



OREGON TROOPS TO LEAVE CAMP MILLS

War Department Ignorant of Boys' Plight.

INVESTIGATION IS PROMISED

Long Island Site Will Not Be Used More This Winter.

BAD CONDITIONS ASTONISH

Senator McNary Told by Washington Officials That Inquiry Into Charges Will Be Made So as to See if Camp Is Fit.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—Camp Mills, Long Island, where the Oregon regiment has been stationed for several weeks, is being vacated and when its present garrison has departed the camp will not again be used by troops during the winter months.

This information was given to Senator McNary by the War Department today when the Senator called and presented telegrams of protest from Governor Withycombe and Mayor Baker against the treatment recently accorded the National Guardsmen from the Northwest.

Inquiry to Be Made.

The Department further promised to make an immediate investigation of Camp Mills, to ascertain whether or not it is a suitable place for the training of soldiers. Being a tent camp purely, with no permanent barracks, the Department concedes that Camp Mills is not a proper place to quarter troops during the cold weather.

Senator McNary said he wanted the camp thoroughly investigated, even though the Oregon troops have moved away, for if conditions are bad they should be remedied before troops are ordered there this spring.

Senate Committee to Be Advised.

To insure that Camp Mills will not be overlooked, the Senator will present the telegrams of Governor Withycombe and Mayor Baker to that end, calling attention to camp conditions and making Camp Mills a proper subject for investigation by the Senate military committee.

The Department told Senator McNary it had heard no previous complaint about conditions at Camp Mills. Senator Chamberlain telephoned to the War Department about complaints regarding Camp Mills and was assured that the camp will not again be used before spring.

HERTLING IS WELL FED

German Chancellor Condone Breaking of Laws That Benefit Him.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—According to the Munich Post, a number of friends and admirers of Count George T. Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, have been sending him foodstuffs since he left Bavaria for Berlin to take up the Chancellorship, fearing he might find difficulty in getting food in the German capital. As the sending of foodstuffs from Bavaria to Prussia is against the regulations, the packages were seized and the senders arrested.

Count Hertling has telegraphed the Bavarian authorities requesting the release of these persons and asks that the packages be forwarded to him, adding: "They will be gratefully accepted."

FRITZ KREISLER MAY PLAY

Noted Violinist to Appear in Concert for Halifax Benefit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Fritz Kreisler, noted violinist and a former officer in the Austrian army, inquired of United States Marshal McCarthy here today whether he might appear with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in a concert at Boston next Sunday for the Halifax sufferers. Marshal McCarthy said there was nothing to prevent Kreisler from appearing.

Kreisler recently announced his retirement professionally from the concert stage during the war.

NEW YORK IS FOR HOOVER

Three Wheatless Days and 2 Meatless Days Each Week Is Plan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A recommendation that three wheatless and two meatless days be observed each week in New York restaurants was adopted unanimously by the New York Society of Restaurants.

This is one more wheatless day than the Government advocated.

\$25,000,000 PAID TO ITALY

Amount Extended by United States Totals \$320,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Another payment of \$25,000,000 to Italy today, the first for many weeks, brought the total actually paid to that government from the \$500,000,000 credit allowed up to \$320,000,000.

SLAV KISSES MUST BE RECIPROCATED

SOLEMN INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO TRUCE NEGOTIATORS.

Control of Facial Muscles Necessary and Trotsky to Be Treated With Deference Due Wise Chap.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12.—The Petrograd newspaper Dveto Naroda publishes what it alleges to be the instructions of the German general staff to the German representatives entrusted with conducting the truce negotiations on the Russian front. The instructions, as thus given, lay weight on the fact that the men who engage in the parley must be of a serious temperament, capable of controlling their facial muscles in the most ridiculous situation.

If the Russian negotiators should demand that the German Emperor should issue an order for his own arrest and that the German people should organize a social revolution, the German representative, according to instructions, must say gravely:

"This matter will certainly receive consideration."

The instructions, according to the newspaper's version, continue: "It may happen that at the first meeting the Russian delegates will attempt to kiss the negotiators. They must be prepared, and if the commander-in-chief, Ensign Krylenko, rushes toward them with open arms they must in turn press him to their hearts and say repeatedly 'Tavarski' (comrade). The fatherland demands this sacrifice of the negotiators."

"They should also have at their tongue's end the following favorite Russian phrases: 'Universal democratic peace,' 'Peace without annexations and contributions.'"

The negotiators were told that they need not trouble to note the Russian positions and compute the number of guns, as "this will be attended to by staff officers especially designated." If Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, was present, the negotiators were to "conduct themselves as if they stood in the presence of Bismarck, Talleyrand or some other wise chap."

70-YEAR-OLD IN SERVICE

Civil War Veteran, Turned Down by Army, Gets Navy-Yard Job.

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Because so many young men of this city have joined the colors, Charles Marshall, a veteran of the Civil War, over 70 years of age, decided it was about time that he did his "bit" in this war against Germany.

He applied to rejoin the colors, but was unsuccessful and had been regretting his gray hairs, when he yesterday received notice that he had been afforded an opportunity to contribute to the National cause. He has been appointed "boss" painter at the Bremerton Navy-yard, and, together with his wife, will leave here at the weekend for his new post.

RUSSIA SENDS PLATINUM

Shipment Worth \$2,000,000 Received at Pacific Port.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A shipment of 21,000 ounces of platinum received today at a Pacific Coast port from Russia is the cause of much satisfaction to Government officials. The metal is needed badly for the manufacture of munitions as well as for surgical and scientific work.

The domestic supply has run so short that jewelers and the public have been asked to stop the use of platinum for ornaments. The shipment was valued at more than \$2,000,000 and was consigned to the Secretary of Commerce, who will supervise its distribution.

'DRYS' TELL GOOD EFFECTS

Senator Jones, of Washington, Reports Lessening of Crimes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Prohibition advocates from "dry" states told of the good effect prohibition has had in their communities at today's convention session of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Senator Jones, of Washington, told of a lessening of crimes and other evils in his state, and said the jails were losing their occupants and the asylums were more sparsely occupied.

10 BROTHERS DIE IN ACTION

Vancouver Family of 16 Boys Suffer in War.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 12.—Ten sons from the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ball, of Vancouver, have been killed in action during the war, it became known here today.

Mrs. Ball, a widow with five sons, was married six years ago to Ball, who had 11 sons. Mrs. Ball served as a nurse during the Boer war and was wounded.

CUBAN HOUSE IS FOR WAR

Declaration of Hostilities With Austria-Hungary Adopted.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.—The House of Representatives tonight adopted a resolution declaring a state of war to exist between Austria-Hungary and the Republic of Cuba.

The action was taken following the reading of a message from President Menocal recommending such a declaration.

BIG GERMAN DRIVE ON BRITISH BEGUN

Fierce Mass Attack Is Delivered.

Teuton Plan Is to Overwhelm Foes With Numbers.

BATTLE ON NEAR CAMBRAI

Footing in About 500 Yards of Allies' Front Line Is Obtained.

Onslaught Is Arrested by Defenders' Vigorous Resistance.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A fierce mass attack was made by the Germans today against the elbow in the bend of the British line between Bullecourt and Quenest (about ten miles west of Cambrai), says the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France.

Their intention was to overwhelm their opponents by sheer weight of numbers. Owing to the staunchness of the British opposition, the attack enabled the Germans to get a footing in only about 500 yards of the British front line, when the attack was arrested.

Thus, the attack was reduced to the limits of a very small local success, at the most. The correspondent adds that it is difficult to get details, but the fighting lasted from dawn until 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the continuance of firing after that suggested a British counter-attack.

In his description of the battle the correspondent says:

"What apparently was intended as a determined German attack upon the sector of our line east of Bullecourt was delivered shortly after dawn and, owing to the staunchness of our troops, was reduced to the limits of a very small local success at the most. The spot the enemy chose was the elbow in the bend of our line between Bullecourt and Quenest."

"The Germans opened an intense bombardment as the first streaks of a front dawn were paling the eastern sky. Our artillery promptly replied with a barrage, put down between the opposing trenches, in order to catch any infantry advance."

"Assaulting waves of Bavarian troops came over in close formation. It was the manifest intention to throw great pressure upon the front of the attack and overpower the defenders, if possible, by sheer weight of numbers."

Air Activity Reported.

There was great activity in the air on Monday, especially in the Cambrai (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

WAR GOD DEFEATED IN RACE TO ALTAR

TACOMA GIRL CROSSES CONTINENT TO WED LIEUTENANT.

Miss Ellis L. Hayden Hurries to Camp Mills When Officer Gets Word of Probable Departure.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A successful U. S. across the continent in order that she might be married to Lieutenant Paul A. Turner before he left for France was made recently by Miss Ellis L. Hayden, of this city, chief assistant of Lieutenant-Governor Hart, of the District Exemption Board.

Miss Hayden and Lieutenant Turner were married within sound of the practice guns of Camp Mills at Hempstead, N. Y. Lieutenant Turner is with the medical department of the 143d Field Hospital Division.

The fact that Miss Hayden was a war bride became known only after she returned from the East.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. Frank Hayden, of Seattle, and formerly attended Whitworth College in this city. Lieutenant Turner was connected with the Seattle City Hospital during the last five years.

Miss Hayden and Lieutenant Turner became engaged while the Second Washington was stationed at Camp Murray. Lieutenant Turner left with that division in October. Learning that he would probably go to France soon he telegraphed Miss Hayden to leave at once for Camp Mills before the order to go over seas was received.

BOMBS DROPPED ON HUNS

British Airmen Make Successful Raid on Enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Today's admiralty statement on aircraft operations follows:

During Monday night naval aircraft carried out a bombing raid on Ostender airfield and the Bruges docks. Many tons of bombs were dropped upon both objectives. On the former, owing to poor visibility, the results were difficult to observe, but at the latter a good showing was made and a fire started. All machines returned safely.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Patriotic men and women are urged to report at headquarters of the American Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, 350 Morgan building, for immediate assignment to duty.

This means you. Set aside other plans and enlist at once for your part in the great drive for 100,000 Red Cross members in Portland.

Report to recruiting committee. Office open from 8:30 A. M. to 10:30 P. M.

C. C. CHAPMAN, Oregon Campaign Chairman.

HENRY E. REED, Oregon Campaign Manager.

RUFUS C. HOLMAN, Portland Campaign Manager.

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HUGE EMERGENCY FUNDS DISBURSED

Accounting Is Made to Lawmakers.

\$31,597,000 IS DISPOSED OF

Congress Asked to Make \$68,402,000 Available in June.

BILL REPORTED FAVORABLY

Millions Expended for Work of Food and Fuel Administrations, Shipping Board and Federal Trade Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—An accounting to Congress for the \$100,000,000 war emergency fund placed in President Wilson's hands last April shows that the President has allotted to 21 departments, bureaus and newly created war bodies \$31,597,000, of which \$21,651,000 has been spent. Congress now has been asked to make the remaining \$68,402,000 available up to the close of the fiscal year next June, instead of only to December 31, and today the House appropriations committee favorably reported a bill for that purpose.

Five of the President's allotments were made under the head of "Executive," for which no itemized disbursements were given. They were \$1,350,000 for the committee on public information, \$400,000 for preliminary work of the food administration, \$25,000 for preliminary expenses of the fuel administration, \$250,000 for the War Trade Board and \$25,000 for administration of priority in transportation. The total was \$1,990,000 and the disbursements \$1,069,154.

In addition to their preliminary funds the food and fuel administrations were allotted \$400,000 for buildings, of which \$250,000 has been disbursed, and \$2,000,000 for educational work, of which \$460,000 has been spent.

Temporary Allotments Made.

Two temporary allotments or loans to the War Department, aggregating \$6,000,000, were made, but the money was returned when regular appropriations became available and the Department now has nothing charged against it from the fund. A temporary allotment of \$500,000 also was made to the War Department risk insurance bureau and \$100,000 of it turned over, to be repaid when premiums accumulate.

In the seven months up to December 7, when the report was compiled, the Government spent \$1,679,000 from the emergency fund for secret service activities and gaining information from (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

MEXICAN TROOPS OCCUPY OJINAGA

FIGHT WITH VILLA FOLLOWERS AT COYAME REPORTED.

Noted Bandit Declared to Have Been in Personal Command When General Chavez Was Killed.

PRESIDIO, Tex., Dec. 12.—General Pedro Favala, with a force estimated at 500 men, occupied Ojinaga this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock without resistance, the Villa followers having evacuated Ojinaga yesterday.

Favala asserted he expects 400 more of his troops tonight and that General Jose Murguilla will arrive tomorrow with 800 men.

Favala said his troops had a fight at Coyame with Villa followers and that 28 men of Villa's force were killed.

JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 12.—Francisco Villa

was in personal command of his forces which attacked a train at Laguna station and killed General Eduardo Chavez December 2, according to a passenger who arrived here from Chihuahua City late today. He talked with two of Villa's wounded officers in it. The boy told the passenger Villa took off his hat, told him to take a good look and return to Chihuahua City and tell the people living there who believed Villa was dead that he had seen Villa personally.

After attacking the train Villa and his main command left immediately for Chihuahua. Parado, leaving Martin Lopez in the field, according to the boy, who was forced to go as far as Coyame with the Villa column.

CHEYENNE IS SHIVERING

Mercury Drops 3 8 Degrees in One Hour to 5 Below Zero.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 12.—Cheyenne is shivering tonight in a temperature of five degrees below zero, a drop of 38 degrees today in one hour, and the mercury will hover between 15 and 20 degrees below zero tonight, according to Government forecasts.

The thermometer registered 34 degrees above zero at 10 o'clock this morning. At 11 it was four below. Trains are running from a few minutes to nine hours late and the Union Pacific has its snowplows working between Laramie and Rawlins on the overland tracks.

Reports of suffering of cattle and sheep came in tonight from the ranges, but no great loss of stock has been reported.

TRANSIT SAVES TWO LIVES

Cries for Help Located by Means of Surveyor's Instrument.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A surveyor's transit was the means of saving the lives of Walter and C. Smith, clinging to a submerged duck decoy in the chilly waters of Coos Bay.

The D. L. Buckingham crew heard cries for help and by the transit discovered the men a mile off, being swept toward sea on a heavy ebb tide, half a mile from the nearest land.

Foreman Buckingham and others went to the rescue in a power boat. The men were exhausted when picked up and it took three hours' work to revive them.

SLACKER IS FOUND GUILTY

Conscientious Grounds Not Sufficient to Free Robert Frank.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Robert Henry Frank, of this city, who refused to go to Camp Funston, though he was certified to the National Army under the selective draft, was found guilty by a court-martial of deserting from the Army.

Frank sought exemption from draft on conscientious grounds.

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DR. KERR TO STAY; PAY RAISED \$1400

O. A. C. Head Refuses \$9000 Job at Kansas.

FAITH IN OREGON DECIDES

Regents Will Back Up Executive to Limit.

PERSONAL SACRIFICE NOTED

Educator Announces Future's Possibilities and Support of Board Sway Him to Remain—Salary Here Is \$8400.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—After carefully weighing all features entering into the offer from the Kansas Agricultural College and his present position as head of the Oregon institution, Dr. W. J. Kerr this afternoon announced that he will remain here and devote his undivided attention to a continuation of the development of this state.

Dr. Kerr's salary has been advanced from \$7000 to \$8400 a year. Dr. Kerr made known his decision this morning at a special conference with J. K. Weatherford, president of the board of regents. His strong faith in the future of the state and the affection of himself and family for the people of Oregon, combined with the wish to push forward the many features inaugurated under his administration, led him to the decision, he said.

Smaller Salary Accepted.

Dr. Kerr was offered \$9000 a year to accept the presidency of the Kansas college, but he will remain here on a salary of \$8400. He is assured of the fullest support of the regents and will have an official residence on the campus, it has been announced.

"I am glad Dr. Kerr has agreed to stay," said Mr. Weatherford. "I believe we have one of the greatest college presidents in the United States, and know that it would have been a costly thing to let him go. The state would not have been satisfied with a lesser man in his place, and in the attempt to procure his equal we should have been in competition with more populous and wealthy states in the East. It is exceedingly doubtful whether we could have found an Easterner acceptable for this Western position at any price."

Personal Sacrifice Appreciated.

"Dr. Kerr has builded well here, has a strong and united faculty that would have been disrupted with his departure and great work just now getting thoroughly under way throughout the state would have received a setback from which it might not have recovered."

"The regents are unanimous in the belief that President Kerr is worth more money to the state than we could offer him, and we feel that he has made a decided monetary sacrifice in remaining here at the figure we can pay. However, Oregon is not a rich state, and it is also somewhat conservative; and, though in the scores and scores of telegrams, letters and resolutions received by the board there were many urging us to go the limit in the effort to retain Dr. Kerr, we felt that a difference of \$1000 or so would not be crucial with him—and it has so proved."

O. A. C. Ranks High.

"He will remain as president of the Oregon Agricultural College at \$8400, with the assurance, however, of the unanimous and hearty support of the board."

"There is a bright future for the Oregon Agricultural College. It ranks high among the best land grant colleges of the United States. And now, since we have succeeded in retaining President Kerr, we were able to make it second to none and the board of regents is convinced that, with reasonable support from the state, he will in time make it first."

"I think Oregon is very fortunate in having been able to retain such a splendid college executive and citizen."

Dr. Kerr's choice to remain seems to have been made chiefly on the ground of the splendid opportunities afforded in Oregon through the co-operation of the able and united forces that have supported his administration.

"I have great faith in the future of Oregon and the college," he said. "I like the country; I like the people. Both have been kind to me. In trying to do my part, for the past ten years, in helping to make the college of fullest service to the people of the state, I have had a growing conviction of the varied and almost unlimited resources of the Pacific Northwest. The future of Oregon and her agricultural college are inseparable; they will develop together and it is a great satisfaction to have some part in that development."

O. A. C. Celebrates.

"I appreciate especially the cordial expressions of confidence and good will that have come to me, in one form or another, from persons of widely different interests in various parts of the state. Such gratifying support is reassuring as to what has been accomplished thus far and a splendid incentive for the future."

A big rally was held at the college today in honor of President Kerr and in celebration of the recent football victory over the University of Oregon. Governor Withycombe was the principal speaker at the rally, which was attended by a record crowd. Songs and school yells featured the gathering.

