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ALLIES WILL SERIOUSLY RESPOND TO BREST-ISTOVSK PEACE EFFORTS FRENCH GAIN NO

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 Botsheviki have released 14 in-terned Austrian merchantmen. The release indicates the Bot-sheviki are immediately complying with the peace proposals, as this is one of the provisions.

LONDON, Dec. 31,-The allies in-LONDON, Dec. 31.—The amos in-tend to seriously respond to the Teu-tonic peace terms as announced at Brest-Litovsk, according to the best information obtained by the United Press. It is understood Lloyd George will go to France shortly, to confer with the premier, apparently on the

Matter."

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. The belief is growing that the allies could for Russia's benefit give a clear interpretation of the "no au nexation and no indemnities" plurase which Germany is attempting to convey the impression they've accepted. the impression they've accepted.

Hertling To Participate.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The kalser has agreed that Chancellor Von
Hertling shall participate in the selection of representatives for the
Brest-Litovak conferences according

opportunity to decide their own fu-ture status. It also jointly stipulated the resumption of free commercial in-tercouse, the exchange of prisoners, etc., practically providing the restor-ation of the status quo ente.

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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. Russia also asks immediate German withdrawal. The German counter proposal is for withdrawal after the Russians relinquish the occupied lands and the German occupied states have announced their occupied states have announced their occupied of states have announced their contented with saying the boys of old "Troop D" Christmas greetings He is still at A few of the men were able to take Newport News, Va.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Eng-land and France have agreed to supply the artillery for all the American troops sent to France in 1918, or longer if necessary. Crodler told the senate military probers. He said they must fur-nish them because America has neither guns nor ships to trans-port them. Crodler blamed the country as a whole for the fail-ure to prepare, declaring he, and other officials have persistently urged larger appropriations for artillery since 1916. He said he had arranged with the head of the French mission for the French to manufacture enough guns for the Americans. He de-nied Americans were taking ord-mance that England and France WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.-Eng-... nance that England and France couldn't afford to give and pro-duced a cable substantiating that this is done to save the tonnage

for other supplies. Will Be Sworn.
Crozier was recalled to answer inefficiency charges. He will sworn at his own request. Senator Freilinghuysen saying later "The at-torney general may want to use some of this evidence." He said the delivof this evidence. He said the deliv-ery of artillery to Pershing since September was exceeding the prom-less of the manufacturers. He read a cablegram from General fills that munition ministers in France and England stated it was possible to equip all American forces with all sorts of artillery owing to the ex-pansion of their artillery manufacture. He said the Lewis gun never proved satisfactory until May 7. Plenty of Riffes. They had over 200,000 machine

ufacturers and the deliveries of these will insure the perfect equipment of the American troops. He declared the lack of rifles that three camp commanders testified to was due to rail roads inability to move them. He said the rifles were now available for every man in every camp.

OREGON HAS MADE RED CROSS QUOTA

PORTLAND, Dec. \$1 .- Outside o Portland, Oregon has unquestionably 189,000 depends on the result of the strayed. Elks' spectacular campaign tonight. Coos, Lake and Tillamook counties are ever the top and Grant has in-creased her quota to 125 per cent. At noon the total in Portland was 78,833 and in the state outside 127,-288, a total of 216,171. By afternoon the state outside will have raised its figure to 140,800. Indications point to Oregon reaching (we hundred for-ty thousand in which event it will probably head the entire country.

PROHIBITS RUSSIAN BONDS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.-The treasury department announced the French government would prohibit the importation of Russian govern-ment bonds and bonds guaranteed by Russia after tomorrow.

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

Bestin of representatives for the Brets-Litovak conferences according mobile was the dream of Buffalo around and chased it into the city-department. This, the first step even centrely resembling a stronger democratic representation in the German green little representation in the German green little stock in the size of the liberal press regarded the kales's move joyfully. It is generally agreed this step is in the right direction by at feast nominally giving the Reichstag a chance to express the people will. On the other hand the pan-German grees denounced it as centrary to German aims. Officials here place little stock in the sincerity of the kalest.

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AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—After framing an agreement to be presented to both governments, the German-Russian conference adjourned temporarily. It is understood it stipulates that Russia is to evacuate the occupied portions of Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Persia. The Teutons are to leave Poland, Libuania and other parts of Russia, granting the people of the Teuton occupied sections a free opportunity to decide their own fu-SEND NEW YEARS GREETINGS

we would like to say "peace on A letter from our former captain at arth." But don't know about that, so will be contented with saying pied states have announced their choice of government. It is believed the Germans decided in view of the Bohneviki lack of control to hold the occupied Russian lands until the people thereof acquiesce in the Holsheviki plans.

CAN YOU BEAT THESE

FOR YOUNGEST MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielson of Pilot Rock claim the youngest of Pilot Rock claim the youngest and Mrs. & Red Cross member in the computer of the state and Mrs. and Mrs. Walker is one. Wellington, was born on Christmas we and joined the Red Cross before it was many days old. Mr. Walker is eanly days old. Mr. Walker is employed at the Oregon Mutor Garage.

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Others Are Untenable.

INHABITANTS ARE ORDERED FROM CITY

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31,-Private roade its 140,000 Red Cross quota advices to fruit companies estimate Whether Purtland will make up its the Guatemala dead at 1500. They 21,000 which it is now short of its say the city is almost completely de-

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Cables to Lanking say 1000 are dead as a result of the Guatemala carthquake. Forty per cent of the houses are demolished and most of the others are untenable. and most of the others are untenable. The American consulate, legation, postoffice and churches are wrecked. Martial law prevails. Inhabitants are leaving the city at the presidents orders. Terrific sheeks are continuing at five minute intervals. Most of the 75 mile strip between Guatemala City and San Jose is devastated.

GUARD MEMBERS ARE GIVEN THEIR FIRST WORKOUT

masi-official pledge of enlistment become automatically members of the Umatilla County Guard, yesterday morning got their first perkeut with arms. The workent consisted principally of unpacking the rifles and bayonets and wiping off the gun trease in which they are packed for protection against rust.

robably be held on Tuesday even-ngs, that night seemingly being the nest popular. Recruiting up to full trength will begin at once.

ist in the guard, but the have the use of the arms.

Assuming Offensive for First Time They 0 Sweep Through German Lines Between Osteria and Demonfendra; 1390 Prisoners Captured Beside 60 Machine Guns and Quantities of Cannon and Supplies

Forty Per Cent of Houses the offensive, gained a not-Demolished and Most of able victory between Osteria and Demonfendra. They prisonered 1390, took 60 machine guns and many cannon and supplies. British

> positions around Monte Tomba.

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

LOWER CALIFORNIA WILL SECEDE FROM MEXICO IS REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO; Dec. 31.-Lower California will secode from Mexico and Governor Cants will form a separate government and ask Americ's protection, according to Fielding Stil-son of Los Angeles who says he is en-route to Washington to confer with

FLOODS ARE RECEDING rength will begin at once. TACOMA, Dec. 21.—The cessation Only men of military age can en- of rainfall Sanday greatly improved guard, but the Silver the Fuyallup valley flood condi-sed of men above 45 will. The flood is receding slowly, for organization and will but for damage is expected, of the arms.

ROME, Dec. 31.—French UMATILLA COUNTY

and Italian airmen aided in the assault.

BERLIN Dec. 31—French infantry attacked and penetrated parts of the German positions.

has led from the outset. She has been countripped now and then by another county but there is no county whose average will compare at all with this. The county gave over \$51,000 in the Red Cross war drive, over \$15,000 in the two Y. M. C. A. drives about \$3000 in the Red Cross Santa Claus drive, \$10,000 in the Red Cross Santa Claus drive, \$10,000 in the Red Cross Christmas membership drive, over \$5000 for the Armenian and Eyrian relief not to mention funds donated to the war library fund, to various church relief organizations and other branches of war work.

billity of selking coal when necessary to relieve the acute suffering. Hidson is partly frozen. Many tugs are frozen in and others are endangered by ice floes. A record breaking number of fires is reported.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Seven below today with a biting wind, the district is in the grip of winter's worst blizard. Rallway and city traffic is demoralized. Lack of fuel is causing suffering. Fifty below is reported from northern Maine. unches of war work.

The following table of subscriptions to the two Liberty Loans in this county were compiled by C. Chapman of Portland: First Loan.

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Echo	1.0.5	63,050	317
Freewater		22,700	100
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Hermiston	126	17,300	115
Milton	136	107,750	103
Pendleton	1226	1.105,650	151
Pilot Rock	145	40,650	1.22
Stanfield	763	11,000	122
Weston	31.1	22,050	117
			764

Fort Peter at Petrograd Destroyed Says Report

PETROGRAD, Dec. 31.-The destruction of Fort Peter at Kronztadt by a violent explosion is reported. No Former Pendleton Boy Was details as to the loss of life are given.

Situation Extremely Serious With Coal Still Short; Hudson Partly Frozen.

BLIZZARD STOPS ALL TRAFFIC IN BOSTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Nine deaths have been directly attributable to the cold within the past 24 hours. The situation is still serious. Coal is still short. It was four below this morning. The continuation of the chil-There is no county in the state that has given as generously or as quickly to all funds. In every drive that has been made Umatilla county has led from the outset. She has been outsetripped now and then by another county but there is

BRITISH DECEMBER CASUALTIES LOWEST SINCE LAST AUGUST

LONDON, Dec. 31.—British cas-ualities for December are the lowest since August. Eighty thousand and thirty four officers and men were killed, wounded and missing the last

BRITISH COUNTERS RECAPTURE GROUND

GERMANS STILL HOLD, PART OF TRENCHES TAKEN NEAR LAVACQUIERE SUNDAY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Haig announced the Germans still hold part of the British trenches near Lavacquiere captured in Sunday's assault, though the British counters recaptured the more important sectors. At Trees the British line advanced on both sides of the Staden railroad.

Totals 2050 \$1,657,400 153 IRWIN BROOKS DIES AT FT. SAM HOUSTON

in Training for Aviation Service There.

News reached Pendleton this morning of the death at Fort Sam Houson, Texas, of Sergeant Major Irwin G. Brooks, formerly of this city and Athena. He was in training at that point for the aviation service and was o have left early last month England with his company when an epidemic of measles swept the camp, lie was one of them who contracted the disease and it developed intrinsumonia and as affection of the midear from which he died rester-

His father, Dr. P. M. Brooks of Portland had burried to his bedaids on receipt of the news of his illness. Irwin Gordon Brooks was born at Silverton, Oregon, 25 Years ago. He finished the high school there and was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1913. While in the uni-versity he distinguished himself as a versity he distinguished himself as a tornils champion and baseball and basketball player. He came to Pendeton following his graduation and was employed in the First National Bank. Later he went to Athena an left there to take the assistant easilership of a bank in Stevenson, Montana. While at Athena he won the tensis championship of the county at a tournament held here.

He enlisted on September 9 and went to Camp Lewis. He applied for a transfer into the aviation division.

OVERLAND WAR TRUCK TRIP-FACTORY TO SEABOARD



The above truck is one of 30 traveling from "Somewhere in America" to 'an Atlantic port" in Uncle

Bam's first fleet of war trucks to go overland from factory to tidewater.

The driver of the truck and his helpers had a hard tussle with the snow before they got the machine

back into the middle of the road.

Throughout the trip chains broke and had to be replaced. The driver of the battalion somewhere in America" to 'an Atlantic port" in Uncle

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the driver of the trucks and his helpers had a hard tussle with the snow before they got the machine

weeks ago.

Throughout the trip chains broke and had to be replaced; machinery went wrong and trucks had to be trusted up.

Its "craise" was to demonstrate the possibility of overland shipment to relieve railroad congestion news ow his untilinely death in the