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HUNDREDS OF GRAVES BEING DUG: HALIFAX

AID AGENCIES BEING CO-ORDINATED AND RELIEF WORK IS WELL UNDER WAY

GERMANS BEING ROUNDED UP

Only Bravery of Halifax Guard Company Prevented a Second Explosion on Munition Steamer

Halifax, Dec. 10.—A regiment of business and professional men are digging graves in the ice covered ground. It is feared that an epidemic will result if delay in burying the dead is allowed.

More than a foot of snow fell last night. Today the storm passed and the weather was clear and cold. Street cars were stalled, but today the service has been partly restored. The day also saw the lighting system renewed in part and after darkness fell the city looked a little less black and forbidding. Fortunately the telephone service is good, but there is a sombre significance in the report of so many "dead" numbers.

The water supply is causing the most concern. Emergency repairs are being made as fast as it is humanly possible, but the system was seriously deranged this evening.

The property loss, variously estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000 probably will prove to be nearer the minimum figure.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—The wholesale arrest of German residents has been started by the police under instructions of the military authorities. Some were released after examination.

The authorities refuse to disclose whether they have evidence associating the Germans with the explosions.

The city is rapidly emerging from the chaos which followed the disaster. Fair weather has returned and relief agencies have coordinated their work.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—A deck cargo on the British steamer Pieton laden with munitions, caught fire last night, and only the quick and courageous work of the Halifax company of riflemen prevented another big explosion in the harbor.

The men boarded the ship and threw the burning cargo overboard. The flames were checked before they could spread to the hold of the vessel. The ship was later taken to sea and sunk.

PROHIBITION LAW OF IDAHO IS SUSTAINED

Washington, Dec. 10.—The "Idaho Decrees" upholding the validity of that state's prohibition laws and declaring them to be reasonable exercise of state police powers, are sustained by the supreme court.

LAST CALL MADE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO ENLIST IN PARTICULAR BRANCH OF ARMY

Portland, Dec. 10.—This is the last call to men of draft age who wish to escape the draft by enlisting as volunteers.

It is also the last call to all men registered under the draft who have changed their addresses to be sure to notify their local boards immediately of their new addresses, so questionnaires will reach them without delay.

Until noon of December 15 is also the last date on which men of draft age may enlist as volunteers in the

BRITISH CAPTURE HOLY JERUSALEM

Seat of Christian Religion, Long Held by Mohammedans, Falls into British Hands

London, Dec. 10.—Jerusalem has fallen.

Andrew Bonar Law today announced in the house of commons that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, had surrendered. This makes the end, with two brief interludes, of over 1,200 years of possession of the seat of the Christian religion, by Mohammedans. For 673 years it has been in the undisputed ownership of the Turks.

The last Christian ruler was the German Emperor Frederick II.

The fall of Jerusalem marks the end of the Turks effort to menace the Suez canal and invade Egypt.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY DIES AT TACOMA

Tacoma, Dec. 10.—Cecil H. Bauer, a Portland attorney, attending the conference on soldier welfare work here, died today of neuralgia of the heart. The late Rose Bloch Bauer, the singer, was his wife.

ANDERSON OF DALLES AFTER GOVERNORSHIP

Portland, Dec. 10.—Dr. J. E. Anderson of The Dalles has announced to personal friends that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor in the coming primary election next spring.

Dr. Anderson was a member of the 1915 legislature that enacted the prohibition law of 1915, and was the house father and sponsor of that act. Again in 1917 he fathered the bone dry law of the 1917 session, and during all his service in the house has been one of the most prominent leaders of the real simon pure prohibition propaganda.

NAVY SUPPLIES SENT TO STRICKEN HALIFAX

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Daniels today offered the Red Cross a quantity of supplies at Portsmouth for relief at Halifax. Two ships under direction of the navy already are at Halifax, doing what they can to relieve the situation, and another has been sent from Provincetown, with a hospital unit to cooperate with the relief corps. The supplies at Portsmouth include 25,000 blankets and 600 stoves.

THE MASSES FORCED TO STOP PUBLICATION

New York, Dec. 10.—The Masses, a monthly magazine of socialist tendencies, the August issue of which was barred by the government from the mails, suspended with the publication of the November issue it was announced today.

FINNISH REPUBLIC IS NEW PROPOSAL

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—A proposal submitted to the Finnish Landtag by the senate provides that Finland shall become a republic, with a president elected for a term of six years, according to advices reaching here from Helsingfors.

The proposal provides that the first election shall be held January 15 and the president is to take office April 15. Until then, the premier is to act as the head of the republic.

BOLSHEVIKI IS FACE TO FACE WITH REVOLT

COSSACK LEADER KALEDINES AT HEAD OF REVOLUTION OF SERIOUS PROPORTIONS

CONTROL OF GRAIN SECTIONS

Armistice Along Front in Force. Czar's Guards Have Been Disarmed for Fear of Assassination

London, Dec. 10.—Civil war has broken out in Russia. The Bolsheviks, it is announced will take the field against the counter-revolutionists.

London, Dec. 10.—A counter-revolution in southeastern Russia under the leadership of General Kaledines, is progressing.

The aim of the revolution seems to be the seizing of authority in the southeast part of the country and the cutting of food supplies from Siberia, according to a proclamation given out by the Bolshevik government.

Kaledines' forces are mediating Ekaterinoslav, Kharkov and Moscow in the province of Orenburg. The Bolsheviks have been overthrown in these districts. General Karauloff is attacking Techenrev and Ingusher. His proclamation says that enemies of the people have undertaken to destroy the cause of peace. It is said that the constitutional democratic party is providing the means for the revolt.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Military officials of the central powers have signed an armistice with Russian and Roumanian armies on the Roumanian front between the Dniester river and the mouth of the Danube.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 6.—Under the terms of the temporary armistice agreed upon between the Germans and Russians, as received by telegraph from M. Karakhan, a member of the Russian delegation, the Germans will make only such transfers of troops as were ordered for December 5.

London, Dec. 10.—The guards surrounding Nicholas Romanoff, the ex-Russian emperor, near Tobolsk, Siberia, have been disarmed by Bolshevik soldiers and sailors, according to advices received in Petrograd and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph company. The Bolsheviks intend to remove Nicholas to some other place, fearing he might be lynched.

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CRATER LAKE STEEL SPEAKS AT LUNCHEON

FAMED "VICAR OF CRATER LAKE" ADDRESSES BUSINESS MEN THIS NOON

VISITED CAVES MANY YEARS AGO

Urges United Front Behind War-making Officials at Washington That Prussianism May Fall

The weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce this noon was attended by about 50 business men who listened to a first class talk by Will G. Steel, commissioner of Crater Lake national park.

Mr. Steel only referred to the park incidentally in speaking of the possibilities in the way of an attraction to tourists the Oregon caves could be developed into. He told of his having visited those caves 29 years ago, and that his party was the first to take interior photographs of that marvelous natural wonder.

Mr. Steel quickly branched from local subjects onto a discussion of the war and its problems. He voiced what he called the united opinion of "fellow republicans" in saying that they were all standing firmly behind President Wilson in the prosecution of the war. He quoted Banker Vanderlip of New York who, when questioned as to the details of some of the government's expenditures, said that this was not the time for quibbling over details but for a united front, standing squarely behind those who for the time were vested with power.

"If you can afford only one \$50 Liberty bond, buy two," said Mr. Steel. "If you feel that a \$5 thrift stamp is your limit, buy \$10 worth. Make your pocket book feel the pinch and then you may succeed in getting into a real war spirit."

N. F. Macduff spoke briefly on the forthcoming Red Cross membership drive. The food administrator for Oregon was announced as the speaker for next Monday's luncheon.

HOOPER GETS AFTER FOOD PROFITEERING

Washington, Dec. 10.—Early termination of profiteering in the distribution of foodstuffs is the hope of the food administration, now that most of the staple food commodities have been put under license. In most instances average normal profits of the pre-war period will be used as a basis for determining what reasonable margins should be.

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DRIVE ON FOR RED CROSS MEMBERS

Nation Wants 10,000,000; State 240,000 and Josephine County 2,100 Addition Members

N. F. Macduff, campaign manager of the Grants Pass chapter, has appointed the following team captains, who will be in charge of their respective committees: Mrs. E. E. Blanchard, chairman of the Women's National Defense league, will have the ladies of the league solicit the residence districts and call at every home. The business district will be canvassed by C. A. Wine-trout, Dr. H. A. Dillingham, P. B. Herman and C. C. Presley, assisted by their committeemen.

Portland, Dec. 10.—Oregon's campaign to enroll 240,000 members in the American Red Cross is under full swing. Headquarters have been opened in the Morgan building at Portland, in charge of C. C. Chapman, as state chairman and Henry E. Reed as state manager. Organization has been extended into every section of the state, and there is no doubt that Oregon, as usual, will respond generously to the nation's call.

The campaign is a nation wide movement to increase the membership of the Red Cross to 15,000,000, and provide the United States with a large and effective machine for war relief work. President Wilson has declared himself for a well organized and efficient Red Cross. He says the best way in which to impart the greatest energy to the relief work of the war will be to concentrate it in the hands of a single experienced organization which has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for such purposes.

TEUTONS STIR REVOLT STATE REFORMATORY

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 10.—prompt and courageous attack by three guards at the state reformatory at Monroe quelled an uprising fomented by three Germans and several I. W. W. prisoners among the 250 inmates. Nineteen of the ring-leaders were segregated and have been ordered transferred to the penitentiary to serve not less than three years in excess of their minimum sentences.

RAINS PREDICTED FOR COMING WEEK

Washington, Dec. 10.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the weather bureau, are:

Pacific states—Frequent rains in Washington and Oregon, generally fair in California until Friday or Saturday. No decided temperature changes.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WARNS AGAINST ADULTERATED FORMALDEHYDE BEING SOLD

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 10.—Adulterated formaldehyde is being sold in Oregon markets. Formaldehyde, or formalin, is universally employed as a disinfectant, is the most effective agent for destroying smut spores in grain, and is a general gaseous fumigant. The adulteration endangers its effectiveness unless its real strength is known, and used as the basis of treatment.

In order to protect the farmer and get a line on the material being sold, the department will test sam-

WANT TO SEND TESTAMENTS TO SOLDIERS

GREAT MOVEMENT HAS SUPPORT OF EVERY MILITARY MAN KNOWING CONDITIONS

SAME SERVICE IN OTHER WARS

Committee for Josephine County to Raise Small Quota Allotted. State's Quota \$15,000

The local campaign for raising Josephine county's portion of this fund is in the hands of a committee consisting of Paul Kirker, Dr. E. C. Macy, A. E. Voorhies and Sam Baker each the superintendent of a local Sunday school. The matter will be taken up at once.

This week is given over to the campaign under the auspices of the American Bible society, to raise \$400,000 in the nation for the supplying of testaments to soldiers. Oregon's quota is \$15,000 of which \$10,000 is to come from Portland and \$5,000 from the rest of Oregon.

Earle A. Rowell, in charge of this state's campaign, said at Portland yesterday:

"It should be remembered, however, that this completes Oregon's apportionment for the past six months and the year 1918. That means that the American Bible society will not make any further call on Oregon for the special fund next year.

"Compared to other war emergency funds our requirements are very modest, and yet no Christian will say it is not as important as some of the more expensive emergencies. In this connection it would be well to correct a misunderstanding that seems to prevail.

"Contrary to the usual belief, the Y. M. C. A. does not solicit nor spend money for Bibles for the soldiers. Not that it is indifferent, but at the beginning of the war the Y. M. C. A. tried to get half a million Testaments and could not get them in the world on short notice. So it turned to the American Bible society.

"In our 100 years of service we have distributed 125,000,000 of Scripture in 200 languages. Last year alone the total output was nearly 8,000,000. We print all Scriptures without profit, and without note or comment thus serving all denominations impartially.

"We began to furnish Bibles to soldiers on a large scale during the Mexican war, over 70 years ago. During the Civil war, we put 3,500,000 volumes in the hands of the boys in blue and gray. The Spanish-American war found us active. When our army went to Mexico recently our Bibles went along. We have furnished the Russian army with half a million Testaments in their own language during the present war. We are printing the Scriptures in 50 different languages for the soldiers alone. We are getting out a large edition in French-English for the boys across the water.