

OPTIMISM SOUNDED BY ALLIED LEADERS

Officials of France, England, Belgium, Russia and Italy Tell of Hopes.

VICTORY IN 1916 FORECAST

Central Powers Bound to Break Under Strain in Belief Expressed—Sure Signs of Coming Success Are Seen.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—In observation of the new year, prominent representatives of the allied countries have contributed to the Matin statements of their views concerning the future of the war.

Confidence United With Courage. The Earl of Derby, who organized the movement in England for obtaining territorial concessions, writes: "I await with absolute confidence the moment when the combined forces of the allies triumphantly shall prevail."

Epoch of Grandeur Foreseen. Guglielmo Ferrero, the Italian historian, says the war is one of the greatest crises of history. He believes it will stimulate the creative energies of humanity.

Professor Henri Bergson, of the University of Paris, says that although the future cannot be discerned, he has no doubt as to the issue of the war. He predicts a revived France, greater than ever before, and animated by a new impetus, will emerge from the struggle.

WHEAT CONVENTION DUE

PROGRAMME AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE OPENS JANUARY 4. President Will Deliver Annual Address on General Problems, and Other Speeches Arranged.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Washington State College, Pullman, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Secretary E. G. Schaefer, of the Washington wheat convention, announced the final arrangement of the programme, January 4, 5 and 6, as follows:

Thursday, January 4, afternoon—President's annual address, N. C. Lord, Dan Kralovic, Leo, "What Hopes Should Wheat Production Hold for the Future?"

LANE LOOKS TO ALASKA

SECRETARY ADVOCATES WATER-POWER LEGISLATION. Annual Report Says Regulations and Restrictions Have Hindered Wood Pulp Men.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 28.—There are abundant opportunities for the development of cheap water-power in Alaska, according to secretary of the Interior Lane, and he looks for such power development after a general water-power bill has been passed by Congress.

Alaska has many undeveloped water-power sites, many of them ideal in location and with few natural obstacles in the way of making them readily available by a comparatively moderate outlay of capital.

BATTLE WAGED IN AIR

GERMAN AVIATOR BRINGS DOWN OPPONENT FROM 9000 FEET.

Lieutenant Ingelman Adds Sixth to List of Hostile Aeroplanes Brought Down by His Rifle.

ALLIES LOSE ADVANTAGE

CENTRAL POWERS GAIN POPULATION; FOES DIMINISH.

Difference of 114,000,000 Existing at Start of War is Reduced to 40,000,000 in 17 Months.

BATTLE LINES FORMING

Galicia Promises to Be Scene of Conflict by Millions.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Large forces of Germans and Austrians have been brought up for the battle now in progress in Eastern Galicia.

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The price of The Oregonian Annual, including the news and all special sections, is 5 cents.

KAISER REVIEWS 'HISTORY'

'Military Successes' of 1915 Are Summed Up in Letter.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company sends the following: "Emperor William has written a letter to General von Falkenhayn, chief of staff of the German army, stating a Berlin telegram, in which he says: 'I will not let the year 1915 end without remembering our great military successes.'"

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MEEKER ASKS ROAD

Plan Submitted to Congressmen for Big Highway.

TO SPAN COUNTRY, IS AIM

Elderly Lobbyist Advocates That Columbia Route Be Included as Unit in National Project.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

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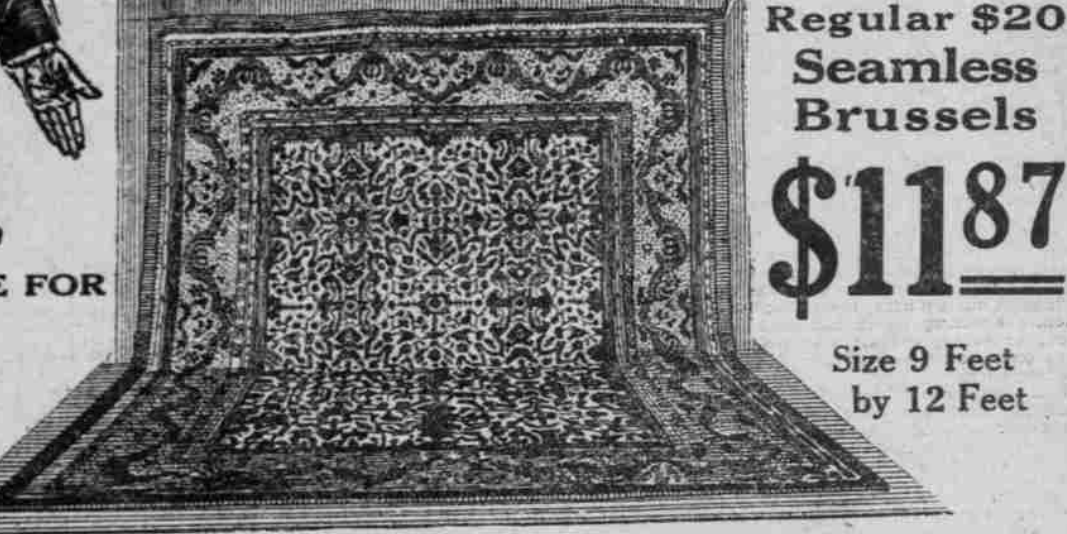
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