

OVERCOATS SHIVER

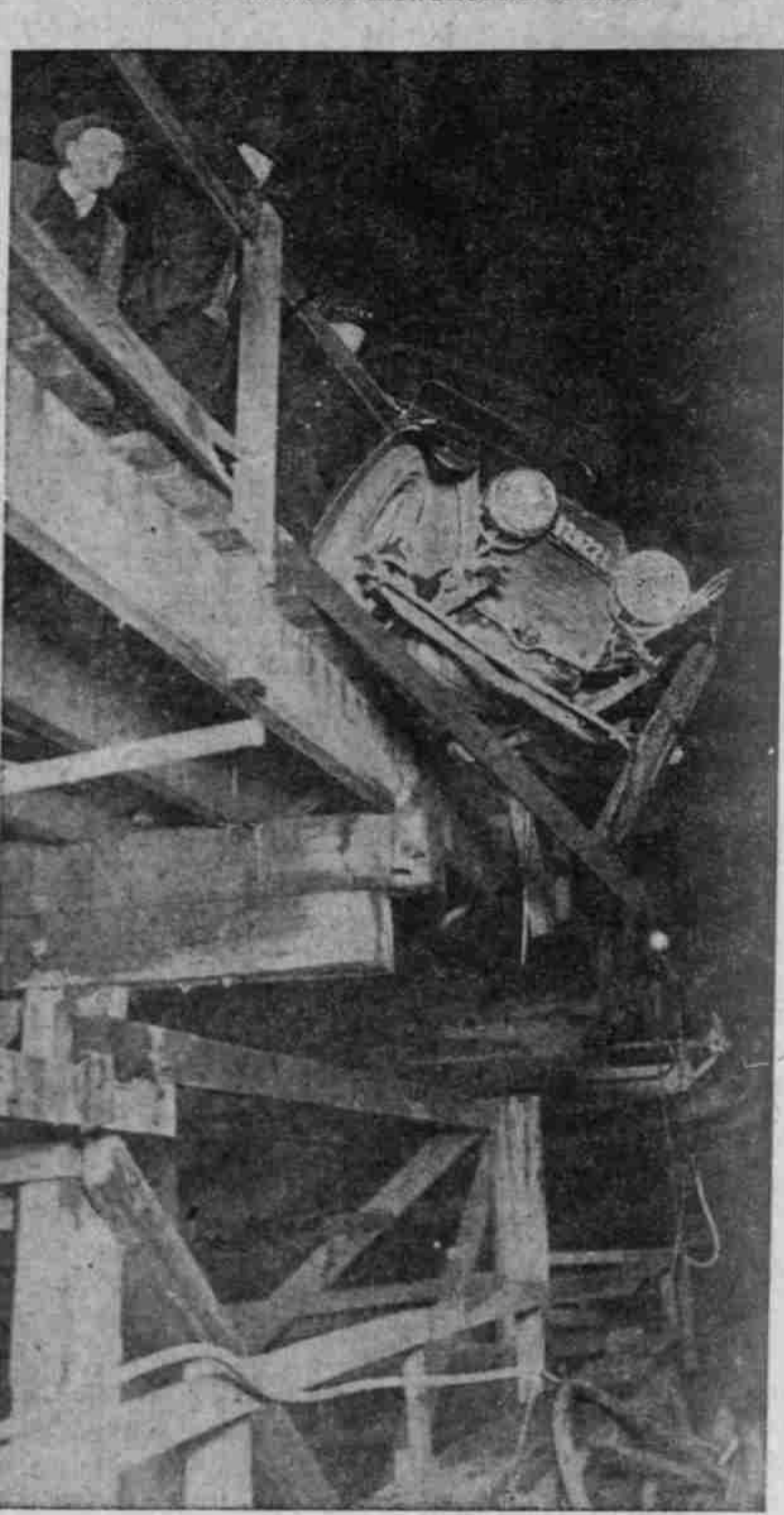
Need of Winter Clothing Is Keenly Felt at Many Training Camps.

BLOUSES HARD TO OBTAIN

Total Overcoat Shortage Reported Is 11,500—Secretary Baker at Senate Hearing Explains Delays in Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Overcoat shortages at National Guard and National Army training camps were reported today by Secretary Baker in a further response today to the Senate military committee's resolution urging immediate steps to provide the soldiers with adequate winter clothing. Many of the camps still are short of woollen blouses, which the Secretary said, were particularly hard to obtain.

FLASHLIGHT SHOWING AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN BY CAPTAIN "BILL" RODGERS, OF 1917 BEAVERS, AFTER IT ALMOST WENT THROUGH HAWTHORNE BRIDGE.



PHOTOGRAPH BY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE OREGONIAN, TAKEN LAST NIGHT.

"Bill" Rodgers, captain of the Beavers during the 1917 season, narrowly escaped serious injury last night when his automobile crashed through the wooden railing on the east approach to the Hawthorne bridge. The car stopped with the front wheels projecting over the edge of the bridge, on the verge of a 20-foot drop to the beach.

Mr. Rodgers was driving west and lost control of the car when he was about 100 feet from the bridge proper. The auto ran onto the sidewalk, between a telephone pole and a guy wire, and smashed the heavy plank rails. The railing was broken down over a space of about 20 feet.

Mr. Rodgers was uninjured. The automobile was damaged, but was moved away a short time later. The bridge was temporarily repaired with boards.

slowly. The Russian delegates claimed the right to send any publications they desired to Russian prisoners in Germany and to Socialists in the Central Empire. They also demanded unrestricted direct telegraphic communication with representatives of the Socialist parties in the enemy countries. The German delegates replied they were unprepared to make an agreement on this point.

The Russian delegates demanded the creation of a special commission to inquire into the situation of the prisoners of war and to report on their needs.

The Bolsheviks have fixed the opening of the constituent assembly for January 18 and provided a quorum of 400 members is then present.

LEO TROTSKY HAS SENT A communication to the Russian government asking it to begin negotiations for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Persia.

GREY MAY BECOME AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

Reading and Chamberlain Also Named by Rumor for Washington Mission.

MIXER NEEDED FOR PLACE

British Government Adopts Policy of Making Changes in Diplomatic Corps, Army and Navy in Order to Get New Blood.

(By the Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 4.—A topic that is greatly interesting British officialdom and the public at the moment is the selection of an Ambassador to the United States to succeed Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

Three names thus far are being discussed—those of Viscount Grey, former Foreign Secretary; Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England; and J. Austen Chamberlain, eldest son of the late Joseph Chamberlain and former secretary for India.

Viscount Grey is generally considered the strongest man of the three. He is one of the foremost of British statesmen and his political convictions are sincerely and deeply democratic and liberal.

The only handicap to Viscount Grey suggested is that he is distinctly shy and retiring. There is a belief here, whether it be right or wrong, that the British Ambassador to the United States should be what is called "a mixer."

Lord Reading now holds the office of Chief Justice of England and it is questionable whether he would be willing to resign the post for any diplomatic position.

Chamberlain has suffered the lifelong handicap of being the son of an important and able father. He has his father's manners and mannerisms, even to a monomaniacal interest in the labor party which the members of the labor party would say that he is too much of an aristocrat to be Great Britain's representative in the United States.

The fact that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice is being recalled from Washington and Sir George W. Buchanan from the Embassy to Brussels does not mean a lack of confidence in them on the part of the government, much less any feeling that they have not fulfilled their duties well.

Buchanan had the most difficult work in Russia any foreign diplomat has had to handle in a long time. He knew of the threat of a revolution in Russia long before it actually broke out and counseled the Emperor of the danger and advised him to give Russia a real parliamentary government.

But the Emperor, who was the real power, reinforced by Rasputin, the mystic monk, and other fanatics, and by the bureaucracy, nullified Buchanan's advice until it was too late.

The government today is engaged in retiring several of its servants of high standing and reputation in several departments, notably in diplomacy and the Army and Navy. This does not mean that they have failed, but does mean that the government is determined to do so.

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BOYS RESUME TRAINING

WORK IN FRANCE, HALTED BY HOLIDAYS, UNDER WAY AGAIN.

American Boys Are Developing Skill in All Lines of Service—Mud Does Not Interfere With Drill.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—With holiday diversions over, the entire American expeditionary force during which airplanes co-operated with the artillery. This regiment is rapidly nearing the point where it will be classed as expert in this cooperation, and the aerial observers are becoming equally efficient. Both 75s and guns of larger calibers are being used. The weather is clear and cold, and except for the snow on the ground conditions are ideal for training purposes.

NORTH BEND Plans Home Guard.

NORTH BEND, Ore., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The first step toward the formation of a Home Guard unit to guard the mills and shipyard here in time of

To Thrifty Men! Buffum & Pendleton Co. Announce a Clearance Sale of \$25 and \$30 Suits and Overcoats

\$18.50

There will be no general mark-down sale of clothing this season, owing to the advancing prices and the scarcity of woolsens, but we are grouping together all single garments left from large lots, together with such few garments as were carried from last season, and offer them at the above irresistible price in order to leave us nothing other than complete lines at the time of our annual taking account of stock, February first.

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DRAINAGE LAW HIT

Convention Favors Wider Use of Irrigation Funds.

COMMITTEE IS NAMED Steps Are Taken to Bring About Improved Legislation—Experts Are Heard on Various Problems to Farmers.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The joint irrigation and drainage convention of farmers week today adopted resolutions in favor of amending the 1915 drainage law to give drainage districts authority to appropriate funds for irrigation purposes.

A resolution also was adopted providing for a joint committee of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, State Drainage Association and the Oregon Clay Workers' Association, consisting of the presidents and the societies, to keep the full strength of all the associations behind the legislative programmes and all other movements for the advancement of the irrigation and drainage interests. The main object of the convention was to discuss the drainage law.

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WOMAN, 45, TAKES POISON

Mrs. Genevieve Keating, Despondent, Dies Almost Instantly.

Because of despondency, Mrs. Genevieve Keating, 45 years old, swallowed cyanide of potassium at her mother's home, 143 Laurelhurst avenue, late yesterday and died almost instantly. The body was taken in charge of the coroner and will be held, pending the arrival of a brother from Puget Sound.

Three Indicted for Fraud. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil, F. K. Buckmaster and three others were indicted today on charges of having swindled two Indiana business men out of \$115,000 through the operation of an alleged confidence game. The total operations of the band are said to have netted them upward of \$1,000,000. The defendants are said to have represented themselves as purchasing agents of England and France.

TEUTON SHAM IS SEEN

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is not very neutral, it is anyhow more neutral than Germany is. When M. Kamenoff, one of the Russian peace delegates, presented his report on the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, at some point, Bolshevik headquarters, it was found that the Germans had attempted to bind Russia to their country by renewal of the Treaty of 1918, which Emperor Nicholas declined to extend, resulting in a situation which was one of the causes of the war.

Germany made other proposals, all for the purpose of obtaining a position as the most favored nation. The Russian delegates stated that they believed in a peace settlement that at the very moment when they were engaged in socializing industry, nationalizing banks, etc., they could not subscribe to principles contrary to socialism.

ILL SOLDIERS WANT MUSIC

Convolescents at Vancouver Would Like Gift of Phonograph.

Here is an opportunity for someone with a phonograph to impart a little additional cheer to the convalescent soldiers at Vancouver Barracks. The convalescent hospital there is in need of a music box or "voices" enough to be heard easily and to play the up-to-date records, and a large phonograph either purchased for or donated to the hospital would be appreciated.

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Secretary of War Bases Adverse Report on Engineers' Statements That Projects Are Not Justified.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 4.—The Secretary of War today sent to Congress adverse reports on the proposed improvement of Youngs Bay, near Astoria, and of the Columbia between the mouth of the Snake River and Priest Rapids.

Major Jewett, in his report on the Upper Columbia, says the improvement of the Columbia above Vancouver should be considered as a whole, and he recommends a comprehensive survey of this long stretch of river with a view to developing a project that will provide continuous navigation as far as practicable.

The river and harbor board does not regard the improvement of the Columbia above Pasco "as essential to the development of the general traffic of the Columbia." It suggests that the improvement of the Upper Columbia should await a further increase in population.

As to Youngs Bay, the engineers find a present channel from the main channel of the Columbia to the county road bridge from nine to 15 feet deep. The principal commerce is log rafts and barges bearing lumber products, and these, they hold, do not require a deeper channel, such as was proposed.

The cost of a 30-foot or even a 25-foot channel is held to be prohibitive, considering that there is no great need for a greater depth.

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