

PRESIDENT INVITES AUSTRIA TO MAKE PEACE

REPORTED BOLSHEVIKI HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE WAR

AMSTERDAM REPORT SAYS COMPLETE DEMOBILIZATION OF RUSSIANS ORDERED

TROTSKY SAYS WAR WITH CENTRAL POWERS IS ENDED

Brest-Litovsk Report Is That Russian Foreign Minister Has Refused to Sign Formal Peace Pact But Will Not Continue War.

(United Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—It is reported here that the Bolsheviks have definitely withdrawn from the war, ordering a complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts.

Brest-Litovsk says Trotsky, while refusing to sign a formal peace pact asserted "the war with the Central Powers is ended."

GERMAN VICTORY MUST BE RECOGNIZED, SAYS KAISER

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—The Kaiser in commenting on the Ukrainian peace pact declared: "German victory must be recognized before Germany can live in friendship with other nations. Our troops will continue to win until peace is forced."

TRACY HOLLISTER WRITES LETTER TO BERT HAMILTON

(Letter from Tracy Hollister to Bert Hamilton.)

Line 52, Kelly Field No. 1, Jan. 29, 1918.

Friend Bert and Bunch:

Well, I'm getting along fine, although it seems slow. I have been moved three times and kept getting a little better each time. Have had my trade test and passed as engine repairer, first class. I will get my last inoculation in the arm tomorrow and then I am ready for transfer to some school, but don't know where, maybe in France, as there is a large one there and some have been sent.

There is sure a ball-up in mail here, so I guess it will not do any good for you to try to get a letter to me now. I may be put in a squadron any time and if so it will be no trouble to receive mail, but at present there are thousands of letters that their owners cannot be found, and so you see they are just piling up letters by the wholesale.

Tell Mr. Conkey and Scriber or Mr. Pennington I will write them as soon as I'm located so I know I'll be there for a while. I may be moved from here any time. If you write or anyone wants my address, it is as on top of first sheet, Texas. You don't need to put any town.

TRACY HOLLISTER.

DAVID JONSON WRITES FROM FRANCE

(Letter from David Jonson of the Hospital Unit to his mother, Mrs. I. C. Jonson.)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, January 3, 1918.

Dearest Mother and Family:

At last I am settled for a little time anyway and can let you know how I am coming.

I was pretty near crazy waiting for my box and it sure came up to the standard. That longed-for cake was a dandy and we even devoured the wafers with ease. You can send some more right away and every day will be Christmas for me. I missed some nice warm home-made socks and a sweater too, but I guess I will get them very soon. They are a much desired article in this country. Kenneth Williamson and myself are partners and we both received our boxes on the same day so we had kind of a New Year's party a rather unique affair, but it served the purpose.

Christmas day three other boys and myself bought three chickens and a few delicacies to go along and had them cooked at a French house. They were real obliging and took us right in. Believed me it lacked a lot of being a Christmas but we sure enjoyed it. Of course the conversation was rather slack but we had the dictionary handy.

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Bremerton Man Is Gassed at Front

(United Press.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—The Canadian casualty list says, W. A. Baird of Bremerton was gassed.

CHURCHILL'S CANDIDACY IS ENDORSED

SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRINCIPALS OF EASTERN OREGON ALSO FAVOR NORMAL SCHOOL

The superintendents and principals of Eastern Oregon met in the High School Saturday, listened to addresses and passed resolutions endorsing the candidacy of J. A. Churchill for the Republican nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

They also endorsed the proposed Normal School for Eastern Oregon. The resolutions follow:

"Be it resolved, that the Eastern Oregon Association of Superintendents and Principals go on record as endorsing the administration of Superintendent J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and express the very earnest desire that the people of Oregon in the coming election will show their appreciation of the valuable service he has rendered the schools of Oregon, by returning him to that office. In fact, we hope that he may be continued in that office not only another term, but as long as he may care to serve us in the useful capacity in which he is working."

"Be it further resolved, that we heartily endorse the proposed Normal School bill, which provides for the establishing of a State Normal School at Ashland, Oregon, and one for Eastern Oregon. The Eastern Oregon Normal to be located by the State Board of Regents."

State Superintendent Churchill was present and gave an address and also inspected while here the La Grande schools. Others on the program were Superintendent A. C. Hampton, Prof. G. A. McNeill, Superintendent A. C. Strange of Baker, County School Superintendent A. E. Ivahoe, Principal A. H. Prince, Superintendent E. E. Arant of Union, County Superintendent Elmetta Bailey of Baker.

Boy Scouts Growing.

(Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 11.—The Boy Scouts of America organization in this city which a year ago numbered 150 members, now has approximately 1800 youngsters enrolled according to officials in charge. With the enormous increase in membership has come the need of additional finances to properly take care of and educate the boys along the lines of organization. Foremost among the needs is a permanent camp of instruction and it has been decided that \$19,000 will be necessary to make this a reality.

WINS PROMOTION AS UNITED STATES FLIER



Lieut. Crehore

This is Lieut. Crehore, a New Yorker with the Lafayette escadrille who was awarded the French Cross of War for his work on the west front. Since the escadrille has been taken over by the American army, Crehore has won promotion from corporal to lieutenant.

LINCOLN, THE LABORER



BIRTHDAY OF LINCOLN TO BE OBSERVED

Lincoln's birthday tomorrow will be observed in La Grande in the schools, at the business men's luncheon, by the W. R. C. and G. A. R., and in various other ways.

W. R. C. Program

A very interesting program will be given by the W. R. C. on Lincoln's birthday. Tuesday night, February 12, beginning at 8 o'clock. Those participating in the program are: Mary Fitzgerald, piano solo; Mrs. R. J. Kitchen, solo; Geo. Cochran, address; Kitchen Sisters, recitation; Abbie Green, piano solo; Fuller Brothers, duet; Robert Eakin, address; Cecile Morgan, recitation; R. J. Kitchen, reading; Muri Gore, piano solo; Thelma Kitchen, recitation; Marjory Logan, piano solo; R. J. Green, address; Floyd and Dora Smith, violin and piano duet.

Postoffice Closed

The postoffice will be closed tomorrow, Lincoln's birthday, all day, except one hour in the morning, 9 to 10. There will be no city delivery, but the rural carriers will make their regular trip.

Business Men's Luncheon

The regular Tuesday business men's luncheon will be held tomorrow at the usual time at the Foley hotel. Mr. G. L. Larson, chairman of the luncheon has outlined a very interesting program, and it is hoped that all business men interested in civic matters of the city will be present.

A plan has been formulated that will be of great value to the work, or donor in all future drives for war funds for the organizations that are contributing in some way to the war.

Representatives from the following outlying towns will be present at the luncheon: Union, Hot Lake, Hilgard, Kanola, Telocast, Medical Springs, North Powder, Alicel, Summerville, Cove, Imbler and Elgin. With representatives from all these towns present the luncheon bids fair to be the largest that has ever been given.

The following program will be given: Dr. C. A. Phipps, "Life of Lincoln"; Hon. Walter M. Pierce, "The Main Idea"; Geo. T. Cochran, "Organization." All business men are urged to be on time.

Cent Has Come to Stay.

(Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 11.—"The cent has come to stay." This seems to be the verdict of the merchants and store keepers of the city. One and two cent newspapers and the cafeterias started the circulation of the humble copper piece. The war has added the final impetus to its use.

OMINOUS UNREST SPREADS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL EMPIRES

Australians and Belgians Make Attacks

(United Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Australians successfully raided positions southwest of Messines. The Belgians attacked a hostile post near Mericourt, killing the entire garrison.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA MUST SOON HAVE PEACE OR GO UNDER

PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES ARE DEMANDING PEACE

If the Allies Stand Pat and Follow Wilson Program of Making Stone-wall on West Front, Correspondent Believes End of War in Sight

By William Philip Simms.

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ZURICH, Feb. 11.—Ominous unrest is growing daily throughout the central empires. Germany and Austria must have peace or go under. The people of both countries demand it.

If the Allies stand pat on the Wilsonian program and make a stone-wall of the western front, the end of the war is in sight.

This sums up the situation as seen from here.

This does not mean Germany is facing a revolution. It means the people are tired of war, opposed to the annexation policy, angry over privations at home and losses of men and believe President Wilson's war aims statement is sincere. There is no doubt but that the masses are beginning to see the light.

GOVERNMENT IS STILL UNABLE TO ANNOUNCE LIST OF SOLDIERS LOST

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Government is still unable to announce the Tuscania death list. 342 are still unaccounted for in the official cables, including 113 soldiers believed to be lost.

IT'S ALL A MISTAKE; ICE CREAM NOT COLD

By GEORGE MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Ice cream is too hot a food for Americans to eat, according to Prof. R. M. Washburn of the University of Minnesota.

If you have been kidding yourself along in warm weather by eating a dish of ice cream to cool off, Prof. Washburn informs you that what you're really doing is making yourself hotter.

Statistics show that we have been in the habit of doing that to the extent of many dishes apiece a year.

But the ice cream men are going to fix that. In the interest of food conservation and your personal comfort they're going to end our ice cream habit a bit before they serve it up next summer.

"The ice cream men," says the Bulletin, "find that there is a paradox in their industry. Ice cream contains from 10 to 15 per cent of fat. Fat is heating food."

Prof. Washburn estimates that old-fashioned ice cream with 14 per cent butter fat contains 25 per cent more heat than does the present.

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ADDRESSES CONGRESS AND ANSWERS THE PREMIER

SOLDIER IS JACK OF ALL TRADES

(By United Press.)

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—Return of questionnaires have shown that Uncle Sam has every occupation well represented within the ranks of his potential soldiers. But when it comes to versatility, no one has it on James Hardesty. Regarding his occupational experiences, he listed:

Newsboy, messenger boy, farmer, hayfield worker, fruit picker, teamster and mule skinner, sewing machine repairman, bicycle, motorcycle and automobile mechanic, florist, hodcarrier, sideshow Barker, watchman, steel shipyard worker, swimming instructor, pipefitter, welder, concrete worker, watchman, automobile assembler, cook, plumber, movie and cabaret singer, railroad worker and electrician's assistant. Hardesty waived deferred classification rights.

DECLARES AUSTRIA CONCEDES ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE INVOLVED

NO PEACE POSSIBLE ON THE HERTLING BASIS

Voice of the People Must Direct Territorial Settlements—National Aspirations Must Be Recognized—America Fights for Freedom, Not Aggrandizement.

By Robert Bender

(United Press Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The President has openly invited Austria to further peace discussions with the United States.

In a remarkable address to the joint session of Congress answering Chancellor Hertling's and Premier Czernin's speeches, he outlined the basis for Austria's negotiation.

"Austria, seeing and conceding the essential principles involved and the necessity of candidly applying them can respond to the purpose of peace as expressed in the United States with less embarrassment than Germany could."

He said no peace is possible on Chancellor Hertling's basis of individual barter and concession.

The address is part of President Wilson's world campaign of open air diplomacy.

It was an open bid to Austria, a powerful stroke at German militarism and aimed again to widen the wedge between the Teutonic peoples and the Junker rulers.

He declared if the nations are to proceed in a comparison of views they must adhere to this foundation: the settlement of every difficulty on its own merits.

No bartering of nations should occur as in the Congress of Vienna.

The voice of the people must direct territorial settlements.

Well defined national aspirations must be acknowledged.

He declared on this foundation

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U. S. WRITES EIGHT BILLIONS OF INSURANCE

TOMORROW IS LAST DAY TO MAKE APPLICATIONS

CAMPAIGN ON TO MAKE ARMY AND NAVY 100 PER CENT INSURED

War Risk Insurance Department of Government Has Written More Insurance in Few Months Than Any Company in Existence.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The War Risk Insurance campaign to make the army and navy 100 per cent insured ends tomorrow, with the announcement that final figures will show eight billion dollars worth of insurance written by the greatest insurance project.

Tomorrow is the last day, unless extended by Congress, on which most of the men and women now in the service on or before October 15, 1917, can apply for the government insurance against death and total disability. Those who joined the service after October 15, 1917, have 120 days thereafter in which to apply.

The War Risk Insurance campaign

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WASHINGTON SOCIAL FAVORITE HELPS RUN THE RAILROADS



Frances H. Brady.

Miss Brady is the only woman on the staff of Director General McAdoo of the railroads. She was selected because of her efficient work in the Liberty Loan campaigns. She is prominent in social circles in the capital and volunteered for war work.

SALE OF HENS AND PULLETS IS FORBIDDEN

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—Food administrator prohibited the sale, purchase and shipment of live or freshly killed hens and pullets between now and May first. The purpose is to stimulate egg production. It hits many dealers.

La Grande Man Under Fire.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—One former Oregon man, at least, was with the regiment of American engineers who took so prominent a part in the hand-to-hand fight with the Germans in the recent Cambrai drive. He is Austin Brownell, of La Grande, who has been in France with the 18th engineers for several months. Not being allowed to tell of his experiences under fire, Brownell, in a recent letter to friends at the university, discusses the weather, which he says is very cold.

City of San Francisco Turns Farmer

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 11.—This city has turned farmer and its boss overseer is Chief of Police D. A. White. It is a "help carry on the war" movement. Vegetables and Belgian hares will be the specialties on which the city will specialize. Large plots of vacant land adjoining two of the police stations have been laid out and the work already is in progress.

Pilot Rock ranchers buy warehouse and will remodel for grain elevator.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—The United States Weather bureau forecast: "Fair."