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CHILDREN OF SCHOOLS ARE TO HELP U. S.

LOCAL CHILDREN TO RAISE GRANTS PASS QUOTA OF MOST IMPORTANT FUND

TO TELEGRAPH WAR SECRETARY

Each Child in Schools Asked to Bring Mite and Join in Wiring Pledge of City's Loyalty

A plan has been evolved which will raise this city's quota of the war-camp community-recreation fund easily and quickly and at the same time do two other equally, if not more, important things—give Grants Pass another success mark on its already good reputation in these war-helping activities, and be the means of bringing home to the children of the city the great times through which they are passing and making them feel a part of those affairs by helping in them.

With the approval of the school authorities, the Chamber of Commerce will suggest to each school child of Grants Pass that on a certain day, some time during the present week, each child bring to school 50 cents for this fund. These contributions will be collected by the teachers and turned over to the local treasurer of this fund, Roy K. Hackett, of the First National bank, who will transmit the same to the national treasurer.

But that is only one part of the plan. A telegram is being prepared, to be sent to Secretary of War Newton W. Baker, which telegram will bear the name, as one of the signers, of each and every school child of this city who contributes to the fund. The telegram will assure the secretary that the young signers are glad to do their little "bits" toward helping the great cause for which the country is fighting, and if those in authority think that by helping the soldiers in our training camps go out in better fighting trim, with that true American spirit that each man must do his best, then that is the way the school children of Grants Pass want their help to be applied.

Each child will be handed a printed letter, stating the purposes of the fund, to take home to his parent the day before the "drive." It is expected that these contributions will be enough to make up this city's full quota.

Those having this movement in charge, point to one training camp where over 40,000 men are to be quartered which is near a city of only 5,000 people. The committee is planning to spend \$50,000 at this camp in supplying the men with healthy, enjoyable recreations, such as an auditorium, swimming pools, ball grounds, etc., so that the stagnating routine of camp life shall not be allowed to quench what fighting spirit of loyalty the men may bring to the camps with them.

PLANTER BEQUEATHS SUGAR PLANTATIONS TO BRITAIN

London, Oct. 16.—Alexander Ashby, a planter who owned large estates in Barbados, bequeathed his two largest sugar plantations to the British secretary of war. The bequest, which has now been accepted by the British government, is valued at about \$250,000.

EXPECT BILLION IN SUBSCRIPTIONS TODAY

Washington, Oct. 16.—The treasury officials declared this morning that unless all signs fail, the second Liberty loan will have reached the first billion dollars in subscriptions by tonight.

BRITISH TAKE MANY PRISONERS

Heavy Artillery Duels Between French and Germans in Progress at Verdun

London, Oct. 16.—In Flanders no military operations on a large scale have been attempted, but the big guns are carrying out reciprocal bombardments of great violence. The British troops have carried out several successful raids in which casualties were inflicted on the Germans and prisoners were taken.

After the lapse of three days the heavy artillery duels have been resumed between the French and Germans on the Verdun front, especially to the north of the famous hill 344.

Preparations apparently are being made along the Julian front of the Austro-Italian theater for another big battle. In the Breatovizza valley and on several other sectors the artillery of both sides is engaged in heavy fighting and there also have been sharp reconnoitering encounters.

The entente allies in Macedonia are keeping up their harassing tactics against positions held by the Teutonic allies, daily throwing heavy bombardments against them or launching infantry attacks of considerable proportion.

ALL DRAFTED MEN MAY BE CALLED SOON

Washington, Oct. 16.—Secretary Baker indicated last night that a decision as to the examination and classification of all remaining men registered under the draft law might be reached within a few days. Congress eliminated from the urgent deficiency bill an appropriation for this work and it has been assumed that the project could not be carried out until money was forthcoming at the next session in December.

Discussing the report that several bills disposed to change the draft ages would be offered when congress re-assembles, the secretary said he had not changed his opinion that 19 to 26 was the best age limit for military service.

OFFERING OF CERTIFICATES ALREADY OVER-SUBSCRIBED

Washington, Oct. 16.—The government's latest offer of certificates of indebtedness, amounting to \$300,000,000 at four per cent, has been heavily over-subscribed.

MEXICAN VILLAGE ON RIO GRANDE RAIDED

Mission, Tex., Oct. 16.—From seeming reliable sources comes reports of a bandit raid on Grengeno, a Mexican village on the Rio Grande. No details of the raid have been secured.

It was later learned that five Mexican bandits, wearing only trousers swam the Rio Grande and attacked Grengeno. Armed citizens repelled to their fire and dispersed the invaders. There were no casualties.

SAYS PEOPLE WOULD APPROVE PEACE PACT

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—Speaking at the Wurzburg convention, Herr Ebert, president of the socialist party, said a speedy conclusion of peace is a vital necessity for working men of all countries, and that the policy of the mailed fist would disappear after the horrors of the present war. "If a ballot should be taken today, nine-tenths of the people would approve peace by agreement," he declared.

DISASTROUS FIRE RAGES STOCK YARDS

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE DESTROYED IN KANSAS CITY, MO. YARDS

STEERS ROAM IN CITY STREETS

Forty Thousand Animals in Stock Yards When Fire of Unknown Origin Is Discovered

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Over half of the Kansas City stock yards, the second largest yards in the country, were destroyed by fire. Thousands of cattle were killed, some estimating the number at 10,000 killed. There were 40,000 cattle in the yards when the fire started, but most of them were liberated and hundreds of the frantic animals crowded into the down town streets of both Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Two former fires have been caused by cigarette stubs.

GERMANY CALLING MEN OF 47 YEARS

Copenhagen, Oct. 15.—Germany has extended military service to men 47 years of age, and is calling up those who heretofore have escaped service on account of military unfitness. The army already included a large number above the legal limit of 45 years on the ground that although nobody above that age could be mobilized, yet no requirement existed for the discharge of a soldier reaching that age.

FRENCH CRUISER IS SUNK BY TORPEDO

London, Oct. 15.—Two hundred and fifty lives were lost when the steamer Medie was torpedoed September 23 in the western Mediterranean, says a Reuter's dispatch from Paris. The explosion of the torpedo detonated the munitions in the ship's cargo. There were more than 500 passengers on board the steamer, including soldiers and prisoners of war.

The Medie was a French vessel of 4,470 tons.

"IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY, SAVE FOOD," SAYS AMBULANCE DRIVER FROM VERDUN

Washington, Oct. 16.—"In the name of Liberty save food," is the message given to the people of this country through the national emergency food garden commission today by Raymond Jas. Whitney, an ambulance driver from the Verdun front who went to an Atlantic port to sail for France today.

Whitney, whose home is in Bedford, Ind., has just completed a flying visit home and he stopped in Washington long enough to call upon the national emergency food garden commission to ask that the people be again urged to conserve every ounce of food. Whitney is in the American field service and is taking back 20 pounds of sugar to Mrs. Vanderbilt, so scarce is the lump article over there. He won the war cross for work at the front.

"The declaration of war by President Wilson," said Whitney, "saved the world from the Kaiser in my opinion, for from my observation of

GERMANS IN POSSESSION OF OESSEL ISLE

TEUTON REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE AND OFFENSIVE TOWARD OESSEL STARTED

TAKE 2400 RUSSIAN PRISONERS

Russian Naval Authorities Think Further Operations in Gulf of Riga Unlikely

Berlin, Oct. 16.—The Germans have taken full possession of the main portion of Oesel Island notwithstanding the desperate resistance offered by the Russians on the Svork peninsula. The Germans took 2,400 prisoners, 30 guns and several aeroplanes.

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—German forces on Oesel Island are developing successes, being reinforced by additional troops. They started a terrific offensive against the Svork peninsula in an endeavor to capture the Russian batteries at Sefel, covering the Gulf of Riga.

The Germans have occupied Runo and Abro islands.

Russian naval authorities think the German operations in and around the Gulf of Riga are not likely to extend this fall to the Gulf of Finland. The lateness of the season will localize their efforts.

WANT "SAMMIES" IN BIG BALKAN DRIVE

Washington, Oct. 16.—Dispatch of American troops to Saloniki to assist in a big drive in the Balkans was urged upon President Wilson by Senator King of Utah today.

The senator also advocated declaration of war against Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria and proposed that definite promises of military co-operation should be obtained from the Japanese mission now here.

NATIVE AMERICAN HEAD OF AUSTRALIAN STATE

Adelaide, Australia, Oct. 16.—John Greeley Jenkins of London, who is one of the founders of the new national party in England bears the distinction of being the only native American who ever became the head of an Australian state. He was born in Clifford, Penn., in September of 1851. In 1878, however, he came to Australia and settled in South Australia. From 1901 to 1905 he was premier of that state.

AUSTRIANS WANT PEACE

Count Czernin Urges that Germany Make Concessions on the Western Battle Front

London, Oct. 16.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, of Berlin, makes the statement that Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, recently asked Chancellor Michaelis to state Germany's peace terms, and urging that Germany make concessions in the west. Count Czernin received a vague and evasive reply, whereupon he stated that he could no longer negotiate with Michaelis, as frankness was imperatively necessary.

The paper says these statements made a sensation, being particularly illustrative of Austria's fervent desire for peace.

PORTLAND STRIKERS ARE QUIET TODAY

Portland, Oct. 16.—No disturbances by shipyard strikers has been reported today. Prompt police action last night is thought to have averted a crisis.

Portland, Oct. 16.—E. P. Daniels, aged 28, a non-union workman was sent to the emergency hospital and eight strikers were sent to jail late yesterday, following an attempt by several hundred striking shipyard workmen to "rush" non-union workers coming off shift at the plant of the Northwestern Steel company. Daniels was badly beaten with clubs. The police said eight strikers attacked him at once.

The strikers congregated downtown in South Portland. Police reserves were rushed to the scene and tried to head the strikers away from the shipyard, but small groups broke through and surrounded the works. None entered. Strikers tried to board trolley cars on which workmen were leaving the shipyard, but were kept off by the police. A trolley of one car was thrown off the wire and the car stopped, but the strikers were kept off by the police.

Daniels was pursued by a crowd and beaten before the police could get to the scene. One striker, Frank Novorra, was found to be armed with a knife.

SENATOR DEMANDS COPY OF CHARGES

Washington, Oct. 16.—Senator La Follette formally demanded that the committee submit a copy of the charges preferred against him, and that he be permitted to summon and examine witnesses. The committee is considering the demand.

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY WATERWORKS PLANT

Bremerton, Oct. 16.—A dozen revolver shots were exchanged early today between a watchman and the engineer of the water works and an unidentified man, who, it is alleged was attempting to cripple the water system which supplies Bremerton, the Puget Sound navy yard. None of the shots took effect and the stranger escaped.

TACOMA WAREHOUSEMEN STRIKE—DEMANDS REFUSED

Tacoma, Oct. 16.—One hundred and fifty warehousemen struck when their demands for increased pay was denied. The workers demanded 50 cents per hour and 75 cents per hour for overtime.

HOLD PATRIOTIC MEETING FOR LIBERTY LOAN

MANY GRANTS PASS CITIZENS LISTEN TO TALE OF GERMAN INTRIGUE

BUY A BOND OR PAY INDEMNITY

Value and Desirability of U. S. Bond and the Necessity for Making Campaign Success Is Told

The patriotic meeting held in the opera house last night was well attended but many who should have been there were not present. After the open air concert by the Grants Pass band the speakers, the clergy, and prominent citizens occupied places on the platform.

After a vocal selection by Mrs. J. O. Nibley, which was enthusiastically received, Chairman George E. Lundberg, of the second Liberty loan committee, with a few preliminary remarks introduced Senator Sam Garland of Lebanon, who had the entire attention of the audience.

Senator Garland traced the history of the present emperor of Germany and of his Prussian ancestry, and their hatred of all freedom for the common people. He emphasized their savage belief that God had created their family to rule over other men. He told the audience of the youth of Emperor William and how his grandfather and Prince Bismarck had instilled in his childish mind, day by day, the belief that he was called by God, not only to rule the German empire, but that in time to come he was to be the divine instrument for conquering the world—that he should govern all mankind and carry to the common people what they consider the blessings of the Prussian caste system of peasant, squire, noble and emperor; that he should thus confer on all mankind the blessing of the Prussian military system by which every man must be a soldier during the best years of his life for the glory of his emperor, or as the present crown prince expressed it "War is so much fun."

Senator Garland impressed on the audience the necessity for winning this war unless we are willing to surrender American freedom and accept German despotism. His speech left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that America is today facing the greatest danger in her history, and that every citizen will fall in his patriotic duty unless he gives the nation his utmost support until the close of this war, and the many who cannot fight can all buy bonds.

After the singing of Columbia by J. S. MacMurray and a piano solo by Miss Berenice Quinlan, both of

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GERMAN OFFICERS ESCAPE—RETAKEN

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Two German officers of seized merchant vessels escaped from the Angle Island detention camp in a life boat belonging to a government vessel, but they were captured by the police a few hours after their disappearance was discovered.

Their names were given as Captain C. Brauch and Engineer Lorenzo Lau.

SEVEN HUNDRED ALIEN ENEMIES RESIDE IN JAPAN

Tokio, Oct. 16.—According to an announcement made by the authorities the number of enemy subjects residing in Japan at the end of July was 719. The majority are German.