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ALL MEETINGS ARE PROHIBITED BY THE MAYOR

HEALTH OFFICERS, AFTER INVESTIGATION, TAKE STEPS TO CHECK SPANISH "FLU"

ALL COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED

Order in Effect This Evening at 6. Kerby, Gold Hill and Rogue River in Clutches of Disease

Mayor C. H. Demaray has a proclamation in this issue of the Courier, which forbids public gatherings of every nature in the city of Grants Pass, until further notice. The last picture show was given last night. The order also applies to churches, consequently there will be no services next Sunday.

While the health officers and other physicians state that to the best of their knowledge there are as yet no cases of Spanish influenza here, the disease has made its appearance all around the city, therefore, they deem the step necessary for the protection of public health. There are a few cases of illness here that may yet develop into the dread disease.

Twelve cases are reported at Kerby and public meetings in that place have been banned. This morning three cases were reported at Gold Hill, and two at Rogue River. Dr. Nibley attended to the patients at Rogue River last evening and he reports that the disease is very severe and dangerous. The patient's throat swells and respiration becomes difficult.

By the mayor's order this will be the last day of school until further notice, and parents are warned to keep their children at home.

The local physicians advise everyone to take plenty of exercise and to get all the air and sunshine possible.

COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED

Alice M. Bacon, county school superintendent, today received notice that by order of the state board of health, all schools in Josephine county will be closed after today, because of the threatened epidemic of influenza.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS AND TAKE 8000 HUNS

Paris, Oct. 15.—The French have made an advance toward the important town of Rehel and captured Nanteuil-Sur-Aisne, two and a half miles to the west.

In the Argonne the French reached the Aisne west of Grand Pre and captured the villages of Oliny and Termes. Nearly 8000 prisoners were taken.

CHEMIST HAS CURE FOR SPANISH INFLUENZA

Pittsburg, Oct. 15.—In response to hundreds of telegrams from medical men throughout the country, Dr. George F. Baer, of the Homeopathic hospital staff, this afternoon made public the formula of his discovery, announced recently, of a cure and preventative for Spanish influenza. The treatment, he said, is a hypodermic injection of a sterile solution representing 1.54 grams of iodine in chemical combination with creosote and guaiacol.

In experiments conducted here since the outbreak of influenza, Dr. Baer said, patients in acute stages of the disease have been made well in a few days, while in one case the employs of a bank were inoculated with the solution and, although exposed to influenza, failed to contract the disease.

TURKEY INVITES U.S. TO MAKE PEACE

"Accepts Wilson's 14 Points as Basis for Negotiations"—Wants a General Armistice

Washington, Oct. 15.—Turkey today brought the president to take upon himself the task of re-establishing peace; accepting Wilson's 14 terms as a basis for negotiations, and requested an immediate general armistice.

The note, following closely the line of the German and Austrian peace notes, was delivered by the Spanish ambassador, who received it yesterday.

It read: "The undersigned charge d'affaires of Turkey has the honor, acting upon instructions, from this government, to request the royal government to inform the secretary of state of the United States of America by telegraph that the imperial government request the president of the United States of America to take upon himself the task of re-establishment of peace; to notify all belligerent states of this demand and to invite them to delegate plenipotentiaries to initiate negotiations.

"It (the imperial government) accepts as a basis for the negotiations the program laid down by the president of the United States in his message to congress January 8th, 1918, and in his subsequent declaration, especially the speech of September 27.

"In order to put an end to the shedding of blood, the imperial Ottoman government requests that steps be taken for the immediate conclusion of a general armistice on land, on sea and in the air."

The September 27 speech referred to above was the president's talk in New York, declaring for impartial justice to all, whether friends or enemies.

MILLIONAIRE SLACKER TOURS TO EVADE DRAFT

The officers last evening arrested as a slacker H. Block, a well known and prominent young man of Omaha, Nebraska, says the Roseburg Review. When taken, the young man, with his wife, child and mother-in-law had just arrived from California in a large Paige touring car, and had stopped before the Umpqua hotel, where they registered. The sheriff asked to see the registration card of the young man, who was not able to produce it, so he was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

Block is 26 years of age and failed to register at his home in Omaha. Since then he has been touring most of the time and had succeeded in eluding the authorities until now. He carried a Washington state license on his car and registered from Seattle, but it was learned that his home is in Omaha, where his people are wealthy and influential residents of that city. He says that he did not want to fight and would not register and that he wouldn't go to war or fight. He will be detained in the county jail here until authorities arrive from Portland to take him to that city for hearing before the federal grand jury. His wife and little child, with the former's mother, expect to remain in this city until he leaves for Portland.

GERMANS TO RENEW SUBMARINE WARFARE

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—There are good reasons to believe that the German submarine warfare will reach a climax during the winter according to the German newspapers, which say they will produce an economic crisis of unanticipated dimensions in the entente countries.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Secretary Daniels has called on the shipbuilders to speed up the output of destroyers to meet the menace of the greater submarine effort Germany is known to be planning.

FLANDERS FRONT SCENE OF WILDEST CONFUSION

Germans Endeavor to Check Allies Until Belgian Coast Can be Evacuated—Huns Lose 10,000 Prisoners in Spite of Heavy Rains—British Reply to Turks

London, Oct. 15.—On the Flanders front the allies have now captured over 10,000 prisoners, 100 guns, and have advanced six to seven miles inside the German positions. A heavy rain is falling, and its continuation will undoubtedly slow up the battle. England's reply to Turkey will be a demand for unconditional surrender, according to the Evening News.

London, Oct. 15.—Several of Germany's largest torpedo boats recently left Zeebrugge during a stormy night, filled to capacity with soldiers and proceeded to Germany, according to Dutch frontier messages. The Germans are also reported to be evacuating Ostend.

London, Oct. 15.—The Belgians are on the outskirts of Menin and within two miles of Courtrai. The enemy resistance is reported to be broken in Flanders. There are indications that the enemy is withdrawing the balance of his material from the coast.

The German coast batteries are not firing, and the Germans have begun to blow up their material and to apply the torch to all towns.

Paris, Oct. 15.—In Flanders, and from the Oise to the Meuse, the allies continue their vigorous blows for important gains. As the French press on in the Laon-Aisne region, the Americans are operating west of the Meuse with success.

The German resistance in Flanders is made apparently only with the intention to delay the allies until the evacuation of Belgium can be completed.

The allies took 8,000 prisoners yesterday in Flanders.

At the request of the city and county health officers, on account of a threatened epidemic of Spanish influenza, all public meetings and gatherings, both inside and out of doors, are hereby prohibited after the publication of this notice in the Rogue River Courier, Tuesday, October 15, 1918, at 6 p. m., until further notice.

No schools in the city are to convene after today, until further notice. Parents are hereby warned to keep their children at home and not allow them upon the streets.

C. H. DEMARAY, Mayor.

PROCLAMATION

DUCHESS TO REPRESENT THE WORKING CLASS

London, Oct. 15.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, has been elected a member of the London county council to represent West Southwark, a working class district.

CHARLES SCHWAB RAISES MILLION DOLLARS A MINUTE

New York, Oct. 15.—Within six minutes \$6,000,000 in Liberty bonds were subscribed here today to fund six \$1,000,000 ships for the Emergency Fleet corporation, in response to an appeal by Charles M. Schwab, the corporation's director general, at a luncheon in honor of foreign diplomats and representatives of the government.

The enthusiasm in the pledging was so great that there was no cessation in the bidding after the amount called for had been raised and \$38,000,000 had been subscribed within 38 minutes.

Within the first hour \$50,000,000 had been subscribed with the pledging still going on. As each million of the first \$22,000,000 was subscribed, a miniature ship was launched by a mechanical device. Commenting on the Teutonic peace proposals, Mr. Schwab said: "It is not my purpose even to presume to comment on the message of our illustrious president, but I do not mind saying that I would like to give the Germans one damn good kick to remember this war by."

America had launched 3,000,000 gross tons of shipping during the last year, Mr. Schwab said, and 2,000,000 of this was in commission. Ships and more ships were needed, he said, and this required money and more money.

SECOND AMERICAN ARMY IN ACTION

Tanks Brought Into Action to Shatter Enemy Wire Entanglements. Yaak Gunners Show "Class"

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 15.—Units of the Second American army which began operations October 12 under command of Major General Robert L. Bullard, today repulsed a German raid. Tanks were brought into action today by the Americans to break through the enemy wire entanglements west of Romagne.

Despite the German resistance the Americans progressed satisfactorily. The Yankee gunners are doing much to break down the German artillery resistance.

CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	94
Missing in action	98
Wounded severely	369
Died of wounds	49
Died of accident	8
Died of disease	68
Wounded, degree undetermined	272
Wounded slightly	27

Total 995
Died of accident—John W. Stevenson, Baker, Ore.
Slightly wounded—Wesley H. Allison, Prineville, Ore.

M. E. ROOT INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

M. E. Root, the well known fruit man of Medford who is the representative of Denny & Company, was injured in an auto accident at Roseburg Sunday evening, a telegram to that effect having been received by Mrs. Root last night, says the Medford Tribune. She left for Roseburg Monday morning to be at her husband's bedside.

It is not known here how serious are Mr. Root's injuries, nor are the details of the accident known. The telegram merely stated that Mr. Root while driving his automobile, presumably between 6 and 7 p. m., was run into by another car, and that he was thrown out and the other car had passed over him. It was also stated that he suffered no external injuries and that his injuries are internal. He was not taken to a hospital after the accident but was attended by physicians at his hotel. Mr. Root left here Sunday morning in his car for Roseburg.

PORTUGUESE ARE IN A STATE OF GREAT UNREST

London, Oct. 15.—The Portuguese government has declared a state of siege for all Portuguese territory. The president has taken direct command of the forces, although tranquility prevails in the country.

ITALIANS AND SERBS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE

Washington, Oct. 15.—The capture of the Albanian port of Durazzo by the Italian and British naval forces is reported officially from Rome. The city has been occupied and many prisoners and much war material taken. The Italians are driving the enemy from Albania, and in advancing have occupied several important points.

London, Oct. 15.—The Serbians, in advancing north of Nish, captured on a large front all the heights dominating both banks of the Morava river.

HINDENBURG WAS MAN WHO WANTED PEACE

WASHINGTON HEARS IT IS THE GREAT HUN GENERAL WHO WOULD STOP FIGHTING

MAY BE GERMAN PROPAGANDA

Statement Says Revolution Feared if Boche Continued on Defensive—Want Peace at Any Price

Washington, Oct. 15.—It was Field Marshal von Hindenburg himself, and not the supposedly pacifist Premier Maximilian, who caused Germany to accept Pres. Wilson's terms and seek an armistice, according to advices reaching Washington through official sources by way of neutral countries.

According to this version, Hindenburg, realizing the desperate condition of the German army and knowing that no raw material was available to replenish the war materials exhausted, insisted upon an armistice. Maximilian resisted strongly, revealing himself an autocrat. The same source says a debacle would soon be impending if the German defensive continued, as it is believed a revolution has been brewing. The German people are determined to have peace at any price.

C. & O. C. RY. OFFICIAL VISITS THE CITY TODAY

R. B. Miller, of Portland, vice-president of the California & Oregon Coast Railway, is in the city today on business and will leave tomorrow for San Francisco. Mr. Miller has just returned from New York and other eastern points. In regard to the war, he states that it is the opinion of New York capitalists that the war will end not later than one year from today, and some of them think that 30 days more will witness the close of hostilities.

"There is much activity in Washington," says Mr. Miller, "where great preparations for the continued prosecution of the war are under way. A few people are making a lot of money, but it is my opinion that the majority of the people are not as well off as they were before the war. There is a great demand for hotel accommodations, and it is with some difficulty that rooms are obtained."

Asked as to the chrome situation, Mr. Miller said that while the government will continue to use immense quantities of the ore, the outlook does not appear the brightest for home producers, because of the importations of the metal. He stated that one firm in New York had at the present time 30,000 tons of chrome ore on hand.

Asked as to developments in the way of railway construction, and railway matters in general, Mr. Miller stated that there was nothing new to announce at the present time.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT IS SUNK AT HER PIER

Hoboken, Oct. 15.—The American transport "America" sank at a pier this morning. The vessel was loaded with troops, but they, with the crew, are believed to have escaped, some without their clothes. There is no indication as to the cause of the sinking. The ship will be raised immediately.