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## GERMANY FACES FABULOUS BILL

USUAL CLAIMS WILL PROBABLY EXCEED \$429,000,000,000.

United States Has Not Yet Presented any Claim for Compensation—France Wants \$80,000,000,000

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The staggering sum of \$429,000,000,000 may be demanded from Germany in indemnities and war costs by the allies.

These fabulous war cost and indemnity figures are going beyond anything previously dreamed of.

From semi-authoritative sources it is learned that France may ask close to \$80,000,000,000. Even at that the war cost France more than eighty billions.

Some officials think England will ask for \$40,000,000,000, the Belgians demands will be \$6,000,000,000 and that Serbia will insist upon \$9,000,000,000. Rumania, Montenegro and Italy will seek smaller sums.

America has not asked an indemnity and no official figures are obtainable yet as to America's claims.

## SLEEPER TAKES OATH FOR SECOND TERM

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 1.—Shunning the great pomp and ceremony of past inaugurations, Gov. Albert E. Sleeper took the oath for his 2d term as Michigan's executive in representative hall here at noon today.

The oath was administered by Chief Justice John E. Bird of Lenawee county.

It was the 43d gubernatorial inauguration since Michigan became a state, while Sleeper is the 21st governor to take his oath of office on January 1st.

In rapid succession the other state officials then took the oath of office. They are Samuel Odell, of Shelby, state treasurer; Alex J. Groesbeck, Detroit, attorney general; O. B. Fuller, of Escanaba, auditor general and Lauren B. Dickinson, Charlotte, lieutenant governor.

## PHILANDERERS RUN BIG RISK

STRICT ORDERS TO U. S. OFFICERS AND MEN IN GERMANY

Court Martial Is Punishment for Any Soldier Caught Talking to German Women.

COBLENZ, Dec. 31.—An order has been issued to the American soldiers that an officer or soldier who speaks to a German woman does so at the risk of court-martial.

The dinner hour in Coblenz and throughout the American zone of occupation has been advanced from one to two hours. In restaurants and hotels the evening meal now is eaten without music. These changes are regarded as necessary because of the recent American order that the sale and gift of light wines be prohibited except within certain hours in the evening.

Several days of the operation of restricted regulations has produced some grumbling by the Germans. There has been no open protest, but many of the people appear to be mystified as to the reasons for the change in the American attitude, as it seems they believed that the Americans would not be so strict as the British or French.

In addition, propagandists have been diligent in urging the people to be friendly to the Americans in the apparent hope that an attitude of friendliness might have some effect on the peace negotiations.

The prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors of any kind and the restrictions on light wines has upset the ordinary routine of the Germans and has resulted in some cafes closing. In the discharge of restaurant orchestras and in grocery stores withdrawing stocks from their windows.

AVIATOR BURNS TO DEATH

ROCKVILLE CENTER, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Cuthbert Miles, aviator in the aerial mail service, was burned to death 100 miles north of this place Tuesday, when just after leaving Minerva, he was engulfed in a huge fire of 2000 feet.

The plane was being tested before being turned over to the postoffice department.

## MAJ. GEN. A. W. BREWSTER



Maj. Gen. Andre W. Brewster, now in service in France, was born in New Jersey in 1862 and graduated from West Point in 1885. He served as a captain of volunteers in 1898-99 and was awarded a Medal of Honor. In late years much of his work has been in the inspector general's department.

## OREGON TROOPS COMING HOME

ENGINEERS FROM THIS STATE TO RETURN SOON

General March Announces Return of Certain Units Which Are Now in France.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Early return to the United States of approximately 2100 officers and 12,000 enlisted men of the American expeditionary forces was announced today by General March, chief of staff.

Among the units are:

The 329th and 330th infantry regiments of the 83d division, 118 officers and 6882 men from Ohio and West Virginia.

The 116th engineer regiment and train complete of the 41st division, 26 officers and 1600 men from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

The 17th, 18th and 19th Mechanics' companies, with seven officers and 483 men.

The 31st, 32d, 33d, 37th, 64th, 43d, 161st, 257th, 369th, 184th, 21st, 490th, 489th, 483d and 162d aero squadrons, with an average of four officers and 150 men to each squadron, all squadrons being part of the 4th regiment of the air service.

The 54th field artillery, C. A. C., with 105 officers and 2429 men.

In addition to these large units, there are numerous miscellaneous organizations and troops included in the detail for early return.

## DIED IN HEROIC SERVICE

Miss Daisy Burkhardt, one of the two sisters who answered the Red Cross call for nurses and came from Boise to La Grande to care for our people who are ill with influenza, gave up the battle for life and this morning passed away—a victim of the disease she came here to combat.

The grief that is spread over this city could not be more profound if death had claimed the most popular home girl, for the Burkhardt sisters have endeared themselves to La Grande people in a way that is hard to describe. They came as strangers bearing the burden of others; they came at the call of the Red Cross for help in this time of community affliction; they answered the call of service, just as a true nurse will, and they have cared for the afflicted no matter what the surrounding circumstances were.

In this act of self-sacrifice and the caring of others Miss Burkhardt, a wonderful girl of nineteen years, contracted the prevailing disease. Under the it died.

While New Year's day is bright and sunny there is nevertheless a cloud hangs over all the Red Cross people and everyone connected with the Grande Ronde hospital, for these are the ones who know the Burkhardt girls and appreciated their work to the world.

The remains will be shipped to Boise tomorrow.

## NEW GOVERNOR NEW YORK SWORN

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Considerable military pomp and circumstance attended the inauguration of Alfred E. Smith of New York City as governor of New York today.

The governor-elect and the retiring governor, Charles Whitman, together reviewed a parade in which the military element was prominent just before the oath of office was administered to Smith in the assembly chamber by Secretary of State F. M. Hugo.

When the new governor completed his address in the chamber, booming of cannon announced the beginning of a new administration.

## VICTIM SHOOTING ACCIDENT BETTER

Marian Sale, who was the victim of the accidental discharge of a .32-caliber revolver into her head several days ago, was able to leave the hospital Monday and return to her home. The little girl's many friends will learn with pleasure of her recovery.

## KITCHEN TO SERVE SICK WILL OPEN

RED CROSS ADDS IMPORTANT DIVISION TO HOME WORK

NOT CHARITY, BUT DUTY IS WAY TO DESCRIBE IT

Many Families Who Are Sick Will Have Benefit of Suitable Cooking—Supplies Now in Red Cross Kitchen—Mrs. Mossman to Have Charge of Food Preparation.

Beginning tomorrow the Red Cross will add another department to the many activities it is now handling. A neighborhood kitchen will be established, in fact, it is already established, in the basement of the Red Cross headquarters at Honan hall, and from that kitchen will be issued food suitable for the sick who are unable at the present time to receive proper care.

No one must think for even a moment this is a charitable move—it is a movement prompted by duty, for in numerous instances there are families in La Grande who do not need nor want charity, but under the prevailing conditions of help they are actually in need of the little things which the sick person craves and which he needs in order to fight the battle of life.

When the Red Cross decided to open this department Mrs. E. M. Mossman was requested to take charge of it and, while she has other duties, she acquiesced in the name of duty and hereafter she will be superintendent of the kitchen of service.

Supplies were delivered today to the Red Cross headquarters and tomorrow the sick will be cared for in the way of food.

Automobiles Needed.

In the Red Cross work there is a transportation section. Many automobile owners have listed their machines for service. Up to the present time it has not been found necessary to call upon the machine owners, but now the chairman of the Red Cross requests that every telephone owner telephone the Red Cross headquarters what hours he can give to the work for the community.

The family physician is closer to the conditions than anyone else and he is requested to telephone the facts regarding any family under his care to the Red Cross headquarters or to Mrs. Mossman at Main 762 or leave the order in person at Honan hall. Bedding will be made at the Red Cross rooms to meet any justifiable demands for the same.

The Mormon ladies will furnish jellies and fruits they have on hand for relief work. Already the Mormon Stake has furnished bedding and fruit to many sick families in the city.

This new division requires the co-operation of every citizen. It is a home institution to care for the folks who are afflicted and can not care for themselves. Therefore, the Red Cross sincerely requests the most earnest co-operation of everyone.

## BAKER MURDERER IS COMMITTED TO ASYLUM

James Justus, Slayer of Ira Langley, Wealthy Rye Valley Stockman, Adjudged Insane

## CONDITION OF SPENCER GOOD

The condition of Lawrence Spencer, the La Grande farmer who was struck by train No. 17 yesterday afternoon, is reported today as very favorable. The train struck the motor truck which he was driving and he was thrown some distance, lighting on his head. Practically the only injuries he received were about the head and it is believed that unless internal trouble develops there is no cause to consider his condition serious.

## FLU SITUATION IS BAD ON THE COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Due to a general flaring up of influenza in California and Nevada, Dr. W. C. Billings, surgeon of the United States public health service for these two states, Monday telegraphed Dr. Rupert Blue, chief surgeon of the service in Washington for authority to employ all the doctors necessary to take care of the situation.

"We might just as well settle down for a good long fight with this epidemic," Dr. Billings said. "From all indications it will last several months. Its future seriousness can only be guessed at, so we cannot take any chances. New districts are being attacked, and altogether the situation is not promising. But there is no need of any popular fear or alarm. 'Don't worry' is the best preventative."

## PICTURES SHOW HUSBAND WOUNDED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—After seeing a moving picture of her husband, Corporal Marva J. Johnson, lying wounded in a hospital tent in France, Mrs. Anna Johnson, 4134 Twentieth street, received a telegram from the war department at Washington recently announcing his death of wounds on October 15th.

Mrs. Johnson attended a performance of "Under Four Flags," the third official government film, at a local playhouse the night before she received the message and saw her husband's face caught in a swift flash of the cinema camera. He was lying on a cot in a field hospital tent. It was apparently by mere accident that he was pictured, the tent flap being obviously accidentally blown to one side just as the camera's eye swept in that direction.

Corporal Johnson was sent to France last July. He was 30 years old and for several years had been in business here as a building contractor. Besides his widow he is survived by his mother and two sisters.

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## CANTEEN WAS TREATED WELL

MANY PEOPLE DONATE BOTH SERVICES AND MONEY

Canteen Ladies Thankful to People Who Have Helped to Make Canteen a Success.

The following donations to the Red Cross canteen, show the spirit of the La Grande people. The ladies surely appreciate everything that has been done and wish to thank the people for their services and donations.

Chas. Miller, all of his services.

M. A. Smith, \$17 worth of services.

T. H. Moore, \$10 worth of services.

E. O. Looker, \$10 worth of services.

Chas. H. Reynolds, Insurance premiums, \$15.25.

Geo. Palmer Lumber Co., all material furnished at cost.

O. W. R. R. & N. Co., heating building.

Naah Electric Co., discount on material.

Mr. Lottes, use of building and many courtesies.

Mr. Kelly, man courtesies.

Fred Dutt, donations and making coffee for troop trains.

Herman Roesch, donations and many courtesies.

## NEW YEAR SAVINGS

War Savings Stamp Campaign for 1919 Means a Nation-Wide Movement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The 1919 war savings campaign will be opened actively by a nation-wide celebration on January 17, the anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. District war savings directors in conference here were so informed by Harold Braddock, the new national director of the war savings movement.

That day will be devoted particularly, Mr. Braddock said, to the organization of thousands of war savings societies in industries, offices, business houses, churches and communities to systematize the preaching of thrift and promote the sale of \$2,000,000,000 worth of stamps during the year.

## SOLDIER INFLUENZA PATIENTS IN WASHINGTON

Indiana patients in government hospitals are given opportunity to absorb fresh air and sunlight. They are isolated from all other patients and partly protected from contact with each other by cloth partitions. The patients shown here are wounded soldiers in Walter Reed hospital, Washington.

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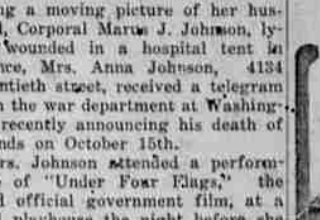
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