears to have happened on a toll gate road and not on a legal county highway, and that the county is unobligated to the victims for their personal injuries.

VILLA DIVIDING LOOT, AND WILL SPLIT TROOPS

El Paso, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Villa and 5000 troops are making headquarters in the vicinity of San Andres, west of Chihuahua, says a message mining men have received. American authorities believe they will divide the Chihuahua loot, re-equip men and scatter in bands till they are ready for the next raid.

Membership Campaign Opened By Y. M. C. A.

Seventy-five Dine and Shape Their Plans for Two-day Hunt for More Members to the Institution.

Seventy-five men of the Y. M. C. A. who are the rank and file of the membership campaign forces, dined at the Y. M. C. A. last night in a most brotherly fashion. After breaking bread, several priming speeches were delivered and the campaign outlined and organized by the various captains. The campaign lasts today and tomorrow only, and the various teams will be out after new members during that time. The campaign is to be short but vigorous. Armed with 100 per cent C. P. "goods" the membership campaign forces do not anticipate any difficulty disposing of liberal slices of the wares. The day is passed, it was argued last night, when the merits of the Y. M. C. A. need eulogy. The only problem now is to make the plant do the most good.

Members of the ladies' gym class served a delicious dinner.

New Problems Arise.

London, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Fresh trouble brews today between the United States and England as the result of an announcement of a new policy of refusal to supply ship coal at England's stations dotting the globe. The state department intends to do its utmost to alter the policy.

Sunk Ship's Crew Arrives.

New York, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Members of the crew of the steamer John Lambert have reached here on the liner Espagne. They said the John Lambert was shelled and sunk without warning by a German submarine in an attack November 22, off the Isle of Wight.

Fast Cruiser Bids Received.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Bids for building four battle-cruisers, the speediest in the world, were submitted to the Navy department on a basis of actual cost plus percentage profit by the Newport News Shipbuilding company, the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, and the Fall River Massachusetts company and the camps at Philadelphia.

F. Speelman Found Guilty.

Baker, Dec. 6.—(Special)—It took the jury in justice court yesterday afternoon just three minutes to agree on a verdict of guilty against Frank Speelman, on trial charged with bootlegging, he being the only one of the numerous alleged bootleggers haled into court to stand trial thus far, the others pleading guilty.

Speelman's trial occupied the greater part of the day, but in the morning Ray Newton, another of the bootlegger defendants, pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$75 and costs, which were paid by his father. Speelman will be sentenced by Justice of the Peace Hubbard this afternoon. The maximum penalty is \$500 fine and six months in jail. In the other cases, except Ray Newton, a fine of \$100 was imposed on each count, with not jail sentence.

County Court Convenes

Adjournment Taken Until Later Day in the Month to Fix Levy.

After transacting a large grist of business, County Judge Phy and Commissioner Townley, constituting the county court in the absence of Commissioner Galloway, adjourned today until a later date in the month at which time it is proposed to fix the complete tax levy, and complete the county's business for the calendar year. The state has not announced Union's share of the state expense, and until it does, the levy cannot be completed.

BOYS SENTENCED, PAROLED

Union Episode Thanksgiving Night Brought up Before Juvenile Judge

The case of four boys of Union ranging in age from 11 to 14, accused of breaking into the Union L. D. S. house of worship late at night just before Thanksgiving and destroying a large quantity of preserves, jellies and cooked food which had been collected at a social earlier in the evening for distribution to the needy, was heard before Juvenile Judge Phy yesterday afternoon. Each boy was adjudged delinquent and committed to the Oregon State Training school at Salem, but upon representation by their parents and promises of the boys, they were given one more chance and paroled.

The episode created a great deal of indignation at Union at the time of its discovery.

Weather Forecast.
Fair. Occasional rain in the west and colder in the east tonight.

RECORD GOLD SUPPLY SHOWN BY TREASURER

NO OTHER COUNTRY EVER HAS CARRIED THE SUPPLY IN AMERICA NOV. 1ST

RESERVE SYSTEM PRAISED AND FARM LOAN EXTOLLED

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo Pleads for Appropriations to Fight Infantile Paralysis—Wants No More Omnibus Bills for Small-town Postoffice Pork.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—An earnest recommendation for the extension of another year of the bureau of war risk insurance, which expires by limitation September 2, 1917, is made in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, submitted to congress today. Gold coin and bullion to the amount of \$2,700,136,876 was held in the United States November 1, 1916, the report shows, "the largest stock of gold ever held in this or any other country of the world."

The bureau of war risk insurance up to November 17 had written 1,684 policies, covering a total insurance of \$163,395,687, says the report, and the surplus of premiums paid over losses amounts to \$2,367,657.23. The losses to date have amounted to \$833,924.60 from which salvage of \$59,056.87 has been received. The net amount of insurance at risk November 17 was \$14,610,345. While \$190,000 was appropriated for the bureau under the original act, the operating expenses have amounted to but \$39,113.70.

Business Depends on Insurance.
Unless the bureau is continued, says the report, and the war in Europe continue after the date of expiration, the inability to grant war risk insurance on American vessels and cargoes in American vessels will seriously injure the business and commerce of the country.

High tribute is paid to the value of the federal reserve system, the report saying our great prosperity could not exist without it.

Under the new system created by the federal farm loan act, says the report, farm credits, the farming industry and the farmer will receive inestimable benefits.

Referring to the pan-American financial congress in 1917 which meets in Washington, the secretary says: "I cannot over-estimate the value of these conferences in bring about a better understanding and promoting in this practical manner friendly relations and enlarging trade and commerce with our southern neighbors."

There are several serious defects in the Harrison narcotic law, which has been in effect sixteen months, in the opinion of McAdoo and there is urgent need of remedial legislation. A congressional appropriation is urged for repayment of fines paid by parties convicted under section 8 of the act, which was deprived of effectiveness by a decision of the Supreme court.

Paralysis Fight Recommended.

The secretary recommends appro-

School Children In Big Thrift Movement

Competition Between Pupils to Save Their Pennies Arranged for—System Is Well Worked Out and Is Complete.

La Grande's school children are practicing thrift. A complete savings system has been introduced in the schools this week, and while the complete working details thereof may not be quite clear to all the grade pupils and to parents the big essential is that the schools here have taken up the big, practical question of inculcating in the pupils the idea of saving their pennies. By a well-organized method, each pupil is given a little savings bank to glean his pennies in, and is supposed to make deposits at the banks—either of them—from time to time. Careful records will be kept and it is understood that desirable prizes will be awarded at the end of the year for the best evidences of thrift.

Two Kinds Competed For.

One prize will be given for the child saving the most money, and another to the pupil earning the most. This puts rich and poor on an equal footing. Superintendent McCullough, the teachers generally, and the two banking houses in La Grande are working as a unit in the big scheme. After certain preliminaries in the school rooms, each child obtains from the bank he desires to patronize, a system bank for the charge of 10 cents which is recoded to him when he makes his first deposit. The parents have a summary to fill out which shows the deposits made.

Students, big and little have taken hold of the system with much interest and it is believed the great lesson of thrift will be put to a practical use here this winter and next spring.

The following summary of the method may be of assistance to parents:

Each teacher issues to each pupil a card of introduction. She tells the pupil to show these to their parents and explain how the school and banks wish to help the children become thrifty men and women.

When the pupil has returned the card of introduction with the stamp of the bank thereon, it is filed for the teacher's use in keeping the school record and the pupil is given a pupil's report card with instructions to report monthly thereon his savings and also his deposits, if any.

When the pupil has a dollar or more in his system bank he should take it to the bank and make a deposit, and receive from the bank a regular depositor's bank book or other evidence of credit.

The teacher is to handle no money, nor is the pupil to bring his savings bank to the school. The sample savings banks furnished the teacher cannot be used by a pupil. The system bank to be used by the pupil is issued, only, by one of the banks of deposit and bears the bank's official announcement on the back.

When the system has been established, each principal will report monthly or at the close of certain other designated periods to the superintendent concerning the pupils of his school, by rooms.

Study of Infantile Paralysis by the

pupils for a vigorous scientific public health service as a preventive of further epidemics.

Unnecessary Buildings Cited.

The secretary again expressed conviction that the omnibus bill method of construction of public buildings pursued by the government for the past fifteen years has resulted in the construction of many public buildings in small towns and localities where their need is not justified by the cost and requirements. He urges divorcing of this question from all local or political considerations and separate measures to cover each building after proper investigation.

A new coast guard cutter is recommended for the Hatteras district. An increase in the rate of pay for the enlisted men in the service, says the report, is imperative.

Funds for the extension of the aviation branch of the service are asked of the present congress.

Exports for the year ending June 30, amounted to \$4,233,653,365, an increase of \$2,768,589,340 over the previous year, says the report. Imports amounted to \$2,197,866,610, an increase of \$484,000,000. Custom receipts totaled \$213,185,845.53, showing a healthy increase.

The estimate of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year 1917, says the secretary, show that the existing laws will not provide sufficient revenues to take care of the unusual expenses of the government due, for the most part, to the large expenditures required by the army and navy for preparedness and es-

A BONAR LAW REFUSES CALL

MOMENTUOUS CRISIS IN DELIBERATION AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE THIS AFTERNOON

LLOYD GEORGE MAY HEAD THE NEW ENGLISH CABINET

Intensity of Situation in London Reflected in Political Headquarters—Bonar Law, Samuels and Others in Attendance at Conference—Premier Asquith Resigned Yesterday.

London, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Following the resignation of Premier Asquith, who has served through eight years, it was the belief today in London that Lloyd George will form the new ministry and many hope he will head it. While London teems with the excitement and tension of the thing, Lloyd George and others were at Buckingham palace conferring with the King.

Bonar Law Declines.

Immediately after Asquith resigned last night Andrew Bonar Law was offered the premiership, but his answer today was to decline.

Fighting Government Expected.
The conference undoubtedly will mean substitution of a fighting government for a diplomatic government which guided England in the war.

The King is trying to effect a conciliatory agreement between Asquith factions and supporters of Lloyd George who were summoned to enter the cabinet, Balfour, Bonar Law and Samuels participating.

Political quarters are filled with rumors of the outcome.

LAD KILLS HIS BROTHER

Playing With Shot Gun, Boy of 13 Slays Younger Brother.

Medesto, Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Leslie West, 13, shot and killed his brother George, five, with a shot-gun today.

Snow Storm General.

Last night's blanket of snow which envelopes Union county today was seemingly general over Eastern Oregon, judging from reports by train crews. The fall was so liberal in this vicinity that wood haulers today brought their wood into town on sleighs. The blizzard of last evening was short-lived but did damage to telephone and telegraph wires in the mountain areas.

Tells Housekeepers How to Cut Cost of Living.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Care in marketing and pains in planning and preparation of meals offer housekeepers the best weapon to combat the high cost of food. This was the conclusion of the dietary committee that managed the two weeks' experiment to prove good meals can be served on 40 cents daily. The experiment on a squad of 12 has ended. The net gain in weight of the squad was over 45 pounds. The daily cost average a trifle over 30 cents.

Island City Holds Its Annual Election

Mayor Holds Over But Other Officers Elected—George Hammell Marshal, Mr. Barron, Recorder, Ensuing Year.

Island City, Dec. 6.—(Special)—George Hammell was elected marshal, Thomas Barron recorder, John Quinland, Chas. Walsvinkler and Clyde Kiddie, councilmen at the annual election held here yesterday.

Mayor Fred Kiddie's office holds over another year. The election was a quiet one, with only a small vote cast.

PROSECUTOR ACQUITTED OF MURDERING WIFE

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 6.—(United Press)—Prosecutor McDaniel is free. He was acquitted of murdering his wife. The jury was out 90 minutes and took five ballots.

timated for the year at \$367,394,000. Attention of congress is called to the necessity of passing such measures as will provide additional revenues to meet the situation.