

Y. W. C. A. DRIVE WELL UNDER WAY THROUGHOUT CITY

Daily Totals Take Jump as Workers in Campaign Get Their Stride.

WOMEN LEADING THE MEN

Funds Are to Furnish Recreation Centers for Soldiers Who Will Be in City During Off Hours.

Grand total to date, \$41,027.65.
Women's division today, \$ 6,425.70
Men's division, \$1,590.90

Total today, \$11,545.65

With the daily totals of the Y. W. C. A. war work fund jumping from \$10,000 to \$19,000 and voluntary contributions reinforcing the efforts of the divisions, the goal of \$75,000 of this week's drive, is reasonably assured.

Portland is awakening to the soldier-on-the-street corner problem. Thousands more of the boys are coming soon to Vancouver barracks for training. They will recreate in this city in numbers when off duty. It is none too soon, says General Emory Olmstead, to prepare to deal with the situation in the way pointed out by the Foodstuffs commission—that is soldiers' club rooms.

As the proposition is being put up to the people there is willing acquiescence to the request for the means with which to provide headquarters and make the soldiers feel that Portland is one of the best spots on earth.

Teams Are Busy

The first day Mrs. Edward P. Northrup, Captain Mrs. C. D. Brunn and Captain Mrs. Louis Gerlinger topped the list with subscriptions secured by their teams, each in excess of one thousand dollars. They were closely followed by Captain C. B. Simmons, Mrs. Edmond C. Gilmer, Mrs. Frank Fey and Mrs. Everett Ames. On the second day Captain Mrs. David Honeycomb's team led, Captain Mrs. J. A. Bell second, Captain Mrs. W. C. Alverdy third, Captain Mrs. Edward P. Northrup next, then Captain Mrs. E. C. Gilmer, Captain Mrs. Louis Gerlinger.

The second day's grand total reported by the women's division, under Colonel Mrs. Guy W. Talbot, was \$14,892.55.

In the men's division Colonel Wilbur E. Coman has been the thickest of it directing the sweep of his forces through "every man's land." The first day his forces did not quite match up with the women's division, the total being \$4,767.50, second day \$9,821.95.

Captain Van Duser's team led the first day, Captain Paul Bates second and Captain J. E. Cranston third. But they got into their stride properly Wednesday afternoon and this morning with the following scores:

Captain Wells Gilbert, \$2390.50; Captain J. A. Cranston, \$1467.50; Captain Paul Bates, \$1336; Captain P. S. Doernbecher, \$1106; Captain H. E. Van Duser, \$1010; Aaron Frank, \$879.45; Captain W. J. Hoffman, \$854.50; Captain S. P. Lockwood, \$605; Captain A. C. Spencer, \$571.50.

Louis Simpson "Captured"

Louis J. Simpson of Shore Acres-by-the-Sea, Coos Bay, is in town and took notice of certain activities.

"What's the excitement?" asked Simpson of Phil Metachan, who was trying to line up with his squad of heavyweights.

"Just sweeping up a bit of change."

"More change, eh? What's it about?"

"War work for the Y. W. C. A. and especially for soldiers' clubs in towns. We are providing the anti-homesickness panacea for the boys. Hostess houses at camps for them to meet their families and in general to cheer 'em up and keep 'em in winning fettle for the game ahead."

"I see," remarked the citizen of Coos Bay. "Good luck!"

"Got your check book handy, Louie?" asked Metachan.

"What's the idea? I'm not a citizen of this community."

"You're sworn in right now. That's

Drop of 280 Feet Down Shaft Fails To Injure Miner

Viriden, Ill., Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Although he dropped 280 feet in a mine shaft of the Royal colliery here late last night, Abel Knydson, aged 39, a miner, still lives and is apparently uninjured today. He was working on the night shift and thought the cage was at the top when he stepped into the shaft. His fall was broken when he grasped the cable of the cage before he reached the bottom. After the accident Knydson told his rescuers, "I'm all right; I'll be on the job in the morning."

It just write your name, Mr. Simpson, on this line. Good. One hundred. Thanks."

Some Larger Contributions

The following is the list of the larger individual contributions already received:

Ladd estate, \$3000; Eastern & Western Lumber company, \$2000; Mrs. Jacob Kamm, \$1000; Union Meat company, \$1000; Kerr, Gifford company, \$500; Ainsworth family, \$500; Balfour, Guthrie & Co., \$500; Western Co-operative company, \$500; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ayer, \$500; T. B. Wilcox, \$500; Mr. and Mrs. William McMaster, \$500; M. H. Houser, \$500; C. Gilman, \$450; R. L. Gilman, \$250; W. D. Wheelwright, \$250; Albers Brothers, \$250; Ames, Harris & Neville, \$250; A. O. Anderson, \$250; Wilmette Iron and Steel Works, \$250; D. C. O'Reilly, \$250; Fieschler, Mayer & Co., \$250; Olds, Wortman & King, \$250; L. B. Menefee, \$250; William Cornfoot, \$250; J. E. Wheeler, \$250; Wilson estate, \$150; Warren Construction company, \$250; C. H. Carey, \$150; W. W. Cotton, \$100; E. C. Shevlin, \$100; W. J. Burns, \$100; Mrs. F. M. Warren, \$100; Mrs. George T. Willett, \$100; Mrs. Robert Livingston, \$100; Woodard, Clarke & Co., \$100; Mrs. Andrus, \$100; A. L. Mills, \$100; Mrs. Guy W. Talbot, \$150.

F. A. Freeman Heads Lumbermen's Trust

F. A. Freeman, vice president, was elected to the board of directors of the Lumbermen's Trust company at the annual stockholders' meeting held this morning at the offices of the company at Fifth and Stark streets. All other directors were re-elected as follows: A. H. Averill, P. S. Brumby, C. H. Carey, P. J. Cobbe, James Danaher, Jr., L. C. Gilman, John A. Keating, C. F. Swiger, C. F. Wright. All the officers of the company were re-elected following the election of Freeman as vice president. F. A. Freeman, secretary, Frank W. Camp, treasurer, Carl S. Kelly, assistant secretary, Carlos C. Close, Gilbert W. Smith was re-elected resident manager of the San Francisco branch of the company.

Raspberries Seem As Sweet as in July

Here is some warm, comforting news for blizzard bound Chicago and the ice thrallied Danube commission.

A. R. Gephart, manager of the public welfare bureau, gathered ripe raspberries in the garden at his home, 238 East Fifty-third street, this morning. That he might not strain credulity too far, he brought a vine with the berries on it down to the office with him. "The berries bloomed during the latter part of October and the first part of November, and there has been warmth enough since to ripen them," he said. "To me they seemed as sweet as the summer ripened fruit."

Dammasch Heads Athletics in Camp

News comes from Fort Riley, Kansas, that Dr. F. H. Dammasch, formerly coroner of Multnomah county, has been placed in charge of athletic and recreational work at the mobilization camp at the fort.

Dr. Dammasch left Portland some months ago with the commission of lieutenant. Later he was promoted to a majorship, skipping the rank of captain, through which most officers pass. He is in the medical section of the national army.

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COUNCIL QUESTIONS COMMISSION'S RIGHT TO RAISE CARFARES

Resolution Supplementing Former Action Is Formally Adopted; Appeal Is Ordered.

The city is to question the justification for the increase in streetcar fares and the public service commission's right to alter streetcar franchise provisions in addition to testing the commission's authority to legislate for Portland.

Such was the city council's decision today in adopting a resolution prepared by Mayor Peterson to supplement that adopted by the council Wednesday. The resolution of Wednesday called for an appeal to the courts on the ground that the commission was without authority in granting an increase.

The resolution unanimously adopted this morning follows:

"Whereas, the public service commission of Oregon has ruled in favor of an increase in fares for streetcar service in Portland, and

"Whereas, the legal authority of said public service commission to alter franchise provisions in Portland is questioned, and

"Whereas, the justification of an increase in fares for streetcar service in Portland is questioned, and

"Whereas, the city council representing the citizens of the city of Portland, is desirous of testing out in the courts all questions of jurisdiction of the public service commission and legality of its said order, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the city attorney be and is hereby directed to petition the public service commission to set aside its order until the courts have decided the questions raised, and

"Further, that the city attorney be and is hereby directed to appeal from said order to the circuit court and if the city is not successful, to appeal to the supreme court of the state of Oregon."

This resolution is to be taken as an addition to resolution of council passed January 9, 1918.

BULGARIAN PREMIER IS QUOTED AS TO PEACE

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resumed. Russia recognizes Bulgaria's right to nominate a delegate on the international Danube commission."

Premier Radoslavov commented that this was "the first peace concluded in the war with Bulgaria's allies consent."

Dispatches here also said a minister had been named by Bulgaria to proceed at once to Petrograd.

UKRAINE AND RUSSIA HAVE JOINED HANDS IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Petrograd, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Ukraine and Russia have joined hands in the peace negotiations with Germany.

Dispatches received from Brest-Litovsk today expressed firm conviction that with a united front shown by all Russian delegates, the Russian plan for transfer of peace negotiations to neutral soil would be forced upon the Germans.

New Despot Rejected

The message from Brest-Litovsk which gave this news also carried the following report:

"On Monday (Russian Christmas Day) we crossed the trenches. Our soldiers declared they were ready to support all peace efforts at all costs, but they added:

"Remember, we want peace—but not a peace at any price."

Trotsky replied to them: "We will not bend our heads to German imperialism. Russia did not overthrow czarism to become the subject of another kind of slavery. You may feel certain that with your support we will sign only an honorable peace."

The Russian peace delegates were taken to Brest-Litovsk in sleighs. They first met Ukrainian delegates who had been awaiting their arrival. The Ukrainians agreed to publish a formal statement recognizing the commissaries (Bolshevik) government and the commissaries on their part agreed to recognize Ukraine's independence. The Russians then communicated with the Germans, suggesting that the Ukrainians be empowered to partake in the negotiations. This was accepted.

Stockholm Likely Meeting Place

"The Ukrainians and Russians, it was asserted, had agreed to maintain a solid and united front on all questions. Today the first matter taken up by the general conference was the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm or some other neutral city. Dispatches from the Russian delegates today insisted they would not give up this demand on the Germans."

"The transfer of the negotiations to a place where a free voice and a free hearing can be accorded instead of being continued in the stifling atmosphere of a ruined city's hermetically sealed fortress, is essential," the message asserted.

Austria to Claim Serbia

Geneva, Jan. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Disclosure of a "territorial agreement" between Germany and Austria, by which the latter country is to make large annexations in the Balkan area, has now passed to the peace situation today.

According to information from a Czech source, Austria supports Germany's claims for the retention of Alsace-Lorraine and her colonies, while Germany agrees to uphold Austria's demands for the retention of Trentino and Trieste. Austria is to annex Serbia, Montenegro and Albania, although the countries are to preserve "outward autonomy."

Germany also consents to an Austrian solution of the Polish question. The alleged agreement was signed last month, it was stated.

Cossacks Reported Losing

Petrograd, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Dwindling away of the Cossack revolt was reported by the Bolsheviks today. The government armies and the Red Guards are pursuing Generals Dutoff and Kaledines and their forces.

The workmen and soldiers announced that Dutoff had been liberated from the rebels and that the Cossacks were unanimously against Kaledines.

The Ukrainian Rada announced the eleventh army had been arrested.

Meeting Transfer Expected

Petrograd, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Brest-Litovsk telegrams today reported indications of a satisfactory conclusion being reached as to transfer of peace negotiations to neutral soil.

To Resume Wednesday

Copenhagen, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk will be resumed Wednesday noon, according to the Cologne Gazette today.

Boy Plays With Gun; Body Found In Pool of Blood

Seattle, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Playing with a .38 calibre pistol proved fatal to William, 11-year-old son of A. A. Gieroch, member of the state board of barber examiners, yesterday. The boy was found in his room here in a pool of blood, unconscious, by his sisters. He died shortly afterward.

HEALTH CONDITIONS IN U. S. CAMPS REPORTED SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Epidemics of Measles and Pneumonia Subsidng; Deaths Increased by One.

Washington, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Health conditions at national army and national guard camps in the United States show a slight improvement for the week ending January 4, the division of field sanitation reported to the surgeon general today. Epidemics of measles and pneumonia are subsidng in most camps in both branches of the service. The meningitis situation also shows a marked improvement. Camp Beauregard, La., being the only camp where there was a sharp outbreak.

For the national guard, Camp Wheeler, Ga., had the highest sick rate, while Camp Beauregard, La., had the highest non-effective rate. The largest number of new cases of measles was reported from Camp Logan, Texas, where there were 34. There was a decrease in practically all of the other camps. The pneumonia admission rate held high at Camp Wheeler, Camp Beauregard and Camp Kearney, Cal., there being a decrease at all the other camps. At Camp Beauregard 37 new cases of meningitis were reported, as compared with seven for the preceding week.

In the national guard, measles prevalence is decidedly lower for the week. Camps Gordon, Pike and Funston, Kan., leading in the number of new cases. The pneumonia rate continues high at Camp Pike and Camp Travis, Texas. Meningitis has increased only at Camp Jackson, S. C., and Camp Gordon.

There were 109 deaths in the national guard during the week, an increase of one over the preceding week, and 167, an increase of 69, in the national army.

Cabinet Crisis May Be Pending

Paris, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—There is open talk of a new cabinet crisis in Germany, according to a Zurich dispatch in the Matin today, giving the National Zeitung of Berlin as its authority.

The dispatch added that a convulse of the German party chiefs was held secretly at the residence of Count von Hertling, the German chancellor, and a long discussion was held on the advisability of not recognizing further the political movements of Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann at the Brest-Litovsk conference.

JOHN B. YEON IS NAMED AGAIN AS MASTER OF ROADS

Reappointment Made in Rather Unusual Manner Not Satisfactory to Commissioner Holman.

Written Protest Is Filed

Method of Making Selection Referred to District Attorney Evans With Idea of Determining Legality.

John B. Yeon has been reappointed roadmaster of Multnomah county, by the votes of Commissioners Holbrook and Muck, for one year, to serve without compensation. Chairman Holman went on record as opposed to Mr. Yeon's retention.

The reappointment was made in an unusual manner last Tuesday. It was not taken up at a meeting of the commissioners, but a prepared order was signed by Commissioners Holbrook and Muck, and this order was presented at today's meeting of the board to be entered on the record.

The reason assigned for making the appointment in this irregular way is that Commissioner Holbrook, who is ill, was ordered by his physician not to leave his residence. He was preparing to leave for California that night and it was necessary to elect a roadmaster. District Attorney Evans having advised that, under the operation of the new law providing for the appointment of roadmasters, Multnomah county had had no legal roadmaster since January 1.

When the order was brought forward today, Commissioner Holman said he wanted to be assured that it was legal, and it was referred to District Attorney Evans for an opinion.

At the same time Chairman Holman said he would not approve any requisitions from the roadmaster's office until this had been determined. Furthermore, he said, in the future he will also refuse to indorse bills for expenditures which he does not approve.

Chairman Holman also filed for record the following protest against the reappointment of Roadmaster Yeon:

"I oppose the retention of Mr. Yeon longer in the county service for the reason that I disapprove of his methods and for the further reason that his ideas of public expenditures at this time do not coincide with mine."

"On December 28 last a tax was levied against the property of the county for \$500,000, presumably for roads, and yet no accounting was made of the monies spent by the road department for the past year nor was a complete and definite program of contemplated projects with estimates for each made public prior to the levying of this tax. The people have not been given an opportunity to know for what purposes they are being taxed."

"Few, if any, know what the Vista

GENERAL SURVEY IS RECOMMENDATION FOR UPPER COLUMBIA

Present Improvement Above Snake, However, Held Not Essential for Development.

Washington, Jan. 10.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Improvement of the upper Columbia river and its tributaries above Vancouver should be considered as a whole, and so a survey should be made looking to future improvement in connection with the government work performed below the mouth of the Snake river.

This is the conclusion of the army engineers, approved by the chief of engineers and the secretary of war. It is expressed in connection with the adverse report rendered upon the proposal to enter upon improvement of the channel between the mouth of the Snake and Priest Rapids.

Little Commerce in Sight

This proposed project is turned down because it was found that very little commerce exists on that part of the river, where the depth at low water is from three and one half to four feet, and that there is little promise of greater commerce until a larger traffic

is developed on the lower reaches of the river.

While the board of engineers does not regard present improvement above the Snake "as essential to the development of general traffic on the Columbia," a note for future consideration is given in the recommendation for a general survey that will cover the Columbia and its tributaries all the way up from Vancouver.

Improvement Not Justified

In reporting adversely on the proposed deepening of Young's Bay channel from the main ship channel of the Columbia, to above the county bridge, the engineers say that a large sum would be required to secure even a 26 foot depth and a channel 300 feet wide, whereas the local interests want 30 foot water and a 500 foot width.

Improvement is not justified under present conditions, says the report.

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