

BAKER SAYS AIM OF U.S. IS FINAL PEACE

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Secretary of War Warns Nation of Germany's Peace Proposal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—(U. P.)—Sec. Baker sent the following to the readers of the Albany Democrat: "Let me express through your columns to the men of our forces, the greetings of the department and my own well wishes. Ours is a nation which has a greater love for the Prince of Peace than the God of War. Only to the attainment of a permanent liberalized peace my own marital efforts will be directed."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Baker's war summary says that Germany's insidious Christmas peace propaganda shouldn't for a moment induce us to slacken our war preparations. He said America's armies constitute the reserves of victory. He believes that Germany is seeking a separate peace with Russia during the holidays for the psychological effect on the allies. This is merely a "peace before victory" move with threats of a gigantic offensive in the West. There was a similar peace move last year.

FT. CANBY AND HIGH SCHOOL TO PLAY TONIGHT

The holiday athletic season will be opened at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium this evening when the Albany high school basketball team will meet the fast team from Fort Canby. The soldiers are here with a strong aggregation and are prepared to put up a hard fight.

The high school appears to have the best of the argument on team work, having practised in the gym longer, but the past experience of the soldiers will gain them many points and keep down the score of their younger opponents. The lineup will be: High school Position Ft. Canby Willard c Blyen Henderson R Moore Fortmiller R Schultz Irvine f Elba Nehergall f Eastburn The high school subs will be Archibald and Bussard, while Pete Miller will probably take part in the Ft. Canby line-up. Miller is a member of the U. S. navy, but is eligible to play.

AMERICANS WOUNDED FIGHTING IN FRANCE

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—It is reported that H. N. Wilkinson, of Dallas, Oregon, and Capt. Turner of Seattle, were wounded in Canadian actions.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—A beautiful 25-acre place, only one and one-half miles from Albany, including two horses, one heifer and all implements. All goes for \$4,500 if sold now. Call A. Peterson, 501 Lyon St. d24-27\*

LOST—Ladies' black silk umbrella, plain brown handle. Mrs. Geo. H. Bennett's name on handle. Return to Methodist Parsonage. d24-27\*

A.A.S. UNION HOLDS PROFITABLE BIBLE CLASSES

Much Valuable Work Accomplished by Visiting Homes in Rural Districts

G. W. Rohrbough, missionary of the American Sunday School Union, has been conducting special Bible study in rural Sunday school districts. He reports the interest good. Near Lebanon in the Mt. Hope district, the interest in the book of Romans, which was the study there, was splendid. The average attendance for the 12 nights was about 30 people, more than half of whom were the young folks who gave excellent attention to the expositions of this searching revelation.

Mr. Rohrbough says that several older people expressed their appreciation of the studies, saying that they had seldom heard sermons from the book and had never heard the teachings of the book itself set forth.

Much of the best work done by the American Sunday School Union is accomplished by visitation in the homes of our country people. Less than five out of each 100 homes reached by the missionaries of this interdenominational society are visited by workers representing orthodox organizations.

Mr. Rohrbough tells us that upon the eve of this Christmas season, he visited a home in this county where he met a young lady who knew nothing at all about the Bible. She took up the Bible and after examining it asked: "What kind of book is this?" Upon being told that it was a Bible, she replied: "I don't know anything about it."

A helpful, attractive Bible gift book, together with copy of the Bible itself, was sent to her for this Christmas.

Manifestly, there are fields yet to be won, as well as fields whitening to harvest at our very doors, fields in which this national society is at work.

CITY NEWS

Visiting Crafts—Mrs. T. M. Wright of Moscow, Idaho, arrived Saturday and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Craft.

Remembers P. O. Men—Dr. Hing Wo made the postoffice employees a gift of tropical nuts and candies which were greatly appreciated by Uncle Sam's busy servants during the Xmas rush.

Captain Knox Home—Captain Knox of the Coast Artillery is here to spend the Xmas holidays with his family. He is well satisfied with the showing made by the Albany boys and feels that he has a right to be proud of their work at Ft. Canby.

Many Soldiers Here—There are about 35 members of the Fifth Co. in the city for the holidays. Most of the boys will return Wednesday evening, while some are on a ten-day furlough.

Here From Fort Stevens—Mack Powers of 9th company, at Fort Stevens, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powers.

Visiting Hammers—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gilbert of Berlin arrived this noon to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hammer.

Here for Christmas—Miss Beulah Hinckley of Portland came up Saturday evening to spend Christmas with her mother and visit former Albany friends.

U. P. Christmas Services—The United Presbyterian church will have a special-Christmas program at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The usual White Christmas idea will be followed out.

M. E. Xmas Program—There will be special Christmas exercises at the Methodist church Christmas. The Sunday school will put on a special program and there will be a pantomime, "The Holy Night."

County Treasurer Ill—County Treasurer W. W. Francis was not at his office this afternoon on account of a slight indisposition.

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WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, Dec. 24.—According to German prisoners, 20,000 shells were hurled at the Americans' sector trenches on November 24, before the raid causing the first fatalities. Noting the Americans were hurt, the Germans spared no pains to make the raid a success. They studied the topography, etc., to barrage out the Americans from aid from the rear, and the best shock troops were used, outnumbering the Americans.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—A vigorous prosecution of the food trust investigation was decided at a conference of the federal trade commission.

Henny will later follow the trail of the alleged meat trust, which will be followed by further sessions at Boston and New York, possibly before Monday.

PHILOMATH EDITOR HERE

Editor F. S. Minshall of the Benton County Review stopped off today in Albany for a short visit.

BEESON HERE

Alva Beeson is spending the holidays with relatives in this city.

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POSTOFFICE TO OPEN TOMORROW MORNING

Officials Will See that Parcels Are Delivered; Xmas Business Makes Good Showing

Despite the fact that Xmas is a holiday for the postoffice officials, Postmaster C. H. Stewart and his assistants propose to see that mail packages are delivered to the kiddies. Two extra motor trucks have been engaged and all parcels in the office this afternoon will be delivered by 6 o'clock tonight.

There will also be a city delivery in the morning which will include every parcel coming to the local office after the evening delivery. The money order window will be closed tomorrow morning, but all other windows will remain open until noon for the accommodation of the public.

The rural delivery will be made tomorrow as usual. According to the local postoffice employees the Xmas business this year will equal that of last season. There are fewer insured parcels, indicating that the value of the gifts is not as great as in previous years, but Santa Claus is apparently reaching the same number of homes.

RIOTING REPORTED IN PETROGRAD

Drunken Soldiers Fire into the Streets; Are Routed by Federal Troops

MOSCOW IS NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Bolsheviks Unable to Control Matters at Home While They Talk Peace Abroad

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—The latest dispatches indicate that the Bolsheviks, while discussing peace with Germany, is unable to control matters at home.

Petrograd is almost in a reign of terror. Drunken garrison soldiers are wildly rioting and firing in the streets. They were dispersed only by armored cars.

Moscow reports that the Cossacks have declared martial law. Kaleidine, retiring as the military leader of the revolt, is urging a representative government.

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