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## YANKS WERE IN SHAPE TO BEAT HUNS TO KNEES

### HAD SECOND LARGEST ARMY IN FRANCE ON NOVEMBER 11, WITH MORE COMING

### OVER 900,000 DISCHARGED

England's Combined Army on Western Front Totalled 1,718,000, While U. S. Had 1,950,100

Washington, Jan. 27.—On the day the armistice was signed the American army on the western front was second in strength only to that of France itself. General March said that on November 11 the United States was represented on the western front by 1,950,100 men. France, on November 11, the last date for which official figures were available, had 2,559,000. The British and the Portuguese attached to the British army totalled 1,718,000 while the Belgian and Italian forces on the western front aggregate about 200,000.

Up to January 24 the United States had actually discharged 573,366 officers and 858,117 men. The British on January 11 had discharged 12,759 officers and 611,950 men. The total ordered for discharge in this country now is 1,300,900.

General March said that men discharged from the army will be permitted to retain the divisional insignia which they wore while in service. A recent order of the department prescribed that the wearing of these insignia would be permitted up to the date of discharge. So far as the men in the regular army are concerned the regulations concerning uniforms will be maintained and they do not permit soldiers to wear insignia of the divisions with which they formerly served.

## PORTUGAL RIOTS HAVE NOT BEEN SILENCED

Lisbon, Jan. 27.—The government is assembling large bodies of troops to put down the Royalist rebellion at Oporto. The loyal troops defeated some units who declared themselves in favor of the rebels.

## MAY RECALL \$100,000 FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Salem, Jan. 27.—Because of reports reaching the state capital building that thousands of dollars are available in Portland for the care of returned soldiers, in funds of which some legislators had no knowledge, there is a feeling of resentment by some lawmakers and a bill may be introduced today to repeal the soldiers' and sailors' commission act and its appropriation of \$100,000.

A member of the legislature said he learned that the \$100,000 is lying in a Portland bank and that Mayor Baker is holding it for use as some future time when "it may be needed."

## ANOTHER BIG STRIKE IS NOW IMPENDING

New York, Jan. 27.—A nation-wide labor crisis, involving the industries engaged in manufacturing silk and cotton goods is impending, unless employers concede an eight-hour day by February 1. Woolen goods manufacturers to a certain extent are involved.

## SOLONS START ON THEIR THIRD WEEK

### House Has Passed 27 and the Senate 22 Bills—Road Legislation Holds Limelight

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—The third week of the session starts with 191 bills introduced in the house, 27 of which passed, and 80 bills in the senate, 22 of which are passed and on the calendar of the other house. Two bills have gone to the governor, one making \$25,000 available for pay for members and employees who are in need of ready cash and the \$100,000 for care and assistance of soldiers and marines honorably discharged since November 11, 1918. The commission to disburse this at its own discretion, with W. B. Ayer, the Portland millionaire as chairman, and the money will be distributed to needy fighters in form of a loan to be repaid upon the honor of the individual receiving same.

The big issue of keeping within the 6 per cent tax limitation enacted by the people has not been settled. The governor is on record for setting it aside as impractical, or at least expressed himself to that effect to those who wanted half a million for war purposes. Others declare the state can be run and keep well within the taxes raised under the annual 6 per cent increase. There is an opportunity for a governor with nerve to veto all sums taken by the legislature above that limit to make a record that the people would sustain and appreciate.

One of the unobserved incidents of the past week was the withdrawal

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## YANKS STILL GIVE WAY BEFORE RED FORCES

London, Jan. 27.—The allied forces on the front south of Archangel, which are mainly American and Russian troops, have evacuated the town of Shenkursk under Bolshevik pressure and have withdrawn to a shorter line north of the town, according to an official statement from the British war office.

Archangel, Jan. 27.—The Americans and the allies evacuated the town of Shenkursk Saturday to avoid unnecessary casualties. They moved northward to a line along the Vaga river.

Archangel, Jan. 27.—The American and allied troops succeeded in escaping from Shenkursk only by a race. The Bolsheviks almost had them surrounded. The Bolsheviks troops captured a large store of provisions, but the American guns were either removed or rendered useless. The Bolsheviks have apparently begun their threat to drive the allies into the White Sea by March, but as yet the situation is well in hand. The Americans may be compelled to give up some of their isolated positions.

## SALEM RAISES BAN ON MEETINGS TODAY

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—The influenza ban in this city was raised today, but the quarantine order will be continued. Milder weather has decreased the cases. The quarantine will be lifted at the state hospital Wednesday, but general visiting by the public will be discouraged.

## DODD JOINT MEMORIAL ADOPTED BY SENATE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—The senate adopted Representative Dodd's joint memorial, relating to the reclamation of arid lands in Umatilla county, and urging the passage of the Sinnott bill. A memorial urging congress to give government assistance in developing Crater Lake national park was adopted also.

## GRANTS PASS MAN CITED FOR BRAVE DEEDS

### SERGEANT BERT PRESLEY MAKES GREAT RECORD WITH YANK ARMY IN FRANCE

### GREW TO MANHOOD ON ROGUE

### Promoted for Heroism in Action—With Four Others Takes German Machine Gun Nest

Sergeant Albert C. Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Presley, now of Salem, has been cited for distinguished service in action with the American army in France. Bert, as he is known among his Grants Pass friends, is a member of headquarters company, 363d infantry. His citation reads:

"For extraordinary heroism in action near Eclisfontaine, France, September 27, 1918. Sergeant Presley, with a patrol of four other men, went out to reduce what was thought to be a sniping post. They discovered, upon arriving nearer, that it was a machine gun nest and attacked it by a series of short rushes. The attack resulted in the capture of 25 prisoners and two machine guns."

Sergeant Presley, who is now 22 years old, spent his entire life in Grants Pass until he went to the Oregon Agricultural college. He entered one of the officers training camps at Camp Lewis on recommendation of the commandant of the O. A. C. regiment, but on account of his youth was not granted a commission. He entered the army as a private but was soon made a sergeant. Presley was a graduate of the Grants Pass high school with the class of 1916, of which class he was president.

## FAMOUS RAINBOW DIVISION IN THICK OF ALL FIGHTS AND STAYED TILL LAST

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The pride which the men of the famous Rainbow Division take in their organization is reflected in a letter from France recently received here from Sergeant Leslie H. Robinson, of the 117th Field Battalion Signal Corps. Robinson, who is a Kansas City newspaperman, writes, in part, as follows:

"Those of us who have been in it for so long can hardly realize that it is finished. It is hard to change within a few hours from shells and bombs to sunshine and joy. There is that questioning feeling around the heart of each of us: 'Is it really over?' But to see these French kick and squeal and throw hand grenades at each other in their wild delirium of sudden happiness you certainly are led to believe that something is finished. Or else getting a good start. As you have read in the newspapers, this division has been in the line longer than any other American division in France."

"We went into the line near Luneville, in the middle of February. There we were under the command of the French. On April 1 we moved to Baecarat, where we took over an entire divisional sector for ourselves—the first American division to do this. We remained in this sector for 13 weeks, and when we were relieved, General Duport, under whose command we served, paid a glowing tribute to the valor and comradeship of the men."

"We were relieved in this sector and sent to the Champagne, where we assisted the French in stopping the Germans on July 15, 16 and 17. In what was to have been the start of his hike for Paris. After piling up the Germans so high that you had

## CAN BRING ALL MEN BACK HOME IN SIX MONTHS

### GEN. MARCH TELLS MILITARY COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IS BETTER

### 785,000 MEN IN HOME CAMPS

### President Wilson to Determine Size of Army to Be Held on the West Front

Washington, Jan. 27.—General March has informed the senate military committee that shipping arrangements have been made by which 300,000 men might be transported home monthly, and that all the American expeditionary force could be returned and demobilized within six months.

The number of Americans who will be held abroad in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, General March declared, but more Americans have already been designated for return home than was originally proposed by General Foch, who indicated ten divisions as the American contribution.

There are still 785,000 men in camp in the United States, but all will be demobilized within a month except those returned for "overhead" duty. Up to Saturday, 104,000 men had arrived from overseas.

## HELP! MARRIED MAN'S DOOM IS NOW SEALED

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 27.—Mayor John D. Carr has ruled that all married men found on the streets intoxicated will be taken to their homes to be punished by their wives. The mayor believes the punishment will be far more effective than a small fine or imprisonment.

## BILL HITS TRUCKS AND JOY VEHICLES

### Proposed Measure to Raise \$10,000,000 Aimed Straight at "Road Rippers" and Rich Men

Salem, Jan. 27.—The repeal of the present motor vehicle law and increase in motor vehicle taxes, amounting to several hundred per cent for some classes of vehicles, is provided for in a bill prepared by the roads and highways committee of the senate as part of the good roads program.

Those who ride merely for pleasure must pay for the luxury and operators of heavy trucks will bear much of the expense of maintaining roads worn out by their vehicles, according to this measure. The highest assessment against them would be \$500 for trucks of over six tons capacity. Electric pleasure vehicles, termed "rich men's toys" by some committee members, would be taxed \$40 instead of the present \$5 license fee. The increase for motorcycles and motor bicycles was \$2, making the license \$5 instead of \$3 as at present. The tax would be doubled on electric service vehicles of not more than one ton and set at \$20 instead of \$10.

## FOREST SERVICE PUTS UP 317 TRAIL SIGNS

During the season of 1918 the forest service prepared 317 road and trail signs, and posted 197 signs on roads and trails in, and adjacent to the Siskiyou National forest.

These sign-boards were made of lumber and painted, and indicated the direction and distance to all principal points in the surrounding country. The total cost was \$108.38, or \$3 and 1/3 cents each.

During the present winter more signs are being prepared, which will be posted next summer.

## TWO OBJECTORS SHOW FEEBLENESS OF MIND

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 27.—The release of 113 conscientious objectors, honorably discharged from the service by the war department began today. Two of the number refused to leave, saying that it was against their religious scruples.

## SOUTH DAKOTA MOTHER MURDERS HER 5 CHILDREN

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Clara Hanson, aged 35 years, shot and killed her five children and then attempted to take her own life at the family home early today at Sherman, near here. She is in a critical condition.

Mrs. Hanson is the wife of the town marshal at Sherman. The children had been ill and she is alleged to have declared that "she did not want to see the children suffer."

## WILSON IMPRESSED BY SCENES AT THE FRONT

Paris, Jan. 27.—The supreme council of the peace conference met today.

President Wilson yesterday, with his wife, and Admiral Grayson, and a small party, made his first visit to the battle front and devastated regions, visiting Chateau-Thierry and Rheims. He said:

"No one can put into words the impressions I have received amongst such scenes of desolation and ruin."

## TOUGH YANKS NOW SHOWING TRUE NATURE

### RIFF-RAFF OF ARMY, PARIS REPORTS, IS SHOWING DIRTY HANDIWORK IN CITIES

### CAUSED 34 MURDERS IN DEC.

### Make 220 Assaults and Start 500 Serious Fights—Police Reinforced and Deserters Captured

Paris, Jan. 27.—Thirty-four murders, 220 day and night assaults and 500 serious fights due to the American soldiers occurred in the department of the Seine during December, according to the Matin.

Reinforcement of the police division is demanded by Brigadier General William Harts. Many American deserters have been arrested.

The newspaper, Internationale says: "The audacity of some of the Americans shows that many of them are bad lots, and has grown marvellously since the armistice was signed, and our friends of the United States deplore these facts, like ourselves."

## O. A. C. HAS NEARLY 2,000 STARS ON FLAG

Oregon Agricultural College, Jan. 27.—The college is entitled to nearly 2,000 stars on its service flag—45 gold ones. Already 1,850 names of those who have engaged in national service have been received by H. M. Tennant, registrar, and the records are by no means complete. Sixty-one per cent of the men are officers, which speaks well for the efficiency of the military training at O. A. C., think the officials.

## LEGISLATORS TO VISIT STATE INSTITUTIONS

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—Committees of the legislature decided to visit the eastern Oregon hospital for the insane at Pendleton, and the state soldiers' home at Roseburg, during the week-end adjournment. Representatives Kubli, Childs and Haines and Senators J. C. Smith, Jones and Lachmund will go to Pendleton and Representative Mrs. Thompson and Senators Eberhard, Gill and Strayer will go to Roseburg, it was planned.

## JOINT MEMORIAL TO APPROVE SINNOTT BILL

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—The senate has adopted the house memorial, introduced by Representative B. F. Jones, urging congress to enact legislation giving the Indians on the Siletz reservation fee simple deeds to their lands. This would place \$2,000,000 worth of land on the tax rolls. The senate also adopted the house joint memorial urging congress to pass the Sinnott bill for appropriation of one billion dollars for reclamation and drainage in the western states.

## REDS ARE GETTING BUSY AT TACOMA

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 27.—A mass meeting to organize a soldiers' and sailors' and workmen's council was held here last night. Some men in army uniform attended, and many strikers were present. They will hold another meeting next Sunday.