

## DOUGHBOYS WILL ENJOY CHRISTMAS

ELABORATE FETES BEING ARRANGED FOR THE SOLDIERS ACROSS THE SEAS.

PACKAGES FROM HOME ARE SENT FORWARD

German People Are Co-operating with American Army of Occupation in Celebrating "Peace on Earth: Good Will to Men."

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—With the spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men," two million American soldiers will enjoy a really merry Christmas on German and French soil. In the back areas, the holiday fetes will be elaborate. In the advanced areas most of the Christmas boxes had failed to arrive, despite the best efforts of the transportation units, but the Red Cross and the Y are hurrying several trainloads of boxes forward in an effort to get them here in time for the celebration.

While the true Christmas spirit will prevail here tomorrow, the boys' minds will be centered on one thing—the little family group back home.

German People Co-operate.

More than 220,000 Americans will spend Christmas in Germany, where one of the strangest situations in history will exist—two races which, only a few weeks ago, were engaged in mortal combat, are co-operating in the mutual celebration of the day.

Throughout German territory, the inhabitants are making preparations to aid in the festivities and it is evident that their sentiments are sincere. Burgomasters of various villages have presented Christmas trees to the doughboys.

In many places the townspeople have invited soldiers to their homes. Great numbers of Germans, it is known, will offer the soldiers gifts, and the latter will reciprocate.

### BAN IS RELAXED

Foodstuffs, Fodders and Feed May Be Sent to Other Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Sweeping relaxation of restrictions on the exports of foodstuffs, fodders and feed to the pan-American republics, Canada, Cuba and the West Indies, was announced tonight by Chairman McCormick of the war trade board.

### LEAGUE IDEA GROWS

Question Is Even More Important Than That of Peace With Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—The formation of a league of nations is even more important than an actual peace settlement, according to opinions expressed here. The impending arrival of President Wilson, together with the league of nations program suggested by Viscount Grey, has given a fresh impetus to discussions of the subject. Some persons argue that the league will be useless unless it is universal, which is now impossible, due to the political and economic situation in Germany and Austria.

## ONLY 50 HOMES IN CITY BEAR THE INFLUENZA PLACARD TODAY

Is it possible that the influenza has thrown a scare into this city causing a magnified belief regarding the number of cases existing?

From reports on the streets for the past few days one would have been forced to the belief that almost every other home in the city was afflicted. But when the city employed Leg Day to post the influenza signs and order the quarantine enforced it was surprising how few homes were found where the epidemic exists.

The list of those afflicted was obtained from local physicians, and while there may be a certain percentage of cases not reported, it is considered very gratifying to know that only fifty homes carry the red letters.

There are only 150 homes in the city, so it can readily be seen that fifty is a small percentage and that there is no cause for a scare on the sleeves of every coat any longer.



Because he refused to sell his ideals to the German government, Salih Gourdji, former president of the Ottoman official news agency, is a refugee in this country. This journalist fled from Turkey late in 1914, but the authorities refused to permit his wife and two children to follow him. They are now in France.

## ENTRENCHED IN ROYAL PALACE

MUTINOUS MARINES IN BERLIN HAVE BATTLE

Refractory Sailors Kidnaped the Military Commander of the German City.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—Mutinous marines who revolted when they were ordered to sea are entrenched in the royal palace after a battle with the military guards.

At the time of receiving their orders several regiments rioted and kidnaped the military commander of the city and held him as a prisoner. In the fighting which ensued four of the marines were killed and ten wounded.

### FIGHT ENDS FATALITY

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Man Dead and Postmaster in Jail.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Dec. 24.—O. M. Harvey, republican state chairman, and one of the most prominent attorneys in Montana, died at 6 o'clock tonight from a fractured skull sustained in a fall to the sidewalk during a fist fight on the streets here half an hour earlier, with Postmaster J. E. Swindlehurst. Swindlehurst gave himself up to the sheriff and is in the county jail.

### PROJECTS FAVORED

California Council of Defense Asked to Aid Soldiers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A plea that it use its efforts to secure a quick opening up of proposed public construction projects in order that discharged soldiers and war industry workers may be given work as soon as possible, was received by the state council of defense from Secretary of War Baker today.

## SNOW KING HOLDS SWAY EASTWARD

NEAR BLIZZARD PROPORTIONS ARE APPROACHED IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

FOUR INCHES OF SNOW IN CHICAGO LAST NIGHT

Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas and Other States Are Covered Over With a Blanket of White—Storm Causes Late Arrival of Trains.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—The middle west is in the grip of a regular Christmas snowstorm, which approached blizzard proportions in many sections. Four inches of snow in Chicago last night broke the snowless December record. Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas and other states are blanketed with snow.

Trains Arrive Late. The storms in the middle west have been noticeable locally on account of the fact that practically all west-bound trains have reached La Grande late, sometimes to the extent of nearly twelve hours.

### CASE TO GREGORY

Action Regarding Packers Up to Department of Justice.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The report of the federal trade commission on the meat-packing industry has been turned over to the department of justice for its consideration and such action as it may deem proper. It was announced by United States District Attorney Clynne here today.

Charles E. Morrison, a Chicago lawyer, has been appointed a special assistant to the attorney general to cooperate with Oliver E. Pagin, attorney for the department of justice and Mr. Clynne in the case.

### NEW TREATMENT

Blood Serum of Recovered Influenza Patients Recommended.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Dr. Eugene R. Kelly, commissioner of the state department of health, recommends that hospitals with laboratory facilities for blood examination undertake to use the blood serum of recovered influenza patients in treatment of patients infected with the disease. Dr. Kelly made this recommendation after being informed of the success obtained with the treatment at the naval hospital at Chicago.

### COUNCIL IS UPHELD

All Military Officials Have Agreed to the Endorsement.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(United Press, delayed)—All military officials agree to endorse the people's council, it is announced. Hindenburg has appended to the German people and the army to respect officers who still retain their rank.

## CONFESSES HE SHOT LANGLEY

JAMES JUSTICE, AGED TWENTY, ADMITS THE DEED

Says the Man He Killed Was Dishonest and That He Shot at Two Other Men.

BAKER, Dec. 24.—After killing one man and attempting to kill two others, in the Rye Valley country, James Justice, a big raw-boned cattle rider, less than 20 years of age, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff William Pierce, E. B. Jackson, Jack Heininger and District Attorney W. S. Levens. Justice is charged with the killing of Ira Langley, a well known cattleman last Thursday and with shooting at John Griffin and Q. L. Cartwright, while the latter were returning from Langley's funeral Saturday. Justice was arrested at his home. When the officers arrived he was in bed and made no resistance.

Through the adroit questioning of District Attorney Levens he admitted, shortly after being taken into custody, that he shot Langley and had fired shots at Griffin and Cartwright. When asked by District Attorney Levens why he had shot Langley, Justice said: "Because he was under the bush," adding to explanation of this remark that he was dishonest. He said that the fact that it took one shot to kill Langley showed this while he fired two shots each at Griffin and Cartwright and neither took effect, and he added, "I'm a good shot."

He claimed, however, in his talk with the officers that he had only fired at the latter two men to "see them run."

The young gunman has been making his home with his parents and several brothers and is well known throughout the Rye Valley country. He is being held at the county jail without bail, and his hearing will be held later in the week.

## GUARDSMEN TO BE CIVILIANS

WILL REVERT TO FORMER STATUS AFTER DISCHARGE

If the National Guard Continues It Will Be Necessary to Reorganize in All States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—National guardsmen who were drafted into the army service by presidential proclamation on July 3, 1917, will revert to their civilian status when they are dismissed from the army, it is announced. If the national guard continues, it will be necessary to organize new units in all the states.

### STORES VOLUNTARILY CLOSE

At the request of Health Officer A. L. Richardson most of the business houses of La Grande have agreed to close their places of business on the morning of December 26th to remain closed until Saturday morning, January 4th, on account of the prevailing epidemic.

Grocery stores and butcher shops will be required to do business by phone and drug stores will be permitted to sell nothing but necessities.

## ORDER IN RUSSIA IS IMPROVING

BOLSHEVIKI, SUPPORTED BY MANY FORMER OPPONENTS, EFFECTING REFORMS.

SOBER ELEMENT IS IN THE ASCENDANCY

Article in the New Statesman Heightens the Spreading Impression That Full Truth of Affairs Has Not Yet Come Out of Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—Capping the growing wave of suspicion as evidenced in the Liberal press during the past month, the New Statesman makes the sensational announcement that the Bolsheviks, supported now by many of their former opponents, are effecting real restoration of order in Russia.

The New Statesman is regarded as being the sober element among the Liberal intellectuals and is not the organ of the extremely radical.

The article which it has published has undoubtedly heightened the spreading impression that the full truth has not yet come out of Russia.

### EGGS PASS TEST

Chicago Experiment Shows Little Difference in Varieties.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner of Chicago, with twenty-four inquiring guests, conducted an experiment in the matter of eggs today.

The guests were served strictly fresh eggs and eggs placed in cold storage last spring. They didn't know which was which and the verdict was that one tasted as good as another, but that the storage eggs were a shade darker.

### Hot Cakes and Coffee

Bring Herman Roesch Close to Ladies' Hearts

Probably the most popular civilian with the Canteen ladies of this city is Herman Roesch, who has been thoughtful enough to give his aid in the making of coffee and furnishing of water to the Canteen. Not only that, but if the ladies have been working hard in the morning, he will send over a platter of steaming hot cakes, accompanied by a potful of delicious coffee, or some other equally appetizing dish. All this is deeply appreciated by the Canteen ladies.

### BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM LASSITER



Brig. Gen. William Lassiter, recently promoted to that rank, is a native of Virginia and was graduated from the Military academy in 1885 and from the artillery school in 1894. He has always been connected with the artillery branch and was on the general staff in 1911-12.

## LA GRANDE IS LAYOVER POINT

OLD TIME PROGRAM FOR LOCOMOTIVE MEN ADOPTED.

Engineers and Firemen Will Make This City Their Headquarters.

The new order changing engineers and firemen on passenger runs from Reith to La Grande for layover becomes effective today and hereafter the little city of Reith will know no more the smiling faces of the engineers and firemen who handle passenger trains across the mountains. They will run from here to Umatilla and from here to Huntington, making La Grande the permanent layover point.

It is needless to say that the railroad men are pleased at the new ruling.

"Back as we were, thank Heaven," was the remark of an old-timer, and with that remark he explained the whole situation, for in fact the scheme of layover is now just where it was in years gone by before there was a Reith or a Coyote cut-off or a decapitated Umatilla.

### YESTERDAY COLDEST DAY OF THE YEAR

The lowest point touched by the mercury so far this winter is 5 degrees below zero, which was recorded at the city five stations during the twenty-four hours ending yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The maximum temperature during the same period was 22 degrees above zero, and the average for the day was 25 degrees. The coldest time during the twenty-four hours was Sunday night, when the 5 below mark was touched. Previous to yesterday the coldest day was December 18th, when 29 degrees above zero was the lowest point to which the thermometer descended.

### DEMAND GERMAN EXPULSION

TANGIER, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—The French and British ambassadors at Madrid are reported to have demanded the expulsion of all Germans from Spanish Morocco.

### DOWNED 602 PLANES

This Is the Record of American Aviators in the War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—American aviators downed 642 enemy planes during the war, according to information reaching the war department. On the day the aviators were slain 39 American aeroplanes were in operation on the west front compared with the 642 enemy losses, only 271 American planes were downed. The casualties suffered by the service totaled 147. Of these 103 were killed, 102 downed, 27 were taken prisoner and three intact. This is considered low in view of the fact that we had 24,412 men of the service on the actual front. The total American air strength at France was 58,000, including those based with the French, British and Italian air forces. Six thousand four hundred and twenty-two planes were received by the A. I. F.

## TEUTONS MUST HAVE PEACE SOON

PROMINENT GERMAN SOCIALIST DECLARES COUNTRY MUST YIELD AT ANY PRICE

WAS WHOLLY TO BLAME FOR STARTING THE WAR

It Was the Junkers Who Inspired the Austrian Note to Serbia—Frank Statement of Fact Is Given Out to United Press Representative.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—"If the allies expect to collect an indemnity from Germany they must secure peace immediately so the Germans can get down to work and earn the money," Barth, a prominent Socialist, declared to a representative of the United Press today.

He said that while he was convinced that Germany was wholly to blame for the war, it would be unwise for the entente to strangle its debtors.

He further declared: "Germany must have peace soon at any price. The Germans must admit defeat and pay any price to get peace and food."

"Personally, I was convinced from the start that Germany was guilty of precipitating the war, and while the reports from the public press are not documentary evidence I am certain that Germany inspired the Austrian note to Serbia."

### GIVES PHOTOGRAPH

Likeness to Hang in St. George's Church, Gravesend.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Through the Colonial Dames of Virginia, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson has presented St. George's church, at Gravesend, a photograph of herself to hang in the vestry beneath a portrait of her ancestor, Princess Pocahontas. The photograph is signed "Edith Bolling Wilson," and has been framed in oak.

### SHIPPING TRUSTEE

Half Million Tons of Austrian Cargo to Be Distributed.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Italy will act as trustee of 500,000 tons of Austrian shipping now in Italian ports and distribute it for use exclusively for war supply and transportation, none to be used for commercial traffic.

### ENTERS PRAGUE

New Executive of Czechoslovakia at Bohemian Capital.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Prof. Thomas G. Mararyk, the president of the newly formed republic of Czechoslovakia, has made his solemn entry into Prague, according to advices received here from that city.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Fair, continued cold.

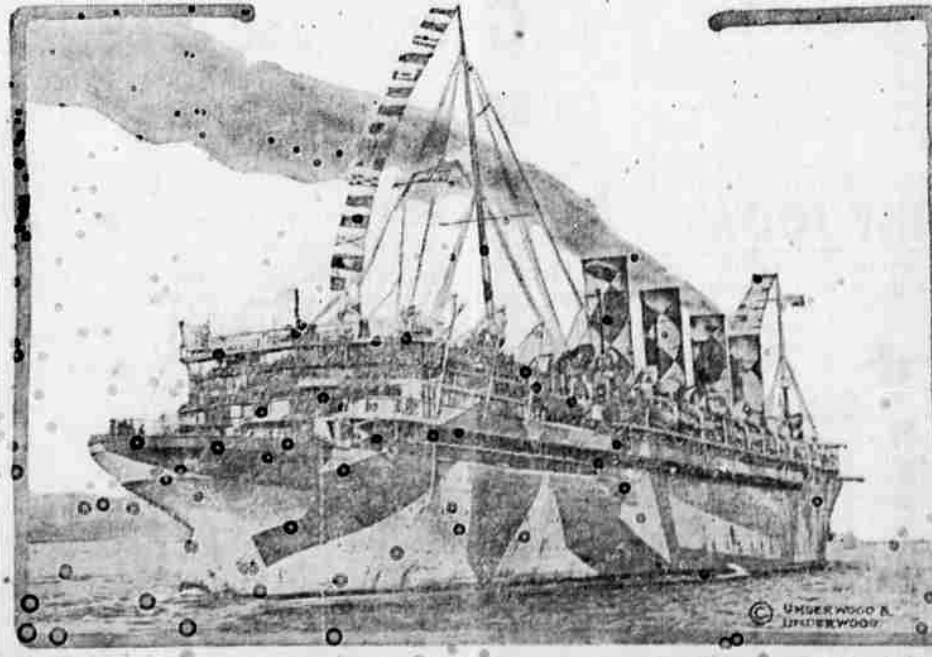
## ICE CROP READY FOR HARVEST

NORTH POWDER WILL NOT FAIL IN HER ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Only Point on O-W That Produces Natural Ice Is Busy Now

North Powder is getting out its ice hooks and plows for the annual crop is about ripe and ready to garner. The large lake is covered with a fine veneer surface such as nature only gives to standing water at North Powder. The small bay is busy with its skiffs and older folks of the settlement meet for moonlight parties on the crystal flow.

But the less plow will soon show the bay for the Pacific Fruit Exchange, which now owns the lake, is arranging to store at least a thousand tons of ice in the bay near the station. North Powder was 58,000, including those based with the French, British and Italian air forces. Six thousand four hundred and twenty-two planes were received by the A. I. F.



The Chester Mauretania, carrying 4,000 victrolas, steamed into New York harbor December 1, the first ship to carry the actual fighters home from abroad. The boys were members of the station corps.