



ALLIES WILL SERIOUSLY RESPOND TO BREST-LITOVSK PEACE EFFORTS

LLOYD GEORGE LEAVES SOON FOR FRANCE

Kaiser Agrees That Von Hertling May Aid in Choosing Representatives for Conference.

WASHINGTON DOUBTS SINCERITY OF MOVE

Amsterdam German-Russian Conference Adjourns Temporarily.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—Word has been received that the Bolsheviks have released 14 interned Austrian merchantmen.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The allies intend seriously to respond to the Brest-Litovsk peace proposals.

Kerensky who was a delegate at the interallied conference in Paris, said the allies could best help Russia by restating clearly and emphatically the exact aspirations and aims of the allies.

Hertling To Participate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Kaiser has agreed that Chancellor Von Hertling shall participate in the selection of representatives for the Brest-Litovsk conference.

The liberal press regarded the Kaiser's move joyfully. It is generally agreed this step is in the right direction by at least nominally giving the Reichstag a chance to express the people's will.

Conference Adjourns. AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31.—After framing an agreement to be presented to both governments, the German-Russian conference adjourned temporarily.

The Russians ask for a more definite interpretation of the German provision that the peoples of the German occupied territory be given the right to announce their own choice of government.

148 Field Artillery, 41 Division, Camp Merritt, Dec. 28, 1917. The Oregon men of the 148th Field Artillery from Pendleton send a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to their families, friends and citizens.

CAN YOU BEAT THESE FOR YOUNGEST MEMBERS Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielson of Red Rock claim the youngest Red Cross member in the county.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE WILL SUPPLY ALL ARTILLERY FOR U. S. TROOPS ABROAD IN 1918

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—England and France have agreed to supply the artillery for all the American troops sent to France in 1918, or longer if necessary.

Will Be Sworn. Crozier was recalled to answer to inefficiency charges. He will be sworn to at his own request.

Plenty of Rifles. They had over 200,000 machine guns under order from French manufacturers and the deliveries of these will insure the perfect equipment of the American troops.

OREGON HAS MADE RED CROSS QUOTA

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Outside of Portland, Oregon has unquestionably made its 140,000 Red Cross quota.

PROHIBITS RUSSIAN BONDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Treasury department announced the French government would prohibit the importation of Russian government bonds and bonds guaranteed by Russia after tomorrow.

AUTO THIEF BULLDOGGED BY MACHINE OWNER WHO LEAPS FROM SIDE OF SPEEDING CAR

Bulldogging a steer from an automobile was the dream of Buffalo Vernon, but bulldogging the chauffeur of another car was something more than a dream for Si Reetz.

FRENCH GAIN NOTABLE VICTORY ON ITALIAN FRONT NEAR MONTE TOMBA

ONE THOUSAND DIE IN QUAKE AT GUATEMALA

Forty Per Cent of Houses Demolished and Most of Others Are Untenable. INHABITANTS ARE ORDERED FROM CITY

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Private advices to fruit companies estimate the Guatemala dead at 1500. They say the city is almost completely destroyed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Cables to Lansing say 1000 are dead as a result of the Guatemala earthquake.

LOWER CALIFORNIA WILL SECEDE FROM MEXICO IS REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Lower California will secede from Mexico and Governor Cantu will form a separate government and ask America's protection.

GUARD MEMBERS ARE GIVEN THEIR FIRST WORKOUT

Members of the old Pendleton Reserves, who with the signing of a quasi-official pledge of enlistment become automatically members of the Umatilla County Guard.

BERLIN DEC. 31—FRENCH INFANTRY ATTACKED AND PENETRATED PARTS OF THE GERMAN POSITIONS AROUND MONTE TOMBA.

This is the first official news of the French in action on the Italian front.

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9 DIE FROM SEVERE COLD IN NEW YORK

Situation Extremely Serious With Coal Still Short; Hudson Partly Frozen. BLIZZARD STOPS ALL TRAFFIC IN BOSTON

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