

The following conversation took place in the city of Eugene yesterday: "Where did you get those horses?" asked the first party. "The Red Cross gave them to me," the second party replied. "That is more than you ever gave the Red Cross," was the retort. "Well, I believe that if Wilson can't pay his own way he should stay at home like I do," said the man with the horses. The first party is a well known citizen. The second party is a large property owner in the city of Eugene. Is he entitled to the respect of loyal American citizens? Think of this greedy fellow and his indifference to the government under which he lives and the welfare of boys who are going forth to give their lives, if necessary, to protect all that he possesses. Contrast the attitude of this man with the splendid devotion of the hundreds of patriotic women of this city working early and late that they may serve country and humanity. Think of this fellow who has plenty and his indifference and of the poor woman in your neighborhood who made some real sacrifice that she could join the Red Cross. The conduct of the man with the horses if you have real red American blood in your veins should make you "boil" with a feeling of contempt. It should make every loyal man, woman and child in the city of Eugene redouble their efforts for the Red Cross.

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## ARGENTINE IS EXPECTED TO DECLARE WAR

Officials in Washington Believe Latin-American Republic Will Join Entente Allies as Result of Luxburg Messages.

## TREACHERY IS SHOWN IN SECRET DOCUMENTS

Publication of Additional Cables Reveals Effort to Align Southern Hemisphere Against United States.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Declaration of war against Germany by Argentina was regarded as almost certain in Latin-American diplomatic circles today as the result of new evidence of German trickery disclosed simultaneously in Washington and Buenos Aires last night by publication of another series of telegrams between the notorious Count Luxburg, of "spurious veracite" fame, and the Berlin foreign office.

Luxburg, former German charge in Buenos Aires, in a message dated August 1st, informed his foreign office that President Irigoyen of Argentina had at last made up his mind to negotiate a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia for protection against North America. Another telegram intimated an attempt would be made to include Peru, and the plan was to be perfected according to Luxburg's communication of August 1st before the conference idea is taken up again.

The "conference idea" is assumed to be the proposed Latin-American neutrality conference advocated by President Carranza and widely discussed in South America. The secret agreement referred to may explain reports sent from South America of President Irigoyen's proposal of a league of South American states.

## EUGENE SOLDIER IN UNUSUAL SITUATION

Lieutenant Herschel W. Taylor, of Eugene, stationed at Camp Lewis, in charge of the details of handling hundreds of cases of men who, though drafted, have failed to report and are regarded as deserters, has made the discovery that he is listed as a deserter.

On one page of the War Department's record Private Herschel W. Taylor is recorded as a deserter, and under the law anyone who apprehends him and turns him over to the military authorities would be entitled to receive a reward of \$50.

On another page of the War Department's records it is written that Herschel W. Taylor was appointed to the officers' training camp at the Presidio, which began May 8, and that he received a commission as Second Lieutenant three months later. He reported for duty at Camp Lewis September 15, and has since been connected with the casual office.

Mr. Taylor was serving as a private in the Oregon National Guard when he received his appointment to the officers' training camp. When the state troops were called he received notice to report for duty with his regiment. He wrote a letter to the Adjutant-General explaining the circumstances and requesting a discharge, but never received a reply. Recently he addressed another letter to the Adjutant-General asking for his record. When this arrived at Camp Lewis it disclosed that he had been listed as a deserter for failing to obey the order to mobilize July 25.

Lieutenant Taylor has taken steps to have his record cleared.

## Plum Puddings and Cookies Treats at Red Cross Store

A plum pudding for Christmas, without all the trouble of making it—that is what housewives who go to the Red Cross store tomorrow will find. There will be 75 or more of the delicacies, made by the domestic science department of the Eugene high school. Another attractive offering of the store on Saturday will be some Hooverized candy, some cookies neatly packed and a variety of needle work pieces made by the girls. As usual, clothing, canned fruit and other articles will be on sale. The store is located at 98 West Eighth street.

## SUPERINTENDENT ASKS ABOUT TAX LEVY

Question of Use of Oregon-California Land Taxes Raised by Attorney.

At a recent meeting of the Lane County Boundary Board, L. E. Bean appearing for certain taxpayers asked that the amount received by the various districts from the Oregon-California grant lands as taxes be stricken from the amount to be levied by the districts. The boundary board, through the county superintendent has asked that the various districts report at once the disposition made of funds so received. The letter follows: "In explanation of this letter, I desire to say that Honorable L. E. Bean appeared before the boundary board in behalf of a number of taxpayers and desired the boundary board to cut off from each district's levy, the amount of special tax it received from the O. & C. delinquent lands.

"Knowing that many of the districts had used this money for paying outstanding warrants and making improvements contemplated in the years in which it was levied, the District Boundary Board decided that it was unfair to cut down the present district tax levy by this amount until the district was heard from as to what disposal it had made of this special delinquent tax money. If your district has no use for this money and is simply saving it up, it would be folly to let your special tax levy go through, which it was intended should cover the entire cost of running your school for the next year, and districts having more of this money than they need for school maintenance, should not object to have the tax reduced for this year by that amount.

"If you cannot appear in person before January 2, 1918, please write a letter stating why, and explaining fully, what you have done with this special tax money and why it should not be taken off your levy for this year."

## JUNCTION CITY HAS YOUNGEST MEMBER

Junction City claims the youngest Red Cross member in the county. He is Arleigh Tracer, five months old, son of Mrs. Florence Tracer, a trained nurse. When approached by a Red Cross worker and asked to help make the world safe for democracy, Arleigh could think of no person in the world who he shouldn't come through. Mrs. Tracer lent him the dollar, payable in 10 years without interest.

Everybody who has the money is joining in Junction, according to Mrs. Stella Cooley, in charge of the drive there. "A number of the families are rather poor just now and, really, hardly able to spare the dollar for membership, Mrs. Cooley says, but there are no slackers—none unwilling.

"Two women who could not raise a whole dollar contributed 50 cents apiece. We are going to try to see that each gets a membership," said Mrs. Cooley.

"We have a great many 100 per cent efficiency Red Cross homes," she continued. "Every business house in town is a 100 per cent house. Every teacher in the city is a member; we have all the doctors but one, and we're going to get him, too. And then we have one \$5 member. Our total up to date is 175, and we're going to make it 200. The floods have handicapped us in reaching the territory west of town, but we'll get there, too, now that the storm has ceased."

Another young member in Junction City is the 9-year-old son of Mrs. J. Dann.

## Eugene Man Cuts Roses From Yard in December

Roses blooming beautifully in their front yard and the bushes covered with buds, is the way Mr. and Mrs. James Fullerton, who live in City View park, have of laughing at tales of winter weather. Mr. Fullerton took a beautiful bouquet of pink Papa Gantler and cream Gloire de Bijons to his wife, who is at the Eugene hospital recuperating from an illness, on Friday, December 21, and he says there are many blossoms left. Besides the roses, Mr. Fullerton has nasturtiums in bloom.

**WALLACE EAKIN LEAVES.** Wallace Eakin, who has been visiting friends here for a week, left Friday afternoon for his home at Astoria, where he will await his call from the navy in which he recently enlisted. Mr. Eakin was graduated from the University in 1916 and has since been associated with the Baker Herald.

## PACKER'S BOOKS ARE WITHHELD FROM PROBERS

Swift and Company Refuses to Give Over Records to Federal Trade Commission Upon Request of Heney.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Swift and company of Chicago have refused to deliver to the federal trade commission records desired by the commission in its investigation of the packing industry and drastic action will be taken in court to force their production, Francis J. Heney announced today at the resumption of the commission's inquiry.

## COURT WILL BE ASKED FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

Government Will Take Steps to Prevent Corporation From Keeping Back Facts of Value at Investigation.

It was said that when the commission's investigators went to Chicago they received only evasive replies from the officers of Swift and company and that direct demand for the records, which relate to the ownership of the Chicago stockyards and other details of the meat industry, the commission will go into a federal court and ask an order compelling the company to produce them.

Mr. Heney also announced receipt of a telegram saying that C. C. Chase of Chicago, auditor of the Union Stockyards and Transit company, was ill and could not answer the commission's subpoena. The commission said Mr. Chase has been "ordered south for an indefinite time," Mr. Heney added.

"I desire to inform the commission that we have enough evidence without Mr. Chase's testimony to make a prime fact case and then the packers can do what explaining they think necessary."

Flat auditor that J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince of Boston own the Chicago Stockyards company, controlling the Chicago stockyards and Terminal Railroad, was made by W. M. Wadden, former treasurer of the Union Stock Yards company. Although the stock appears in the name of Frank R. Pegram, secretary of the company, Wadden said he knew who the real owners were.

## WAR SAVINGS FACTS ARE TOLD BRIEFLY

Stamps for Thrift Explained by Question and Answer in Very Simple Manner.

The Official Bulletin, issued daily by the United States government, contains the following regarding the thrift stamp war saving plan:

Q. What is the war-savings plan?  
A. It is a plan by which you can lend small savings to your government at 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

Q. How may this be done?  
A. By purchasing war-savings stamps and thrift stamps.

Q. What is a war-savings stamp?  
A. It is a stamp for which the government will pay you \$5 on January 1, 1923.

Q. What does it cost?  
A. Between \$4.12 and \$4.23 during 1918, depending upon the month in which purchased.

Q. What is a thrift stamp?  
A. It is a stamp costing 25 cents, to be applied in payment for a war-savings stamp. It does not earn interest. The purpose of its issue is to enable people to accumulate in small sums the amount necessary to pay for a war-savings stamp.

Q. Where can I buy them?  
A. At postoffices, banks and authorized agencies.

Q. Why should I buy them?  
A. Every dollar loaned to the government helps to save the lives of our men at the front and to win the war.

**MALABON UNION SERVICES.** Christmas services will be held at the Malabon union Sunday school, Sunday morning, at 10:30. Christmas address given by Rev. Wm. J. Large, Sunday school missionary, Eugene, Or. All cordially invited.

**ITALIANS REGAIN GROUND.** Rome, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by the enemy on Tuesday in the region of Monte Asolone, on the northern front, east of the Brenta river has been retaken by the Italians, the war office announces.

## ARMY SUPPLIES BOUGHT BEFORE BALLOT FOR WAR

War Department Placed Orders for Equipment for 1,000,000 Men Before Congress Voted Appropriation, Witness Says

Washington, Dec. 21.—Without waiting for congressional appropriations, the war department authorized orders for supplies for one million troops before the United States went to war, it was brought out today in the testimony of Quartermaster-General Henry G. Sharpe before the senate military committee.

## ACTION TAKEN IN ADVANCE OF DECLARATION OF WAR

General Sharp States That Only Complaints of Supply Shortage Received Have Been in Respect to Clothing.

The committee investigating the supplying of troops went particularly today into the causes for the shortage in clothing.

Secretary Baker, General Sharpe said, authorized orders for clothing and other supplies for the million men just before the war declaration and in June approved orders to equip another half million.

The only complaints of supply shortage received by the department has been in respect to clothing, General Sharpe said.

In an introductory statement dealing with the Mexican border mobilization, General Sharpe said the ordinance equipment ordered with Secretary Baker's approval was the regulation thirty days supply, including clothing, hats, shoes, tentage and animals. This supply, he explained, was expected to last two to three months.

"In February," he said, "anticipating probable trouble, we ordered full equipment, at war strength, for the regular army of 100,000 men, and late in March, when war seemed more imminent, the secretary authorized orders for equipment for 500,000 more men.

"Before war broke out I got authority for another 500,000, and in June for an additional 500,000."

These orders, he explained, were made without funds and in anticipation of congressional appropriations.

Senator McKellar inquired whether the council of National Defense had not, in effect, taken over virtually all work in connection with placing orders for clothing. General Sharpe replied that all contracts and prices were subject to the department's final approval and that the civilian board only had assisted in preliminary appropriations.

## MORE TOYS WANTED FOR POOR CHILDREN

"There has been less response than usual to the plea for toys and clothing for Eugene's worthy poor," said Mrs. M. S. Ady, advisory matron to the police department, Friday. "This is not from lack of charitable feelings on the part of the people, I believe, but because of the many calls upon their time and purses."

Mrs. Ady stated that the number of families being assisted has been cut down very materially from previous years, as the city authorities feel that where there is an able bodied man there is little excuse for lack of necessities, at least. But where a woman is supporting a family of children at the washtub, Mrs. Ady believes they should be cheered by seeing their children have a Christmas made happy by toys and clothes and a good dinner. The Salvation Army and Mrs. Ady have checked up the lists and will not duplicate their activities.

The statute which compels men to support their families will be invoked in the near future in several cases, Mrs. Ady stated, unless chronic disinclination to labor on the part of the head of the house is otherwise overcome.

Mrs. Ady urges all who can send their contributions to the city hall at once. She will be on duty from 10 to 12, Saturday forenoon and a good portion of the afternoon to receive contributions.

**MISS GOLDSMITH HOME.** Miss Frieda Goldsmith, who has been teaching at Reed college in Portland, is expected in Eugene Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith.

**MASONIC LODGE GETS WORD FROM SAM AND WILL YOUNG**

The many friends of Will and Sam Young, formerly residents of Springfield and Eugene, who enlisted several months ago in the Canadian army at British Columbia, will be pleased to hear that the local Masonic lodge, to which they belong, has received news from them. Will is now in a hospital in Ottawa, Canada, suffering from gas poisoning which he received in recent fighting in France. The case is not serious. Sam is now a first lieutenant of the Royal Flying corps and expects to be sent from England to France shortly after Christmas.

**WALK IS STAKED.** Grades were given by the city engineer Friday for a walk at Second and Van Buren street, in front of property owned by the Shaden estate. P. A. Nelson is the contractor.

## SECRET PACT IN ORIENT, CHARGE FROM RUSSIA

Contents of Alleged Treaty Between Petrograd and Tokio as Published, Shows Plan for Control of China.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—(Thursday).—Under the heading "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia publishes what it says is the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China.

## PURPORTS TO HAVE BEEN AIMED AT UNITED STATES

Newspaper at Russian Capital Says Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Great Britain Proposed.

The treaty stipulates that the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except the contracting parties. It opens with the statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1907, 1910 and 1912. Article I is given as follows:

"The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defense of China from political domination by any third power whatsoever cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan, and therefore undertake whenever circumstances necessitate, to enter into open relations based on full confidence in order co-jointly to take the necessary steps to prevent the advent in China of such a state of affairs."

Other articles are published as follows: "Article II—In the event that, as a consequence of any measures undertaken by actual consent by Russia and Japan on the basis of the preceding article, any third power as foreseen by article I should declare war against Russia or Japan, the other contracting party shall, on the first demand of its ally, come to its aid. Each contracting party binds itself not to make peace with the common enemy without obtaining the agreement of its ally.

"Article III—The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance and the means by which such assistance shall be expressed, shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties.

"Article IV—It must especially be kept in mind that neither party shall consider itself obligated in accordance with article II to give its ally armed assistance unless it receives guarantees from its ally to the effect that they will give it assistance to the extent necessitated by the seriousness of the possible conflict."

**OREGON TOTAL 82,182.**

Portland, Dec. 21.—The total number of members enrolled in the Christmas drive in the state reported at noon today was 82,182, of whom 23,903 are in the city of Portland.

## UNIFORMED WORKERS TO PARADE TOMORROW

Red Cross week in Eugene will culminate in what will be perhaps the most picturesque feature of the drive tomorrow afternoon, when from three to four hundred uniformed Red Cross volunteer workers will parade on Willamette street. The hour set for the parade is 8 o'clock, when the start will be made from the headquarters in the Elks' building, on West Seventh street.

The women who will parade are those who have been giving so freely of their time in making bandages, surgical dressings, and other hospital supplies necessary at the front.

Arrangements for the event are in the hands of George H. McMorran, who is working them out today. He is arranging to obtain the Eugene band to lead the march.

In connection with parade, eight teams of workers will finish up the job of canvassing the business district for Red Cross memberships. The team captains named today are Mrs. L. R. Bugbee, Mrs. J. B. Bell, Mrs. John Tryon, Miss Lucyle Dunn, Mrs. Walter Griffin, Mrs. Lee Travis, Miss Norma Hendricks, Mrs. Clyde Seitz. Each one of the teams will take one side of one block and work it thoroughly until the whole business district has been covered.

This afternoon and this evening the Eugene chapter is keeping open house at the chapter headquarters in the Elks' building. From 1 to 6 p. m., and again from 7 to 9:30 the public are welcome to watch the progress of the work. From 8:30 to 4 o'clock this afternoon a program was given at the headquarters. The address was made by Rev. A. M. Spangler, and patriotic music was furnished by a quartet composed of Miss Beas Hendershott, Mrs. Rose Powell, Mr. W. F. Gilstrap and Mr. Curtiss Peterson. Mrs. Ella Balmanno was accompanist.

**Taxpayers Will Meet to Discuss Next Year's Expense Budget**

The annual meeting of taxpayers to consider the county tax budget will be held Saturday at the circuit court room to consider the recommendations of the budget committee upon the proposed budget of county expenditures for 1918.

**TEACHERS FINISH EXAMS.** The class of 21 teachers who have been taking the teachers' examinations this week under the direction of County School Superintendent E. J. Moore, finished the work Saturday.

## OREGON COUNTY FIRST IN DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

Umatilla Enrolls 7650 From Population of 21,000, and Reports Prospect of Adding 2000 More to List.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Returns in the Christmas campaign of the Red Cross for ten million new members were said to be increasingly favorable today at national headquarters.

## TOTAL FOR STATE IS 82,182 AT NOON TODAY

Announcement From National Headquarters States Christmas Membership Campaign Is Progressing Satisfactorily.

Umatilla county, Oregon, enrolled 7,650 members from a population of 21,000, with the prospect of getting two thousand more, and has challenged any other county in Oregon to equal this record. Umatilla, it is said, was the first county in Oregon both in Liberty bonds and in the recent Red Cross drive for funds. Alaska, it is estimated, will return sixty per cent of her population.

Scattering returns received at headquarters of the Pacific division, including California, Arizona and Nevada, showed that the division had secured more than half its quota Thursday night.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
London, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, with other important officials, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk, amid scenes of enthusiasm, the crowd singing the national anthem and raising shouts of "bring us a strong peace."

It is said that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin, and dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The Bulgarian delegates include Minister of Justice Popoff and M. Kosoff, chief of the foreign office.

While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heart-burnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates is in negotiations with the officers. The Pravda, the Bolsheviki organ, prints an unqualified denial and makes a counter-charge against the constitutional democrats, claiming they are trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenin.

The Pravda further appeals to the workmen to defeat the attempt of the constitutional democrats to place Russia under the control of German imperialism. The Bolsheviki also accuse the constitutional democrats of being responsible for the looting of wine shops which caused serious riots in Petrograd and claim the possession of documentary evidence which they threaten to publish later.

## RUMANIA IS FAITHFUL.

Paris, Dec. 21.—V. Antonesco, the Rumanian minister here, has issued the following statement concerning the situation on the Rumanian front:

"The armistice was simply a measure of military order imposed on us through the Rumanian front being eadredly enclosed within the Russian front. It would be a mistake to make a political deduction from it. Rumania intends to remain faithful to her alliances and to work until the end with the allies."

**REICHSTAG LEADERS CONSULTED.** Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Count von Hertling, the Imperial German chancellor, yesterday received representatives of all the reichstag parties with whom he had a confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia.

The chancellor announced, according to a Berlin official despatch, that the emperor had authorized to conclude peace and he had charged Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann to conduct the negotiations.

According to the newspapers, the independent socialists were represented at the meeting by Deputy Haase. This is the first time since the foundation of the party that it has had direct intercourse with the German government.

## VISITS AT SEATTLE.

Dr. J. D. Barnett, of the faculty of the University of Oregon, left Friday for Seattle, to make a short visit with his sister, Mrs. William Savery, wife of Dr. Savery, head of the department of pathology in the University of Washington.

## RUSS OFFER OF PEACE FAILS, IS LONDON WORD

Correspondent of Exchange Telegraphs From Petrograd That Germans Have Rejected Bolsheviki Proposals.

REPORT CONFLICTS WITH MESSAGES FROM BERLIN

## Despatches From German Capital State Foreign Secretary and Other High Officials Are on Way to Brest-Litovsk.

Opposition to the Bolsheviki apparently is increasing as reports of German support of the Maximalist government become more pronounced and the situation in Russia grows more chaotic while the Bolsheviki endeavor to arrange a separate peace with the central powers.

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