

ATTEMPT TO KILL CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR

RED CROSS DOES GREAT WAR WORK

SAVED SHATTERED NERVES AND BODIES OF LITTLE FRENCH CHILDREN

AMERICAN DOLLARS SAVE THE FRENCH BABIES

Five Hundred French Children Taken Out of Cellars and Caves in Shell Swept Region—Many Other Cases of Aid.

(NOTE—The following article was written by W. S. Forrest, manager of the Paris office of the United Press, tells of the wonderful work of the Red Cross at Toul, France, where hundreds of French children, rescued after living three years under German shell fire, are being cared for.)

By W. S. FORREST
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TOUL, FRANCE, Nov. 15. (By Mail.)—Salvaging the shattered nerves and little bodies of French children rescued literally from the mouths of enemy cannon was part of the mammoth Red Cross work in France witnessed by the United Press here today.

If American mothers could see how their hard American dollars are being spent among the war-battered children of France they would doubly subscribe at the very next opportunity. This is the first account written and sent to America of how these American dollars are pulling French babies out of a living hell and filling their impressionable little minds with something better to think about than constant fear, pinching hunger and a life among vermin and filth.

5000 Babies Saved.
More than 5000 of these French babies are today safely out of reach of the German shells which for three years have been plunging and pulverizing the villages and towns where they lived. Their ages run from two to ten years. The greatest number are toddlers who have known nothing during their lives but living in the cellars and caves where there was some degree of safety from the shells the enemy maliciously threw into their vicinity.

When the Germans began to throw gas shells into these villages, the French authorities realized that the children of tender age must be removed to safety. So these two young young to adjust gas masks to their faces were sent to the near-by Toul where buildings were prepared for their reception.

Here the American Red Cross offered its aid. A cablegram was sent from Paris to Minneapolis where it found Dr. Julius Parker Sedgwick, the best known specialist on children's diseases in the Northwest. Dr. Sedgwick agreed to give up his work and come to France to care for French children. His acceptance preceded only by a few hours a long distance telephone conversation with Dr. J. I. Durand at Seattle, also a leading children's specialist. "I agreed in a few hours to give up his extensive practice and leave for France. Also from Minneapolis came Dr. N. O. Pearce, associated with Dr. Sedgwick. As the trio traveled toward France they were joined at Chicago by Dr. Alice Brown of Winnetka. Accompanying them came experienced nurses among whom were Mrs. Delebeque, of Winnetka and Miss Bernice Spanner, East 60th street, Cleveland.

Doctors and Nurses Help.
Headed by Dr. Sedgwick, the American doctors and nurses are fathering and mothering the French babies here today and will continue to do so throughout the war.

No type of child disease bred in these dark, insanitary, vermin-ridden, shell-torn, bat-infested caves a few miles away from the present camp under the German shells and gas has yet been too much for the American doctors and nurses. Every child so far brought to the camp is alive today and happy, thanks to mothers in America. For it is only dollars subscribed by American mothers themselves that are being spent on the baby war victims. Dollars from corporation men and other masculine sources are being spent for other things.

The Only Worry.
The only worry of the French mothers still back in the caves, undergrounding the German shells and the gas, is that a German aeroplane might come along and bomb the baby

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SENATE WILL ASK WHY GUN WAS REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Failure of Colonel Lewis to arrive has postponed the Senate military probe into the reason his machine gun was rejected.

SENATE VOTES TO SUBMIT THE DRY AMENDMENT

VOTE WAS 47 TO 8—FIGHT NOW SHIFTS TO LEGISLATURES

MUST BE RATIFIED WITHIN NEXT SEVEN YEAR

Drys Plan Campaign in Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts and Kentucky. Senator Borah Fights Against Time Limit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate on a vote of 47 to 8 concurred in the House prohibition amendments. The fight now shifts to the state legislatures.

Drys are already planning fights in Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts and Kentucky. Webb says he and other leaders will stump wet states during vacations until the nation is dry.

Senator Borah made a short fight against the requirements of ratification of the amendment within seven years, holding that Congress had no right to limit the time within which the amendments might be ratified.

House Votes Dry.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House passed the national prohibition constitutional amendment, 282 to 138.

SENATE VOTES TO LOOK INTO TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate passed the Cummins resolution ordering a sweeping investigation by the Senate Interstate Commerce committee into the Interstate Commerce Commission's recommendation for settling transportation troubles.

It also adopted the Harding resolution for an investigation of the shipping situation. Senator Fletcher announced this would begin immediately.

MANY BLUNDERS, MUCH RED TAPE SAYS SENATOR

SENATOR FRELINGHUYSEN SAYS HE HOPES PRESIDENT WILL BEHEAD BUREAUCRATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, commenting on the military probe, declared, "Innumerable blunders marked America's war preparations. He hoped the President would cut the red tape or behind the bureaucrats." The committee this afternoon resumed its session and examined Congressman McCormick and Henry Gatlin, son of the inventor.

McCormick, who visited Europe, said, practically all Americans there were completely equipped. The committee again went into executive session despite Senator Chamberlain's protest.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ALONG RHINE-RHONE CANAL.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—It is announced artillery is active along the Rhine-Rhone canal. German raids south of Givencourt were repelled. Elsewhere they were inactive.

President Palmer, Head of La Grande City Commission, Issues Red Cross Proclamation

WHEREAS the American Red Cross, through its president, Honorable Woodrow Wilson, its chairman, Honorable William H. Taft, and the chairman of its war council, Honorable H. P. Davison, has called upon all loyal and patriotic citizens of the United States to affiliate with said organization by taking membership there, and WHEREAS the week of December 17-24 has been designated by the aforesaid as the time for membership affiliation, and WHEREAS the State of Oregon has been assigned the quota of 240,000 members, being 30 per cent of its estimated population, and WHEREAS to fulfill its quota it is necessary for every man and woman in Oregon to join the American Red Cross,

THEREFORE, I Vincent Palmer, president of the commission of the City of La Grande, do hereby PROCLAIM to all citizens of the City of La Grande that it is a patriotic duty incumbent upon each and all of them to affiliate with the American Red Cross during the aforesaid week of December 17-24, to the end that the City of La Grande and the State of Oregon may sustain our beloved nation and the American Red Cross to the full extent required. Every man and woman in La Grande must become a member of the American Red Cross during the week named to fulfill this patriotic obligation.

This proclamation by me issued on December 17, 1917.
VINCENT PALMER,
President. Attest:
John Collier,
Recorder of the City of La Grande.

Fire Destroys Rockefeller's Home

LOSS IS \$100,000; FIRE BELIEVED INCENDIARY

Nearly All Rich Furnishings Are Destroyed—Valuable Painting Is Missing.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Fire, believed to have been incendiary, destroyed John D. Rockefeller's Forest Hill home, east of Cleveland.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Nearly all the rich furnishings were destroyed.

A valuable painting of Rockefeller is missing. Other paintings, valued at millions, were removed two years ago during assessment controversy.

Modern Woodmen Hold Initiation

Saturday evening the Modern Woodmen of America held a county class initiation. Ten members of the various camps of the county were taken in. After the initiation, the Royal Neighbors of Island City sprang an agreeable surprise on the camp by giving a drill. They also furnished cakes for the banquet, which was a delicious affair. The principal speaker of the evening was Hon. J. G. Tate of Hood River. He is the national lecturer and auditor of the society.

Sends More Volunteers

Twelve More Elgin Young Men Volunteer and Depart During Week—Some Enter Aviation Department, Some Navy and Others Infantry.

ELGIN, Dec. 15. (Special.)—The Elgin Record says: Elgin contributed 12 more young men to the U. S. army this week, making the total number of volunteers from here 49.

The results began leaving Monday evening, when Doran and Glenn Barnes departed for Baker, where a branch recruiting office was recently established to care for the rush. Both of the young men expect to enter the mechanical department of the aviation service. Doran Barnes leaves a wife but preferred volunteering to being drafted.

Tuesday evening saw the departure of Jay Johns, Clarence Ellis Evers, Roy Ervin Townsend, Terrence T. Mosher, and Guy M. Amsherry. Evers, Johns, Townsend, Beam and Mosher expected to enter the infantry or some branch other than the navy. Guy M. Amsherry will enter the quartermaster's department as a printer. He has been a member of the Reorder force for the past 14 months.

John Yates, George Lawrence Fox, and Everett Cornelison, all recruits for the navy, expected to leave Tuesday evening but were compelled to wait until Wednesday evening because of the failure of their transportation to arrive from Portland. The three departed Wednesday evening, however, without further hitch.

Tonight Lucian Sheiton will leave for Baker. He was examined on a former occasion and rejected for a very slight defect of his sight, so before his departure he stated that he would enter any branch that fell to his lot.

The departure of 12 this week

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MAXIMALISTS IN RUSSIA ARE NEARING A FALL

TWENTY-SIX PROVINCES HAVE REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE BOLSHIEVIKI

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18.—The Maximalists are nearing a fall, according to travelers and anti-Bolshevik papers from Haparanda. It is indicated that even the Petrograd garrison does not support Lenin and Trotsky.

Twenty-six Russian provinces have formally refused to recognize the Bolsheviki, whose Petrograd claims must be discounted.

Dissolution of the assembly was a very unpopular move.

KERENSKY HEADS

A NEW REVOLUTION
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—A Harparanda dispatch reports that Kerensky appeared near Petrograd, leading several thousand troops. The Bolsheviki sent a force to meet the newest counter revolution.

No Confession Made, Sheriff Warnick Says

Sheriff Warnick yesterday made a statement that he had fully investigated the rumor that two boys had confessed and had thrown light on the murder of Hermit Moore at Perry. No such confession has been made.

George Young Will Help Our Boys Today

George Young is going to give five per cent of his gross receipts at Young's Sweets today to the La Grande Hospital Unit's new fund. He also gave five per cent of the gross receipts yesterday. This will raise a tidy sum for the boys, who will appreciate being remembered by their old friend.

THEY WENT THROUGH HELL!



Arthur Compton (left) and John Sullivan, survivors of the Halifax disaster, are shown here as they appeared after their wounds were bandaged by the Red Cross workers. Being among the less seriously wounded, with no place to go, they stayed on the streets, where they were photographed as they wandered about offering assistance wherever needed to the more seriously injured. Like the wounded soldier in France, Compton's first request, after surgeons began bandaging his wounds, was for a cigarette.

New Shakeup in Fleet Corporation

CHARLES A. PIEZ, OF CHICAGO, BECOMES MANAGER

Admiral Harris Resigns Because His Recommendation That Offices Be Moved to Philadelphia Was Not Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Charles A. Piez of Chicago was appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, who resigned after a row with Chairman Hurley.

Piez is an engineer and Hurley's right bower. Harris' resignation was the result of his recommendation that the offices be moved to Philadelphia. He demurred at the board attempting to pass on his recommendation and resigned.

Hurley announced this shakeup would not halt the ship building program.

He stated a re-survey of the American shipbuilding by Lloyds' representative "shows there's better basis for optimism than at any time since the emergency fleet program was launched."

James Heyworth, production expert, is in charge of the wooden ship construction; Charles Day is to manage the production part. Former Admiral Bowles is to have an important post, according to Hurley.

Argentine Citizens Favor Declaring War

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18.—A committee of notable citizens adopted formal resolutions urging Argentine to declare war against Germany.

Dr. Foster Lectures

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—There are only three answers you can give when asked to join the Red Cross. One is, "I am a pro-German," another is "I am destitute," and the third is, "Here's my dollar." In this emphatic manner, Dr. William Trufant Foster captured the big Auditorium meeting last night, which inaugurated the Christmas membership campaign of the American Red Cross.

The Weather.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—The United States weather forecast: "Rain."

MANSION AT SACRAMENTO BLOWN UP, INMATES ESCAPE

Cossacks Take An Important City

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—The Cossacks have recaptured Rostoff, disarming the Bolsheviki red guards. Rostoff is an important commercial center in Southwestern Russia in the Cossack tribal territory.

SECOND DAY OF RED CROSS DRIVE IS ON

MEMBERSHIP WORKERS COMB HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS OF COUNTY

ALL TOO BUSY TO ADD UP THE TOTALS

Lack of "Noise" From Union County Worries Portland—Approximately One Thousand Workers Were Enrolled Yesterday.

The second stage of the week's drive for Red Cross members for the year 1918 is on in full swing today and without the least evidence of abatement, the workers are combing the highways and byways for memberships.

And they are getting them too. General Manager Ed. Kiddle struck a keynote for the campaign this morning when he reported to State Chairman Chapman at Portland that Union county workers were too busy writing subscriptions to add up totals—that this deal would be attended to in due time.

Portland and Seattle headquarters were just a little bit concerned over the lack of "noise" from Union county but when the estimate of yesterday's work went in they quickly wired back: "We knew all the time Union would do her share."

Approximately 1000 new members were enrolled yesterday. But the workers have only today struck their stride, and "some" stride it is too. They have become acquainted with the line of conscientious questions asked, and with some of the echoes of German propaganda in one or two cases. Today they have their respectful answers glibly ready to give.

Campaign Not All Roses.

To solicit Red Cross memberships is 99 percent pleasure and one percent embarrassment. For instance, yesterday one team of solicitors in a certain building where professional men have their offices met up with a jolt and suffered rebukes akin to insults but, with characteristic patriotism took their word lashing with fortitude. The upshot was that in order to terminate the interview the man handed the committee a dollar but refused a receipt and was very politely told that his dollar, under the circumstances, was wholly unwelcome. In sharp contrast to the actions of this man is cited one experience in west La Grande where an old man without means of supporting himself managed to gather up 25 cents and gave that with great willingness, and assured the committee he would gladly have given more—if he had it.

Another instance that cheered the workers occurred today when a certain lady walked down town, mang blocks at that, to give her dollar at headquarters, saying the workers had been across the street from her yesterday but had not called on her.

Neighboring Towns at Work.
North Powder, Elgin, Imbler and Summerville—and Alsea, the community that won the national honors in the Y. M. C. A. drive—have been doing excellent work the first day. Cove is out today and called for more supplies this afternoon and is showing a splendid spirit. Union was organized yesterday and started out a great team last this morning. In some communities it is not understood that this is a renewal, regardless of when the person last joined. Hereafter these memberships will be sought only at each Christmas time, and, though some may overlap this time, it is felt a patriotic duty of

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PORCH WAS DEMOLISHED AND A HOLE BLOWN IN BUILDING

GOVERNOR, WIFE AND SERVANTS UNINJURED

German Agents Are Blamed For the Plot Owing to the Fact That Governor Stephens Advocated Their Repression.

(United Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 17. Dynamite was exploded near the Governor's mansion last night in an effort to kill Governor Stephens. The porch was demolished and a hole blown in the building.

The Governor, his wife and servants, who were sleeping upstairs, were uninjured. German agents are blamed, owing to Governor Stephens' many patriotic speeches advocating repression of enemy agents.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 18.—The police believe a timed bomb caused the explosion at the governor's residence. Many suspects have been apprehended, but the foreigner seen loitering there recently is missing.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 18.—Fire Chief Anderson says an accumulation of gas in laundry and kitchen pipes might have caused the explosion.

MEMBERS BY THE THOUSAND JOIN RED CROSS

UNION COUNTY IS HOLDING ITS OWN—ACTIVE PROGRESS IS MADE ALL OVER STATE

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Red Cross members in the city of Portland is 4,371; total outside Portland 6,670; Oregon total to date 11,041.

While telegrams from all over Oregon show that active progress has been made in the membership campaign of the American Red Cross, actual figures come slowly. But 13 of 36 counties have made any report up to date.

But three districts in Portland have made any report, but in two precincts alone in Portland over 1000 members are reported.

It is raining through the Willamette Valley and this makes a start difficult.

Stanfield holds the state record with 240 members; total quota 200. Harney is the banner county with 415 members or 25 per cent of the quota, Malheur being second with 600 members. Union county with 1000 members is below the leaders in the percentage column, but heads the state outside Portland in actual numbers.

Benton county with 700 members and 13 per cent heads the Willamette Valley, both in numbers and on a percentage basis.

CANADIAN EMBARGO PLACED ON FOOD PRODUCTS EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The exportation of food products, feeding stuffs, fertilizers and certain other articles of necessity to countries other than the United Kingdom, British possessions and protectorates is placed under strict control by a Canadian order in council of November 15. The prohibition upon shipments of such goods is to be modified by licenses issued by the minister of customs, under regulations framed by the food controller of Canada, in favor of countries in alliance with the British Empire and having armies in the European field.

Riddell Deafened Relief
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Supreme Court denied H. H. Riddell, Portland attorney, relief on bond fraud conviction.