

Established 1887.

Moro, Sherman County, Oregon. Friday, December 21, 1917.

Five Cents

DANIEL WILLARD



Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, appointed chairman of the war industries board by President Wilson.

SPRECKELS ACCUSES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Washington.—Charges of an attempt by the "sugar trust to saddle high prices on the American people for years, through the Hoover committee," were made in the senate investigation by Claus A. Spreckels.

The witness charged the food administration committee to be a "mere adjunct of the trust," seeking to bind all American refiners to allow it to contract for future Cuban crops at its own price.

The charges drew from Food Administrator Hoover a vigorous attack on Mr. Spreckels.

An open intimation is made by Mr. Hoover that Mr. Spreckels' testimony was inspired by the fact that the food administration cut profits in sugar transactions.

"It requires no proof from me," said Mr. Hoover, "to establish the fact that Mr. Spreckels, a leading sugar refiner, is sore at the food administration and would like to see it destroyed. I realize that Mr. Spreckels' balance sheet will not look so good next year as last, for refiners' profits have been regulated."

U. S. TO HELP FARMERS

Bill Authorizing Purchase of Farm Loan Bonds Favored.

Washington.—The secretary of the treasury is authorized to purchase not exceeding \$100,000,000 of farm loan bonds each year for two years upon recommendation of the farm loan board, in a bill favorably reported by the house banking and currency committee.

Requests for the legislation came from the farm loan board, which plans to resume within a few weeks the sale of bonds, stopped December 1, when a selling agreement with private bond dealers expired. Authorization of purchase by the treasury is sought in order to stabilize the interest on the bonds and to enable bankers to have time to float them instead of throwing them on the market under emergency conditions with high interest rates.

The bill as reported limits the interest on the bonds that the treasury may purchase to 5 per cent.

Frank Gotch, Ncted Wrestler, Dead. Des Moines, Ia.—Frank A. Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, died at his home, Humboldt, Ia., of uremic poisoning. He had been in failing health for two years.

Duel of Boys Fatal. Oregon City, Or.—Leslie LeDonx, aged 14 years, was killed in the hills back of Parkplace when four boys, three of them armed with 22-caliber rifles, deliberately arranged and carried out what they termed a "duel."

Crosby Heads Inter-Allied Council. London.—The Inter-Allied Council, which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances, met in London Saturday. Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the United States treasury, was elected president.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$57.50 ton. Barley—Standard feed, \$54.50 ton. Corn—Whole, \$84; cracked, \$88. Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$34. Butter—Creamery, 45c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 48c per doz. Potatoes—\$1.40@1.65 per hundred. Poultry—Hens, large, 20c; small, 18c; geese, 14@15c; ducks, 20c; turkeys, live, 20@22c.

Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 45c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 54c per doz. Potatoes—\$32@35 per ton. Poultry—Hens, 22@25c; dressed, 24@28c; broilers, 30c; turkeys, live, 26@28c; dressed, 30@32c.

NEW VOTING PRECINCTS

To Comply With Law Passed at Last Election all Precincts Have Been Changed.

Rufus, precinct No. 1. Commencing where the east line of sec 25 tp 3n r 17e intersects the John Day river, thence south to the southeast corner of sec 24 tp 2n r 17e, thence west to the sw corner of sec 19 tp 2n r 17, thence north one mile, thence west to the sw corner of sec 18 tp 2n r 16e, thence north to the Columbia river, thence up the Columbia river to the mouth of the John Day river, thence up the John Day river to the place of beginning.

Locust, precinct No. 2. Commencing at the ne corner of the nw 1/4 of sec 28 tp 2n r 17, thence south to the center of sec 4 tp 1n r 17, thence west one half mile, thence south one mile, thence east one half mile to the center of sec 9 said tp and rg, thence south to the se corner of the sw 1/4 sec 33 said tp and rg, thence west along the base line to the Des Chutes river, thence down the Des Chutes river to the Columbia river, thence up the Columbia river to a point where the section line between secs 9 and 19, tp 2n r 16e intersects the Columbia river, thence south to the se corner of sec 16 said tp and rg, thence east to the ne corner of sec 24, thence south one mile, thence east to the place of beginning.

Klondike, precinct No. 3. Commencing where the east line of sec 25 tp 3n r 17e intersects the John Day river, thence south to the sw corner of sec 19 tp 2n r 18, thence west to the nw corner of the ne 1/4 of sec 28 tp 2n r 17e, thence south to the center of sec 4 said tp and rg, thence east one half mile, thence south one mile, thence west one half mile to the center of sec 9 tp 1n r 17, thence east to the Grass Valley creek, thence down Grass Valley creek to the sw corner of nw 1/4 sec 18 tp 1n r 19e, thence east to the John Day river, thence down the John Day river to the place of beginning.

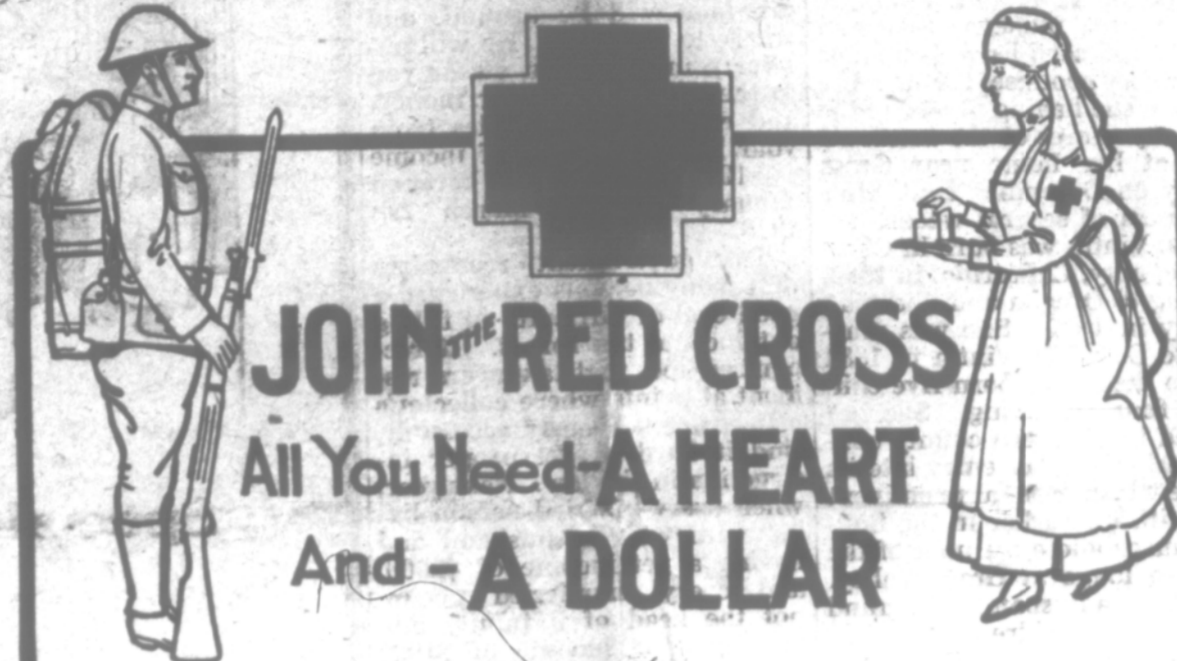
Monkland, precinct No. 4. Commencing where the south line of sec 11 tp 2s r 18e intersects the John Day river, thence west to the sw corner of sec 9 tp 2s r 17e, thence north to Grass Valley creek, thence down Grass Valley creek to the sw corner of nw 1/4 sec 18 tp 1n r 19e, thence east to the John Day river, thence up the John Day river to the place of beginning.

Erskine, precinct No. 5. Commencing at the se corner of the ne 1/4 of sec 30 tp 2s r 17e, thence north to the sw corner of sec 8 said tp and rg, thence east one mile to se corner of said sec 8, thence north to Grass Valley creek to a point where the south line of sec 26 tp 1n r 17e intersects said Grass Valley creek, thence west to the sw corner of the se 1/4 sec 28 tp 1n r 17e, thence south one mile to the sw corner of the se 1/4 of sec 33 said tp and rg, thence west along the base line to the Des Chutes river, thence up the Des Chutes river to a point where the half section line running east and west through sec 26 tp 2s r 15e intersects said river, thence east to place of beginning.

Michigan, precinct No. 6. Commencing at the ne corner of sec 1/4 of sec 25 tp 2s r 16e, thence west along the half section line to the Des Chutes river, thence up the Des Chutes river to the mouth of Buck Hollow, thence up Buck Hollow to the mouth of Finnegan Hollow, thence up Finnegan Hollow to the sw corner of sec 34 tp 3s r 16e, thence east to the se corner of sec 36 said tp and rg, thence north to place of beginning.

Rutledge, precinct No. 7. Commencing where the north line of sec 14 tp 2s r 18e intersects the John Day river, thence west to the nw corner of sec 17 tp 2s r 17e, thence south to the sw corner of the nw 1/4 of sec 29 said tp and rg, thence west one mile to the nw corner of the sw 1/4 sec 30 said tp and rg, thence south to the sw corner of sec 30 tp 3s r 17e, thence east to the se corner of sec 25 tp 3s r 17e, thence north one mile to the ne corner of sec 25, thence east to the John Day river, thence down the John Day river to the place of beginning.

Kent, precinct No. 8. Commencing at the most se corner of Sherman county, thence along the south boundary of said Sherman county to Buck Hollow, thence down Buck Hollow to the mouth of Finnegan Hollow, thence up Finnegan Hollow to



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And - A DOLLAR

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DON'T WAIT
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the nw corner of sec 3 tp 4s r 16e, thence east to the ne corner of sec 1 said tp and rg, thence north one mile to the nw corner of sec 31 tp 3s r 17e, thence east to the ne corner of sec 36 said tp and rg, thence north to the nw corner sec 30 tp 3s r 18e, thence east to the John Day river, thence up the John Day river to the place of beginning.

Grass Valley, precinct No. 9. All within the corporate limits of the city of Grass Valley.

Moro, precinct No. 10. All within the corporate limits of the city of Moro.

Wasco, precinct No. 11. All within the corporate limits of the city of Wasco.

J. B. Morrison Jr., had his left leg broken above the ankle last Friday afternoon while driving in stock from the field. In making a quick turn the horse he was riding fell with him. James was fortunate to get loose from the stirrups before the horse got to his feet. With the aid of crutches he was out of the house by Tuesday and back on horseback driving the farm stock and horses.

Moro Theatre on next Saturday will present "Southern Justice," an entertainment created by Lynn F. Reynolds from a simple story of life in a Kentucky village. Free from crime or villainy, as the Reynolds plays always are, there will be an interesting detail of homely incidents to hold attention while some of the most beautiful of nature's scenic vistas will set the entertaining episodes in a framing of great attractiveness. Myrtle Gonzalez and George Hernandez will play the principal characters with an able supporting company to carry the story through to a satisfying conclusion.

War saving stamps and thrift stamps are the latest means employed by the government to raise money to finance the war. The thrift stamps cost 25 cents each and carry no interest earnings. Their purpose is to enable small investors to accumulate sums that will enable them to purchase war saving stamps which sell during this month and next at \$4.12 for a stamp valued at maturity within five years at \$5. These stamps increase in price one cent each month during the year. Four per cent interest is paid upon them, compounded quarterly. The government stands ready at any time, upon ten days' notice, to buy the stamp back at the price paid with interest to date. This is a better investment than a Liberty Bond.

County Court Proceedings

Special December Term.

The budget, as advertised in the Observer, was adopted with a few changes, as the financial basis for next year.

To comply with the new election law, making it mandatory that city voting precincts shall be separate from country voting precincts, all voting precincts were abolished and new voting precincts established. The new precinct boundaries are defined in another column.

Warrants were ordered drawn to pay the following claims:

Jury Fees and Mileage in Circuit Court:	
J F Henkle	3.40
J C Hockman	3.20
J A Hardin	3.00
Ernest Estlinger	5.00
Gas Engstrom	5.40
Martin Hansen	3.00
L V Moore	3.40
W E Howell	5.00
I N Lemon	5.00
C A Hapgood	7.00
L L Funk	7.00
W K Haggerty	9.00
E R McMillan	4.20
John Hastings	4.40
Malcolm Neal	6.00
Neil McDonald	5.10
Edw Merrill	5.00
L E Langford	7.00
R E Newton	3.80
W B Halley	7.00
J C Mathias	5.40
W A Morris	7.00
F S Lamborn	4.60

Grand Jury Fees and Mileage:	
Chas Golliber	5.00
M L Evans	4.20
Clarence Messenger	4.80
C W King	7.20
F E Fortner	3.00
O B Loomis	6.00
C A Gilmour	9.80

Witness Fees, Grand Jury	
Ines Southwell	5.00
G A Simon	6.00
F R Astell	2.00
W D Scott	4.00
O N Frealey	4.00
W M Walker	4.60
Earl H Barnett	32.20

Incidental Expenses:	
J M Parry, stamps for assessor	15.00
" " " clerk	10.00
Moro Transfer Company, drayage	75
Hattie B Lawrence, pauper	25.00
Eleanor Shaw, court reporter	30.00
J M Astell, court bailiff	7.00
Sherman County Observer, advertising and printing	36.55
J C McKean, sheriff expenses	29.30
government expense	16.75

A bond for \$500 of the 2d Liberty loan issue, number 88486, has been lost. Payment of principal and interest has been stopped and ownership will be traced. Any one having information, please call at the Bank of Moro.

Christmas at the Local Churches

We cannot well use the word "merry" with our Christmas greetings this year, for with all the sadness, hunger, and suffering of our fellowmen, with all the heartache and doubt, mere merry making seems out of place.

Yet, remembering that even from men's folly God can, through the Holy Spirit and loyal, brave men and women, bring a permanent peace and that rich, full joy which is the result of the deep undertow of righteousness.

So even in this sad hour we may, as earnest thoughtful God knowing people, turn to each other with a greeting of that joy which comes through at knowledge and trust in the wonderful, counselor, prince of (ultimate) peace—the Redeemer of Men.

At the Monkland Presbyterian church: The special Christmas services of the Bible School will be given at the church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Monkland church, also, will observe the "white" Christmas this year. A cordial invitation is extended to the entire community and to the people of Moro to attend the service.

At the Methodist church: The preparations for Christmas program have been limited to the closing half hour of the Sunday School on next Sunday morning. At this time the children and others will bring their gifts for the needy. These gifts may be canned goods, clothing, toys, money, or any gift that will bring joy and comfort to some one less fortunate. Gifts will also be received at the evening service.

At the Presbyterian church: The special Christmas exercises will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The leading feature of the exercises this year will be the "Manger Service" which introduces the Manger surrounded by Shepherds, Angels, and The Wise Men. The Christmas Carols will be sung by a hidden choir.

This is to be a real "white" Christmas. All gifts are to be given to charitable institutions. Bring your gifts of food, clothing, toys, or anything that will cheer the hearts of those who have no father and mother, or brother, or sister, to provide for them. Please bring no presents for your children or friends who are to be present. The public is invited to share our Christmas cheer with us.

NAVY DEPARTMENT TO BE INVESTIGATED

Congress to Probe Expenditures and Policies in Conduct of War.

Washington.—Congress has extended its investigation of the administration's war preparations to the navy. While the senate military committee continued its army hearing the house naval committee unanimously decided to begin immediately a general inquiry into naval affairs.

It was officially announced that the purpose of the naval investigation would be to scrutinize past and future expenditures and policies and insure greater co-ordination between congress and the executive departments in the conduct of the war.

Congress is determined to smoke out incompetence, greed or any other fault which might seriously interfere with speedily putting this country's war aims across and ending the war.

"Congress is not trying to 'get' anybody," said one senator. "Some individual congressmen doubtless would like to unseat some individual members of the government. But congress as a whole has but one idea in investigating the government—to learn how things are going and, if they are going badly, correct by whatever means is necessary."

An investigation of the shipping board is also planned by the house committee. The "inside" of the Denman-Goethals row and of Admiral Capps' retirement will be aired. Chairman Hurley will be called on to show how much speed is being made to launch 6,000,000 tons of shipping in 1918. Details of contracts with the country's leading steel magnates will be sought. And the old wooden-steel ship controversy may be opened.

GOVERNOR'S HOME IS DAMAGED BY BOMB

Sacramento, Cal.—An attempt to dynamite the governor's mansion to kill Governor William D. Stephens and his wife was made when a charge of explosive was set off in the southwest wall of the building. The rear porch was blown off and a large hole was torn in the brickwork of the building. Although Governor Stephens, his wife and the servants were asleep in the upper floor of the building, nobody was injured and the damage was confined to the exterior wall of the building.

Pro-German agents or sympathizers are blamed by the police for the outrage.

Police said they were convinced the damage was caused by a heavy charge of dynamite, probably five pounds or more, because the force of the blast was inward.

"According to my judgment," said Governor Stephens, "the bomb was thrown from the alleyway about 40 feet to the rear of the mansion, and did not light as far under the house as its owner had intended."

Teutons Swoop on Convoy, Sinking 11.

London.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8000.

Congressmen to Pay Tax.

Washington.—The house ways and means committee has directed Chairman Kitchin to draft an amendment to the excess profits section of the war tax bill that would clear up any doubt as to the tax on the incomes of professional men receiving \$6000 or more a year being applicable to members of congress.

Canada Votes for Conscription.

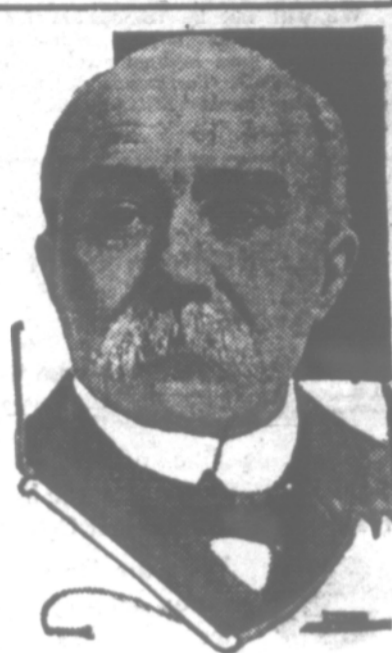
Ottawa, Ont.—Without the assistance of votes from Canadian soldiers overseas, the union government and its platform of conscription is winner in the dominion's general election. Sir Robert Borden's administration has a majority of more than 40 seats in parliament.

Shipbuilders Given Increased Pay. San Francisco.—Increase of wages amounting to \$20,000 a day for the shipyard workmen of the Pacific coast was one of three concessions granted iron trades crafts workers by the government, according to labor organization representatives who returned here from Washington.

Board Denounces Wool Profiteers.

Washington.—Profiteers in wool are subjected to a scathing rebuke in a statement issued by the war trade board. No justification, according to the board, exists for the advance in prices to 200 per cent above pre-war levels.

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU



Georges Clemenceau, the noted French journalist, who was recently made premier of France, a post he held some years ago.

CONGRESS ADOPTS DRY RESOLUTION

Washington.—The constitutional amendment for national prohibition was finally submitted by congress to the states, for ratification or rejection within seven years. The senate completed congressional action by accepting the resolution as passed by the house, 47 to 8, without roll call.

With a vote of two-thirds required for its approval, the result in the house announced by Speaker Clark was 282 to 128, or 25 more than required.

When Speaker Clark announced the result the victors were joined by the galleries in such a demonstration as is rarely permitted in the house. Former Secretary Bryan, an interested spectator nearly all day, appeared on the floor and joined in receiving congratulations with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, who led the fight.

The president's approval is not required, and the state legislatures may act as soon as they please after the signatures of the vice-president and Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

The strength of the Austro-German invaders in Italy is placed by official dispatches from Rome at 60 divisions. Further extension of the British lines beyond Jerusalem was reported in the official statement from General Allenby.

Generals Kaledines and Pototsky and staffs have been arrested by Bolshevik forces. It was officially announced in Petrograd.

The Germans already have begun to obtain fats and other sorely needed supplies from Russia, according to information from Petrograd.

The agreement for an armistice between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Teutonic allies has been signed. It will run from Monday until January 14 and then will continue in force automatically unless seven days' notice of its discontinuance is given. Upon the signing of an armistice peace negotiations are to begin.

Notwithstanding the terrible losses they have sustained, the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the mountainous region of northern Italy continue their efforts to break the Italian line and open a passageway to the plains below.

17 Americans Missing in France.

Washington.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States army engineer corps were reported missing in action by General Pershing in a dispatch to the war department. They were missing November 20, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans.

Swiss Ready to Fight.

Washington.—In thanking the United States for the declaration to strictly observe the neutrality of Switzerland, the Swiss confederation, in a communication made public by the state department, declares it will maintain its neutrality by its own forces and will repel a violation of its frontiers.

Norway Has Lost 5000 Sailors in War.

London.—It is stated officially that Norway has lost 5000 sailors during the war, a dispatch from Christiania reports.