

HERR DITTMAN DEALS GRIEF TO THE KAISER

**SOCIALIST LEADER, RELEASED
FROM PRISON, POINTS
THE WAY.**

**DEMANDS GERMANY TO BE
MADE A REPUBLIC AT ONCE**

His Sentiments Are Being Echoed
Throughout Empire By Other Socialists—Turkish Minister Presents
Peace Offer, Which Means Unconditional Surrender to the Allies.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 26.—(By United Press.)—In his first speech to the Reichstag since his release from prison, Herr Dittman, Socialist, demanded that Germany be made a republic at once. Independent Socialists have echoed the demand in meetings throughout the empire.

TURKEY OFFERS PEACE.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(By United Press.)—The Daily Mail says the Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and French ministers a peace offer which apparently amounts to complete surrender.

AWAIT ARMISTICE TERMS.
LONDON, Oct. 26.—(By United Press.)—The German war cabinet has decided not to answer Wilson until the entente Allies state the conditions upon which an armistice will be granted, says a report from Berlin to the Zurich Central News.

BOCHE BLOW UP OWN SHIPS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—(By United Press.)—Louis Falk, an American editor, arriving from Chili, today said that six German ships had been destroyed by their own crews in Coronet harbor, Chili, in August, following a series of Allied successes on the western front. He said the Huns in South America are panicky over the German reverses.

WILL TEACH BLIND BOYS.
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 26.—(United Press.)—Helen Keller, famed blind woman, is to go to France to help cheer the blind soldiers.
"If I can help carry the message of hope and cheer to the blind soldiers," Miss Keller said today, "I shall be the happiest woman in all the world."

CITY OF PARIS RAIDED BY PLANES

**RED CROSS WORKER WRITES
CHARMING AND VERSATILE
LETTERS.**

Mrs. Edna Morrison, for several months a member of the Observer news staff, writes from France to home folks as follows:
"Right after lunch, Saturday, Madam Doudet took us to the market of our neighborhood to get our bread and sugar card. That was some fun as she could talk French, but would tell us what to say. We met three young soldier boys who were out for a walk from an American Red Cross hospital. I wanted to know what hospital it was so we came up to them. I said: 'I beg your pardon, but do any of you speak United States?' Almost as one they said: 'You bet we do.' Well, after we had had about a twenty-minute chat with them, one of them said: 'Do you know that every time I see an American Red Cross woman there seems to be a halo around her head.' Poor lad, he had no relative in the United States except his mother, and she had passed away this July while he was over here. He had been over this top and been wounded, but is now just about able to go back again. I asked him if he was anxious to go back and he said, 'Oh, my dear lady, decidedly no; but I'm no slacker.' That is the spirit of our boys."
"Another one said he had been 'over the top' three times and wounded twice, but still he was with General Pershing. Heaven, Hell or Hoboken by Christmas. He

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LOUIE SIMPSON ILL.
NORTH BEND, Oct. 26.—Louis J. Simpson, one of Oregon's best known men, is ill of influenza in Chicago, where he was stricken while on his way east on business.

Roosevelt Raps Wilson's Proclamation to Voters Issued From White House

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Commenting Friday night on President Wilson's appeal to the people to return a Democratic congress in the November elections if they approve of his course, Col. Theodore Roosevelt said:

"The President's statement is an announcement that he is a partisan leader first and President of all the people second."

"It is, of course, the repudiation of his former statements to the effect that politics was adjourned—a statement which, of course, he has already repudiated by his action."

"I have no comment just at this moment, but I will deal with the matter in a speech after I have had time to read the document which all good Americans will regard as the most lamentable appeal to politics ever made by a President during a great war which has been heartily supported by all good citizens without regard to party, but which so far as there have been party difficulties at all has been more heartily supported by his political opponents than by his political friends."

YANKS SEND HUN ON FURTHER RUN

**CLEAR THEM OUT OF AN IM-
PORTANT FOREST.**

**American Troops Sink In Behind the
German Line to the East
of Big Forest.**

**WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY
IN FRANCE, Oct. 26.**—(By United Press.)—Americans have cleared the Germans out of the important Bourgoigne forest above Grand Pre, driving a sharp wedge in the enemy's lines. The forest was taken in short rushes and the doughboys then swung eastward behind the German lines, threatening to cut off the Boche above Grand Pre.

FRENCH DRIVE AHEAD.
PARIS, Oct. 26.—(By United Press.)—Allies are driving the Austro-Germans northward on the whole forty mile front between Parachin and Kravlevo in the south, the war office announced today.
Along the Danube an enemy monitor was damaged by French artillery. French patrols have inflicted heavy casualties on enemy detachments.

BRITISH TAKE TOWNS.
LONDON, Oct. 26.—(United Press.)—The British and French are attacking between Lys and Scheldt rivers on about a fifteen mile front. Field Marshal Haig reported in a special communique on Belgian operations today. The British have captured Oeteghem and Incoygham, seven miles west of Audenarde. The French have reached Zulte.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL
CONTINUE ACTIVITIES**

Because of the closing, ban on all meetings for an indefinite period, the officers of the Presbyterian Sunday School will have some one at the door of the church on Sunday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock to give out the school papers and receive any offerings brought by the members of the school. This plan will continue until the ban is raised.

**THREE POINTS IN THE
WAR CHEST.**

No. 1.—Last year Union county was called on for about \$40,000 and subscribed \$75,000. This is about \$35,000 more than was asked for. Why not conserve your dollars for future calls?

No. 2.—By making one campaign a year, the work can be made thorough and complete; therefore all the people in the county can be reached; your neighbor will pay his share just like you do. This distributes the load.

No. 3.—In order to put on a campaign in this county, it requires 300 people working an average of five days each, or a total of 1500 days. This time is donated. If they were working at pay rate, each would average \$5.00 per day, on an average, or \$7500 in earning power, which is donated at each drive. In the past, there has been an average of 10 drives per year, which would amount approximately to \$75,000 in earning power that has been donated. The war chest plan will handle this entire year's work for about seventy thousand less, in earning power donated.

STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE VOTERS

**NORMAL SCHOOL REPRESENTA-
TIVES REVIEW THINGS
AS THEY ARE.**

**NEED OF BETTER TRAINING
FOR TEACHERS IS PLAIN**

Location Of School Is Not Considered, But Needs Of It Are So Apparent That The Normal School Committee Will Make An Earnest Appeal For Support Of The Bill.

Representatives of The Dalles, Pendleton, Baker and La Grande, for the purpose of discussing the normal school proposition which appears upon the ballot at the next election, met in La Grande today. These people represent all of the country east of the Cascade mountains. A survey of the school situation discloses that no institution of higher learning or for the training of teachers exists in the great territory east of the mountains. Regardless of where the normal school will be built, these representatives have made it plain that sectionalism does not govern the question as to whether or not a normal school should be established in Eastern Oregon. The future welfare of the boys and girls of this great section should be the controlling force that should govern the voters in making their choice. To a man with a family, living in Eastern Oregon, it is an individual question: "Shall my children have properly trained teachers when they start out to get their education to use during the balance of their lives?" "Will my children get started right so that as they progress in the grade schools they will not have to take two years to pass one grade?" These are vital questions, and only the parent whose child has failed in some course in school can realize the difference between having a trained and an untrained teacher when the child starts out.

RETEACHING IS EXPENSIVE.
Statistics show that in the great state of Oregon it costs the state a least \$400,000 yearly to re-teach the children who have failed because of incompetent teachers. The monetary consideration, however, is only incidental. The great consideration is that when a child has failed and the next year is compelled to take the same course again, you have thereby taken from that child's life one full year, which neither you nor anyone else can give back to him.

We have over six thousand teachers in this state. Those who leave the teaching profession leave vacancies which must be filled. These vacancies run about one thousand yearly. The one normal school in this state will furnish from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty trained teachers per year. The balance of the vacancies must be filled either from other states or with untrained teachers. Can we afford to allow

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VACCINE IS FREE

City Health Officer Dr. A. L. Richardson, has a limited supply of the vaccine for influenza prevention furnished by the state board and will furnish it free to all who come, as long as the supply lasts. Not only will the vaccine be free, but Dr. Richardson will give his services in the work of ministering it.

FLU CASES REACH NEAR 100,000 NOW

**THREE PACIFIC COAST STATES
ALREADY REGISTER THAT
NUMBER AFFLICTED.**

**EPIDEMIC HAS NOT REACHED
ITS HEIGHT ON THIS COAST**

Larger Cities Show Tremendous Increase In Cases—Portland Has Almost 2000, With 115 Deaths, Twenty-Five Having Died There In the Last Twenty-Four Hours.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—(By United Press.)—With approximately a hundred thousand cases of influenza reported in the three coast states and hundreds more reported hourly in the larger cities, the epidemic has not reached its crest. The number of deaths from the disease in Oregon and Washington is between two and three thousand.

PORTLAND HAS MANY DEATHS.
PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(By United Press.)—The total number of influenza cases in Portland today is 1953; number of deaths, 115. Twenty-five deaths have been reported since yesterday. About 7000 cases are in the state of Oregon.

EDITOR DIES IN BAKER.
BAKER, Oct. 26.—(United Press.)—Editor Tom Paxton, one of the popular men of Eastern Oregon, died at the hospital here last evening of pneumonia, following influenza. There are many new cases in the city.

**RULES THAT CITY CANNOT
BE RESTRAINED IN PLACE
AND TIME OF ELECTIONS**

In a decision handed down yesterday afternoon, following a hearing Thursday evening, Judge Knowles sustained the demur to the complaint which upholds decisions by the courts that the city cannot be restrained in the time and place of holding its elections.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST ON STEAMER

VANCOUVER, B. C., OCT. 26.—(UNITED PRESS)—THE STEAMER PRINCESS SOPHA HAS BEEN LOST, WITH 200 PASSENGERS ON BOARD. SHE HAD BEEN HANGING ON VANDERBILT REEF SINCE LAST THURSDAY.

ALLIES NOW ACTIVE ON ALL FRONTS

**ITALIAN ADVANCE IS HAILED
WITH GREAT SATISFAC-
TION BY ENTENTE.**

**TEUTONS BEING ROUTED
IN ALL PARTS OF EUROPE**

British Are Taking Turks to Proper Defeat—Armies Are Astride the Tigris River and Towns of Turkey Are Being Captured—Allied Guns Are Bellowing in Unison Today.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(United Press.)—The Allies are now attacking in every theatre of the world war.

The Italian-Mesopotamia fronts have become active in conjunction with the offensive on the west front.

The fronts in Belgium, France, Balkans, Asia Minor and northern and western Russia are all pounding away with success.
General Diaz is conducting the combined assault by Italians, British and French in the Brent-Plave sector on the Italian front and has scored important initial successes, capturing several important heights and taking three thousand prisoners.

In Mesopotamia the British are advancing astride the Tigris and Adhaim rivers. They have driven the Turks from Tausk and are within four miles of the important town of Kerkur, a hundred and sixty miles above Baghdad.

**GIRLS OF EIGHTEEN ARE
PUBLIC PROPERTY IN RUSSIA**

Boys and Girls Forced to Register as Public Property in Russia.

IDON, Oct. 26.—Russian maidens under the jurisdiction of certain provincial Bolshevik soviet became the "property of the state" when they reach the age of 18 years, and are compelled to register at a government "bureau of love," according to the official gazette of the Vladimir soviet of workers and soldiers deputies, recently publishing that soviet's decree on the subject.

"Under the decree, a woman having registered," has the right to choose from among men between 19 and 50 a cohabitant husband. The consent of the man chosen is not necessary, the decree adds, the man chosen having no right to make any protest.

A similar privilege of choosing from among the registered women is given every man between 19 and 50, "with-out the consent of the women"; this provision is described as "in the interest of the state."

Spanish Avatars.

The Madras government plans to encourage the systematic cultivation of avaram, the bark of which is said to be the best tanning agent for the production of soft and good leather by unskilled labor. Avaram grows only in southern India, and it is because the tanners of this region have available supplies of this excellent tanning material that South India hides have gained their present high position.

Government to Revise the Shipbuilding Program; Fat Jobs May Be Reduced

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—Revision of the entire shipbuilding program of the United States is in prospect in the immediate future, according to Charles F. McVey, president and general manager of the emergency fleet corporation.

"This revision will affect not only the wooden ships," Mr. McVey said today, "but the steel and concrete vessels as well. It is brought about partly because of the enormous expense which shipbuilding has placed on the nation and partly because the original program has been found not to be adjusted to the needs of the war."

KAMELA BEATING OUT THE "FLU"

**MANY CASES BUT EPIDEMIC IS
GRADUALLY DYING**

**Happenings About The Top Of The
Hill — Railroad Circles
Change.**

KAMELA, Oct. 26.—(Special.)—J. F. Ayers, who is doing the ditching and concrete work here for the O-W, was a business visitor in La Grande on Tuesday. Mr. Ayers is having quite a task to obtain help to carry on this work and has found it necessary to employ girls to help. The ditching is almost done. He started a crew to work at the concreting of the turntable Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. Fontaine made a trip to town Monday to attend to some shopping.

Mrs. C. A. Norden and son Ruby of Pendleton, spent Monday here visiting with friends. They left that night for La Grande, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Norden's sister, Mrs. Lara Johnson for several days.

Operator Pond and Le Roy Morgan were visitors in La Grande on Thursday.

Several changes have taken place in the railroad circles this week. Wipora Baker, Smith and Hilyard were promoted to firemen. They have moved to La Grande and will take up their duties there.

A number of our citizens were visitors in La Grande Tuesday. Among them were Frank Hanlen, Mrs. E. Morgan, Mrs. C. Damerill, A. C. Sherman and John Burke.

Mrs. J. B. Baker of Meacham, visited with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hanlen Sunday. She was accompanied home Monday morning by her granddaughter Geraldine Hanlen.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Barnes returned Monday morning from La Grande, where they spent several days visiting with Mrs. Barnes' sister, Mrs. U. H. Dyer.

Harry Hoffman is loading a car of wood here. The woodyard is almost empty. The scarcity of labor has made it necessary to suspend wood cutting in this section.

Senator Martin King of this place is a visitor in Portland and is a guest at the Hotel Portland.

M. E. Arthur, son and daughter arrived this morning from La Grande. They will be employed here by Contractor Ayers on the ditching crew.

Mrs. Will Pidcock and daughter Jean were visitors in Meacham on Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Walters.

Mrs. W. J. McShane returned to her home in La Grande after a week's visit with relatives here.

The Red Cross has not met since the outbreak of influenza here, but the ladies have kept up the work by meeting at the dif-naw at work on Refugee blouse suits for boys.

Geraldine Hanley returned Wednesday evening from Meacham after several days' visit with friends and relatives there.

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STORM TEARS DOWN WIRES IN THE EAST

**TERRIBLE BLIZZARD STRIKES
KANSAS AND NEBRASKA,
DOING DAMAGE.**

**DENVER IS ISOLATED
FROM WIRE CONNECTION**

Grand Island, Nebraska, Gets First Snow of Season, Which is Eleven Inches—Wires For Hundreds of Miles Are Twisted and Prostrated—Middle West Also Affected.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 26.—(United Press.)—Telegraph and telephone communications over a large part of the middle west have been crippled as the result of a storm in Kansas and Nebraska.

Denver is almost cut off completely from the east.

Eleven inches of snow has fallen near Grand Island, Nebraska. Wires for hundreds of miles are prostrated.

CHANGE YOUR TIME PIECES

**NATION TO RETURN TO MEN
TIME TOMORROW.**

**Tremendous Task To Adjust Time-
pieces Throughout The
Country.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—All clocks in the United States should stop for one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, October 27, and then again take up the procession of the hours.

The country will then be back upon a sun-time basis, and finished with its first seven months of daylight saving experiment. Some minor difficulty in transportation and industry will be involved in this return to normal time but for most people the change will mean nothing more than an extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning, a belated return of the hour they lost in March when clock hands were jumped forward 60 minutes by act of congress.

Big Task Adjusting Clocks.

Practically, clock hands are set forward with less trouble than they are set back, due to the mechanical arrangement of their interiors. The average householder does not need to be warned but it may be well to understand that the best plan will be to stop the clock Saturday night, and start it right again Sunday morning. The telegraph clocks, of which there are 50,000 now in operation by the Western Union company, electrically wound and set—will have to be properly adjusted by the company's force, which is now planning to do the work on Sunday, except in locations where the users are awake at night themselves, and can be given special keys with which to do the setting.

The delicate master clocks which correct the 50,000 every hour will be changed at the same time, as will the government's radio and wire-signally arrangement which is the scientific basis of the time system.

Adjusting railroad train movements proceeding over the time-changing period will present the most difficulty. Director General McAdoo has authorized a general order on the subject, by which trains on the road will continue

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The actual visualization of this British official picture is becoming a common occurrence in France. The Americans are arriving in great numbers and proceeding in lines like this to their camps or to the front.

SERUM ARRIVES FOR FLU- GET A SHOT IN THE ARM

A supply of the new serum to combat the flu reached La Grande yesterday evening and Dr. Ray Logan is distributing it to different parts of the county today. It is the serum that was tried on 60,000 men in Seattle shipyards and not a case of flu developed among the 60,000. That it has merit no one hesitates to admit and with the supply in the hands of phys-

cians Union county people can rest better over the possibility of a flu epidemic.

Two new cases are reported from North Powder this morning and at Kamela, and an extra gang on the O-W. railroad, consisting of ten men are said to have ten well developed flu cases today.

In La Grande the situation is about the same, with few new cases in the last 24 hours.