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This Week is Shoppers Week in Ashland.

Special Values at all the Stores

Central Powers Developing Their Maximum Effort on Italian Front

Military interest centers at present on the Italian front, where the central powers are declared in Rome dispatches to be developing their maximum effort of the war.

The terrific struggle still finds its focal point on the Asiago plateau, where Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorf's army, reinforced to great strength, is trying to force the passes which lead to the Italian plains. His troops so far in the fighting have captured some 16,000 Italians, according to the German reports, and have succeeded in pushing some distance into the Italian defensive positions.

The bravery of the Italian troops who have sacrificed themselves in large numbers in blocking the enemy advance has kept the holding line intact, however, as it receded. Even the heaviest enemy masses thrown against the defense, seemingly regardless of losses, have not succeeded to effect a break in the chain of strong positions in which the Italians are now continuing their stand.

There has been little fighting in the last 24 hours in the other war theatres. The Cambrai area, in which the line has shifted rapidly as the British and German armies swung back and forth over it in the last few weeks, is witnessing a let-up in the intensity of the activities.

probably preparatory to their re-acting out of new engagements.

The French front continues virtually stagnant.

In the east, the front from the Baltic to the Black sea, is quiescent under the influence of the armistice negotiations. These have been suspended seven days, according to advices from Petrograd, so that the allies may have opportunity to express their attitude toward the parleying.

Within Russia, where the Bolsheviks are still in control of the reins of government, there are rumors of internal developments of potential importance. One such is to the effect that former Emperor Nicholas has succeeded in effecting his escape. Little has developed as to what action the moderate forces of the nation may be contemplating in combatting the Bolshevik measures, one of which is reported to be the impending repudiation of all of Russia's foreign loans.

The American navy has suffered the loss of the new type destroyer Jacob Jones, torpedoed and sunk while on patrol duty in the war zone on the night of December 6, with only three of her officers and crew known to have been saved out of a total of approximately 100 on board. Ecuador has joined the group of South American nations which have broken relations with Germany.

admittance into the aviation and engineering service of the army.

Leon Lawton of Medford left Wednesday for Portland to enlist in the aviation service.

Geary Garrett and Roy McKeeker, two well-known Medford boys, have gone to San Francisco to take the physical examination for enlistment in the quartermaster's department of the army.

Bertrand B. Pratt and Philander G. McKeown of Gold Hill and Alexander L. Bohl of Medford recently enlisted in the marine corps and left Friday night for Portland. In a few days they expect to go to the Mare Island training camp.

Darrell Minkler, who has been attending the navy electrical school at Mare Island, is in the hospital at that place with the mumps.

Ward Hammond is at Long Island. He expects to embark before long for "somewhere in France."

E. W. Wall, Michael Broad and Fred Lewis of the Blue Ledge, who enlisted with the engineers' corps of the U. S. army, left Friday night for Portland.

Herbert Maxey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Maxey of this city, passed through Ashland several days ago en route for Fort Ward, near Seattle. Herbert has just received a chief engineer's rating from a specialist school of electrical engineering at Fort Winfield Scott.

Herbert Poor is "somewhere in France." Herbert was with the first contingent of drafted men who went to American Lake from California.

He was soon promoted to sergeant and then to the engineering corps, and is now with the 26th New York. He said the boys were well provided with warm clothing and good sweaters on leaving the United States.

Geoffrey Taverner, Leslie Phillips, Lynn Slack and Forest Wolcott arrived Saturday on a ten days' furlough from Fort Stevens.

Our sales have been very good since our opening day, but our different lines are yet quite complete. Come in before they are completely broken and make your selections for Xmas. It costs you more now than later. It will mean a great saving. Johnson's jewelry store. 11

Jackson Co. Men May Be Called

In reply to an inquiry from Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings, chairman of the Jackson county registration board, Lieut. Col. John M. Williams states that it is not possible to give the number of men Jackson county will be called upon to furnish in the next draft, for the reason that the federal government has not yet issued its second call for men. Under the first draft the gross quota for the county was 162. The enlistments in the National Guard and army up to and including June 30 were 283, which gave an excess of 121. This excess, under the law, was apportioned among other counties not having excesses in proportion to their population. No further credit will be given on account of this excess, but the county will receive credit on its gross quota for men who enlist or have been enlisted voluntarily in the National Guard and army since June 30. No credit is given on net quotas at any time. From this information it will be seen that Jackson county will have to be represented in the second draft.

Runaway Caught Here Saturday

About 9 o'clock Saturday evening Patrolman Michael received a telephone message from Chief Hitson of Medford to look out for a lost boy, and if found to put him in jail for the night. The lad, who is about 13 years of age, was apprehended at the theatre. He had followed the "Old Kentucky" show troupe to Ashland and had earned his way into the show by carrying a banner in the parade. He seemed frightened when the big policeman nabbed him and wanted to go home. Patrolman Michael sent him to Medford on a jitney.

Mass Meeting at City Hall Friday

There will be a citizens' mass meeting at the city hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock, December 14, for the purpose of discussing the refunding bond issue. Our plan is to refund all general city bonds that are paid by direct taxation bearing 6 per cent, and all other general city obligations bearing 6 and 8 per cent, and make the issue fall due just after the electric light and water bonds are paid. The intention is to pay this issue so far as possible from the revenue of the water and electric departments. The new issue proposed is to bear interest not to exceed 5 1/2 per cent and is to be sold on a competitive bid on the interest rate. The proposed issue will amount to approximately \$56,500. Ladies are especially invited to be present at this meeting. MAYOR C. B. LAMKIN.

Samuel Penniston is in receipt of a letter from Rev. Samuel M. Dorrance of Central Falls, R. I., a former rector of Trinity Episcopal church of Ashland, in which the latter states that he is leaving his parish. The Episcopal church is sending a clergyman of that denomination into every army camp in the country to serve as voluntary chaplain. Bishop Johnson of Missouri has asked Rev. Dorrance to become such a chaplain at an army post by the name of Jefferson Barracks, a few miles south of St. Louis. This is an old army post and is used at present as a receiving station for new recruits. Mr. Dorrance expects to take up his new work the first Sunday in January.

Food and fighting will win the war.

Engineer's Death Result of Wreck

Engineer E. W. Harrington, who was fatally injured in the wreck at 7 o'clock Thursday morning when the engine he was driving on train No. 15 left the track near Weed, died from the effects of his injuries at 1:15 Thursday afternoon. Mr. Harrington was terribly scalded and was also hit on the head, and was probably hurt internally. When found his watch had stopped at forty seconds after 7 o'clock. He was rushed to the Weed hospital, but he never regained consciousness and death resulted six hours later.

The body was brought to Ashland on No. 16 Friday evening and funeral services were held from the Christian church at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and were in charge of the railroad firemen. Interment was made in Mountain View cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife and one child, his mother, two brothers and one sister.

"Mormon Maid" At Vining Thursday

"A Mormon Maid," the photoplay special, which will open at the Vining Thursday, is a stirring melodrama that convinces and holds the attention all the way through. The main interest is created by the theme, Mormonism, something new in the realm of the silent drama.

The cast includes Mae Murray, Hobart Bosworth and Frank Borzage. Miss Murray is presented as the daughter of the settlers who is rescued by Mormons when attacked by Indians. Hobart Bosworth, as her father, is brought before the Mormon council and told he must take another wife, the penalty for his refusal to consent being the forced marriage of the daughter to a Mormon elder.

Although in love with Tom Rigdon, played by Frank Borzage, Miss Murray agrees to become a Mormon's wife in order to save her father.

There are captures of the principals by the Mormon guards dressed in Ku Klux Klan garb, best remembered by the film fans from its presence in "The Birth of a Nation" and hairbreadth escapes and thrilling rides in rapid succession.

Tried to Secure Butler's Release

An effort is being made by Attorney O. C. Boggs through the circuit court to either secure the liberty of William A. Butler, charged with killing Donald Stewart October 29, or his release from jail on bail. The request of the defense is based upon the claim that the verdict of the coroner's jury was not filed with Justice Taylor, the evidence at the inquest had not been reduced to writing, and therefore the defendant had no knowledge of why his liberty is denied. It is also claimed that the evidence presented to the coroner's jury or in justice court was not sufficient to deprive any man of his liberty, and that by order of no court of competent jurisdiction is Butler being held at the present time.

Prosecuting Attorney Roberts will fight both Butler's release and his freedom on bail, on the ground that the man is guilty of murder and in such a case no bail is allowed by law.

Instead of "The Barker" at the Vining Wednesday, "Richard the Brazen" will be the attraction, starring Alice Joyce and Harry Morey. One of the greatest automobile accidents ever staged will be a feature of this play.

'Hour of Day' Clubs Formed to Institute Drive for Honor Guards

Beginning today, a big drive will be started by the Honor Guard girls of Ashland under the direction of Dr. Maud Hawley. The purpose of the drive is to enlist the services of every woman and girl into some kind of work to help win the war. Every girl from the age of 10 to 14 years is going to be asked to sign up to become a member of the Junior auxiliary to the Honor Guards, and those of the age of 14 to 35 are going to be asked to join the Honor Guards.

An ingenious plan has been worked out whereby all can do something. The principal work that will be assigned to the little girls will be that of making gun wipers. Thousands and thousands of gun wipers are needed, and, as one soldier said, "It takes rags to keep a gun fit." Then there will be the "Hour of Day" clubs, for those who can give an hour of the day to devote to some kind of active work, and in which they will have the privilege of assigning their own task. There will be the "Hour of Day" for knitting, the "Hour of Day" for machine sewing, the "Hour of Day" for Belgian relief work and the "Hour of Day" for ripping and pressing old clothes. Those who cannot afford to give an hour of day can still give as much of their time as

can be spared. Those who do not care to give any definite time can sign up for at least some to make gun wipers.

In addition to this for the girls who can give some of their time away from home, there will be the Monday night club and the semi-weekly club which will be held at the Red Cross rooms. Gause work under the leadership of Mrs. Hal McNair and Mrs. A. D. Graham will be the duties of this branch. All of the active work will be through the Red Cross. Miss Lucille Danforth, the state president, who recently visited the Honor Guards in this city, spoke very highly in relation to the work that the girls have already voluntarily done in connection with the Red Cross.

Those who have been selected captains on the teams who will participate in the drive are Miss Ruth York for the Senior high school, Miss Bernice Myer for the Hawthorne, Miss Gladys Carnahan for the Junior high, and Mrs. D. D. Norris for the business women. Miss Josephine Saunders has been selected spokesman.

The women and girls over the nation are beginning to realize that organized effort is vitally important and it must be kept up continuously. It is not a duty, but a privilege to engage in this work.

Recruiting Party to Visit Ashland

On Tuesday, December 11, Assistant Surgeon J. S. Saurman, U. S. N., in charge of a traveling recruiting party, will visit Ashland for the purpose of giving free information to all those who apply, on questions relative to the new draft act taking effect December 15 of this year, and to the new insurance laws which take up in full the amount of money paid to families and dependents of men who lose their lives in the service or who become totally disabled from work therein.

Full information will also be given on the new allotment laws which take up the amount of money which is paid to the wife and children or any dependents of the man in question. The different positions open in the navy, the advantages, etc., will be fully taken up and discussed with any men who desire this information. During the period of their stay the party will be open to questions at all hours of the day or night, and will be only too pleased to have men visit them.

Free examinations will be given to any man who desires to know whether he is physically fit for the service, whether it be the navy, the army, marine corps or the draft. Such examination positively will put no obligation upon the man who takes it.

Confer With Court To Reduce Budget

A delegation composed of business men and city "dads" journeyed to Jacksonville Thursday to confer with the county court in the matter of reducing the county budget 2 mills. Those who went were Mayor Lamkin, F. J. Shinn, W. N. Caldwell, C. W. Root, V. O. N. Smith, E. V. Carter, Sylvester Patterson, Otto Winter, C. H. Vaupel and Amos Nintger. The matter was discussed and taken under advisement.

The ladies of the Christian church will give their annual bazaar and food sale at the Elks Temple next Saturday, December 15. Christmas goods on sale. 28-2t

Firemen on Wrecked Train Not Killed

The report that Firemen Clark and Ware, who were on the engines that were wrecked near Weed last Thursday, had died from the effects of their injuries was not true. The former received a badly sprained wrist and had two ribs broken, while Ware was unhurt. Engineer Taylor of the second engine was hit on the back of the head as his engine left the track and he was rendered senseless for a time, but recovered sufficiently to climb out of the engine cab. The trespasser, who was badly hurt, died while being taken to the Weed hospital. No passengers on the train were hurt.

Small Blaze at Overland Garage

A small blaze occurred at the Overland garage Saturday morning about 11 o'clock and damaged about \$50 worth of automobile covers. The fire started by a spark from a flue, landing in the covers in the corner of the salesroom. It was extinguished before the fire department arrived.

Word was received this morning of the death of an Ashland lady, Mrs. Claud B. Nicolls, nee Roberta Leonard, of Phoenix, Ariz. She was a bride of two months. Her death was due to pneumonia.

We have a number of 12-size Elgin and Waltham movements, 17 jeweled, in heavy solid gold cases, 14k, sold originally at from \$45 to \$50, now \$29.50 to \$32.50 each. These prices are actually below what they cost. Johnson the Jeweler. 1t

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Army and Navy News

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pelouze of Medford have received word that their son Robert Pelouze, who has been serving with the Stanford ambulance section on the western front for several months, has arrived in this country and will enter active service as an aviator. By a recent regulation the ambulance workers were compelled to enlist for the duration of the war.

Paul McDonald, Medford boy who has been located in Merrill, has enlisted in the commissary department of the United States army and will soon be in the service.

Shannon E. Oliver of Phoenix and Clarence Leonard Heitmiller of Medford enlisted under Recruiting Sergeant Weston in Medford Thursday. The former enlisted with the forestry division of the engineers, and the latter joined the aviation branch.

Virgil Hawley, brother of Dr. Maud Hawley of this city and well known in Ashland, is at present with the 20th Engineers at the American University at Washington, D. C., and expects soon to leave for France. Virgil enlisted the day he was 21 years old, at Klamath Falls.

W. Bernard Roberts, a postal carrier of Medford, has gone to Portland, where he will take his final examination for admittance into the aviation service of the army.

Fred E. Lewis and M. Broad of Jacksonville and Edwin H. Taylor of Ruch are among the recent recruits who have gone to Portland to take their final physical examination for

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