

POUND OF FLOUR SAVED EACH WEEK AS GAIN TO ALLIES

Systematic Saving by Each Person in United States Will Increase Possible Exports.

EVEN CHILDREN CAN HELP

Federal Food Administration Issues Report on "Policies and Plan of Operation."

"The size of our allies' war loaf depends upon our savings (of wheat) through conservation by every man, woman and child in the United States."

"If we can reduce our consumption by one pound of flour per week per person, or about 20 per cent, we will have raised our export surplus from 70,000,000 up to 200,000,000 bushels."

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These statements are quoted from a report just issued by the United States food administration, entitled "Policies and Plan of Operation—Wheat, Flour and Bread."

The report contains valuable information concerning the needs of this country's allies and the exportable surplus of the 1917 wheat crop. The following table indicates the allied needs for 1917 wheat:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Bushels. Includes rows for 3 year av. pre-war imports, 3 year av. pre-war production, etc.

Total requirements to maintain normal consumption... 621,479,000

Of the pre-war imports of wheat by our allies: U. S. furnished... 65,950,000

Canada... 80,000,000

Australia... 234,854,000

India, etc... 660,000,000 bushels

As against this demand we may summarize the supplies of the export wheat countries as follows, assuming normal consumptions on all sides:

Export Surplus, Bushels: United States... 70,000,000

Canada... 139,000,000

Total... 208,000,000

New crop surplus... 120,000,000

Old crop surplus... 80,000,000

India, present crop surplus... 70,000,000

New crop surplus for export... 50,000,000

Argentina, surplus for export... 140,000,000

Total... 498,000,000

Grand total... 688,000,000

Commenting on the foregoing figures, the report says:

"There is, therefore, ample wheat in the world; it is solely a problem of transportation. The necessity for the allies to rely upon North America is purely a question of shortage of ships, and their absorption in the transport of munitions and American troops. It is a vital necessity to utilize shipping to the best advantage."

If peace should come before the 1917 crop year is ended, the allies could transport wheat over the long ocean routes of the world, instead of the short route between North America and Europe. There would then be little demand for American wheat, and the price in this country would fall, probably to a very low level compared with present prices, because the theoretical pipes which regulate world price would then be restored, and the law of supply and demand would again be in operation—and with a vengeance."

"The American supply is about one half the allied needs. If we can reduce our consumption by one pound of flour per week per person, or 20 per cent, we will have raised our export surplus from 70,000,000 up to 200,000,000 bushels. The allies will do their utmost to meet the shortage by conservation methods, using all the corn that is possible in their bread, and, if possible, securing some wheat from more distant countries to make up part of their deficiency. With their best efforts, however, it means privation to them until peace is declared, and the size of their war loaf depends upon our savings through conservation by every man, woman and child in the United States."

Chemawa Quintet to Play Here

The Chemawa Indian school basketball quintet will play the South Parkway Athletic club five January 9.

Former Legislator Is Dead in Eugene

Augustus C. Jennings, Prominent Many Years in Public Affairs in Lane County, Passes Away at Age of 73 Years.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 24.—Augustus C. Jennings, former member of the legislature and county clerk, and prominent for many years in Lane county, died in this city Sunday, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Jennings was born in Drakeville, Iowa, and served during the Civil war in Company M, Ninth Iowa cavalry, moving to Lane county in 1875 and settling on a farm near Irving.

He was married three times, his first wife dying after the family moved to Oregon. He married in August, 1909, Mrs. Mary Van Duzen, who died November 2, 1907. On May 28, 1909, he married Mrs. S. L. Evans, who survives him. He leaves 10 children, 24 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The children are as follows: J. E. Jennings, California; Mrs. Mildred Flint, Junction City; Mrs. Mattie McPherson, Mrs. Helen Robinson, Eugene; Mrs. Fay Auvil, Enlat, Wash.; Mrs. Beattie Henley, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Jennie Key, Tappanah, Wash.; Mrs. Lolla Harbaugh, Eugene; Mrs. Helen Sylvester, all of Eugene; Mrs. Augusta Erakin, Tappanah, Wash. Mr. Jennings was a past commander of J. W. Geary post No. 7, G. A. R., and a member of the Mrs. Helen Robinson lodge. He will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Christian church.

NO WEDDING BELLS THIS CHRISTMAS FOR MAN IN COUNTY JAIL

M. H. Squires Denied Permission to Get License; Would-Be Bride Gets One.

Wedding bells will not ring Christmas eve for M. H. Squires, who is serving a nine-months term in the county jail on a statutory charge. Last week he asked permission from Sheriff Hurlburt to go downstairs to get a license to wed Hilda Hirschman. This was refused for various reasons, the principal one of which being that Squires is already married to another woman.

An annulment proceeding to dissolve the marriage between Squires and his present wife is pending before Presiding Judge Kavanaugh and will be heard this afternoon.

Saturday afternoon Squires would-be bride appeared with her mother in the county clerk's office and obtained a license to wed Squires.

Whether or not the marriage will take place will be decided by Judge Kavanaugh at the conclusion of the annulment proceeding.

Holiday Liquor Seized

Clarence R. Drake and Thomas Case, coming up from San Francisco on the steamer Beaver with four trunks filled with holiday liquor, were arrested shortly after the arrival of the steamer Sunday night by Deputy Sheriffs Christoferson and Beckman, who trailed them from the Ainsworth dock to a downtown hotel, where the trunks were seized.

Convicted of Bootlegging

Harry Zmbe, proprietor of a soft drink establishment on Fourth and Madison streets, pleaded guilty to a charge of bootlegging before District Judge Bell this morning and on recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Bernard was fined \$100. He was arrested Saturday night by State Agents Scott and Jeffries, who found two bottles of whiskey in a rear room, connected with his establishment.

Ray Harvey Is Arrested

Ray Harvey was arrested this morning by Deputy Constables Gloss and Watkins on a charge of defrauding an insurer on a complaint sworn to by Mrs. M. E. Hildebrand of 909 East Sixth street north, who charged him with having defrauded her of \$25 for room and board.

Ralston Asks Divorce

Norman E. Ralston began suit for divorce in the circuit court against Hazel Ralston. They were married at Vancouver, Wash., June 20, 1916, and she alleges she deserted him in October following.

Report Filed in Duback Estate

A schedule of promissory notes in favor of the estate of Dorothea Duback, who died recently, filed by the executor, showed notes with accrued interest in the sum of \$50,742.54.

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U. S. RELIEF WORK IN HALIFAX IN CHARGE OF FORMER OREGON MAN

Lieutenant Albert R. Goodman, Now Army Physician, Writes of Devastated City.

An Oregon man, Dr. Albert R. Goodman, born in Gervais and now a surgeon in the United States army, with rank of lieutenant, has been in charge of the government relief work in Halifax.

Dr. Goodman, in a letter received by relatives in this city, writes: "I left Governor's Island on some 20 minutes which I again report to the American Red Cross, this being the third time I have gone with them. We arrived after considerable delay, owing both to congestion of freight and the storm which had to come at a most inopportune time for a poor unsheltered people. The destruction is not overestimated at all, though now there are more than 100,000 homeless."

Much Money Will Be Needed

"I first reported to the American Red Cross and by them was turned over to the chairman of the Canadian Red Cross.

"The Americans have sent some 300 doctors and nurses here, so it was some work. They had to establish their own hospitals, which they have now done, using the Y. M. C. A. quarters, the old city buildings, as well as some old homes.

"We are quite comfortably situated and have plenty of help now for all needs. There will be an immense amount of work to do and much money will be needed. The death toll is great—all bodies are not yet taken from the ruins and some probably will never be recovered.

Canadians Are Grateful

"There are about 800 homeless who will require new homes. The district is the most devastated thing one can imagine; one cannot even recognize where the streets were.

"The Canadian authorities seem most grateful for all the assistance and not a little surprised at the promptness with which the Americans acted.

"We have not seen an outside newspaper in about a week, but they are beginning to come through.

"This city is quaint and interesting and rather looks like Victoria on the Pacific coast."

Mrs. Annie Botsford Is Buried Today

Native of Pennsylvania Had Lived in Portland Seven Years, and Is Survived by Three Sons in This City.

Mrs. Annie K. Botsford died at the Good Samaritan hospital Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness, at the age of 82. Mrs. Botsford was born in Pennsylvania and was reared in Atchison, Kan. Her father, William Kipp, was one of the early pioneers of Kansas. Mrs. Botsford was married in her home town 22 years ago and went with her husband, the late Charles L. Botsford, to Oklahoma, where he served as secretary of the State university of Oklahoma for a number of years. She is survived by five sons, F. J. Botsford of Salina, Kan.; George, David M., and William K. Botsford of this city.

Mrs. Botsford came to Portland seven years ago and her husband died three years ago. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the St. David Episcopal church, Rev. Thomas Jenkins officiating. Interment was in Riverview cemetery in the family plot.

Masked Robber Holds Man Up in Own Home

Entering his house at 204 St. Clair street late Saturday night, Raleigh P. Trimble was surprised to be confronted by a strange man with an automatic pistol, who demanded that Trimble pour out the contents of his pockets upon the table. Carefully sorting the money from keys and other articles, the masked robber made his exit through the front door. According to Trimble, he went to his home about 11:30 o'clock, entered the house and turned on the lights. After doing so, he went to the garage and locked it. As he reentered the house he was met by the robber, who, according to Trimble, spoke with a decided German accent.

Chehalis Merchants Do Record Business

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 24.—Local merchants report the largest holiday trade this season in the history of the city. Saturday the stores were so crowded that it was almost impossible to get through the aisles and for the past 10 days the stores have been crowded.

Bootlegger Heavily Fined

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 24.—Pete Freeman, a Greek, who runs an oyster house in Central, was fined \$100 for a charge of selling liquor and Justice Westover imposed a fine and costs of \$108.20.

Holy Roller Pastor Opposes War; Jailed

Carmel, Ill., Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.) Rev. Samuel Selbert, pastor of the Holy Roller church here, occupied a jail cell here instead of his pulpit Sunday. Selbert in a sermon said he did not believe in war and would not salute the flag. It said, however, he was compelled to salute Old Glory in the public park the next day. His arrest was based on a federal warrant.

New Mill Turns Out Tent Pegs for Army

Philomath, Or., Dec. 24.—The Beaver Wood Products company, which began the creation of a plant here a few months ago, is now running full capacity with a night and a day shift on a government contract for 2,500,000 tent pegs for the army. These pegs are made from native oak, ash and maple, and are being turned out at the rate of between 20,000 and 25,000 a day of 24 hours.

Little Boy Is Lost Hunting Santa Claus

Child Searches Vainly Among Sunday Night Theatre Crowds for Kris Kringle and Finally Is Picked Up by Cop.

Somewhere in Portland last night there was a Santa Claus, or at least there should have been, according to 2-year-old Anthony Moran who wandered his way through the downtown streets, searching in and out of the theatre crowds in search of Santa.

After more than an hour of searching the youngster wound up at Sixth and Stark streets and was picked up by a big blue-coated policeman. When taken to the police station for safekeeping, the little fellow was unable to tell what his surname was, or where he lived.

"Earl, and I was Santa Claus. He up there in store, but I couldn't find him," lapped the youngster.

About the time that the lad was getting good and sleepy his older brother, "Toney," the lad replied.

"Yes, I know, but what is your other name?" asked the captain.

"Toney," the lad replied.

"His name is Anthony, but his mother calls him Earl and he calls himself Toney," the brother explained.

"Toney" lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Moran, at 249 Thirteenth street.

PORTLAND LAGS BEHIND IN DRIVE

City Falls Sadly in Rear in Red Cross Membership Campaign, but State Goes Strong.

Portland has fallen sadly behind the balance of the state in the membership drive of the American Red Cross, and campaign leaders profess not to know the reason.

They say they cannot blame the weather, for all over Oregon the weather has been bad and in six counties, at least, the roads have been impassable and progress impossible, save on foot or on horseback. For this reason two counties have secured extensions of time so that they may make their quotas.

The figures up to Sunday night are as follows:

Portland... 44,390

State... 99,299

Total for Oregon... 143,689

There are two days left in Portland, and that is why the decision was reached Sunday at headquarters that the lid be taken off with a vengeance and all restrictions removed.

Following are complete returns on counties up to last night:

Table with 4 columns: County, Quota, Members, Per Cent. Includes rows for Baker, Benton, Clatsop, etc.

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Exemption Boards Need Assistants

Questionnaires Four In and Registrars and Relatives Crowd Seeking Information and Assistance.

Another call for more assistants has been made by the board of officials. With questionnaires coming in in greater numbers each day, the small force that has remained at work finds it impossible to keep up with the increasing duties.

One thing that hampers officials, clerks and assistants at headquarters in the courthouse is that many registrars or their relatives for information and assistance which they could easily obtain from legal advisory boards.

All registrars have been instructed to the legal advisors in their districts. Those who did not register here, however, may obtain advice from any of the legal advisors.

Federal Prohibition Act to Be Presented

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—The federal prohibition amendment will be submitted to the New York state legislature when it convenes here on January 2, according to an announcement made by William Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league. Speaker Sweet expressed the opinion that the assembly will vote favorably on it.

Dr. E. Y. Chase Passes in Salem

Salem, Or., Dec. 24.—Dr. E. Y. Chase, for 39 years a physician of Salem, died this morning at his home 265 North Commercial street. He was 86 years old and leaves a wife, son, daughter and stepson. He had lived in Salem since 1878. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Webb & Clough chapel. Rev. Mr. Gill of the Episcopal church will conduct the services. Interment will be in the Lee Mission cemetery.

Jackson Club to Meet

The regular meeting of the Jackson club will be held in Room A of the Centennial building at 7:30 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC GIVEN IN CHURCHES

Portland's Prominent Clergymen Discuss Jesus, Particularly With Reference to War.

Christmas services and special music were given in many of Portland's churches Sunday, and in many churches some reference made to the war and the boys away from home.

Rev. Joshua Stanfield, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, preached one of the interesting sermons of the day. He declared that the voice of Jesus would be heard in this mighty conflict.

"In the coming settlement," he said, "there will be hot words and healing words from the Christ, whose birth we celebrate today, and we believe, that shall voice those words quite largely. And just as much as we stand for righteousness, honor, justice and decency, so much shall we have a part in voicing God's word."

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Catholic and many Episcopal churches will hold Christmas services tonight and Tuesday. Services in the Trinity Episcopal church will be held at 11 o'clock tonight. Rev. A. Morrison will preside, and Lucien E. Becker will assist at the organ. At St. David's Christmas carols at 11 o'clock to be sung in front of the church, will follow, weather permitting. The children's celebration will precede the midnight eucharist.

Nearly Enough Money Raised

Members of the Sunnyside Methodist church Sunday pledged \$12,500 to pay off a debt. The church owes \$18,000 but it did not take the congregation long to pledge \$12,500 and a committee is to get the remainder.

Bishop Matthew S. Hughes spoke at the morning service, and for what Crocker is lieutenant commander in the navy. The gifts will total over \$6000 in the local Crocker house alone.

Entertainment Is Abandoned

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With the arrival in Portland today of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burnett McFadden, the news of their marriage in Seattle, December 17, is just divulged. The ceremony was kept a strict secret by the couple. The bride was formerly Mrs. Ernest E. Merges (Lilah Cornelius) of Portland. The wedding took place at the Presbyterian manse, the Rev. Mr. Atkinson officiating. The couple will leave this evening for San Francisco and Los Angeles for a wedding trip and will return January 15 to Tacoma, to make their home at the Tacoma hotel. Both Mr. and Mrs. McFadden have homes in the city to whom the marriage comes as a great surprise.

Postoffice to Be On Job Tomorrow

The postoffice department will be working full blast Christmas day and will deliver mail to all parts of the city, announced Postmaster Myers this morning.

All mail reaching Portland today and Tuesday morning will be delivered before Tuesday's deliveries close. The mail matter for city delivery put in the mails today will reach the addressee Christmas.

Will so many men taken from their homes by military service the Christmas mail this year has shown an increase of from 25 to 40 per cent over 1916.

U. S. National Gets Conversion Bonds

The United States National bank this morning received a large consignment of "conversion" bonds from the Federal Reserve bank for San Francisco. Purchasers of bonds of the first Liberty loan, who exchanged their 3 1/2 per cent bonds for 4 per cents of the second Liberty loan, may call at the bank and receive the bonds. A great many of the conversion bonds have been given out today.

Christmas Rush Experienced At Marriage License Bureau

Clerks at the county courthouse are having a Christmas rush on marriage licenses and are working shift in order to play Santa Claus to the applying multitudes. Saturday 21 such presents were secured, and for the week, 57. Monday the rush started early, ended late, and all the returns are not in yet. Officials are undecided as to just what causes the sudden ambition of courting youths and the deciding "yes" of the shy maidens. Some say it is a phenomenon resulting from the abundance of holiday spirit; some that the sentiment of Christmas naturally spreads to romance, and others comment that it is cheaper to get married for the time being than to buy Christmas presents.

Whatever may be the cause many happy couples are scattered over the city today, and the wish of the populace might be voiced by courthouse officials when they wished each one a "Merry Christmas, and may all New Years end as happily as this one will be started."

Portland Y. W. C. A. To Ask for \$75,000

The Young Woman's Christian Association of Portland is about to enter upon a campaign for financing the many new branches of work that have developed incident to the war. The sum of \$75,000 will be asked, \$35,000 for the war work council of the national Y. W. C. A., and \$40,000 for the Y. W. C. A. and \$25,000 for what has developed incident to the war. The sum of \$75,000 will be asked, \$35,000 for the war work council of the national Y. W. C. A., and \$40,000 for the Y. W. C. A. and \$25,000 for what has developed incident to the war.

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Liberty Bonds to Be Christmas Presents

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—As a war time Christmas present, Charles H. Crocker, president of the H. S. Crocker stationery establishment, announced that he would give all his employees whose salary was \$200 a month or under a \$50 Liberty bond, fully paid.

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