

PERSHING IS GENERAL, ALSO BUSINESS MAN

MANAGES THE BIGGEST MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE IN HISTORY

His Grocery Store Dwarfs Wholesale Houses

Pershing Takes Care of Our Soldier Boys—Clothing, Feeding, Paying and Training Them Is All a Part of His Job.

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WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, FRANCE, Nov. 18. (By Mail.)—General John Pershing has turned man-of-business. He had to when his country handed him the job of managing the biggest enterprise in American history—military and commercial.

General Pershing's grocery store alone dwarfs the biggest wholesale grocery to the size of a cross-roads store.

His transportation problems make those of any private concern look like children's play with a string of clock-work choo-choo cars.

And these are only two divisions of the great industrial enterprise now going on under John J. Pershing, general manager. Later he will take on the added task of military operations.

His employees will be numbered not by thousands but by millions as the war goes on and America's plans are carried out to the full. And we are proceeding on the assumption that the war will go on to a military decision—a knock out.

A business firm breaks into the Sunday papers if it distributes real benefits to its employees over and above their pay.

His Big Job. Pershing's responsibility to his boys only begins with their pay. Feeding is a day-to-day job. We must clothe them, make soldiers of them, arm them, provide a perfection of surgical care when they are wounded. And when a Sammy from home makes the supreme sacrifice General Pershing, the soldier, sees that as far as the circumstances permit, that Sammy receives an honorable burial, the soldier's due.

The further you follow the parallel of Pershing's firm and the big business house, the smaller becomes the private concern.

When "Black Jack" came to France he found the seaports lacking facilities for landing the tremendous tonnage for our army. Men and supplies come into the army's charge the moment the transport comes into the harbor. The army must unload the ships. It must furnish all transportation and storage. Cold storage must be found for perishable foods.

The army had to build docks to accommodate bigger ships than had ever come into these ports before. Storehouses and barracks were quickly projected and laid out. Railroad yards were put in so that the docks could be quickly cleared to make room for more ships. To do these things Pershing had to import labor.

The port lacked unloading machinery—cranes, engines, light railways. There was no use trying to make shift with the appliances of the old days. Pershing had to get things, to have the work done. He picked big men to head the departments and they are doing their tasks under his general direction.

Transportation problems don't end with the unloading of the ship. We

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MISS FOSS RESIGNS; MRS. MASTEN ELECTED

Miss Evelyn Foss, second grade teacher at the Central school, has resigned to take a position in the Aberdeen, Wash., schools after the holidays. Mrs. Masten was elected to take the second grade in the Greenwood school and Miss Bloom, of the Greenwood school, will take the place vacated by Miss Foss in the Central school. Mrs. Masten had taught in the La Grande schools three years ago.

Will Winter in Helix

HELIX, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—W. T. Layton of La Grande has joined his family here and will live here this winter. Mr. Layton is employed by J. G. Bryan at the Helix Livestock Stable.

Christmas Dinners Higher

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Christmas dinners have advanced 35 per cent in a year. The cost will be 12 per cent higher than Thanksgiving. Every foodstuff used shows an advance within the month. Turkeys here are 43 cents a pound.

HERE IS PERSHING'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

PARIS.—To Colliers, New York:—"Here on this tremendous errand, far from the Christmas joys at home, we shall be cheered to the task that is before us by your strength and by your patience. Your will and ours must join to fortify us in the sacrifices we must make and the blood we must give to the end that there may be restored 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men.' PERSHING."

UMATILLA WINS FIRST IN BIG DRIVE

COUNTY FINISHES ITS QUOTA, HAVING NOW 7650 MEMBERS

UNION COUNTY IS SECOND WITH 70 PERCENT

Chairman Kiddle Calls for Volunteer Workers—Those Who Have Not Joined Are Urged to Do So Now.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Portland has 23,993 and outside counties 58,189 members in the Red Cross drive. Umatilla county has completed its quota, having 7,650 members.

Union county fell down yesterday in her thousand-a-day stride, but with one exception there was a similar slowing up throughout the state and telegrams this morning show Union county was second with a percentage of 70. Umatilla county, the morning information said, had 102 per cent or over the top, across the charge and resting securely on her laurels.

With two full days more to work in Union county may make up her full quota, but there must be a tremendous response of the volunteer nature.

"People, Do Your Duty," Is Plea. "If Union county citizens don't go over the top with a full quota, this time it will be the first effort she has failed to do her full duty in. People, you who have not contributed your dollar, hunt out headquarters and do so now." This is the appeal made by Chairman Kiddle today.

Mrs. Cochran, campaign manager for La Grande, makes a similar appeal. While the workers continue to fine-comb the county, it is impossible to see all, and the "flag in every home" scheme cannot win out if the public doesn't volunteer these dollars.

Excitement Instills Workers. General chagrin prevails over the county today over the actions of a man at Cove. Yesterday some Cove workers, who by the way, have been doing a magnificent work, asked a certain citizen of Cove to subscribe. "Go to h—," was his reply.

When the incident was reported to Chairman Kiddle that gentleman naturally became red under the collar. "Here are 100 women slushing around in the mud doing their magnificent duty, and then to have them insulted in this unpatriotic and ungentlemanly manner!" sputtered Mr. Kiddle.

Authorities Have Case. Of course the case has gone to the civil authorities. Sheriff Warnick has the name of the man, and all the evidence in the case.

"This sort of a thing is going to be seen through," is the opinion of the public in general but more particularly husbands and fathers of the women who are doing the solicitation. The tinge of pro-Germanism, both in the nature of the reply and the general circumstances in the case will probably yet see Uncle Sam mixed up in the affair which would make any civil action that may take place, look tame. If the tone of La Grande headquarters is a criterion, Mr. Man who insulted the Cove workers will have to pay for it.

CARRIERS HAVE RIGHT TO REFUSE EXPORT FREIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has approved the carrier's right to refuse export freight at Pacific ports unless the shipper had previously received cargo space in boats. This is designed to relieve the western port freight congestion.

The Weather

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The United States weather forecast: "Rain."

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



F. J. HENEY IS ON TRAIL OF BIG PACKERS

FAMOUS ATTORNEY SEEKS TO PROBE INTO SECRETS OF STOCKYARDS DEAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Packers made their first move to block the Federal Trade Commission's food probe when Swift & Co. refused to permit the Federal investigation to examine their files, according to Francis J. Heney, who is endeavoring to show the stockholders in the old Chicago stockyards were fleeced of three million dollars by the packers. Heney will appeal to the courts if the refusal continues.

Great Britain Agrees With President Wilson

LONDON, Dec. 21.—England is in full accord with President Wilson's outline of war aims that the fight of the world's democracies to victory isn't toward a realization of selfish desires. Great Britain seeks no territorial extension but what the international peace conference agrees is necessary to the future of peace. Lloyd George pledges are unanimously supported.

ONE REGULAR DELIVERY A DAY MAXIMUM FOR STORES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The following statement is authorized by the Council of National Defense: "One regular delivery a day as a maximum for retail stores throughout the United States and cooperative delivery systems in all smaller cities and towns, are now direct objectives of the delivery campaign started some time ago by the Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense.

Oh, Learned Judge!

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Let 'em wear V-necks, fur around their collars and their skirts short if they want to. That's the sentiment of Magistrate Hand today. He expressed it to Policewoman Mary Mains, who had assigned herself the task of looking the girls over as they board or leave the Staten Island ferry. Some of the girls resented it and saw to her appearance in court.

There is one long telephone line in China, that from Peking to Tientsin. There is local service only in the four large cities, Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai and Canton.

FORTY SIX KILLED IN BIG RAILROAD WRECK

SEVENTEEN INJURED WHEN PASSENGER TRAIN RUNS INTO ACCOMMODATION TRAIN

Accident Occurs on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Last Night—All on the Accommodation Train Killed or Injured.

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21.—Forty-six were killed, including 19 women, and 70 injured as the result of the Louisville-Nashville passenger train colliding with an accommodation train near here last night. The injured were taken to Louisville on a special train.

THOUSANDS TO BE CALLED TO THE COLORS

CLOTHING IS NOT READY—MEN TO BE CALLED OUT DEC. 31—NEW SYSTEM URGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the face of a startling lack of clothing thousands of men will be called to the colors by December 31, the Quartermaster General has advised to the probers.

This will be a part of the first draft not summoned yet.

He said that at present there was insufficient clothing for the men in training.

American troops were sent to France clad lighter than the French and British by 27 per cent.

He advised the adoption of the English "Purveyor general" system to order army ordnance, clothing and food.

Lodges at Union Elect.

UNION, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Grande Ronde Valley chapter No. 49, O. E. S., has elected the following officers: Worthy matron, Emily Cook; patron, M. F. Davis; assistant matron, Hazel Green; conductress, Louisa Goodbrod; assistant, Vera Fox; secretary, Anna Maxwell; treasurer, Jennie Davis. The officers will be installed in January.

Lucette temple No. 18, Pythian Sisters, held an election at the last meeting, naming the following officers: Past chief, Belle Bunsick; chief, Mary Minnick; E. S. Marthas Stevens; E. J. Katherine Craver; M. Chloé Taylor; M. of P., Cora M. Day; M. of R. and C., Nellie Padrock; musician, Dora Hutchinson; P., Ida China; G. of O. T., Lulu Dickson.

JAPAN IS ANXIOUS TO SEIZE SIBERIA

MOVE IS URGED TO PREVENT TEUTONIC DOMINATION OF RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Advisers say Japan is anxious to strike at Germany by occupying Siberia.

This report, with the Russian publication of the alleged Russo-Japanese treaty to attack any nation attempting supremacy in China, is the sensation in diplomatic quarters. Some allied diplomats are in favor of the Siberian move in view of the possible Teuton domination of Russia.

It is pointed out that the American consul at Vladivostok said troops were needed there.

Italians Reported Resuming Offensive

ROME, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of Germany's Tuesday gain east of Prenta was recaptured. The Italians are renewing their offensive at the Gateway of the Venetian plains.

La Grande Boys Go East On Troop Train

Jimmie McLaughlin, Charlie Harris and Albert Myers Among Those Who Passed Through

A troop train passed through La Grande about 10 o'clock this morning from Spokane, bound for Texas. Jimmie McLaughlin, who was reported to be already in Texas, was on the train, but few knew it as the boys were uncertain about coming this way. Those who saw Jimmie gave him the glad hand and wished him good luck. He said, "Tell all my friends hello for me and a merry Christmas to them."

There were about three hundred boys on the train, all of the Aviation Radio Service. Almost two hundred and fifty of these boys were from different points in Montana.

When the train stopped, there was a general rush for stores and restaurants to stock up in luxuries and sweets.

Among the boys were Charlie Harris, who passed through to Spokane a few days ago, and Albert Myers, brother of Miss Elizabeth Myers, milliner at Hill's department store. His home is in Spokane.

Someone presented the boys with a box of fine apples, which were received with loud shouts and cheers, and "Pat him on the back." "I'm his friend," and "Believe me, these Oregon people are great."

More than 90 per cent of the total bauxite marketed in this country in 1915 came from Arkansas and the other 10 per cent came from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Aluminum is made from bauxite by electrical methods which were invented and first carried out by Americans.

He Was All American—All But His Eye

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Paul Gary, of Anderson, Indiana is all American, with the exception of a glass eye. The substitute optic is alien. Gary tried to enlist in the U.S. marine corps at their recruiting station here, but was rejected when his infirmity was discovered by Sergeant G. C. Wright. "Didn't know that the loss of an eye would prevent your enlisting?" asked the sergeant. "I thought it might," explained Gary, "but this glass blinker is the only part of me that was made in Germany and I want to take it back." He was advised to mail it.

HITCH IN PEACE PLANS IS SAID TO HAVE ARISEN

UNOFFICIAL DISPATCH SAYS GERMANY MAY REFUSE RUSSIA'S TERMS

BOLSHEVIKI DELEGATION REPORTED RECALLED

If Germany Has Refused to Agree, Important Concessions May Be Extorted from the Russians Later.

(United Press.) LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Exchange Petrograd dispatch says it is unofficially reported that the Germans refused the Russian peace terms and that the Bolshevik delegation had been recalled to Petrograd.

Stoppage of fighting for a month is still effective. If the report is true, it is believed the Germans refused to agree in the consciousness of their strength to extort enormous concessions from the Russians.

Rain Drives Away Snow At Meacham

MEACHAM, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The snow has disappeared during the past few days, from a heavy downpour of rain, and chinook winds.

J. D. Casey made a business trip to La Grande Monday.

Mrs. K. B. Ross went to La Grande Monday to visit with her brother, Dick Hilyard and wife and their new baby daughter.

Will Hilyard was a visitor in town Monday, having come over from his ranch at Telocaset. He went back to La Grande to work in the O. W. R. & N. shops.

Several homesteaders went from here on Monday to file on their homesteads, among whom were Dan Granger, Frank Watkins, Mrs. Hurly and Miss Sheets.

Melvin Denning made a trip to La Grande Wednesday.

Mark Booth returned to Meacham for a visit on Thursday, having just got out of the hospital at La Grande, where he had been since September with typhoid fever. Up to the time of his sickness he was in the employ of the Casey Lumber company.

E. Evans, operator here, went to Pendleton on Friday to enlist, being on the draft list, but was rejected.

Mrs. John Barker went to La Grande Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Collins.

Jack Dockweiler went to Pendleton Friday to work in the flour mill for this winter.

As is the custom every Christmas season, many trees have been cut and shipped to Pendleton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watters moved down from Kamela on Friday. Mr. Watters is to be agent here in Mr. E. M. Calvert's place, the latter having been transferred to La Grande.

Mrs. Harry Smith arrived from La Grande Sunday and expects to go back to Kamela to reside in the future.

Bright Lights O K

UKRIANIA GETS READY FOR BATTLE

FORMALLY REJECT BOLSHEVIKI ULTIMATUM NOT TO AID COSSACKS

COSSACKS DEMAND A NEW NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Emperor Nicholas and Family Will Be Permitted to Seek New Haven—This Is at the Request of Germany.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—The Ukrainian province formally rejected the Bolshevik ultimatum not to aid the Cossacks, and demanded full recognition of Ukraine's independence.

Both sides are massing for battle, but emphatically demanding that the Bolsheviks do not interfere in the affairs of the region, that a new national government be immediately, were made in communications from General Kaledines, the Cossack leader.

It is authoritatively stated that Emperor Nicholas and family will be permitted to seek a haven outside of Russia.

A decree is to issue Thursday granting the imperial families' request to go abroad.

This Bolshevik action is due to insistence of the Germans in the armistice negotiations.

MAY DISSOLVE ASSEMBLY

Bolsheviks Are in Minority and May Ignore It

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—It is learned the Bolsheviks are preparing a "Rump" convention, to replace the constituent assembly where they are in the minority. It is said they might not even appear at the assembly, owing to their minority.

The government is reported discussing anew the question of dissolving the whole assembly.

Rev G. L. Clark Will Preach Sunday Morning and Night

Rev. G. L. Clark, who has been away from La Grande, doing army Y. M. C. A. work at American Lake, returned to La Grande Tuesday night. Mr. Clark will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church both morning and evening on Sunday next, at the usual hours of service.

This will be the last Sunday that the congregation will have an opportunity of hearing the Rev. Clark as he expects to depart soon for "overseas" work with the Y. M. C. A., attached to General Pershing's army in Europe.

Big German Raid Repulsed By French

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A big German raid, partaking of the nature of a highly localized attack, was repelled east of Fayet.

Near St. Quentin the artillerying is active on the right bank of the Meuse, Fleury, Thann and Hartmannswillerkopf.

Apparently the enemy is testing the whole French front.

War Bread Exhibition

Corn meal war bread, made by one of La Grande's famous cooks, Miss Mary Campbell, is on exhibition, with the recipe which she uses, in the Levy-Vogel drug store on Adams avenue. All housewives are invited to call and see this war bread. Credited by May Murphy, emergency home demonstration agent.

School's Out, No More Until Jan. 2

Hoorah for Santa Claus! The school children of La Grande finished their studies today; this afternoon they had Christmas entertainments and parties, some of them took teacher a present, and now there's no school until next year—in fact January 2.

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