

SALONIKA TO BE SCENE OF FIGHT IN SHORT TIME

ALLIES ARE HURRIEDLY PREPARING FOR SIEGE

Greek Laborers Are Engaged to Assist Soldiers in Throwing Up Entrenchments—German and Austrian Residents of the Town Are Leaving. Kings of Serbia and Montenegro Are Going to Italy Soon.

United Press Service ATHENS, Dec. 16.—Anticipating an attack from the Teuton-Bulgarian forces, the allies are transforming Salonika into an impregnable fortress. Greek laborers are working alongside soldiers, feverishly constructing earthworks.

Allied artillery batteries have taken positions on heights commanding the approaches to the town. Austrian and German residents of Salonika are leaving the city. The town is at present virtually in a state of siege.

The population is somewhat panic-stricken. Many fear violence at the hands of the allied troops and the Serbian refugees. It is reported that a small detachment of French troops mutilated last night, refusing to work in the trenches.

United Press Service THE HAGUE, Dec. 16.—Unconfirmed reports from Salonika say Bulgarian cavalry has entered Greece near Givrevli.

United Press Service BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The Sofia communiqué says the Bulgarian troops may continue their pursuit of the allies past the Greek frontier. It is stated that the Bulgarians have "temporarily" stopped at the border.

United Press Service ZURICH, Dec. 16.—Bucharest dispatches say the allies' retreat from Serbia has killed any prospects of Rumania joining the allies. One conservative leader in audience with the king yesterday suggested that the time was ripe for Rumania to join the central empires in the invasion of Bessarabia.

United Press Service ROME, Dec. 16.—King Peter of Serbia will arrive in a few days from Scutari. King Emmanuel has placed the royal villa at Caserta at his disposal.

Italy is also preparing to receive King Nicholas and the other members of the Montenegrin royal family should the Austrians overrun Montenegro. United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is hinted today that General Haig's appointment to command of the British forces in Flanders and the west front, replacing General French, is to be followed by other radical changes in the higher army commands. A gradual replacing of all field commanders is expected in the western field before the expected spring offensive by the allies.

A FEW "DON'TS" FOR XMAS

- Don't make the slightest change in electric wiring without consulting electrical inspector.
- Don't decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use acetate tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching up for things cannot tip it over.
- Don't use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos fibre.
- Don't permit children to light or relight the candles when parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead.
- Don't leave matches within reach of children at holiday time. Matches are meant to be lighted, and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.
- Don't allow trees to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites readily when the needles have become dry.

New Chairman of Public Service Board



Oscar S. Straus

Oscar S. Straus, ex-ambassador to Turkey and progressive candidate for governor of New York in 1912, has just been appointed chairman of the public service board, to take the place of Edward E. McCall. Politicians regard the appointment as a clever move on the part of Governor Whitman, and think it will go far toward conciliating the bull moose party in the state.

AMERICA IS FIRM DEALING IN SHIP SINKING AFFAIR

AUSTRIA ALLOWED NO HALFWAY MEASURES

Dual Monarchy Must Either Comply Directly With American Demands, or Must Make a Positive Refusal to Do So, According to Head of the State Department—Effort Made to Straighten Tangles.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—In the negotiations resulting from the sinking of the Italian-American liner Ancona by an Austrian submarine, thereby killing several Americans, Austria is now placed in a position where she must act positively. The dual monarchy must either comply with the American demands, or she must refuse to do so. This, according to state department officials, is the attitude of the administration.

It is pointed out that Austria has admitted that the Ancona was torpedoed by a submarine while the vessel was standing still, and not trying to escape capture. Only positive assurances from Austria that this report is a mistaken one can be accepted as a basis for any delay.

Austrian Charge d'Affaires Zweidnick is in conference with Secretary of State Lansing today regarding the case.

United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 16.—Dispatches from Amsterdam state that Vienna is rather pessimistic regarding the proceedings in the Ancona case. It is believed possible that America will show her displeasure by demanding that Austria-Hungary recall Baron Zweidnick.

Commander-in-Chief of Austrians in Conference With One of His Staff



Archduke Frederick

Archduke Frederick, commander in chief of the Austrian armies, is here shown in conference with one of his staff. The archduke is a cousin of Emperor Franz Josef. He has been in command since the start of the war, Archduke Charles Franz Josef, the young heir presumptive, serving in a subordinate command under him.

WORKS HAS NEW PLAN FOR ARMY OF THE NATION

WOULD ASSIGN THEM TO DEVELOPMENT WORK

California's Bill Provides for Troops Being Assigned to Interior Department for Ten Months of the Year, and Used in Reclamation, Etc., and Drilled for War the Remainder of the Year.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator John D. Works of California today introduced a bill in congress proposing a new method of conducting the American army, with a view to internal development, as well as military training.

Work proposes the voluntary recruiting of an army of 300,000 men, to be drilled, etc., one or two months of the year under the Department of War. The remainder of the time these men, according to Works, could be under the Department of the Interior.

Works advocates that the army could thus be educated in engineering and hardened to the rigors of campaigning by working for Uncle Sam, reclaiming the desert lands, reforesting large tracts in the West, and in many other ways.

"Reasonable pay and a leasehold on five acres of public land, with full water rights," is suggested as compensation to the enlisted man.

BASKETBALL HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

KLAMATH FANS WILL SEE THEIR FIRST GAME WHEN KLAMATH AND MERRILL HIGH SCHOOLS MEET

Local basketball fans will have their first opportunity to size up this year's high school basketball prospects tomorrow night, when the Klamath County High School plays the Merrill High School team. The games will be played at Houston's opera house.

Both the boys' and girls' teams will play. Both are very fast this year, and those who saw the game at Merrill say Klamath should be a factor in the Southern Oregon championship this season.

MRS. HURN HEADS ALOHA CHAPTER

EASTERN STAR ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. WILL BE INSTALLED THE LATTER PART OF MONTH

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term at the last meeting of Aloha Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star: Worthy Matron—Mrs. Jennie Hurn. Associate Matron—Mrs. Carrie McCarty. Patron—E. E. Magee. Conductress—Mrs. H. E. Momyer. Associate Conductress—Mrs. Kip Van Riper. Secretary—Miss Maud Baldwin. Treasurer—Miss Ida B. Momyer. The new corps of officers will be installed at the next meeting of the chapter.

VETERAN OF '61 IS MUSTERED OUT

GEORGE ZINK PASSES AWAY AT THE HOME OF HIS SON IN MILLS ADDITION—FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Following an attack of rheumatism of the heart, George Zink died yesterday at the home of his son, George Zink Jr., in Mills addition. Mr. Zink was born in West Baden, Germany, April 23, 1838. In 1854 he came to America, and at the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted, serving the Union three years as a member of Company F, Seventh New York Infantry.

Mr. Zink came West in 1876 and engaged in mining in Nevada county, California, moving to Los Angeles in 1906. In 1910 his wife died, and Mr. Zink left on his third trip to Germany on a visit to his relatives. At the outbreak of the present European war, Mr. Zink left Germany for New York, later coming to Klamath Falls to make his home with his son. Deceased leaves another son in San Diego, Calif., and a grandson, Ed. Zink, who resides in this city. The funeral will take place from Whitlock's undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps.

A FLAG SO BIG IT TAKES HUNDRED MEN TO CARRY IT

United Press Service COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—An American flag so large that it takes 100 men to carry it, is to be in today's Elliks' parade before the dedication of the new B. P. O. E. home. The flag belongs to the Canton, Ohio, chamber of commerce.

H. R. Crane is a late arrival from the Klamath Agency.

SHIDLER SELLS TO EARL VEGHTE

KLAMATH SPORTSMEN'S STORE TAKES OVER SHIDLER AGENCIES, AND WILL DO ELECTRICAL WORK.

Horace Shidler has retired from the electrical and motorcycle business, selling his interests to Earl B. Veghte of the Klamath Sportsmen's Store. The agency for the Harley-Davidson and Miami motorcycles and the electrical agencies, etc., controlled by Shidler were transferred. Veghte plans to carry on the electrical work, and will carry a full line of equipment besides doing repair work and wiring. Mr. Shidler will be connected with the shop end of the Veghte establishment.

Programs at Schools. Little sisters and brothers and fond parents were in attendance at the grade schools this afternoon, the occasion being the Christmas exercises of the children, held in the assembly rooms of the various schools. Some of the classes produced cantatas, and costumes were used for some of the numbers.

United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 15.—Copenhagen reports say the American legations at Christians, Stockholm and Copenhagen have all issued statements declaring that the American government is in no way connected with the Ford peace party.

MEET AT MERRILL WAS INSTRUCTIVE

BESIDES FARMERS OF THAT SECTION, AGRICULTURE CLASS OF GALE SCHOOL WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT BABCOCK TEST

A most interesting and instructive gathering of farmers was held yesterday forenoon at the Giacomini ranch near Merrill, when County Agriculturist H. Roland Glalayer gave a practical demonstration of the working of the Babcock test, and the value of keeping separate records of the milk production of each cow in the dairy herd.

Quite a number of farmers were in attendance. Besides, the pupils of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades of the Gale school, comprising the agriculture class of the school, were all on hand. A lunch was served at noon.

LABOR BUREAUS FOR STATE NEXT

United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Actual establishment of state labor bureaus in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Los Angeles was expected to be got under way here today by State Labor Commissioner John P. McLaughlin. The bureaus will provide a meeting place for the unemployed and employers, without cost to either.

In Los Angeles McLoughlin will appoint an agent to co-operate with the municipal employment bureau, which for some time has been doing excellent work. Two bureaus will be operated here, one for women and another for men.

J. M. Bedford, Indian forest supervisor, came down from the Agency today.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS DISCUSSES FOREIGN TRADE

United Press Service CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 16.—The development of our foreign trade was discussed at today's session of the Southern Commercial congress here. Its importance was emphasized. Kai Fu Shih of the Chinese legation, First Assistant Postmaster General Daniel and others spoke this morning. The relation of peace to prosperity and foreign trade will be pointed out tonight by William J. Bryan.

Sinnott Will Displace Hawley WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—When the republican congressional committee reorganizes in January for the work of the coming campaign, Congressman N. J. Sinnott of the Second Oregon district will displace W. C. Hawley of the First district as the Oregon member of the committee. Congressman Hawley says he believes in passing the honor around, and it has been agreed that Sinnott be given the place.

F. L. Burns and J. U. Utter are recent arrivals from the Fort.

Abner Weed is again visiting this city from Dunsmuir.

Sportsmen's Meeting Will Take up Important Things

A highly important meeting of the Klamath Sportsmen's Association will be held Wednesday night at the Commercial Club rooms. This is the annual business session, and there will be election of officers.

The question of securing the herd of young elk to be liberated by the State Fish and Game Commission will receive consideration at this time. Klamath sportsmen want these elk

ARSON JURY IS UNDER A GUARD

TRIAL OF LAWRENCE ON CHARGE OF BURNING DODD HOLLOW BARN LAST SUMMER STARTS TODAY IN COURT

Trial of A. Elmer Lawrence on charge of burning a barn belonging to Dorsey Johnson, started today in the circuit court. The crime is alleged to have been committed last July.

Nearly the entire population of Dodd Hollow is in attendance at the trial, either as witnesses or spectators. The case is largely the result of a neighborhood row in that section, it is said.

The jury is being closely watched while this case is on. Instead of being at liberty following court adjournment, the jurors are kept together under the vigilance of two bailiffs.

Testimony for the state was completed this afternoon.

New Market Opens. If competition is responsible for reductions in prices, the cost of living in Klamath Falls should skid a little, as another meat market has just been announced. This is the Mission Market, which will open for business tomorrow in the Worden Mission building, next door to the Orpheus theater.

Murphy and Parker Get Contracts for New Work

Con Murphy and A. A. Parker were the successful bidders for the contracts of constructing drains for the government, when the bids were opened yesterday. Contracts have been let with them, and they will be commenced as soon as possible. Murphy has the contract for the drain near the Joe Wright place. This is to be somewhat over half a mile

in length, and will be two feet in width and two feet deep. Parker has the contract for the larger drain. This is to be 4,000 feet long, and will be three feet wide by three feet in depth. The other drainage excavation work recently let to small contractors by the reclamation service is reported progressing rapidly.