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### MOONSHINE STILL IS FOUND BY OFFICERS AT FRED BENSON HOME

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Wilson assisted by Federal officers, confiscated a complete moonshine still at the ranch of Fred Benson, about four and one-half miles southwest of Oregon City.

The officers knew that the man had the still made here last September and when they questioned him about it he at first claimed to have destroyed it. When asked to see the remains of it he finally admitted that he still had it and the officers brought the still here but did not arrest Benson. No evidence of liquor was found but the officers think the man has been experimenting with the still.

The officers have information that small worms are being sold in the Molalla country but have not apprehended the parties. All people are warned not to use these stills and are also asked to report an attempt of the sale of them.

### FARMERS' BUREAU HOLD MEETING HERE TUESDAY

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the court house Tuesday by the Farm Bureau of this county. This bureau is backing the county agent in his work and many important questions were discussed along this line. About 30 were present at the meeting.

Work of the county agent for the last year was discussed and the program for next year was given consideration. J. D. Brown, of the U. S. Employment Service, gave an interesting address and W. L. Kaddery spoke on the work of the county agents over the state.

The program for the Home Demonstration work was given consideration. This is a new item on the budget and those in attendance were strongly in favor of it. The work of this office is to have a demonstrator tour the county and give the work at the various meetings of the women's clubs.

The Industrial Club, is another new item on the county budget and the idea of this is to promote the work of the boys and girls in the county in their exhibits of farm produce. This was favorably discussed at the meeting and the majority were in favor of it. Clackamas county won first at the state fair this year for their exhibit, which was a credit to them. The amount of the budget to be raised in the county is more than doubled by the state and with the extra money this county should be able to make even a better showing.

The program for next year was thoroughly discussed as it is of interest to all farmers. The main items of the program are: Mole and gopher campaign; Canadian thistle control; livestock improvement; field demonstration of fertilizers; farm accounts; seed improvement; poultry production; drainage and the Farm Bureau of News.

The officers for the ensuing year, elected at the meeting, are: President, H. G. Starkweather, Milwaukie; H. C. Stevens, Estacada, vice-president, and Mrs. John Gaffney, secretary.

### ARTHUR C. DAVIS IS CAPTURED IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Arthur C. Davis is under arrest here today, charged with robbing the East Side bank of Portland, Or., of \$18,500.

He has confessed, the police say. The arrest was effected through the cleverness of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, former policewoman of Portland, who recognized Davis. Mrs. Baldwin saw Davis passing in an expensive automobile. She commanded a jitney and followed him. Finally when he alighted, she went up to him, engaged him in conversation and signalled a policeman.

The arrest was made last night, but was not announced until today.

Davis, who is married, and who is the son of a minister in Portland, was employed by the bank for a brief period before the robbery.

Soon after the money and bank's papers were missed, an attempt was made to find Davis. His wife said he had left her before daylight that morning after leaving \$1500 with her. This money she turned over to the bank. She said Davis left her in the early morning, returning later with a suit case. He then kissed her goodbye and gave her the money.

**SCHOENBORN ACQUITTED**  
Al Schoenborn, farmer of the Carus district, who was arrested for violation of the espionage act, and held for the Federal court, was given trial in Portland Monday and Tuesday and the verdict was acquittal.

The jury was out only about ten minutes and the verdict was unanimous.

### MORE TROOPS ARRIVE HOME FROM FRANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The British steamships Princess Juliana and Caronia, bringing small contingents of American military, naval and civilians from England and France, came into port today.

On the former were several groups of army and navy aviators. The Caronia's passengers were largely American, Canadian and Australian officers. Civilian passengers on the Caronia included D. Kalopothakis, a Greek diplomat, on a special mission to the United States.

The troopship Maui from Brest, with 64 officers and 2161 men, two days late on account of heavy weather, also arrived.

### SEA FREEDOM TO UNITED STATES IS VERY VITAL

LONDON, Dec. 13.—"The United States in this war has taken—as we all know; as we all most gratefully recognize—a part in the last two years of war without which we could not have had the success which the allies have now won. You cannot emphasize that too much or express too much appreciation for it."

Viscount Edward Grey, who was Britain's foreign minister when the war broke out, said this in a speech in which he linked the "freedom of the seas" with the "league of nations" as two inseparable issues.

It was the frankest and most constructive utterance any leading Briton has made on either problem since President Wilson's intention to solve both at the peace conference became known.

Viscount Grey declared that the United States had at first hampered but later cooperated in the British blockade of Germany, "without which Germany might have won the war."

"For the United States to abolish the right of blockade," he added, would nullify everything that they have done in this war."

It was an insult to America to think that such was her intention, the speaker said.

In effect, Viscount Grey told his audience:

"Why all this mystery? Stop hinting and insinuating. Quit trying to intercept President Wilson's ideas. Give him a chance to speak for himself. It is unthinkable that he should want to wreck the very weapon which, more than any other single factor, won the war: the right of blockade."

His own idea of President Wilson's plan was, Viscount Grey said, "that hereafter the freedom of the seas shall be secured to any nation which observes the covenant of the league of nations, and should be denied to any nation which breaks that covenant of the league of nations."

### OPTIMISTIC VIEWS OF LUMBER INDUSTRY ARE HELD BY PRODUCERS

Lumbermen in Portland recently attending the Loyal Legion meetings are optimistic over the prospects of the industry. They anticipate a steady and increasing demand for their products, beginning soon after the first of the year and continuing indefinitely, at prices that will permit them to maintain the present wage scale.

Until the new year, however, both the market and the industry are expected to be quiet. The mills that are shut down now probably will remain closed until they know exactly what market conditions will be.

Meanwhile the shipbuilders are trying to interest private operators and foreign governments in the Douglas fir wood ship with the hoped-for result that the industry can be continued on a permanent basis.

**ESCAPED MAN SOON RETAKEN BY OFFICIALS**  
SALEM, Dec. 16.—Carl Arosin, who escaped from the receiving ward of the Oregon State hospital about 7 o'clock Sunday night by removing screws which held the bars over the window, was caught a few hours later in the Southern Pacific yards and was returned to the hospital. As he was an auto mechanic, state hospital officials feared he would steal an automobile and attempt to complete his get-away in that manner. Four other patients in the room with Arosin refused to leave with him. He is a son of Mrs. Annie F. Arosin of Madison Park apartments, Portland.

**ASKS DIVORCE**  
Ida Thompson and Orrin Thompson were married at Jacksonville, Oregon, October 23, 1906, and she claims that after they moved to Portland he deserted her and she asks a divorce on these grounds.

### PRESIDENT GIVEN BIG WELCOME IN FRANCE

Brest, Dec. 13.—President Wilson was given a vociferous welcome as he rode through the streets of Brest this afternoon. He was greeted with a salute of guns, while people wildly cheered and bands played the "Star Spangled Banner." The steamer reached the harbor at 12:45 this afternoon.

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The president landed on the pier at 3:15 P. M., the great crowds on the waterfront wildly cheering.

Preceded by a big consort of allied battleships, cruisers and destroyers, the George Washington steamed into the harbor at 12:45 this afternoon. Instantly the harbor and town responded with a roar of welcome.

In the city the streets were lined with troops, townsfolk and picturesquely attired country people. Every house bore the colors of the United States and France. The display was unusual, even for a beflagged, victorious country. In addition, almost everyone in the crowd wore a tin flag or the American colors.

On the hillside overlooking the harbor were massed great banks of people, wildly cheering and waving their hands.

A singular feature was the suppressed interest of the German prisoners interned in Brest. It was evident that their interest in the visitor was as keen as that of the huge crowds. But the city authorities kept the prisoners in the background.

The first to greet the president were Colonel House, General Pershing and General Bliss.

### BOCHE ASK PROTECTION OF ALLIES IN BERLIN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13.—The German government will ask the allied armies to occupy Berlin, in case the Bolshevik movement continues to a speech at the capital, according to Berlin dispatches received today.

Scheidemann predicted American troops would soon arrive in Berlin, upon which his audience cheered.

"The government has decided to shrink from nothing to establish order," Scheidemann said, in addressing an open air meeting.

"We will request the enemy armies to occupy Berlin if the Spartacus group continues its demonstrations."

"We may have American troops here shortly—God knows for how long. Is that what the people of Berlin want?"

"Long live Wilson!" the crowd shouted.

"Better the Americans than the Spartacusians!"

### NECESSITY OF LARGE NAVY VITAL TO COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Neither the end of hostilities nor proposals for a League of Nations has altered the policy of the general board of the Navy in regard to making the Navy second to none in the world.

Rear-Admiral Charles J. Badger, chairman of the executive committee of the board, today told the House naval affairs committee that the Navy should be equal to that of any other nation by 1925, and urged that sufficient appropriations to make this possible be made by Congress.

The duty of the Navy, the Admiral said, will be not only to guard the country against invasion, but to protect as well the great merchant marine now being built.

Completion of the three-year building programme and authorized in 1916 and which was halted to build anti-submarine craft, was recommended by Admiral Badger. Work has not yet been started on six battleships, six battle cruisers, two scout cruisers, nine fleet submarines, two destroyer tenders, and one fleet submarine tender, he said. Lack of ships of this type, he declared, would have been fatal to the United States if it had been fighting the war alone.

**SOCIALISTS WILL FORM ASSEMBLY IN GERMANY**  
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The German congress of socialists today voted for the formation of a national assembly. This will take the place of the reichstag.

The decision to form a national assembly was a sharp defeat for the Spartacus, or extremist group, headed by Karl Liebknecht and his radical lieutenants.

The independent socialists deserted their former allies, the Spartacus group, and voted with the majority socialists for the first time.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Bolshevik leaders, today were refused permission to attend the national meeting of workmen and soldiers' councils.

Radical members introduced a resolution demanding for Liebknecht and his side the right to sit in the conference, but they were outvoted by a huge majority.

### WILSON SPEAKS AT RECEPTION OF DIPLOMATS

PARIS, Dec. 16.—"The United States entered the war not only because they were moved by a conviction that the purposes of the central empires were wrong and must be resisted by men everywhere who loved liberty and right, but also because the illicit ambitions they were entertaining and attempting to realize had led to practices which shocked our hearts as much as they offended our principles," declared President Wilson today in responding to the state reception given to him at the Hotel De Ville.

The speech was delivered to a brilliant throng of notables, including President Poincare and many diplomats and high statesmen.

### STATE WIDE INTERESTS ORGANIZED IN ONE BODY

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Organization of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce was perfected here today by the election of a board of directors of 15 members and the following officers: Charles Hall, Marshfield, President; J. N. Burgess, Pendleton, F. S. Bramwell, Grants Pass, and Emery Olmstead, Portland, vice presidents; William Pollman, Baker, treasurer, and George Quayle, Portland, secretary.

The directors chosen are: Eastern Oregon—J. T. Roriek, The Dalles; J. N. Burgess, Pendleton; J. P. Keyes, Bend; J. R. Blackaby, Ontario; Vincent Palmer, La Grande. Western Oregon—F. S. Bramwell, Grants Pass; Charles Hall, Marshfield; George H. McMarrin, Eugene; F. W. Schmitt, Salem; R. S. Shaw, Astoria; Multnomah county—Emery Olmstead, Portland; C. C. Chapman, Portland; Clatsop—William Pollman, Baker; E. E. Brodie, Oregon City; H. Hirschberg, Independence.

Standing committees were appointed on land settlement, irrigation and drainage, industries, transportation, markets, waterways, roads, mining, water power, agriculture, horticulture, dairying, lumber and livestock. The following committees were appointed this afternoon:

Executive—Charles Hall, Marshfield, chairman; H. Hirschberg, Independence; Emery Olmstead, Portland; William Pollman, Baker; E. E. Brodie, Oregon City; J. N. Burgess, Pendleton.

Membership—J. V. Tallman, Pendleton, chairman; W. E. Meacham, Baker; L. Adams, Oregon City; C. L. Barr, Astoria; H. J. Overturf, Bend; Theodore P. Cramer, Grants Pass; J. H. Koke, Eugene; Louis Lachmund, Salem; F. R. Brown, Heppner; F. C. Graham, Cove Orchards.

Legislative—H. G. Starkweather, Milwaukie, chairman; E. C. McVoy, The Dalles; C. E. Ingalls, Corvallis; Bernard Daly, Lakeview; C. C. Chapman, Portland; L. J. Simpson, North Bend; A. L. Mills, Portland.

C. H. Dye of Oregon City, is a member of the committee on roads. Nineteen of the 36 counties of Oregon are represented in the new association, the by-laws of which are so constructed that the influence of Portland is limited. Action by the Chamber on all matters of state-wide interest proposed for its consideration will be taken by a referendum vote of all the association members, and local organizations will be entitled to one vote for each 100 members or major fraction, the voting strength of any single association being limited to five. It is expected that practically every commercial organization in Oregon will affiliate with the new organization. Provision has also been made in the by-laws for individual memberships, without the right to vote.

### MANY CASES IN 4 YEARS HANDLED BY COMMISSION

SALEM, Dec. 12.—In a little more than four years, from July 1, 1914, to November 30, 1918, the state industrial accident commission disposed of 54,462 cases under the workmen's compensation law. In all that number of cases there were only 22 appeals by workmen from the decisions of the commission, which is an average of one appeal in 2475 cases decided, according to a statement given out by the commission.

Of the two appeals, 19 have been decided by the courts. In 13 cases the question involved was the right of the courts sustained the commission. In five cases, found for the workmen in five cases, while three cases were settled out of court.

The six remaining cases decided by the courts embraced the question of degree of dependency of parents in a fatal case and whether the condition of disability claimed by workmen resulted from an accident. Of this group, the courts sustained the commission in two cases, modified the decision of the commission in one case, found for the workmen in one instance, and two cases were settled out of court.

In the total of 19 cases decided by the courts, five were hernia cases, two being won by the commission, one by the claimant, and two were settled.

### PETITION FOR PROBATE

Petition for probate of the estate of the late William Browning Lucas was filed in the probate court Tuesday by Frank E. Lucas, of Parkplace. The estate consists principally of land in Linn county and personal property and is valued at \$7,500.

### VOLUNTEER SYSTEM FOR U. S. ARMY IS DOOMED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—"Taps" to the volunteer system of raising armies in war time by the United States was sounded here tonight by Major General Enoch E. Crowder, Provost Marshal-General, in an address to the retiring members of 189 New York draft boards. He earnestly advocated that the selective service system should become the permanent method of raising American armies in the future.

General Crowder declared that the selective service law had enabled the Government in this war to register 23,740,000 Americans, put into the field nearly 3,000,000 fighters and to have in readiness to entrain on November 11, when the armistice was signed, 2,000,000 more soldiers, all within a period of 18 months.

It would be a "calamity," General Crowder said, for the United States to revert to the volunteer system in view of such a successful test of selective service, adding that the American conscripts had shown the valor, aggressiveness and initiative of the most seasoned troops.

"What of the army you have raised?" asked General Crowder, referring to the drafted men, who has been sent overseas. "The answer comes back from France in no uncertain terms. These men you have sent to the colors have proved themselves the equals in aggressive fighting and soldierly bearing of the veterans of France and England."

### NEW YORK WELCOMES RETURNING SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The most imposing spectacle New York has witnessed since American troops began to arrive here from overseas attended the arrival today of the mighty transport Leviathan, formerly the Vaterland, with 9000 officers and men.

Steaming majestically toward her dock in Hoboken, the great liner was greeted by thousands of spectators, who had gathered at Battery Park, along the Jersey shores and in the windows and on the roofs of downtown buildings.

The great transport was officially escorted by the police boat Patrol. Aboard the Patrol was the police band and, as the Leviathan passed between the battery and the Statue of Liberty, the musicians struck up "The Star Spangled Banner."

Immediately every soldier and sailor who crowded the big liner's spacious decks turned his face toward the Statue of Liberty and stood at rigid attention until the anthem was finished, while the crowd ashore watched the spectacle with bared heads.

The Leviathan steamed into port without her usual camouflage for the first time since she has been used as a transport. Formerly she was painted like a zebra.

### ADOPTION OF REVENUE BILL SOON EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—After Senator Smith, of Utah, Republican, had delivered an address criticizing the war revenue bill, the Senate today began consideration of disputed sections of the measure. On the first roll call taken on the bill the Senate voted 36 to 16, to retain the finance committee's amendment providing for refund of taxes to those who demonstrate to the Treasury Department that in previous years they have suffered a net loss in their business.

Tomorrow it is planned to discuss the income tax section. General debate also may be reopened then as Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, senior Republican of the finance committee, plans an address during the day. Discussion by members, however, is not expected to delay long final disposition of the bill.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, said he expects passage of the measure by Christmas and Senator Smoot in his address expressed belief that the bill soon would be adopted.

### ARMISTICE IS EXTENDED ONE MONTH LONGER

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 13.—The German armistice has been extended until 5 o'clock on the morning of January 17, and the allies have notified Germany that they reserve the right to occupy the neutral zone east of the Rhine from the Cologne bridgehead to the Dutch frontier, according to a dispatch from Treves.

The message states the following condition has been added to the armistice agreement:

"The supreme command of the allies reserves the right, should it consider this advisable, and in order to obtain fresh guarantees, to occupy the neutral zone on the right bank of the Rhine north of the Cologne bridgehead as far as the Dutch frontier. Notice of this occupation will be given six days previously."

Marshal Foch has announced in behalf of Herbert C. Hoover, the American Food Administrator, that 2,500,000 tons of cargo space lying in German harbors must be placed under the control of the allies to supply Germany with foodstuffs. The ships are to remain German property.

### PERSHING MAKES STATEMENT OF ALL CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—General Pershing called the War Department today that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by December 20 and of severely wounded by December 27.

The report from the American commander was in reply to specific questions called by the War Department. In asking regarding the casualties in the 30th Division, the department said there had been "much apprehension" here about the losses of this unit which helped the British army break the famous Hindenburg line.

General Pershing said that the number of unreported casualties in process of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary forces on December 14 was 40,440. They were divided as follows:

Killed in action, 300; died of wounds, 275; died of disease, 353; accidentally killed, 51; severely wounded in action, 30,371.

These included all "suspense cases under investigation," the General said.

Total casualties to November 23 in the 30th (Wild Cat) Division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) were given as 7623. The casualties were classified as follows:

Killed in action, 1168; died of wounds, 283; died of disease, 15; died of other causes, 5; severely wounded, 1181; wounded, degree undetermined, 805; slightly wounded, 3973; missing or captured, 193.

General Pershing also reported that the number of duplicated casualties discovered in the central records office since November 27 would not operate to reduce the total for the entire expeditionary forces given in his summary of that date, as additional casualties reported more than offset the duplicates.

### MANY POINTS UNSETTLED AT RATE HEARING

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—The four-day hearing, in which the Oregon Public Service Commission sought to learn from officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company just why increased phone rates are necessary, terminated today with many obscure points yet remaining. The Commissioners indicated this by calling upon the company representatives for all sorts of data not produced at the inquiry.

The hearing is not concluded. It is to be resumed upon 10 days' notice. One of the Commissioners suggested that "the whole question is still open." Chairman Miller carefully explained that new testimony and new exhibits may be introduced and that in all other respects the second part of the hearing will merely be a continuation of the investigation.

As cross-examination of Mr. Phillips was finished, Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson, representing the City of Portland in the matter as Mr. Bailey represented the State, moved that the petition for the increase in rates be denied. He declared that "not sufficient evidence to base the rates upon" had been adduced.

Chairman Miller denied the motion, with the explanation that the hearing is yet to be completed.

James T. Shaw, attorney and rate expert for the telephone company, was in the witness chair during most of the day. At one juncture he was charged by Commissioner Buchtel with being insulting and making the hearing as fruitless as possible. The flareup in proceedings was glossed over and there were outward expressions of good will as adjournment was taken.

### VILLA IS PLOTTING THE OVERTHROW OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 17.—General Felipe Angeles, former artillery chief for Francisco Villa, crossed the Mexican border near here recently with five other Villa chiefs for the purpose of joining Villa in the field near Western Chihuahua.

He arrived here from New York in disguise and was met at the border by Villa agents. It is believed here he is on a special mission to Villa from a group of Mexican politicians, whose known purpose is to attempt to start a movement against the Mexican government January 1 and declare Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez provisional president.

### FRANK JONES DIES TUESDAY OF INFLUENZA

Frank Jones, of Sixteenth and Division streets, died at the family residence Tuesday evening from influenza. Mr. Jones was suffering from a broken leg when he was taken ill with influenza.

Mr. Jones was born in Wisconsin, and was 39 years of age. He had been a resident of Oregon City but a short time. He is survived by a widow and six children.

### BIG STRIKE IN BERLIN CALLED BY BOLSHEVIKI

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—A general strike was called in Berlin today. Advice from the frontier early today said that 35,000 workers had gone out and that only two newspapers were published.

The Ebert government was unable to check the Bolshevik propaganda for a general strike.

The attempted coup of President Fehrenbach, of the reichstag to summon that body and the bundesrat will fail unless it is the prelude to a bigger and more perilous armed counter-revolutionary plan before the national assembly is convoked, it was reported from a German source.

Stormy scenes were threatened in Berlin as a result of the labor troubles and the attempt of the congress of soviets to meet.

Dr. Hugo Haase, an Independent Socialist member of the German government, was quoted as saying in an interview at Berlin that, as the Ebert regime actually holds the central power, therefore it is entitled to negotiate, according to international law. The government will recognize a national assembly and not the reichstag, Haase declared.

Dr. Haase said that the German government neither desires nor is it capable of resuming the war, and if the entente attempted to crush out the revolutionary forces the Germans could not offer any effectual armed resistance.

### FRENCH PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTING OUR PRESIDENT

PARIS, Dec. 17.—President Wilson has been deeply impressed by the magnificent reception given him in Paris, the more so that assurances are declared to have come to him that the French people as a whole are sincere in their acceptance of his principles and will uphold them.

That the people are supported in this by the government seems to be indicated by the first interview between President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau. There was no lack of warmth in the French statesman's appreciation of the American position, it was declared, it being indicated, on the other hand, that his attitude was thoroughly sympathetic.

King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, who will reach Paris Thursday, will visit President Wilson the following afternoon, according to present arrangements.

It was originally intended by the Italian embassy to have King Victor Emmanuel and President Wilson attend dinner on Friday but for ceremonial reasons it has been decided that this will not be practicable as the dinner is to be in the king's honor and it is not customary to have two heads of state at a dinner when one is the guest of honor.

### 15,000 MEN ARE RELEASED DAILY FROM U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—More than 15,000 officers and men are being discharged from the army daily, and the number will be doubled before long. General March, chief of staff, announced this afternoon at his weekly conference with representatives of the press. The demobilization machinery is now working more smoothly than at any time, the general said, and to date the number of men designated for demobilization at the various camps and cantonments is 824,000.

To date the number of members of the American expeditionary force that have actually sailed from France is 1173 officers and 30,750 men, and the total already designated to return, including those that have sailed, is 5563 officers and 135,262 men.

General March also announced the scheduled early return to the United States of additional units of the American expeditionary forces, comprising 4845 American soldiers and 172 officers.

Prominent among the organizations is the Fifty-first regiment, coast artillery corps with 70 officers and 1770 men.

### MINISTERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO PREACH GERMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—German Lutheran pastors were instructed to preach pro-German sermons before the war, Captain Lester, of the army intelligence service, told the senate propaganda investigating committee today.

Some of the pastors who joined the army later and continued preaching favorably to Germany now are in the Atlanta penitentiary.

On the other hand, Captain Lester said, other Lutheran ministers were wholly loyal. He said representatives of the larger German Lutheran synods informed the intelligence service that some ministers were disloyal and that steps were being taken to get them out of the church.

O. E. S. ELECTS  
On Thursday evening, Dec. 12, Laurel Chapter No. 113, O. E. S., of Canby, elected the following officers: