



RUSSIA MAY JOIN WITH GERMANY.

Entente Allies Are Warned To Take A Hand In Conference.

London, Jan. 1.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News wonders whether the danger of a separate peace is realized in England. He says it would be a defeat for German democracy in addition to insuring the virtual enslavement of Russia, as it would be a victory for the military caste in Germany.

"It may mean," he adds, "much more than Russia's neutrality. If we make no move, it seems that the Germans will ask the Russians to help them in enforcing Russia's peace terms on the entente allies. Trotsky is well aware of the danger, though faced with the necessity of concluding peace, and is doing his utmost to stimulate a revolution in Germany. Fraterization at the front, already has passed beyond control of enemy officers and enormous quantities of revolutionary newspapers printed in German are being distributed."

"I am convinced our only chance in defeating German designs is to publish terms as near the Russian terms as possible and by taking a powerful hand in the proposed conference, help the democratic movement in Germany while helping the Russians to force the German government in the direction it has had to take."

"Whatever party might be in power in Russia it would be compelled to conclude peace and Trotsky's method is more likely to damage Germany than the method of any more polite person in his place. The nationalization of the banks puts a weapon more powerful than the guillotine in the hands of the government and probably will end much of the present sabotage."

Recent Marriages Of Men Subject To Draft Ignored.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 1.—Although no formal notice has been given here by the Douglas county exemption board, cases which have been examined indicate that the local board ignored marriages contracted since registration day and are putting some of the newly wedded beneficiaries in the first class with single men, unless other reasons are offered. Nearly a dozen men have become delinquent in reporting their questionnaires.

OREGON'S PART IN THE WAR.

Holds First Place In Many War Activities.

Rising head and shoulders above many states, and holding first place in the nation in numerous of its war endeavors, Oregon can greet the New Year with the pride of accomplishment. Some of Oregon's successes are: Oregon over-subscribed the first Liberty Loan by 20 percent.

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With volunteers, exceeded in percentage of population every other state in the Union.

Over-subscribed quota of Red Cross fund.

Exceeded every state, in proportion to population, in Red Cross members, securing 210,000.

Over-subscribed the War Library fund.

Over-subscribed the Y. M. C. A. fund.

State to produce one-sixth of the total tonnage asked for by the shipping board in 1918.

Established enlistment records for navy and marine corps.

Over-subscribed for Christmas boxes for soldiers and sailors.

Is supplying most of the spruce for airplanes of the United States and the allies.

Is furnishing food and clothing for the army and navy.

Was first state to have national guard ready.

Has bought and is maintaining more than a score of field ambulances.

Furnished the first hospital unit to go abroad with expeditionary forces.

Uncle Sam Wants to Know.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The bureau of markets of the department of agriculture has ordered all dealers, manufacturers, warehouse men, hotels and other institutions having on hand \$250 worth of foodstuffs to report to the government. They must give a detailed statement today, with a comparison of holdings on December 31, 1916.

When the war broke out in 1914 the air was filled with lies and rumors of lies, most of them concerning great disasters to the British fleet that never occurred. The fleet is still on watch and so are some of the liars.

BOARD CONSIDERS COAL DELIVERY.

First Action Of The New Control Board Relief for Cold Districts.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Immediate action by the railroads to relieve the critical coal shortage, particularly in New England and other sections suffering from the cold wave, was being considered today by Director General McAuliffe and members of the railroad war board.

In addition to effecting a freer movement of coal the treatment of labor questions will be one of the chief railroad problems to be dealt with by the director general. Heads of the railroad brotherhoods who conferred with President Wilson recently have been summoned to confer with the director general Thursday regarding relations of labor and the new government railroad administration. While settlement of the brotherhoods' demands for 40 per cent wage increases is not looked for at this time, officials believe the government soon will consider favorably a plan for better pay.

Legislation for guaranteeing railroads compensation on the basis of pre-war earnings is expected to get under way in congress this week. President Wilson probably will go before congress Thursday with his recommendations along this line.

General Wood Reaches France to Study Front

Camp Funston, Kas., Jan. 1.—Word has been received that Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the 89th division, had arrived safely in France with Lieutenant Colonel Kilbourne, his chief of staff. They went there to study field conditions.

Mrs. Adelaide V. Winslow Is Dead, at Polk county Home.

Salem, Or., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Adelaide V. Winslow, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Vandervort, well-known prohibition leader of this city, died last night at her home in Polk county. She was born in Oregon, and was 69 years old. Surviving besides the mother, are three sons, W. C. Winslow, attorney of this city; George Winslow, attorney of Tillamook and Frank, living in Polk county; and two daughters, Mrs. C. V. Nelson, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Oliver Whitney, Polk county.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Has Mother In Albany.

Albany, Or., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Charles Haddon Smith, wife of Charles H. Smith, reported arrested in Siberia and later released, is the daughter of Mrs. Levi Tracy, of this city.

Centenarian Dies.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 3.—William Ackers, 103 years old, died Saturday at the county home. He was a Kentuckian, born in 1814. He has relatives in Coos county. He was the oldest white man in Douglas county when he died.

20,000 Oregon Men In Service.

Salem, Or., Jan. 1.—Oregon's contribution of men to the war totals 20,000, according to figures compiled by Governor Withycombe. Of this number, 2055 are with the 3d Oregon, 1700 with the coast artillery, 400 with the cavalry, 600 with hospital units, 250 with officers' reserve corps, 200 with medical reserve officers, 5632 with the navy and marines, 717 in selective service, 700 with the infantry and 7320 have enlisted.

New Logging Camp to Open.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 1.—Another big logging camp will be opened at once in the Coast mountains west of Eugene for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, adding largely to the output of logs for the company's big plant at Springfield. Lefe Borling, who has been engaged in logging in this county for many years, has contracted with the company to furnish several million feet of logs and will ship them over the Coos Bay branch.

Indian War Veteran to be Buried

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 1.—Andrew G. Aiken, an Indian war veteran and a former member of the 9th Oregon mounted volunteers, will be buried tomorrow at the Oregon Soldiers' home. He was deputy sheriff in Coos county for several years, where he still has a daughter. He has been a resident of the Oregon Soldiers' home since September 22, 1915.

Albany Nurse Hears From Son Wounded In France.

Albany, Or., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Phipp, a nurse in St. Mary's hospital, has received a letter from her son, who is serving in the Canadian army in France that he and four others were operating a field piece when a German shell struck their gun, killing three and wounding the other two, the fourth man later dying. Young Phipp has recently recovered from his wound and will soon be back into the service.

Call For British And Canadian Recruits.

Lieutenant J. I. Simpson of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, is now in charge of the British and Canadian Recruiting Office, Third and Oak Streets, Portland and wants all British and Canadian Subjects to know they can still enlist as volunteers, but that time is not far distant when this privilege will be withdrawn and they will be conscripted. All British and Canadian Subjects are therefore urged to call on or communicate with him at his office at the corner of Third and Oak Streets, Portland.

He particularly wants Englishmen to join English Regiments, Scotchmen to join Scotch Regiments, Irishmen to join Irish Regiments, Welshmen to join Welsh Regiments, and Canadians to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force but volunteers have the choice of joining either army.

Although the United States Recruiting Office no longer take recruits voluntarily, who have registered, the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission can accept all British and Canadian Subjects between the ages of 18 and 45 and in certain branches up to 55, provided the man has only his first papers or no papers at all. American citizens cannot be enlisted. Why not start the New Year well by joining the British Army or the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and help end the war in 1918.

"MEAT" CRY BELGIAN WAIFS

Hungry Children March Through Streets Shouting for Food—Fed by the Red Cross.

The desperate condition of the civilian population of Belgium and northern France, who are being repatriated, and the work of the Red Cross in restoring them to normal health is graphically described in a report to Red Cross headquarters from Evain, where repatriates are received. These destitute people are returning to their land at the rate of 1,000 a week, 60 per cent of them children. Their hardships have been so acute that of the adults who return 30 per cent die the first month from exhaustion.

"There arrived recently," says the report, "a train loaded with Belgian children, 680 of them, thin, sickly, alone, all between ages of four and twelve, children of men who refused to work for the Germans and of mothers who let their children go rather than let them starve. They poured off the train."

"They had come all the long way alone. The children poured out the station, marched along the street, shouting, 'Meat, meat, we are going to have meat!' to the Casino, where they were given a square meal, the first in many months."

Industries Next to The War

The press accords to all the departments of the government engaged in carrying on the war the fullest publicity and editorial support.

Next to giving space to all the publicity the government needs to carry on the war, the press gives space to the home industries.

The press realizes that preparedness at home, maintaining the payrolls for the breadwinners and the producers, is most important.

The farmers and the labor organizations have made suggestions looking to exemption from military duty but publishers ask no favors.

They help put over the draft machinery, to secure volunteers for army and navy, to boost the liberty loan and Red Cross funds.

This is all done without money and without price and no other line of business gives its help so completely without hope of reward.

The press is loyally promoting the plans for food conservation, for shipbuilding, sugar production, oil and power development.

The great industries that are back of the military preparations and the multitude of little local industries are given support.

The press realizes that the people must earn wages, must have money to support families and that payrolls are the basis of prosperity.

The public should realize that the press must have money to support families, pay wages, rent, bills for fuel, paper, ink, postage and other supplies etc. and if the work of the press is to continue it must have the hearty support of the public.

Caterpillar Wheels Are Unable to Travel Over Highway.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 31.—The Pacific Highway is now absolutely closed to motor vehicles. L. B. Swinford, a tourist, tried a system of caterpillar wheels to surmount the mud, and after much planning, expense and effort, he failed, and shipped his car by freight. His plan was to use large wooden blocks on the wheels, instead of tires, something like a caterpillar engine. He spent a week in Roseburg making preparation. A few minutes' actual experience in the mud beyond Oakland was enough to satisfy him that his plan was a failure.

Electric Sparks

(From Off Our Wireless)

"Man found unconscious with \$1,000 in pocket."—Headline. That's the way it would affect us, too.

As Emperor Charles says it will be a glad day for Austria when the war is over, he is evidently banking on the kaiser getting trimmed.

Speaking of sensible and humane documents, can't somebody introduce Bill Hohenzollern to the kind of typewriter that President Wilson uses?

Most of us are omitting even to ask when the war will end. It is the victory for liberty, that our hearts and minds are set upon. That is all. Time is not most important.

The explosion at Halifax is another item in a long list of ugly suspicions.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland—Official admission and confirmation of total collapse of Southern pine shipbuilding program, contained in an Associated Press dispatch published from Washington, puts Oregon and Washington on National map in a big way and in reality proclaims the most significant of victories for Douglas fir as a material for wooden vessels. Concomitant with the fact that Oregon and Washington hold the only available supply of spruce for war airplanes not only for the United States, but for the allies as well, and it will be readily understood that the Northwest has, at last, won its recognition in the timber and lumber world.

Grants Pass—Bean acreage to be greatly increased next year.

Oregon fur industry amounts to \$100,000 annually.

Roseburg—Standard plant for oil well drilling is en-route to Camas valley.

Gardiner—Three sawmills being constructed on Umpqua river to operate soon.

North Bend—To this city belongs the honor of launching the first ship contracted for by Emergency Fleet corporation, in competition with all other yards in the U. S.

Allagany—80-acre ranch near here sold for \$2000.

Coos county has over 300 silos.

Reedsport—Jonsson & Anderson to establish second sawmill here.

Portland—National Forester reports sale of \$3,715,000 worth of timber from U. S. forest reserves in 1917.

Portland—Northwestern Electric Co. starts work on \$1,500,000 addition to power plant.

Sisters—Improvements put in Wilson sawmill, to increase capacity.

Harrisburg farmers to build and operate co-operative flour mill.

Baker—29 miles of Baker-Cornucopia post road to be built in 1918.

Bandon—Construction to begin soon on condensery here.

Gardiner to have new newspaper.

Milton—Box factory making extensive improvements at their plant.

Halfway—Two Shoe mine incorporated and extensive development work to start.

Reedsport business men form Chamber of Commerce.

Stanfield—Local creamery purchased by Pendleton man and the capacity of the plant to be increased.

Sedaville—Camp to be located here to get out ship knees.

Corvallis Flouring Mills install machinery to make cereals.

The Dalles—A number of streets to be hard surfaced.

Albany—Fruitgrowers' association to build barrel cannery.

Wallowa—75,000 foot capacity mill to be located here.

Harrisburg—Farmers Co-operative Assn. to build 25 barrel mill.

Springfield—Flour mill sold and extensive repairs being made, will renew operations Jan. 1st.

Christmas vacations in mills and logging camps cut short this year to not delay production of airplanes and ship timber.

Federal aid to extent of \$50,000 may be forthcoming for construction of Columbia river highway in Wasco county.

Lane county is planning on doing much winter road work.

Forces that are fighting and living for liberty may expect every kind of attack, open and covert, sly, bold, insidious and ponderous, until the end.

Since it seems certain that the war will go into 1918, the New Year's resolution that all of us should make is to win the war in that year for democracy.

Some men know so much that their knowledge gets in their way when they attempt to talk.

When a woman arrives three minutes late at a railway station she imagines that the engineer saw her coming and pulled out just for spite.

Brazil is to send six of her best warships to Europe, the move indicating that Brazil looks upon its share in the war as something more than mere ornamentation.

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