

ASHLAND BANKS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

ASHLAND, Jan. 15.—Ashland's three banks have elected officers for the current year. The changes are minor ones, and with few exceptions the representation on the official and directory lists are the same as last year.

At the First National: E. V. Carter, president; C. H. Vaupel, vice-president; J. W. McCoy, cashier, with Clark Bush and H. C. Emery as assistants. The bookkeepers are H. V. Simpson and G. H. Wenner. Directors are E. V. Carter, C. H. Vaupel, J. W. McCoy, Geo. W. Dunn, W. H. McNair, George Owen, F. D. Wagner, T. H. Simpson and O. Winter. G. S. Butler, the oldest director in point of service on the board, retires, due to physical infirmness through deafness. J. W. McCoy succeeds him on the directorate. The institution reports improved business conditions in general, notably in the way of earnings. The regular semi-annual dividend was declared as usual.

At the Citizens Bank: H. F. Pohland, president; J. P. Dodge, vice-president; V. O. N. Smith, cashier, having as assistants, F. S. Engle and Miss E. L. Davenport. Troy Phillips is bookkeeper. The directors are C. B. Lanekin, W. M. Poley, W. F. Loomis, Don B. Smith, H. F. Pohland, J. P. Dodge and V. O. N. Smith. The Citizens was organized in 1910, and reports 1916 as the most successful in the institution's history. It conducts a general banking in addition to savings banking.

The new president of the State Bank of Ashland is O. Winter, elected in place of G. S. Butler, who has served the institution in that capacity since the organization of the Granite City Savings Bank, the former name, in 1907. F. D. Wagner is vice-president and G. E. Eubanks cashier. Directors are O. Winter, T. H. Simpson, George Owen, E. V. Carter, C. H. Vaupel, F. D. Wagner and W. H. McNair. The State Bank, under its former designation, was the original savings institution in this city. It now conducts both savings and commercial departments and reports a steadily increasing volume of general business, also citing the year 1916 as having been one in which the activities of the bank were at their zenith. At both the First National and State Bank, acknowledgment was duly made and entered of record, regarding the long and faithful service of G. S. Butler, in various positions of responsibility and trust.

BUTTE FALLS

A. J. Pierce and daughter Alice of Wilbur, Wash., came Saturday for a few day's visit with the Stewart family, leaving Tuesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will visit for some time. Mr. Pierce has a large wheat ranch near Wilbur.

Ray Parker returned from Medford Saturday where he had been to consult a dentist.

Prof. Booy returned Saturday from a two weeks visit in Portland.

Miss Mabel Johnson returned from Monmouth Saturday after a two weeks visit with home folks.

Mrs. Carl Jackson came up from Dupray Saturday returning the same day.

Ed Watson returned Saturday from Jacksonville where he has been working in the assessor's office.

Rev. Gleckner of Grants Pass spent Sunday with the Presbyterian church here.

H. D. Mills returned from a business trip to the valley Saturday.

Mr. William Chambers and family went to Dupray Saturday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Jackson.

J. W. Bishop and wife, Past Bishop, Frank Bishop and Mr. Foster came up from the valley Tuesday and moved into the Al Hildreth house. They have a contract of wood cutting with Wm. Sears.

Dr. Holt was up Wednesday to see Will Hughes, who has been very sick with the grippe. He is much better at this writing.

Rupert Gleason and wife returned Thursday from Medford, where they have been visiting Mrs. Gleason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sears.

Elmer H. of and wife moved to Edsal Thursday, where he has a wood contract for the winter.

J. W. Barman went out to Medford Thursday on business.

Will and Loren Moore moved their camp outfit down to Griffert's place the first of the week where they are cutting wood.

There are not so many la grippe patients this week as there have been for the last few weeks.

Old papers for sale at this office at 25c for 100.

SIXTY DIVISIONS ADDITIONAL TROOPS NEEDED BY ALLIES

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Times' military correspondent maintains that the prolongation of the war, "as the result of the foredoomed failure of the peace move," throws on all the allies the duty of making greater efforts in order to deserve victory. He says that Germany did not wait for a reply to her peace offer, but initiated measures a month ago to expand her supply of men and munitions.

"We ought to see," the correspondent writes, "clearly enough now that our efforts on land, especially on the western front, have not been adequate to secure a decision, or even to deserve it."

Referring to the imputation, "with a tendency to exaggeration," that the British have two million men in France and the French have three million, he says:

"Statements of this nature serve rather to obscure the issues than to illuminate them. The truth of the situation in the west is that Germany has 128 divisions opposed to us and that the number of French, British and Belgian divisions is not yet such as to promise a decision in an offensive war. The offensive devolves on us in order that we may eject the enemy from the territory of our allies and such an offensive against modern means of defense, depends on a great superiority in strength, particularly in heavy guns, infantry and all other modern machinery. Before the war we supposed a two or even three to one superiority not too great for the attackers, and I must repeat again that we have nothing like this superiority and that victory depends upon it. It is always possible for the Germans to place in the west the floating balance of strategic reserves which they used against Rumania and if in 1917 we only employ against the enemy a slight superiority of force, nothing better than a slight success can be reasonably anticipated.

"We need another sixty divisions in the west," he concluded.

RAILROADS LOSE MAIL CARRYING CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Test cases regarded as decisive, of about 800 railroad claims against the government for approximately \$35,000,000 additional compensation for carrying the mails from 1907 to 1911 were decided today by the supreme court against the railroads. Appeals of the Chicago and Alton and Yazoo and Mississippi railroads from rejection of test claims were dismissed.

HIGH COST OF PAPER CAUSES SUSPENSION

JOHNSTON, Pa., Jan. 15.—Financial difficulties due, according to a statement by officers of the company to the increased cost of news print paper and other items of production have forced the Johnstown Leader, an afternoon daily, into a receivership. The Leader was established five years ago.

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AIRSHIPS JOIN AUTOS IN SEARCH FOR LOST AVIATORS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 15.—The most energetic attempt yet made to find some trace of Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, Jr., army aviators, who disappeared last Wednesday, while on a flight to Calexico, Cal., was scheduled to be undertaken today when three brother field fliers in as many aeroplanes, were to be dispatched from the army school here to assist in the hunt.

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 15.—Four civilians in two automobiles left here early today under instructions from Colonel Richard H. Wilson, commanding here, to search for the missing army aviators, Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson. They carried four days' rations and supplies.

CALEXICO, Cal., Jan. 15.—The search for Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, military aviators, lost since Wednesday, without food or water in the desert country of Mexico, was taken up here today with renewed vigor.

Automobile parties of civilians were expected to enter Mexico, south of Yuma, Ariz., and take up the search in Sonora where Colonel Estaban Cantu, military governor of Lower California, already has sent civilian searchers, in addition to the cavalry detachments he has had scouring the desert region of Lower California.

ALLIES OCCUPY ISLAND OF CERIGO

ATHENS, Jan. 15.—The allies occupied the island of Cerigo on Wednesday.

Cerigo is the southernmost of the principal of the Ionian islands, belonging to Greece. It is in the Mediterranean, of the southern extremity of Mora. A number of Greek island possessions have been occupied by the allies, supposedly on account of the establishment of bases for hostile submarines.

SUBMARINE IN WEST ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—News that an unidentified submarine was moving westward in the Atlantic as late as last Thursday morning, was brot to port here today by the British freight steamer Clematis, in from Bordeaux, France. Persons on the freighter thought the undersea boat might be the German submarine merchantman Deutschland, on a third voyage to America. The submarine made no movement to attack the Clematis, which was at the time approximately 800 miles east of Newport, R. I.

KAISER DISCOVERS MORAL COURAGE IN ONLY HIMSELF

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes the following autograph letter from the German emperor to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, dated October 31, 1916:

"My dear Bethmann: "I have since been turning over our conversation thoroughly in my mind. It is clear that the peoples in the enemy countries, who are kept in hard endurance of the war by lies and frauds and deluded by fighting and hatred, possess no men who are able, or who have the moral courage to speak the word which will bring relief—to propose peace. What is wanted is a moral deed to free the world, including neutrals, from the pressure, which weighs upon all. For such a deed it is necessary to find a ruler who has a conscience, who feels that he is responsible to God, who has a heart for his own people and for those who are his enemies, who is indifferent to any possible wilful misinterpretation of his act and possesses the will to free the world from its sufferings.

"I have the courage. Trusting in God, I shall dare to take this step. Please draft notes on these lines and submit them to me and make all necessary arrangements without delay."

RUMAN SUCCESS ON NORTHERN FRONT

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—In the course of a violent engagement yesterday near the Kasno river, on the northern Rumanian front, the Rumanians threw back their opponents one verst (.66 mile) the war office announced today. Teutonic attacks northeast of Fokshani were repulsed by the Russians, who inflicted heavy losses on their opponents. Field Marshal Von Iackensen's army has made a further advance toward Galatz, causing the Russians to withdraw towards the north in the vicinity of Vadani.

ARTILLERY DUELS ON ITALIAN FRONT

ROME, Jan. 15.—"On the Trentino front our batteries disturbed troop movements in the area between the Adige and the Astico," says today's war office statement. "On the Julian front the enemy artillery showed increased activity against our positions east of Gorizia and on the Carso. Our batteries replied vigorously, directing their fire on the enemy's lines of communication."

Business College Students
All former students and those who expect to take courses in college should at once make reservations for places in the Medford Commercial college. Monday and Tuesday will be enrollment days.

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BUREAUCRACY IN FULL CONTROL OF RUSSIAN AFFAIRS

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—The spirit of the Russian new year day gilded the politics which has so long appeared in the newspapers and today the publications pursuing the usual round of comment, indulge in optimistic reviews of the past and forecast for the future. Leaders, such as the Zemsky Soynz, whose patriotic work in the face of great difficulties has gained the warm support and appreciation of the country, unite in expressing the conviction that the internal affairs of Russia are not beyond repair or so bad as they have been painted. The newspapers find another cause for satisfaction for the allies' reply to the American note and comment on what they term their dignity as contrasted with opposite qualities alleged to be displayed in the notes of the central powers. The Reich, however, does not lose sight of the political situation or the new strength of the reactionaries, as shown in the recent ministerial changes.


"The new premier," this paper says, "has reiterated the many laudable sentiments of his predecessors, but in each of his declarations there is a 'but.' Collaborating with the duma is necessary, but the government cannot tolerate such events as took place recently. Public organizations are necessary but only so long as they carry out their duty. Meetings can be allowed, but there must be a reason for such meetings. In other words everything can be allowed but everything must be under the supervision of the bureaucracy."

HENEY TO HANDLE NEWS PRINT CASE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Francis J. Heney of California has been asked by Attorney General Gregory to take charge of the prosecution of the print paper conspiracy cases, according to information from an authoritative source.

Several of the most influential publishers are said to have united on Heney as the man best qualified to handle the cases and to have brought very strong pressure to bear upon the attorney general to induce him to take this step.

Heney served the federal government with signal success years ago when he prosecuted the land-fraud cases in the northwest. His great reputation as a prosecutor, however, is based on his successful handling of the graft cases in San Francisco.




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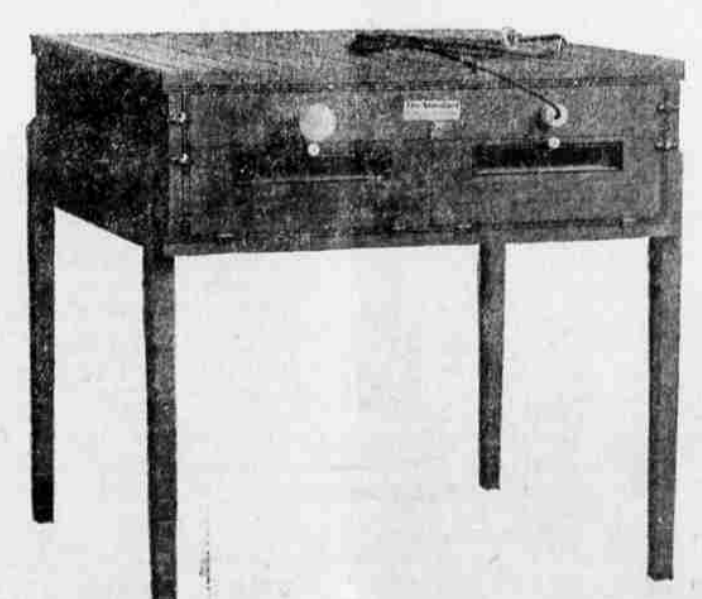
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