

THOUSAND A DAY IS RECORD IN UNION COUNTY

WEATHER CONDITIONS DO NOT DAMPEN THE WORKERS' ARDOUR

CHEERING NEWS COMES TO MANAGER KIDDLE

Union County Ranks Second in State. Baker is Fourteenth and Coos Bay Is First.

Hitting a "thousand-members-a-day" clip, Union county Red Cross membership workers are determined that the elements shall not deny the ultimate goal. The same weather conditions prevail all over the state.

Cheering news came to General Manager Kiddle this afternoon from State Chairman Chapman, in which it is noted that Union county ranks second in the state. Baker is fourteenth. Coos is first. Seven counties have promised Mr. Chapman to overrun the quota.

This afternoon the workers, most of whom are women, are soaked to the skin, some of them, but bravely keep up the stride, and to attain 1000 members every day is now the aim of all concerned.

"Four Minute Men" go into La Grande theatres tonight to continue the publicity of the great cause. Prof. McNeill, principal of the high school; Clarke Leiter and E. E. Kiddle are the speakers tonight.

Peter G. Johnston will go to Perry, where a Christmas bazaar is to be held, and address the people there.

Petition That Hungary Be Separate State

THE HAGUE, Dec. 19.—The Cologne Gazette says the Budapest municipality has passed resolutions urging the government to prepare for the complete separation of Hungary and Austria, letting the emperor be the sole bond of unity between the two countries.

Drys Plan Nation Wide Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Dry organizations in practically all the "wet" states are preparing fights through amendments or legislation and the leaders predict an early ratification of nationwide prohibition.

Hostile Parties Routed Announces Haig

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Hostile reconnoitering parties around Passchendaele were routed and many Germans taken prisoner, General Haig reports.

A War for Your Home—For the sake of your family, yourself, your neighbors, and the thousands who are sick, buy Red Cross Seals today to extend this war against tuberculosis.

On a Visit—Philip Corbett, of Corvallis, arrived to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Libby a short while. He will spend Christmas in Spokane.

MRS. ASTOR OPENS HER HOME TO U. S. OFFICERS.



A new photograph of Mrs. Astor is shown. Mrs. Astor will act as hostess to American officers on leave from the front.

British Airmen Down German Craft

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Lord French announced the British defense airmen had downed one and possibly two of the sixteen German aircraft bombing Kent, Essex and London last night. The British aircraft were unharmed. Ten civilians were killed and 70 injured.

NATION'S CROPS WILL BREAK THE RECORD IS HOPE

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES INCREASED ACREAGE WHEAT AND RYE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The agriculture department predicts record breaking crops for next year.

The winter wheat area is over forty-two million acres, four per cent greater than last year. The rye acreage is over six million, a 35 per cent gain.

Submarine Rammed Ten of Crew Are Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels announces that 10 members of the crew of the American submarine F-1 are missing and five were rescued when the ship was rammed and sunk by the A-2 in home waters in a fog Monday.

La Grande Boy Writes of West Point

Six Days a Week, 10 Hours a Day, the Students Work.

Mr. J. T. Williamson has received the following letter from his son, Ellis Williamson, who is in West Point:

United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

Dear Father:— I have just finished writing to Kenneth and will get one written home, before I get to studying. I went up to Fort Putnam this afternoon and it makes quite a climb as there is about six inches of snow, and snow has been on about two days but it is clear and cold now. There has been no skating so far, so it has not been colder than it would be at home.

There is a very good view up and down the Hudson and all over the post from Fort Putnam on a clear day and it was a regular winter scene today. It is not far up there, perhaps three-quarters of a mile, but it is a steep climb.

There are two weeks more "write" before vacation. The final examinations are held during vacation, but about 75 per cent get out of the finals. A large part of those that do take the finals are generally discharged.

I have been getting along pretty well so far and there is practically no danger of my being turned out for exams, so I guess I will stay here for a while longer at least. The upper-classmen are all planning about what they will do during the vacation. There is two weeks and most of them, who live within a thousand miles of here will go home. The Plebes, those that are turned out for exams, and those who have too many demerits during the first year, (about 70 or 80) will all stay here during vacation. It doesn't make any difference if a Plebe lives within five miles of here (there are two) they have to stay at West Point all vacation anyway.

I think I will have a good time during vacation anyway, as they are arranging shows, movies, hockey games and so on for amusements. I will be glad to stop studying for a while as it is a very steady grind. There is a good deal of difference between six days of sixteen hours, such as they have here in a week and five days a week of six or eight hours a day as they have in college.

As far as health is concerned, I never was in so good condition in my life before as I am now. There are compulsory gym classes for an hour each morning and I often go over for an hours wrestling or something like that between five and six. I am about ten pounds heavier than when I left home.

I have been hoping to hear from Joe every day but I have not heard from him since he has been at Fort Omaha. My room mate, Mr. Allen, got a letter from his mother saying that Joe and Edna were coming out

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JOHN BARLEYCORN LISTENING TO THE PROHIBITION DEBATE IN CONGRESS



Elgin Man Ships Apples to Oklahoma

WILLIAM KIRTLLEY GOES WITH CAR

William Arnold, Pioneer of Elgin, Loses His Thumb—Raymond Shelton, Football Player, Ill With Heart Disease.

ELGIN, Dec. 17. (Special.)—Wm. Kirtley left for Oklahoma last week where he is taking a car load of apples and where he will visit for several days with his relatives.

Wm. Arnold, a well known pioneer of Elgin, suffered a very severe accident last Saturday at Palmer Camp when his thumb was completely severed from his hand. The hand was immediately dressed by Doctor E. G. Kirby. Mr. Arnold reports his hand still very painful.

Raymond Shelton, a school boy and a prominent football man of the local high school team, is very ill from an attack of heart trouble.

Reverend Mr. Winters, of La Grande visited in Elgin last week and preached at the M. E. church last Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. LeRoy Stafford rendered a solo. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McNaughton are visiting in Elgin over the Christmas holidays. Mr. McNaughton has been working at Palmer Camp for several weeks.

C. C. Howard has opened a shoe mending shop in Elgin.

Miss Murphy, the home extension agent on food conservation, gave a demonstration was on the making science kitchen at the high school building last Monday afternoon. Her demonstration was on the making of cottage cheese, but during the demonstration Miss Murphy gave many helpful hints on meat economy and sugar saving.

Cecil Parsons, a well known Elgin man, has enlisted in the army and will leave for training at an early date.

The program for the Community Christmas is well under way and all preparations are being made to have a true and loyal Christmas.

The first motion picture show at the opera house will be given next Wednesday evening, featuring "A Thousand Leagues Beneath the Sea."

Last Saturday evening at the Gem theatre Miss Nell Milne gave a reading, "The Crimson Cross," as an offering for the Red Cross drive for members which started Monday morning.

The "first aid" class of the Red Cross and Honor Guards were given their last review last Monday. The examinations will be held some time this week.

Next Friday evening in the high school assembly a literary program will be given. The numbers on the program are mostly musical. This will be the last program for some time and is supposed to represent an ideal literary entertainment.

Each of the grade rooms have a small Christmas tree and Christmas decorations in their rooms. Some of the rooms will give short programs on Friday before the dismissal for the season holidays.

ARMY CAMPS TO BE SANITARY IS THE ORDER

CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE DISEASE WILL BE ALLEVIATED BY ORDER OF BAKER

(United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary of War Baker stated that general had been making leading effective Surgeon General Gorman's recommendations for alleviation of conditions causing disease in American army camps.

Gorman's statement was promptly followed by that of the chief of staff. Congressional members contemplate investigating why such conditions existed.

Gorman's statement that Camp Funston's abnormal death rate was due to unsanitary surroundings recalls that during the selection of camp sites the department was submitted to the strongest political pressure and apparently some decisions were affected by this. One main trouble is the incompleteness of hospitals, despite no apparent reason why they should not have been completed long ago.

Dairy Men Complain of Present Prices

Certain Producers Are Holding for Still Higher Prices.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—The food administrator's hint that Federal licensing of milk stuffs may result in the cause of complaints that dairymen profiteers are holding for prices above the present excessive figures, rendering dairymen difficult.

Wins a Car—PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—R. H. Stewart won the car donated by E. V. Hauser to the Allied Bazaar.

PORTLAND SHEEP MARKET

The sheep market was steady with a heavy shipment of wethers and a fair shipment of lambs, all of which went at the top of the prices quoted in the various classes. The yearlings brought 12.50 and valley lambs up to 13.00. No fat ewes were offered and the principal volume of transactions was in fat wethers and feeder lambs. We quote the following prices current: Western lambs, 13.00-13.50; Valley lambs, 12.50-13.00; yearlings, 12.00-12.50; with ewes, 8.00-10.00.

If you do not answer your questionaire, you will be arrested.

Willamette River Is Rising Rapidly

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE RISE OF 4.6 FEET IN 24 HOURS

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Willamette river rising rapidly owing to the heavy rains in the valley. Companies are hurriedly moving freight here from the lower docks. The river rose 4.6 feet in 24 hours.

FEDERAL MEDIATORS CRITICISE PAPER COMPANY

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Federal mediators issued a statement, criticizing the Crown Willamette Paper company's refusal to accept its mediation offer and said this was "at variance with the spirit of industry," and declared the strikers submitted their side with an unreserved offer to abide by the commission's decision. The mills are still guarded.

Seattle Is Trying to Get Ban Lifted

SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—General Irons and staff and local officials are conferring regarding the police's vice campaign with a view of raising the ban on soldiers visiting this city.

Raising Today—A gentle rain is falling today, the air is mild, and the whole country will benefit.

Great Britain Leaders Agree With President

LORD BALFOUR SO ANNOUNCES IN SPEECH IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Lord Balfour, addressing the House of Commons, announced President Wilson's war policy, as announced in the Presidential message, was identical with that of Great Britain's leaders.

Japanese French Food Saving—HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 19.—Japanese women in this city have joined hands with the other women of the community in preaching food saving and are busy in the Japanese residential sections of the city securing signatures to food pledge cards.

Hawaii Will Regulate Loaf—HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 19.—Federal Food Commissioner J. F. Child for the Hawaiian Islands yesterday took active steps toward regulating the size of the bread loaf to be sold in this city.

Town Under Water—WOODLAND, Wash., Dec. 19. (Special.)—Lewis River went on a rampage and last night the town of Woodland was isolated and under water.

Every Registered Man Must Answer Questions

PORTLAND, Dec. 19. (Special.)—Every draft registrant must answer his questionnaire truthfully and without evasion. Untrue answers or concealment of information required by the Government will result in prosecution.

On the other hand, draft registrants may rest assured that the personal questions they are obliged to answer in regard to their domestic and business conditions will be seen only by the proper authorities. Members of local and district boards are forbidden under severe penalty from divulging such information.

RIFLE MEN TELL OF REBUFS BY WAR DEPT

"NOT INTERESTED" IN MACHINE GUN FOR SPEEDY DELIVERY, WAS STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An official of the Marlin rifle corporation told the Senate probers of his attempts on the date relations with Germany were broken to interest the war department in a machine gun for speedy delivery, but met with a rebuff, and the statement were, "we are not interested."

A Remington official said, delivery of rifles was delayed several months by failure to notify plants that they would be called upon heavily.

French Gunner Receives a Medal

MAKES SPECIALTY OF CAPTURING MACHINE GUNS

George Van Kemmel Single-Handed Performs Heroic Exploits—Captures Two Blockhouses.

By W. S. FORREST (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Nov. 23.—(By Mail.)—For making a specialty of capturing German blockhouses and machine guns single-handed, George Van Kemmel, French machine gunner, was today officially announced as recipient of the Military Medal as well as the title of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Van Kemmel is a second Michael O'Leary.

Though he is a machine gunner, the French polka has chiefly earned his honors by taking them from the enemy.

When the French troops took the first and second German lines on the Vauclerc plateau, Van Kemmel's part of the attacking wave was held up by an enemy machine gun as it approached the third trench. The French mitrailleuse, armed with a rifle and several grenades, wormed his way forward from shell hole to shell hole to within fifteen yards of the enemy gun. His first grenade killed a German gunner, and his second blew the machine gun from its position. Several Germans rushed forward from shell holes to replace it, but Van Kemmel's well-aimed grenades killed a few and forced the others to refuge in a blockhouse. The persistent polka followed and bayoneted the first who tried to emerge. The blockhouse was taken and the assaulting wave swept on.

Exactly four months later to a day, Van Kemmel was again in the first line and went over the top with the first attacking wave. A little later he found himself alone, far ahead of his comrades, and seeing a blockhouse he promptly captured it. Two Germans then opened fire on him with a machine gun from a neighboring shell hole. With only his rifle, and fighting the gun single-handed, the polka killed one German gunner immediately. The second dropped a few moments later. When his comrades arrived, Van Kemmel was calmly mauling the enemy weapon and blockhouse.

Thus with a record of many Germans accounted for, two blockhouses and two machine guns captured, all single-handed, Van Kemmel today wears on his breast two of the most highly valued medals of the French military service.

Much Timber Sold.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Sales of National Forest timber in the fiscal year 1917 were more than double those of 1916, according to the annual report of the forester. The total amount sold exceeded two billion feet and is valued at more than \$3,715,000.

RIOTS BREAK OUT IN STREETS OF ODESSA

UKRAINIANS AND BOLSHIEVSKI GUARDS ARE FIGHTING TO POSSESS CITY

GUNS ARE TRAINED ON BOLSHIEVSKI HEADQUARTERS

Ukrainians Are Threatened With War Within 48 Hours Unless They Cease Aiding the Cossack's Revolution.

(United Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—Ukrainian and Bolshevik guards are fighting on Odessa streets. The latter still hold the port.

The Bolsheviks gave an ultimatum to the Ukrainians demanding that they cease aiding the Cossack's rebellion within 48 hours or war would be declared against them.

The Ukrainian machine guns are trained on the Bolshevik headquarters at Odessa. Communications are stopped. The Bolsheviks are advancing toward Kieff.

The Cossacks are attacking Astrakhan.

SEPARATE PEACE IS CERTAIN

Only a Miracle Can Stop It, Say Russian Officials.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Separate peace between Germany and Russia is inevitable.

Only a miracle can prevent its consummation unless Russia shakes off Bolshevism, Russian officials here predicted today. They say Germany is realizing the effects of a separate peace and will make concessions which she does not intend to keep.

SOCIALISTS GIVE OUT PROGRAM

Oppose Separate Peace With Russia—To Call a Congress.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19.—The international Socialists bureau officials say the Central Powers Socialists oppose a separate peace with Russia, fearing the step will so strengthen the Imperialists that Germany's Socialism will be obliterated. The bureau is exerting strong pressure on both Russian and German Socialists against such a peace. They have implored Scheidemann to return to Berlin and oppose the separate peace. They stated the Central Power Socialists would immediately call a Congress and discuss the formal rejection of a separate peace.

FALL FROM BRIDGE IS FATAL

Clyde Shamley of Centralia Perishes in Shookumchuck River

CENTRALIA, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Clyde Shamley, employed by the O. W. R. & N. Co., was swept to his death in flood waters of the Shookumchuck river yesterday, when he fell from a bridge about a mile north of Centralia. His body will probably not be recovered until the water subsides. J. H. Kelly, who was working with Shamley, says that the latter swam about 100 yards and had almost reached shore when he disappeared.

Shamley resided in this city and is survived by his widow and two children. Mrs. Shamley is prostrated as result of the fatality.

FORMER N. Y. GIRL AIDS WAR RELIEF



Lady Arthur Paget who before her marriage was Miss Mary Stevens of New York, is one of the many American women in England who are leaders in war relief work.