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## CENTRAL POWERS STARTLE WORLD BY PROPOSING PEACE

When Germany And Austria Get Upper Hand They Want To Settle Things As They Stand.

### WOULD MAKE POLAND A SEPERATE NATION

In Two Years Fighting Allies Have Lost 15,000,000 Men And All Powers Involved Have Piled Up Great National Debt.

London, Dec. 13.—Terms which are believed to constitute the only basis upon which the entente powers are willing to enter upon peace negotiations were ascertained this afternoon from various sources by the United Press. One of the provisions would be for full indemnity for Germany for devastation to the nations which she has invaded.

These terms, although unofficial are believed to represent the concessions which Germany must make to obtain peace. They are as follows:

The evacuation and restoration of all occupied territory, including Belgium, northern France, Poland, Serbia and Roumania—with full indemnity for the devastation which German occupancy of those territories has entailed.

Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France.

Cession of the Constantinople straits to Russia.

Indemnity ship for ship and ton for ton, for all destroyed shipping.

Adequate punishment for those responsible for atrocities committed by German forces.

It is emphasized in all quarters that the only questions of a possible negotiable character in the peace proceedings might be as to the disposition of certain captured German colonies and the character and limitation of Germany's future armament.

New York, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposals for peace are made at a time when her armies have taken the offensive in the newest battle area and when her western front has reached another deadlock.

The peace that Germany now wants is one with Teutonic troops occupying enemy territory on practically every front.

The war is yet far from having gone to the knockout that David Lloyd-George demanded in his United Press interview a short time before he became the British premier. On the contrary, Germany's position now is not that of a beaten antagonist. The Germans occupy at the present moment probably the highest position they will reach, as far as practical purposes are concerned, no matter how long the war continues.

Time Ripe for Germany.

They have a clear road to what they regard as the center of their future colonial empire, in Asia Minor, and they are holding in check every movement to break through the German defenses.

It would be, therefore, greatly to Germany's advantage if a peace could be secured on this basis. Nevertheless, Germany's losses in man power are becoming constantly much greater than the losses of any one of her principal antagonists. At the same time, the British government has just undergone reconstruction for the purpose of carrying on the war to a more bitter conclusion; and France, too, is evolving a scheme for greater efficiency.

Larger Concessions Necessary.

Under these conditions, while Germany is not overthrown, the German militarists may well feel that the future developments of the war cannot hold out for Germany any better prospect than the ceaseless killing of proportionately more Germans than Frenchmen or Englishmen.

Germany must make large concessions to secure peace at present—far larger than are indicated by the war boundaries on the map. But, whatever Germany proposes as a basis for peace in her first declaration, probably will not be her final word. The most important fact of Germany's new attitude doubtless will be the definite statement of tentative peace terms,

### Territory Taken By Warring Nations.

German territory held by the allies—the western edge of Alsace-Lorraine.

Austro-Hungarian territory captured by the allies—About half of Galicia and all of Bukovina and the southern fringe of Trentino as well as the western border of the Istrian peninsula, north of the city of Trieste.

Turkish territory captured by the allies—All of northeastern Armenia and part of Mesopotamia.

Bulgarian territory—Taken by the allies, none.

Entente territory occupied by the German allies—Northeastern France, practically all of Belgium, Poland and Lithuania, more than half of Roumania, all of Serbia and Montenegro and nearly all of Albania as well as part of Persia and Egypt. Some of Greek Macedonia is occupied by the German-Bulgarian forces, although Greece is not in a state of war.

Germany lost all of her overseas colonies.

which later may be taken as a starting point for future elaboration and a possible settlement.

### The War's Beginning

Austria declared war on Serbia July 28, 1914, and sounded the signal which plunged practically the whole of Europe into war. Austria's declaration followed her definite refusal to submit to The Hague differences which arose after the assassination of the Austrian grand duke by a Serbian June 28.

Russia mobilized her forces. Germany demanded that she demobilize and after heated exchanges upon July 30 and July 31 the kaiser declared war on the czar. This came August 1 and two days later Germany was at war with France.

England had announced she would protect France if Germany declared war; the British declaration was made August 4. The next nation in the war was Montenegro, which entered the field against the central powers August 8. Japan lived up to her treaty with England and declared war on Germany August 23.

Turkey became a German ally October 29. Italy entered the war, first with a declaration against Austria, May 23, 1915. Here are the nations now at war.

Allies—England, France, Russia, Japan, Roumania, Serbia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Italy and Albania.

Central powers—Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.

### Losses Are Appalling.

The allies lost 15,000,000 men in the war to December 5, according to figures compiled in Copenhagen and made public via Berlin. These losses were divided as follows:

Great Britain	1,200,000
Russia	8,500,000
France	3,700,000
Italy	800,000
Serbia	480,000
Belgium	220,000
Roumania	200,000

There has been no recent statement of the losses of the Teutonic allies. An estimate based on the losses at the close of two years of war, and taking into consideration Teutonic reverses since August 1, follows:

Germany	4,500,000
Austria-Hungary	2,750,000
Turkey	375,000
Bulgaria	200,000

About 30,000,000 are in arms today. At the close of the second year of war the belligerents had borrowed about \$40,000,000,000 and spent \$10,000,000,000 more from their own exchequers or from their issues of paper money. The cost of the entire Civil War in this country was \$5,000,000,000.

The present debt of the principal nations in the war is as follows:

Great Britain	\$15,106,900,000
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### TO OPEN NEW FEED STORE

J. J. Browning Will Set Up Business In Creamery Block.

J. J. Browning will open a feed and seed store in the Creamery block Saturday of this week with a fine line of feed, hay, grain and other kindred supplies.

Mr. Browning has been in business here in Springfield for several years and has made a reputation as being a splendid man to do business with. He stated yesterday that he was entering this new line of business for legitimate profit and not with the idea of cutting prices and taking all the business.

The new store will be run on a strictly cash basis and will endeavor to serve the best interests of the farmers and stock owners.

### Will Improve South Second Street.

The passage of an ordinance for the improvement of South Second street from E to the city limits was the most important legislation of the city council when it met on Tuesday afternoon in a special session. At the same meeting, the treasurer was authorized to call in as many outstanding warrants as possible with the funds on hand. Council members present were, Mayor Morrison, and councilmen Coffin, Peery, and Weber.

### DR. EMERY ELECTED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Methodists Will Hold Christmas Entertainment Probably Saturday of Next Week.

Dr. N. W. Emery will serve another year as superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school according to the decision of the teachers of the Sunday school made at a meeting at the church Tuesday evening. The other officers that were elected for next term are: Sam Bartholemew, assistant superintendent; Frances Bartlett, secretary-treasurer; Lucile Smith, librarian; Sam Bartholemew, chorister; Leota McCracken, organist; Mrs. L. K. Page, primary superintendent; Mrs. Townsend, superintendent of cradle-rolls; Frances Bartlett, missionary superintendent.

All of the present teaching staff of the school was reelected with a few additions. Next year's teachers will be, R. W. Smith, C. L. Scott, Sam Bartholemew, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, Chloe Wooley, Ethel Kingswell, Eunice Parker, Doris Sikes, Leota McCracken, Avis Thompson, Edna Dur-ye, Mrs. S. S. Potter, Mrs. L. K. Page, Miss Anne McCormick, Miss Vera Williams, Walter Dimm.

The Sunday school will hold a Christmas entertainment probably on Saturday night, December 23. Special music and exercises will be given by the children. The committee in charge of the entertainment are: Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, Mrs. S. S. Potter, Mrs. Will Bishop, Mrs. E. E. Martin, Mrs. S. Richmond, and Miss Jesse Walker.

### Will Attend Special Hop Meeting.

E. E. Morrison has received notice from the Oregon Hop growers association, of which body he is director, that a special meeting will be held in Salem on December 20, to consider means of disposing of the 1916 hop crop. The Mayor plans to attend.

### Factory May Be Established.

U. L. Briggs of College Crest, Eugene, brought to the office of The Springfield News yesterday a sample of jerked salmon. Mr. Briggs has perfected a process of putting up fish by cooking and smoking that makes the product superior to kippered salmon. A patent has been applied for, and if it is granted a factory may be built on the coast.

### Mrs. A. Middleton on Program.

At the first Oregon state music teachers' convention held recently in Portland, which several hundred representative teachers from all over the state and visitors from Washington attended, Mrs. A. Middleton, of this city sang two solos, one unaccompanied and one with a flute obligato by Frank Badollet. These numbers occurred during a concert given by the University of Oregon school of music, in the Strand Theatre.

### Real Estate Transfers.

J. E. Edwards et ux to C. E. Brattain et al—South 1/2 lots 1 and 2, block 39, Springfield, \$10.  
Minnie E. Hammond et vir to C. E. Brattain et al—South 1/2 of lots 1 and 2, block 29, Springfield, \$1600.

## POTATO INDUSTRY GREATER THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE

E. E. Morrison Will Ship 125 Cars From This Section; Only 40 Previous Year.

### WILL DOUBLE NEXT YEAR

Order For 125 Cars Next Year's Delivery Already Received From Single Southern Firm.

The potato industry in this section has made an enormous stride over last year, if one may judge by the comparative shipments made in the two seasons, and there seems a good chance that the local output of the product will be doubled next year, according to E. E. Morrison, local dealer, who has so much faith in the future of the industry that he will have 70 acres of his own potatoes next year, as contrasted with five or six this year.

Fifty-one cars have gone out already this year, with the potatoes still moving out just as quickly as cars can be secured. On October 12, the first car went out, and since that time shipments have been made at the rate of about eight cars a week, being somewhat lighter than that figure at first, and now a little heavier since cars are being secured somewhat easier. Six cars went out on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

There is yet about 60 cars at Springfield, which will be disposed of as soon as cars can be secured. Besides this number, Mr. Morrison has two cars at Scio, six or seven at Coburg, two at Jasper, one at Yoncalla, and three at Eugene. This will make a total of at least 125 cars this year from a single dealer. This is in contrast to last year's total of 40.

Besides Mr. Morrison, at least one other wholesale dealer, W. C. Miller, and some private growers have made shipments. Mr. Miller has been shipping just as fast as cars could be secured for several weeks now.

As one evidence of the big prospects ahead for next year, Mr. Morrison has now a standing order from one Southern Pacific company for 125 cars of potatoes for next year's delivery. And the south will not be our only buyer, for in past years and this year, heavy purchases have been made by eastern and northern firms.

### Bereans To Dine In Style.

"You bet it is," Teacher Morrison emphatically asserted when asked whether the feed to be given the winning team of his Sunday school class by the losers in the recent membership contest, was to be a chicken supper. Big preparations are now under way for the banquet which will be held in the Woodmen hall next Monday evening, when 75 are expected to be present. The roll of the class, the Bereans, now carries 71 names, and 63 of this number were present at Sunday school last Sunday, the last day of the contest. Formerly, the largest number attending was 50. Roy Cairns heads the winners, while Harry Nixon's followers are doing the scrambling after chickens.

### Hauling at Good Clip Now.

Two motor trucks and five teams are now busy hauling lumber from the Booth-Kelly mill at this place and loading it on Oregon Electric cars in Eugene for shipping to points in the northern middlewest states. Six carloads were loaded out during the first two days of this week. The average of three a day is being maintained now.

### Library Reading Room Opened Sunday

At a special meeting the Springfield Public Library board held last Monday evening, was virtually decided that the project of throwing the library open as a reading room each day in the week, should be started on Sunday, December 17. All members of the board were present.

### "Golden Chassis" Can Be Seen.

Local auto owners will be interested to know that the \$25,000 Series 17 Studebaker car, which has been named the "Golden Chassis" from the fact that it is entirely finished in gold, will be on display today and tomorrow at the Sweet Drain Auto company's garage at 1042 Oak street in Eugene.

### TO OPEN STORE SATURDAY

E. E. Kepner Almost Ready To Launch New Business Venture.

E. E. Kepner will be ready for business Saturday morning with a line of Christmas toys, notions, dishes and graniteware, at his store building on Main street, between Third and Fourth Mr. Kepner will conduct the business by himself at present.

The opening line will consist largely of Christmas goods of which shipments are being received now. Later, other lines of stock and more fixtures will be received. Mr. Kepner plans to carry mostly articles ranging in price from five cents to one dollar.

### Bazaar Nets Baptist Ladies Aid \$37.

Thirty seven dollars was taken in at the fancy work bazaar and tea held by the members of the Baptist ladies aid one door west of the Swarts and Washburne meat market yesterday. Handkerchiefs, aprons, quilt covers, pin cushions, Japanese fancy articles, and other articles, were sold from attractively decorated booths, while tea and pie and cake were served from small tables. Mrs. Truman Chase, president of the aid, assisted by Mrs. F. B. Chase, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Saginfield, and Mrs. Haight, was actively in charge.

### TAX MAY BE LESS THAN IS ESTIMATED FOR COMING YEAR

18.75 Mills May Be Needed For County As Property Valuation Is Higher Than Was Believed.

It is probable that the county tax levy this year will be somewhat less than 18.75 mill, which was the tentative amount estimated by the county court, before the exact assessed valuation of the property of public service corporations and all property in Lane county, was known. Although the decrease in property valuation is over half a million dollars, it is not such a large decrease as was counted upon, as was seen when the figures were received from the state public service commission yesterday morning.

The assessed valuation of the property of public service corporations in Lane county this year is \$3,912,186.67, according to word received by Assessor B. P. Keeny, from the state public service commission yesterday morning. This is compared with a valuation of \$4,423,525.15 last year, a decrease of over half a million dollars, or to be exact, \$511,338.48. The assessed valuation of all other property in Lane county this year is \$26,413,372, making a total of \$30,325,558.67.

The court made this tentative levy upon an estimated total valuation of approximately \$30,000,000, the exact figures as to the valuation of the property not being available, as no report had been received from the public service corporation, neither had the amount of the state tax been received from the state tax commission, but he court estimated it at 4.576 mills.

The annual budget meeting will be held in the county courthouse on December 23, beginning at 10 a. m. At this time the different items as published in the court's budget will be discussed and, as usual, it is expected that strong efforts will be made to run down the expense of continuing the different departments of the county government.

With a higher valuation than expected placed upon the public service properties in the county and with a probable acceptance of the recommendation of the taxpayers at the meeting for a reduction in at least some of the items in the budget, a somewhat lower levy than 18.75 mills as proposed by the court may be expected this year.

### Jasper Man Sells 11 Goats for \$125.

T. H. Goyeau of Jasper was in Springfield yesterday on his way home from Eugene where he sold 11 goats to R. A. Booth, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company for \$125. The animals, which were registered Angoras, will go to Mr. Booth's new ranch in Benton county. Mr. Goyeau is one of the foremost dealers in registered stock in Lane county.

### B. B. Teams Elect Officers.

Bertha Lindley has been elected captain and Audrey Perkins manager of the high school freshmen girls' basketball team recently organized. The sophomore girls have elected Gladys Lepley captain of their team, and have made Wanna McKinney manager.

## SPRINGFIELD BAND MAY BE GIVEN UP ACCORDING TO HEAD

Council Refuses Levy And President Declares He Will Not Ask Donations.

### COUNCIL BUSY MONDAY EVE

Passes an Ordinance, Hears Petitions, Authorizes Installation of Fountains and Elects President.

It seems probable that the Springfield Municipal Band will be disorganized. Sometime ago, D. S. Beals, president of the organization, made the statement that unless the city granted a one half mill levy which the body was petitioning for, he would give up the band, as he would not solicit any more donations from the business men. At the regular monthly council meeting Monday evening, the petition asking support for the city band was brought up and refused.

The reason given was that it was presented too late to obtain a share in the general levy, and that no special levy could be made for the band. The Monday evening session of the council was an especially busy one. Besides the consideration of the band petition, among other matters another petition was heard, an ordinance was passed, council appointments were made, provisions were made for the installation of drinking fountains, a request from the Oregon Power company was heard, and the subject of the repeal of an ordinance was discussed. The business of the evening follows in detail:

W. L. McCulloch, chief engineer of the Oregon Power company, asked permission to arrange some signal whereby the citizens may be warned that the city water is to be shut off, for repairs or other reasons. His request was granted, and the signal will be worked out in conjunction with the fire and water committee. The report of the recorder and treasurer were read and approved.

A petition was presented by the Springfield Feed company, asking that the firm be allowed to keep a few hogs under its warehouse, near the railroad track. The petition was refused, on the ground that it was contrary to the city ordinance pertaining to the keeping of such stock.

A letter was read from the First National bank of Eugene, which has bid for the G street bonds, saying it was ready to accept the bonds as soon as the transcripts were approved by the bank's attorney.

The subject of the repeal of an ordinance requiring plumbers' licenses was brought up and discussed. The matter was referred to city attorney S. P. Ness, who is to draft a new ordinance which will do away with this feature of the license fee. The subject will again be brought up at the council's next regular meeting.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting the destruction of property and the defacing of buildings. This ordinance, which becomes effective at once, since it has an emergency clause is intended to catch those people who delight in marking up plate glass windows, and in playing other pranks of like nature. The fine provided for offenders is from \$1.00 to \$200.00.

The council authorized the installation of a drinking fountain at fourth and Main streets, which matter was left in the hands of the fire and water committee, which was given power to act. The moving of the City Hall fountain to Sixth street was also authorized.

Mayor E. E. Morrison made the following appointments to standing committees: Judiciary, Coffin, Bressler, Weber; Finance, Weber, Coffin, Peery; Streets, Peery, Bressler, Coffin, Health, Weber, Bressler, Peery; Printing, and Police, Bressler, Coffin, Weber; Fire and Water, Coffin, Bressler, Peery.

The recorder was ordered to present a bill to the county for the use of the Springfield road roller, at the rate of \$4 a day.

J. W. Coffin was elected president of the council, succeeding Nelsa Fenwick, who formerly held the position.