

ARMY CASUALTIES ARE TABULATED

Total of 53,807 Americans Killed and Missing in War.

Washington.—An official tabulation by divisions for the American expeditionary forces, 55 per cent complete to date, was made public by the war department, showing that major casualties in the 91st (Oregon, Washington and other western states) totaled 1702.

The 91st division did not get to the front until about three months before the armistice ended hostilities. However, it saw a total of 48 days of actual battle, although all regiments were not engaged for this number of days. Its losses, therefore, are exceptionally heavy in comparison to those of divisions which reached the fighting zones earlier in the war.

The totals for all divisions exclusive of the two regiments of marines in the 2d division are:

Killed in action, 27,762.
Died of wounds, 11,286.
Missing in action, 11,649.
Total killed and missing, 53,807.
Prisoners, 2785.
Grand total of major casualties, 56,592.

Examination of the losses by regiments shows clearly that the brunt of the fighting fell on the infantry. In every division that got into action, losses were many times greater, even proportionately to the strength of the units, than those of the artillery, machine battalions, trench mortar batteries or engineers. A score of regiments lost fully one-third of the full strength of 3700 men in killed, died of wounds, missing and prisoners. When figures on the wounded are available, officers believe the total casualties now in several regiments may equal the full strength.

The first regular division, built up out of the original force General Pershing took to France, suffered the heaviest casualties with a total of 5248. This division was first to reach the line and was almost constantly in action until the end.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON WAR REVENUE BILL

Washington.—The war revenue bill, revised to raise about \$6,000,000,000 by taxation this year and \$4,000,000,000 annually thereafter, assumed final form when the senate and house conferees reached a complete agreement on the measure.

The tax on campaign contributions, a senate provision, which the house voted to reject, and later to accept if

modified to apply only to future campaigns, was so amended.

The conference report and final redraft will be called up in the house Friday, with the expectation of its approval before adjournment. It will go to the senate Saturday and Chairman Simmons, of the senate managers, said its passage was certain.

Absence of President Wilson, the conferees said, made doubtful the exact date the new tax law would become effective, but would not interfere with treasury plans for collection of new taxes.

The final draft, like both house and senate measures, provides that the gross levy, war excess profits and income taxes shall bear the heaviest burdens.

LISTER RELINQUISHES WORK

Names Two Official Advisers Owing to Ill Health.

Olympia, Wash.—Yielding to the advice of his attending physicians and personal friends, who were alarmed over the condition of his health, Governor Ernest Lister announced that he would virtually relinquish the duties of his office for several weeks. In a formal statement issued, the governor named Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, and Attorney General W. V. Tanner, as his official advisers in connection with legislative and administrative problems and policies. Dr. Suzzallo will at once take up his headquarters in the executive offices.

Governor Lister, it was said, will not leave the state, but probably will go away from the capital and seek seclusion. With the increasing work made by the session of the legislature the governor's physicians feared he would be unable to stand the strain.

Kiev Taken by Bolsheviks.
Warsaw.—Kiev has been taken by the Bolshevik troops, General Petura's troops partially going over to the enemy.

Wilson to Sail on February 14.
Paris.—President Wilson will sail for the United States on the liner George Washington, February 14, according to authoritative information.

If America is to feed the Germans she may as well expect to hear complaints about the meat such as hospitality seldom escapes.

Recently "O. D." has stood for olive drab. When Johnny comes marching home with the latest overseas slang "O. D." will signify "old dear."

Running the entire railroad system of the United States doesn't seem to be so much of a job, judging by the number of men mentioned to tackle it.

Any U-boat commander who refused to destroy food cargoes would have been disciplined to the limit. Yet Germany now issues a plea for rations.

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Non-skid "kicks" are needed to safely negotiate Weston's concrete sidewalks after a thaw and a freeze.

The esteemed Oregon Voter has an editorial on "Teachers' Stockings" that would have been a bit more thrilling had the contents thereof received descriptive treatment.

Is it that the longest Pole will knock the German persimmon?

"Where in hell could we have sent the kaiser?" asks Von Bernstorff. Well, perhaps His Satanic Majesty might have objected.

The big Bolshevik meeting at Tacoma shows that the damphool tribe in not confined to Europe.

Our society editor is much concerned over the strike in the Paterson, New Jersey, silk mills, saying that it may interfere with his getting a new supply of silken underwear.

The rich won't grow much richer, glory be, under the new tax law. Tabulations show that a person with a net income of a million and a-half will have to give up more than a million to Uncle Sam.

The man with a million dollar income will have to relinquish \$703,030. The half million dollar man will pay more than three hundred thousand. Here's where the country editor gets the best of the game of life. Shake, Kernel Boyd, across the bloody hill!

The Pendleton Tribune's Liberty edition is an achievement which its publishers may well regard with pride. Few except those "in the game" have any conception of the work required to get out such a number.

Here's hoping that Henry Taylor will live long enough to realize his ambition to motor from Pendleton to Portland on a paved highway.

General Strike is in command at Seattle over an idle and thereby dangerous army more than sixty thousand strong.

Note that a tree grows from its roots rather than its branches, and the house builder begins with the foundation instead of the superstructure. The railroad magnate first constructs his main line and then gives attention to his feeders. And accordingly the through highways should be well improved before much money is spent on the lateral roads. The former are also market roads—of far more importance as such than the laterals. After these are improved, we will be much more apt to improve the feeder roads; but we will hardly start at the many ends and work to the middle.

Today's strike news brings an uncomfortable feeling that Assessor Strain's verbal picture of what might happen was not so greatly overdrawn—the picture of American Bolsheviks prodding farmers from their ranches with the bayonet.

Among the good Bolsheviks we will list Karl and Rosa, late of Berlin—who are by way of being decidedly defunct.

It remains to be seen if friend Italy, for example, prefers world peace to world pieces.

THE TALE OF TWO CITIES

Portland and Weston have much in common—each being the commercial center of its particular territory. We are prepared to admit that Portland's special hailwick is a trifle larger than Weston's, but our live commercial club may yet overcome that handicap. What we particularly wish to bring out and emphasize without further verbosity or circumlocution is that Portland and Weston weather were precisely similar on Groundhog Day. We all know what Weston's weather was on that auspicious occasion, and Portland's is thus set forth in the esteemed Oregonian published the day after Groundhog Day. As befits a subject of so much importance, it was printed on the first page:

"Portland is assured six weeks of fine weather and an early spring—all because the groundhog yesterday, according to annual custom, ventured from his hole, didn't see his shadow and so stayed out.

"The weather man is authority for the fact that there was no sunshine yesterday, his instruments failing to record a single beam, although some persons there are who maintain that they saw a glimpse of sunshine at various fleeting moments early in the day."

WESTON SCHOOLS

High School

After an absence of two weeks Velma Gerking has resumed her work with the Senior class.

The attendance in High school has been nearly perfect this last week.

Otis Gould, one of the boys from the S. A. T. C. of Corvallis, has entered the High and expects to complete his high school work this year.

The bookkeeping class are keeping individual sets of books and the work is interesting and instructive.

The English four class are conducting socialized recitations this week. They are divided into a girls' team and a boys' team, each having a captain. There are lively discussions on Scott's Ivanhoe.

The English three class are studying the Merchant of Venice. Interesting dramatic scenes are depicted by some members of the class—Ruth Proebstel as Portia and Otis Gould as Bassanio. Theodore Walden has developed such a keen interpretation of the character of Shylock as to become almost vicious toward his classmates. Hazel Duncan in the role of Jessica makes a charming Jewess for her ardent lover, Lorenzo, impersonated by Clarence Thoey.

Much curiosity has been aroused among High school students concerning a sled in Mr. FitzPatrick's office. It is rumored that the professor is having great sport coasting over the terraces just after dark. Although no one has seen him yet, this seems quite a likely supposition. Ask Henry Craigen for particulars.

The High regrets very much the loss of a Senior class member, Cora Beamer, who fell from a blow of Dan Cupid. Cora was a strong member of the basket ball team and active and enthusiastic in student affairs. While the High school feels greatly its loss, we yet are wishing success to the newlyweds.

The report cards are to make their appearance on Monday. Nearly everybody expects to have the cards carefully examined at home.

Grades

The second grade enrolled two new pupils this week—Erma May and Lavelle Lane.

A birthday party was given this week in Miss Rintoul's room in honor of Rhoda Nelson. A lovely cake, decorated with seven candles, was furnished by Mrs. Nelson. The cake was cut and divided, much to the delight of the little folk. Mrs. Nelson also furnished some Mother Goose records which were played on the Edison.

Miss Tipton's pupils are making rapid progress. Most of them kept up their work during vacation.

The attendance has been almost perfect in the third grade—only one half day's absence since school started.

Miss Tipton's Physiology class—"Now tell us the name of the last teeth we get." Pupil—"False teeth."

Two new pupils have been enrolled in Miss Colvin's room this week—Harry May and Joseph Engemann.

The attendance in Mrs. Pinkerton's room has been perfect this week. Lester Hodgson returned after two weeks of illness.

The eighth grade pupils are doing extra work now in an effort to make up for lost time.

STRAIN MAKES ROAD TALK AT LOCAL CLUB MEETING

In a carefully prepared and informative speech, C. P. Strain of Pendleton told the Weston Commercial Club Tuesday evening all about the proposed county road bonding measure. Mr. Strain is a deliver, and as usual had his subject thoroughly in hand. It was in truth an admirable presentation, and everyone of the large number of citizens present left the hall much better informed on the road improvement program in Oregon and Umatilla county.

As it is impossible to review the address in the limited space at the command of a country paper, the Leader will not attempt to do so. After he had left the hall, Mr. Strain sent back word to the club that he had forgotten to bring up an important point, namely: the different allotments of the road bond will be plainly set forth upon the ballot at the special election, which will probably be held on March 4th next.

The speaker of the evening motored up with D. H. Nelson, president of the Umatilla County Good Roads association, who when invited to the floor made a short and characteristic address—full of pep and earnestness. In accordance with a suggestion advanced by Mr. Nelson, the club voted unanimously a resolution favoring an emergency clause in the state road bonding bill.

S. A. Barnes advanced the plan of building a memorial in Weston for the Umatilla county pioneers and the Umatilla county soldiers. He suggested that this take the form of a large log cabin, the logs for which could be secured in the Blue mountains near town. This could be used for storing and displaying pioneer relics and war relics and the walls could be hung with pictures portraying pioneer life, while the building would be available also for public library and other purposes. A memorial committee was appointed by President Porter as follows: S. A. Barnes, E. C. Rogers and Frank Greer.

The club voted to change its meeting night to Monday. This will not take effect, however, until after the meeting next Tuesday evening, when Sergeant Sidney Barnes will address the club on the subject of camouflage and other work which he followed in France. A short musical program will also be given.

BAR AGAINST FOOD EXPORTS REMOVED

Washington.—The most sweeping removal of restrictions upon the exportation of foodstuffs made since the signing of the armistice was announced by the war trade board.

Commodities removed from the export conservation list were barley, corn and rye, including flour and meal made from these grains, oats and oat products, brewers' grains, bran and middlings, beans, dried and split peas, sugar and hydrogenated cotton seed oil.

These articles constituted a majority of the food items on the restricted list and their removal is effective immediately.

Attention was called to the fact that wheat and wheat flour remain on the restricted list. There was no indication when the embargo on those commodities would be removed, but it was said that it probably would remain in force until the government's agreement with the farmers for a maximum price on the 1919 wheat crop had expired.

Approximately 40,000 out of 64,000 acres of the lower Klamath lake marsh lands, which are being reclaimed by the installation of gates at the Southern Pacific crossing of the Klamath strait, have been drained, with a total lowering of the water of two feet in the 15 months since the gates were installed, according to officers of the Klamath drainage district. Although the water in off the land, it is not yet sufficiently drained for cultivation, and it is not expected that the land will be ready for use for a year.

Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Oswald Thompson Douglas, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the above-entitled estate by the above-entitled court, and as such executor has qualified as by law required. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, properly verified as by law required, to me at Weston, Oregon, or to my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

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