

## WAR AND PEACE RACE IN RUSSIA

Fighting Is Continuing  
in Region of Don.

## HUNS HASTEN NEGOTIATIONS

Ukraine Troops Capture Many  
Guns and Much Ammunition.

## GREAT EMPIRE SPLITTING

Recognition Refused Bolsheviks by  
the Caucasus, Siberia and Other  
Parts of Vast Domain Once  
Ruled by Romanoffs.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Reports on the Russian internal situation tonight indicate that fighting is continuing in the Don region and that reinforcements have been sent south from Petrograd. A Kiev dispatch reports that during the disarming of the Maximilianist units there the Ukrainian troops seized 72 cannon, 350 machine guns and 5,000,000 cartridges.

It is stated in other advices that the Russian Government commissioners are drafting an ultimatum addressed to the Ukraine rada recognizing the independence of the Ukraine but demanding an immediate expression of the rada's attitude towards the Bolshevik authorities.

The rada had issued a statement declining to recognize the people's commissioners as comprising the Government of all Russia, inasmuch as the Don, the Caucasus, Siberia and other parts of Russia have their own governments.

Peace Delegation Augmented.

In connection with the signing and publication of terms of armistice on the Russian front, it is stated that the Russian delegation at Brest-Litovsk has been augmented to include M. Pokrovsky, president of the Moscow soldiers' and workmen's council, and others.

The Maximilianist organ Prava takes occasion to denounce as untrue the allegations that the Germans in the armistice negotiations demanded the evacuation of Petrograd and Finland, the disarmament of the Russian army and a grant to Germany of a monopoly in grain exports.

According to the reports of the Bolshevik public works department and railway administration the arrivals of food of all kinds in the last few days have been satisfactory at Petrograd, Moscow and all the populous places in North Russia and on the north and south fronts.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—The report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd, is contained in a dispatch from Haparanda, in Sweden, at the Finnish frontier, to the Berlingske Tidende. The Bolsheviks are said to have sent troops against him.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—The German and Austrian Foreign Ministers, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk tomorrow to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

The evening newspapers announce that Trotsky has notified the allied embassies that the armistice has reached definite results and that peace negotiations will begin and asking them to participate or to state whether they wish peace or not.

Up to this evening, the embassies had not replied to the communication and an informal conference of the allied diplomats is said to have reached no definite decision.

BOLSHEVIKI CONTROL HARBIN

Chinese Troops Dispatched to City to Suppress Disorder.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—News received in London is to the effect that the population of Harbin, Manchuria, is entirely under the control of the Bolsheviks and that great disorder prevails there.

A dispatch received here from Peking says the allied ministers in the Chinese capital decided that at the present juncture the preservation of order in Harbin should be entrusted to the Chinese government and that two battalions of Chinese regular troops were dispatched there from Kirin.

The dispatch adds it is officially denied that Japanese have landed at Vladivostok.

CALIFORNIANS BUY ISLAND

Formal Transfer to Be Concluded  
When Report Is Received.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 7.—Formal transfer of Palmyra Island to the California capitalists who wish to establish a cannery there will not be concluded until their agent has sent a report to San Francisco, said Judge H. E. Cooper, owner of the island, upon his arrival today after a five weeks' voyage to the little atoll in the Pacific.

The agent for the California Interests, Carl C. Engvoldsen, accompanied Judge Cooper on the trip. The intention of the Californians is to build a cannery and also to develop the copra production on the island.

## R. H. STEWART GETS BIG YELLOW CAR

INQUIRY MADE INCIDENTALLY  
REVEALS OWNERSHIP.

Auto Presented by Eric V. Hauser to  
Red Cross Cause Brings  
\$10,000 Into Fund.

Capital award of the recent Allied Red Cross Bazaar, the far-famed "yellow demon" touring car, contributed to the cause by Eric V. Hauser, of the Multnomah Hotel, remained unclaimed until yesterday, when, quite by chance, R. H. Stewart, manager of the Baker shoe stores, discovered that he owned it.

"I wonder who got the big car?" queried Mr. Stewart, chatting with a friend.

"If you are interested in it, you ought to investigate, for the award has been made," suggested the other. Quite casually Mr. Stewart called The Oregonian for information, compared notes and was told to claim his property, the disposition of which had been puzzling William MacMaster, president of the bazaar, for several days.

The "yellow demon," otherwise known as the "million-dollar special," bore a brave part in both liberty loan campaigns and in the recent Y. M. C. A. drive. In the second liberty loan campaign it carried a party of speakers post-haste through Central Oregon, and in every patriotic movement was loaned to the cause by Mr. Hauser.

At the conclusion of the Y. M. C. A. drive the car was awarded to the highest local team, which chanced to be that commanded by the donor, Mr. Hauser. The team at once presented it to the Allied Red Cross Bazaar.

In this last phase of its patriotic service approximately \$9700 was raised at the bazaar. When the award was made, being disposed to make it "even money," Mr. Hauser drew his own check for a sufficient amount to bring the total receipts to \$10,000.

## TIMBER BRINGS \$600,000

Quinault Company Buys Spruce  
Tract From Weyerhaeusers.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—An important timber deal was closed here yesterday when the Quinault Timber Company purchased a tract of North River timber from the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$600,000. The tract was purchased because of its fine quality of spruce. Logging of the tract, it is understood, will start soon.

The timber will be moved down the North River into Willapa Harbor. W. J. Patterson and Eugene France, stockholders in the Quinault Timber Company, were instrumental in arranging the deal.

This is the largest timber deal reported here for several years.

FALL FROM BRIDGE FATAL

Clyde Shamley, of Centralia, Perishes in Shookumchuck River.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Clyde Shamley, employed by the G. W. R. & N. Co., was swept to his death in flood waters of the Shookumchuck River today, when he fell from a bridge about a mile north of Centralia. His body will probably not be recovered until the water subsides. J. H. Kelly, who was working with Shamley, says that the latter swam about 100 yards and had almost reached shore when he disappeared.

Shamley resided in this city and is survived by his widow and two children. Mrs. Shamley is prostrated as a result of the fatality.

FIELD OFFICERS TO LEARN

School of Instruction Will Be  
Started at Fort Sam Houston.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 18.—A school for the instruction of field officers, the only one in the United States, is to be established at Fort Sam Houston, department headquarters was informed today in a telegram from the War Department. A Brigadier-General and three Colonels will be in charge of the school and field officers from all parts of the United States will attend.

The school will be similar to those in which officers of the Army are now obtaining instruction in France. It is believed.

DOUGLAS BUYS 4000 BIRDS

Turkeys for Christmas Trade Bring  
Growers 27 Cents a Pound.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Twenty-seven cents per pound was the prevailing price paid for turkeys today for the holiday trade. Only about half of the normal consignment for this period of the year was received by local buyers. Most of the birds were sold prior to Thanksgiving.

Approximately 4000 turkeys were marketed here today, with an average weight of 12 pounds.

WILSON BUTTER COSTS \$567

Price Pound of Product Finds Way  
to President From Iowa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Wilson received today a pound of butter for his Christmas dinner which cost \$567.

It was made by Mrs. C. E. Hasterday, of Marble Rock, Ia., and auctioned at a sale by the Red Cross auxiliaries to Union and Scott townships.

## "GERMAN FREEDOM IS ALMOST HERE"

Liberal Leader of Reichstag  
Now Optimist.

## SOCIALISTS WAR ON TYRANNY

Great Sacrifices and Sufferings  
Not to Go Unrewarded.

## WILSON'S WORDS GIVE AID

Two Elements of German Populace,  
Nine-Tenths of the Whole, De-  
clared to Be United in  
Their Will for Peace.

(This is the first of a series of articles in which will be described the forces which are at work in Germany to democratize the nation and meet the demand of President Wilson that a government be established whose leaders will be accepted as "men of their word.")

Few realize how far this movement has progressed. Mr. Odell has been stationed as a correspondent in the last two years at Berlin, Copenhagen and Stockholm. He is able in this series to divulge facts which are little known.

BY GEORGE T. ODELL.

"There is great hope. For the first time during this war I am able to be an optimist. At last I can see that the tremendous sacrifices of our people and their frightful sufferings are not to go unrewarded, and that our young men, the flower of our country, have not given up their lives in vain. This price, heavy burdensome as it is, is not too much to have paid for the freedom of the German people. It is coming, it is almost here."

These are the words of a German professor, a great Liberal leader of the Reichstag, and they were spoken last October.

Professor von Schulze-Gaevernitz had become an optimist only within the last few weeks, because, not until then had he been able to convince himself that the masses had become so cohesive and their forces had been so well organized that they can and will throw off the burden of eighteenth century feudalism and the military oligarchy and create a form of democratic government that will be responsible to their will through their parliament.

Professor Gaevernitz added to the words above quoted:

"No matter what the military outcome may be the moral victory of this war will be won by the western democratic nations, and that alone will be the greatest blessing that can befall the German people, which they will not be slow to realize. But, to insure our democratization, the war must not end until that moral victory has been made complete."

Professor Not Alone in Optimism.

Professor Gaevernitz is not alone in his optimism. He is but one of a very considerable group of the leading liberal statesmen and thinkers in Germany.

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## DANCE MAY ROB PULPIT OF PASTOR

OAK RIDGE DEMANDS MINISTER  
AS RED CROSS LECTURER.

Rev. A. M. Spangler, of Eugene,  
Agrees to Speak Saturday Night at  
Risk of Being Late Sunday.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Rev. A. M. Spangler, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Eugene, is not a dancing man, but he will attend a dance at Oak Ridge Saturday night at the risk of being late to church Sunday morning, that he may perform a service for the Red Cross.

In working up a list of speakers for the outlying districts of Lane County, Eric W. Allen, head of the university school of Journalism, today called up Oak Ridge on the telephone and opened negotiations for a meeting Saturday night. It was explained that a dance was to be held, and the Red Cross meeting would be held in that connection.

"Send us Spangler," said the Oak Ridge voice.

Mr. Allen sought to make it clear that Mr. Spangler was a minister, and that it would be impossible for him to get back to Eugene from Oak Ridge before 9 o'clock Sunday morning. He mentioned several other speakers who could be had and suggested that a stereopticon might be sent up there.

"Can't Mr. Spangler bring the stereopticon?" was the response.

"Perhaps we could send you two speakers," Mr. Allen persisted.

"All right, if Mr. Spangler is one of them. We want Spangler."

So it had to be Mr. Spangler. The Eugene pastor was glad to comply with the request. Explaining how it came that Oak Ridge is so strong for him he offered the information that he was there once at a wedding, which was followed by a dance.

"We had a great time," he said. "They probably remember it yet. I was not as spry as some of the young fellows and went to bed. When I got up next morning they were still dancing."

COOS COUNTY LEADS STATE

C. C. Chapman Scores Wealthy Women Who Turn Patriotic Solicitors  
Away With Insult—J. D. Farrell Ready to Co-operate.

THEY ARE ALL GETTING WET FOR RED CROSS.

"Our workers are getting wet; I am out half the time and am never dry; every district colonel is wet and most of our captains are soaked to the skin. In addition, everyone at headquarters plans to put in at least half a day doorbell pulling in the wet. If anybody has to get wet, why, we'll all be wet together and make the best fun we can of it," said Rufus C. Holman, city campaign manager. "Chapman, Reed, Black, Goodwin and the rest have all been out in the rain and they are not asking anyone to do what they are not doing themselves."

DRAFT EVADER IS NUMBER 1

Albert Mendez, in Jail at Aberdeen, Files Questionnaire.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Albert Mendez, who is about to complete a sentence for failing to register for military service, was the first man to file his questionnaire with County Board No. 1, here today. Mendez is a citizen of Mexico, but says he has no intention of returning to his native country. He gave his educational qualifications as eight years in grade school and four years in high school, with knowledge of four languages. He was arrested at Hoquiam.

OREGON HENS ARE HIGH

Pen From O. A. C. Stands Second at  
International Contest.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The pen of Oregon Agricultural College hens at the Storrs, Conn., international egg-laying contest now holds second place, having gained three places last week. The contest runs for a year and pens are entered from all parts of the United States, from England and Canada. The scores to date are: Massachusetts, 179; Oregon Agricultural College, 164; Massachusetts, 161.

WOMAN DRAWS LONG TERM

Mrs. Ethel Wood, of Vancouver, Sentenced for Making False Oath.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ethel K. Wood, who last week testified under oath that her daughter was 15 years old, whereas she was but 14 years of age, was today sentenced to a term of from six months to 15 years in the penitentiary by Judge R. H. Back, of Clarke County. It is a violation of the law in this state for girls under the age of 15 years to marry. Miss Gladys Wood, accompanied by her mother and Charles Storey, of Portland, came to Vancouver last week and secured a marriage license, the mother asserting that her daughter was 15. The marriage ceremony was performed, but subsequent investigation showed the girl was only 14 years old.

"Mrs. Wood will be taken to Walla Walla to serve her indeterminate sentence as soon as a guard arrives from the prison."

EDITORIAL POST ACCEPTED

Will G. Steel to Have Direction of  
Grants Pass Courier.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Will G. Steel, supervisor of Crater Lake National Park, has accepted the editorship of the Grants Pass Courier and will take up his new duties the first of the year. Mr. Steel has received permission from the Government to retain his Federal post. For many years Mr. Steel was engaged in newspaper and publicity business and is well known in Portland and throughout the state.

He succeeds Ben Sheldon, former State Representative from Jackson County, who resigned as editor and, before returning to newspaper work, expects to enter Red Cross work as a propagandist.

WOMAN PHYSICIAN AND MAYOR DIES

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman to be elected Mayor of a town in England and a prominent physician, died at her home in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, yesterday.

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## RAIN NO DAMPER TO RED CROSS LEGIONS

22,503 Members En-  
listed in 2 Days.

## CAMPAIGN PLEASES

National Membership Drive  
Leader Telegraphs Praise.

## COOS COUNTY LEADS STATE

C. C. Chapman Scores Wealthy Women  
Who Turn Patriotic Solicitors  
Away With Insult—J. D. Farrell  
Ready to Co-operate.

Portland and the state at large have already raised 22,503 members towards the Christmas membership drive of the American Red Cross, 16,563 in the state and 5940 in Portland.

This is 9 per cent of the total quota of 240,000 members, with only two days of the campaign elapsed and eight days more to go.

The total embraces incomplete returns from 29 out of 36 counties and from but 40 precincts out of 235 in Portland.

Coos County, with a total of 3600 out of 7690 quota, or 47 per cent, heads the entire state.

State Leaders Encouraged.

Of the 15 counties which have reported for two days, there is a percentage already achieved of 24, while, excluding Portland, the state at large has an average of 12 per cent of its task completed.

State leaders were wonderfully encouraged at their showing, as they are confident that in the next day or two Portland will swing away towards the top of the column.

The leading counties are Morrow, with 33 per cent; Gilliam and Deschutes, with 28; Malheur, with 21; Harney, with 20; Western Washington, with 25, and Josephine, with 21.

"Great work!" telegraphed George (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

## HUNS AGAIN DROP BOMBS ON LONDON

AIRPLANES RAID COAST TOWNS  
AND SOME REACH CITY.

Invaders Are Met With Heavy Fire  
From Defenses—Extent of Dam-  
age Done Not Yet Known.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—German airplanes raided English coast towns tonight. Some of the raiders reached London, where they were met with a heavy fire. Numerous bombs were dropped. An official announcement of the raid says: "Hostile airplanes crossed the Essex and Kent coast about 6:15 o'clock and proceeded toward London. Some of the raiders reached London district and dropped bombs. Bombs also were dropped in Kent and Essex."

"Reports of casualties and damage have not yet been received. Our guns and airplanes were both in action."

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OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF  
STORM IN NORTHWEST.

Portland—Williamette at flood stage. Telephone and train service interrupted. Plate-glass windows broken.

Tacoma—Bridges washed out and interurban service to Seattle discontinued.

Seattle—Telephone wires, trees and awnings torn down by 46-mile gale.

Ellensburg—Rain and snow cuts off train service.

Cle Elum—Residents near river abandoning homes for fear of flood.

Walla Walla—Chinook winds send mercury up to 66 degrees at 2 A. M.

North Yakima—Stampped Tunnel under two feet of water and no through trains from East arrive.

Sheridan—Flood in school basement stops session.

## WOODLAND UNDER 6 FEET OF WATER

\$1,000,000 Railroad  
Bridge in Danger;

## LIVESTOCK REPORTED LOST

Farm Home Burns and Family  
Is Rescued in Boats.

## FLOOD WITHOUT PARALLEL

Late at Night Entire Town Was  
Threatened and Business Men Be-  
gan Moving Valuable Rec-  
ords to Places of Safety.

WOODLAND, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Lewis River went on a veritable rampage this afternoon and tonight. Woodland was flooded and isolated. The main part of the town is under from 18 inches to six feet of water, and the current in the steadily rising river is driving driftwood so swiftly that grave fears are entertained that the \$1,000,000 Northern Pacific bridge across the Lewis, three miles south of town, will go out before morning.

It is reported that 23 head of cattle on the Groeg Wyman ranch south of Woodland were drowned today. At Kerns, one mile north, the Pacific Highway is under three feet of water. It is held certain that all roads around here will be washed out. Around Ariel, reports tonight said, rain was falling in torrents and the Lewis was rising rapidly.

Woodland in Darkness.

The power went off at 7 o'clock, leaving the town in darkness, save for an occasional oil lamp or a candle.

Fire destroyed the house on the W. H. Edwards farm, two miles south of here, at 5 A. M. It was necessary to remove the Selby family, occupying the house, in boats. The home and furnishings were a total loss. The dentist family is being cared for by neighbors.

Water in the Lewis River is the highest within the recollection of local residents. All but two blocks of the main part of town was flooded before 7 P. M. The current in front of the Woodland State Bank, corner of Davidson avenue and Third street, the center of the city, was so strong that pedestrians were swept from the street. The flood stream was only 13 inches deep there.

School Grounds Flooded.

It was necessary to dismiss school at 2 o'clock and even by that hour the flood had made such progress that the smaller children had to be removed by boats. The school grounds were entirely under water by night.

Six feet of water blocks progress between the town and the railroad station. Travelers were transferred by boat today.

Woodland is flooded because the excess water cannot get west through the Northern Pacific grade, as there are no culverts. This causes it to back up into town.

Business Records Moved.

Before darkness made investigations hazardous the rising tide had assumed such proportions that most families already began moving household goods to higher levels. It was not long before the water was six feet deep.

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THE FOUNDATION COMPANY  
DISBURSES \$36,000 HERE  
EVERY WEEK.

The Foundation Company, one of the pioneer contracting concerns in the United States, was operating large plants at Newark, N. J., Victoria, B. C., and Tacoma, Wash., a year ago. Last August it was attracted to Portland, where it installed another plant, which is among the largest wooden shipbuilding properties on the Pacific Coast.

This company immediately entered into the local shipbuilding industry, secured a number of Government contracts and is today disbursing approximately \$36,000 among its 1300 employees every week.

The plant is being operated to capacity and its continued activity is assured by the number of contracts on hand.

