

BATTLE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN BOLSHEVIKI AND KALEDINE'S MEN

Revolutionists Stage Bloody Fighting in the Streets of Mosco wand Vicinity.

CITY IS SAID TO BE FACING STARVATION

Bolsheviki Troops Rushed From Kazan on Armored Train.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11.—Bolsheviki and Kaledine-Korniloff revolutionaries are fighting in the Moscow streets today, according to Haparanda dispatches. It is reported Moscow is facing starvation. The Swedish government has instructed all Swedes to leave Moscow.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—The Bolsheviks have formally declared war against Kaledine's Cossacks and revolutionaries. Troops were rushed from Kazan on an armored train through Kharkoff. Foreign Minister Trotsky ordered Ensign Krylenko, Russian commander, to use as many troops as possible to crush the Cossack revolution.

Kaledine has declared martial law throughout Cossack territory, and announced his forces are ready to fight. General Korniloff is reported to be commanding six trainloads of revolting troops.

GERMANY'S GREATEST OFFENSIVE IS NEAR

All Reports Indicate Enemy Will Soon Initiate Greatest Assault Since '14.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11.—Hindenburg, Hertling and Ludendorff met Friday and laid plans for the greatest German west front offensive, dispatches declared. The Germans plan to overwhelm the British and French forces before the Americans have an opportunity to fight.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Heavy German artillery shelling over the entire western front and unusual aerial activity indicates the greatest German assault since 1914 is near.

Official reports indicate the Germans are showing more activity against the French positions, indicating the Germans will also attack the French.

Halg reported that British patrols captured a number of Germans and enemy raids were repulsed.

Halg reported the enemy attacked in raid on British post under cover of a heavy bombardment east of Epehy but was repulsed. Halg's report emphasized the general belief that Germany is planning her greatest offensive. Aerial activity indicated energetic attempts to find the British positions and disposition of forces. German artillery is plainly hunting the weak spots.

FLASHES

LOOTER IS SHOT. HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—One looter has been shot and his body strapped to a post with a placard bearing the words, "This was a looter." It is rumored other looters have been shot.

AMBULANCING IS LIVELY. BELLEFLORE, Dec. 11.—Lively ambulancing in Flanders and the capture of 22 French in a surprise attack northeast of Caroume is officially reported.

TROOPS IN JERUSALEM. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—With barred heads, British, French and Italian troops marched down the historical Jericho road into Jerusalem today, official dispatches declared.

NEW SEATTLE POLICE CHIEF. SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Joe Warren, former deputy United States Marshall and former Spokane police chief, was appointed Seattle police chief, succeeding Charles Beckingham, whose resignation was requested today. The action followed conferences between Gill and a citizen committee which is endeavoring to raise the military quarantine.

Operation is Performed. Mike Moran, well known section foreman, underwent an operation this morning at St. Anthony's hospital.

STREET IN ROME IS TO BE NAMED FOR PRESIDENT WILSON

(JOHN HEARLEY.) ROME, Dec. 11.—One of Rome's principal streets will be named after President Wilson because of America's aid to Italy under a plan the Patriotic association has formed. A great demonstration was staged before Ambassador Page's house. Formal resolutions were presented the mayor of Rome asking that a principal street be named for Wilson. Great crowds gathered in the streets and cheered American, President Wilson and Ambassador Page.

WILL NOT FIX A PRICE ON WOOL

News of much interest to local sheepmen is contained in a message received in Pendleton from a source that makes the report authentic to the effect that the national food administration is not now contemplating fixing any price on wool.

There has been much speculation as to Hoover's intentions relative to the wool market, and the message received here removes a good deal of the uncertainty which the woolman has felt. It is said that the average woolman does not object to a fixed price save that he has no wish for the red tape which the farmer has had to endure since wheat prices were fixed. The fact that the food administration is not now considering establishing a price means that the sheepman can sell his wool at the best price obtainable. The price of wool is so high now that it is believed the lack of an established price will not result in much speculation.

MORE DESTROYERS IN FIGHT ON U BOATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary Daniels reiterated today his conviction that the U boat menace has passed so far as it may have threatened England with starvation. Adding that, nevertheless, the submarine continues to be a serious problem, he predicted that submarine sinkings will fluctuate, the average gradually diminishing until the problem disappears. While not menacing England with starvation, the U boats are threatening necessary ocean traffic. Their tool for the week has been more than thirty ships, about one-half above 1,600 tons. This rate is much greater than the present output of new vessels throughout the world.

Therefore, experts feel that every effort must be made to improve protection against U boats. This protection is said to be increasing from month to month. More destroyers are getting into action and work is progressing rapidly on the large number of new ones. Other types of vessels are joining in the submarine hunt, while the use of hydroplanes and other aircraft is progressing rapidly.

CHAIRMAN AND CAMPAIGN MANAGERS BIG RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NAMED

At a meeting of Red Cross delegates from all over the county in Pendleton this afternoon, announcement was made of the various chairmen and campaign managers appointed to superintend the drive for Christmas members which will begin on the 17th. The following is the list as announced.

- Adams—Mrs. Chas. Dumas, chairman; L. L. Lemaith, campaign manager. Athens—Mrs. Mattie Hill, chairman; W. S. Gleiser, campaign manager. Weston—Mrs. F. D. Watts, chairman; Sam Barnes, campaign manager. Milton—Mrs. S. E. De Veney, chairman; G. W. Price, campaign manager. Freewater—Mrs. Fred Evans, chairman; J. P. Slover, campaign manager. Pringle—Mrs. D. C. Hildebrand, chairman; H. S. Hixby, campaign manager.

U.S. MILITARY SITUATION IS TO BE PROBED

Senate Committee Orders Searching Investigation of War Preparations.

WILL TELL CONDITION ARMY CANTONMENTS

Congress and Public to be Fully Informed Regarding All Facts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate military affairs committee ordered searching investigation of the entire military situation, particularly the organization, training and equipping of the national army. Chairman Chamberlain announced that Secretary Baker and other high officials would be asked to give the exact progress of America's war preparations. Complaints of the equipment and organization of the draft armies will be closely studied. Senator Wadsworth of New York, who inspected several cantonments, told the committee rifles, clothing and other equipment had not been supplied properly, greatly hampering preparations.

The investigation will start within a few days. The committee will also study the conditions of the American expeditionary forces abroad. One of the principal objects of the probe will be to give congress and the people the exact facts regarding the many false rumors concerning conditions at the cantonments.

Small Group British Hold Entire Division of German Army at Bay

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 10.—One small group of British Tommies held an entire German division at bay in one twist of the Cambal battle. The Germans posted into the dewy dry canal of the North Canal, east of Monevres held by little group of British. The British hurled bombs and closed with the enemy in a hand to hand scuffle with bayonets, bombs, sticks, clubs and fists. The Germans were unable to stand the grueling man to man fight and they retired. The British advanced, taking two heavy howitzers and two other guns, dragging them back to a strategic point. The Germans meanwhile rallied, making a second charge. The Tommies fired the German field pieces point blank into the German ranks, killing great numbers. The wounded British refused to be removed back of the firing line, begging to be propped up so they could continue fighting. The determined little band was finally forced to retire.

Menigitis at Great Lakes Station. CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Fifteen hundred jackies at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station are in quarantine as a result of six cases of spinning meningitis which have developed there. The cases are said to be mild.

A girl's jealousy killed a man's vanity during the courtship, but after marriage, well, that's different.

Teuton Attempts to Recapture Agenzia A Complete Failure

ROME, Dec. 11.—The complete repulse of enemy attempts to recapture Agenzia and Zullani positions is officially reported. The victorious Italians prisoners many Teutons. The enemy casualties were heavy.

Camp Lewis Hostess House Open to All Soldiers, Relatives

Mothers, wives, sweethearts and friends of the soldier boys stationed at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, who plan to see the great Military Exhibition which is to take place at this cantonment next Saturday and Sunday afternoons, are urged, through an invitation extended to them by the Young Women's Christian Association to make the Hostess House comfortable by that organization at the camp, their headquarters while attending this event and in particular, to make appointments with their young men of the army at this institution.

The Hostess House is located within easy distance from the entrance to the camp and, considering the vastness of the cantonment, is the one logical place where visitors may meet the soldiers and talk with them under conditions like home itself. The Hostess House which, since its completion has fulfilled its purpose with a success beyond all expectation is dedicated for the use of the soldiers and their visiting women relatives and sweethearts, a real home in the midst of a great army encampment.

Of attractive design without, it is beautiful and comfortable within, neat rest rooms, with tasteful decorations, easy chairs, flowers and the many touches such as are found in the finest homes; writing desks, an immense fire place, check rooms, a cafeteria which, at moderate cost provides meals for men and women and offers an additional opportunity to visit together, are a few of the delightful features the Hostess House supplies. Several hostesses are constantly in charge and they are always eager to help make the visitor's stay most pleasant. An information desk provides every assistance in arranging for meetings with the soldier boys. Provision is also made to care for children of the soldier men and a soldier may visit his little ones in a nursery, whose environment leaves nothing to be desired.

LOCAL FOLK APPEAL TO PRESIDENT KERR

RESOLUTION ASKING HIM TO REMAIN AT O. A. C. WIRE LAST NIGHT.

Requesting that Dr. W. J. Kerr, President of O. A. C. remain at his post, declining the tendered position of president of the Kansas Agricultural College, and that the regents of the Oregon college take any steps necessary to induce Dr. Kerr to remain in the position, the Commercial Club went on record yesterday. Pledges to the action by the club many private letters, chiefly from O. A. C. graduates, had been sent to President Kerr. The move yesterday was started by C. M. Bishop, manager of the woolen mill. The following message was sent Dr. Kerr last evening: "Realizing the great value of your work to the state and the loss to result should you leave, the Pendleton Commercial Club by resolution today earnestly requests that you remain at your present position. We suggest that this field is most in need of your effort. Here your best opportunity for service to nation and state."

- J. E. TALLEMAN, President. O. K. CRANSTON, Secretary. G. M. BISHOP, C. M. RICE, W. L. THOMPSON, LIZON COHEN, R. ALEXANDER, J. N. BURGESS, J. W. MALONEY, E. B. ALDRICH, G. W. PHELPS, F. E. JUD, L. E. MANN.

A message urging action by the board of trustees sent to J. K. Weatherford, president of that body. It is understood that Dr. Kerr will give his decision in a day or two and it is said a meeting of the regents is slated for tomorrow.

Buy Residence Property. M. D. Severance, who recently came here from Dakota to locate, has purchased through the agency of the Matlock-Lewis Investment Company a five room modern bungalow at 89 Lewis street from A. H. Cox of the Oregon Lumber Yard, for a consideration of \$1250. This is the second piece of residence property purchased by Mr. Severance in Pendleton the other being now occupied by O. H. Norris, conductor on the O. & W. R. & N. R. R. The latter place will be Mr. Severance's home after about the 15th of the month. Mr. Norris has secured a furnished house for the winter.

CABINET TAKE OVER RAILROADS

McAdoo Leading Agitation for Govt. Control and Operation During War.

MESSAGE EXPECTED WITHIN FEW DAYS

President Will Receive Railroad War Board Tomorrow Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The cabinet is endeavoring to induce the President to take over the railroads and operate them during the war. It is authoritatively learned that McAdoo is leading the agitation. The issue was discussed at a cabinet meeting this afternoon. It is authoritatively learned the President will undoubtedly go before congress with a railroad message within a few days. It is reported the President flatly rejected the railroad's request for higher rates, draft exemption for employees and government aid in obtaining financial credits. The President will receive the railroad war board tomorrow afternoon at the white house for a discussion of the entire situation. "Our consistent effort has been to be of service to the nation during the war," Chairman Fairfax Harrison declared. "We hope we may be able to be of assistance to the President in any action he may contemplate."

ORDER RESTORED NOW IN PORTUGAL

Revolution Cost More Than 100 Dead and Five Hundred Wounded.

LISBON, Dec. 11.—Portugal's revolution cost more than 100 dead and 500 wounded. Complete order has been restored. Colonel Paes ordered the immediate execution of all caught looting or rioting. Premier Costa and Foreign Minister Soares arrived here from the Paris interally council to find their residences sacked and partly pulled down by the rioters.

AMERICA'S CROP THIS YEAR MOST VALUABLE IN HISTORY COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—America's crop this year is the most valuable in history according to the Department of Agriculture's final estimates on acreage, production and value. The corn crop amounted to three billion a hundred and fifty nine million, four hundred and ninety four bushels which was worth four billion, fifty three million, six hundred and seventy two thousand dollars.

The winter and spring wheat production was six hundred and fifty million bushels, worth a billion and three hundred and seven million dollars.

NORTH WINDS BLOW COLD UPON LOCAL BOYS AT CAMP MILLS

Supply Sergeant Elmer G. Thomas who has heretofore been attached to Battery D, has been assigned as a duty sergeant in the same battery. Cooke at Newport News. Lieutenant James P. Cooke of Headquarters company, is now in Newport News, port of embarkation with the following Pendleton men: Walter Bell, Harry Newman, Floyd Green, Jim M. Johnson, Billy Plysek, Earl Abbott, Andrew Stortevant, William Stortevant, Fred Richard, William Ingoing and Tracy Layne. They will probably be under command of Captain Lee K. Caldwell, who has charge of the port.

A large package containing press coats for the Pendleton men was received today from the Pendleton Honorary Guard. They are deeply appreciated and thanks are returned by all. (Auricht, Lola.)

Floyd Hall and Calfee are about the busiest men in the battery. Calfee has charge of the mail and Floyd Hall keeps record of all clothing and equipment issued to the men.

Helmets, mittens, gloves, socks and handkerchiefs are gladly accepted by the men and are in demand. The average girl is apt to think the samples of manhood that come under her observation are not what they are advertised to be.

LINDSEY MAY TAKE CHARGE OF ORPHANS IN BELGIUM, FRANCE

DENVER, Dec. 11.—It was learned today that Judge Ben Lindsey had gone to Washington at the President's personal appeal to consider assuming supervision of the orphaned children in Belgium and France.

SAMMIES STAGE A MOCK ASSAULT

Every Detail From Preliminary Fire to Final Charge Executed.

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, in France, Dec. 11.—The American soldiers today staged a great mock attack upon the preliminary preparatory fire to the final charge. The American artillery fired gas shells for the first time. The infantry charged and captured three lines of "enemy" trenches.

Under conditions as nearly approximating the battle line as possible, the artillery hurled a big gas barrage deluging the triple line of enemy trenches. During the preliminary fire, the infantry crouched in the trenches. With the American airplanes high overhead, the American troops went over. The artillery let down a perfect barrage fire in front of the advancing troops. Every Sammy wore a gas mask. Despite the bitter cold, the artillerymen and infantrymen alike were perspiring freely when the attack was completed.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS ACT AS TRAIN CREW

BEND, Dec. 11.—Officials on an inspection tour brought the Oregon Trunk train into Bend this afternoon, the officials working as regular train men. A broken axle on the Columbia river local made it necessary for the local train's crew to man the wrecker. District Superintendent R. C. Wagner, General Superintendent A. J. Davidson, Special Agent Dick Hynes and General Roadmaster Charles Whitfield resumed their old jobs as brakies and Superintendent of Buildings and Bridges Kelley fired the engine. Assisting the officials were Engineer Sherard and Pat Lee, who acted as conductor.

13 NEGROES ARE HANGED FOR RIOTING

Extreme Penalty Paid for Participation in Trouble at Houston, Tex.

OTHERS GET LONG PRISON SENTENCES

First Hanging of American Soldiers on U. S. Soil Since War Began.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 11.—Thirteen negroes were hanged for participation in the Houston riot August 21. Forty-one were given life sentences; one received two years and a half, and three, two years.

The negroes courtmartial lasted throughout November. A verdict was reached November 30, but was not made public until today when military authorities briefly announced the hanging. This is the first hanging of American soldiers on American soil since the United States entered the war.

Those executed were Corporal Charles Baltimore, Sergeant Nesbit, Corporal Brown, Private William Brekenside, Corporal Wheatley, Corporal Jesse Moore, Privates Thomas Hawkins, Carlos Stockgrass, Ira Davis, James Dilyn, Frank Johnson, Riley Young and Pat McWorter. The names of those given prison terms were not announced. Five alleged rioters were acquitted.

FULL ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The war department stated this afternoon the Houston executions was in full accordance with the law. It declared the commander had the power to act without review or approval in advance by Washington. The department stated the courtmartial was carefully selected insuring justice.

14 MEN JOIN NAVY HERE IN TWO DAYS

Recruiting Brisk as Time for Voluntary Enlistment Grows Short.

With the time for voluntary enlistment closing on Saturday of this week, dozens of young men are hurrying to enlist in their favorite branch of the service. The navy is proving the most attractive branch and Recruiting Officer Swartz is kept busy signing men up and answering inquiries. During the past two and a half days 14 men have joined the navy here, making a total of 23 since Dec. 1 and 53 since Nov. 1.

The following are the last 14 to enlist: Virgil Eugene Snively of Pendleton and Lucas A. Smith of Pendleton, machinists; aviation; Walter Elmer Clark, Heppner, John-on William Barnhart (Indian), Umanilla reservation; Beecher Basil Orson, La Grande; Victor Bailey, Pendleton; Elisha Rector Thomas, Pilot Rock; Andrew Franklin Stutler, Postello and William B. Babcock, Pendleton; third class firemen, Cecil B. at O. A. C. and Elmer Carter, Newport; Pendleton; Ruford Jesse Price, Weston; William Franklin Spill, Weston; and Budd Housa Knapp, Lebo, apprentice seaman. When this list was taken several others were waiting for the recruiting officer to give them attention. Four boys from Pilot Rock left this morning to enlist in the forestry regiment and a number of others went down to enter various branches of the service.

DECISION IN BYERS CASE IS MODIFIED

SALEM, Dec. 11.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—The supreme court modified the judgment, at Circuit Judge Phelps in the case of Sophie Byers, appellant, against Joe Parr et al, appealed from Umatilla county. The suit involves water rights on the Umatilla river.

The above message from the United Press was received by the East Oregonian today. Inasmuch as both the government and Mrs. Byers appeals from the decision of Judge Phelps the news that the decision was modified does not indicate whether the supreme court has ruled favorably to the government or to the Byers estate.