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CRESCENT CITY ASTIR OVER GLAD TIDINGS

HARBOR AND RAILROAD TO
MEET IN DEL NORTE, SAYS
CRESCENT CITY PAPER

SALE OF BONDS HAS BEEN MADE

Anglo-Paris and London Bank of
San Francisco Interested—79-Mile
Railroad to Be Built

Harbor and railroad possibilities passed from the visionary to within the realm of reality in Del Norte county this week, says the Del Norte Triplicate published at Crescent City, and commencing with the signing of a contract early in the week for the sale of the bond issue of \$200,000 to the Anglo-Paris and London Bank of San Francisco, and closing the week with action by a group of capable men who contemplate constructing the 79 mile connecting link of railroad between Crescent City and Grants Pass, Oregon, the construction of which is the contingent point upon which pivots the entire federal appropriation for the Crescent City harbor.

Representing the Anglo-Paris and London Bank at a meeting with the county board of supervisors, J. W. Harrison, bond expert of the bank, spoke of the conditions surrounding the bond issue in its relation to getting a railroad guaranteed to this point to completely comply with the government's requirements in meeting its quota of the harbor expense. He also stated, to impress those who were not familiar with the methods of financial affairs of this sort, that while the money in payment for the bonds could be made immediately payable to the county, it would not be advisable to conclude that part of the deal until the link of railroad was guaranteed, or the money could be paid into the county treasury and again be invested in government bonds pending the completion of the railroad requirements.

HEAVY SNOWS IN EAST

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A heavy snow fell here today, with a strong wind. Street cars have stopped running.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The ground here is covered with 11 inches of snow, and a car strike is on.

SOLDIERS COMPLAIN ABOUT HIGH PRICES

New York, Dec. 24.—There are widespread complaints by homecoming soldiers of the exorbitant prices charged for service in Y. M. C. A. canteen overseas. The matter will be referred to the war department for investigation.

SAILORS AND GUARD IN CLASH

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A squad of sailors blockaded the German for an hour and a half yesterday and exchanged shots with members of the republican soldier guard. There were a number of casualties.

POLISH PIANIST TAKES HAND IN GOVERNMENT

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous Polish pianist and prominent in rehabilitation, arrived here aboard a British cruiser. It is believed that his mission is to found a new Polish government under the entente auspices.

PLANS BEING MADE TO HELP SOLDIERS

Government Making a Labor and
"Help Wanted" Survey of the
Country

Major John B. Hibbard, of the United States army, was in the city Monday afternoon. The major, at a quickly-called meeting, stated that it was the aim of the government to secure a labor survey of the country and to do everything possible to find ready employment for returning soldiers. To systematize the work, Mayor Geo. L. Baker, of Portland, has been authorized by the chairman of the committee appointed by Governor Withycombe, to secure definite information in regard to the "help wanted" situation, and the Portland mayor is being assisted by Majors Hibbard and White.

Major Hibbard asked that a local committee be formed and a detailed report be sent in to Mayor Baker, showing approximately how many men can be used in this county, and that if none are wanted, to so state in the report. All information gathered will be placed on file at the information bureau at Camp Lewis, where the returning soldiers can get a line on the communities that need help. The major stated that there will not be an employment bureau at Camp Lewis, but the government will have an information bureau there, where the boys who return can secure accurate information. "Only absolute facts are wanted," says Major Hibbard, "and if Josephine county wants any help in the mines, on the farms, or in any other lines of business, the bureau wants to know about it; also, accurate information is wanted in regard to any public lands that may be open to entry—lands on which a returning soldier can actually make a living."

The major left last night for Roseburg. He is visiting all the county seats.

Mayor Demaray was at the meeting yesterday, and immediately after Christmas a committee will be formed and the desired information, as accurately as can be gathered, will be sent in to headquarters.

30,000,000 LADY BUGS WILL LAUNCH ATTACK

Pullman, Wash., Dec. 24.—Not in gray uniforms, but in brickish red and black, and perhaps other colors, will an army of 30,000,000 advance to the attack in Walla Walla, Kilklat, Whitman and Columbia counties of Washington next spring.

The invading army will be composed of ladybugs gathered this winter by county agricultural agents or their assistants and carefully cared for during the winter in barracks of excelsior and green debris from the woods. After the period of hibernation, the ladybugs will be invited to attack the aphid pest in the gardens and fields of these counties. It will be a "major action," for the test was tried out on a small scale with success this year.

Each ladybug, says experts at the Washington state college, can devour 150 aphids, and produces some 200 of its own young in a season. Because of these known facts, the agricultural agents hope to reduce the estimated \$2,000,000 loss of this past year in various crops, due to the aphids.

U. S. SENATE PASSES WAR REVENUE BILL MONDAY

Washington, Dec. 24.—Without a record vote, the senate last Monday night passed the war revenue bill, reduced to raise about \$6,000,000,000 in 1919, and \$4,000,000,000 in 1920, as compared with the levy of \$8,200,000,000 for next year proposed in the bill passed by the house three months ago.

When the final vote was taken at 10:40 o'clock, the senate had been in continuous session for nearly 13 hours.

Christmas Eve.

Dream, little child! The shadows fall.
Over the land the mystic veil
That hides the morrow from our eyes
Is swaying in the starlight pale.
Dream, little child! 'Tis Christmas eve.
Dream while the magic hours glide by.
Each wind that blows the snowflakes wild
Is laden with sweet mystery.



Dream, little child! The glowing coals
Are painting pictures on the wall.
Out from the quivering shadows there
You almost hear the thrilling call
Of "Merry Christmas, little maid!
I hope I've brought your heart's desire,"
And Santa's shadow just above
Grows lifelike by the leaping fire.

Dream, little child! The Christmas air
Is glowing with your visions bright,
And all the joys tomorrow holds
Are shining on the page of night.
Dream, little child! And may the years
To you their richest treasures leave,
And may all happy dreams prove real
That come to you this Christmas eve!

NEW RULING WILL WIPE OUT NATIONAL GUARD

Washington, Dec. 24.—The opinion of the judge advocate general, approved by Secretary of War Baker, and made public today, holds that officers and enlisted men of the national guard will revert to civilian status when discharged from the federal service.

The effect of this ruling is to wipe the national guard out of existence, as it was organized prior to the war. General March asked for an opinion as to the status of the guardsmen when discharged.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Turkey will declare itself nationally bankrupt, according to a report received here today.

ALLIES TO MAKE NO MILITARY INVASION

Paris, Dec. 24.—The entente governments are understood to refuse to undertake a vast military expedition into Russia. They consider it Russia's part to get together her orderly elements, which will then find support from the allied nations.

OVER SIX MILLION ARE SLAIN IN WAR

Russia Suffers Staggering Losses,
Her Casualties Amounting to
Over 8,000,000 Men

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Russia's war casualties total 9,150,000 men, according to a telegram received here today from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed.

The disabled men number 1,400,000 while 3,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken prisoner total 2,500,000.

Estimates of the Russian casualties in the war made last week by the Russian information bureau director, A. J. Sack, in New York, figured the total at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life."

Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette and published November 25 placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this number it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were killed.

The French soldiers killed in the war, according to a statement in the French chamber of deputies on December 20, by Lucien Volain, a socialist deputy, number 1,400,000.

Italy lost 500,000 men in killed or dead of wounds. A statement to this effect was made in Paris, December 21, by Salvatore Barzilai, a former member of the Italian cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel on his visit to the French capital.

The British army official losses in killed total 658,704.

"BELGIUM IS BROKEN, BUT FULL OF COURAGE"

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—E. de Cartier de Marchienne, Belgian minister to the United States, speaking here before the commercial club, declared that with Belgium despoiled by the Germans and their factories ruined, Belgium faced the future and reconstruction with the same spirit that it faced the German hordes and that Belgium did not intend to become a public charge upon the charity of the world. He declared Belgium looked to America, not for acts of charity, but a brotherly help in industry and trade.

"Germany has deliberately put our factories out of commission," said the minister, "and by declining to fight further has maintained her own plants intact. She has been forced to give up her dream of a German military empire of the world but still hopes to dominate the trade of the universe and endeavors to obtain that domination by maiming her commercial rivals in Belgium and northern France."

"Belgium stands broken and mutilated, but full of courage. We know the sympathy of America and we look to you with confidence to work hand in hand with us in the future, as we have fought shoulder to shoulder in the past."

"We do not wish to be a public charge upon the charity of the world. We want to work and to stand upon our own feet and we look to you Americans to give us a helping hand, not in acts of charity, but brotherly help in industry and trade."

HIGH GERMANS WILL RETAIN THEIR OFFICES

Basel, Dec. 24.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says that an agreement has been reached between the Berlin government and the German general staff by which Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Groener, chief quartermaster general, will retain their offices.

PORTLAND CIGAR MERCHANT IS ROBBED OF \$500

Portland, Dec. 24.—S. Rich, a well known cigar merchant of this city, was held up and robbed of \$500 while on his way home early today.

HOOVER WILL MANAGE FOOD PROPOSITION

FRENCH GOVERNMENT ASKS
PERMISSION TO REHABILITATE
ITS MERCHANT MARINE

HAD TO SUSPEND SHIPBUILDING

President Insists on Eating Out of
the Kettles With the Common Sol-
diers—Leaves Paris Tonight

Paris, Dec. 24.—Food Administrator Hoover and Chairman Hurley of the shipping board had a conference with President Wilson last night. Suggestions that relief work be placed in the hands of an international committee came from the entente countries, but it now seems assured that the original plans will be adhered to and the work of supplying food be retained under one head, probably Hoover, in the interest of rapidity.

Chairman Hurley discussed shipping subjects.

The French government has applied for permission to rehabilitate its merchant marine through the use of American shipbuilding plants. France has reminded President Wilson that France was compelled in common interest with the entente to suspend ship construction to supply munitions for the allied armies. Chairman Hurley is disposed to withhold American facilities until the peace treaty is signed.

Paris, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will leave Paris tonight and not return until New Year's day. He insisted on taking his Christmas dinner with the troops and eating from the mess kit with the soldiers about him. He will have a formal dinner with General Pershing and other officers later. The president has prepared an address to the troops.

Late tomorrow President Wilson will start for London. Today, with Mrs. Wilson, he went Christmas shopping and was recognized in some of the places he entered.

HINDENBURG PLAYS FOR FAVORS OF HUN ARMY

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—A remarkable proclamation has been issued by Field Marshal von Hindenburg from German main headquarters at Wilhelmshohe, dated "Christmas, 1918."

The Cassel Allgemeine Zeitung publishes the proclamation, which refers to "the mighty achievements in war of the German nation in arms, trained to warfare, which did not collapse before a world of enemies."

The proclamation declares: "It drew this capacity from the holy fire of patriotism, will to victory and a spirit of loyalty. The German army," it continued, "has vanished, dissolved, disbanded, although until the last it was feared and respected by its enemies."

"To the officers, high and low, as trainers and leaders of the national army, is undeniably due a great share of the glory, and it is petty revenge to deprive them of their insignia and arms and declare them incapable of exercising command."

"The utter destruction of the national strength of the German people is the intention of those destructive, disruptive spirits who are working to impede the reorganization of the empire on a sound political and economic basis."

CHRISTMAS RECESS

Washington, Dec. 24.—Congress began its Christmas recess today.