

## Only Definite Peace Proposals Will Be Considered by Germans

REICHTAG UNANIMOUS IN APPROVING STAND OF NATION

Germany seeks no territorial conquest, but is prepared to fight forever if peace terms compatible with her safety, dignity and rights are not made, German Chancellor tells the lawmakers.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Germany's enemies must make some positive statements, and refrain entirely from any dilatory tactics before Germany will consider seriously any peace movements, according to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, who addressed the reichstag this morning. The question of peace prospects was the main subject discussed in the speech.

"As long as the guilt or ignorance of the statements of our enemies are entangled so hopelessly with the general public's confusion, it would be utterly folly for Germany to make or consider any proposals, which would not shorten, but would lengthen the duration of the war," said he.

"The masks must first be torn from the faces of these diplomats, and they must be ready to act squarely and with certainty. If our enemies make proposals that are compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, we will always be ready to seriously discuss them. Germany disclaims responsibility for continuation of the dire misery that is now filling Europe and the whole world. None can truthfully say that we are continuing the war because we desire to conquer some country."

The chancellor asserted that Germany's resources are so well organized that she can never be starved out. He reviewed recent suggestions circulated in enemy countries as possible terms for settlement, but made no



CHANCELLOR VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

other comment regarding them than the foregoing.

Following the chancellor's speech, all parties represented in the reichstag united in a joint declaration approving his stand, and declaring that any peace terms must be such as to guarantee Germany's safety, even if annexation of territory should become necessary.

Max Scheidemann, the socialist leader, in a speech, approved the government's attitude, but protested against any territorial annexation as the result of the war. He asserted that peace is the subject uppermost in the minds of all the belligerents.

## Fred Melhase, Klamath Pioneer, Passes Today

Frederick Melhase passed away in St. Francis hospital in San Francisco this morning, according to telegraphic advices received by relatives. Death was due to pneumonia, resulting from a recent operation Mr. Melhase underwent. The remains will reach here tomorrow night, and the funeral will probably be held Sunday, under the auspices of the Elks.

Following his operation for acute appendicitis several days ago, Mr. Melhase was recovering nicely. Late yesterday, however, relatives here received word that he had developed pneumonia in one lung, and this was so serious in his weakened condition that he expired in fourteen hours.

In the death of Mr. Melhase, Klamath county loses one of her best known pioneers and one of her most substantial citizens. A native of Prussia, Mr. Melhase as a boy came to America with his parents, brothers and sisters, settling in Missouri.

In the eighties, Mr. Melhase and other members of his family came to Klamath county, taking a homestead in the Fort Klamath country, and by dint of hard work, he triumphed over the vicissitudes which beset the early settlers of small means. At the time of his demise he was one of the county's most prosperous residents.

The four Melhase brothers, Fred, Alford, Richard and Gus all took

homesteads, pre-emption and timber claims in the Fort section, and by having their holdings in solid blocks, they were able to realize considerable in their sales of parts of these. A big portion of the present Weed holdings was originally owned by these brothers.

After moving to Klamath Falls, Mr. Melhase was one of the founders of the American Bank and Trust company, and was president of the institution when it was sold to the First State and Savings Bank. At the time of his death he was president of the Butte Valley bank at Dorris. He also served a term as county commissioner and was at one time a member of the city council.

Mr. Melhase was also interested in the Hotel Hall building and other local business property.

At the time of his death, Mr. Melhase was 64 years of age. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Mrs. Etta Schallack; three brothers, Alford, Gus and Richard, all of this county, and two sisters, Mrs. Kotsdover of this city and another residing in Missouri.

Mrs. Melhase and Gus Melhase were with Mr. Melhase when he died. The other two brothers go to Weed tomorrow to meet the remains, and they will wire announcement of the funeral arrangements from there as soon as they confer with Mrs. Melhase.

## BASKET SQUADS GO TO MERRILL

BOYS AND GIRLS TRYING FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WILL BE GIVEN CHANCE TO PLAY SATURDAY NIGHT

Basketball practice by the students of the Klamath County High School has been going ahead for the past two weeks, and enough real progress is shown to warrant the scheduling of games with the Merrill High School teams. These will be played Saturday night, the local boys and girls going to Merrill.

"Basketball prospects are exceedingly good this season," said Coach Vernon T. Moteschenbacher last night, "and there is a chance of a team that will be a factor in the Southern Oregon championship contests. The boys' team will be lighter than usual, but they will offset this handicap by reason of their speed and realization of the value of teamwork."

Among the boys out for the quintet are Graves, Steiger, Orem, Boals, McMillan, Houston, Stearns, Elliott, Short and Moteschenbacher. Some of the candidates for the girls' team are Misses DuFault, Bamber, Montgomery Hoagland, Dreher, Santimaw, Henley and Chastain. All will be given tryouts in Saturday's games at Merrill.

YOUTHFUL BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL AND GET AWAY

United Press Service  
CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Three young bandits held up Emma Schlinake, cashier of the Prudential Life Insurance company, tied her and a girl clerk, took \$7,000, and made their escape in an automobile.

At the national convention of the No. 1000 Fellowship held at London November 27th, a resolution was passed unanimously to resist conscription whatever the penalties. The meeting was attended by delegates from various parts of the country.

## ENGLAND BOWS TO DEMANDS OF U. S.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS ADVISED THAT NO MORE VESSELS WILL BE SEIZED PENDING ACTION OF PRIZE COURT

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Ambassador Page today cabled from London that Great Britain has acceded to the request of the United States and that no more American commercial vessels engaged in trans-Atlantic trade will be seized. This is taken pending the action of the prize court in the cases involving the Hocking, Genessee and Kanakee, three American vessels previously seized.

The action follows President Wilson's recent protest to England regarding interference with the rights of American shipping.

## ELECTRIC SHOW HERE SATURDAY

AFTERMATH OF PROSPERITY WEEK PUBLICITY WILL BE A DISPLAY OF ALL THE LATEST ELECTRIC DEVICES

As an aftermath of the Prosperity Week advertising, an electric show is to be held in Klamath Falls. This will begin Saturday in the White building.

The show is being prepared by the California-Oregon Power company and the Link River Electric company. R. J. Sheets of the latter firm has just returned from San Francisco, where he laid in a stock of the latest time and labor saving devices shown by the electric companies at the exposition. These household and shop devices will be shown in full operation, and their desirability for Christmas presents will be explained in connection with their other merits.

## MANY PORKERS ARE SOLD HERE

NINETEEN WAGONLOADS BOUGHT YESTERDAY BY J. L. BECKLEY FROM KLAMATH RANCHERS. SHIPPING OUT TODAY.

There was a decided movement in hogs yesterday. Nineteen wagonloads of live porkers were brought in from various Klamath county ranches, and were bought up by J. L. Beckley. Beckley is today shipping the hogs to an outside market.

D. Ellis Young brought in five wagonloads of pigs for Beckley, and four wagonloads sent in by Francis Bowne carried over half a ton of hogs. C. C. Lewis brought in four, and Steve Griffith five wagonloads.

## MORINE-NOBLE CASE TO JURY

TESTIMONY IS COMPLETED AFTER THREE DAYS OF TRIAL, AND ARGUMENTS ARE BEING MADE THIS AFTERNOON

After being in court three days, the action for accounting, etc., brought against George Nobel by George W. Morine is nearly ready for the jury. The testimony was concluded at 3:30 this afternoon, and the arguments by C. C. Brower for the plaintiff and W.

## A Second Helen Keller



KATHRYNE FRICK

Kathryn Frick of Harrisburg, Pa., deaf, dumb and blind, has just celebrated her 16th birthday by giving a party to her little girl friends.

"I am 16 years old," she said, very plainly, "and I am going to give my friends a treat."

The words were actually spoken; they were not mumbled or chattered. They were fairly clear and clean cut, and they carried with them the joy and insatiable love for life of a normal girl.

Seven years ago, when Kathryn Frick entered the Pennsylvania institution for the deaf and dumb, at Mount Airy, she could not utter a syllable. She made unintelligible sounds, her mind was absolutely undeveloped, her body was frail. She had no pulse, no stability, no direction; she could scarcely walk alone.

Today she is a well developed, well-set-up girl of 16, with a keen light of intelligence shining in her face that reflects the working of an active brain. Instead of answering in the sign language the questions that are slipped into her hand or that she gathers with her delicate fingers from the lips of her questioner or from the vibrations of the throat of the

speaker, the girl replies in words that ring out clearly and that are marvellous of enunciation, considering that she is totally deaf and has not heard a word uttered since her baby days.

Kathryne Frick is above grade in many of her studies. She speaks and writes better English than most of the children in the highest grade in the school. She is a wizard with her fingers. Her latest accomplishment is running a sewing machine, which she does with accuracy and dispatch, threading her own needle.

She can knit and sew, crochet and weave; she is an adept at using a typewriter and seldom makes an error. She has read many of the classics. She knows the big facts in the European war. She can trace the warring countries on a raised map. She has a good ground work of historical information. She delights in color, though she is virtually blind and can only dimly discern the bright reds and blues in a strong sunlight. The girl's marvellous development is due to the infinite patience and pains of her teacher, Miss Mabel P. Whitman, who has brought her mind out of its original chaos into a state of preparedness for any information that may come her way.

H. A. Renner for Nobel are being made this afternoon.

There were nineteen witnesses examined during the taking of testimony. A general settlement of affairs between the two men, covering a period of years, is sought in the action.

## "UNCLE JERRY" SUFFERS STROKE

ALEX MARTIN, SR., PIONEER RESIDENT AND HEAD OF LOCAL BANK, IS VICTIM OF PARALYSIS IN OAKLAND

According to advices received today by the First National bank, Alex Martin Sr., president of that institution, and one of Klamath county's oldest pioneers, in very low as the result of a paralytic stroke. He is at his home in Oakland.

Since he became partially paralyzed into last week, Mr. Martin's condition has become more serious. He is 80 years of age, and this, of course, is a serious handicap to his recovery.

Hawaiian sugar planters will distribute this season to the plantation laborers bonuses totaling \$700,000.

More New Ottisens.

Final citizenship was today granted by Circuit Judge Kuykendall to Emil Fagerman, a native of Finland, and Lars Johan Hedlund, who was born in Sweden. Both are employees of the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

Japanese naval estimates for 1916 total about 100,000,000 yen (50,000,000), a decrease of 5,000,000 yen from the 1915 budget. A supplementary expenditure of 45,000,000 yen for the construction of new warships will be spread over a period of four years. The allotment for 1916 is 6,000,000 yen.

## Decree in Land Grant Case Is Read in Court

United Press Service

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Judge Henry Wolverson of the federal district court today made a formal reading of the supreme court's decree in the Oregon and California land grant cases.

The decree limits the equity of the Southern Pacific Railway company in

## ALLIES FALLING BACK IN BALKAN ACTIONS TODAY

GREECE MAY ANNOY THEM AT SALONIKA

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Sofia dispatches confirm reports that the allies are retreating toward Greece. Demirkapu, where the expeditionary forces are now located, is only twenty miles from the Grecian line.

It is evident that these troops are either hard pressed by the Bulgarians or General Sarrail has ordered a general retreat. The French are reported defeated near Petros.

Sofia's statement says: "South of Strumnitza, we are attacking along the entire allied front."

From Rome it is learned that Greece is actively preparing to resist, should the allies attempt to force acquiescence to their demands. Aided by Teuton submarines, they are preparing to fight the commercial blockade.

"In the meantime," says a cable from Rome, "every possible obstacle and annoyance is being placed in the way of the allies at Salonika. There is danger of transport lines being withheld and communications blocked entirely."

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—It is announced that the Bulgarians have occupied Struga, Ohrida, Dehla and Gyakova. This practically clears southeastern Serbia of Serbian troops.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The Montenegrin consulate reports that Austrian warships bombarded Durazzo, Italy, Monday, and shelled the Italian wireless station there. They also destroyed several Montenegrin, Albanian and Italian commercial vessels in the harbor.

The British submarine the Turkish destroyer Yar Hisar in the Sea of Marmora yesterday, capturing two officers and forty men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A cable from the captain of the Standard Oil steamer Cummins, reported attacked or captured by a Teutonic submarine, stated that the vessel left Alexandria, Egypt, Tuesday, and is on its way to New York.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—It is announced that the French artillery broke up several German attacks to the east of Soanin last night. A vigorous offensive seems imminent in the eastern part of the Champagne district. There is violent cannonading there by both sides.

ZURICH, Dec. 9.—Bucharest reports the Russo-Rumanian frontier station at Ugeni and the harbor of Rani closed. Thousands of Rumanians have arrived at both these places. There is much activity apparent at Bessarabia.

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