

PUBLIC APPEAL FOR SUPPORT TO RED CROSS DRIVE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Reports from the managers of the Red Cross membership campaign are slower than they should be and the enrollment is not moving as quickly as had been hoped. State Manager H. E. Witham feels convinced that the fault rests with the general public. Here is the greatest humanitarian organization in the world asking nothing but membership; an organization which will go down in history for the service it performed in the great war, and yet there is a part of the public displaying indifference.

Backwardness on the part of the public is making the work of soliciting harder. The men and women who are tramping from house to house throughout the state, are making a sacrifice to strive for success in the drive, and a lukewarmness on the part of the public is discouraging. While more than 100,000 people have been enrolled as members since the drive opened last Monday, there should have been 200,000 at least enrolled before this date.

In Portland, for example, the response has been almost nil among the occupants of apartment houses, but in the residence district the returns are good. It had been hoped that Portland would, of itself, enroll 200,000 but the work is falling short.

The outside counties are doing well but the solicitors have been confronted by influenza conditions in many parts of Oregon and this disease has proven a handicap. On the other hand the weather has been ideal for soliciting compared to the drive last year when the workers had to face one of the most severe storms of the season.

In the opinion of the state manager the success of the drive will depend on the closest intensive organization. Some sections, like Unatilla county, and Union, are already ahead of the enrollment of a year ago and are still adding names, but there are other sections which are behind their record of 1917.

"Where is your button?" is a more pertinent question now than at any other time in the campaign.

SUICIDE ORDER TO GERMAN FLEET ENDED JUNKERS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20.—The attempt of officers of the German high seas fleet to make a suicidal sortie against the British grand fleet before the armistice was signed is characterized by the Berlin Vorwaerts as "the last devilish crime against the German people that sealed the doom of the Pan-Germans." Refusal of the sailors to go out and fight is regarded as the first step toward the German revolution. This mutiny is described by the Vorwaerts as "an act of self-defense by 80,000 men against the villainous Pan-German plan."

"To understand the position," continues the newspaper, "it is necessary to go back to the feverish propaganda by the Pan-Germans at the end of October for a so-called national fight of despair. To save their necks they conceived the idea of baiting the people into a forlorn hope which could only end in complete extermination. The death of the doomed eighty thousand did not concern these maniacs in whose reckoning human blood never counted. Their notion of military honor was that the whole people should suffer themselves to be butchered rather than undergo the shame of defeat."

"With their minds steeped in the worship of might they had no inkling of the revolutionary currents among the men. They still imagined that iron discipline was paramount. Their fiendish plan was to send out the ships to be sacrificed to the last ship. The news spread like wildfire. 'At the last stage of the war are we all to be killed?' they asked. 'The officers harangued, raged, in vain. Three times the order was given. It was a difficult position for men with no backing but their feeling of solidarity. A thousand were imprisoned at Wilhelmshaven. The choice between freedom and imprisonment was not difficult. It was revolution. It was the irony of fate that the Pan-Germans, with what was to be their last desperate blow, should themselves have started the conflagration. It was this last, devilish crime against the German people that sealed their doom."

2,477 WOUNDED AND SICK REACH HOME SHORES

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The United States army transport Henry R. Mallory arrived today with 1461 American soldiers from Bordeaux. Nine hundred and one were sick or wounded. The units aboard were headquarters, sanitary and ordnance departments, headquarters company, supply company, band and detachments of batteries A and B of the 143rd regiment Field Artillery, comprising ten officers and 492 men; and headquarters of the 65th Field Artillery brigade, comprising three officers and 55 men. The sick and wounded comprised 32 officers and 889 men of whom 39 are bed-ridden, six tubercular, one mental case and 884 requiring no special attention.

The transport Manchuria from Brest, carrying 158 officers and 4993 men, also arrived today. She carries 13 officers and 52 men of the 56th Field Artillery; 64 officers and 861 men of the 116th Field Artillery; 51 officers and 1452 men of the 117th Field Artillery; 19 officers and 98 men of the 31st cavalry; 19 officers and 56 men of the 106th ammunition train; 18 men headquarters company, 62nd infantry brigade; 10 casual officers and 956 sick and wounded.

Another arrival was the White Star liner Meganite from Liverpool, among whose 319 passengers were a number of American, Australian and Canadian army and naval officers and Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross workers.

An Italian trade commission composed of Colonel Hugo Pizzaretto and Lieutenant Angelo Fanelli also was aboard.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 20.—The transports Martha Washington and Mercury came into port today bringing home from France 3720 officers and men, including 600 wounded.

The 65th Field Artillery on the Mallory, according to local authorities is not the 65th, C. A. C. in which so many Medford boys are members.

JAPANESE PEACE DELEGATES ARE FOR ALLIED AIMS

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 20.—One section of the Japanese peace delegation arrived here today en route to San Francisco. The party included Baron N. Makino and General Nara and Vice Admiral Takeshita, leaders of the military and naval sections. There are about 40 members in the party.

Another section including Marquis Saionji, who heads Japan's peace mission, will meet them in Paris. The marquis is going by way of the Indian ocean route.

The departure of the delegation from Japan was delayed because of the ill health of Baron Makino. Baron Makino refused to be interviewed regarding the peace program outlined by Japan, saying it was improper, worthless and foolish to discuss the subject now. He did say, however, that "Japan today is no less in accord with her allies and friends in America, Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy than she has been from the day she entered the war on their side. We are seeking to assist our friends conclude a just, honorable peace and if we can contribute anything which may bring about such readjustment as will enable the world to free itself from the burden of war, our mission will have been accomplished."

FEDERAL CONTROL OF MILK RELINQUISHED BY GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Federal control of the distribution and price of milk has been relinquished by the United States food administration, it was announced today at a conference between state and city, federal food administrators and representatives of the dairymen's league and milk distributors in the city.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, in an address to the senate today advocated postponement of the formation of a league of nations until after the peace conference. He said the question should be considered separately and later.

FAVOR DOCK CHARGES PAID BY RAILROADS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Resolutions directing the elimination of all Pacific coast dock charges for shippers of trans-continental freight, were adopted at a meeting here today of railroad administration officials, port officials and chamber of commerce representatives and shipping interests in California, Oregon and Washington. The meeting was called to consider the standardization of port charges for Pacific coast ports. All of the coastwise ports were represented with the exception of Tacoma and Vancouver, B. C.

The resolutions provided that the charges should be absorbed by the railroad and steamship lines.

The port and railroad administration officials present were directed to submit the resolutions to their governing bodies for final action. A meeting is to be called as soon as all of the agencies interested have acted, at which time a plan for putting the new condition into effect will be drawn up.

DEMOCRATS DISCUSS ECONOMY MEASURES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Measures to compel government department heads to reduce expenditures were discussed today by the senate democratic steering committee. No action was taken, but it was said there was general disposition to undertake some move toward bringing about greater economies in the readjustment to a peace basis.

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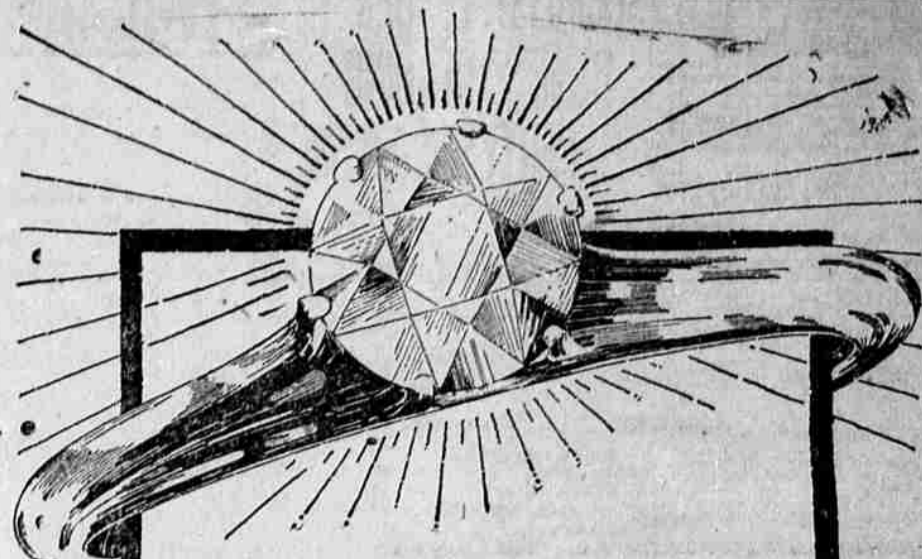
Catarrh is annoying enough when it chokes up your nostrils and air passages, causing painful and difficult breathing and other discomforts. But the real danger comes when it reaches down into your lungs.

This is why you should at once realize the importance of the proper treatment, and lose no time experimenting with worthless remedies which touch only the surface. To be rid of Catarrh, you must drive the disease germs out of your blood. Splendid results have been reported from the use of S. S. S., which completely routs from your blood the Catarrh germs, for which it is a perfect antidote.

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Black Vici Kid, military heel \$6.50	Flannel Shirts \$2.50, \$3.85, \$4.50
Black Vici, French heel.....\$4.50	Mens' Ties25¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00
Black Vici, military heel\$5.00	Mens' Hats\$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.85
Brown Vici, N. B. top, military heel \$7.00	Union Suits\$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.85
LADIES' FELT SLIPPERS	Mens' Slippers.....85¢, \$1.50, \$1.98
For Christmas, in black, tan, olive drab, blue, green and pink. Very reasonably priced at.....\$1.35 to \$1.65	SUIT CASES AND BAGS
LADIES' WAISTS	\$2.50, \$3.25, \$5.50, \$8.00, \$10.50, \$15.00
Taffeta Silk and Georgette Crepe \$4.95	Umbrellas in Gingham, Mercerized and Silk \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.00 to \$6.00
Others in Voile, Swiss and Lawn, at \$1.25, \$1.98, \$2.50	MENS' and BOYS' GLOVES and MITTENS
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Medford Sample Store

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| REO— | A Bargain at \$550, priced at \$395 |
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