

GREATEST BATTLE SINCE THE MARNE IS NOW ON

CONGRESS OPENS AT NOON, ADJOURNS

Prayers For Victory Are Offered In Both Houses--Death Of Paul Husting Is Announced
By La Follette

HOUSE INVITES PRESIDENT TO MAKE ADDRESS

Senate Adjourns Until Tuesday Noon--Sentiment Is Strong Among Congressmen For Declaration Of War Against Germany's Allies--War Expenses For Year Ending June 30 Will Total Thirteen Billion Five Hundred and Four Millions--War Department Wants One Billion For Aircraft Program.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The sixty-fifth congress convened promptly at noon, met a few minutes, and adjourned until tomorrow.

Prayers for victory were offered in both houses. Senator La Follette formally announced the death of his colleague, Paul Husting, immediately after rollcall. The senate adopted a condolence resolution, and adjourned until Tuesday noon through respect for him. The house formally invited the President to speak tomorrow noon.

Sentiment among congressmen is strong for a declaration of war against Germany's allies, although the President is reported to oppose this move.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—War expenses for the year ending June 30 will total \$13,504,357,939, according to estimates Secretary McAdoo sent Congress.

The war department wants \$10,102,000,000, including \$1,126,000,000 for a gigantic aircraft program.

The navy asks \$1,047,000,000, the Food Administration \$5,000,000.

Among the war department estimates are \$75,000,000 for tanks, \$3,427,000,000 for expanding coast fortifications, arsenals and military posts; \$225,000,000 for artillery; \$2,672,000,000 for ammunition.

War expenses are approximately thirty-seven million dollars daily.

ROY CURREY WRITES FROM SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

Trip Not as Bad as Expected—Distilled Sea Water Not Palatable—Sea Little Chippy on Way Over, But Not Real Rough—Don't Believe Adverse Reports—Arrival in Small French Village—No Mail Since the Boys Left Camp Mills.

The following letter was received by Fred B. Curry from his son, Roy, who is with the Hospital corps in France:

Dear Folks:—

ON SHIPBOARD, Nov. 1, 1917. Well we are still on board but land is in sight so I rather expect that we will land today. Probably about noon today. Don't know where or how.

The trip over was not nearly as bad as I had imagined, but at that I will be good and glad to set foot on solid ground again. Good water will be a luxury also. We have been drinking distilled sea water and it isn't very palatable. The cats on board were not so bad only green stuff and acids were scarce. They served coffee and bread at 6:30, breakfast at 9:30, with lots of stew, spuds, bread and coffee, and dinner at 3:30, of about the same stuff. We sleep a lot on board as that is about all there is to do. I was not sick but I felt rather dizzy for several days. I laid down most of the time as I felt better that way. The weather was good all the way over. A little choppy for a day or two but never real rough. The trip was uneventful and rather uninteresting.

I don't know just how much or how often I will be able to write—but don't worry, I will write all I can and as often as possible.

No one suffering any bad effects from the trip and all are up and around, anxious to be off the boat. We had to lay outside several hours for the tide and no as they are raising the anchor something busted so they are hauling it in by hand and it is a slow process.

It is raining today, a typical Port-

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U. S. CAVALRY KILL THIRTY THREE BANDITS

PRESIDIO, TEXAS, Dec. 3.—A small United States cavalry border patrol killed 33 Mexican bandits and wounded many others in repelling a raid on American ranches by a force of two hundred bandits near Chico Canon. One American soldier and a ranch hand were killed and two others wounded.

Matlock discovered the bandits plan of ambushing the United States patrol. Matlock's men cut 35 bandits from the rest of the party and killed every bandit.

Matlock ordered a retreat when a hundred Mexicans attacked him. Two American machine-gun troops reached Matlock's force. The bandits then fled.

Lieutenant Matlock commanded the Americans who fought the bandits under Chico Cano near Buena Vista Saturday.

The Weather.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—The U. S. weather forecast:

"Cloudy."

PULL DOWN THE SHADE!



FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS MAY ASK MORE PAY

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—One hundred thousand members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers may add their wage demands to those presented to the railroads Saturday by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Conductors if it is turned.

The firemen's Brotherhood leaders will meet in Chicago December 15 to discuss the advisability of asking increased pay.

Jury Brings In Verdict Of Murder

Investigation Proves that Win Moore Met Death at Hands of Unknown Persons.

The coroner's jury, after investigating the death of Win Moore, the Perry hermit, who was found dead Friday, returned a verdict of murder at the hands of persons unknown, late Saturday night.

The funeral will be held from the Bohlenkamp chapel Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. No word has been received from the supposed relatives in Idaho.

BOOTLEGGERS MAKE MONEY IN SEATTLE

Booze Brings from \$7.50 to \$10 per Quart; Price Climbing

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—The law of supply and demand governs Seattle whiskey trade. The supply of whiskey falls far short of the demand—so the price climbs steadily.

Booze-of the usual kind—now brings from \$7.50 to \$10 a quart, any those acquainted with the situation.

It is estimated that several hundred bootleggers are plying their trade in Seattle and nearby towns.

CHURCH PARLIAMENT OPENS AT EUGENE

Christian Churches Holding Convention Beginning Tonight

EUGENE, Dec. 3.—The Pacific Coast Parliament of the Christian Church will formally open here tonight with addresses of welcome by Governor Withycombe and Mayor Peterson. The convention ends Thursday.

Red Cross To Start Membership Campaign

Dr. M. K. Hall and Mr. E. E. Kiddle left last night for Portland to attend a conference of Chapter Chairmen and Campaign Managers for the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign. Mr. Kiddle has been appointed Campaign Manager for the La Grande chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. C. C. Chapman of Portland is State Manager. The membership campaign will commence December 17 and continue until December 25th.

ALLIES TO STANDARDIZE AIR PLANES

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Various types of airplanes the allies use will be reduced to certain specified approved and tested series of models. These will be standardized.

This is expected to result in an enormously increased output of machines.

Colonel House devised a plan of businesslike dispatch of the problems before the council, which was used. Colonel House discovered a number of participants primed with speeches. House believed a fast working, quickly deciding board should be formed, along the lines of the board of directors of an American business corporation. He consulted Premier Clemenceau with the result that speeches and banquets were eliminated and business accomplished in three days.

Excepting the standardization of airplanes, the council's decisions are unknown.

The Italian and Russian situations played an important part in the discussions. House announced he will remain in Paris a few days.

ROME, Dec. 3.—The Interallied Council decided to postpone temporarily a re-statement of the war aims.

It is believed the statement was postponed because the delegates believed the allies should first settle the more pressing war questions.

Colonel House presided and spoke briefly at the meeting. Most American are visitors the front today.

It is learned the council decided to standardize airplanes. Certain models will be adopted, to be used on every front by every army.

GOVERNMENT WILL BUY ALL THE SILVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Treasury Department announced the government will buy the country's entire silver output. Prices will be fixed at a fair profit to producers.

RUSSIA WILL BE ASKED FOR ARMISTICE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3.—It is learned the Bulgarian premier announced negotiations would soon be opened with Russia for an armistice.

Fire Marshals To Inspect La Grande

H. H. Pomeroy, Geo. W. Stokes and G. W. Allen, deputy state fire marshals, arrived in La Grande today to begin a thorough inspection of the local fire situation.

They will remain here ten or 12 days during which time they will make a careful survey of existing conditions. Improper wiring, defective flues, rubbish piles, lack of fire escapes and other causes of increased fire risk will be ordered remedied at once.

At the conclusion of their inspection they will submit a detailed report on the conditions found. Orders issued by the officers will be carried out by the local chief of police who is a deputy fire marshal by virtue of his office.

FATHER GALVAN IS TAKING UP BOXING

Chaplain of 33rd Regiment Wants to Complete Education

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Dec. 3.—Willie Ritchie's newest pupil is Father Galvan, chaplain of the 363rd infantry regiment. Ritchie is the camp boxing instructor.

Backed by an athletic record that extends from Dublin Ireland, to California—and a strong Irish paw as well—Father Galvan decided his education was not complete until he had mastered boxing. "Boxing is a healthful and delightful sport," he declared today. "It puts the right kind of spirit in a man and makes him feel more confident of himself."

The men of the 363rd have dubbed the clergyman "Fight Father Galvan."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keeney were registered at the Multnomah in Portland Saturday.

GERMANY MAKES BIG DRIVE AT BRITISH LINES

General Haig Reports The British Lines Are Holding; Germans Are Repulsed And Many Guns Captured

BRITISH AND GERMANS BOTH USE CAVALRY

Fighting Around Cambrai Is of Unabated Ferocity—German Generals Mass Artillery in Greater Concentration Than Any Battle Since Verdun—Massed Machine Guns Mow Down the Opposing Tanks.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Germany's biggest push since the Marne is continuing today.

The fighting around Cambrai is of unabated ferocity. The British lines are holding.

General Haig reported the repulse of heavy attacks near Nogent.

He detailed successful minor encounters near Bourlon Wood, the British capturing machine guns and prisoners. Both British and Germans are using cavalry.

The enemy artillery concentration exceeds anything the enemy staged since Verdun.

The Bourlon fighting is particularly violent. Some positions have changed hands a dozen times since Saturday.

Massed machine guns, eighty on a side, are often fired point blank into opposing ranks.

Germans Announce Capture of 6000 Prisoners

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Six thousand prisoners and 100 guns were captured since the Germans launched the Cambrai drive Friday, it is officially stated. The British attack between Inchy and Bourlon was repulsed. Enemy assault elsewhere were repulsed.

Venice Is Safe, Austro-Germans Halted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Venice is believed safe. The Austro-German advance at the Adriatic end of the Piave line has been halted, Rome cables asserted. Specially trained Italians constructed marsh trenches through swamps, checking the invaders.

British and French Strengthen Piave River Line

By Henry Wood, United Press Correspondent.

WITH THE FRENCH IN ITALY, Dec. 3.—The French and British armies have taken over vulnerable points on the Piave River front. The Piave line is quiet now. The enemy is evidently re-forming troops and laying plans for renewed assaults. The enemy will find the Piave an impassable barrier.

R. ALEXANDER HAS BEEN FORTY-YEARS AN ODD FELLOW

ELKS MEMORIAL HELD YESTERDAY

PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF DECEASED BROTHERS.

Judge H. E. McGinn Gives Brief Review of Lodge's Early History.

La Grande Elks met yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to pay tribute to their deceased brothers.

The attendance was by far the greatest of any Lodge of Sorrow yet held here. The musical program was excellent and the decorations were very elaborate.

Judge H. E. McGinn, of Portland, was the principal speaker of the day. Judge McGinn gave a brief review of Elksdom from the time of its conception and related incidents relative to the formation of the first lodge. He discussed the practices of the order as based on the cardinal principles of justice and brotherly love. He emphasized the strict Americanism of the order and referred to the intense patriotism of its membership. He also discussed the various views of life after death and argued that all conditions pointed toward the affirmative.

Walter M. Pierce gave a eulogy of the deceased members, paying high tribute to their memory.

The Elks who have died since December 3, 1916, are: W. D. Mc-

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La Grande Odd Fellows enjoyed the visit of R. Alexander of Pendleton, Friday night, when Mr. Alexander visited them as the representative of the Grande Lodge. Mr. Alexander is well known here and has a sister, Mrs. M. Bloch, living here.

One day almost 40 years ago a young man went to the little town of Pendleton and decided he liked it well enough to stay. He went into business there—opened up a general store when the present city had only 300 inhabitants. The young man worked hard, his business prospered. It became known as one of the very largest department stores in the eastern Oregon country; its proprietor as one of the soundest business men of the community, and one of its staunchest boosters.

R. Alexander was the young man who opened the store. He is today rounding out close to 40 years of active business in Pendleton. Though he is still vigorously engaged in the management of his big business, Mr. Alexander finds that the burdens are now weighing heavily on his shoulders with the advancing years. His son, Roy Alexander, to whom he looked to take over the management of the store, has been called to the colors. Therefore, he has decided to reduce his big stock and later to incorporate.

Speaking of the new move, Mr. Alexander stated that it is not his intention to altogether retire, but to rearrange his business matters and

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