

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR HERE MONDAY

MAJOR, LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND CAPTAIN IN CANADIAN CONTINGENT

PATRIOTIC MEETING IN EVENING

Each Officer Has Seen Severe Fighting on Western Front and Carries Wounds From Great Conflict

Grants Pass will on Monday entertain veterans of the great war. They are Major F. B. Edward, Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Macmillan and Captain E. J. Gook of the Canadian overseas contingent, with two military orderlies. They will appear here under the direction of the Patriotic Service League and will speak in the opera house Monday evening.

These three officers are being sent through the state on a speaking tour under the auspices of the state council of defense. The meeting will be open to the public.

The speakers will have a particular message for the farmers of the valley and a representative attendance from the rural districts is especially desired.

Here are the records of the three Canadian officers, records that are guaranty of the vital interest of the story they will tell to the people of Grants Pass.

Lieut. Colonel Macmillan served with the Seventh Battalion, First British Columbia regiment, enlisting on August 4, 1914, the date of the declaration of war. He went overseas with the first Canadian division among the great engagements in which he participated are Neuve Chapelle, the second battle of Ypres, Festubert, Givenchy, the operations of Messines and the Somme.

Major Edwards was a lieutenant in the Canadian militia regiment, 30th British Columbia Horse, at the outbreak of the war. When the regiment arrived in Flanders it went into the trenches in the Ploegsteert sector, then the Dickebusch sector, followed by service at Hill 63.

When the regiment was reorganized to an infantry battalion, it was transferred to the Ypres salient. Major Edwards, then a captain, was wounded for the first time during the Sanctuary Wood action, being shot in the hip. Upon his return to his regiment it was moved to the Somme. At Regina trench, the gallant officer was wounded for the last time and permanently retired from active service. The price he paid

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ISSUE A STATEMENT

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The social democratic party, says a Berlin dispatch, has adopted a resolution that, in view of the occurrences at Brest-Litovsk and the annexationists' attacks on the people's right of self-determination, it again declares that a lasting peace is only possible if the democratic principle of self-determination is honestly carried out. The party demands that free and absolutely independent expression of will shall be guaranteed to the peoples concerned.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN WOULD TAKE TIMBER

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Chamberlain today introduced a bill to authorize the president to commandeer the standing or fallen timber required for the army, navy or shipping board.

London, Jan. 8.—A Copenhagen dispatch says Foreign Minister Trotter and the Russian peace delegation have arrived at Brest-Litovsk to resume negotiations.

CAMP LEWIS SPY MAY FACE DEATH

His Exceptional Position for Securing Valuable Information May Cause His Execution

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 8.—Military authorities are today awaiting word from Washington, D. C., which will determine the fate of Sergeant Major Helmut Ritter, German spy suspect arrested at this post after highly valuable war papers had disappeared.

That he will face the death penalty is the general belief here of those who know the gravity of his alleged activities. Detailed statements of the exact nature of his offenses are withheld. It is known, however, that he was in a position to obtain possession of incoming communications and detailed military information.

Officers remarked that Ritter had an intimate knowledge of fortifications, army conditions, qualifications of men high in authority and was able to recite detailed information, such as the names of all ships sunk by German submarines prior to July.

Ritter is being held as a federal prisoner at the Pierce county jail in Tacoma.

BRITISH AVIATORS DOWN SIX MACHINES

London, Jan. 8.—The British official communication dealing with aviation, issued last night, says:

"Twelve thousand rounds were fired Sunday from machine guns at hostile troops, transports and other targets and nearly three tons of bombs were dropped on different objectives. Six hostile machines were downed in air fighting, and two others driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

BRITISH CASUALTIES REPORTED AS 114,544

London, Jan. 8.—The war office has issued a summary of the British captures and losses in the war during 1917. The total captures on all fronts numbered 114,544 prisoners and 781 guns. The losses numbered 28,379 prisoners and 166 guns. The items include: Western theater, 73,131 prisoners, 531 guns captured, 27,200 prisoners and 166 guns lost.

Palestine, 17,646 prisoners and 108 guns captured; Mesopotamia, 15,944 prisoners and 124 guns captured. No guns were lost in any theater except the western.

AUSTRALIAN CABINET HAS RESIGNED—NEW ONE FORMS

London, Jan. 8.—According to a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne, the Australian cabinet, headed by William Morris, has resigned, and Frank G. Tudor, labor leader, has been summoned to form a new ministry.

MEDFORD MEN WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL

Medford, Jan. 8.—A corporation has been authorized here at a capitalization of \$250,000, for the purpose of prospecting for oil. Dr. E. B. Pickett is president, A. Evan Reames is secretary and James W. Dunlop treasurer. The board of directors consists of the foregoing, together with Dr. F. C. Page and Jas. W. Dressler. The Jackson County bank has been designated as trustee. The plan that the company is working under is an entirely new departure in any field that is prospecting for oil and has the approval of the corporation commission of this state.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S AMERICAN PEACE TERMS

Fourteen Specific Considerations Are Presented, Based on Idea of World-Wide Democracy and in Accord With Lloyd-George's Recent Speech

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Wilson delivered an address to congress today, including a restatement of the war aims of the allies, in agreement with such war aims as recently stated in London by Premier Lloyd George.

He presented a definite program for world peace, containing 14 specific considerations.

"First, open the covenants of peace without private international understandings.

"Second, absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war, except as they may be closed by international action.

"Third, remove all the economic barriers and establish equality of trade conditions among the nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.

"Fourth, guarantees for reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.

"Fifth, an impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, based upon the principle that peoples concerned have equal weight with the interests of government.

"Sixth, evacuation of all Russian territory and an opportunity for Russia's political development.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS IN PREPARATION

Washington, Jan. 8.—Secretary of War Baker's war review issued today, says: "The expected German offensive in the west, will possibly be the greatest assault ever attempted by them, but the British and French armies may be relied upon to withstand the shock. The delay is probably caused by massing of munitions, guns and troops."

NEGRESS DIES AT ADVANCED AGE OF 123 YEARS

Richmond, Ky., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Fannie Walker, a negress, who was said to have been 123 years old, died here today.

PRESS OF GERMANY IS CAREFULLY CENSORED BY GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Washington, Jan. 8.—Evidences of the care the German government is taking to direct public opinion and to deceive not only its enemies, but its own people, is contained in a series of secret instructions issued to the German press by the censorship which have fallen into the hands of the state department. These instructions cover a period of less than three months of last year, but they tell a complete story of how the Teutonic war lords control public opinion.

Owners of newspapers and publishers generally not only are limited as to the character of the articles printed, but in many cases, are told what they should publish and in what terms. Labor disturbances, food shortage and difficulties in securing and distributing coal are placed under the ban, but newspapers are urged to give prominence to enemy losses and to certain prescribed interpretations of international situations.

A hint of the relentlessness of authorities in punishing infractions is contained in one notice in which attention is called to the fact that the police have again been notified

"Seventh, evacuation of Belgium without any attempt to limit her sovereignty.

"Eighth, all French territory to be freed, restored and reparation for taking Alsace and Lorraine."

"Ninth, readjustment of Italy's frontiers along clearly recognizable lines of nationality.

"Tenth, the greatest opportunity for autonomous development of the peoples of Austria Hungary.

"Eleventh, evacuation of Roumania, Serbia, Montenegro, with access to the sea for Serbia and guaranteed economic, political independence of the Balkan states.

"Twelfth, secure sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman empire, the Dardanelles to be open to all nations and other nationalities under Turkish protection.

"Thirteenth, establishment of an independent Polish state, with access to the sea and political protection.

"Fourteenth, a general association of nations, under specific covenants, for mutual guarantees of political independence to large and small states alike.

The president concluded his speech by saying: "For such covenants we are willing to fight until they are achieved."

RED CROSS BOND IS LARGEST ON RECORD

Washington, Jan. 8.—A fidelity bond for approximately \$4,500,000, said to be the largest ever issued to a benevolent organization, has been arranged between the Red Cross and a surety company, the Red Cross announced Sunday night. The bond covers the treasuries of 3,300 Red Cross chapters in the United States and the surety company has agreed to contribute to the Red Cross the amount of the premiums if the federal anti-rebate law permits. Two other large bonds by the same company have been issued under the same conditions, one for \$1,500,000 and another for \$141,000, for divisional headquarters and European funds, respectively.

JAPAN WATCHES VLADIVOSTOK

In Case of Emergency Full Protection Will Be Given to Allied Subjects in Siberian Seaport

Tokio, Jan. 8.—In view of the growing danger at Vladivostok, Russia, Japan is now prepared for appropriate measures to meet any emergency, it was stated semi-officially today.

At the same time assurances were given that the Japanese army will not be mobilized "rashly."

However, Japan is ready to give full protection to allied subjects at Vladivostok and to escort them from Russia, if necessary. Japan could thus fulfill her obligations to the allies without making any hostile move toward Russia, it was pointed out.

Ever since the German armies entered into negotiations with Russia for separate peace there has been an undercurrent of anxiety at Tokio over the possibility of Germany securing a foothold at Vladivostok, where she could menace Japan.

GOETHALS AT HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION

Washington, Jan. 8.—Reorganization of the war department, begun with the creation last month of the war council of high general officers, advanced a step further today with the appointment by Secretary Baker of Major-General George W. Goethals, acting quartermaster-general to serve also as director of war department transportation and storage.

REPLY TO PREMIER'S SPEECH IS EXPECTED

London, Jan. 8.—A reply from the central powers is awaited to Lloyd-George's speech, and it is believed they cannot decline to state their terms.

INLAND EMPIRE MAY GET GOVERNMENT AID

Portland, Jan. 8.—A telegram from Washington states that Edward Chambers, assistant director general of railroads, told Senator Chamberlain that consideration will be given a request from Burns citizens, that government aid be given in building the proposed road from Burns to connect with the Oregon and Washington R. & N. company's line at Crane. Plans and estimates have been asked for, which is regarded as indicating that the government may extend roads.

SHIPBUILDING PRESIDENT SAYS WORK NOT SPEEDED

Washington, Jan. 8.—Holmes L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding company, told the senate investigation committee today that the purpose of the government in commandeering ship construction was to expedite the work, but that it has failed to speed it up at all.

CITY MANAGER PLAN IS CLAIMED AS BEST

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 8.—The managerial form of city government is recommended for Aberdeen in a public statement made by Mayor Roy Sargent, who after eight months as mayor says he is convinced that the manager plan will result in economy. He recommends a charter that will provide for six councilmen to be elected from the city at large, and these six to pick a manager at a good salary. The plan has been endorsed by W. Parks, E. B. Benn and J. M. Phillips, the three preceding mayors.

MOBILIZING WORKERS FOR NECESSITIES

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE PREPARING TO ORGANIZE LABOR FOR ECONOMIC WORK

TREMENDOUS EXPANSION NEEDED

Agriculture, Shipbuilding and War Contract Plants to Be Speeded Up Immediately

Washington, Jan. 8.—Mobilization of three million workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contract plants, was entrusted today to the United States employment service by the department of labor.

John B. Denmore, of Montana, solicitor for the department of labor, will be national director of the employment service by appointment of Secretary Wilson. He will have as his assistant Robert Watson, of Massachusetts, and Charles T. Clayton of Maryland. Samuel J. Gompers, son of the labor leader, will succeed Mr. Watson as the department's chief clerk.

Tremendous expansion of the service is in progress in preparation for recruiting men necessary to carry on the economic work in support of the military forces in the war. Solution of the labor shortage problem by this means is confidently proposed by the department and the co-operating labor organizations in answer to suggestions that conscription of labor is necessary.

One early result is expected to be the placing of 400,000 mechanics in shipbuilding plants to aid in hurrying to completion the merchant marine program.

MOTOR TRUCK MAIL ROUTES CONSIDERED

Washington, Jan. 8.—Deliveries over parcel posts aggregating between three and four thousand miles by motor truck within the next three months, is the aim announced by Postmaster General Burleson.

One chain of motor truck routes will link up Portland, Me., with New Orleans and another will cover a large stretch of territory in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and West Virginia. Routes to be established on the Pacific coast will pass through Stockton and Fruitdale, between San Francisco and Sacramento, Cal., a distance of 125 miles and through Ontario and Pomona, between Redlands and Los Angeles, a distance of 76 miles.

It is the belief of the post office department that the operation of these routes and others to be established will materially aid in the distribution and in lowering the cost of food products.

ALIEN ENEMY MAYOR AT MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 8.—While Mayor Kruger was outside attending to his horse, which he had left standing in a snowstorm, Fred C. Miller, alien enemy mayor-elect, calmly entered the city hall and took possession of the mayor's office at noon today.

Miller immediately announced the appointment of August Funk, likewise alien enemy, as chief of police, and appointed Edward Hanley, city comptroller. No other appointments have been announced.

London, Jan. 8.—An official report received today from Aden, a British port on the southern coast of Arabia, says the British destroyed the defenses of Hatum on Saturday.