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THE WEATHER

Tenight and Friday generally cloudy with probably rain; moderate southwesterly winds.

ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

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an authoritative source that, at a secret sitting of the grand preliminary parliament of the Russian Republic, it considered the question of deporting the Ro-

manoff family. During the dis-cussions, it was said, the To-

bolsk incident was freely de-

"The Tobolsk incident" was

explained in an executive cable-

gram from Petrograd to the Inernational News Service on Tuesday. An immense crowd

gathered in front of the gates of the Tobolsk monastery, in

which the former czar and his family are living and on bended

knees sang a Te Deum for the

BANKER: KILLED

Politician, Expected to Die;

Earl Spurgeon Slain by

Mount Vernon, Wash., Oct. 25 .- (U.

P.)-Earl Spurgeon of South Belling-

fore noon today after he and his

brother, Ray, had held up the State

bank of Edison, fatally wounded Mait

Halloran, chairman of the Republica.

county committee and a stockholder in

the bank, and started out of town with

The holdup occurred when the Spur-

geon brothers forced the cashler of the bank to surrender. While they were

gathering up money Halloran, who has

an insurance office in the rear of the

bank, rushed into the street to give

One of the bandits shot him through

Produce Men Given

An eleventh hour warning to job-

All those whose business comes un-

der the head of those requiring li-

cense through the legal department of

the United States food administration,

license bureau, at Washington, D. C.

not be made through any local office

and ignorance of the necessity for

having made application before No-vember 1 will not be accepted as an

excuse. Leaflets containing full in-

formation as to who must take out li-

censes, and other details in regard to

the recently enacted law, are available

at Administrator Ayer's office, 401 Northwestern Bank building, and will

be given out to those calling at the

Captain Saford and Lieutenant Swobe

Christian Missions

the 144th field artillery, escaped

the mission board of the Church of

Christ, which opened its general con-vention Wednesday evening. The For-

Dr. Foster Lectures

Injured in Wreck

Artillery Captains

before November 1. Application can

censes must make application for

geon was captured unwounded.

ham was killed by a posse shortly be-

Posse.

the alarm.

Movember 1.

office for them.

Oregon, this morning.

Oregon's Total at Noon, Unofficial \$16,853,900 and Actually Tabulated Total \$14,601,650—18 Million Is Likely to Be Reached.

BANKS OPEN LATE AT NIGHT FOR BUYERS

Portland Financial Institutions Find It Impossible to Handle Crowds in Working Hours. So Great Is Demand to Purchase Bonds.

In an overwhelming deluge of subscriptions that may sweep the state past its minimum quote of \$18,000,000 before Friday night, the Liberty loan totals for Oregon at moon today, according to the closely checked unofficial estimate were \$15,853,900, and the actual reported and tabulated total

According to C. A. Miller, state man-ager, the unofficial estimate does not include nearly all of the subscriptions that have been noted at headquarters and which are reported from banks out-side. Mr. Miller said it was possible that Oregon might be past its minimum quota now and progressing toward the maximum quota of \$30,000 .-000, which Oregon is expected to raise the whole United States makes \$5,000,000,000 for the loan.

Tremendous Bush to Buy So overwhelming has been the demand on the part of the public to sub-scribe to the loan that the banks have been unable to accommodate the business in the five hours that they are open for business, and the Poptland Clearing House association announced, through Secretary J. L. Hartman, of the Hartman & Thompson bank, that all member banks will be open the rest of the week until 8 o'clock at

formal notice says that the hours for taking these subscriptions will be from 6 until 8 o'clock, but these hours will not be closely followed. In fact, most of these banks will have their doors open for Liberty loan business straight through from the regular closing hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon until the subo'clock in the afternoon until the subscribers have been accommodated. (Concluded on Page Eighteen, Column Five,

You Can Help

Total Needed-

\$18,000,000 17,500,000 17,000,000 16,500,000 16,000,000 15,500,000 15,000,000 14,500,000 14,000,000 13,500,000 13,000,000

LIBERTY LOAN Bank Information Report

Portland, previous . . \$6,959,930 Reported today 2,592,750

\$9,552,700 State outside of Portland, previous . . 4,190,900

Leported 858,050 5,048,950 Official total\$14,601,650

Unofficially reported ... 2,252,250

THOMAS EDISON

REAT INVENTOR photographed this week in Washington, upon his return from anti-U-boat experiments on the ocean.



nventor Practically Perfected Anti-U-Boat Experiment on Sea Trip-Liberty Loan Appeal Is Made.

Washington, Oct. 25 .- (U. P.)-Thomas A. Edison is today engaged in working out with naval experts sev-eral different anti-submarine experiments he practically perfected on a recent offshore trip. For the past two weeks the famous inventor has been in Washington for this purpose.

While his ship protection devices are official secrets, they are admit-tedly most promising. They were tried out before his own eyes on this

Edison spent several weeks on a yacht which had been converted into a submarine chaser. It was equipped en the electrical wizard's own orders with every necessity for working out his U-boat problems.

Rests in Washington His sleepless habits while on invention "jags" are reported to have been in evidence for the water trip. But since coming to Washington's most fashionable hotel, he has rested, week-ends, at his daughter's apartments and observed regular hours at his laboratory in the naval annex. where the experiments are receiving

their finishing touches.

First news that the electrical wizard had carried his search to the seas was made in a brief statement by William Maxwell, vice president of Thomas A. Edison, Incorperated, of Orange, N. J. It was in connection with a stirring appeal to the American people, written by Edison him-self, that they buy Liberty bonds.

Liberty Loan Appeal Made Edison's Liberty bond appeal read: "One hundred and forty-one years ago our forefathers fought for less than we are fighting for today. "We have made heroes of the men who fought to make this country free and have branded as cowards and traitors the men who refused to fight. Posterity will grant similar judgment on the men and women who do not do their duty now and who are creating a

heritage of shame for their children and their children's children. "Germany's place in the sun means nothing short of world domination. Every Liberty bond you buy this week is a message from you to the kaiser that his ambition to conquer the world annot be realized. EDISON."

Prior to reading the Edison message cannot be realized.

"If there is any man in this country today who typifies the spirit of 1776, that man is Thomas A. Edison 70 years ernment. He has been on the high seas working day and night for America, wherever his duty has taken to the government. They fall almost like flies."

"Guben, August 10.—Dear Brack." old last February. He has been giving ma is very much afraid, because a every moment of his time to the gov. great many people are dying of it tirelessly, under all conditions. Sometimes his assistants in the laboratory or on the seas with him have complained, but he has replied to them, 'You can stand it if I can,'

Edison's Employes Parade West Orange, N. J., Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Seven thousand employes of Thomas A. Edison paraded today in celebration to boost the sale of Lib-

Switchmen Discuss

Chicago, Oct. 25 .- (I. N. S.) -Switchmen employed by railroads in all parts of the United States who are members of the Switchmen's Union of North America, are discussing a proposition of a general strike if they are not granted wage increases, according to a statement made here today by James B. Conners, assistant international president of that organization.

Conners declared the switchmen had taken no vote on the proposition to strike, but said they felt they were underpaid and that the strike matter had been discussed.

"If the strike comes," said Conners, "If the strike comes," said Conners, "It will no doubt be a serious one,"

Treasury Department Believes Minimum Total for the Liberty Loan, \$3,000, 000,000, Is Oversubscribed by Fully Half a Billion.

MAXIMUM FIGURE OF \$5,000,000,000 IS GOAL

Great Parade Held in New York Today in Which British Tank and Captured BANDIT German Submarine Play Important Part.

Washington, Oct. 25 .- (I. N. S.)-Subscriptions to the second Liberty lean on Liberty day totaled nearly one Matt Halloran, Edison, Wash., billion dollars.

Treasury department officials be-

lieved this afternoon that the mini-mum total for the loan—three billion —was oversubscribed by half a billion "Subscriptions to the loan are known to be in excess of \$3,000,000,000." said an official treasury department stats-

ment this afternoon. "This fact was made certain today when official reports from all federal reserve banks, except those at Chi-cago, St. Louis and Philadelphia showed that total sales reported to them at the close of business yester-day were slightly more than \$2,100,-Unreported official and unofficial figures added to this total an unnamed sum of money. Ray Spurcertainly will carry the grand total to more than \$3,000,000,000."

Believe Total Is \$3,500,000,000 Later the treasury issued this state-

"Many careful observers believe sub-scriptions total \$3,500,000,000, although there is no official basis for this. They estimate, however, that official returns from the three missing districts will the back, the bullet piercing his body bring the total to the neighborhood of \$2,500,000,000, and added to this amount then would be subscriptions made becover. fore yesterday, which have not been reported to the federal reserve bank (Concluded on Page Sixteen, Column Opes

EPIDEMICS SWEEPING GERMANY, SAYS MAN CAPTURED AT VERDUN

Dysentery, Cholera and Typhus Described as Having Ravaged Many Towns,

By Henry Wood With the French Armies, Oct. 8 (By Mail) .- (U. P.) -Thousands of letters taken from prisoners at Verdun describe in harrowing terms the ravages of dysentery, cholera and typhus

throughout Germany. Some idea, not only of the wide spread nature of these epidemics, but of the effect they are having on the German population, can be gained from the fact that over one-half of the letters found contained references to spread of dysentery caused by improp er and insufficient food.

These letters spoke of the disease a Cologne, Mulheim, Cobourg, Burstadt, Guben, Alankenbourgg Lagen, Lichten Stagard, Altona, Wiesbaden Thormy Pollnow, Stettin, Eick berg. Zanow, Halle, Danisbourg, Rugort, Duisbourg-Beeck and other towns. Some typical extracts follow: Believes End Is Mear

"Burstadt, Aug. 6.—I believe it will soon be the end. • • At Mannheim dysentery exists since a long time now, and the streets are closed. Now it exists also at Burstadt. Mam dysentery, only it is not allowed to be

known outside -"Guben, August 9 .- Today there are again some dead. Always of dysentery. But it is true that it could not be otherwise with what we have to eat. There is absolutely no fat left in our bodies."

"Chemnitz, August 29 .- The hearses are obliged to gallop." Streets Closed to Traffic "Mayence, August 11.-Since several both cholera and typhus have made their appearance to the extent that several streets have been closed

Countrywide Strike and Thorn people are dying of cholera. We can be sure the disease will come

we can be sure the disease will come here giso. My God! We must die now or later."

"Cologne, August 5.—An epidemic of dysentery has broken out here. The barracks and hospitals have been closed for 15 days. Dysentery also reigns among the civilian population.

People now no longer have any fat or
grease left in their bodies. Many have What makes these letters all the

Russia May Deport Czar and Family Petrograd, Oct. 25.—(l. N. S.)—Ex-Czar Nicholas and his family may be exiled from Russia. The Bourse Gazette stated today that it has learned from

George E. Chamberlain Looks Somewhat Thinner Because of Recent Illness, but Is 100 Per Cent Efficient as Fighting Unit.

OREGON IS RECOGNIZED AS RECORD BREAKER

Enlistments and Bond Subscriptions Are Attracting Notice of East to This State; Legislation and Legislators Discussed.

A little thinner from his recent illness and from over strenuous work, a little tired about the eyes but still 100 per cent efficient as a fighting unit of congress, Senator Chamberlain has come home for a rest and a visit with family, friends and constit-uents generally. He reached Portland Wednesday night, was met by members of his family and a few intimate friends who gathered at the station. and was whirled away for a good night's rest. This morning he drew vivid word picture of the stirring cenes and events of the recent session of congress when the nation was building its foundation for active paricipation in the war.

"Before I talk about anything else, how is Oregon dding with the Liberty loan?" the senator wanted to know as prelude to his interview. When told that the estimated subscription for the state this morning was \$16,500,000, he showed that he was pleased. Oregon Has Pine Reputation

"I hope that Oregon will oversubbecause back East they are getting to look to Oregon as a record-breaker in its attitude both for offensive and defensive war.
"I have heard much about Oregon in

Washington and the East about the way her young men led all other states in their response to the call for troops, about the way the people came to the

Their Final Warning eral discussion of war legislation, the shipbuilding situation and matters of general interest.
"I want to know all about the ship-

Those Who Have Not Applied for Federal License Advised to Do So by building situation here in Portland, the senator said. "I want to find out about the contracts that are now on hand, the capacity of the yards, the bers and wholesalers of food supplies who have not yet made application for labor situation and all material matfederal license was issued by W. B. ters connected with the shipbuilding Ayer, federal food administrator for industry. Then I am ging to put the proposition up to Chairman Hurley and see what can be done for the better-

ment of the local situation. Wants Steel Vessels "Just before I left Washington had a conference with Mr. Hurley and went over the shipbuilding situation with him, particularly in reference to Pacific Coast conditions and to wooder ships. Out of all the money appropriated by congress for the construction of ships, 75 per cent has been spent in the construction of wooden vessels. "There is no question but what the

French Soldiers Advanc on Laon

(Concluded on Page Sixteen, Column Three)

Rosey Farm Is Taken and New Positions Secured - Further "Strategic Retreat" by Germans Possible.

Paris, Oct. 25 .- (U. P.) -General Petain's victorious poilus drove farther forward toward Laon today.

San Diego, Cal. Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Captains Thompson, Q. M. C., and Mc-Nair, 144th field artillery, were badly injured when a machine driven by Milton Kaufman, of Los Angeles, crashed head-on into their automobile Capture of Rosey Farm and advance on the state highway near La Jolla, of the French line to new forward positions between Chavignon and Moct Miss Lucille Biehle and Mrs. R. Til-Dessinges, was announced in the wa: otson, of Los Angeles, who were in office's statement. Kaufman's car, were seriously hurt. Farther to the left, on the Chemir

des Dames, advances were reported around Cerny en Laonnois, Germany may be preparing another "strategic retreat" from around the egion of the latest French victory. The Paris press today asserted that Show Steady Gains French aviators flying over the Laon sector reported evidences of the Ger man plan of razing villages and trees which preceded the famous "strategic Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)
-Substantial gains were reported by retreat" on their Arras-Cambrai line last spring.

Civilians Evacuate Menin Amsterdam, Oct. 25 .- (U. P.)-Cleign Missionary society reported revilians were reported evacuating Menin, Flanders, in dispatches received celpts of \$550,386, a gain of \$27,669 over last year, and the Christian wom-en's board \$518,500. The foreign society reported 14 more missionaries

Death News Follows sent out last year, making the total number now in the field 190. The 8000 delegates here for the opening meet-Boy's Cheery Letter ing will probably be increased some teday. The women's board of missions has charge of the program to-

day, holding three sessions, with ad-dresses and reports of the work. A few minutes after the Portland Tonight on His Trip

A few minutes after the Portland camp, Woodmen of the World, had read a cheerful letter from Corporal Carl Maneke regarding his welfare at Camp Greene, North Carolina, Wednesday night, the clerk read a telegram officially announcing his death. The message was sent to his mostler. Lena Maneke, 831 East Thirteenth

William Trufant Foster, president of Reed college, will deliver a free public lecture at the Eleventh street play house at 8 o'clock this evening, describing his observations along the Burpopean battlefronts.

Mrs. Thomas Carrick Burke arranged by telegraph with Dr. Foster for the lecture before his return to Portland for burial.

Leng Maneke, 851 East Thirteenth action.

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To feel therefore," he concluded. "That I am standing upon the firmest foundation of the age in bidding God speed to the causes which you represent and in expressing the ardent house that the people of New York may remained by telegraph with Dr. Foster for the lecture before his return to Portland for burial.

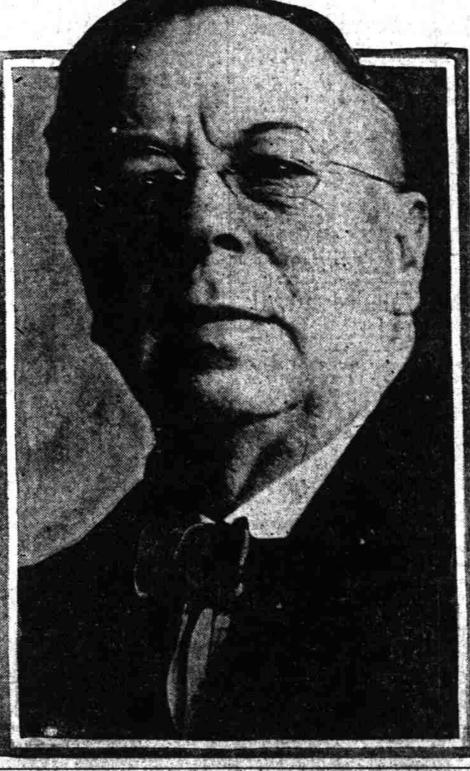
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Buenos Aires, Oct. 25—(I. N. 8.)—A strike of shiphuiders went into a feet today.

OREGON IS PROUD OF HIS RECORD

EORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, United States senator from Oregon, who has returned to his home state for a rest from his work at Washington. Second only to those of the president himself has been the character of the responsibilities he has borne at the capitol in securing the passage of the army bill and other important administration measures.



aid of the government in the first Liberty loan. I hope they keep up that record now." Then the senator drifted into a gentral discussion of war legislation, the URGED BY WILSON

Delegation Representing New York Campaign Organization Is Given Chief Executive's Personal Views.

Washington, Oct. 25 .- (I. N. S.)-Speaking for myself with all my eart, I hope the men of New York will vote for woman suffrage. I hope you will be my messengers in carryng this message to them." President Wilson in these words re-assured 100 New York women who called on him at the White House of his support in their campaign for the local campaign for the Russian capital on the island of President' Wilson in these words re-

ote in New York state. Although Mrs. Norman De R. Whiteall American women soon would be enfranchised the president in his ad-

Difficulties Held No Excuse "I know the difficulties which you have been laboring under in New York state," the president said, "but in my judgment those difficulties cannot be used as an excuse by the leaders of any party or by the voters of any party for neglecting the question which you are pressing upon them. The whole world now is witnessing a struggle between ideals of government. It is a struggle which goes

seper and touches more of the foundation of the organized life of man than any struggle that has ever taken place before and no settlement of the questions that lie on the surface can satisfy a situation which requires that the questions which lie underheath and at the foundation should also be set tled and settled right. I am free to say that I think the question of woman suffrage is one of those questions which lie at the foundation. The world has witnessed slow political reconstruction and men have generally been obliged to be satisfied with the lowness of the process.

War Will Quicken Consciousness "I believe that this war is going to uicken the convictions and conscious. ness of mankind with regard to p. litical questions. I believe that just because we are quickened by the questions of this war we ought to be quickened to give this question of woman suffrage our immediate con-sideration. As one of the spokesmen of a great party. I would be doing nothing less than obeying the man-dates of that party if I gave my hearty support to the question of woman suf frage which you represent, but I do not want to speak merely as one of the spokesmen of a party. I want to speak for myself and say that it seems to me that this is the time for the states of this Union to take this

FEAR NAVAL DRIVE

City of Kronstadt Is Preparing to Defend Petrograd Against Attack by German Fleet in the Baltic.

Petrograd, Oct. 25,-(U. P.)-Civil evacuation of Kronstadt, the main naval fortress guarding Petrograd, was begun today, according to official announcement. Kronstadt's civil evacuation is evi

Kotlin and is regarded as a fortress of the first rank. A large naval depot, with docks, yards and various house, who headed the delegation, ex-pressed to the president the hope that establishments is also located there. Reval, the outermost of the Rus stan naval fortifications on the Gulf dress made no mention of nationwide of Finland, has already been evacusuffrage, confining his remarks to the New York campaign. concentrating their power of defense on the remaining fortifications of the gulf—at Viborg, Helsingfors and Kronstadt,

Germans in Russia Retire Petrograd, Oct. 25,-(I. N. S.)-To the north of Friedrichstadt (Dvina river front) the Germans continue their retirement, said a dispatch from headquarters today. Russian advanced detachments have reached the line of Felwark-Opery-Webs-Starust-Subak, where they have consolidated their new positions.
Russian reconnoitering parties reort that Kovel, Loushi, Alsenan and

Rakor have all been evacuated by the Germans. Russian cavalry has reached Tour got in the Hochfahrt forest. Southeast of Mebairic-Kroppenhof the Russians have occupied a monastery.

The situation on Dagoe island is

unchanged.
General Doukomin, General Alexieft, Admiral Werdersky and Admiral Werkhovsky all state that the German operations on the Baltic were undertaken with the aim of depressing the Russian masses and at-tempting to bring about a separate

Wrecked Diver Ashore Petrograd, Oct. 25 .- (I. N. S.) -The wreckage of a German submarine that was operating in the Baltic has been washed up on the coast between Suuk-su and Gourzouf, said a dispatch to the admiralty today.

Landing Party Repulsed Petrograd, Oct. 25.—(U. P.)—Ger-man attempts to land troops at Tom-ba, south of Werder, were repulsed, an official statement declared today.

Germans Lead Terrific Assault Against Italian Line to Left of Isonzo and Break Through, Capturing Brigade and Divisional Staff.

QUANTITY OF BOOTY TAKEN, SAYS BERLIN

Rome Admits Reverses Met With at Beginning of Conflict in Which Central Powers Combine Forces-French and British Aid.

DERLIN, via London, Oct. D 25.—(U. P.)—Ten thousand prisoners, including a brigade and a divisional staff of the Italian army, have already been captured in the Austro-German drive in the Isonzo, the war office announced today.

"Much rich booty," also has been taken, the statement asserted.

Rome, Oct. 25 .-- (U. P.)-Austro-German troops broke through the Italian lines to the left of the Isonzo, today's official statement announced ern slope of Mount Santo Gabriel, the enemy was checked, the war office

The Teutonic gains, it was ex-plained, were achieved by the enemy taking advantage of the bridgehead positions at Smaria Siucca. In violent fighting, the Austro-German troops carried the battle to the slopes of the

right bank of the Isonzo, Every dispatch from the front emphasized the great concentration of German and Austrian forces on the whole of the attacking front—a sector of approximately 18 miles. The infantry attacks were preceded by a vio-

lent artillery preparation, mostly by heavy German guns. Berlin, Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Re-inforced by more than half a million seasoned veterans, a mighty Austro-Germany army on the Italian front is today battering the Italian battle line over a front of 20 miles in an effort to

oreak through.
This new offensive, which is re-(Concluded on Page Sixteen, Column Two)

UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIER BOYS HELPING SWELL LIBERTY LOAN TOTAL.

All Branches of Army, Both at Home and Abroad, Take Big Blocks of the Bonds.

Washington, Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—
Uncle Sam's soldiers are doing their
bit not only physically but rinancially.
Up to midnight, Monday, all branches
of the army both here and abroad had
subscribed a grand total of \$47,000,000 to the second Liberty loan.
General Pershing has cabled that
the loan sales among the troops in

the loan sales among the troops in Prance were progressing rapidly and all officers, soldiers, clerks and interpreters at his headquarters were subscribing. He reports that certain or-ganizations which cannot be specified already have subscribed more than \$1,500,000 and that in some of the organizations every man had subscribed, The secretary of war has cabled his

congratulations to the organizations mentioned by General Pershing and stated that their action was very inspiring to the entire country.
Troops in the Hawaiian department have subscribed \$892,450. Troops in the Panama canal department have taken \$976,400 worth. General Evans, commanding the department of the Philippines, cabled:

"Total subscriptions of the depart-ment, including China, \$250.500." Officers, civilian employes and enlisted men on duty in the office of General Woods' headquarters, South-eastern department, Charleston, S. C.

have a total per capita subscription, including both first and second loans, of more than, \$121. The school and bakery company at Camp Lee, Petersbakery company at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., with a strength of 242 men, has a per capita subscription of \$108.45. The Sixty-fouth infantry at Fort Bliss is carrying \$164,800 of the second Liberty loan, and \$27,450 of the first Liberty loan, making a grand total of \$202.250. Bakery company No. 45, quariermaster's corps, national army, at Governor's Island, with a strength of one officer and 103 men, has a total subscription of \$12,000, or a per capita subscription of \$125.