

## BATTLES RAGING ON HISTORIC FIELDS

### Scene of Offensive in West Reviewed.

## REGION FILLED WITH GLORY

### German Organization Again Seen in Its Perfection.

## MEN WELL LOOKED AFTER

### Nation Treats Its Soldiers as Most Precious Possession and in Return Expects Them to Behave With Dignity.

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### GERMAN HEADQUARTERS.

in France, Nov. 4.—During the days of the great September-October Anglo-French offensive—which turned out to be not so great as to results, despite the vast scale on which it was projected—all train schedules went to smash soon after the passenger left the French frontier town of Audon-le-de-Main.

Whether you were traveling via Longuyon or via Longwy, it was the same. From Audon to Longuyon is only 15 miles, but our train was half a day making the distance. Every hour was a critical hour and the rule was "ammunition first." That rule was absolute. When the ammunition trains had finished by our train would manage to steal ahead a few kilometers pending the coming of more ammunition trains, which had the right of way. There was a rush of troops to the front, too, but even they did not have the right of way over ammunition.

### Wounded Cheer Fresh Troops.

The traffic we passed that was home-bound—that is, bound to Germany—was mostly trainloads of lightly wounded men standing close packed in freight cars. They looked tired and grimy, but they had a good round cheer left in them for every trainload of fresh troops going forward.

The hospital trains carrying the heavily wounded were far less frequent. It was the old story of shrapnel again, the story of wounds which, though they put a man out of commission, do not shatter him.

Some black-robed nuns had joined us at Koblenz and we had thought that they were going to the front to nurse the wounded. But at nightfall they dropped off at Longuyon, where they were to take up their duties in the hospitals for soldiers stricken with typhoid. They stood a long time on the station platform in the misty rain. Finally some soldiers came and led them away into the night—the silent black-robed women who had asked no questions and uttered no word of complaint at the delay.

### Organization Seems Perfect.

From the northeastern border of France, on through Longwy, Longuyon, Montmedy, Sedan, Laon, Soissons, St. Quentin, Peronne, Douai and up to Lille and beyond, the railway station organization of the Germans seems perfect. There is no reason why a soldier should be either cold or hungry two minutes after he has descended from the train stopping at any of these points or at a hundred others, the names of which would mean nothing to the reader who has not traversed the ground.

The German soldier is scrupulously looked after. He is regarded as the most precious possession of his country, and he is treated as such. In return he is expected to value himself.

## W. A. MARSHALL TO PICK PLUM AGAIN

### GOVERNOR TO RE-NAME ACCIDENT COMMISSIONER.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION, APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR WEST, WILL BE GIVEN ANOTHER TERM.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—William A. Marshall, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, will be reappointed next week, probably, to succeed himself, according to unofficial information here. Mr. Marshall's term will expire December 21. Several other aspirants had sought the place. Principal among them were Oscar W. Harms, who was a member of the last Legislature from Multnomah County, and W. C. Dunaway, brother of the late Willis S. Dunaway, former state printer. Both have some strong endorsements.

Mr. Marshall was appointed originally by Governor West upon organization of the commission. It was understood that he was to be the representative of the workmen on the commission. Harvey Beckwith was appointed as the representative of the employers. The third member of the commission at present is Carl Abrams, who was appointed by Governor Withycombe last Spring, succeeding Miss Fern Hobbs. Mr. Abrams and Mr. Marshall are Republicans, but Mr. Beckwith is a Democrat. The law provides that not more than two commissioners shall be members of the same political party.

## FIRST ISSUE IS EXHIBITED

### Mrs. Kayben Has Copy of The Oregonian and of Smallest Paper.

A copy of the first issue of The Oregonian, Wednesday, December 4, 1859, and a copy of the smallest newspaper published, The World, of Felix, Ia., of October 13, 1871, consisting of four sheets 1 1/2 by 4 inches in size, are among the collection of relics owned by Mrs. C. B. Kayben.

Attracted by the recent discussion of the early copies of the Oregonian now in existence, Mrs. Kayben resuscitated the papers and brought them down for display.

## SNOW FALL IS 190 INCHES

### Traffic in Great Northern Tunnel in Cascades Not Interrupted.

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—One hundred and ninety inches of snow has fallen since November 7 at the portal of the Great Northern tunnel through the Cascades, and 83 inches at Leavenworth, on the eastern slope of the mountains.

This is the heaviest early snowfall ever known at Leavenworth. There has been no interruption of traffic.

## HAVANA TRAFFIC STOPPED

### jitney Men and Cabbies Strike and Car Men May Join.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—Havana is threatened with a complete stoppage of vehicular passenger traffic. The motor cab chauffeurs struck yesterday, and today they were joined by the cabbies. Streetcar conductors also are threatening to join the strike.

The original cause of the strike was the refusal of the chauffeurs to wear a uniform prescribed by the Mayor or to accept certain rates for service.

## NAVY SHIPS CALLED HOME

### American Officers and Men to Have Wide Shore Leave Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—All ships of the United States Navy set on special service to foreign waters will be in their home ports on Christmas day, and as many of the men and officers as possible will have holiday shore leave.

Orders were issued today referring the vessels to report to home ports December 29 and remain until January 6.

## KAISER CREDITED WITH PEACE PLAN

### Concession to Reichstag Momentous.

## RUMOR CURRENT IN HOLLAND

### Letter to Wilson Now Said to Be in Contemplation.

## TERMS ARE SUGGESTED

### Proclamation Reported Coming When German Emperor Enters Constantinople—"Extinction" to Follow Rejection.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The momentous decision reached by the German government to permit the discussion of peace in the Reichstag is regarded here as the clearest indication that Germany is prepared to lay down her arms if acceptable conditions can be obtained.

The government's decision, following the authorization given to the German press for a free discussion of peace possibilities and the discussion of an almost unanimous desire to end the war, along with the governmental sanction of the socialist plan to bring about a peace debate in the Reichstag, lends to Thursday's session of that body an importance which it is impossible to overestimate.

The entire world is awaiting eagerly the speech of the imperial Chancellor. Meanwhile the wildest rumors are current.

The latest of these, coming from the Hague and obviously from a German source, is to the effect that the Kaiser intends to proclaim peace on his arrival at Constantinople. It is asserted on the "highest authority," according to the rumor—but the name of this "highest authority" is not given—that the Kaiser will send a letter to President Wilson urging him to accept the role of mediator. The letter, the rumor goes on, will declare that Germany did not want the war, which the letter will say, was forced by England and Russia. Atrocities will be denied energetically. The host is at hand, the letter will continue, to stop the bloodshed and permit Europe to heal her wounds with a bountiful peace.

Germany will offer, through President Wilson, to evacuate the invaded departments of France and all of Belgium except Antwerp and to negotiate with Great Britain regarding the possession of Antwerp. Poland will be declared autonomous, the invaded provinces of Russia will be restored and Serbia's independence will be guaranteed.

On the other hand, the "freedom of the seas" is to be guaranteed, and special privileges are to be granted to German commerce.

In case of a refusal of these terms, according to the rumor, Germany is determined upon a war of extermination.

## WHEAT JUMPS FIVE CENTS

### Impetus of Enormous Buying Felt on Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Under the impetus of immense buying on the part of big houses, wheat prices gained more than 5 cents a bushel in some cases just before the close today, as compared with prices earlier in the day. December wheat closed at \$1.15 1/2.

Reports that Canadian wheat could be sold only to Great Britain or her allies were circulated, and there were Philadelphia reports of an immense foreign business in flour and wheat.

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## THREATS MADE TO KILL PROSECUTORS

### Witnesses in Labor Cases Slugged.

## ACCUSED CHICAGOANS FLEE

### Fewer Than Half of Accused Leaders Appear in Court.

## HEAVY BONDS EXACTED

### Extortion, Conspiracy and Malicious Mischief Charged—Defense Alleges General War on Organized Labor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—"Anonymous death threats have been sent to two members of the November grand jury, and two witnesses who testified before the grand jury against labor leaders, were slugged and beaten," said Charles Center Case, Jr., Assistant State's Attorney, today, after 35 of the 54 indicted labor leaders had appeared in court today to arrange for bonds.

One of the letters was addressed to State's Attorney Hoyne.

### Attempt at Intimidation Made.

Mr. Case said one of the threatening letters was turned over to him by a clerk in the office, and an investigation revealed that an attempt had been made to block the inquiry by intimidation.

Two members of the grand jury, he said, told him threatening letters had been sent to them. The letters said these men would be killed if indictments were voted against labor leaders. The State's Attorney was threatened with death if he persisted in conducting the inquiry.

As the investigation of the anonymous letters progressed, Mr. Case learned that several witnesses who had testified before the grand jury, or who had been summoned, had been the victims of mysterious attacks.

### Three Labor Leaders Flee.

Three labor leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy, extortion and malicious mischief have fled from the city.

Deputy Sheriffs in whose hands captives were placed reported that Thomas Crowley, painter, charged with being a member of the "pirate crew," had fled, business agent for the lithographers' union, charged with extortion, and Thomas Kelly, member of the electricians' wrecking crew, could not be found.

Crowley is believed to have fled the city last Monday, when he received word from some mysterious source that he was one of the men against whom indictments were voted.

### Professional Bondsmen Barred.

Mr. Case declared that many of the indicted men could not be found and ridiculed the assertions that their lawyers were in San Francisco attending a labor union meeting and that they would return in a few days.

"They dare not face trial," said Mr. Case, "and they never will face trial unless they are hunted down and brought here by force."

Forty men surrendered following the return of indictments late yesterday.

Judge Burke barred professional bondsmen from signing an surety for the indicted men, in reducing the bonds of the 36 defendants who were in court, when he instructed them not to leave the building, pending the arrangement of bonds for them. Bonds were fixed at \$250 each for extortion, conspiracy.

## ARM OF LAW TAKES AIGRETTE FROM HAT

### FAIR DEPUTY GAME WARDEN NABS FORBIDDEN PLUMAGE.

## FIRST CONFISCATION OF SEASON MADE BY OFFICIAL WHO INVADDED THEATER IN 1913 TO ENFORCE LAW.

The time has come for all those women who have aigrettes to exclude that rare plumage from their street fashion, promenade or any other sort of hat. The deputy from the State Game Warden's office yesterday made her first confiscation this season.

The deputy is Mrs. J. C. Murray, and for many months she has been silent and watchful. Whether or not the violation of the game laws regarding the wearing of aigrettes will be prosecuted or not as to punishment is undetermined.

Mrs. Murray is the same woman who carried on a crusade against the wearing of aigrettes several years ago, according to women on the streets in the busiest part of the city to let them know that they were violators of the game laws.

The most noted arrest made by Mrs. Murray was that of Lillian Herlein, an Orpheum headliner, who wore on the stage a plume composed of 42 aigrettes, valued at \$412. The plume was confiscated by Mrs. Murray after she had visited the Orpheum and ascertained that the plumes were real. That arrest occurred in November, 1913.

### POSTOFFICE PLANS READY

Department Believes Contract for Portland Can Be Let in February.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 4.—The supervising architect of the Treasury was advised by Architect Hobart, of San Francisco, today that he had just forwarded to Washington the completed plans of the new Portland Postoffice building. As soon as received the plans will be checked over, specifications will be written and the plans will then be advertised.

The Department is disposed to believe it can let the contract and get it under way some time in February.

## POLICE PUT OUT DRAGNET

### Patrol Wagon, Out 43 Times in Few Hours, Brings in 83.

All records for patrol-wagon runs were broken last night when 43 reports were made on the first night night under Captain Inskeep. On the 43 runs 83 were booked. Many more were brought to the station after midnight.

A number of small raids on hotels and rendezvous of characters known to the police were made, since the recent holdup wave the police are rounding up all suspicious characters.

## FRED BIG TOP IS CAUGHT

### Escaping Indian Falls Into Hands of Missouri Farmer.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 4.—Fred Big Top, a full-blooded Indian, who escaped from a Federal officer near here yesterday by jumping from a train, was captured by a farmer near Oregon, Mo., today. The Indian had entered the farmer's kitchen in search of food.

He resumed his journey to the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to serve a sentence imposed at Helena, Mont.

## More Pay for Soldiers Urged

### Representatives of the Centrium party today introduced a resolution in the budget committee of the Reichstag providing for a 50 per cent increase in the pay of German soldiers. Privates in the German army now receive 20 pfennigs (7 1/2 cents) a day.

## GERMAN BARON IS ACCUSED OF PLOT

### Consular Attache Is Held in Bail.

## NEUTRALITY CASES PRESSED

### Official at San Francisco Surrenders Himself.

## CROWLEY ALSO INVOLVED

### Arrest Made in Connection With Alleged Conspiracy to Block Commerce by Destroying Ships on Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, who claimed immunity from arrest as military attache of the German Consulate here last night, surrendered generally tonight to Federal authorities and was charged with attempting to destroy commerce with the allies. He was released on bail bond of \$10,000.

The arrest of Von Brincken was in connection with the alleged conspiracy to block traffic and destroy vessels carrying food, clothing and ammunition to the allies in the European war and associated him with Charles C. Crowley, a detective, and Lewis J. Smith, Crowley's alleged accomplice, in the handling of German funds for destruction purposes.

The Federal authorities also indicated the intention of pressing other neutrality cases by ordering service of a subpoena on Robert Capelle, agent of the North-German Lloyd Steamship Company, who was said by them to have been secreted on board the German bark Ottawa, interned off Sausalito since the beginning of the war. Search for Capelle was begun ten days ago, following the testimony in the Hamburg-American case at New York that \$75,000 was sent here for disbursement upon the orders of Captain Boy-ed, naval attache of the German embassy.

### MORE ARRESTS WILL FOLLOW

Washington Believes It Has Hands on Most of Conspirators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—After weeks of investigation covering the entire country Department of Justice officials were convinced tonight that they had under arrest most of the men implicated in plots to interfere with American commerce in millions of war.

The arrest today in San Francisco of Baron von Brincken, who says he is connected with the office of the German Consul-General there, is regarded here as one of the most important in several weeks. The Baron, according to the information here, was a prominent figure in the plans of C. C. Crowley, arrested in the same city, charged with plots against munition factories. More arrests are to be made in the Crowley case, and important developments are looked for when all the witnesses the Government is seeking reach San Francisco and give their testimony.

Although officials would not admit that direct connection had been established between the Crowley plots and those in which Lieutenant Robert Fay and his accomplices were implicated in New York, it is understood many facts point to such a conclusion. If this proves true the department expects, within a few weeks to have completely defeated Nation-wide plans to interfere with munition shipments in the East to England, France and Italy and in the West to Russia.

Who the head of the suspected conspiracy was, is not known.

COMMENT IN PICTURES ON SOME EVENTS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS IS MADE BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

