

# WATER SPELLS SALVATION FOR SMALL TRACTS

### Dr. J. L. Helms States That Irrigation Increased His Alfalfa Yield to Six Tons Per Acre, Giving Two More Heavy Cuttings—Guy Connor Says Irrigated Fruit Brings the Prices.

"I am convinced that water is of inestimable benefit to the man who has small acreage, having demonstrated this fact to my own satisfaction. As to the man with large acreage, if he is so situated as to handle the water on intensively cultivated crops, it will be of benefit to him also. It will take time to bring the big ranches of the valley to the point where water may be easily handled, yet a beginning toward this point must be made some time and now is an opportune time."

Dr. J. L. Helms, who Tuesday made the foregoing statement, was convinced of the benefits of irrigation on small tracts this past season when he applied water to a small tract of land south of Medford on which was a young stand of alfalfa. This tract was pastured heavily until the first of April, the stock eating the alfalfa down until the ground was absolutely bare. It was then spring toothed. A fair crop was taken. However, prospects for a second crop were very poor until irrigation from the Bear Creek ditch was applied. With the aid of the water, two more cuttings, each heavier than the first were cut, the total yield for the three cuttings being between six and seven tons to the acre.

#### Irrigation Did It.

"I am convinced that I would have received no return from this land, except the first crop without the aid of irrigation," stated Dr. Helms. "In previous years the land, which is of sticky formation, showed deep cracks shortly after the beginning of the dry season. With the use of water no such cracks appeared."

In his trips about the country, Dr. Helms stated, he has found a large number of orchardists and farmers, who do not yet understand that the election of December 27 is merely preliminary and for the purpose of electing directors for the district. They do not realize that following the election of directors, these men will work out the plan under which water will be supplied to the district after which a second election will be held when the plan submitted by the directors will be either accepted or rejected by the voters of the district.

#### Difference in Fruit

An argument for irrigation has been advanced by Guy Connor, fruit distributor of Medford. He cites the difference between the size and sale price realized on winter Nellis pears grown without irrigation in this valley and the pears grown under irrigation in the country around Santa Clara county California.

Sales sheets from the firm of Scobel and Day, fruit auctioneers, showing sales of winter Nellis, with the fruit sizes, from the Santa Clara district, were used for the comparison. These pears ran from 40 to 60 to the half box, the cars of fruit bringing an average of \$4,945.95. The winter Nellis of this section, grown without water, stated Mr. Connor, ran in size from 150 to the box, to fumble, or too small to wrap and pack. The average amount realized from the sale of Rogue River winter Nellis is around \$1,200 to the car.

"If the orchardists of this valley do not come to a realization of the fact that we must have water in order to compete in the fruit markets, and do not provide water, we must withdraw our product from the great fruit markets. The issue is plain—irrigate or pull up the trees."

### PEACE OFFER IS TRAP

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#### Proposals Mere Talk.

"The speech merely emphasized essential weakness which temporary successes cannot hide," the Petit Journal continues. "It is because Germany knows she cannot win that she desires to end the war. Her plans, however, are doomed. It will fall before the immovable resolution of the allies."

The Matin characterizes the peace proposals as "mere talk," saying: "They contain no territorial, political or other conditions which could serve as a basis of discussion. Germany simply says for the hundredth time that she never desired war and wishes only to protect her rights, and that if her enemies will not listen she will throw the blame of further bloodshed on them. The device is too obvious. It could not deceive any but the most ignorant."

"Another motive is the necessity of

PAYING ELECTION BETS. IT TAKES A LOT OF NERVE!



making Germany accept the sufferings and sacrifices of another winter campaign. If only the civilian population had to endure this not much harm would be done, but the army is beginning to feel the strain. During the last few weeks rations have been reduced and in three months' time they will be very poor, indeed. Germany is compelled to talk of peace, but she does it as vaguely as possible in the hope of spreading dissension among her enemies and keeping her condition together."

#### Describes the Trap.

In an article in the Figaro, Alfred Capus, dramatist and member of the French academy, writes:

"What of the conditions? What is the whole thing for? We want peace, too, but our peace is not theirs. What then are Germany's conditions? Nothing precise. She informs us only that her pretensions are moderate and proper and proposes to us to stop the war while she defines them. As soon as we lay down our arms, as soon as the image of peace shall have done its work of disturbing our minds and a peace party shall have been formed in France, Russia and England, then Germany will enlighten us on the conditions which she now calls moderate. Such is the trap. It should be met by us and by our allies with grim contempt, not even with anger. The maneuver is too clumsy to be worthy of indignation."

### GREEKS ATTACK FRENCH

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ment says, but on being counter-attacked the Rumanians were forced to retire. The Rumanian army at present occupies a front along a line from Buzau, Saringa and Urzitehni.

#### Teutonic Advance.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Russian attacks in the Gyergyo mountains, on the eastern Transylvanian front, were repulsed yesterday by the Teutonic forces, the war office announces.

In Wallachia, Rumanian troops which, reinforced by Russian cavalry, attempted to make a stand, are now once more in full retreat. More than 1000 prisoners were taken yesterday. The statement reads:

"On the Transylvania eastern front yesterday German and Austro-Hungarian troops again repulsed Russian attacks in the Gyergyo mountains, and on both sides of the Frotus valley. Reconnoitering detachments followed the retreating enemy. They reported considerable hostile losses and brought back prisoners."

Army group of Field Marshal Von Maelsen: The enemy, which had been reinforced by Russian cavalry and again had made a stand along the Jalemitza river, the waters of which had risen high, is now again in full retreat toward the northeast. The Danube and ninth armies are pressing after him on the whole front. On the road to Buzau we gained considerable ground, taking 3000 prisoners, while in the mountains yesterday more than 4000 additional prisoners were taken.

### FRANCE TO CURB SALE OF BOOZE

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Premier Ribot announced in the chamber of deputies today he had decided to ask parliament to enact legislation providing for a further restriction in the consumption of alcoholic beverages throughout France.

It took a month for these election bet losers to "take heart" and pay off.

The man at the left had to walk on his hands along a crowded business street in New York.

Blowing a peanut around a New York block is a difficult task and requires courage, especially when the loser has to wear wife's nightcap.

But perhaps the gravest of the brave is she who had to wear a knee-length skirt to expose her limbs, one half-stockinged, to pay her bet.

### PRESIDENT AWAITS TERMS

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one to preside over the annual meeting of the American Red Cross and remained in the white house where he conferred with Colonel E. M. House, his friend and adviser, who made one trip to Europe to sound out peace sentiment several months ago. Colonel House may go again if the president makes a move to accompany Germany's proposal with suggestions of any character. It was reiterated that until the official documents had been received for transmittal to the entente no decision would be reached as to what the United States would do further than to transmit them.

The London press comment on the peace offer is known to be in accord with confidential advices coming to this government before Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech and the note were published. How far this comment represents the views of the new British government can only be surmised.

#### Need Guarantees.

In quarters close to the entente allies, an opinion prevails that if the entente allies made reply their first course might be to inquire what guarantees would be given by Germany that the terms of a peace treaty would be fulfilled and that a treaty would not be violated, as the allies contend, in the case of Belgium. By making such a reply entente diplomats see the responsibility for continuing the war thrown back to the central powers.

The president has been urged by some advisers to make his address to the opening of the conference of governors here tomorrow night, the occasion to express in general terms his attitude binding himself in a definite way.

Colonel E. M. House left at noon for New York. He said he had no plans for going to Europe and would not discuss the proposals of the central powers on the ground that the official word had not been received.

#### Entente Alarmed.

Among the entente diplomats no attempt was made to disguise their apprehension that President Wilson, in transmitting the German proposal, might make some move toward mediation. At all the embassies it was said such an offer would interfere seriously with the plans of the allies. Its effect upon peace movements in the allied countries also was taken into consideration in that connection.

Martin J. Reddy's jewelry store will be open of evenings until Christmas. 131\*

### Practical Economy

Baking powders made from alum or phosphate may be bought for a trifle less than Royal Baking Powder, which is made from cream of tartar, derived from grapes.

Alum powders are not only cheap, but they differ greatly in leavening power.

If a cheap baking powder is used for a fine cake and the cake turns out a failure there is a waste of costly materials worth more than a whole can of the cheap baking powder.

Royal Baking Powder produces the finest food, and its use therefore, results in an actual saving.

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### PEACE CONDITIONS GERMANY OFFERS NOT MADE PUBLIC

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Although Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg did not disclose the definite proposals on which Germany and her allies are prepared to make peace in his speech before the reichstag, such proposals are ready and will be communicated to the entente powers if the chancellor's offer should fall upon responsive ears.

In the corridors of the reichstag where, after the historic twenty minute session, the members gathered in keen discussion of the chancellor's speech, the general opinion expressed was that the situation would be advantageous to Germany, whether or not the chancellor's offer was accepted by the entente.

Some of the opponents of the chancellor are opposed to any move in the direction of peace, except on the basis of "woo to the conquered." Most members of the reichstag, however, express the opinion that the emperor's decision was wise and timely and showed pleasure at the formal step taken toward ending the war.

### MARINE INSURANCE DROPS AND RAISES

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Fluctuations in the trans-Atlantic marine war risk insurance rates were caused by Germany's peace proposals. From 10 per cent yesterday there was a sharp drop to 6 per cent, a rise again to 10 and a recession today to 8 per cent. Mediterranean rates remain firm at 10 per cent.

Band concert December 19, 228\*

### VILLA CAPTURES MINING TOWN OF MAPIMI, MEXICO

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 13.—Vista troops are reported to have captured Mapimi, a mining town in the state of Durango, southwest of Torreon, according to government agents here today. No date was given for the reported capture.

General Luis Herrera, a Carranza commander, who was in Parral before Villa occupied the mining town, was reported in Tepehuanes, Durango, last Saturday with a force of de facto troops and was said to be confiscating much private property there.

Fighting was reported yesterday near Bachimba Pass, south of Chihuahua City, between the de facto forces and those of Villa. The railroad and telegraph lines have been cut south of Chihuahua City, according to Carranza officials in Juarez.

### PROTOCOL NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY TO CARRANZA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Penas arriving here today from Queretaro give the strong impression that General Carranza has not approved unqualifiedly the protocol submitted to him as a result of the discussions between the Mexican and American commissioners at Atlantic City and that any tentative approval on the part of the Mexican commissioners depends on the fixing of a definite date for the withdrawal of General Pershing's troops.

According to press reports, the protocol provides for withdrawal of these forces within forty days, if conditions still warrant. It is believed objection also has been raised to granting the right of unlimited pursuit of bandits.

### MEDYNSKI PLANS ADVOCATED TONIGHT

Under the auspices of the People's Progressive Non-partisan League, there will be held a citizens' mass meeting of the Natatorium tonight at 8 o'clock to publicly discuss the Medynski plan. Out of many applicants who kindly offered their services to preside as chairman at this meeting, the committee in charge has awarded the honors to a lady.

F. J. Newman will explain both issues. Mr. Medynski will also address the audience and outline the measures he stands for and give his reasons for so doing.

If time will permit, other speakers will present their views on the issues. The public is invited to attend, especially ladies.

### A Clear Complexion

Most every woman wants a nice, clear complexion, and can have it at a trifling cost. Constipation in women is increasing to an alarming extent, and this causes poor circulation which accounts for yellow, muddy, pimply complexions which so many women are trying to overcome.

### Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

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<b>Furs for Xmas</b> Large size Coney Muffs and Scarfs, in black and brown, special, each..... <b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Petticoats for Xmas</b> New Floral Petticoats, in dark and light styles, values up to \$3.00, sale price..... <b>\$2.19</b>	<b>Silk Taffeta Petticoats</b> , in all colors, a splendid \$5.00 grade, very special, each..... <b>\$3.98</b>
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<b>Waists for Xmas</b> Women's fine Crepe de Chene Waists, all colors, \$5.00 value at..... <b>\$3.98</b>	<b>Bath Robes for Xmas</b> Women's Heavy Bath Robes, well made, good colors, very special, each..... <b>\$4.98</b>	<b>Women's fine Tailor Made Bath Robes</b> , made of heavy material, special, each..... <b>\$6.98</b>
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<b>Xmas Cards</b> , values up to 5¢, very special..... <b>2¢</b>	<b>Xmas Stickers and Tags</b> , special, pkg..... <b>5¢</b>	<b>Wash Ribbons</b> , all colors, 5-yd. bolts, bolt..... <b>10¢</b>	<b>Sachet Packages</b> , all odors, special, each..... <b>10¢</b>
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<b>Xmas Ribbons</b> 1000 yds. Fancy Floral Ribbons for fancy work, up to 40¢ values, yd..... <b>25¢</b>	<b>Xmas Gloves</b> Cape Gloves, good heavy quality, in tan only, special, pair..... <b>\$1.75</b>
<b>Xmas Ribbons</b> 1000 yds. extra wide All-Silk Ribbons for hair boxes and fancy work, real 50¢ values, sale price, yd..... <b>35¢</b>	<b>Women's fine grade Kid Gloves</b> , in all colors and sizes, put up in fancy boxes, special, pair..... <b>\$1.50</b>

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