

TWO OREGON MEN GIVE UP LIVES FOR CAUSE OF LIBERTY

Private A. V. Mercer of Coos Bay and Bugler Floyd M. Gramps of Hood River Dead in France

GRAMPS KILLED BY A TRAIN

Mercer Is Taken Ill With Pneumonia and Dies in an American Base Hospital; Illness Brief.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Describing the death of two Oregon boys, members of the Oregon engineers, "somewhere in France," a copy of the "Spiker," an eight-page paper published by the boys of that branch of the service, has just been received in San Francisco. It is dated November 12.

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Three Arrests Made in Chicago After Wealthy Kokomo Merchant Finds He Has Invested \$100,000 in Fake Mine.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—More than a million dollars is said to have been obtained in operations of three swindlers under arrest here today, the biggest "haul" having been obtained from Albert A. Charles, wealthy merchant of Kokomo, Ind., who is said to have lost \$100,000 in a fake mine.

AVERAGE AGREEMENT IN DEMURRAGE RATES SUSPENDED IN STATE

Public Service Commission Is Seeking to Get Early Release of Cars.

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AUSTRALIA'S DEFEAT OF CONSCRIPTION IS SURPRISE TO CANADA

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—Under the heading "Australia and Conscription" the Victoria Colonist editorially refers to the defeat of conscription in Australia as follows:

The second defeat of a conscription referendum in Australia will be received with surprise. The trials in the field during the past year, the growing need for more men to bring victory nearer, it was thought were sufficient to stir up the commonwealth to muster to aid her army.

American Engineers Depart From Russia

Unable to Cooperate With Lenin-Trotsky Government, Railway Experts Leave Country, Arrive in Tokio.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Unable to cooperate with the Bolshevik government, 318 American railroad engineers have come from Vladivostok, arriving at Nagasaki Thursday.

Portland Abolishes Traditional Sleuth

No longer are there city detectives in Portland. Class A and Class B patrolmen will be known in the future as inspectors and will work under the personal supervision of Chief of Inspectors John Clark.

Boys to Quit Postal Work to Build Ships

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—The entire special delivery force of mail carriers here will quit work December 31 to go to work in the shipyards, where they will receive higher wages.

Poultry Producers Eliminate Middlemen

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Elimination of the middleman in handling more than \$2,000,000 worth of eggs and poultry each year is the object aimed at by a new marketing plan announced Thursday by J. H. Barber, vice president and general manager of the Poultry Producers' association of Central California, effective January 1.

Aged Man Seriously Injured by Machine

While crossing the intersection at Broadway and Hoyt streets, Thursday night, M. S. Bishop, 75, was knocked down by a machine driven by Roy F. Pike, 44, a man of fourteenth.

Rio Vista Wants to Lead Whole Nation

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Rio Vista, in Solano county, claims a national championship. The population is 1000. The number of Red Cross memberships is 1355.

Lane County Board Signs 1918 Budget

Eugene, Or., Dec. 28.—The county commissioners of Lane county Thursday signed up the budget for the coming year. It provides a sum approaching \$200,000 for road work, including \$24,500 to be used on the old military road up

Chicago Will Be Munitions Center

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—An official representative of the bureau of ordnance to be named by Secretary of War Baker is to be stationed in Chicago as soon as present plans to make Chicago one of the munition centers of the country are perfected, according to reports current here.

Manic Preaches Sin Falls

From accounts to hand it appears the labor vote has been responsible for defeating conscription. Why this should be, considering how clear a stake the workers have in the war, it is hard to understand. There may be causes operating in Australia about which we know nothing.

Girls' RAINCOAT Sets Special \$2.98

—The kind of raincoats that will protect little girls from 6 to 12 in all sorts of weather. Some are belted and others are loose. In black and white checks and plain blue, or tan, made with turn-down collars in tailored style.

Girls' Peter Thompson Dresses Half Price

—Fine all wool navy blue serges, made in regulation styles with deep yokes, side pockets and large sailor collars. Smartly trimmed with braid and emblems. Sizes 13 to 17 years

Small Women's and Misses' Dresses at \$14.95

—The most attractive dresses, designed especially for small women and misses—on lines that are graceful and becoming. The very newest styles are shown in navy blue and black serge.

Our Entire Stocks Misses' and Children's Smart HATS REDUCED

In 3 Large Groups 49c—75c—\$1

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—Just think of what it means to have music in your home whenever you want it—and music by the world's greatest artists, too! Our Victrola Department is supplied with every model of Victrola—and you may purchase the one you want on very easy terms. No interest.

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Art Needlework NOVELTIES AT HALF PRICE

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