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## RULERS OF GERMANY ARE FORCED BY PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The general opinion among officials and diplomats here is that the German proposal for an armistice and peace, while having its origin in a plan to gain time for the strengthening of the army and the restoring of its shattered morale, has now gotten beyond the control of the military party, and that the German people are the force which is driving the German government to make a move for ending the war.

Another note from the German government explanatory of the changes that have been made or are projected in the German constitution and form of government was received today through the Swiss legation, but the State Department did not make it public.

This note was understood to be supplementary to the preceding German communication, saying to the President that he must have knowledge of the efforts that have been made to democratize Germany.

President Wilson was at work today on his reply to Austria's renewed plea for an armistice and peace, and it was expected that it would be dispatched before night, but later today it was said at the State Department that there would be no announcement regarding the reply tonight.

## DRIVE IS ON FOR RECORDS FOR SOLDIERS

A drive will be carried on this week for records for the soldier boys at Vancouver Barracks and Camp Lewis, and other cantonments, where the boys have been provided with Victrolas and gramophones. There are many records in the homes that people are tired of, or there may be a favorite selection that you desire to present Uncle Sam's men with. They may be left at the Harmlinger & Andersen store, and these will be forwarded to Vancouver.

It has been found that the phonograph is one of the greatest pleasures afforded the soldiers, and each evening they delight in the music. It was during one of the fiercest battles recently when the signal came to shell the German lines, the men shouted to bring the phonograph along, and as they served, pointed and fired the gun, they strained their ears for a bit of music from the little machine poised on a tree stump nearby.

## C. W. PORTER, VICTIM OF WRECKED SOPHIA, TO BE BURIED HERE

Mrs. Clarence Porter and her mother-in-law, Mrs. R. W. Porter, of Gladstone, received a telegram from Juneau, Alaska, Wednesday, saying that the body of Clarence Porter was among those washed ashore from the wrecked Sophia in the Alaskan waters. The body will be shipped to Oregon City for burial.

Mr. Porter was on his way to Oregon City from Fairbanks, and had intended to spend the winter with his mother at Gladstone, where his wife and daughter, Miss Alta, were at the time of the disaster. It was Mr. Porter's intention to remain in Oregon, as it was his former home state, and had looked forward with pleasure of returning. It has been thirteen years since he visited here, but has been in business in Alaska for 20 years. Mr. Porter had intended accompanying friends on a boat that left a few days before, but had changed his mind and purchased a ticket for the Sophia.

Many friends of Mrs. Clarence Porter were on the ill-fated Sophia, who met their death by drowning.

Mr. Porter was well known here, where he spent his boyhood days, and his death has cast a gloom among his numerous friends and acquaintances.

## MEDFORD SHIPS APPLES

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 28.—It is estimated that 100 carloads of apples remain to be shipped from this valley. The new rate, in effect here since October 24, saves the shipper \$60 a car. Thirty-two cars have already been shipped. The epidemic delayed picking, but preparation is made for resumption of that work this week.

## OREGON MILLS BID ON CONTRACT FOR GOVERNMENT ORDER

Oregon, Washington and California woolen mills were bidders Monday on 275,000 blankets for the government. Bids were opened in San Francisco and the total contract will be in excess of \$1,500,000. Oregon and Washington mills underbid Eastern mills for the high grade blankets, while the latter mills submitted bids also for second grade blankets. For army uses the government in the market ORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY it is the Public Auditorium have been Portland, Ore. for 186,000 of them.

Following are the Pacific Coast bids and the quantities offered to be contracted for:

- Portland Woolen mills, 60,000 blankets at \$7.50.
- Washougal Woolen mills, 50,000 at \$7.75.
- Thomas B. Kay Woolen mills, Salem, 20,000 blankets at \$7.57 1/2.
- Eugene Woolen mills, 6000 at \$8.
- Oregon City Woolen mills, 50,000 at \$7.85.
- Inland Woolen mills, Spokane, 25000 at \$8.50.
- Matson Woolen mills, Seattle, 20000 at \$8.
- Golden State Woolen mills, Long Beach, Cal., 15,000 at \$7.25.
- Mission Woolen mills, Santa Ana, Cal., 29,000 at \$7.75.

Oregon woolen mill managers will meet at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon to plan concerted action toward obtaining further war orders.

## SPANISH INFLUENZA IS ON DECLINE HERE REPORT OFFICIALS

According to the report of Dr. Norris, city health officer, the influenza is at a standstill in Oregon City. No deaths have been reported during the past few days and in fact but three or four have died from this disease in the city. Great efforts have been made to prevent the spread of the disease and the local doctors have been working night and day to this end. Many have been inoculated and other means have been employed during the rage of the epidemic. Very few gauze masks have been worn here but all public places are still closed as a preventive.

## DR. MEISSNER HAS STARTED WORK ON THE LOCAL DRAFT BOARD

Tuesday was the first day for Dr. Meissner, newly appointed examining physician for the local draft board. The first allotment of men from Clackamas county, who waived exemption and called by the board for immediate duty in the last draft were examined. They numbered 50 in all, and 50 more will be up for examination today, and 50 more tomorrow. They are all class 1 men. Dr. Meissner, the examining physician, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of Dr. Guy Mount, who was called to the colors a few days ago.

## SPANISH INFLUENZA ON DECLINE HERE NO DEATHS REPORTED

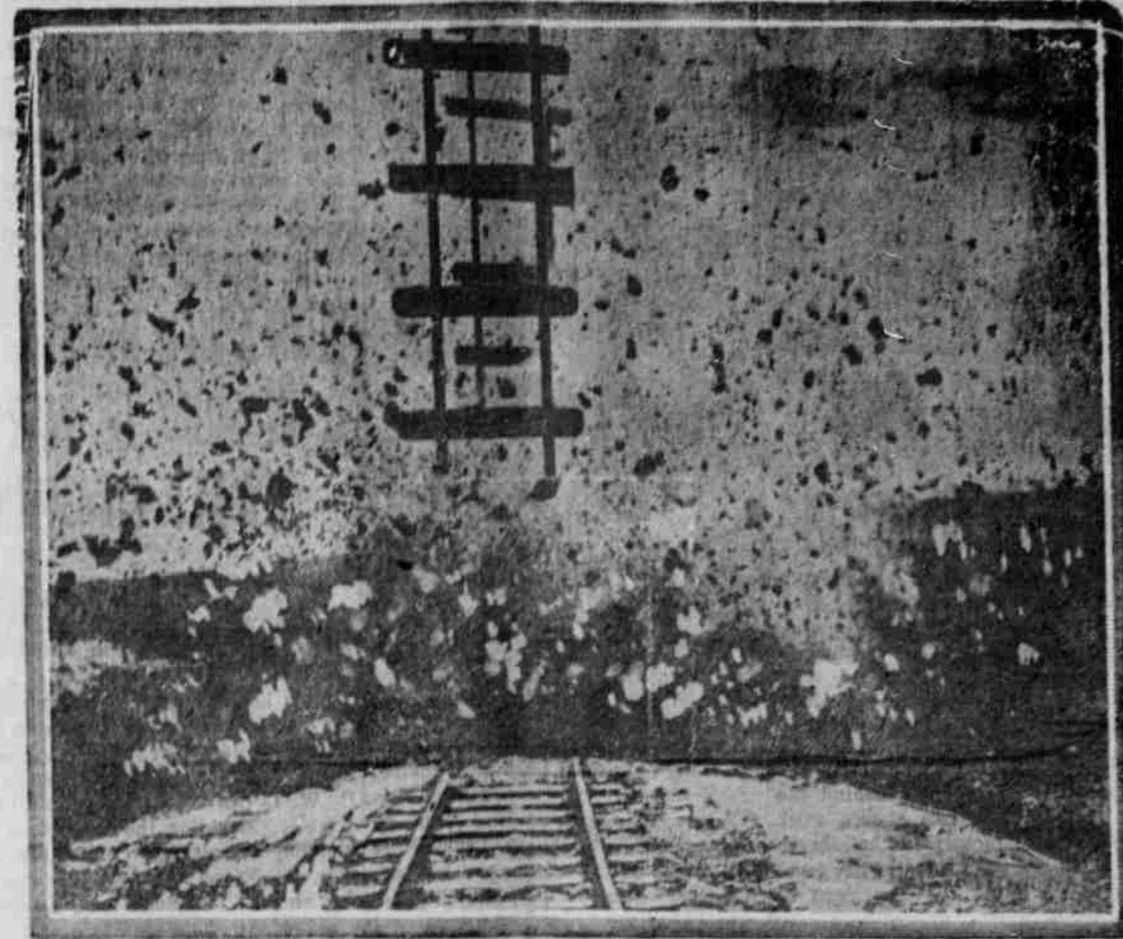
There were no deaths reported caused by Spanish influenza Tuesday, the first day that has missed a death for a week. From indications the dread disease is on the decline, as few new cases have been reported, although care is being taken, and the inoculation is still going on by the physicians of the city, as a means of stamping out the disease.

Dr. M. C. Strickland, county health officer, reports there are about 60 cases in the county, several of whom are still in a critical condition.

## LARGE AMOUNT OF REVENUE IS PAID HERE

The largest amount ever paid as revenue in the recorder's office here was paid Tuesday by the Nedra Company, when a quit claim deed was entered upon the records carrying \$30 in revenue stamps. The deed in question was issued to the Nedra company by John E. and Susan Scott Cronan giving clear title to a tract of land situated in section 6, township 2, range 2 east, Clackamas county.

## Railroad Blown Up in Face of Advancing Yankees



At one point in the rout of the Germans on the western front a railroad bridge was blown up in the face of the advancing Yankees. The cross structure in the air is a part of the bridge with the rails rising from the charge.

## PEOPLE'S LAW TO BE PRESERVED Voters Urged to Vote to Save the Initiative and Referendum.

There is a very simple way to kill the initiative and referendum. Abuse its powers and the best weapon of self-protection ever established for an electorate, will die a natural death. The voters alone hold the secret of preserving the Oregon system. The people's weapon must be preserved by the people. They alone can protect themselves by turning down all unnecessary and freakish laws. The time to strike is at the polls, and every ethical measure which fails to measure up to genuine public service requirements, should be most vigorously swatted.

One man, or a single group of men, may kill the initiative and referendum. A proposed measure, if actuated by personal spite, political jealousy, or kindred motives, will do more to abolish the Oregon system, when once placed on the statute books, than a hundred direct attacks on the initiative and referendum.

A safe and sane plan for the voters to follow, if they would preserve the sanctity of the Oregon system, is to vote a general "NO" on all measures submitted for consideration of the people, unless the intent of the framers is clear beyond question, and the voter can see genuine merit in the bill. When in doubt, vote "NO," should be the slogan. In 99 cases out of a hundred this rule, if followed, will do more to preserve the initiative and referendum, than any other course at the polls.

The 100th case however, happens to be on the ballot to be voted on next week. This is the referendum by the state tax commission authorizing an increase in the state levy to meet war-time emergencies. An emphatic "Yes" should be voted on this measure, for there is no argument against it in view of present conditions. Oregon's war record must be kept up at all cost.

With this exception, however, the voters should register a vigorous protest on every other bill proposed at the coming election, or referred, as the case may be. There happens to be four referendums and two initiative measures to be considered at the coming election. They should be snuffed under, with the exception of the war emergency measure mentioned.

No one will deny that a normal school is a splendid institution;

## CAMPAIGN TO BE CONDUCTED ON SCHEDULE

The campaign for the Seven War Activities will take place on the time designated, according to word received here Friday by A. C. Howland, county chairman. The telegram follows:

"I have just received, from John R. Mott, National Campaign Manager, telegram as follows: Committee has decided after careful consideration and wide consultation to adhere to original date and conduct of drive as planned. Have visited Washington today and took matter up with war department and President Wilson and they fully support this decision. In some sections talk of postponing campaign on account of influenza epidemic. This settles that matter definitely. ORLANDO W. DAVIDSON, State Director."

## FEAR IS CAUSE OF SOVINSKY'S LEAVING

Dreading arrest on a charge of setting out a brush fire without a permit, Antone Sovinsky, of the Highland district, has deeded his property to his wife and left the county. About two weeks ago a slashing fire was set on the Sovinsky place, and a crew of men was sent out to fight the flames, which were subdued at a cost of more than \$200 to the forest fire control bureau, and a warrant was issued for Sovinsky's arrest.

Before the warrant could be served, Sovinsky was reported ill, with symptoms of Spanish influenza, and was placed in quarantine by Dr. H. V. Adix, of Estacada. Sovinsky recovered, and went before Justice of the Peace Mat Kandle, of Highland, and executed a deed for his property to his wife and left for Portland. His present whereabouts are unknown.

Sovinsky was evidently badly frightened at the charge against him, though he would probably have escaped with a fine of \$10 had he appeared and entered a plea of guilty.

## WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE DOES MUCH FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Preparing for the time when 4,000-600 American fighting men will be under arms in this country and overseas, the seven welfare organizations serving the soldiers, will, at the request of President Wilson, make a united drive for \$170,500,000, November 11 to 18.

These organizations are already caring for the physical, moral and spiritual needs of the men already in service. In the front line trenches, under shell fire and gas attack, in the rest camps behind the lines, on the transports crossing the ocean, in the home camps and wherever the fighting men are to be found, the secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Salvation Army and Jewish Welfare Board are doing valiant work.

The Y. W. C. A. is doing a wonderful service with its Hostess Houses and among women munition workers, the American Library Association is supplying thousands of books to the men and the War Camp Community Service is looking after the soldiers in the cities adjacent to the camps.

Each of the seven welfare organizations has its particular work and looks to the people for support. These organizations link the soldier with home to strengthen his morale and make life easier and happier for him. To support them is to furnish your boy or your neighbor's boy with the comforts and conveniences which you want him to have.

## SUIT IS FILED TO COLLECT ON NOTE OF \$1950

A. E. Brandon, administrator of the estate of Alberta W. Thompson, has instituted suit against I. G. Davidson and Ida May Davidson, his wife, H. F. Bushong, trustee in bankruptcy and F. W. Goldabb for the foreclosure of a mortgage on Tract O, Clackamas Riverside, given to secure the payments of a note for \$1950, executed October 31, 1917, by Mr. and Mrs. Davidson in favor of Alberta W. Thompson. Bushong and Goldabb claim some interest in the property.

## STUTZ ADJUDGED INSANE AND IS TAKEN TO SALEM

Charles F. Stutz, who was arrested last week on a charge of violation of the espionage act, was Friday committed to the state hospital for the insane and was taken to Salem that night. Stutz was arrested upon complaint of his wife and daughters for disloyal utterances, but after he had been taken to Portland on the federal charge, Mrs. Stutz relented and insisted that her husband was insane, so he was brought here and given an examination by Dr. C. H. Meissner and Dr. M. C. Strickland before County Judge Anderson, and adjudged insane. He is a resident of Bolton, aged 53 years, and is the father of 12 children, all of whom are living. He has two sons in the army and was born in Kentucky of German parentage.

Several years ago Stutz received a blow on the head and has not been of sound mind since.

## MANY SELECTIVES TO BE SENT IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—A call for 5182 selective service men between the ages of 19 and 36, who registered September 12, will be made in Oregon during November and December, according to a telegram received Wednesday morning by Captain J. E. Cullison, state selective executive, from the provost marshal general's office.

The quota assigned to Oregon is only indefinite and provisional, since the plan of fixing the state allotments on the basis of national and state strength of all class 1 men of the September registration which has been adopted, cannot be carried out at present because of Spanish influenza, making it impossible to determine the strength of any state. The temporary allotments made for the November and December calls will be adjusted later and the states given credit for any additional men over their actual quota they may have supplied. The allotment of no state should exceed 12 per cent of the total September registration between the ages of 19 and 36.

Since the influenza makes it impossible to set a definite date for inductions from the states, Captain Cullison was requested to inform the provost marshal general the dates on which the inductions could be fulfilled. Captain Cullison telegraphed that 2500 men could be supplied November 20 and the remainder of the provisional allotment December 20.

In the meantime all class 1 men remaining from previous registrations are to be inducted in calls expected within the next few days, according to Captain Cullison.

## GOVERNOR RECEIVES UNFAIR CRITICISM FROM OPPONENTS

Opponents of Governor Withycombe have devoted all of their time to criticizing minor details of his administration, and, in doing so, innumerable misrepresentation and misstatement of facts have been freely and recklessly employed. None of his critics has had the fairness to say that Governor Withycombe is loyal, patriotically American, and has at all times earnestly co-operated with the administration in the prosecution of the war.

None of these critics has pointed out the fact that it was due in large measure to the leadership of Governor Withycombe that Oregon has led all other states in responding to the country's call for soldiers and sailors, liberty bond and Red Cross drives and all other patriotic endeavors. They have neglected also to relate anything of the splendid efficiency of the State's military organization at the outbreak of the war, and for whose efficiency the Governor was responsible. Neither have they told the people of the state that Governor Withycombe in the organization of the military forces of the state, the medical corps, selection of officers and the formation of draft boards, absolutely ignored politics and chose men solely for their fitness and competency.

Governor Withycombe has a record for a sound business administration and loyal and earnest effort in the nation's present crisis that should command the approval and support of the whole people.

## BIG WHEAT CROP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—A bumper supply of wheat on hand the first of October, is shown in a statement issued today by the department of agriculture. At that time there were 195,997,839 bushels on hand, as compared with 114,331,842, September 1. The supply, the report shows, is almost three times as large as a year ago, the actual percentage being 297.6 of the 1917 stock. These figures refer to stocks actually reported and do not include stocks on the farms.

## FREIGHT ON BOOKS MUST BE PAID IN SOUTHERN OREGON

SALEM, Or., Oct. 28.—It will be necessary for the Red Cross to pay the local freight rate on a partial carload of magazines and other periodicals from Grants Pass to Medford, according to a ruling of the railroad administration which says there shall be no discrimination in favor of shipments of this character. The two towns were able to get together a carload of magazines for soldiers and asked the public service commission if the local rate from Grants Pass to Medford could be waived. Commissioner Corey took the question up with the railroad officials and they cited the administrator's ruling.

## AMERICANS CAPTURE PRISONERS AND GUNS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Thirty-three thousand Austrian troops, hundreds of guns and innumerable machine guns have been captured by Italian and allied forces on the Italian front, said an official dispatch today from Rome. The 332d American infantry regiment has gone into action and the fighting now extends practically all along the course of the Piave river.

The Austrians are resisting stubbornly, throwing in many new divisions, but have not been able to stop the advancing forces.

The 332d United States Infantry is composed of men from Ohio and some Pennsylvanians. The Americans entered Italy late in July and were warmly greeted by the King and Ministers and the populace generally.

PARIS, Oct. 30.—General Pershing's forces today improved their positions in the region of Grand Pre. Bellejoie farm is now virtually within the American lines.

By the occupation of Aincerville the Americans have brought within their lines a series of hills and natural positions dominating the country for miles. Aincerville was taken with but little opposition, the resistance being principally from machine guns. Enemy artillery activity east of the River Meuse decreased this evening, but the Germans continued to throw gas into the left and other parts of the line and to hurl shells of large caliber in he back area. American artillery pounded away at the positions behind the German line. Their targets included cross roads and woods where enemy troops were reported to be encamped.

## GLADSTONE MAY NOT HOLD ANY CITY ELECTION

The City of Gladstone in all probability will not hold their city election this year, according to the report of the city officials. The new law, affecting city precincts with county boundaries, which must be co-terminous, makes it impossible for the City of Gladstone to hold a regular election on next Tuesday, November 5, inasmuch as their city charter carries an amendment to the effect that no election shall be held only on regular election dates, and the boundaries of the city have not been changed so as to make them co-terminous with the county precincts. According to the officials, the only solution to the problem is to have a recall of the present office holders, leaving one councilman and the mayor to hold office, then having new city officials appointed by these two. It was first suggested that the county court should change the boundaries at his late hour, but upon investigation it was found that they have no power in the matter, as the time had elapsed for the court to take action.

## ALTERNATES SENT TO CAMP IN PLACE OF DISQUALIFIED MEN

Robert Avery Snodgrass and Clyde Ernest Fischer were inducted into service yesterday and sent to Fort McArthur, Cal., to take the places of Walter W. Helms, of Garfield, and Henry Killo, who were physically incapacitated from going. Helms has Spanish influenza. Snodgrass and Fischer were alternates for the group of 12 men who left for Fort McArthur yesterday.

L. O. Eldred, of Molalla, and Albert Slop, of Boring, will be sent to Benson Polytechnic today, in place of Joseph Haas, of Maple Lane, who is a Spanish influenza patient, and Homer Hollowell, of Gladstone, who is ill.

## BOYS GET TRAINING

Ten members of the Oregon Agricultural College S. A. T. C. were ordered to Fort Monroe, Va., to attend the central officers' artillery school. Seven of them are from Portland. Those from Portland are as follows: Edgar A. Biersdorf, Joseph H. Cunningham, Wallace R. Hoffer, Trevor N. Kincaid, Dewey B. Larson, Carl M. Stebinger and George G. West. The others are Kenneth Phillips, Albany; John M. Pugh, Shedd; Mervyn Stephenson, Tillamook.