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MORALS OF TROOPS ARE ALL O. K.

CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS UNITE IN STATEMENT

CHARGES OF VARIOUS KINDS ARE REFUTED

Soldiers Are Under Less Moral Danger Than They Would Be at Home—Authorities Removing Temptations—Men Are Trying.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, Jan. 8.—We have a clean army, says the concurrent report of the Catholic and Protestant chaplains attached to U. S. army regiments. They say the men are in less moral danger than in America. Authorities are removing temptations and the men are honestly trying. Moral conditions are satisfactory.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Much indignation has been caused among American army and navy officials because of reports circulated in the United States that American soldiers and sailors in Europe were drinking to excess. The indignation has been intensified by a charge made in his sermon at the City temple Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Port Newton, of Iowa, the pastor of drunkenness among American soldiers in England. "When I see American boys staggering in the street drunk, I hate London," was one of the utterances of Dr. Newton. Vice Admiral William S. Sims, commander of the American naval forces, and Colonel S. H. L. Slocum, military attaché of the American embassy in London, today declared that the charges of drunkenness were false, and that they also were a reflection on the American forces, as well as an insult to Great Britain. Admiral Sims said there never was a case in American history when there was so little drunkenness among the American fighting forces.

SHOW ME SENATOR IS CHAMPION INVESTIGATOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senator Reed is the champion congressional investigator. He is a member of four probe committees—military affairs, sugar and coal, commerce committee investigating the shipping board, and privileges and elections committee investigating utterances of Senator La Follette. Recently all committees were operating at the same time.

Nine Sailors Lose Lives on Luckenbach

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Nine members of the crew of the torpedoed American steamer Luckenbach are missing. Twenty-two were saved. Two members of the crew of the destroyer Jones are prisoners in Germany.

Addresses Jackson Club. PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, addressed the Jackson club here last night.

Will Horse Racing and Side Shows Be Abolished?

SALEM, Jan. 9.—Horse racing and sideshows—to many the greatest attraction at state fairs—are due for a warning over today, the Oregon State Fair Board considering whether they should be abolished at future fair meets. This is preliminary to consideration of the matter by the Canadian and Northwestern Fair Associations at a joint meeting in New Westminster, B. C., January 18, for the guidance of the local board's delegation. Automobile racing may be substituted for horse events at some of the fairs, following the lead of the New Westminster association.

AUTOCRACY IS STILL SUPREME IN GERMANY

"POLITICAL CRISIS" TO BE PILOT OF THE JUNKERS

PEOPLE ARE DEVOTED TO THE TWO "SUPERMEN"

General Ludendorff and Hindenburg Are Their Idols and They Will Do Anything to Retain Them.

By LOWELL MELLETT (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Germany put over another fake political crisis, according to available information. The idea was evidently conceived by the Pan-Germans and the fact that it was cleverly executed further indicates the Junkers are still safely in the saddle.

The "crisis" is the widespread report that General Ludendorff and Hindenburg will resign unless the German annexationist policies prevail at Brest-Litovsk.

Both men are held up to the public as demi-gods and the report was evidently circulated so that the people would agree to any steps to keep the two "supermen" in the harness.

Holland advised that neither considered resigning.

The failure to notice any sign of approval by the German press of Lloyd George's speech is a further indication that autocracy is supreme.

FARMERS OF NORTH DAKOTA NEED HELP

GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL SESSION TO PROVIDE RELIEF

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 9.—Governor Frazier has called a special session of the legislature for January 23 to provide relief for farmers who are suffering financially as a result of poor crops. They got an average of less than seven bushels of wheat to the acre and stretched their credit to the limit increasing the acreage in response to the government's appeal. Long term loans at low interest are said to be needed.

Bank's Resources are 8 Billions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Resources of the National banks on November 20 were \$18,500,000,000, according to Controller Williams. This is \$2,500,000,000 greater than September 11.

THE SAMMIES ALL BLESS MRS. MILLS



MRS. ALBERT L. MILLS

THOUSANDS OF PLANES IN FLEETS TO FIGHT 1918 AIR BATTLES



Fifteen thousand bombing planes are expected to take the air this spring—10,000 American, 5000 British and French. Their object will be to end the war by sweeping the German planes from the skies, cutting supply and communication lines and destroying munition centers and U-boat harbors.

The map shows the battlefields of next summer's war in the air in four zones, indicated by lines and marked by figures thus: (1) BATTLE ZONE, scene of spring drives for air supremacy; (2) BRIDGE ZONE, bombardment of Rhine bridges to cut German armies' line of communication; (3) MUNITIONS ZONE, bombardment of Essen and other munitions centers in the iron country; and (4) U-BOAT ZONE, bombardment of submarine havens, Kiel, Hamburg and Bremen.

GEN. HAIG SAYS SOLDIERS MUST BE WELL TRAINED

THIS IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT SACRIFICE AND INSURE SUCCESS

LONDON, Jan. 9.—General Haig's review of the year says: "I desire again to emphasize the supreme importance of adequate training prior to placing troops in battle, either on the offensive or defensive. To prevent the sacrifice and assure success, it is essential that troops be given opportunity for special training under the officers who are to command them in fighting." This may explain why the Americans are delaying their entrance into battle.

Paul E. Young Describes France

PRETTY COUNTRY LIKE WESTERN PART OF KANSAS

San Diego Not Quite as Hot—Climate Like Williamette Valley—Days All in Good Health.

(Letter from Private Paul E. Young to his wife, Mrs. Roxie Young, Alsea, Oregon.)

Somewhere in France, November 15, 1917.

Dear Wife: We are in camp now and have charge of the camp hospital. So we all have been busy since we arrived here. I intended to write again before this but didn't get to it. Well I will try and describe the country around here as near as I can.

It is a very pretty country; no extra large hills; more of a rolling country, very much like the western part of Kansas. But this country doesn't shine so hot here as it does there; the climate is more like the Williamette Valley. Although it hasn't rained very much since we came here but it is cloudy most of the time and very damp. We were out over the hills the first few days, for we were not used to this damp weather. All the boys are in good health.

Roseburg Now Has Home Guard Company

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 9.—With 110 men enrolled, a capable corps of officers and non-commissioned officers, and much enthusiasm manifested, the local Home Guard company is drilling every Monday and Friday evening, and under Captain F. W. Haynes is rapidly becoming proficient in military tactics. Receipt of rifles has added greatly to the interest of the men.

HOSPITAL STEAMER IS TORPEDOED

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The admiralty announced the British hospital ship Rewa was torpedoed Friday night in Bristol Channel. Three of the crew are missing. The wounded were transferred to patrol boats. The Rewa carried all the lights and markings of a hospital ship and hadn't been in the barred zone.

Hospital Boys to Go on a Hike

JESS ANDREWS WRITES OF TRIP THROUGH FRANCE

March Will Be Made for Training—Some of the Christmas Boxes Arrive—Razor Blades Are Scarce.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Andrews have received the following letter from their son who is in France with the La Grande Hospital Unit.

Somewhere in France, December 11, 1917. Dear Mother and Daddy: I received a letter from you yesterday dated October 29. We are getting ready to move. We are going for a hike through France on foot for training, which sure will be good. Some of the boys received Christmas boxes, but only a few. Don't forget to send me a razor and a stop. It is hard to get razor blades here. You may not hear from me for some time but you will know that I am all right. Lovingly your son, JESS.

Albany Merchants Adopt Shorter Hours

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 9.—Albany merchants are the latest to adopt the shorter hour plan as a means of conserving fuel and light. Most of the establishments have agreed to open their stores no earlier than 7:30 a. m. So far no clerk has been heard to object to the extra sleep.

Higher Salaries are Granted at Baker

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 9.—Higher salaries were granted Baker municipal employees at the last meeting of the city commissioners. The increases range from \$10 to \$25 a month, and the lowest paid employee, the city hall janitor, now gets \$70 monthly.

Bandon—Construction to begin soon on condensary here.

WE MUST HAVE PEACE IS CRY OF GERMANS

GENEVA, Jan. 9.—It is reported here that crowds marched on the streets of Berlin, Leipzig and Essen, crying: "We must have peace" when the news of the breaking off of the Russian conference was announced.

Belgian Embassy in War Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Legation without a country. That's what the modest red brick home of the Belgian minister, E. de Cartier de Marchienne, E. R. and M. P., is called by Washington diplomats.

But while the half score of diplomatic officials that look after the interests of the remaining subjects of King Albert's plucky little kingdom may be painfully aware of their fallen estate, they are not shedding any unnecessary tears over what "might have been."

Besides attending to the immense Belgian Relief work being carried on in America the legation officials find time to distribute no small amount of "anti-German propaganda." And if any potent power is able to testify on the evils of "Kulturism" it is the Belgians.

"Showing up" Kaiserism in all its "glory" is their self appointed task and they are not shirking on the job.

British Counter Attacks Successful

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The British counter attack immediately ejected enemy troops from two advanced posts captured north of the Ypres-Staden railroad and south of Lens, according to General Haig. The Canadians executed successful raids and captured two machine guns.

CARRANZA MEN CAPTURED

EL PASO, Jan. 9.—It is reported Colonel Escobar and sixty Carranza men were captured by a Villista lieutenant who sent word to Escobar he wanted to surrender. When the Carranzistas came to arrange terms, they surrounded and captured them.

JAPAN MAY SEND TROOPS TO RUSSIA

ARRANGEMENTS ARE REPORTED MADE TO DISPATCH AN ARMY QUICKLY

FOREIGN INTERESTS NEED TO BE GUARDED

Allies' War Materials Are Also Reported in Danger—American Railway Men Are in Tokio.

TOKIO, Jan. 9.—The impression is growing that Japan has completed arrangements to quickly send troops to Vladivostok to protect her interests and guard allied war materials. Officials will not confirm the report, although they admit the situation is critical.

Three hundred American railway operatives are here awaiting developments in Russia before going there.

MARSHFIELD TO HAVE \$20,000 FOR AN ARMORY

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 9.—Marshfield doesn't intend to quit preparations for war even if the Kaiser's henchmen do seem to be worried. As a result of effort by patriotic residents a fund of \$20,000 has been appropriated by the Coos county court to the credit of the armory committee for use as needed.

FEDERAL FUEL CONTROLLER IS ATTACKED

MISSOURI AND OHIO OFFICIALS DEMAND FEDERAL CONTROL OF MINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Missouri and Ohio state officials attacked the federal fuel administration and demand federal control of mines as a means of preventing fuel shortages. They testified in the fuel probe.

ENLISTED MAN SLAMS AROUND THE OFFICERS

CAMP LEWIS, American Lake, Wash., Jan. 9.—There's one enlisted man here who slams officers around at a great rate. He stands a captain on his ear just as quickly as he does a lieutenant, and he spills a major on the floor without even an "excuse me."

Corporal Irkland is the enlisted man. He's wrestling instructor at the camp, and at present he is training the medical corps officers in the art of hammerlock scissors and half-nelsons.

GERMANS WANT HOME RULE PRINCIPLE EXTENDED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9.—The German leaders want David Lloyd George's "self determination of all peoples" to apply to Egypt, Ireland, and India, according to interviews received here.

RETURNS TO HIS POSITION WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC



JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific railroad, with offices in New York has returned to his post of duty there, having been relieved of his duties as a member of the Railroads War Board by Director General McAdoo.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH GOES OVER WORLD

IT IS CABLED EVERYWHERE—AEROPLANES SEND IT TO SOLDIERS

WILL BE POSTED ON BILLBOARDS IN RUSSIA

Effort Will Be Made to Show Russians' Safety Lies in Fighting With the United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Wilson is conducting a man-to-man appeal to the Russians and the liberals in the enemy nations, to show the Russians that their safety is in alliance to the principles America is fighting for, and the Austrian and Bulgarian liberals that a German victory endangers them. Yesterday's address was cabled everywhere and will also be aeroplaned and distributed to the soldiers at both fronts and put on the billboards in Russia.

CROWN PRINCE MAY BE REPLACED BY MACKENZIE

ROME, Jan. 9.—Newspapers here are printing a Zurich report that General Mackenzie has gone to the French front to replace the Crown Prince in the command around Verdun.

Students Trained In Trench Work

OREGON BOYS WILL BE TAUGHT MODERN WARFARE

Colonel John Leader, Veterans of Four Wars, Gives University Cadets Corps Practice Work. EUGENE, Jan. 9.—Visitors to the University of Oregon within the next few weeks will notice scores of young men in overalls swinging picks vigorously. Behind them will be great piles of Oregon clay, and they will be looking down into deep ditches several feet wide.

Drainage? No. Irrigation? No. Farming? No. It will be members of the University of Oregon battalion in training for future service wherever the country calls them—in all probability on the sodden fields of Flanders.

This overall-pick-and-shovel type of warfare is the idea of Colonel John Leader, veteran of four wars, survivor of the great battle of the Somme, who has come to the University from England as commandant of the cadet corps. Colonel Leader will make the training on the campus approach as near to actual warfare as possible. Besides a large supply of picks and shovels he has already laid in a lot of barbed wire which will be erected into entanglements just as it is often done on the battlefields. A dugout will be constructed to accustom the men to that sort of thing. So far as it is possible the new commandant will make the undergraduates entirely familiar with the war conditions in Europe, so that they will be fitted to become officers of the national army.

The first work will be learning sufficient infantry tactics to pass an army officer's inspection. After this examination, Leader hopes the University will be designated a reserve officers' training camp. He expects an enormous demand for second lieutenants about the first of April.

Military science has been made a department of University work, and everything has been made to conform. Many class schedules have been rearranged as a result for every male student is compelled to drill and attend a comprehensive course of military lectures. There is additional work in other lines of military application for those desiring to attend, covering field engineering, topography, mapping, trench construction systems, trestle, frame and road making.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair and colder."