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AMERICA WILL NOT SLACKEN SAYS SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER

GERMANY'S INSIDIOUS CHRISTMAS PEACE PROPAGANDA HAS NO EFFECT

FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR WAR PREPARATIONS

America's Armies Constitute the Reserves of Victory—Germany Wants Separate Peace With Russia During Holidays for Psychological Effect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Baker's war summary says Germany's insidious Christmas peace propaganda couldn't induce us to slacken our war preparations for a moment.

He said America's armies constitute the reserves of victory.

He believes Germany is seeking a separate peace with Russia during the holidays for the psychological effect on the allies; that this is merely a "peace before victory move" with threats of a gigantic offensive in the west.

Germany made a similar peace move last year.

LA GRANDE WILL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

La Grande is having a very merry Christmas, thank you.

There is plenty of gaiety, plenty of entertainment.

Merchants report the best Christmas business in years.

Stores will be open tonight to accommodate all shoppers, and then the bosses and clerks will go home, tired and weary, to have their own Christmas.

The store windows are prettily decorated, the Christmas spirit is in the air, and a large crowd is expected down town tonight and to the various exercises.

And best of all!

Every child in La Grande will have a Merry Christmas for every child in La Grande is invited to attend the Elk's Christmas tree tomorrow at 2:00 P. M. at the Elk's Home. So don't forget boys and girls. Come one, come all. No admission. Everything free.

Film Star Killed.

Eric Campbell, film star, the black-bearded giant in Charlie Chaplin pictures, frequently shown here at Sherry's was instantly killed and three others were seriously injured at Los Angeles Thursday when an automobile, driven by Campbell, collided with another machine on Wilshire boulevard. Campbell's car was speeding 60 miles an hour, according to witnesses.

Baker Mining Man Dead.

BAKER, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Charles Brown, a pioneer Eastern Oregon mining man, died Saturday, aged 84 years.

Teamster Is Killed.

BAKER, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Oliver Smith, a teamster in the employ of Frank Holden, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon in the Dooley Mountain road, when he was caught beneath the heavy timbers which he was hauling, when the wagon toppled over.

Eight Christmas Brides In Union County

The following couples were issued marriage licenses within the past week, December 17 to 24:

- Wm. H. Abbott and Emma Wickert.
- John Keltner and Otha Opal Hall.
- George A. Hughes and Mamie Ragain.
- George A. Chadwick and Irma Bean.
- Walter Clark and Evelyn Butler.
- Edward R. Mason and Eunice M. Bolton.
- James Knight and Matilda Pfel.
- Alvin H. Haller and Amanda E. McDaniel.

DALLAS OREGON BOY AND SEATTLE MAN INJURED

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is reported that H. N. Wilkinson, of Dallas, Oregon, and Captain Turner of Seattle, were wounded in action with the Canadians.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

RELIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT OF THE HOLY DAY PRESENT

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO HOLD ANNUAL EXERCISES

Christmas Music With Special Hymns and Anthems Enjoyable—Tonight Programs in Churches and Sunday Schools.

The sanctity and religious atmosphere of Christmas was apparent in the Christmas services in the churches of La Grande yesterday and will be in the services which will be held this evening and tomorrow. Special musical programs, the annual treats of the Sunday schools, are events looked forward to by both old and young. The Christmas decorations in the churches are worthy of comment.

At the Methodist Episcopal church last night Rev. George H. Pease delivered an eloquent sermon on "A Christmas Feeling." In the morning and evening services special Christmas music was given under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Carr. Mrs. Graham was warmly welcomed and her solo much enjoyed. The numbers by the choir and the men's chorus were also well received.

At the Christian church a very attractive musical program was given. Mrs. R. J. Kitchen sang a beautiful solo, "The Birthday of the King," by Nodding, which was much enjoyed. The choir music was excellent.

Rev. G. L. Clark was given a very cordial welcome yesterday at the Presbyterian church and he preached two very inspiring sermons. At the morning service Mrs. A. L. Richardson, in very fine voice, sang a beautiful selection entitled "Oh, Holy Night," by Niedling, one of the great Christmas classics. In the evening the Christmas carols sung by the young people's chorus under the direction of Miss Dove McGee were well rendered and brought to everyone the Christmas atmosphere.

TODAY'S PROGRAMS

Presbyterian Sunday School. The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold its annual entertainment at the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A splendid program has been prepared and all members and friends are invited to attend. The children will receive the usual treat. All members and friends are asked to bring gifts, useful ones, to be sent to the Armenian children. These will be brought wrapped in white, even if money, for it is to be a white offering.

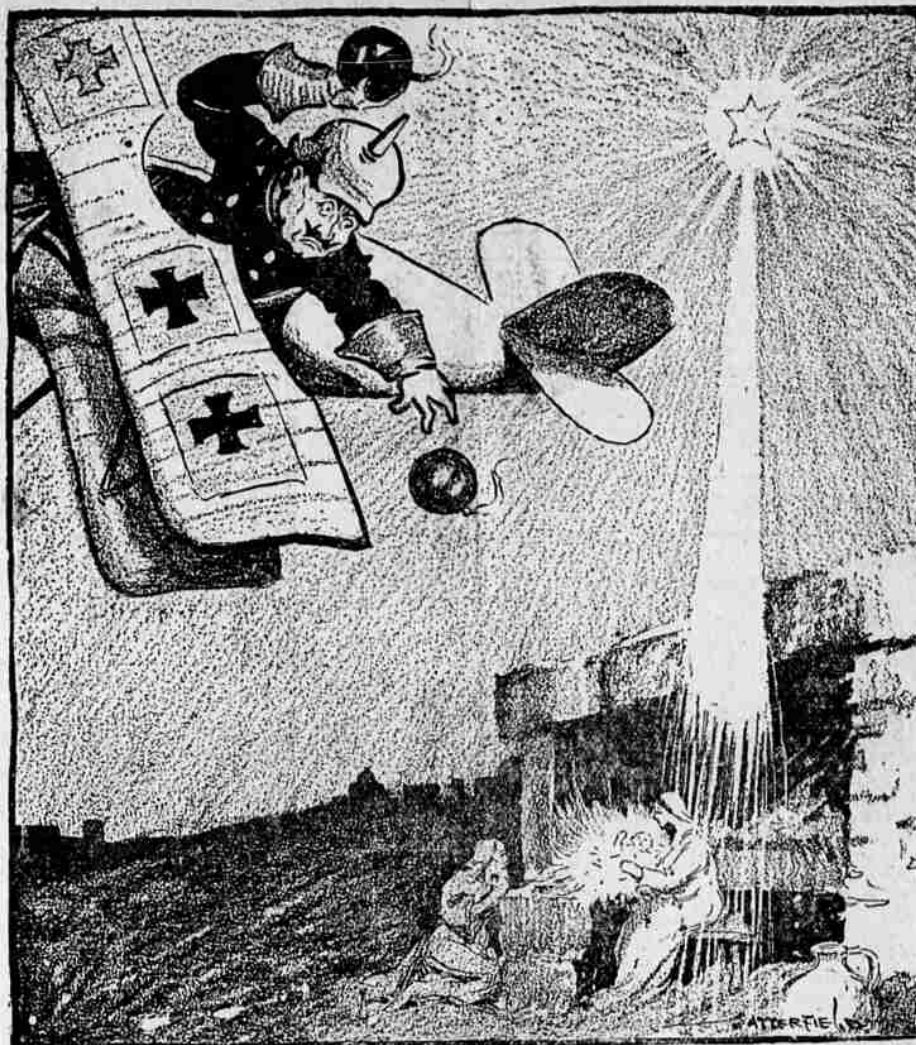
First M. E. Sunday School. Tonight Christmas exercises by the First M. E. Sunday school. Attractive program.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Venite.
Gloria Patri.
Te Deum la, Geibel.
Benedictus.
Hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings."
Gloria Tibi.
Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
Sermon, "The Miracle of the Ages."
Anthem, "The Light Hath Shined On Us." West.
Doxology.
Sanctus.
Communion Hymn, "O, Saving Victim."
Gloria in Excelsis.
Hymn, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."
This service will begin at 11:30 p. m. on Christmas Eve, instead of

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IF THE BABY JESUS CAME TO EARTH TOMORROW



GERMANS TELL OF NOV. 3 RAID ON AMERICANS

TWENTY THOUSAND SHELLS
HURLED AT OUR TRENCHES
—BEST TROOPS USED

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, Dec. 24.—According to German prisoners, twenty thousand shells were hurled at the American sector trenches on November 3 before the raid causing the first casualties. Noting the Americans there the Germans spared no pains to make the raid a success, studying the topography, etc. The barrage cut the Americans off from aid. The best troops were used, outnumbering the Americans.

SAMMIES LEARNING FRENCH RAPIDLY

By J. W. PEGLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, FRANCE, Nov. 26.—(By Mail.)—Here's a confidential tip to Maizie, the beautiful blonde in the noon-hour beauty:

If a returned Sammy climbs onto the stool at the lunch-counter and asks for poached eggs and hash—"toot-sweet," don't hit him with the ketchup bottle.

Sammy won't be trying to get fresh with a perfect lady. Sammy is just pulling a little French on you. Toot-sweet is "toot de suite" in French. It means hurry up—right away. Do you compay Maizie?

And, Maizie, suppose Sammy looks into your eyes and says "dooz oo, see voo play." Again, don't think ill of Sammy. He's learning to parley quite a lot of Franciscan over there. It's peculiar how these foreign expressions creep into his conversation. Now dox oofa is the way you spell "dooz oo." It means a pair of eggs. And "see voo play" is French for if you please.

Here are a few more common expressions heard every day in camp: Apportey drink de low fraish. That means "bring me a drink of water." Jamai oncore meaning "never again." Paw de foot, which, translated means "not at all." Kee veeley voo stands for "what do you want" and Jay partay matnaw means about the same as "well, I gotta go."

And there's one more phrase that will stick in the American language. It is "doozney moi." Doozney moi means "gimme"—gimme a cigarette, gimme a light.

It's the commonest expression in camp two days before pay-day.

North Powder's Christmas

NORTH POWDER, Dec. 24.—A Christmas tree and program will be given at the schoolhouse on Christmas eve, and the M. E. church also plans on giving one.

TERROR REIGNS IN PETROGRAD, SOLDIERS RIOT

WHILE BOLSHIEVIKI DISCUSS
PEACE WITH GERMANY, DIS-
ORDER BREAKS OUT

ARMORED CARS USED TO DISPERSE RIOTERS

Drunken Garrison of Troops Fire In the Streets—Moscow Cossacks Declare Martial Law.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Latest London dispatches indicate that the Bolsheviks while discussing peace with Germany, are unable to control matters at home.

Petrograd is almost in a reign of terror.

Drunken garrisons of soldiers are wildly rioting, firing in the streets and are dispersed only by armored cars.

Moscow reports the Cossacks have declared martial law.

General Kaledinov has retired as a military leader of the revolt and is urging a representative government.

HENEY WILL TAKE TRAIL OF MEAT TRUST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Vigorous prosecution of the food trust investigation was decided on at a conference of the Federal Trade Commission and Francis J. Heney. The latter is to follow the trail of the alleged meat trust which will be followed by further sessions at Boston, and New York, possibly before Monday.

Christmas Cables

Christmas cables from Somewhere in France were received today by Dudley Tobin and Miss Minna Ash.

Colder Weather Is Predicted For Xmas

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—The United States weather forecast: "Probably rain in the west, colder in the east."

Union County Will Win, Is Is Hope Today

Saturday Night Seven Hundred More Members Were Needed—Workers Are Still Working.

That Union county will go over the top to a final victory in the Red Cross drive for memberships before the week's drive closes tonight is the firm belief of managers and workers. Saturday night when the totals were struck there lacked about seven hundred in the county to make the quota of 5000 which is the recognized amount to be raised in this county.

The final figures will be struck this evening and the total will, it seems, be reached but not with any material margin to spare.

EASTERN OREGON BEATS WESTERN OREGON TO FRAZZLE

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Portland has 45,007 members, state 99,417; total for Oregon 145,424. Four counties are now over the top: Umatilla, which led off, is still sailing far ahead, both numerically and on a percentage basis; Sherman, Morrow and Harney. Eastern Oregon has whipped Western Oregon to a frazzle on the percentage basis. Twenty-two hundred campaigns are jaxing the city today, but the leaders feel the final effort was begun too late and Portland's total will not be over 75,000. Portland is disgraced before the state, declared C. C. Chapman.

IRON WORKERS IN SAN FRANCISCO MAY STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—It is predicted the Federal Mediation Commission will return here to settle the threatened iron workers' strike.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS HOSTILE RAIDS REPELLED

LONDON, Dec. 24.—General Haig reported that hostile raids in several sections were repelled.

A Three-Reel Scenario
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A Durham, N. C. enthusiast, today telegraphed to United States Marine Corps headquarters: "Terrier belonging to United States Marine kills huge rooster after battle royal in main thoroughfare. Indignant chicken fanciers witness affair and demand dog pay death penalty. Then they learn ill-fated rooster's name was 'Kaiser.' Result: Dog is now pride of Durham."

KAISER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE IS FULL OF THREATS AND BLASPHEMY

SECRETARY OF WAR SENDS MESSAGE TO THE OBSERVER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—To the Observer, La Grande, Oregon:—"Let me express through your columns to the men of our forces the greetings of the War Department, and my own well wishes. Ours is a nation which has a greater love for the Prince of Peace than the God of War. Only to the attainment of permanent, liberalized peace may our martial efforts be directed."
NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

"IF ENEMY DOESN'T WANT PEACE WE MUST BRING IT TO THEM WITH SWO"

GERMANY'S SPIRIT IS INTACT, HE SAYS

"This Year," Boldly Asserts the German War Lord, "Has Proved That the German People Have the Lord As An Ally."

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—"If the enemy does not want peace, then we must bring peace to the world by our iron fist, and shining sword," said the Kaiser, addressing the land army.

He said Germany's offensive spirit is intact, citing "recent great victories in Flanders and Cambrai where the arrogant British felt the first crushing power of our offensive blow."

"This year," he said, "has proved that the German people have the Lord above as an absolutely avowed ally. Without Him all would be in vain."

He extravagantly praised the tactics and the valor of the west front offensive.

Berlin says the German Federal Council has approved Hertling's Russian peace program. The details are withheld.

ACTIVITIES IN THE BALKANS ARE NOW LOOKED FOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Military experts believe the German Macedonia drive presages the long expected Balkan activity.

Over 900,000 Greeks near Salonika are waiting to go against the Bulgars. The French there are reported to be reinforcing.

It is authoritatively stated that the Teuton officers commanding the Bulgars have been withdrawn. Bulgars are now commanding the troops. A blow against Bulgaria would encourage the beleaguered Roumanians and lessen Bulgaria's Dobruja pressure.

GERMANY STARTS POWERFUL OFFENSIVE IN MACEDONIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Germany has started a powerful Macedonia offensive, possibly to anticipate the offensive the allies are preparing there. Three violent attacks along the Cerna were repelled by the Italians.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIALISTS MAY CLASH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Serious difficulty between the Imperial German government and the majority of Socialists may result at the conclusion of the Russian armistice.

This public information was learned via wireless.

Military authorities are strongly opposing the Socialist assemblies, and seeking to thwart Socialist expansion and expression.

ITALIAN LINES PENETRATED FOE REPULSED

ROME, Dec. 24.—A strong Teuton attack was launched in the west sector of Ansaldo which penetrated the Italian lines near Buco.

The Italian artillery checked the advance and the counter attack is proceeding satisfactorily.

A surprise attack along the Piave river near Vecchia compelled the retirement of the Teutons.

Star of The East

Christmas Song.
(Sung to the melody in F. Rubenstein)
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where the Redeemer is laid.
Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch and Saviour of all.

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