

Rogue River Courier

DAILY EDITION

University of Ore. Library

VOL. IX, No. 71

GRANTS PASS, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1918.

WHOLE NUMBER 2542

BANK ROBBER DAVIS CAUGHT SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND YOUTH IS TAKEN
WHILE ENTERING NEWLY
PURCHASED CAR

HAD \$3000 IN CASH AND BONDS

Capture Made By Mrs. Lola Baldwin,
Portland Police Woman, Now
Engaged in War Work

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Hailed by Mrs. Lola Baldwin, Portland, Ore., policewoman, just as he was just about to step into his limousine, Arthur C. Davis, Portland bank robber, who left with about \$20,000 in cash and liberty bonds stolen from an Eastside bank three weeks ago, was arrested. Davis had over \$2,000 on his person when taken in custody.

Mrs. Baldwin has been in San Francisco for the past month doing war work and recognized Davis from descriptions furnished her. A reward of \$500 is posted for the capture of Davis.

NEGRO DIVISION BACKS UP OCCUPATION ARMY

Washington, Dec. 17.—The 22d division (National army negroes) previously assigned by General Pershing for early convoy home, is to be kept in Europe, the war department announced today.

The change in plans is believed to be due to the selection of this division as a reserve unit to reinforce the army of occupation.

FARM RECORD BOOKS NOW
READY FOR DELIVERY

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 17.—Farm record books for 3000 of the 10,000 Oregon farmers expected by the Oregon bankers to keep farm records next year are now off the press and ready for distribution through the county agents. The record book was resigned by its author, R. Y. Gunn, farm management demonstrator at the college, to meet Oregon farm conditions.

ALL THOSE DOWN AND OUT NOT HOBOS -- THANKS POLICE FOR THEIR KINDNESS

An evidence that is is not always an act of justice for officers of the law to grab every transient who looks like he might be first cousin to a hobo—and especially boys—and put them in the strong box for safe keeping, is evidenced by the following letter from Portland, received by Chief of Police McLane of this city:

"This is to inform you that John arrived yesterday morning and to state that we were greatly surprised at John's condition, not knowing anything of his 'hobo' acquirements and never thought that he would attempt such exploits. But boys will be boys and we may look for many things to happen.

"His foster mother and aunt, also my wife and another aunt, with me to express their deep appreciation to you for your kindness to him—also please express to the doctor—John does not seem to remember his name—our appreciation.

"From what John tells us, it seems that you Grants Pass people have 'the milk of human kindness' wonderfully developed, and would state that while he is quite lame he seems to be improving. He

NO PEACE PARLEY UNTIL AFTER 1ST

President Wilson Will Spend Intervening Time In Becoming Acquainted

Paris, Dec. 17.—After conferences today President Wilson understands fully why the peace conference cannot get under way before the first of the year. Getting the American and other missions settled in offices is a tremendous job. The president will spend a part of the intervening time in getting acquainted with the men with whom he is to deal, as he believes there are plain things to be said, and antagonism to be avoided.

YOUNG TURK OFFICIALS
POST ARMED GUARDS

Athens, Dec. 17.—The situation in Smyrna is becoming critical. The young Turk officials have posted armed bands in the towns and these have been bombarded by allied fleets.

GOVERNMENT WANTS EX-KAISER EXPOSED

London, Dec. 17.—Premier Ebert declared today in an interview at Berlin that he did not know of any legal method by which William Hohenzollern's surrender could be forced. He said the present government wants the ex-kaiser exposed.

BIG STOCK FOR MASK
BALL DISGUISES UNEARTHED

London, Dec. 17.—An inventory of former Emperor William's private belongings has led to the discovery of the famous imperial wardrobe, including 598 German and foreign military and naval uniforms, according to the Boersen Zeitung of Berlin. Several thousand horses in stables formerly belonging to Herr Hohenzollern have been confiscated.

GEN. VON MACKENSEN INTERNED IN ROUMANIA

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—General Von Mackensen, commander of the German forces in Roumania, has been interned by the Hungarian government at the request of the allies, it is reported.

BERLIN BOYS AND GIRLS PARADE DEMANDING VOTE

Demand That Corporal Punishment Be Abolished and That Premier Ebert Be Removed—Juvenile Strike Threatened

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The central congress of delegates of soldiers and workmen's councils from many parts of Germany is opened today. There are three women among the 450 delegates.

During the organization of the congress it became evident that the independent socialists and the Spartacus group were greatly outnumbered.

None of the important posts in the congress were given to the delegates from Berlin. The Spartacus group made a futile attempt to intimidate the congress. Liebknecht entered and made a speech from a

window. A contest is expected when the question of summoning the national assembly comes up.

Several hundred boys and girls paraded the streets to the reichstag buildings, carrying red flags, and demanded votes for persons 18 years of age, abolition of corporal punishment in schools and participation by children in school administration.

The youthful orators demanded the removal of Premier Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann, and threatened a juvenile strike throughout Germany if their demands were not immediately accepted.

WIRES FLASHED QUICK REPORT WAR WAS ON

London, Nov. 30.—(Special correspondence.)—It required only six minutes to inform the British that England was at war on the night of August 4, 1914, says Lord Harcourt, who was then colonial secretary.

"On that unforgettable night," he said to the Empire Parliamentary Association, "I was in the cabinet room, Downing street, with a few colleagues; our thoughts on one subject only; but there was a feeble effort to direct our conversation to other matters. We were waiting for a reply, which we knew full well would never come, to our ultimatum to Berlin.

"When Big Ben struck 11:30—midnight in Berlin—we left the room knowing that the British Empire was at war.

"I crossed to the colonial office to send a war telegram to the whole of the British Empire. I asked the official in charge of that duty how long it would take. He said 'about six minutes.'

"I asked him to return to my room when he had done his work. In seven minutes he was back and before morning I received an acknowledgment of my telegram from every single colonial protectorate, and even Islet, in the Pacific.

"So the grim machinery of war began revolving in perfect order and with perfect preparation because, more than two years previously, an individual warbook had been prepared by the colonial committee of defense for every single protectorate and island. It was at that moment locked in the safes of each governor or commissioner and they knew at once what to do."

DISSOLVE ALL DRAFT BOARDS ON JANUARY 1

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 17.—Local and district draft boards will be dissolved at the end of the present month, Secretary Baker said in an address today at the governors' conference here. After that time, however, they will maintain an informal organization to assist employment bureaus in placing returning soldiers in industry.

FINLAND FREED OF HUNS

Washington, Dec. 17.—The last German troops leave Finland today under the command of officers of high rank, according to an official dispatch from Stockholm.

GERMANY HAD 25 MEXICAN STATIONS

Marconi Vice President Claims Wireless Stations Were Under Control of the Enemy

Washington, Dec. 17.—Over 25 wireless stations in Mexico were under German control during the war, Edward Nally, vice president of the Marconi Wireless company of America, told the house merchant marine committee today while testifying in opposition to a bill proposing government monopoly of radio stations in the United States.

ADMIRAL CASTRO ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Dec. 17.—Admiral Cantoy Castro has been elected president of Portugal, taking the place of Dr. Sidino Paes, assassinated on Saturday night.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS FIRED ON BY HUNS

Zurich, Dec. 17.—German soldiers at Cracow are reported to have fired upon Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven. The incident occurred since the signing of the armistice with the allies, it is reported.

ABE RUEF LOCATES ON
RANCH NEAR KLAMATH

Klamath Falls, Ore., Dec. 17.—Abe Ruef, of California, well known to the public, arrived in Klamath Falls a few days ago to see for the first time, his large ranch, purchased by him several months ago in the Swan Lake country, 14 miles from this city. The property consists of 300 acres and is one of the best and best ranches in the district and is devoted to stock raising.

ENGLISH BOMBARDING BOLSHEVIK POSITIONS

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—The English squadron bombarded the Bolsheviki positions along the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, it is reported here today.

BELIEVES SIBERIA WILL BE SCENE OF WORLD'S NEXT GREAT DEVELOPMENT

Where is the next 'Land of Promise,' the next Klondyke, the next El Dorado? Is the question that is on many a tongue.

With the changing of the world's geography, the shifting of nations, all of which will precede the quick-following reconstruction period, many men with venturesome spirits—men who will brave many dangers and who are not deterred by distance—are casting their eyes about for the next land of opportunity.

While the Balkan states, whose natural wealth is said to be yet hardly touched, despite the oldness of that country, is receiving some consideration, Siberia seems to be the cynosure of all eyes. It is a country twice as large as the United States and as yet undeveloped. Its natural resources are many, while the recent announcement that much gold is being discovered there has given many an American the fever to explore its vast domains. A few local men are interested in Siberia and the Balkans, and one of these men, E. W. Allen, in response to an inquiry, has just received the following letter from the Seattle chamber of commerce:

CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP TEAMS BUSY

REPORTS ENCOURAGING, ALTHOUGH SOME COMMITTEES MEET REBUFFS

FIFTEEN IN ONE CROWD REFUSE

City Workers Will Assist Outlying Districts Tomorrow in the Solicitation Work

Workers, team captains and the executive committee of the Red Cross Christmas membership drive were all busy yesterday. The reports which come in continue in the main to be favorable, although some teams have met with a slowness in responding to the call of this highly serviceable institution.

One man solicited yesterday gave the response that his wife attended to such things. This morning, however, that moral executive commonly known as conscience, had been working over night, and this same man came to headquarters and confessed that he really had no wife, and handed over his dollar.

In one business institution in this city two solicitors, after receiving the subscription of the proprietor, went into the back room where some 15 men were playing cards. After receiving several more or less discourteous replies the committee left the place without securing a single subscription. These men will of course be visited by a more husky committee.

The out country work is slow on account of much sickness, but the drive will be thoroughly made. Some town workers will go out tomorrow to assist several of the outlying districts.

Remember, the solicitors are for your convenience. If you do not see any of them, bring your subscription to headquarters immediately, as it is hoped to close up the campaign early with the usual 100 per cent record.

TOO MANY HOGS ARRIVING
AT CHICAGO STOCK YARDS

Chicago, Dec. 17.—An embargo was placed today on fresh loadings of hogs for this city. The congested condition of the stock yards was given as the reason.

(Continued on page 2.)