

COLONEL HOUSE URGES MORE SPEED

Report of Special Commission Recommends Shorter Training Period for U.S. Troops

AGREEMENT IS REACHED WITH ALLIED NATIONS

Ship Building One of Most Urgent Demands; Working Plan Is Adopted by Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—American fighting forces must be dispatched to Europe with the least possible delay in training and equipment, Colonel House's mission to the allied countries recommended to Lansing.

The recommendations mean that all the allies hereafter will cooperate and the training period will doubtless be shortened.

Reports show the mission succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecution of the war.

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN TO SAVE FUEL

Local business men will sleep longer and save more light and fuel if the plan now proposed is put into execution according to schedule.

Most of the local business houses have already agreed not to open their stores until 7:30 in the morning. This is in line with what is being done in other cities to save light and fuel.

CUPID HOOKS 239 COUPLES IN 1917

Table showing the number of couples hooked by Cupid in 1917, with a total of 239.

OATS REACH NEW HIGH MARK IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Oats sold at \$39 a ton today, the highest record here.

THREE CRABTREE GIRLS BECOME NEW YEAR BRIDES

Three Crabtree girls became brides yesterday and today. Last Monday a license was issued for the marriage of David E. Turnidge, 20, of Talbot, and Miss Wilma Young, 17, of Crabtree.

GERMAN PROPOSALS TO RUSSIA HAVE STRINGS

Declarations Held Not Binding Unless Allies Consent to Separate Peace

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—A non-Bolshevik delegate from the peace conference says that Germany will not consider declarations binding on her at all unless the allies accept the invitation to negotiate a separate peace.

He says that "Germany's fundamental aim is the establishment of an economic union from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf. For the evacuation of Belgium and France, Germany will demand the freeing of Mesopotamia, Arabia, Palestine, and in the case of further successes against Italy, the return of Tripoli."

Scores are reported killed in the Bolshevik-Ukrainian fighting at Smolensk. Details are not available. All Cossacks of military age are ordered mobilized.

NEW SPEED COP APPOINTED BY MAYOR CURL

New Man Agrees Not to Carry Firearms While on Duty as Local Traffic Officer

Chas. Brown was this morning named as the new Albany traffic officer by Mayor Curl. There will be no gunplay as the new speed cop, in fact, he takes the office with the express understanding that he will not carry firearms.

Brown formerly served as traffic officer in Lebanon, and submitted to the mayor and council a written recommendation from Mayor Underwood of that city.

CITY NEWS

Went to Portland—Mrs. G. E. Harren and little niece went to Portland this morning, where Mrs. Harren will visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Tuttle.

On Business Trip—Rev. W. W. Reid went to Portland this morning on business.

Will Bring Back Car—J. L. Irvine went to Portland this morning and expects to drive a new car home.

To Attend Moose Convention—T. M. Freeman and F. O. Jenkins went to Portland this morning to attend the Moose convention.

On Business Trip—Lee Kerber went to Portland this morning on a business trip.

Returned to Seattle—Howard Speer of the naval hospital corps returned to Seattle this morning after a five-day furlough spent with his parents.

Left for Moscow—Mrs. T. M. Wright returned to her home in Moscow, Idaho, this morning, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. M. B. Craft, who will visit there a few weeks.

On Business Trip—Rev. A. E. Fitch went to Portland this morning on a business trip.

Here From Scio—S. B. Cole, of Scio, was in the city today.

House Guests at Greens—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Miller and daughter and James A. Gilpin of Salem returned home this morning. They were the house guests of Mrs. R. E. Greene during the week.

To Attend Farmers' Week—Farmers' Week at O. A. C. after a to Corvallis this morning to attend Farmers' Week at O. A. C. after a visit with his brother, Will Vanaken, in this city.

Stopped Off Here—Corp. Leonard of Medford Co. at Fort Columbia, stopped off yesterday to visit friends here on his way back to the fort from Medford.

Spent New Years—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hawtin and Miss Hazel Earle returned this morning from Mill City after spending New Years with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Earle.

Here on Business—W. C. Brown of Sodaville was in town today on business.

ARMY OFFICERS ARE SHIFTED

General Mann Named as Commander of the Eastern Dept. by President Willson

FRICITION BETWEEN GEN. PERSHING AND SIBERT

Pershing Asks that Sibert Be Assigned Commander of Southeast Division

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Orders have been issued assigning General Mann, commanding the Rainbow Division in France, to command the Eastern department, succeeding General Hoyle, who has been retired.

It is reported that General Sibert will soon be assigned to the southeastern department command. The Sibert assignment is apparently a direct result of Pershing's recommendations. Mann is in a hospital here.

It is said the Rainbow men are in good spirits and progressing in good shape, despite the incessant wet and cold inflicting hardships.

General Charles Mancher succeeds Mann. Sibert's successor is unknown. It was recently rumored that there was friction between Pershing and Sibert. This is believed to be the cause of the latter's removal from an important and a unimportant post.

FIVE NEGROES ARE SENTENCED TO HANG

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Five negroes of the 24th infantry were sentenced to hang by a courtmartial trying the second Houston riot case. The execution awaits the president's ratification of the findings.

Three were sentenced to ten and seven were sentenced to five years in prison. One was acquitted.

SCIO CHILD ADJUDGED DEPENDANT BY COURT

Judge D. B. McKnight this afternoon issued an order adjudging dependent Commodore Osburn, aged 5, of near Scio. The boy was brought into court by Constable J. N. Weddle, of Scio, who also brought in the boy's grandmother, Mrs. Jane Wheeler, who was charged with being feeble minded. The boy has been living with his grandmother, who is incompetent to care for him.

In the case of Mrs. Wheeler, after consultation with Drs. J. P. Wallace and M. H. Ellis, it was deemed to withdraw the charge against her with the understanding that the woman's brother, Joe Zink of Scio, would take care of her. Her husband will go to the county poor farm.

LARGE SERVICE FLAG AT BALTIMORE SCHOOL

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 2.—Perhaps the most distinguished service flag in the country is flying from the flagstaff of St. Mary's Industrial school here. The flag bears 539 stars; two of them are of gold for men who have already lost their lives in the service.

This school is conspicuous for the number of its pupils who have joined some military service. The greater portion of them are serving with the United States Marines.

COUNTY TREASURER MAKES REPORT FOR 1917

County Has Balance on Hand of \$48,045; Over Half a Million Handled

The annual statement of receipts and disbursements made during the year 1917 was completed this morning by County Treasurer W. W. Francis. The report shows that the sum of \$688,976.26 was handled during the year in receipts and \$619,930.53 was paid out. This leaves a cash balance on hand of \$48,045.73. Some of this is held in trust funds, while some of it is surplus cash in the general fund.

The report shows careful management by the county court, there being but few counties which are able to make as good a showing. In making up the report on disbursements, County Treasurer Francis and his assistant, Miss Nancy Ralston, scanned 303 pages in the abstract of accounts, totaling 12,208 lines and 22,904 entries.

Annual Statement of County Treasurer, Linn County, Oregon

Table showing receipts and disbursements for 1917, including items like To balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917, Taxes, and Total receipts of \$688,976.25.

DISBURSEMENTS

Table showing disbursements for 1917, including items like By state taxes, State Forester, Trust Funds, and Total disbursements of \$610,030.53.

Sweet Home Man Here—O. H. Russell of Sweet Home was an Albany visitor today.

SUBMARINE WAR GERMANY'S HOPE

New Effort to Be Made by Germany to Force Peace Through U-Boats

UNDER-SEA WARFARE ORGANIZED BY GERMANS

Indicated that They Have Won Temporary Success in New Drive

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Germany is making the greatest effort of her submarine war in the hope of furthering her peace projects, the British official state today will say. Possibly Germany has organized her submarine on hitherto unknown offensive scales.

The results of her concentrated drive are unknown yet, but it is believed, which Britain is certain is all that Germany can achieve.

HOOVER ANSWERS CHARGES IN SEATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Hoover answered criticisms of the food administration in testifying before the senate probers today. He attributed the high food prices to increased per capita gold circulation and the sudden conversion of thousands of men from producers to consumers only.

BOSTON PLANS LABORATORY FOR STUDY OF SPEECH

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—If you live in Indiana and say "Ko-ko-ko-komo," come to Boston. Plans are under way here today for the establishment of a \$30,000 laboratory for the study of speech, and corrections for its defects. The institution will be one of the most unique of its kind.

Everything from baby lisping to confirmed stuttering will be included in the curriculum.

From what can be learned in advance, one of the few defects in speech that seldom can be cured is the malady that causes the speaker to say "bawth" when he means "bath."

HUMPHREYS GETS APPOINTMENT AS MAJOR

Captain L. T. Humphreys, brother of John Humphreys of the local postoffice, has been promoted from the position of captain to that of major, according to word received here today.

Captain Humphreys is a former regular army man, but retired and engaged in the practice of law in Portland.

RED CROSS BUTTONS ARRIVE FOR MEMBERS

One-third of the buttons for the Red Cross have arrived and are being distributed by Fred Dawson. Any member of the Red Cross may secure a button by calling at Dawson's drug store and presenting the membership certificate as evidence of eligibility to wear one. The supply will not last long and the first come will be first served. During the recent drive 5700 new members were secured in addition to the 1,000 old ones who did not renew.

MARINES WIN FROM ARMY TEAM 19 TO 7

Fast Game at Pasadena; Albany Boys Star on Both Teams Yesterday

The great football game which was the stellar attraction at the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena yesterday was won by the U. S. Marines from Mare Island over the 91st Division army team from Camp Lewis by the score of 19 to 7. The marines won because they were the better team, say reports, and critics place them as one of the greatest football machines in the country. They were coached for the game by Hugo Bezdek, University of Oregon mentor. The Marines close a season of no defeats, and their victories are over such teams as the University of California, which they defeated twice, the University of Oregon, Camp Lewis twice, St. Mary's college, Oakland, the University of Southern California, the Olympic club, San Francisco.

Several Oregon men starred on both teams, among whom were Ed Bailey, big Marine tackle, and Orville Monteth, army fullback, both of this city. Bailey was given no special mention, but the dispatches state that "the Marine line was like a stone wall," which indicates that Corporal Bailey was as solid as a rock. "Monty" played a great game at fullback for the losers.

Other Oregon men who were in the limelight for the Marines were Capt. Johnnie Beckett, Mitchell, Hall and Huntington, the latter doing spectacular work at fullback. For the army, Sam Cook, Bill Snyder, Kenneth Bartlett, former U. of O. Stars, and McRae, former Willamette University and Multnomah star, also did brilliant work.

As the Marines entered the Hotel Maryland after the game a number of society belles gave each one a kiss. The Marines are fight to fight!

CITY NEWS

Returned From Los Angeles—Mr. A. Bowers has returned from a three-months' visit in Los Angeles with her brother.

Visited Son at Fort Canby—Mrs. Nellie Myers returned home Monday evening from Fort Canby, where she visited her son, Corporal Lyndon Myers, during the holidays.

Visited Sister Here—Miss Frances Pugh of Brownsville went to Portland last night, after a week's visit in Albany with her sister Miss Verduis Pugh.

Visited Parents—Mrs. Harvey Curry returned to her home in Portland today after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Perfect, of this city.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 42 to 51 degrees. Rainfall was .03 inches. River fell to 8.6 feet.

Teaching School—Miss Clara Luther returned to Fossil Monday evening, where she is teaching school, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Luther.

Left for California—Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Miller of Paris, Ill., left Monday evening for California to spend the winter. They have been visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wieder.

Returned to O. A. C.—Mrs. F. P. Nutting and daughter, Miss Violet Nutting, returned to their home in Portland this afternoon after a visit with former Albany friends and relatives.

Returned Home Last Night—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crowell and Mrs. Edwin Fortmiller returned last night from a three days' visit at the home of T. M. Cannon at Griggs Station.

Unique Lobby Display—Assistant Manager Moore of the Globe Theatre has a unique lobby display for tonight's and Thursday's bill—"A Poor Little Rich Girl"—in which Mary Pickford is featured.

An interior stage set in blue and gold was brought out and the entrance to the theatre made to represent a room in the home of the "poor little rich girl." The fireplace, chandeliers and other furnishings of the surroundings of the little girl in the play are shown, and a doll represents the lonesome little daughter of the rich.

BRITISH ROUT GERMANS IN WEST

Attempted Raid on Allies Position in Three Sections Is Turned Into Rout

GERMANS ALSO LOSE NEAR LENS

Austrians Retreat from Italian Positions According to a Vienna Statement

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The British near Mericourt turned the Germans' attempted raid of three sections into a rout.

After disorganizing the German barrage, the British routed the Germans in No Man's Land, south of Lens, and north of Paschendaele. Other raids were repelled, General Haig reported.

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—Early Christmas morning the Austrians withdrew from Zenson, on the lower bank of the Pieve, where the Austrians recently crossed the river. The enemy did not discover the withdrawal.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The British joined in the allied offensive against the Teutonic line. They attacked advanced positions and took prisoners.

MARY PICKFORD HERE IN "A POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL"

"A Poor Little Rich Girl" will disclose Mary Pickford in a picture which, although of typical Pickford charm, presents the famous girl star in a character quite different from anything in which she has appeared before. For instance, who ever heard of Mary Pickford being a regular little bobcat when it comes to fighting? Yet this is just what proves to be the case in "Little Mary's" new film when a gang of street urchins attack her at her palatial home.

In the luxurious conservatory with its lily pond and gigantic palms she battles with a half dozen sturdy youngsters and finally sets them to route at the cost of much expensive furnishings as well as her own immaculate appearance. Bespattered from head to foot with mud from the erstwhile lily pond and severely scratched she stands triumphant as the remains of the gang are set to flight. The urchins used in these scenes were instructed to give real battle and in fighting them off the popular little star had her hands full in every sense of the expression—as well as her teeth and feet.

After this fight Miss Pickford's activities for the day at the studio ceased right then and there and those who will witness the affair on the screen of the Globe Theatre commencing tonight will easily understand why this was the case.

WAR WILL HOLD UP TRUST PROSECUTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—A motion to postpone until October the hearings on all anti-trust suits pending has been made in the supreme court by Attorney General Gregory. In October he will request their suspension until the end of the war.

The tremendous expense of dissolving the corporations, should favorable decision be given, prompted the motion.

NEW CLASSIFIED

LOST—A white fur on Fourth St. between Lyon and Jackson Monday night. Return to Democrat office.