

SEPARATE RUSSIAN PEACE IS CERTAIN

Despite Opposition of German
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SOCIALISTS FEAR BLOW TO THEIR IDEALS

Clash Between Bolsheviki and
Rivals Continues in All
Russian Provinces.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The international socialist bureau officials say that the Central Powers oppose a separate peace with Russia, fearing it is a step which will strengthen the imperialists that Germany's socialism will be obliterated. The bureau is exerting strong pressure on both the Russian and German socialists against such a peace. It implored Scheideman to return to Berlin and oppose a separate peace. It is stated that the central powers' socialists will immediately call a congress to discuss a formal rejection of a separate peace.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Ukrainian and Bolsheviki guards are fighting in the Odessa streets. The latter still hold the port. The Bolsheviki want an ultimatum to the Ukrainians demanding that they cease aiding the Cossacks' rebellion within 48 hours, or war will be declared against them. The Ukrainian's machineguns are trained on Bolsheviki headquarters at Odessa. Communication is stopped. The Bolsheviki are advancing toward Kiev. The Cossacks are attacking Astrakha.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A separate peace between Germany and Russia is inevitable, and only a miracle can prevent its consummation, unless Russia shakes off the Bolsheviki, Russian officials here predict. They say that Germany, realizing the effects of a separate peace, will make concessions which she does not intend to keep.

DRYS PLAN BIG FIGHT IN MANY STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The dry organizations in practically all wet states are preparing fights to put through amendments in the state legislatures. The leaders predict an early ratification of nationwide prohibition.

NEW CLASSIFIED

HELP WANTED—Young man as helper in a garage. Apply at once, Ralston Motor company, 121 E. 7th Street. d19f

CONSIDERING the prices of silk, our prices on the "Holl" Detachable Handle Umbrellas look good. Your name engraved on the handle free of charge. F. M. French & Son, Jewelers & Engravers. dy d19-22 w d 21

WOMAN WANTS WORK by day. Call Bell phone 180-Y. Home phone 2232. d19-21*

WE ENGRAVE, free of charge, one large initial on all the Ivory Pyralin Toilet Ware you purchase from our store. F. M. French & Son, Jewelers & Engravers. dy d19-22 w d 21

FOR SALE—A 5-passenger Ford body for \$6.50. Also one Ford delivery body for \$5. Call Irvin's Garage. d19-21*

WE HAVE a limited number of those wonderful little "Green" Bracelet Watches. You will have to hurry. F. M. French & Son, Jewelers. dy d 19-22 w d 21

CARRIER BOYS WILL BE GUESTS AT PARTY

Democrat and Telegram Boys
to See Show and Enjoy
Big Feed Thurs.

Hugh Hammerly, circulation manager for the Democrat and local representative of the Portland Telegram, will be host to his carrier boys at a theatre party and supper Thursday evening.

The party will first go to the Globe Theatre, where they will be guests of Manager Myer and Assistant Manager Moore to witness Julian Eltinge, America's greatest female impersonator, in "Countess Charming."

Following the two hours of laughter at the Globe the boys will be taken to the Imperial Cafe, where Jim and John Christ have made every arrangement for the biggest feed that newsboys ever had in the state of Oregon.

The feed and good time is being given by Mr. Hammerly in appreciation of the good work the boys have done during the past year. The newspaper carrier has a difficult position to fill and, while he is often the object of complaints by patrons of the papers, he is generally a trustworthy boy and is trying hard to do his part in the system of distributing news to the American public. Manager Hammerly has a fine lot of boys under his command and is proud of their record.

Those who will attend are: Democrat carriers—Ralph Swanson, Ralph McDaniel, Lloyd Gilbert, Carrol Walter, Glenn Cole and Walter Hodgkins; Telegram carriers—Kenneth Ross, Herman Steidel, Earl Horning, Edward Umphrey, Ansel Egan, Ralph Bloom and Mason McDermott.

AUSTRIANS WOULD GIVE HUNGARY MORE POWER

THE HAGUE, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The Cologne Gazette says that the Budapest municipality passed resolutions urging the government to prepare for the complete separation of Hungary and Austria, letting the emperor be the sole bond of unity between the countries.

GERMAN AGENT TRIES TO WRECK SHIP

A PACIFIC PORT, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Federal agents are seeking the persons responsible for placing bolt-heads in the engine cylinders of a new tug as she started on her trial trip. An alien enemy is blamed. The vessel was just requisitioned by the government.

MRS. T. H. GODDARD DIES IN ILLINOIS

Mrs. W. H. Holman of this city was notified Sunday evening of the death of her sister, Mrs. H. T. Goddard, of Mount Carmel, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard visited here two years ago and will be remembered by many friends who met them at that time.

GERMANS AGAIN BOMB BRITISH CITIES

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Lord French announced that the British defense airmen downed one and possibly two out of 16 German aircraft bombing Kent, Essex and London last night.

The British machines were unharmed. Ten civilians were killed and 70 injured.

Shipped Cattle—

Three carloads of cattle were shipped to Portland yesterday by the Nebregal Meat Co.

Classified Paid—Through a 25-cent classified advertisement in the Democrat yesterday by Foshay & Mason, a valuable package was restored to its owner.

WILL IMPROVE CAMP CONDITIONS

Baker Orders Conditions Im-
proved in Accordance With
Recommendations

CONGRESSMEN WANT TO START INVESTIGATION

Claimed that Hospitals Are Not
Completed in Time; Much
Sickness Among Troops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Sec. Baker stated that orders have been issued making effective Surgeon General Gorgas' recommendations for the alleviation of conditions causing disease in army camps. Gorgas' statement was promptly followed by one from the chief of staff. Congressional probes contemplate an investigation of why the conditions existed.

The Gorgas statement that Camp Funston's abnormal death rate was due to unsanitary surroundings, recalls that during the selection of camp sites the department submitted to the strongest political pressure, and that apparently some decisions were affected by this. One of the main troubles is the incompleteness of hospitals. He says there is no apparent reason why they were not completed long ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Officials of the Marine Rifle Corporation told the senate probers that attempts on the date that relations were broken with Germany, to interest the war department in machineguns for speedy delivery, met with a rebuff.

The Remington officials said that the delivery of rifles to the army was delayed several months by the failure to notify the plants that they would be called upon heavily.

STRANGE PACKAGE IS LEFT ON DOORSTEP

Mrs. Maggie Sullivan is looking for the owner of two blue jackets which she found at her door at 103 East Second street the other day. Upon opening the door one morning she found a package addressed to "Mrs. Barnes, 103 E. Second street." No one by that name lives there and no Mrs. Barnes could be found.

Mrs. Sullivan took the goods to all merchants in the city carrying those lines, but no one knows where they came from.

There is a suspicion, however, that they are part of the stock of goods that was taken from the Falls City Mercantile company's store last Thursday and were left on her step as a blind. W. J. Kelly and Wm. (Whitey) Ryan were arrested for the robbery and are now in jail at Dallas awaiting their trial.

Mrs. Sullivan will give the garments away if no owner is found. Both are good and new.

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR MAY ADOPT NEW PLAN

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Food administrators hint at federal licensing of millstuffs as a result of complaints of dairymen that profiteers are holding for prices above the present excessive figures, rendering dairymen difficult.

RECORD CROP FOR NEXT YEAR SAYS U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The agriculture department predicts record-breaking crops for next year. The winter wheat area is over 42,000,000, four per cent over last year. The rye acreage is over 6,000,000, a 36 per cent gain.

CAMP LEWIS TO HAVE 184 DRYING ROOMS

CAMP LEWIS, Dec. 19.—Sodden garments and wet shoes will soon have no power to dampen the ardor of the men who are preparing to stride "Jill Kaiser," and rains will have no effect upon the daily drill schedules.

Carpenters are being assembled to construct 184 drying rooms, each to be 20x40 feet, as quickly as possible. Through these, the men will be always sure of changes of dry clothing.

CITY NEWS

Another Draft Registrant—Lee Roy Kaufman, who was working at Granum, Canada, when registration day occurred last June, has returned to the United States and today filed his registration card with County Clerk R. M. Russell. His serial number will probably be 1825.

More Questionnaires—Draft questionnaires numbers 451 to 600 were mailed out this morning. Thirty-four have been returned properly signed. (About one-third of the number of registrants have now received their blanks. Eight more days will be required to mail all out.)

Reply Is Filed—Plaintiff's reply to defendant's answer in the case of Ole Knutson against Fred E. Georger, was filed today in the circuit court.

Estate in Probate—W. T. and C. P. Hassler have been appointed executors of the will of the late J. M. Hassler. The estate is valued at \$167,28, according to the petition filed with Judge McKnight.

Albany Couple Marries—Frank Richardson and Agnes Phillips were married last evening at the Rev. G. H. Young. The witnesses were Ernest McGee and Ernest Smith, fellow members of the Fifth company, C. A. C. with Mr. Richardson. After the wedding the groom was kidnapped by several soldiers, who had a good time at his expense. Mr. Richardson is home on a furlough, but will return to Ft. Canby Friday. Mrs. Richardson will remain in this city.

OREGON'S FUR INDUSTRY YIELDS \$100,000 YEARLY

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 19.—Oregon's fur bearing animals yield a net return of \$100,000 a year to residents of the state, say students in the school of commerce. Seventeen hundred trappers devote either all or part of their time to catching furbearing animals for market.

Oregon's best furs come from the marten, otter, beaver and mink, although the beaver is protected by law. Large quantities of coarser furs are produced from the muskrat, skunk and raccoon. The state produces nearly 2,500 mink skins a year. Hareney county alone yielded 10,250 muskrat skins last year.

LOGGERS AND MILLMEN WANTED FOR ENGINEERS

Experienced loggers and millmen are desired for the 20th Engineers (forest) which is now recruiting men for service overseas, according to District Forester Geo. H. Cecil, who is cooperating with the war department in national defense work. The first forest regiment, the 10th Engineers (forest), made up of lumberjacks and foresters, is already in active service in France, and the various battalions of the second forest regiment, the 20th Engineers (forest), will leave for Europe as rapidly as they are organized and trained.

Loggers and millmen are offered an excellent opportunity to serve their country in a way that will utilize their experience and special knowledge by enlisting in this regiment. Applicants may apply directly to the district forester, Brek Building, Portland, or to the forest supervisor at the local postoffice.

WAR AIMS OF U. S. SAME AS THOSE OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Balfour, addressing the house of commons, announced that Wilson's war policy as announced in his presidential message, is identical with Great Britain's leaders.

SUDDEN DOWNPOUR SWELLS STREAMS

Willamette Is Rising and Syra-
cuse Country Is Seriously
Threatened

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISMISS- ED ON ACCOUNT OF WATER

Many Basements in West End
of City Flooded When Sew-
ers Back Up

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The Willamette is rising rapidly, owing to heavy rains in the valley. Companies are hurriedly moving freight here from the lower docks. The river rose 4 1/2 feet in 24 hours.

"Water, water everywhere." Linn county is well flooded today. Albany, in particular, is. The heavy rains have covered the lowlands around the city and in the West End most of the basements are flooded. The Central school was dismissed at noon on account of water backing up into the sewer. Two inches of water covered the grates in the firebox in the furnace room; but this could have been kept pumped out. Unless the rains stop and permit the water to drain off, school will not be held in this building for several days.

Some of the basements in the vicinity of the Central school are filled with water, many having from two to three feet of water in them. The river rose more than five feet from 8 o'clock Tuesday morning to 8 o'clock this morning, and since the last reading it has come up 7 of a foot. It now stands at 15.7 feet (130 p. m.) and is still rising. At Jefferson the Santiam is reported to be breaking over its banks and, with the Willamette backing it up the country in Syracuse precinct is being flooded.

Another foot or two of water in the river will cause great loss and discomfort to the residents of that section. The Calapooia is also on a rampage, swollen by the large amount of surface water which is poured into it. Bridges in some localities are in danger and in some places the approaches are covered.

The S. P. track for over 100 feet was washed out this side of Salem near the State Training school, where the country is low. A large crew of workmen were busy repairing the place, but it was thought that no train would get through until after 3 o'clock this afternoon. Reports all over the county indicate high water and considerable damage is noted in some of the dispatches.

PRIZES IN GUESSING CONTEST TO BE ANNOUNCED

An interesting guessing contest has been on at Hamilton's store from December first to the 15th, and now the judges are busy figuring up who is the winner. The prize winners will be announced in the windows of the store the evening of December 20th. There will not only be one first prize, but 12, and the 12 lucky girls who write the best letters of 100 words giving the best reasons "Why I Should Trade at Hamilton's" will be made happy with the pretty gifts.

Over 200 letters have been received and the judges are trying hard to decide which to select. The judges are Mrs. A. C. Schmitt, Mrs. Roy Parker and Mrs. C. B. Winn.

The letters were to be written by the little girls themselves, not signed, and contain the best reasons that they could think up.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early.

MRS. JOHN SMITH DIED THIS MORNING

Well Known Resident of Sun-
rise Called to Last Reward
After Lingerin Illness.

Mrs. Ann Mary Smith, wife of John Smith of Sunrise, passed away at her home in Sunrise this morning shortly before 7 o'clock.

The deceased had been to Portland to consult a specialist in regard to her physical condition but returned more than a month ago without obtaining any relief.

Ann Mary Smith was born in Germany but came to this country when a young girl and was later united in marriage with John Smith. They came to Oregon in 1900 and have since resided in Linn county.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p. m.

HOME GUARDS TO HAVE NEW ORGANIZATION

The drill organization of the Home Guards will probably be augmented by the addition of more than 100 boys, about 35 boys, members of J. A. Howard's Sunday school class, have been drilling with the Home Guards, and it was suggested that they have a separate night for drill. They say that they can bring in more than 100 boys for the class. They will meet at the armory at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon to talk over the plans and to select a drill night. Joe Frum may be called to drill the boys.

ST. JOHNS LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

St. Johns Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election last night. Following the election the new officers were installed.

Willard L. Marks, past grand chancellor and one of the most prominent members of the Knights of Pythias, has attained the highest local office in the Blue Lodge of Masonry and will head that organization during the coming year, as worshipful master. The other officers elected were: Joe D. Gilbert, S. W.; Judge P. R. Kelly, J. W.; E. D. Casick, treasurer; Ed Washburn, secretary; Charles H. Casick and John R. Penland, trustees. The appointive officers will be named later.

MASONS WILL CELEBRATE ST. JOHNS DAY

Members of the Masonic lodge will hold their annual celebration of St. Johns Day, in the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening, December 27. Committees were appointed at the meeting held last night and Rev. O. B. Pershing will be invited to deliver an address, suitable to the occasion. A special musical program is also being prepared.

MILTON WHEAT MEN CON- SIDER BUILDING MILL

MILTON, Dec. 19.—Construction of a large flour mill and an elevator to care for bulk wheat is being seriously considered by wheatgrowers of this district. At a recent meeting the wheatmen discussed formation of a company to handle these matters, and purchase of two local mills is said to have been discussed, together with acquisition of water rights for power generation.

BAN AGAINST SEATTLE IS TO BE LIFTED

General Green's CMFVYP—mr@ General Iron's staff and local officials are conferring regarding policies in the vice campaign, with a view of raising the ban preventing soldiers visiting the city.

THOUSANDS JOIN THE RED CROSS

Total in State Now Over Thirty-
One Thousand; 263 New
Members in Albany

JUDGE MCGINN MAKES STRONG APPEAL

Calls Upon People of Nation to
Forget Personal Consideration
and Work for Victory

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The state total of 31,250 Red Cross membership is divided, with Portland 8,110 and outside counties 23,140. Umatilla county heads the state with 4,000, a percentage of 53. Coos county is second with 2,800, or 51 per cent. Both have a 7500 quota. Sixteen counties average 27 per cent. Outside of Portland the state average is 16 per cent.

Calling upon the people of the United States to forget personal considerations and consecrate themselves to the great task of winning the world war, Judge Henry McGinn of Portland last night delivered a stirring appeal to the people of Albany at a mass meeting held at the armory. The meeting was called to order by Dr. W. H. Davis, who introduced the speaker and presided during the meeting.

Judge McGinn is an able speaker and his address was pronounced a masterpiece both from an oratorical and patriotic viewpoint.

The campaign in Albany and Linn county is progressing in splendid shape. Tangent sent in a report this afternoon in which it was stated that 143 new members have been obtained in less than two days. F. M. Mitchell and G. B. Birch canvassed the Northwest corner of Price precinct and obtained 41 new members.

The results in Albany for yesterday are as follows: Pipe, 26; Lewelling, 20; Hodges, 98; Arnold, 29; Wiles, 13; Cummings, 12; Umphrey, 26; Hammel, 16; Williams, 23.

G. A. R. LADIES NAME OFFICERS FOR 1918

The following are the officers of Fair Oaks Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R., for 1918, recently elected:

President, Mrs. Jennie Curry; senior vice, Mrs. Nettie Erwin; junior vice, Mrs. Mary Linn; secretary, Mrs. Jennie Brown-Carnine; treasurer, Mrs. Belle Westbrook; chaplain, Mrs. Eva Carnegie; guard, Mrs. Helen Whiteman; conductor, Mrs. Ida Morris; delegates to Department Encampment, 1918, Mrs. Helen Whiteman, Mrs. Cora Leonard and Mrs. Barbara Richardson; alternates, Mrs. Mary Linn, Mrs. Eva Olmstead and Mrs. Elsie Voss.

Joint installation, McPherson Post and Fair Oaks Circle, will be held Saturday, January 12, 1918.

FEDERAL MEDIATOR SCORES CROWN PAPER COMPANY

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—Federal mediators issued a statement criticizing the Crown-Willamette Paper company's refusal to accept its mediation offer, and said that this "is at variance with the spirit of industry." They declared the strikers submitted their side with an unreserved offer to abide by the commission. The mills are still guarded.