

# DECISIVE WAR BLOW SAID TO BE COMING ON ITALIAN FRONT

LONDON, Nov. 5.—What probably will be one of the most momentous war conferences held by representatives of the allied governments has been called in Rome.

The premiers of Great Britain and France, Lloyd George and Paul Painlevé, each accompanied by military experts, already are on their way to the Italian capital.

The conference is expected to result in a great Anglo-French-Italian drive against the Teuton armies that have invaded Italy.

Indications continue to pile up that the battle along the Venetian plains, which is impending, will be the greatest of all time.

Both sides are rushing reinforcements by the thousands to the scene. Hints have fallen from authoritative sources that the allies see in the Teutonic invasion of Italy a chance to make the Venetian plains the battleground for the big and decisive blow of the war.

## The "Over the Top" Man



**SERGEANT ARTHUR GUY EMPEY**  
Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey, of the British army, author of the book "Over the Top," which has attracted such wide attention, is now in the United States lecturing. He did much hard work also helping the Liberty Loan campaign.

# Authority Granted Local Citizens to Organize a Separate Red Cross Unit

Oregon City is to have a separate branch of the Red Cross society with jurisdiction over certain portions of Clackamas county as the announcement Thursday of Dr. Hugh S. Mount, local chairman of the society. The authorization has been obtained from headquarters at Washington granting a temporary committee on organization the privilege of forming what will be called the Oregon City branch of the Portland Chapter Red Cross, the jurisdiction given verbatim reads, "all of that certain district situate, ly-

ing and being in Clackamas county and state of Oregon, that lies south and west of the Clackamas river, except Springwater, Elwood, and Dodge, including also the towns of Gladstone, Melburn and Jennings Lodge, north of the Clackamas river; also all of that district which lies north and west of the Willamette river except Oswego and its immediate vicinity, and Wilsonville and all towns on or contiguous to the Estacada line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Those named in the authorization as

composing the temporary committee to perfect the organization are Chairman, Dr. Hugh S. Mount; secretary, Miss Eva L. Moulton; T. W. Sullivan, William Anderson, George M. Hankins, George E. Sullivan, Linn E. Jones, L. Adams, M. D. Latourrette, S. L. Stevens, Percy Caulfield, E. E. Brodie and Grant B. Dimick.

The first meeting for organization will be held at the Commercial club rooms next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

## Custodian of All Alien Property in America



**A. MITCHELL PALMER**, former member of Congress from Pennsylvania, has been appointed, under the Trading With the Enemy Act, custodian of all alien property in the United States. He will take charge of property belonging to enemy aliens and finally dispose of it as congress directs. In the mean time it is his purpose to use all cash in his possession in the purchase of Liberty Bonds.

R. Staples, 20 acres in Sec. 34, T. 2 S., R. 4 E.; \$1.

Gust and Karin Olson to Anders Nelson, tract in Sec. 33, T. 4 S., R. 2 E.; \$100.

W. J. Liddall to Robert W. Ingram, 2.39 acres in Sec. 1, and 12, T. 2 S., R. 1 E.; \$700.

Citizens' Bank, Portland, to Emil and Ollie L. Eskilson, tract 32, Sunshine Valley Orchard tracts; \$10.

Harriet T. and W. B. Allen to Simon Gadoua, one-half of lot 4, block 133, Lake View Villas; \$310.

J. W. and Cella A. Poole to Robert Myers, lots 9 to 24, block 64, lots 1 to 5, block 65, Minthorn addition to Portland; \$650.

Ellen M. and J. P. Ford to Robert and Mary Patterson, all of block 7 and part of blocks 8 and 18, Hyde Park; \$10.

Salem Land Co., to Carlo Abrams and Paul R. Hendricks, 160 acres in Sec. 31, and 32, T. 1 S., R. 4 E.; \$10.

Edgar and Laura Smith to Ada Smith, lots 1 and 2, block 21, Canby; \$10.

United States to George and Caroline Welch, 60 acres in Sec. 25, T. 1 S., R. 3 E.; patent.

M. R. Snidow to W. L. Snidow, lot 5, Britton's subdivision of tracts in Willamette Falls acreage; \$25.

F. C. and Katherine Mortenson to C. B. Pratt, lot 5, block 2, Kayler's addition to Molalla; \$10.

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Ladd & Tilton Bank to Lenora C. and Henry Atwater, lots 1 and 2, tract 3, Woodmont addition; \$300.

Lenora C. and Henry Atwater to George W. Green, lots 1 and 2 in Woodmont addition; \$10.

Lenora C. and Henry Atwater to James B. Atwater, lot 5, tract 1, Woodmont addition; \$10.

C. J. and Emma Johnson to Alice Millin, 3 acres in Sec. 19, T. 2 S., R. 2 E.; \$150.

E. and Marie Courand to Robert and Hattie Vorphal, 58 acres in Sec. 36, T. 2 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

Robert and Hattie Vorphal to E. and Marie Courand, 56 acres in Sec. 36, T. 2 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

George E. Knox to John R. Knox, half interest in part of tract 22, Horing Junction; same in tract 4; \$900.

Anron L. Yoder and Edna C. Yoder to Ernest Conrad, 17 1/4 acres in Sec. 15, T. 5 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

J. H. and Henrietta Johnson to Louisa E. Trembath, lot 2, block 3, Robertson; \$600.

Ferdinand and Lina Hopp to Carl and Augusta Schreudt, lots 1 and 2, and part of 3, block 7, Greenpoint; \$1000.

Percy T. Shelley et al to Edward S. Bottemiller, 50 acres, Sec. 26, T. 2 S., R. 7 E.; \$10.

H. S. and Charlotte Clyde to Austin and Mary Stevens, 4.35 acres in Sec. 23, T. 2 S., R. 2 E.; \$1000.

Chris and Mary Henriksen to John B. and Violet N. Lent, 20 acres in Sec. 4, T. 4 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

Ola M. Ogde to Myrtle Assembly No. 155, United Artisans, part of lot 5, block 2, Gurley's addition to Canby; \$10.

Howard and Florence Macomber to I. J. Edwards, 15 acres in Sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 1 W.; \$10.

George N. and Hattie M. Chapman to Charles H. and Marie Steiner, 20 acres in Sec. 35, T. 3 S., R. 2 E.; \$10.

James H. and Nora C. Gray to Henry and Ottila Zollner, 120 acres in Sec. 14, T. 6 S., R. 2 E.; \$10.

A. S. Thompson to N. W. and Katherine Leadbetter, lots 12 and 1, block 1, Barlow; \$800.

Frank Z. Abe to R. M. Robinson, lot 5, block 15, Zobia's addition to Estacada and lot 18, block 10, Estacada; \$10.

Eunice G. Sargent to Joseph Fifer, lots 23 to 26, block 5, White City Park; \$10.

Henrietta Rawie to Katherine C. Strutz, lots 22, 23, 24, block 13, Minthorn addition to Portland; \$1.

Charles E. Nash to Carrie E. Nash, lots 1 and 2, block 139, Oregon City; \$1.

John Vaughn to Thomas Edward Shea, 1/4 acre in Sec. 3, T. 5 S., R. 2 E., for roadway; \$1.

North Bend—The Buehner Lumber Co. planning large planing mill and finishing plant.

## NATION-WIDE DRIVE TO GET COMMUNITY CLUBS FOR SAMMIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—An intensive nation-wide campaign to obtain funds for the war camp community recreation service was begun today and will continue throughout the week. From coast to coast an army of volunteer workers is soliciting subscriptions for a fund of \$4,000,000 needed to provide wholesome surroundings for enlisted men in communities adjacent to the country's military camps.

The fund raised is to be used in such organized work as follows:

Building of community club houses outside the camps for soldiers and sailors, with all the advantages that the average club possesses in the way of athletic contests, swimming pool, billiards, reading and writing facilities and numerous other features.

## ESPEE'S VALUATION SET BACK \$800,000 BY TAX COMMISSION

SALEM, Or., Nov. 5.—At a meeting of the state tax commission today the proposed valuation of the Southern Pacific for taxation purposes was reduced by \$800,000, making the valuation for taxation for next year \$44,614,850. The proposed valuation was \$400,000 in excess of that of last year so that the reduction gives the company a valuation that is \$400,000 less than the one last year.

The proposed valuation of the Oregon-Washington Rail Road & Navigation company was reduced approximately \$200,000, but this leaves its valuation still approximately \$800,000 higher than that of last year.

## OREGON FARMER ROBBED BY WIFE SEEKS A DIVORCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Alleging that his wife, Mary Howard, had robbed him of \$25,000 in money, property and promissory notes, Walter Howard, stock raiser of Modoc county and southern Oregon, Wednesday filed suit for divorce.

Howard says his wife had stripped him of every cent and he asks temporary alimony covering his residence in San Francisco until such time as the divorce action is settled.

Judge Flood has issued a restraining order preventing Mrs. Howard from disposing of any of the property.

## HOG CHOLERA IS CAUSE OF GREAT PORK SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Hog cholera killed enough animals last year to have fed 1,000,000 soldiers a meat ration for five and a half months, the department of agriculture announced today. This enormous loss, the statement said, was unnecessary as hog cholera to a large extent can be prevented or controlled through vaccination, disinfection and the quarantine of infected herds.

## MAMMOTH AIRCRAFT FACTORY BE BUILT NEAR LOS ANGELES

SANDIEGO, Cal., Nov. 5.—A company headed by Floyd Smith, Los Angeles airman, will begin the construction of a million dollar aircraft factory and experimental station on the outskirts of Los Angeles within the next ten days. Announcement to this effect was made here by Smith. The concern will build fast single seat scout and combat planes for the navy, with a speed of more than 135 miles an hour. Smith spent several months abroad with the British royal naval air service.

## PRACTICE UNWRITTEN LAW.

RED LODGE, Mont., Nov. 5.—Frank Annerer, 40, rode 35 miles from his homestead to Red Lodge today to surrender himself to the authorities after killing his wife and shooting and probably fatally wounding his employer, Seth Tripp. Annerer said his wife and Tripp were too intimate.

## Value—Good oil signs with strong paraffine base in well here at depth of 708 feet.

## UNITED STATES JAPAN AGREE AS TO CHINA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Japan and the United States have reaffirmed their determination to preserve the "open door" in China.

Japan is prepared to do everything in her power to promote "the suppression of Prussian militarism" and both nations have checked "a feeling of suspicion" according to practically identical notes exchanged between Viscount Ishii and Secretary of State Robert Lansing, supplemented by a statement of the latter, all of which was made public here today.

The clear and definite understanding between the United States and Japan that both shall oppose "the acquisition by any government of any special rights or privileges that would affect the independence or territorial integrity of China or that would deny to the subjects or citizens of any country the full enjoyment of equal opportunity in the commerce and industry of China" grows out of the visit of the special diplomatic mission of which Viscount Ishii was the head, to Washington. This understanding is affirmed in notes exchanged between the two statesmen and bearing the date of November 2.

## EIGHT MILLION FAMILIES SIGN PLEDGE CARDS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The eight million mark has been passed on the scorecard of the family enrollment campaign in the Washington headquarters of the food administration, and indications are that when all returns are in they will show that half the people of the country have agreed to support the administration's plan for food conservation.

## OPENING OF O. & C. LAND GRANTS NOW UP TO COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Final plans for the opening of the agricultural lands of the Oregon & California grant await the return of Commissioner Clay Tallman of the general land office from his trip to the far west. It is believed that some important decisions will be reached soon after his return.

One of the important matters to be settled is the method of opening. By some it has been assumed that applications would be received at land office upon a given date. A better guess is that the registration and drawing system will be followed, as a big demand for the land is forecast and this plan fits better where there is keen competition.

Several weeks ago, when the payment of taxes was being worked out, it was understood that the opening of agricultural land would follow as quickly as possible the payment of the taxes. The tax adjustment has taken more time than was anticipated, however, and the season is so well advanced toward winter that suggestion is now made of the postponement of settlement until next spring.

## ORCHARD COMPANY ASKS AID SOCIETY IN APPLE PICKING

WALLA, WALLA, Wash., Nov. 7.—Fearing much of their crop would be damaged by freezing weather, the Baker-Langdon Orchard company sent out an emergency call for pickers Saturday, and on Sunday 500 residents of this city, some of them prominent society people, went out with their lunches and picked 25,000 boxes before sundown. There are still 35,000 boxes on the trees and the regular picking force of 300 men and boys is working overtime to complete the harvest. The total crop of the orchard this year is 150,000 boxes, this being the biggest commercial orchard in the west.

## MARSHFIELD BOOTLEGGER FINED

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 5.—Fred Nelme of Marshfield was found guilty in the circuit court of bootlegging and fined \$200 and sentenced to six months in the county jail. He was indicted for selling a bottle of whiskey for \$5. He claimed he got the whiskey from another man to accommodate a friend, but Judge Coke held that this did not lessen his guilt of selling illegally.

## Governor Will Resign to Go to the War



**GOV. KEITH NEVILLE**, Governor of Nebraska, has made up his mind to resign his place to go to the war in Europe. He has been appointed colonel of a Nebraska National Guard Regiment and he is now waiting to hear from the war department.

## TAX COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE RATIOS FOR COUNTY TAXES

SALEM, Or., Nov. 7.—The state tax commission today announced the ratios to be used in the assessment of the properties of public service corporations, and also in equalizing the state tax. They are:

Baker, 75; Benton, 62; Clackamas, 55; Clatsop, 75; Columbia, 55; Coos, 55; Crook, 59; Curry, 57; Deschutes, 48; Douglas, 73; Gilliam, 78; Grant, 71; Harney, 55; Jackson, 62; Jefferson, 70; Josephine, 71; Lake, 76; Lane, 50; Lincoln, 88; Linn, 68; Malheur, 59; Marion, 68; Morrow, 88; Multnomah, 50; Polk, 49; Sherman, 58; Tillamook, 93; Umatilla, 50; Union, 54; Wasco, 74; Washington, 51; Wheeler, 76, and Yamhill, 64.

## GERMAN ARCH SPY CAPTURED BY SECRET SERVICE AT BUTTE

BUTTE, Nov. 6.—Frederick August Schultz, declared by federal secret service agents to be a German arch spy for whom search has been made throughout the country, has been arrested here.

"It is an important arrest and one that may bring to light most sensational findings," was the word given out from the offices of the department of justice.

## TRANSPORT FINLAND TORPEDOED WHILE RETURNING TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The transport Finland was recently torpedoed while returning to the United States but was able to return to a foreign port under her own steam.

The navy department received a report of the attack and Secretary Daniels authorized its publication. The navy report does not say whether there was any loss of life or injury to the Finland.

"The official announcement was authorized as follows:

"The navy department has received dispatches stating that the transport Finland was torpedoed while returning from foreign waters. The damage to the ship was slight and she returned to port under her own steam. The Finland was under escort, but no sign of the torpedo or submarine was seen."

## TWENTY SLACKERS INDICTED SEATTLE INCLUDES A WOMAN

SEATTLE, Nov. 5.—Twenty-one indictments, including one charging Mrs. Louise Overman, a pronounced I. W. W., with attempting to hamper recruiting for the war, with half a dozen others with intent in trying to evade the selective draft, were returned by the federal grand jury Wednesday afternoon.

## SIGNAL CORPS AERO SQUADRON AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 6.—A signal corps battalion, about 4000 men, and an aero squadron, are to take the place at Vancouver barracks of the Fourteenth and Forty-fourth infantry commands, soon to leave for Camp Lewis, American Lake, according to headquarters orders this morning.

Additional buildings will be erected at the new cantonment to care for the additional men, though details of this feature of the change have not been received. Neither is it announced when the infantry will leave the barracks, though it will probably be within two weeks.

## PRO-GERMAN AGENCY HINDERS AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Convinced that pro-German agencies are at work to hinder the aircraft production program, officials believe a drastic campaign against agitators may be necessary, reaching to the spruce forests of the northwest, where the wood for airplanes is being cut.

Numerous cases of sabotage have been reported from mills that are cutting the airplane wood. Labor disturbances fomented by the Industrial Workers of the World have also been hampering the government in building air fleets.

The menace takes the form of accidents to mill machinery, fires in important lumber yards, boiler explosions and other happenings that might be due to chance or to carelessness. The regularity with which they have occurred, however, convinces officials here that a definite sabotage campaign has been organized by hidden enemies, which must be stamped out.

## BEND SCHOOLS CLOSE DURING FEVER SCARE

BEND, Or., Nov. 6.—On the report that there are 15 cases of scarlet fever among the children of Bend, the school board issued an order Monday closing the grade schools for a week, with the probability of extending the time.

Moving picture theatres, aiding in the effort to prevent the further spread of the disease, are refusing to admit children under 17 years of age.

That the epidemic stage of the fever undoubtedly has been reached was the report of the district physician. The rapidity of infection has been augmented by children returning to classes before entirely cured. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in enforcing the quarantine.

## Phone Strikers From Northwest May Form Union

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 5.—Representatives of the striking Seattle telephone employes' unions left today for Tacoma to meet there this afternoon with union delegates from Portland, Tacoma and other northwest cities at which plans will be discussed for forming a separate northwest union organization to carry on the telephone strike.

If no local organization is formed the unions will lay plans to induce the California unions to join the strike. W. F. De Laney, who has been representing the Seattle unions at the conference with Mediator Reed in San Francisco is expected to attend the Tacoma meeting.

## ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL FARMERS

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or chosen at Thursday's meeting are President H. G. Starkweather, Milwaukie; vice-president, C. E. Spence, Beaver Creek; secretary-treasurer, M. C. Glover, Eagle Creek; the members of the council are Frank Ewing, Estacada; Mr. Cook, Hazelia; Otis Dory, Molalla; T. P. Wilson, Logan; C. L. Thomas, Stafford; E. C. Dye, Parkplace; E. P. Conlton, Damascus; and Judge Dimick, Oregon City. The meeting and perfecting of the organization was aided by state leader of county agents Paul V. Maris of Corvallis and his assistant W. L. Kaddery, of Corvallis and R. J. Werner, county agent for this county.

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SORELIA, OREGON.—"I have suffered everything during expectancy but the last time I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and I never missed a meal and had comparatively no suffering. I would surely recommend the 'Prescription' to all prospective mothers and, also, for young girls coming into womanhood. 'A friend is taking this medicine now as I advised her to and she is improving fast. One would not know she was the same woman.'—Mrs. H. E. Gussok.