



MAINTAINED AS COMMANDER OF RAINBOWS

Assigned to Command of Eastern Dept. as Result of Continued Ill Health.

SIBERT TO BE GIVEN SOUTHWESTERN DEPT.

Friction With Pershing Believed Responsible for Transfer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Orders were issued today assigning General Mann, commanding the Rainbow division in France to command of the eastern department succeeding General Hoyle, who retired. It is reported General Sibert will soon be assigned to the southeastern department command. The Sibert assignment is apparently the direct result of Pershing's recommendations. Mann, who is in a hospital here, said the Rainbows were in good spirits and progressing ably, despite the incessant wet and cold which is inflicting hardships.

General Charles Mencher succeeds Mann, Sibert's successor is unknown. It was recently rumored there was friction between Pershing and Sibert which is believed to be the cause of his removal from an important to an unimportant post.

Mann's assignment has been expected for some time as he has been in the hospital and deemed physically unable to continue the active direction of such an important division as the Rainbows. Sibert has been the head of Pershing's forces.

NORTHWEST MANAGER THANKS WORKERS IN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Expressions of thanks to Umatilla county for the successful Red Cross membership drive are contained in the following letter from the northwest manager, Roy T. Bishop, to the county manager in this county.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30, 1917.

Mr. Roy T. Bishop, Campaign Mgr., Christmas Red Cross Membership Drive, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Your campaign workers braved the weather and went from house to house and farm to farm, canvassing for Red Cross memberships. There was no hardship they were not willing to undergo. The distressing shortage of buttons and other supplies embarrassed them, but they were ahead with lofty courage. They were animated by love of country, affection for our soldier boys and a desire to be of actual service in relieving the suffering caused by frightful war, also they were determined Umatilla county should do its full share in the enrollment of members in response to an appeal of President Wilson asking every man and woman to join the Red Cross.

The results in Umatilla county speak for themselves. To your heroic workers belongs the credit. It was individual work that all over the county has again for Oregon the proud distinction of being among the foremost states of our union in patriotic achievement.

No mere letter of thanks can convey to your workers anything like the credit that is their due. Their devotion demands that they were not striving for personal credit. Their high reward is in the consciousness of sacrifice made and duty done, but in behalf of the northwestern division campaign committee, with you kindly convey to each and all of them, through any channel that may be available, the deep sense of appreciation felt at division and state headquarters for their devoted service.

Yours gratefully,

HARRY LINDLEY,
Chairman, Northwestern Division Campaign Committee.

C. C. CHAPMAN,
HENRY E. REED,
Members for Oregon

DICKSON WINS IN BOGEY TOURNAMENT

Frank Dickson opened the 1918 golfing season in Pendleton yesterday by winning the bogey tournament. He had five up on bogey and his nearest competitors for the silver cup, W. L. Thompson, L. G. Pratt and D. L. Phelps, all finished with a two-up score. The day was an ideal one for golfing. The tournament will be continued next Sunday and, unless some one makes a better score than that of Dickson yesterday, he will win the silver cup put up by George H. Eddy, the professional.

CRITICISM OF FOOD CONTROL IS ANSWERED

Hoover Declares High Prices Are Due to Increased Gold Circulation.

CHANGING PRODUCERS TO CONSUMERS ALSO

Sugar Shortage Cited to Create Alarm and Cause Conservation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Hoover answered the criticisms of the food administration today in testifying before the senate probers. He attributed the high food prices to increased per capita gold circulation and the sudden conversion of thousands of men from producers to consumers only. Regarding his statement that there would be a sugar shortage last October, Hoover said he stated this at an executive session of the senate committee and did not know it would be published.

Hoover said he sought to create an imaginative alarm regarding the whole food situation so the people would conserve all foods, that he thought it proper to tell that a sugar shortage was coming for the allies unless America saved, but considered it improper for the committee to give out confidential testimony regarding the Cuban shortage given at an executive hearing. He said this created an alarm and raised prices.

MEAT MARKET IS SOLD AND MOVED TO MAIN STREET

John Holl of Seattle has purchased the Central Meat Market on Alia street and is preparing to move the market to the Main street location formerly used by the Specialty grocery. In the new location a meat market and grocery store will be conducted. Dunham, Brownlow & Payne are to build a new front for the Main street room. The present location of the meat market on Alia street will be retained by Ross Carney and the space will be sublet to new tenants. Ben Dupuis will use a portion of the space for his Montana land office, while the remainder of the location has as yet not been rented.

Mr. Holl, now proprietor of the market, was in business in Seattle for 23 years, but six years ago attempted to retire. He has a splendid home near Seattle and for several years has been traveling. Feeling the need of a more active life he has decided to go into business again and selected Pendleton as a location. He is very highly regarded in Seattle.

LIGHTS MUST SHINE ON SATURDAYS ONLY

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—In order to conserve fuel, all lights except those necessary for safety, have been ordered extinguished six nights weekly. They can burn Saturday nights.

Lighting temperatures are supplanting the cold wave which caused a dozen deaths and intense suffering.

NEW CAMOUFLAGE IN BOOTLEGGING LIQUOR IS DISCOVERED HERE

Empty Cigar Boxes With Handful of Marbles Packed in Ends of Trunk.

A new and clever trick in bootlegging camouflage was discovered when the whiskey trunk seized several days ago by Sheriff Taylor was opened. To mislead anyone handling or examining the trunk, four empty cigar boxes had been packed in each end of the trunk and in each was a handful of marbles which would roll about as the trunk was handled. No telltale splash of liquor could be heard above the roll of the marbles.

Though he stoutly denied his guilt, Henry Earl Jeffries, arrested in this city charged with violating the prohibition ordinance, was convicted in justice court this morning and given a sentence of \$200 fine or 100 days in jail.

Sheriff Taylor had a convincing case against him. Three men who had handled the baggage in this city or on routes from Pasco testified that Jeffries had claimed the trunk. Keys found in his possession fitted the Yale lock on his trunk and a half fare ticket from Missoula, Montana upon which baggage had been checked was found on him. A marble, similar to those in the trunk, was in his suitcase. A baggage check corresponding with the check number on his trunk was found at the entrance of the court house and Sheriff Taylor testified that he had fumbled with his pockets all the way to the court house.

His defense was pitifully weak, being nothing more than a denial of some facts and an attempt to make others appear insufficient to fasten the offense on him. He admitted having used a number of different names and having come from Pasco and Spokane just before being picked up.

Central Powers to Publish New Peace Announcement Soon

BERNE, Jan. 2.—Within ten days the central powers will make a new declaration of modified peace conditions, "owing to the entente's attitude," according to the Munch Nachrichten received here. It is believed here that the pan-Germanic violent opposition to Count Czernin's peace condition announcement is causing the modifications to favor the militarist element.

BRITISH TURN GERMAN RAIDS INTO A ROUT

Assault Near Mericourt Fails Utterly; Enemy Barrage is Disorganized.

1000 TURKO-TEUTONS SLAIN; 600 CAPTURED

Latest Palestine Engagement Nets Gains of Tactical Importance.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The British near Mericourt turned the Germans attempted raid of three sections into a rout. After disorganizing the German barrage, the British routed the Germans in No Man's Land, South of Lens and north of Pateschendeale other raids were repelled, Haig reports.

Turko-Teutons Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Allenby reports that 1000 Turks and Teutons were killed and 600 captured and 20 machine guns taken in the latest Palestine engagement. Four points of tactical importance north of Jerusalem were taken. The Jerusalem defense was strengthened.

Austrians Withdraw.

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—Early Christmas the Austrians withdrew from Zenson, on the lower bank of the Plave, where the Austrians recently crossed the river. The enemy did not discover the withdrawal.

1917 FIRE LOSSES \$60,000 LESS THAN THE LOSS IN 1916

The fire loss in Pendleton during 1917 was more than \$60,000 less than the loss from fire in 1916, according to Fire Chief Ringold. The total estimated loss in 1917 as shown by his records was \$17,300 and in 1916 \$78,241. The biggest loss in the year 1917 was in the Crawford & Jordan furniture store. The loss for 1916 was brought up to a big figure by the Bond Bank fire.

German Pastor Held.

BILINGS, Jan. 2.—E. N. Helberg, said to be a former pastor of the church in Billfield, North Dakota, was arrested charged with being a German espionage agent. He has been under surveillance a month. A code book was found in his pocket.

City Under Martial Law.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Jan. 2.—This city is under martial law as a precautionary measure against incendiarism.

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PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Brest-Litovsk conference ended with the Russian delegates taunting the Germans on their junkerism demands, according to returned delegates. They said Germany expressed a willingness to evacuate white Russia but refused to withdraw from Riga, Libau and other big cities, unless there was a general peace. The Russian delegates believe the scheme was to keep great bodies of troops in these sections to influence the people in voting on their future government. At today's sessions on the exchange of prisoners, the Russians demanded that Germany release all German socialists imprisoned. The head of the German mission held the demand was purely political, but promised to communicate the demand to Berlin. He made it clear that the Russians intend to demand the release of all the Polish civilians Germany has imprisoned as laborers.

Rumanians Shoot Bolsheviks.

As the result of the Bolshevik refusal to send the Rumanian troops food, the fourth Rumanian army occupied three Bessarabian towns and shot the Bolshevik leaders. Notes from Trotsky to the Rumanian ambassador, accusing the Rumanians of slaying Kaledines are further escalating the relations which have been critical since the Rumanians opposed an armistice or separate peace.

Alies Must Negotiate.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—A non-Bolshevik delegate from the peace conference says Germany will not communicate the demand to Berlin. He urged the allies accept the invitation to negotiate a separate peace. He says "Germany's fundamental aim is the establishment of an economic union from Hamburg to the Persian gulf. For the occupation of Belgium and France Germany will demand the freeing of Mesopotamia, Arabia and Palestine and in case of further successes in Italy, the return of Tripoli. Scores are reported killed in the Bolshevik and Ukrainian fighting at Simonsk. There are no details. All the stocks of military are ordered mobilized.

Duchess Leads in Selling Jewels.

If She Gives Vanderbilt Pearls to War, London Americans Will Sacrifice Gems.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Duchess of Devonshire has started a movement among smart Americans to sell their jewels and put the proceeds into the American war fund.

River Route to Echo Urged on County Court.

Urging the county court to adopt the river route to Echo is suggested the formation of a new road district to bear a portion of the difference between the cost of grading the river route and the hill route, a delegation, headed by W. M. Sinsler, called upon the county court this afternoon.

Local Garage Puts in Remarkable New Electrical Device.

Local motor car owners whose cars are equipped with electric starting and lighting systems will be interested in a remarkable device just installed by the Oregon Motor Garage, which they recently purchased from a large Chicago concern. A most interesting demonstration was made showing "AMRC" this instrument in action attached to a car at the garage recently—it was weird to see the almost human being, as the "AMRC" as he called it, glow brightly in this way or that on the dial showing certain conditions normal or the location of trouble or faults in the electric system on the car.

Points to America.

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"AMERICAN FIGHTING FORCES MUST BE RUSHED TO EUROPE WITH LEAST DELAY"—HOUSE

TAX LEVY FOR YEAR FIXED AT 7 1-2 MILLS

The county court concluded its December term of court by fixing the tax levy for the coming year at 7 1-2 mills, the same as last year. To do this, however, the court was obliged to lay off about \$40,000 from the amount proposed for roads and bridges in the budget. The six per cent limitation law operated to prevent raising the sum proposed without increasing the tax levy.

The total amount of money to be raised this year is \$428,778.79, of which \$130,298.70 is for state purposes and \$298,480 for county purposes. It was originally proposed to raise \$124,000 for roads and bridges but the court reduced this amount to \$93,000 in order to come within the limit fixed by law. However, there will probably be \$10,000 left in the road fund from last year.

FLASHES

BRITISH JOIN OFFENSIVE.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The British have joined in an allied offensive against the Toulon line. They attacked the advanced posts and took prisoners.

GALWAY FARMS RAIDED.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—A party of men wearing disguises raided the Galway farmhouses, confiscating the arms and ammunition. The reason is unknown.

OATS SELL AT \$59 A TON.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Oats sold at \$59 a ton, the highest record here.

SPRING-RICE TO ENGLAND.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—It is announced British Ambassador Spring-Rice is going to England "on leave."

500 ALLIES CAPTURED.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The war office announced south of Marcho, 500 allies have been captured in the past few days.

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UNITY BETWEEN U. S. AND ALLIES ESSENTIAL

Training Period of Troops Here Will Probably be Shortened.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—American fighting forces must be dispatched to Europe with the least possible delay incident to training and equipment, Colonel House's mission to the allied countries recommended to Secretary Lansing. He also held that speed and systematic co-ordination in shipbuilding are the primary requisites, while a whole unity of effort in military, naval and economic matters between the United States and the allies is held essential. The recommendations mean that the allies hereafter will cooperate and the training period will doubtless be shortened. The report shows the session succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecution of war.

Text of Recommendations.

The full text of recommendations is as follows: "That the United States exert all her influence to secure an entire unity of effort, military, naval, economic between themselves and the countries associated with them in the war.

"Inasmuch as a successful termination of the war by the United States and allies can be hastened by the extension of the United States shipping program, that the government and people of the United States bend every effort toward accomplishment of the result by systematic coordination of resources, men and materials."

Results are Gratifying.

"That the fighting forces of the United States be dispatched to Europe with the least delay incident to training and equipment." In issuing the summary Lansing expressed gratification at the result because the plans outlined "will greatly increase the effectiveness of the efforts now being put forth by the United States and her allies in conflict against Germany and Austria. House's report of the results achieved includes a full and frank discussion between Col. House, special representative of America and the heads of the British, French and Italian governments with regard to the war policy."

GERMAN TREATMENT OF U. S. PRISONERS AROUSES SAMMIES

(P. J. PEGLER.)

WITH AMERICAN ARMY, Jan. 2. An official bulletin was issued to every man today, citing the fact as Germany in the November raid captured 12 Americans and illustrated German papers shortly afterwards showing the American prisoners, showed only five men, surrounded by a taunting crowd. The men were told to draw their own conclusions as to what happened to the other seven. The Sammie's traditional good humor is changing to rage. They are resolving to fight to the death if possible even in the face of overwhelming numbers. Teutonic plans to treat other American prisoners as "persons of no intelligence" and place them under unusual hardships are bitterly resented.

WOULD POSTPONE ALL ANTI-TRUST SUITS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A motion to postpone until October the hearing on all anti-trust suits pending was made in the supreme court today by Attorney General Gregory. In October he will request their suspension until the end of the war. The tremendous expense of dissolving corporations, should a favorable decision be given, prompted the motion.

The suits pending include the International Harvester, United States Steel, United States Shoe Machinery Corporation, the Eastman Kodak, Quaker Oats and American Can and Corn Products Company.

GERMANY WILL MAKE SUPREME EFFORT IN SUBMARINE WARFARE

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Germany is making her greatest effort submarine war in the hope of furthering her peace projects. The British official statement will say, possibly Germany has organized submarine on a hitherto unknown offensive scale. The results of her concentration drive are not known yet, but are believed to indicate only temporary success which Britain is certain is all that Germany can achieve.



"THE DELAYED PACKAGE"