

WHERE'S YOUR BUTTON IS THE REAL QUESTION

MEMBERSHIP'S NOW CLOSE TO THE 1500 MARK WITH MANY SECTIONS TO HEAR FROM

CHECKING UP OF TEAMS TODAY

Wear a Button or Wear a Dollar If You Appear on the Streets of the City Tomorrow

Where's YOUR button? is the way this is to be read now. It is getting to that point in the Red Cross Membership campaign where a person is exceedingly noticeable if he fails to display the modest little Red Cross button which represents so much in ministering to humanity that the average mind can scarcely comprehend its scope.

The number of subscriptions for Josephine county hovers close to the 1,500 mark with incomplete reports from many and no reports from some of the outlying districts. The money is immaterial in this case, as it is memberships for which the drive is made. The highest percentage of membership is the aim in the campaign.

A complete check-up of the city teams is being made today to know that no street or individual has been missed, and for checking up on the names of those who have refused to respond. Quite a number who at first refused have reconsidered and have paid their membership.

Remember about the terms in the down town district Saturday: If you are a member, wear your pin. If you are not, wear a dollar.

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WILSON CONFERS WITH ITALIAN STATESMEN

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Wilson today had a conference with Italian statesmen. The president frankly said he did not know what Italy should receive, but he intended to support any action that would be just.

Pres. Wilson then conferred with Captain Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, with whom he discussed relief work and economic questions.

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PRESIDENT WILSON IN LONDON THURSDAY

London, Dec. 20.—It is definitely announced that President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson will arrive in London on Thursday and will be the guests of King George at Buckingham palace.

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AMERICAN AVIATOR IS KILLED IN HUN CAMP

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—The killing of Lieut. Coeheny, an American aviator, in the German prison camp at Stralsund, December 5, is reported by three British officers who have arrived here. The American lieutenant, the officers say, went outside the barbed wire for a moment and the German guards fired three times at him. Lieut. Coeheny was killed by a bullet through the chest. A British officer was seriously wounded by the shots.

The guards refused to allow Coeheny's comrades to remove the body.

GERMANY FAILS TO HEED ADVICE

Again Sends Note to United States, Asking Modification of the Armistice Terms

Washington, Dec. 20.—Despite Secretary Lansing's admonition Germany sent another appeal to the United States for modification of the armistice terms and for food. The state department announced the receipt of the note but explained that it would not be made public as it did not differ from previous notes and was not addressed to all governments associated with the United States, as Germany had been warned to do.

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REFUSAL OF NAVY BEGINNING OF BREAK

Amsterdam, Nov. 30. (By Mail).—The attempt of the officers of the German high sea fleet to make a suicidal sortie against the British Grand Fleet before the armistice was signed is characterized by the Berlin Vorwaerts as "the last devilish crime against the German people that sealed the doom of the Pan-Germans." Refusal of the sailors to go out and fight is regarded as the first step toward the German revolution. This mutiny is described by the Vorwaerts as "an act of self-defense by 80,000 men against the villainous Pan-German plan."

"To understand the position," continues the newspaper, "it is necessary to go back to the feverish propaganda by the Pan-Germans at the end of October for a so-called national fight of despair. To save their necks they conceived the idea of baiting the people into a forlorn hope which could only end in complete extermination. The death of the doomed 80,000 did not concern these maniacs in whose reckonings human blood never counted. Their notion of military honor was that the whole people should suffer themselves to be butchered rather than undergo the shame of defeat."

"With their minds steeped in the worship of might they had no inkling of the revolutionary currents among the men. They still imagined that iron discipline was paramount. Their fiendish plan was to send out the ships to be sacrificed to the last ship. The news spread like wildfire."

"At the last stage of the war we all to be killed?" they asked.

"The officers harrangued, cajoled, in vain. Three times the order was given. It was a difficult position for men with no backing but their feeling of solidarity. The choice between freedom and imprisonment was not difficult. It was the irony of fate that the Pan-Germans, with what was to be their last desperate blow, should themselves have started the conflagration. It was their last devilish crime against the German people that sealed their doom."

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McADOO SAYS FREIGHT RATES COULD BE REDUCED

Washington, Dec. 20.—Director General McAdoo said today that with an assurance of five years of government control of the railroads, existing freight and passenger rates could be materially reduced within the next calendar year without any reduction of the existing railroad scale.

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"PEOPLE'S LEAGUE" IS BERLIN ORGANIZATION

London, Dec. 20.—A "People's League" has been organized in Berlin, according to a Copenhagen dispatch. The league's committee includes Prince Maximilian, Hugo Haase, Count von Bernstorff and Mathias Erzberger.

HINDENBURG IS FORMING LINE 6 MILES FROM ALLIES

Notifies Berlin Government and Is Asked for Explanation. Is Believed That War Lords Are Behind Counter Revolutionary Movement

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a Zurich dispatch. The government has asked von Hindenburg for an explanation. No reply has yet been received. It is reported that two regiments of the active army will be placed on a line between Bret and Frankfurt.

An apparently authentic report affirms that Major General Scheuch, Prussian war minister, von Hindenburg and General Lequis, who commands the active troops in Berlin, are behind a counter revolutionary movement. The correspondent declares the existing government is manifestly incapable of preventing the realization of their scheme.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—All leading

officials of the German foreign office are on a strike as a result of the government's acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Solf as foreign minister.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A score of soldiers, claiming to represent the whole of the troops now in Berlin, including the troops just returned from the front, tried to stampede the second day's session of the Arbeiter Soldatenrat (Workmen's and Soldiers' council).

They really represented the former Berlin garrison, which took part in the revolution locally, but how far they represented the newly returned troops is only ascertainable by results. Unless the newly returned troops have undergone a complete conversion within the past few days there is little likelihood that they will support the demands of the would-be stampedees.

COUNT VON BERNSTORFF VISITED HEARST OFTEN

Washington, Dec. 20.—Assistant Attorney General Becker of New York testifying before the senate committee, read deposition by several chauffeurs and bell men and a doorman at the Hearst apartment in New York, telling of visits there by Count von Bernstorff and Bolo Pasha in 1916. He told the committee that the purpose of the investigation by the New York state officials was to ascertain whether there was someone else connecting Bolo and Bernstorff prior to Bolo's coming to the United States. He believed there was such an intermediary because Bernstorff, he believed, would be unwilling to pay large sums to a man he had known so little.

"The theory was involved that Hearst was the man?" asked Senator Wolcott.

"Yes, but I do not believe that that has been established," Mr. Becker replied.

"I do not believe that the affidavits you have given the committee establish a connection between Mr. Hearst and Bolo prior to his coming to the United States," Senator Wolcott said.

"The committee was told that there was no evidence except certain depositions, the worth of which the witness did not pass upon to show that any of the persons with whom Bolo came in contact in the United States had knowledge of his relations with the German government, except Adolph Pavenstadt, head of the Amisnack & Company, New York bankers, who participated in the transfer of the funds from Germany to Bolo's credit in the United States."

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RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF R. O. T. C. AT O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 20.—Re-establishment of the R. O. T. C. at the college has been authorized by a war department telegram. It is expected that Col. Alfred C. Sharpe will be returned as commandant. The R. O. T. C. was first established at the college at the beginning of 1917, but was replaced the first of October by the S. A. T. C. News of the re-establishment of the corps was received with enthusiasm by the members of the S. A. T. C. who expect to return next term. This organization was popular from its beginning.

ALASKA TRACK LAYING IN SEMI-DARKNESS

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 1.—(By mail).—Alaska's semi-winter darkness is not stopping track-laying on the railroad the United States government is laying between Seward and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Two gangs of men are working nearly every day on the road, despite the short daylight and the winter weather. To keep the snow off the grade where the rails are to be laid a road grader is employed ahead of the track-laying machine on the coast end of the road.

One of the 164 miles lie between the end of steel on the coast end of the road being built north from Seward and Anchorage and the end of the steel on the interior end being laid south from Fairbanks.

On the interior the steel is laid to a point 86 miles south of Fairbanks. On the coast end the tracks cover 106 miles north of Anchorage.

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TROOPS LEAVE COUNTRY WITHOUT PROTECTION

Washington, Dec. 20.—An appeal for protection from the Bolsheviks was received by the state department today from the Lettish government through the American legation at Stockholm. Lettish representatives reported that German troops are not remaining to maintain order, as the armistice terms permitted, but are leaving the country at the mercy of the Bolsheviks.

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46 ALLEGED I. W. W. ON TRIAL AT SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, Dec. 20.—P. M. Johnson, a farmer residing near Fresno, testified today at a trial of 46 persons for alleged I. W. W. wartime conspiracy, two barns with 30 tons of hay and much farm equipment was burned on his farm two days after a wage controversy last September with H. A. Latour, Caesar Tahib and Elmer Anderson, defendants.

MILLIONS ADVANCED FUTURE DELIVERIES

Hog Island Ship Yards Management Advanced Huge Sums on Pre-paid Purchases

Washington, Dec. 20.—The report of the department of justice on the government's Hog Island shipbuilding project says that a searching investigation discloses no criminal liability, but recommends the appointment of a board of arbitration to determine what part, if any, of the sixty-three million dollars expended on the plant, was in excess of reasonable necessity.

The report says bills to the extent of over ten million dollars were pre-paid but no effort was made to prove whether the material paid for was received.

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GERMAN PROPAGANDA STILL ACTIVE IN U. S.

Washington, Dec. 20.—German propaganda still is at work in the United States, the state department was informed today in a dispatch from The Hague. A Professor Brinckmann, who directed propaganda in this country from The Hague during the war, was said to be in charge of the present operations.

Officials here assumed that the information was sent from The Hague to explain the spreading or reports that the United States and the allies are not in agreement over certain issues to be dealt with at the peace conference.

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FAMOUS UMPIRE IS A VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

Boston, Dec. 20.—Francis "Silk" O'Laughlin, famous American league umpire, died here today of influenza.

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RACE PREJUDICE CAUSE OF FUTURE WAR, BELIEF

Tokio, Nov. 30.—(Special correspondence).—Belief that the next war will be the outcome of race prejudices is expressed by Yukio Ozaki, formerly minister of justice and a leading member of the Constitutional Party. Mr. Ozaki said that in his opinion, the colored races which steadily were developing their civilization would demand finally the same treatment as the white races, and that the result would be armed collision.

Mr. Ozaki recommended that at the peace conference, Japan acting on behalf of all the Asiatic races should introduce the racial and population questions for consideration, and if possible, secure a solution.

In a country like Japan where the population is increasing with alarming rapidity, he said it was but natural that the surplus population should try to obtain an outlet even by resorting to arms. From Japan's standpoint, said Mr. Ozaki, the racial or population questions were more important than President Wilson's "fourteen points" as laid down for a basis of Germany's surrender. These racial questions, he said, concerned the future of millions of souls in Asia.

Mr. Ozaki warned the Japanese not to develop the German system of state organization which in the present war had proved to be a mere machine for destroying civilization and for trampling under foot the rights of other nations and peoples.

On the question of Japan's occupation of the German South Sea Islands, Mr. Ozaki declared that the United States should dismantle her forts in the Philippines and Hawaii, and that this would be more important for Japan than taking over of the South Sea Islands.

PEACE PLANS TAKING SHAPE VERY SLOWLY

FRENCH PEOPLE IMPATIENT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DETAILS OF CONFERENCE

AMERICANS IN CONFERENCE

French Curious to Know Who is to Represent Them and Attitude of Government

Paris, Dec. 20.—Definite plans for the peace conference are now shaping as rapidly as some of the American commissioners expected. Meanwhile President Wilson is taking advantage of the opportunity to assess public opinion in France and incidentally in Great Britain. His advisors say that he is entirely satisfied that these people are largely in accord with the principles he has announced as necessary to a durable peace.

The members of the American mission are employing their time before the peace delegates from the various countries actually assemble in a series of informal conferences which eventually will include a representative of each of the entente belligerents.

Neutral states will not come into these discussions.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Questions bearing directly or indirectly upon the policy of the French government at the peace table are stirring up the chamber of deputies, and also the press. While the popularity of Premier Clemenceau with the majority of the parliamentarians is still at its height, there is much eagerness and some evident impatience for full information from him concerning important matters that confront the nations, and on which he has not yet spoken.

The French are particularly curious to learn who is to represent them at the peace conference and what the attitude of the government is to be in respect to the practical application of President Wilson's peace program.

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VAST SUM SAVED BY ENDING HOSTILITIES

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative Sherry, chairman of the house appropriations committee, announced today that more than \$18,000,000,000 of cash appropriation and contract authorization voted for war purposes, will be expended.

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DEMOBILIZATION OF SOLDIERS SPEEDING

Washington, Dec. 20.—Well over 300,000 soldiers have been discharged, Secretary Baker said today. Demobilization has now reached 150,000 weekly.

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FRENCH MISSION CHIEF KILLED IN UKRAINE

Geneva, Dec. 20.—Lieutenant Col. Henry Villaine, chief of the French mission sent to collect evidence concerning Ukraine and Poland, has been killed by Ukraine soldiers, it is reported.