



LOYD-GEORGE DELAYS WAR AIMS MESSAGE

Premier Will Probably Make Statement Before Christmas Adjournment.

BONAR LAW MAKES THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Refuses to Produce Correspondence Between London, Bucharest.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Lloyd George has postponed his war aims speech scheduled for today. Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law told the house of commons. The premier will make his war aims statement before the parliament's Christmas adjournment.

This is Lloyd George's second speech postponed. He was scheduled to address the lawyers club last week, but the engagement was cancelled because of a severe cold.

Law didn't explain the specific topic the premier would discuss, but it is certain he would discuss Britain's war aspirations. Before revealing the premier's plans, Law flatly refused to produce the correspondence between London and Bucharest preceding Romania's entry into the war.

IMPROVEMENTS WILL SAFEGUARD PIPELINE

Work Done at Thorn Hollow to Prevent Damage From High Water.

Though he has been handicapped by the labor shortage, Supt. F. J. Hayes of the water department expects to complete soon the improvements along the river at Thorn Hollow which will safeguard the pipe line from high water during the winter and spring. This work has been under way for several months and will be done in plenty of time to serve the purpose for which it is intended.

Supt. Hayes has been building a concrete retaining wall along one bank of the river for a distance of 500 feet to prevent the water from the river from washing out a section of the new pipe line which carries the water from the shapish springs. Lower down he has been building a wing dam to divert the river from the point where damage was done to the pipe line last year.

The new pipe line, tapping hitherto unused springs, while it secures its supply of water upon the hills south of the railroad tracks, crosses the tracks and for a distance of several hundred feet follows close to the river through bottom land that is each year flooded with the high waters. It was a choice of taking this course to the gatehouse or tunneling 700 feet through a hill at a much greater cost. However, the selection of the course near the river necessitated building a retaining wall seven feet high for a distance of about 200 feet, and this work is just being finished.

Below this the river last year was diverted from its old channel by a jam of logs and the new course washed out a section of pipe line and threatened to wash out more. To throw the water back into the old channel, a substantial wing dam 400 feet long has been constructed. The shortage of water last summer was attributed in part to the damage done by high waters during last winter and spring.

MANY UKIAH BOYS ENLISTING IN NAVY

Ukiah is sending down her sons today to enlist. Seven young men from the far south end town enlisted today in the navy as firemen and another delegation will arrive at 5 o'clock to enter the same branch of the service.

A total of 10 enlistments was made at the local recruiting office up until this afternoon, making 33 for the month so far and 63 since Nov. 1. The following are enlistments reported today: Ernest Waldemar Fehr, formerly with the Pendleton Cadillac Auto Co., and Glen Edwin Staric of this city in the aviation branch as mechanics, Carl Harold Rhea of the Echo bank in the radio branch, and Marlon Warren Martin, Antone Aniel Scheel, Clau Sturdivant, Harley Harrison Kirk, Henry Neil Leyman, Frank Blair Simpson and Sterling D. Sloan, all of Ukiah, as firemen.

STATE SUPREME COURT FOR MRS. BYERS AGAINST THE INDIANS

Decision Given by Justice McCamant Holds Local Redmen Have no Water Rights Save for Domestic Use and Stock Watering; Case May be Taken to United States Supreme Court; Old Treaty and Act of Congress Involved in Case.

Full text of the supreme court's decision in the case of Mrs. Sophie Byers versus Wa-na-ne et al, involving the rights of the local Indians to use of Umatilla river water for irrigation, shows the court completely upheld the contentions of Mrs. Byers, asserting the Indians have no right to water save for domestic purposes and for watering stock. The case modifies the ruling of Judge Phelps and is in conflict with the contentions of the government which holds the Indians have a prior right to the water.

If a previously outlined policy by the United States attorney's office is carried out the case will be appealed to the supreme court as the principal contention is over the interpretation of the government's treaty with the Indians and an act of congress relating to the use of water from the river by the old Byers mill.

By the terms of the decision by the state supreme court, given by Justice McCamant, with Justice Bean not participating, the court holds that the Byers right was made permanent by an act passed by congress in 1855.

The original permit was given by the government through the Indian agent in 1870 and read in part as follows:

"In granting this permission to construct the said water ditch it is upon the express condition that no permanent rights shall attach or become vested but that any ditch or canal dug or constructed and the use of the same shall be subject to the control of and to be discontinued at the pleasure of the department."

In 1885 the right or permit was

CROZIER FIRST TO TESTIFY IN MILITARY PROBE

Blames Congress, War Department and Labor Situation for Slow Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, blamed congress for its small appropriation for the war department for the red tape and the labor situation for America's delayed preparations. Crozier was the first witness at the senate military affairs committee's investigation of the whole military situation today. The munitions board's constant bickering over prices has caused delay, Crozier asserted. French and British aid while war plans here were delayed enabled the American artillery to be supplied by restricted. Lack of funds at the beginning of the war has greatly delayed preparations.

Artillery Program Delayed.

He said the United States profited by the allies' experience regarding artillery. Americans will use more high explosives than shrapnel.

The artillery program was particularly delayed because of inability to obtain appropriations. "In September we had to get \$35,000,000 from the \$100,000,000 emergency fund granted the President to keep contractors at work," he testified. "We got one appropriation on June fifteenth and no more until October. In the meantime we discovered our program was no program at all, particularly regarding artillery."

Makers Wouldn't Take Risk.

"Manufacturers refused to take the risk of making contracts before congress had appropriated the money. The work wouldn't be done. We were helpless."

Senator Wadsworth of New York, introduced the inquiry would be long and searching. He objected to holding daily two hour sessions.

Crozier said that most rifle artillery contracts were made on a cost-plus profit basis, because manufacturers refused to take contracts at a fixed price.

He said despite all delays encountered the United States would be caught up with the shortage by next summer.

U. S. PATROL BOAT SUNK

ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 12.—It is learned today that a United States patrol vessel was sunk in collision with two other vessels off the Atlantic coast.

The meager report said all of the patrol boat's crew and much equipment was taken aboard other vessels. Details are lacking.

POSITION AT CAMBRAI IN FAVOR BRITISH

Have Enormous Advantage as to Comfort and Safety Says Maurice.

GERMAN SUCCESS DUE LACK CO-ORDINATION

Byng's Push Made While Italian Front Was Weak Aided Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Because so many American army engineers have been killed and wounded in the Cambrai fighting, military authorities have decided that all such auxiliary forces hereafter shall be armed, according to a Reuter dispatch this afternoon.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Director of Operations Maurice declared the British Cambrai position is enormously in the British favor as to comfort and safety, although the enemy has neutralized the success of the first British assault.

Maurice described the German Cambrai success as due to lack of co-ordination.

"At the time of Byng's push the Italian front was weak and the enemy's troops from Russia were attracted by the British drive from the Italian sector," he declared.

"Byng's drive therefore aided Italy."

Discussing the capture of Jerusalem, Maurice declared the real difficulty was in comparing the desert. The water for the armies was brought from Egypt. The railways were built with materials from America and England.

HALIFAX DEAD 1500 ACCORDING TO THE FINAL ESTIMATES

Relief Work Progressing Rapidly; All of Homeless Now Sheltered.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—The munitions ship explosion killed 1500, according to final official estimates based on the recovery of bodies and a thorough checking of all identification stations. The investigation of the cause of the disaster probably will start today.

Relief work is progressing rapidly. The threatened famine has been averted. The homeless are sheltered and warmly clothed. Supplies are now arriving steadily. The reconstruction of buildings will soon begin. Military, naval and civilian authorities are continuing their hunt for bodies.

PLANS ARE FINISHED FOR BIG RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Plans for the big Red Cross Christmas membership drive in Umatilla county were completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of representatives from all of the auxiliaries in the county.

Umatilla county must have a Red Cross membership of 7500 when the drive is over on Christmas night. The following are the memberships each auxiliary is expected to report: Pendleton 2000, Adams 200, Athena 450, Weston 400, Milton 900, Fruitvale 150, Umatilla 150, Helix 200, Pilot Rock 700, Bebo 450, Stanfield 200, Hermiston 450, and Umatilla 150.

To secure the 7500 total it will be necessary that many families have two or more memberships. In other words it will not suffice that the head of the house only be enrolled.

Members Not Dollars.

"Members, not dollars," is the slogan of the campaign workers. It is the individual that the society is after, for this is not a drive for funds. Membership for the year 1918 may be secured for \$1, though there are other classes of membership ranging up to \$100. The American Red Cross wants the support of every man, woman and child and knows that the best way to secure their needed support is to enroll them as active members.

A house to house, individual to individual campaign will be conducted in every community and an effort will be made to reach every person in the county. Those living in remote sections where committees will not be able to go should send their dollar in to headquarters.

Every house in which there is a Red Cross membership will be given a transparent Red Cross window flag. For each additional member small Red Crosses will be added. Behind these window flags candles will be burned on Christmas night.

HOW TO PREVENT CHRISTMAS FIRES

- Calling attention to the many Christmas tragedies and accidents from fire in the past, Fire Chief Kingold has issued the following instructions as a preventive of Christmas fires:
- Do not try to do your own electric wiring in windows and on Christmas trees. Hire an electrician.
- Use asbestos rather than cotton or other inflammable decorations.
- Metal lined on Christmas trees or white asbestos instead of fiber, paper or cotton material.
- Place the tree solidly so that it cannot be tipped over.
- Use extreme care in burning candles. Do not let the children play with the candles.
- Clean up and burn the tree when you are through with it.

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GERMANS CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR WEST FRONT ATTACK

Great Numbers of Austrian Troops Already Have Reached Battle Line.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Germans are continuing their feverish preparations for a great western front attack. German airplanes and radio are unusually active.

Haig reported the repulse of a local attack north of Lys, Belgium. The British successfully repulsed German trench raiding parties north of St Quentin. Prisoners and machine guns were captured.

A perceptible lessening of Teutonic pressure on the Italian front is reported, confirming the belief the Teutons have switched troops from the Italian to the western front.

Great numbers of Austrian troops are reported to have already reached the west front from the Russian lines.

The artillery duel has attained a maximum violence. The Germans are assuming the initiative. Berlin's statements frankly admit a strong reinforcement plan along the entire west front.

TO PROBE SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Following the receipt of Governor Whycomb's message into this afternoon, the war department announced the charge that northwest troops are short of blankets would be investigated.

SHELL PLANT SET ON FIRE BY EXPLOSION

One Workman Killed, Five Injured at Bethlehem Steel Co.'s Factory.

IMMEDIATE PROBE IS TO BE STARTED

Shrapnel Strikes Houses More Than Mile From Scene of Accident.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 12.—An explosion in the loading room of the Bethlehem Steel Company's munitions plant set the plant afire this morning. The explosion was felt 18 miles away.

One workman was killed and five injured. Because the trolley cars were blocked hundreds of workmen usually working at the time of the explosion hadn't arrived. The fire was extinguished at noon. An immediate investigation was begun.

Chief of Police Jacobson, of the plant, was carrying a blazing shell case from the building when they exploded, blowing off his head. Ten nearby fled behind protecting barriers to safety. The flames exploded hundreds of loaded projectiles. For more than an hour after the fire started, barrage shells and shrapnel flew about the plant, driving firemen and others half a mile away to safety zones.

Some shrapnel struck houses in the Dobbinville section, a mile from the plant.

BOLSHEVIKI AND COSSACKS FIGHT

Korniloff's Forces Reported Defeated in First Battle at Bielgorod.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Greatly delayed dispatches reported the Bolsheviks and Cossack rebels fought around Tamenovka. Korniloff commanded the Cossacks, who were well supplied with arms, machine guns and ammunition. The result of the battle and details are lacking.

Petrograd dispatches dated Monday and received today reported uneasiness there lest there be riots Tuesday. The military revolutionary committee is exporting all soldiers who join the demonstration against the cadets or other moderate parties as well as against Korniloff and Kadelines.

It is reported the German armistice proposal included the Russian evacuation of Petrograd until peace came, the disarmament of the Baltic fleet, ceding of Ukraine to Austria, including the Black Sea's north shores.

Swedish dispatches declared Korniloff's forces were defeated in their first battle near Bielgorod. Kadelines is reported rushing reinforcements to Korniloff.

IDAHO OFFICIAL'S HEADQUARTERS TO BE MADE HERE

Giving fresh evidence of Pendleton's location as a hub for inland empire activities is the announcement that the biological survey of the department of agriculture, has decided to establish the headquarters of Edward J. Goldman, predatory animal inspector for Idaho in this city after the first of the year.

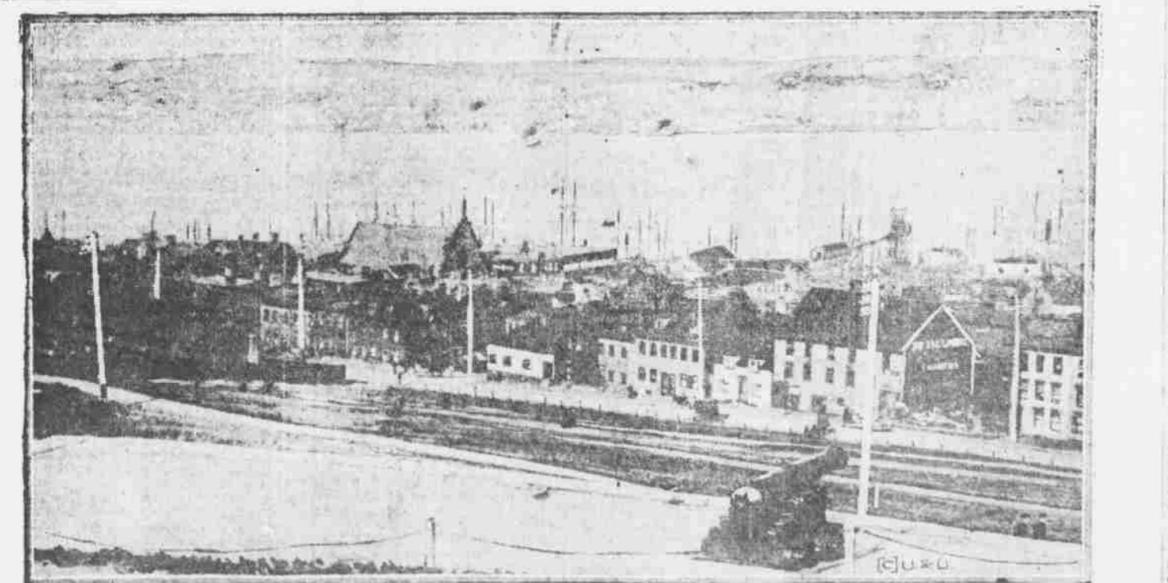
Because of the fact that Mr. Goldman's work takes him into both northern and southern Idaho he is forced to jump from one end of the state to the other, passing through both Oregon and Washington en route, as there is no railway connecting the two parts of Idaho. Pendleton's location adapts itself to his requirements as headquarters and his superiors decided it would be more economical and more convenient for him to be located here.

He will have offices with E. F. Averill, predatory animal inspector for Washington and Oregon. Mr. Averill has about 50 hunters under him and Mr. Goldman so that Pendleton will become the headquarters of 80 government hunters.

AMERICANS BALLOTING

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Dec. 12.—The Canadians among the American forces are balloting on Canadian conscription. The Canadians are expected to vote for conscription unanimously.

HALIFAX DEVASTATED BY MUNITION EXPLOSION AND FIRE



View of the water front and harbor of Halifax where an American munition ship, rammed by another boat, blew up, killing hundreds of people and setting fire to the city. Halifax is a great British naval base. From this port all of Canada's soldiers and their supplies have been shipped and a considerable part of the shipments from the United States to our allies have gone through this gateway.