

WHISPERS OF PEACE ARE HEARD BY THE WAR CRITICS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—That Germany is on the eve of some peace proposals, now that she has bagged a good portion of Russia, is the interpretation which international experts place on the recent utterances of von Hertling. Some say that Hertling's efforts are being directed principally toward making a split between the allies, expecting them to differ on agreeing with Wilson's four cardinal principles as the basis for peace discussions. Hertling's acceptance of these is taken to indicate German belief that a peace conference would not haggle over Russia if the other allied questions can be adjusted first. It is believed that President Wilson will make a rejoinder, but what he will do is not foreseen. There is no question but what Germany wants peace, but wants peace that will be advantageous to herself. She is unalterably wedded to imperialistic aims.

Hertling Denies Intrigues.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.—Hertling denied the reported Swiss intrigues. He said the Germans have no thought of assailing Swiss, Dutch, Spanish or Scandinavian neutrality. "From the start our war aims have been: Defense of the Fatherland; maintenance of territorial integrity and freedom of economic development. Even our aggressive warfare has been on the defensive. It is our sole aim to secure the fruits of our Ukrainian peace. We do not intend to establish ourselves in Estonia or Livonia. Our chief aim for Lithuania and Courland is the establishment of self-administration. We desire to be fair with the states with which we are now concluding peace on the basis of the success of our arms. Poland's constitutional problem is being discussed. Germany demands only the military that is necessary to the maintenance of these proposals. The prospects for peace all over the east is good."

Hertling has further added: "The entente powers are fighting for Italian acquisition of a part of Austria-Hungary, and the severance of Palestine, Syria and Arabia from Turkey. In the face of this the entente statesmen dare not represent Germany as a peace disturber."

LADD CANYON WOMEN BUSY IN WAR WORK

LADD CANYON, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Red Cross dance which the whole neighborhood planned on attending Saturday evening had to be postponed until a later date on account of a terrific blizzard which raged all day and evening. It has not been definitely decided just when it will be given. Those who wish to come will be welcomed.

The Red Cross and Get Together Club members had a delightful time at the home of Mrs. E. C. Fields, February 14. The afternoon was spent in making fracture pillows, the slips for them and sewing on two pretty quilts for the boys "over there." A nice luncheon was served. Their next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Chas. Grandy February 28.

Another little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Geiger, February 13.

Mrs. Nell McClure is visiting relatives in La Grande.

Some of the ladies of the neighborhood met at the home of Mrs. Mary Counsell yesterday afternoon to do Red Cross sewing. Three machines were used and a number of pajamas were completed. They have not been taking the time for a luncheon at previous meetings so Mrs. Counsell surprised and delighted them by producing hot coffee and sandwiches.

Mrs. L. W. Drumsmith was able to return home from Hot Lake Sunday, where she underwent an operation. She is feeling quite well now.

Reginald Herford enjoyed his ten-day furlough from Camp Lewis very much, but was quite desirous of getting back to bread baking for Uncle Sam's boys.

RUSSIAN WORKMEN CONTINUE TO FIGHT

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—In spite of the acceptance of the German terms, mobilization of soldiers and other preparations continue for the defense of Petrograd. Workmen's battalions have gone to engage the Germans approaching Pskoff, where the Russians are resisting. The garrison here refuses to fight but workmen are enthusiastically enlisting, following the capture of Pskoff. Reval fell only after a stubborn fight.

MRS. SCHILKE WILL SERVE

TO HEAD CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION IN OREGON

La Grande Woman Selected For Important Work by State Council of Defense.

Mrs. Fred Schilke has accepted appointment to the very important position of state chairman for the Child Welfare Commission of the Woman's Committee of the National Council of Defense. Mrs. Schilke was chosen for this work by the State Council of Defense for Oregon and Mrs. Charles H. Castner of Hood River, who represents the Woman's Committee of the National Council of Defense for Oregon.

The duties of the office are implied by the title of the work to be undertaken and La Grande people join in full commendation of the good judgment exercised in selecting Mrs. Schilke for the place. While it is considerable sacrifice on her part to take up this work which will be state-wide, all agree that she is making the sacrifice for the good of humanity and everyone here also knows that the work will be well done.

TWO OREGON BOYS IN TUSCANIA DEATH LIST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary of War Baker has received the names of nineteen more of the list of the Tuscania dead which were previously reported as missing. The list includes the names of two from Oregon: Vernon Brandland, of Colton; and Alexander Dunn, of Portland.

JOHN D.'S FORMER PASTOR APPEALS TO SHIP WORKERS



DR. CHAS. A. EATON

The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton of the Madison-av Baptist Church, New York city, is touring the country as a National Service speaker, appealing to the patriotism of shipyard workers in an effort to accelerate work on ships. He was formerly John D. Rockefeller's pastor in Cleveland.

Hurry, Uncle!



CHAIRMAN SCROGGIN STARTS SECOND HOOVER CARD DRIVE

T. J. Scroggin, chairman of Union county's unit of the State Council of Defense, has started in on the work of covering every home in Union county with the second Hoover card campaign. He has called to his assistance in La Grande twenty members of the Neighborhood Club whom he has empowered to call in all the assistance needed from the ranks of the citizens.

In other towns and cities of the county members of the County Council of Defense will handle the work and in remote sections Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, has placed in action the teachers of the county.

It is expected that this work will be done within a few days after the bell rings to start on March 1st.

What the Drive Is.
"This is not a money getting drive," remarked Mr. Scroggin today, "but it is a drive to impress more firmly upon the people the great necessity of not only continuing former instructions but also to follow the added instructions which Mr. Hoover has lately issued. I believe there will not be a home in the county fail to respond and we fully expect 100 per cent efficiency on this undertaking. Along with the new card which is to be hung in every kitchen explaining the food situation in the world very clearly there will be printed recipes given to assist all housewives to make good things to eat at the strictest economy. I consider the instructions

and the recipes of greatest importance to everyone and believe the benefit will be apparent to every lady when once she reads the folders that will be left at her home by the men and women who are volunteering for this work."

Extracts from the folder on recipes follows:

OATMEAL BREAD
Is delicious with all meals—try it
1 cup milk or water.
1 teaspoon salt.
1 cup rolled oats.
2 1/2 cups wheat flour.
1/4 yeast cake.
Scald the liquid, add salt and pour over the oats, cool half an hour, add the yeast mixed with 1/4 cup lukewarm water, and the flour. Knead and let rise until double the size. Knead again and let rise in the pan until the size is doubled. Bake in a moderate oven for 50 minutes. Makes one loaf weighing 1 1/4 pounds.

SPICED OAT MEAL CAKES
The whole family will like these, and they are easily made:
1 1/2 cups flour.
1/4 cup sugar.
1/4 cup raisins.
1/2 cup cooked oatmeal.
1/4 teaspoon soda.
1/2 teaspoon baking powder.
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.
3 tablespoons fat.
1/4 cup molasses.
Heat the molasses and fat to boiling. Mix with all the other materials. Bake in muffin pans for 30 minutes. This makes 12 cakes.

GEORGE CHILDERS INJURED Former Grande Ronde Resident Severely Burned in Accident.

George Childers, an old resident of this valley but recently living at Woodland, California, was the victim of an unusual accident, the particulars of which are more fully explained in a recent issue of the Woodland News, which says:

"Captain Fred Fairchild came up from the Presidio Monday morning to perform a skin grafting operation on George Childers, who sustained very deep and extensive burns about six weeks ago while he was shooting geese from a telegraph pole. Childers' two sisters, Ethel and Bessie, gave great quantities of their skin on his behalf. The operation was a long one and gives indication of being successful. Later plastic work will have to follow. The burns cover a great area of Childers' body and will be many weeks in healing."

O. C. LEITER IN THE CITY Will Remain a Few Days to Visit Family and Friends.

O. C. Leiter arrived in La Grande from Portland this morning and will visit his family and friends a short time. He is prominently connected with the Western Finance Corporation, a concern that has offices in all the principal coast cities and does a large business in handling commercial paper and securities of various kinds.

"Ah, the snow, how natural it looks," said Mr. Leiter and then he added, "I agree with William Allen White that every once in a while it is fine sport to grab onto the tail of a blizzard."

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—The United States Weather Bureau forecast for today: "Fair."

K. P. EVENT WAS A WINNER

FINE ENTERTAINMENT STAGED BY ELGIN PYTHIANS

Everybody Took Part and Made Merry, Engaging in a Sleepless Night.

ELGIN, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Elgin is just beginning to catch up from lost sleep during the Knights of Pythias visit here Saturday night and Sunday morning, for that was an occasion when Elgin turned night into day and enjoyed one of the very best lodge demonstrations that has ever been recorded in the history of Union county.

The D. O. K. K. contingent from Portland, Pendleton and La Grande was met by Pythians from Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph and a love feast of more than ordinary importance followed.

When the special train from La Grande pulled in it was met with a band and a parade followed. Although a blizzard was on and snow was flying thickly the line of march was carried out according to program, landing all of the visiting members at the Pythian castle where the warmth of soul and brotherly affection dispelled all chill.

Enterprise Pythians scored a great success with their minstrel show demonstrating once more the remarkable talent that the county seat town of Wallowa county possesses. Portlanders had a few new ones they sprung on the assembly and got away with the proper elixirs. R. W. Fletcher, of the Pendleton East Oregonian, took his place among the entertainers and carried the reputation of the Round-up City to its usual high point. La Grande Pythians had a few things up their sleeves which opened the eyes of everyone, while Elgin lodge men did themselves great honor in the way of entertainment.

AMERICANS ARE LEAVING RUSSIA

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Delayed newspaper dispatches from Petrograd say the American and British embassies are being vacated at Petrograd, leaving only a few persons in charge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The American consul at Moscow has advised Secretary Lansing that he is trying to arrange for the departure of the American colony to Samara, 500 miles further East, under the belief that the Germans are driving for Moscow.

AMERICAN GUNS BUSY

Germans Effectively Shelled by Canonading All Day

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, Feb. 26.—German working parties on front line positions were effectively shelled by the American canonading, which continued all day. The front is mud-locked, but the American patrols continue activities during the night hours.

SHE PROVIDES FUN FOR U. S. CLERKS



Miss Norton is head of the school community centers at Washington. She has been assigned to see to it that recreational opportunities are provided for the thousands of clerks the government has recruited from all over the nation. Her first work is to get them acquainted with each other.

CAR SHORTAGE KEENLY FELT IN LA GRANDE

PLANING PLANTS HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO SHUT DOWN FOR THE PRESENT

SEVENTY ARE IDLE AT THE PALMER MILL

No Signs of Relief in Sight—Many of Men Out of Work Will Feel Effects of Stringent Times—Bond Payments, Taxes and Living Expenses Continue Just the Same.

The shortage of cars for lumber shipments is being keenly felt in La Grande. For a whole week the George Palmer Lumber company has been without cars and the planing plant has been closed down. Seventy operatives in this department are temporarily out of work and this condition will continue until the output from the planing mills can be moved. The logging camps continue as usual and the logs are worked up into lumber, but this is a situation that cannot long continue without the returns which come from the finished product. While there is no immediate danger of a complete close down, it is a very essential matter that the income-producing feature of the enterprise be not too long disturbed. On account of the lack of shipping facilities the returns from an average of about ten cars of lumber per day are a small quantity.

The same condition prevails at the Grande Ronde Lumber Company's mills. The same is also true of lumbering enterprises of Walla Walla county. All the mills of this area are affected about alike. At present no prospective relief were.

Wage Loss
This shortage of shipping facilities and the consequent curtailment of wage disbursements means an unusual hardship at a particular time. The first consideration of all with the average employee is the means for family sustenance and while this condition might be tide over for a time there are other demands which are almost equally pressing. At least an average of four out of five of the mill employees are subscribers to the Liberty Bond issue, payments on which must be kept up. There is also a good portion of the workmen who are householders and the time of year is near when notices from the sheriff's office will advise the property owner that taxes will be due. Altogether the condition is not encouraging and will not be until there is a supply of cars and movement of lumber can be brought back to the normal state.

New Stadium for the State Fair

J. E. Reynolds, member of the State Fair board, has returned from a meeting of the board held at Salem. The principal business of the board at its recent session was that of awarding the contract for the first unit of the new State Fair stadium. This addition to the Fair grounds will be found to be a great attraction for the future meetings, as the institution is to be of regular dimensions and will permit of gorgeous performances as a part of the great annual show. The work was given to Salem contractors.

While racing, as a distinctive feature of the Fair, will be eliminated this year, there will be a few speed contests and these will be pulled off in the new stadium. Besides numerous pageants in which the ever-appreciated equine will take part there will be two relay races—one for men and one for women.

The premium list was revised and approved and will be published and ready for distribution at an early date.

BARUCH NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Bernard Baruch has been named as chairman of the War Industries board.