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## GUATEMALA CITY RAZED, IN RUINS

### Bodies of Dead Strew Wreckage.

### 80,000 PERSONS HOMELESS

### Survivors of Big Earthquake Disaster, Panic Stricken, Take to Flight.

### MANY FACE STARVATION

### American Red Cross Takes Steps to Relieve Distress. \$10,000 to Be Spent.

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 30.—Guatemala City, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the disaster, some in their homes and others in the street.

The Colon Theater, which was filled with people, collapsed. There were many casualties among the audience.

Patients and Prisoners Perish. Various hospitals and asylums and the prisons were badly damaged and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad depot, sugar mills, postoffice, the American and British legations, United States consulate and all the churches in the city have been leveled.

Deep fissures opened in the middle of the city.

Panic Depopulates City. The inhabitants, in panic, have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadorean government has suspended the official New Year celebration and entered into mourning in sympathy with Guatemala.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Another earthquake at Guatemala City yesterday virtually destroyed the city. A Navy Department report today said everything was in ruins and that 125,000 people were in the streets. American naval vessels have been ordered to render assistance.

Work of Devastation Complete. The series of earthquakes began on Christmas day and culminated last night in violent shocks completed the work of destruction.

Following is the brief dispatch which brought the news of the catastrophe:

"Bad earthquake yesterday; finished the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of last night's shock. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people are in the streets. Parts of the country are very cold and windy. Tents are needed badly. Quite a number killed yesterday by falling walls."

### Red Cross Acts Promptly.

The machinery of the American Red Cross has been set in motion to relieve the earthquake sufferers.

In response to an appeal for assistance from Alfred Clarke, chairman of the Red Cross chapter at Guatemala City, a preliminary appropriation of \$10,000 has been authorized for the purchase of relief supplies.

Materials for temporary shelters are being assembled, but mildness of the climate in the devastated region minimizes fears of suffering likely to be caused by exposure.

At a Guatemala port large quantities of flour, potatoes, crackers and other staple foodstuffs, as well as disinfectants and stores of galvanized iron for temporary buildings, already are being loaded aboard a vessel to sail for Puerto Barrios, on the east coast of Guatemala.

Earthquakes have been prevalent in Guatemala since the day after Christmas, when shocks were general throughout the republic. With each recurrent shock the damage in Guatemala City, the capital of the republic, has grown more extensive.

News Grows Worse Daily. Last Thursday it was reported that from 10 to 40 persons had been killed in the disturbances of the previous night, while dispatches of Friday and

## U. S. TROOPS KILL MEXICAN BANDITS

### AMERICANS CROSS BORDER IN PURSUIT OF CATTLE THIEVES.

Punishment Follows Series of Raids on Indio Ranch, Where Thousand Head of Cattle Stolen.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 30.—At least six Mexican bandits were killed in a fight between bandits and United States troops and Texas Rangers Saturday at San Jose, Mexico, opposite the Indio ranch, which is 20 miles south of Eagle Pass.

The pursuit of a "hot trail" across the border followed a series of raids on the Indio ranch, in which it is estimated that a thousand or more head of cattle had been stolen and driven across the Rio Grande.

In the latest raid on the ranch 160 goats were stolen. Colonel Frederick R. Day, commanding at Camp Eagle Pass, sent Capt. W. Howard with four troops of cavalry and a machine gun platoon to investigate. They arrived at Indio ranch at 4 o'clock Saturday morning and found 14 Texas Rangers already on the scene. At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon the Rangers crossed the border. They were attacked from ambush and surrounded. Then the machine platoon under Lieutenant Charles B. Herrick, and four troops of cavalry under Major E. C. Welis unexpectedly arrived on the scene and opened fire. The bandits fled in disorder.

After a short running fight the Americans recrossed to the American side. They did not take the time to count the bandit dead, but six bodies were seen and officers say there probably were several others in the brush.

## FOOD STOCKS BEING LISTED

### Anyone Having More Than \$250 Worth on Hand Must Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—All dealers, manufacturers, warehouse men, hotels and other institutions having on hand more than \$250 worth of foodstuffs must report to the bureau of markets of the Department of Agriculture, giving a detailed statement of their holdings, tomorrow, with a comparison of holdings on the same day last year.

A statement tonight by Charles J. Brand says every effort has been made to send schedules to the firms and individuals who handle the food supply of the country, but that failure to receive a schedule does not exempt anyone from complying with the regulations.

## TROOPS' DEATH RATE LOW

### Statement by Surgeon-General Makes Favorable Showing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Figures compiled at the office of Surgeon-General Gorras and made public today show that, with more than 900,000 soldiers in training in this country from September 21 to December 31, there were only 124 deaths, there were 424 deaths, an average rate of less than two per 1000.

The record shows that the average strength of the Army in the United States during the period was 916,722 men. Among the 292,909 regulars there were 14 deaths; there were 424 deaths in the 287,233 National Army, and 753 deaths in the 327,480 National Guardsmen.

## YEAR'S LYNCHINGS ARE 38

### All Except Two Negroes and All But One in Southern States.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Dec. 30.—Records made public last night by R. R. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, show that 38 persons were lynched in the United States this year. All except two were negroes, and one of those was a woman. One lynching occurred in Montana and all the others were in Southern states, Georgia and Texas having six each.

Attacks on white women were given as the cause in 16 instances.

## GERMAN TEACHER DROPPED

### Pro-German Sympathies and Utterances Are Grounds for Action.

DENVER, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Martha Loeschler Crook, professor of German at the University of Denver, was dismissed from the faculty of the school at a meeting of the board of trustees yesterday.

Pro-German sympathies and utterances, it was announced, were the grounds for the action. The trustees voted to continue her salary to the end of the academic year.

## NOME PAPER IS SEDITIOUS

### Earl Rogers and Five Others of Industrial Worker's Staff Arrested.

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 29.—Earl Rogers, editor of the Nome Industrial Worker, and the five members of the editorial board of publication, which is owned by the miners' unions, were arrested today for alleged seditious articles, which, it is charged, appeared in the Worker.

Rogers formerly lived in Seattle and Tacoma.

## Vocational Fund Allotted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Eight states have been allotted shares of the Federal fund for vocational education, having complied with the law and agreed to raise a dollar at home for every Federal dollar received. Idaho has been allotted \$15,000.

## RUIN MARKS TRAIL OF GERMAN RETREAT

### Hoquiam Editor Visits Razed French Town

### DAMAGE PAID COMPUTATION

### Country Cut by Trenches Seen From Vimy Ridge.

### SCOUTING PLANES ADMIRER

### Army Men Tell Washingtonian That They Would Rather Have High Hill for Observing Than a Thousand Airplanes.

### BY MAJOR H. W. PATTON. (Sixth Article.)

Then we drove to the town of Bapaume, where there is not a house left standing intact. When the German evacuation began they shipped to Germany all the women and children, and the men under 60 years of age, and then dynamited every house in the town, so as to put it in a state where repair was impossible.

In one instance, however, they left a building in a very fair state of preservation. This was the Hotel de Ville or city hall, and against it the Huns only made a pretense of injury. When the French occupied the town, they found the building in such good repair that they occupied it as headquarters and housed their officers in it. At the expiration of 19 days, when the building was well filled, an explosion took place and there was not enough left of that hall when I saw it to have built a box car. In the explosion 147 French officers were killed and a number wounded.

### Dastardly Trick Discovered.

I was told that the manner of the explosion was in this wise: That under a pile of debris in the basement a bomb had been placed. Over it was suspended a weight, by a wire which had been treated with acid which ate through in 10 days, and dropped the acid weight on the bomb, causing the explosion.

At another place, we saw a large crypt, where in early French days the heads of the dead were placed. The top of this had been blown off and I saw hundreds of skulls exposed to the rain and sun.

We next went to the town of Peronne. Every house in this town also had been destroyed. In fact, I saw upon this trip through France enough destroyed houses, that if they were put together would make a city as large as San Francisco.

We returned to Amiens for the night, and the next morning we started out for our first actual visit to the immediate vicinity of the front line.

There was considerable reluctance on the part of the British officers to take us into the front line trenches. They realized the great risk that was being

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## WOMEN WILL KNIT, CONVICT AND ACQUIT

### SAN FRANCISCO TO HAVE MANY JURORS IN SKIRTS.

### Twenty-five Per Cent of Names on 1918 Panel Those of Fair Voters; Notices Now Being Served.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—(Special.) To the click of knitting needles, jurors in the Superior Courts of San Francisco during the coming year may hear the evidence in the cases which they are to try.

The reason is that 25 per cent of the names on the 1918 jury roll will be those of women. The jury commission is now sending out notifications to women members of the 1918 panel to hold themselves in readiness to serve.

"They can knit," Presiding Judge Thomas F. Graham said today. "Otherwise they will be treated just like men. They will be challenged just as men are, and no doubt they will become quite as adept in providing reasons why they should be excused from duty."

## ARGENTINE VESSEL ASHORE

### Life Guards Rescue Passengers and Crew by Breeches Buoy.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 30.—The Argentine transport Pimento, understood to have on board members of an economic mission to the United States from Argentina, was driven ashore off the Atlantic Coast during a storm last night and now lies high on the beach.

Everybody on board was taken off safely in a breeches buoy by life guards.

The shipwrecked Argentinians are housed tonight in the lifesaving station. They hope to board their vessel again tomorrow if she can be floated and the wrecking crew now standing by think this may be done if the storm abates.

A 50-mile gale was driving a heavy fall of snow when the ship lost her course last night.

## NEW YEAR'S EDITION OF THE OREGONIAN OUT TOMORROW.

The big annual New Year's edition of The Oregonian will be on the streets tonight and tomorrow. This special annual feature carries five sections showing Oregon's part in the war preparedness programme, its evolution as a state, its progress during the year, in addition to telling a complete and absorbing story of the "vast resources" behind the "Oregon First" spirit.

Every important industry will be featured. Facts, figures and pictures will vividly portray Oregon's onward march.

The edition will appear as a part of tonight's early street edition and as part of the regular edition tomorrow. It will be on sale at newsstands and at special street stands on all the principal streets in the business district.

The price will be 5 cents a copy. The postage will be 5 cents in the United States and possessions. The postage will be 5 cents for American soldiers at the front. All other foreign postage will be 10 cents.

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## PEACE PROPOSALS TO GO TO NATIONS

### Conference Delegates Are in Accord.

### TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN

### Prisoners Are to Be Liberated and Commerce Resumed.

### AUTONOMY INSISTED UPON

### German Answer to Russian Proposals "Indicates Great Probability Empire of Romanoffs Will Be Broken Up."

BREST-LITOVSK, Dec. 28, via Berlin and London, Dec. 30.—Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including liberation of war prisoners and resumption of commercial relations, was reached today by the delegates of Russia and the central powers in discussion of issues which, in the event of a general peace, would have to be settled among the nations represented in the negotiations here.

This provisional discussion was terminated today, the basis of an agreement adopted being reached under the reservation that it was to be examined by the governments represented by the delegates.

In respect of treaty relations, an understanding was arrived at regarding the restoration of the situation as it existed when the war began.

It was provided that certain laws adopted during the war shall be cancelled, and that those affected thereby shall be restored to their previous rights or indemnified.

War Costs and Damage Defined. The rules in regard to payment of war costs and damage were defined in greater detail. Provisions were made concerning damages sustained by civilians outside the war area.

An agreement in principle was reached regarding the reciprocal liberation and return to their homes of war prisoners and interned civilians and also for the return of captured merchant vessels.

Speedy resumption of diplomatic and consular relations is embraced in the understanding. It is set forth that there shall be immediate stoppage of economic warfare, establishment of commercial intercourse and the organized exchange of commodities.

A substantial understanding was arrived at on which the basis of economic relations shall be settled permanently.

Troops to Be Withdrawn. Regarding the question of occupied territory, the Russians made the following proposal:

"In full accord with the public declarations of both the contracting parties that they do not cherish bellicose plans and desire to conclude peace without annexation, Russia will with-

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## PACIFIST SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

### E. ALLEN BENNETT REFUSED TO GET 'STIRRED UP' OVER WAR.

### As Result of Warped Views Incumbent of School Position at Coburg Makes Place for New Man.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—E. Allen Bennett, principal of schools at Coburg, has resigned. He had been publicly criticized because of his pacifist tendencies and his alleged refusal to encourage co-operation with the Government's war plans in the schools.

The fact of Bennett's resignation has been made public by County Superintendent of Schools E. J. Moore. Walter Moore, now a member of the faculty of the Springfield High School, has been elected as his successor.

Mr. Bennett, in explaining his attitude, said that he believed it best not to get "stirred up" over the war and for that reason he did not encourage war projects in the schools. To preserve his own state of mind, he has refrained from reading the newspapers since the United States entered the conflict, it is said.

Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, employed by the food administration, following a recent visit to the schools of Coburg reported to the state headquarters that she had found less interest in the question of food conservation there than at any other point in the state which she had visited.

The school authorities in the other cities and towns of Lane County took the leadership in the food pledge campaign in their various communities.

County Superintendent of Schools Moore says that he does not believe that Bennett is disloyal, but that his ideas about war are wrong.

## APACHES JOIN RED CROSS

### One Hundred and Eleven Full-Blooded Americans Get Buttons.

GLOBE, Ariz., Dec. 30.—One hundred and eleven full-blooded Apache Indians walked into an auxiliary of the Globe chapter of the American Red Cross at Globe on the Indian reservation, yesterday and their leader handed \$222 in bills over to the secretary.

"What's that for?" asked the secretary.

"We want to join the Red Cross," said Arthur Johns, their spokesman, who is a Carlisle alumna and whose Indian name is Flying Fox. "We're the first contingent. Two hundred more will be in during the week." They asked for the largest Red Cross buttons available and proudly departed.

## SLACKERS IN UGLY MOOD

### One in Jail Rejects Questionnaire and Another Tears Document Up.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Paul Haffer, a Tacoma Socialist who served a sentence for libeling George Washington and who is now confined in the County Jail for refusal to register under the draft law, has declined to fill out a questionnaire, according to Sheriff Robert Longmire.

All slackers in the County Jail are being given an opportunity to fill out questionnaires. Haffer returned his blank, and Henry Martson, alleged slacker, tore up his questionnaire.

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