CAUTION URGED IN HANDLING RUSSIA

Separate Peace Project May Fail.

NO PRESSURE, POLICY NOW

sheviki Might Cause Reaction.

HOPE STILL ENTERTAINED

Slavs, After All, May Not Violate Entente Treaty and Coming Conference With Germans May Fail of Purpose.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Realization low her jaw lodged in the floor. The second Whitmeyer fired into his own skull. He fell forward, dying inof the danger of causing a reaction in Russia favorable to the central powers by intervention in the political affairs of the new democracy has caused officials here to sound a note of warning against hasty condemnation of the BOOTLEG FINES PAY COST Bolsheviki.

tolerant policy in dealing with Russia apparently not only is a purpose to demonstrate faith in the ultimate stabilization of the democracy, but a faint hope that the extremist faction which is for the moment in control of the government will refrain from violating Russia's treaty pledges to the entente allies and make a separate peace.

So long as there is a possibility the Commissioners authorize the place.

scheme founded on "no annexations and no indemnities" and the German demands for compensation and "ade quate safeguards for the future," it is regarded as bad policy to exert any essure from the outside at this stage. To do so it is believed would only tend to cause resentment in Russia and to solidify the various elements around the Petrograd regime.

criticism here of the Russian tangle, leaving the commissioners gathering at least.

It is even possible that in pursuance of the idea that by moral suasion Russia can be prevented from going to the extreme of making a separate peace some of the entente powers may decide to make some sort of acknowledgement of the receipt of the Lenine-Trotzky peace and armistice proposal.

No surprise is felt in diplomatic circles here at the speedy acceptance great opportunity to eliminate Russia \$2,570,147. as an offensive military force for the many days, weeks or even months durmatists might protract the negotiations for an armistice and peace.

Troop Release Possible.

In the meantime, of course, there may be released for active service against the British, French and Italians on the west front hundreds of thousands of German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian soldiers hitherto maintained on the eastern front.

It will be for the inter-allied conference in Paris to devise some means of ment itself through an exposition of the duplicity and real aims of the Germans or by recourse to the elements Russia represented by General Kaledines and other leaders who have the Maximalists.

The letter of Lord Lansdowne, suggesting a moderation of allied war aims, which has aroused such a bitter feeling in England, may, in the opinior of some of the diplomatic officials here, prove a powerful factor in keeping the Bolsheviki within the entente allied Army camps for the week ending No-circle by letting them perceive that their own doctrines regarding peace health report of Surgeon-General Gortheir own doctrines regarding peace are not lacking in support among entente statesmen.

Hungarian government, according to a dispatch from Vienna, has sent an official reply accepting the Russian government's wireless proposal to enter into negotiations for an armistice and a general peace treaty.

The reply was sent yesterday and is by the Russian government for negotiations for an armistice and a peace treaty, counter proposals to which are awaited by the Russian government, are, in the opinion of the Austro-Hunare, in the opinion of the Austro-Hun-garian government, a suitable basis for entering upon these negotiations. The which were seized last night, was arentering upon these negotiations. The

SUICIDE FOLLOWS WOUNDING OF WIFE

AMAS HUSBAND SEEKS REPRIS-AL AFTER DIVORCE SUIT.

Samuel C. Whitmyer Kills Self After Shooting Wife in Neck-Quarrel Precedes Tragedy.

CAMAS, Wash., Nov. 20 .- (Special.)-

Samuel C. Whitmeyer is dead and his

wife is seriously injured as the result of a quarrel this afternoon over a pending suit for divorce, as the cul-mination of which Whitmeyer shot his wife and himself. The couple have long been residents here and have fiv Hasty Condemnation of Bol- grown daughters living in the sounty. Mrs. Whitmeyer instituted the sul bout two months ago and left the family home here to live with one of her daughters. A few days ago she returned, and, according to the daughter and son-in-law who lived at the couple's home, all went well until today, when Mrs. Whitmeyer spoke of leaving soon. Mr. Whitmeyer atempted to persuade her to stay and to drop the pending suit; she refused, hot words followed, and before either the daughter or the son-in-law, who were in the room, could prevent Whit meyer pulled a 32-caliber revolver from his pocket and fired two shots. The first struck his wife just below and behind the right ear in the flesh; part of her neck and coming out be stantly.

Mrs. Whitmeyer may recover, it is

Back of what is described as a County Will Not Need Appropriation

Multnomah County will not be forced to include a special budget for appre-hension of prohibition violations dur-ing the coming year, it was decided that the Germans were within 26 kilo-

So long as there is a possibility the Commissioners authorize the plac that these overtures will fail because of the apparently irreconcilable differences between the Bolsheviki peace scheme founded on "no annexations the Commissioners authorize the placting of all bootlegging fines in a special form of all bo terday that this action will be taken.

VANCOUVER DEPOSITS BIG

\$2.658,496,06 Total Is Record. Gain Is \$105,000 in 3 Months.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 30 .- (Spe-

veloping in Russia is one of the purposes of the inter-allied conference assembled in Paris. There are intimations that suggestions have reached Washington from the French capital that it would be well to avoid adverse criticism here of the Russian tangle,

in Paris to deal with it, at this stage SCHOOL BUDGET LOWERED

Taxpayers and Directors of District No. 1 Meet at 10 A. M. Today.

Taxpayers residing in School District No. 1 at 10 o'clock this morning will meet with the members of the Board of Education at the Courthouse for a consideration of the 1918 burget.
Following this hearing the directors

by Germany and Austria of the Lenine proposals. It had been assumed that with no intention whatever of accepting any of the substantial demands of the Bolsheviki, the German and Austrian changellories would not miss this will meet, make such revision of their directors for next year amounts to

the skilled German diplo- M'ADOO AIDE HERE TODAY

Washington Man to Assist in Starting War Savings Stamp Sale.

H. D. Marshal, of Washington, special representative of Secretary Mc-Adoo, will arrive in Portland today to work with Postmaster Myers and local bankers in perfecting plans for putting the war savings stamps and certificates on sale Monday. The war savings stamps, which will

e issued in denominations of 25 cents neutralizing this German scheme, pos-sibly by influencing the Bolsheviki ele-inations of \$5, will be on sale at all postoffice sub-stations and the main office and, it is thought, at banks The Government proposes to raise at least \$2,000,000,000 in this way.

refused to acknowledge the control of ARMY'S HEALTH IMPROVES

Report for Week Ending November 23 Shows Change for Better.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- Slight improvement in health conditions in tho

No serious outbreaks of pneumonia AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30.—The Austrothe number of cases increase. The total deaths reported for the week among the 374,763 men of the National Guard was 97 and the total among the 426,310 men of the National

PICTURE PLAYWRIGHT HELD

"The guiding principles announced Movie Production, Warrant Says, ' Tends to Cause Disloyalty.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 30 .- Rob-Austro-Hungarian government there-fore declares that it is ready to enter upon negotiations as proposed by the (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.) forces of the United States.

TEUTON FOES MEAR

Morning

Popul of Told to Abstain From Fighting.

GORRESPONDENTS AT CAPITAL

Hugh Gibson Writes of How Heroic Little Nation Stemmed German Tide for Many Days and Upset Invaders' Plans.

than any other civilian. While I was writing Z- came in fairly trembling, but got indignant because I denied it, having just talked

People Are Advised. The fact that it had been published

in the Soir was enough for him, and although the news had made him nergood sensation spoiled.

published a communique to impress upon the population the necessity for abstaining from any participation in the hostilities in case of an occupation Discretion Held Ascessary.

An additional reason of imaintaining an attitude of watchfulness and reserve in Washington is found in the fact that to meet just such a situation as is developing in Russia is one of the pur-It advises everybody to stay indoor

the Colonel, Grant-Watson, and Kidston at the palace. I was looking forward course, that put a complete damper of

save the one thing we were interested in, and sat tight in the hope that he would move on. Not only did he stay, but after a time the - First Secretary came and joined us, and we gave up in despair. The only result of the evening was that I gathered the im-(Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

UNUSUAL SEASON IS **BOON TO STOCKMEN**

WARM RAIN FOLLOWS SNOW

Grass Is Still Green and Growing at Baker, and Ranchers Predict Decline in Hay Prices.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 30 .- (Special.)-Violating all weather precedents, warm rain here today and last night frenched the plowed fields, to the deight of the farmers.

November has been the most re narkable one in years. Since the cold map last October, the temperature has been unusually mild. Lilac bushes shrubbery and trees are budding caves are still falling and wild flowrs throughout the county are reported o be blooming

Winter wheat is four inches high and grass is still green and growing. Ranchers expect that the ultimate effect will be a marked drop in price of hay, because few of them have as yet compelled to start feeding.

Never before, the stockmen say, have hey been able to use the ranges so late in the season. Last year the thermometer registered below zero on No vember 10 and snow covered the ground all month. This year, except on the highest ranges, pastures are still bare of snow.

WOMEN CONDUCTORS NEXT

Over Shortage of Men.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 30 .- (Special.) Woman conductors on Tacoma streetcars is not at all improbable if the war continues to decrease the supply of nen. While the Tacoma Railway & Power Company has not yet taken the dollars. matter under serious consideration, it announced as he burst into my office has given the question of employing women some thought, according to George W. Rounds, superintendent of transportation.

The Tacoma Railway & Power Com-

HOOVER, JR., OPERATED ON

for Appendicitis.

0-year-old son of Herbert C. Hoover, Federal food administrator, underwent

MONTH'S LOSS 25,000 MEN Total of British Casualties for Pe

ties reported during the month totaled 120,089, divided as follows: Officers, wounded or missing, 3537;

men, 91,108.

Police Station.

la sufficient quantity of powder to have

AFTER HALFCENTURY

Suit to Reclaim Lands to Be Filed Today.

ollowed a snow storm yesterday and RIVER FRONTAGE IS INVOLVED

Henry Plock Estate Valued at Nearly Million Dollars.

STORY FULL OF ROMANCE

Action Against Railroad Company May Be Forerunner of Other Suits Against More Than 1000 Home Owners.

iver frontage, the estimated worth of which is nearly \$1,000,000 and which is now held by the O.-W. R. & N. Co., will Tacoma Railway Company Alarmed be filed in the Circuit Court this morning by Reinhart Hild, administrator of the estate of Henry Ploch, deceased, who died in this city March 21, 1853. starts today. This suit against the railroad corporation may possibly be the forerunner of other suits against more than 1000 homeowners in the Carruthers' Addition and involving several million

Story Teems With Romance.

A story teeming with romance and dramatic possibilities is weaved into the 12-page complaint which has been pany is experiencing a shortage of prepared by Thomas Hannix and George Arthur Brown, attorneys for It is a story of how Ploch, coming to this Western country by ox-team settled on a 160-acre donation land claim Son of Food Administrator Treated now known as the Caruthers Addition of how he died an agonizing death from smallpox before he had had an pportunity to file his claim with the Land Office and of how his nephew. Reinhart Hild, learned of his claim to the property more than 60 years later the burial place of the almost-forgotten ploneer.

years ago.

Fraud and Deceit Charged. This petition in itself is said to be

taken until more than half a century after a person had died. The petition sets forth that Henry Ploch died leaving an estate consisting of 160 acres in BOMB FOUND AT DETROIT what is now known as Caruthers Addition, and which consisted of the old We talked about everything on earth Powerful Explosive Discovered at Elizabeth Caruthers donation land

> Specifically, the complaint alleges that title to the Henry Ploch donation DETROIT, Nov. 30 .- A 10-inch bomb land claim was secured by Elizabeth with an unlighted fuse was found on the window ledge at the police station today.
>
> The City Chemist said it contained upon the land in question Noember 1. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

GERMAN RULED OUT

Oregonian.

W. CHYBKI FIRST ALIEN ENEMY DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO SUE

Judge Bell Stops Attempt to Set Up Defense and Cross Complaint in District Court Action.

"No alien enemy can come into court and attempt to prosecute a civil action

W. Chybki, a German, to set up a defense and cross-complaint in an action started by E. L. McDougal, an attorne McDougal was given judgment for \$35 which he alleged to be due for legal services, while a cross-bill for \$73 against the attorney which Chybki sought to recover was summarily dismissed.

This is believed to be the first case in any court in Oregon wherein an alien enemy was deprived of the right to prosecute a civil action, as is contemplated in an act passed by the last

Chybki, it was brought out, is still subject of the Kalser, though he has lived in the United States for more than 10 years.

CITY BEGINS NEW YEAR

Suit attacking the title to valuable Increased Salarles Go Into Effect Generally.

All financial books for the year were brought to a close at 5 o'clock last night and all unexpended money went without a dissenting vote, and the mainto the city's general fund, there to chinery was immediately set in motion remain until called upon the meet ex- to bring the action of the meeting to pendidtures under the new budget for the attention of the legislative body the year 1918. The new year marks firemen, policemen, laborers and others soliciting memberships, the firm by the Council for 1918.

the heirs of the deceased, Henry Ploch. BANDON YOUTH DROWNED

Alma Hunt Caught by Wave and Carried Out to Sea.

BANDON, Or., Nov. 30 .- (Special.)-Alma Hunt, I6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt, of this city, lost his life in the surf at the mouth of New River, 12 miles south of here, Thankswhile in Portland making a search for giving day. He was spearing salmon in the shallow breakers when a wave caught him upowares.

Intimation that a suit impossible gas Ton youth was taken off his feet brought to light yesterday when Hild and carried out to sea by the underfilled in the County Court a petition to tow before assistance could reach him. The youth was taken off his feet tow before assistance could reach him. be named administrator of the estate The body has not been recovered. He carrying out General Greene's demand of Henry Ploch, who died nearly 65 was a freshman in the local high for a clean city would be to begin by

Mascott Knocks Out Leonard.

Billy Mascott knocked out George the first in any Oregon court where the first in any Oregon court cross to the jaw. Mascott will be home today and will keep on training for his beut with Danny Edwards next Friday that had resulted in the things night at the Eleventh-street playhouse.

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 50 degrees; minfmum, 45 degrees, TODAY'S—Unsettied, probably rain; gentie

southerly winds.

Hugh Gibson writes of approach of Germans to Brussels. Page I. Units of guard from all states now in France. eneral Byng's troops forced back by violent | Dorter in the election nearly four years | German offensive, Page 4. Artillery fight on Italian front grows in in-tensity. Page 4.

Foreign. Washington officials urge caution in dealing with Russia. Page 1, Turks declared to be tired of German dom-ination. Page 4. Lord Lansdowne's peace plan denounced.

New National board created to adjust labor and war needs. Page 5. Coal shortage seriously felt in Eastern states. Page

National.

Experts testify Mrs. de Sauties not resp ble for killing ex-husband. Page 4. Sport. Coast football season ends. Page 14. Hockey plans are indefinite. Page 14. Cosst conference to set athletic schedules at San Francisco meeting. Page 14.

Commercial and Marine. Flour millers warned against excessive profits. Page 19.

Warm rain, following snowstorm, is boon to stockmen of Baker County. Page I.

Seattle labor's first political battle, culminating today, fruitiess. Page 6.

Northwest Townsite Company asks release from bond covering completion of Palsicy project. Page 16.

Patrollem bear V. W. C. A. Bour, Conference of the present emergency, Council Urged to Act.

Patriotism keys Y. M. C. A. Boys' Conference. Page 6. Camas man kills self after wounding wife. Portland and Vicinity.

Weather report, data and forecast, Page 19. First refusal made to allow use of courts by allen enemy. Page 1. New plan found by Council to avoid special this meeting and the remainder be rep-increase in tax levy. Page 1.

Right of allen enemy to use bridges is ques-tioned. Page 10.

this meeting and the remainder be rep-resentatives of those organizations in conjunction with the chairman of this meeting, this committee to present the Business makes big atride, and several rec-ords, in Portland in November. Page 7.

Elmon Geneste deposits \$1075, due the estate of Mrs. Emma Lorentzen. Page 9.
Lack of unity bar to shipping progress H. L. Corbett tells Realty Board. Page 9 Wilbur's sentence is \$500 fine and six months in Jail. Page 20. New officers will be distributed among many camps. Page 7.

OF OREGON COURT BIG MASS MEETING VOTES TO OUST GIL

Laxity in Vice Matters Held Proved.

with this injunction District Judge COUNCIL ASKED TO IMPEACH

No Voice Dissents When Resolution Is Put to Vote.

McCOURT TELLS SITUATION

Failure to Remove Chief Beckingham and Thus Exhibit Rea! Desire to Meet Demands Made by General Greene, Are Cited.

SEATTLE, Nov. 30 .- (Special.) --More than 5000 persons, assembled in nass meeting, tonight denounced Mayr Gill for his laxity in law enforce-This is New Year's day for the city ment and failure to comply with the degovernment. The fiscal year of 1917 mands of Major-General H. A. Greene closed yesterday and the year 1918 that eSattle be made safe for coldiers to visit.

Ringing resolutions favoring impeachment by the Council were adopted

The use of Mayor Gill's name by the the beginning of increased salaries for Merchants' Protective Corporation in in the city service and also marks the Gill, Hoyt & Frye being the Seattle lebeginning of all new policies adopted gal representatives, forms the basis of the proposed impeachment charges.

John McCourt Raps Gill.

Without equivocation, speakers and resolutions alike denouncing the Mayor for allowing the use of his name and eject his explanation that it was without his consent because he is no longer member of the firm.

George H. Walker, a leading lawyer and prominent in civic affair, presided. John McCourt, former United States District Attorney of Oregon and now a representative of the War Department, who made the special investigation for the Government into the moral condition of Scattle, was one of the principal speakers. He was the man who recommended to Mayor Gill that the only way to show good faith in carrying out General Greene's demand emoving the chief of police. Charles L. Beckingham. This Gill refused to do, and General Greene's order plac-

ing a quarantine on the city followed. Words Not Minced.

McCourt told briefly but eloquently that had resulted in the ban placed by the military chief. There was no mincing of words in placing the re-INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS sponsibility, and none present offered any defense of Gill and Brekingham. In the audience were prominent representatives of business and the professional life of Seattle; church organizations, and hundreds of women. Several members of the City Council accepted the invitation to attend and the clerky was well represented. the clergy was well represented. Rev. M. A. Matthews, a leader in the fight for a cleaner city, and also Erastus Brainerd, who was Gill's principal sup-

Support of Nation Pledged.

Mrs. Hien Morton Stevens, represent-ing the women's organizations, voiced the protest of the women against conditions that have flourished under the GIII administration

Gill administration.

The resolutions, prepared by a committee headed by C. J. France, consume many pages of indictment. Seattle, by the resolutions, pledges its whole support to the Government and indorses the efforts of General Greene to committee of the comm

the efforts of General Greene to compel the officials to clean up.
The resolutions, in part, follow:
"Be it hereby resolved by the citizens of Seattle, in mass meeting arsembled that we pledge ourselves to
support the Government of the United
States in the prosecution of the present
war, and we pledge ourselves particularly to aid the Government in the
way it now requests, namely, that we way it now requests, namely, that we make Seattle clean and wholesome for the soldiers of our Army, and as the Car shorting relief weakens Chicago feed grains, Page 19.

Wall-street stocks affected by latest European peace developments. Page 19.

Oregon dry dock to be moved. Page 16.

Pacific Northwest.

Warm rain, following snowstorm, is boon to stockmen of Baker County. Page 1.

Council Urged to Act. "Be it further resolved that it is the sense of the citizens here assembled that impeachment proceedings be in-stituted by the Council forthwith, and "Be it further resolved, that a committee of 25 be appointed one from each of the civic organizations, calling demands of this meeting to the Council and in case of failure to obtain impeachment to use its discretion in the best method of solving present con-

Charles Parker Funeral Today.

Pred Love exonerated of Whitesides boy's death and case closed. Page 11.

Railread official promises support to Oriental line, if Portland provides ships.

Page 10.

The funeral of Charles Cracraft Parker, who died November 29, at his late residence, 207 Hazelfern Place, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son. Rev. The funeral of Charles Cracraft Par-Page 10.

Los Angeles man to preach for White Temple folk during rest of year. Page 9.

Two hundred altend first municipal cooking class. Page 12.

Draft boards want to centralize clerical work. Page 16.

Note the chapter of J. P. Finley & Son. Rev. M. C. Welf will officiate, and the Masonic order will have charge of the services at the Mount Scott Cemetery. Mr. Parker was the father of Dr. E. T. Parker, of Portland. He is survived by his widow and six children. For 18 years he had been a resident of Organic Suit to recover river frontage properly valued at \$1,000,000 to be filed here today. living much of that time in Albany. He Page 1.

Newspaper Men Flock In to See Impending Battles.

BELGIAN ARMY UNASSISTED

BY HUGH GIBSON.
Secretary of the American Legation in Brussels at the outbreak of the war. Copyright, 1917, Doubleday, Page & Co., by Otis F. Wood.

Maxwell, the British correspondent told me this afternoon that he looked for a big engagement at Diest tomor row or the day after. He has been down through the fighting zone ever since the trouble began, and probably knows more about pending operations

suffering from a bad case of panic. He meters of Brussels and were going to cupy the city this evening. He was with Colonel Fairholme and with Max- men, Mr. Rounds said. well, both of whom had no more than come back from the front.

ous, he hated to have his perfectly The authorities, so as to be prepared or any eventuality, have this evening

, the - Charge, and bade himself 1152; to dine with us. He is strongly pro-German in his sympathies, and, of

Germans Draw Near.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30 .- Allan Hoover, operation for appendicitis today. It was declared that the operation

riod Is 120,089. LONDON, Nov. 30 .- British casual-

THE SCANDINAVIAN MICE DISCUSS NORWAY'S PROPOSITION TO BELL THE CAT,

