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## ENGLAND REJECTS PEACE OFFER

### GERMANY FORMALLY MUST STATE TERMS

LLOYD GEORGE SPEAKS TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Declares Allies Cannot Treat on Peace Until Germany Formally States What Terms She Will Accept. Describes Proposals as Noose in Which Allies Are Requested to Place Their Heads.**

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The allies will not treat with Germany for peace until Germany formally states the terms on which she will accept peace. A formal note to this effect will be sent to Germany in a few days by the entente powers and their allies.

David Lloyd George, premier of England, announced the rejection of the offer of Von Bethmann-Hollweg, chancellor of the German empire, for peace, in an epoch speech in the house of commons today. He stated that England has endorsed the rejections of France and Russia, already declared. Lloyd George characterized the peace offers of Germany as a "noose" in which the allies are requested to place their heads. He put emphasis on the unity of the allies in rejecting the proposals independently.

His terms of rejection were couched in the bitterest irony. "Without reparation peace is impossible. Outrages at sea and on land can't be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity," declared the premier. "The allies will insist that the end of the war be a complete guarantee against Prussianism again disturbing the peace of Europe." Lloyd George referred to Germany as "washboarding through the streets of Europe," bitterly pointing to the broken faith of the Germans. "Von Bethmann-Hollweg's note affords small hope of an honorable and lasting settlement," said the premier. To the German phrase, "self defense of the German nation," he referred caustically and replied that "Britain never wished to check the development of Germany."

**Boston Votes on Booze**

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The nation today is watching Boston's vote on the wet and dry proposition to see if the growing tide of sentiment for prohibition will engulf the hub city.

BROWN WOULD DRAFT BONE DRY BOOZE LAW

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—"Provided it will prove generally satisfactory I will be glad to draft for presentation to the legislature a bill putting into effect the 'bone dry' amendment," said Attorney General Brown today. "I do not want to intrude upon the legislative field, however, and should there be any legislator desirous of preparing the bill I would be glad to have him do so, and any advice that I could give would be at his service." The attorney general has been asked by a number of prohibition organizations and prominent prohibitionists to prepare the measure.

### ORIOLES PLEASE LYCEUM HEARERS

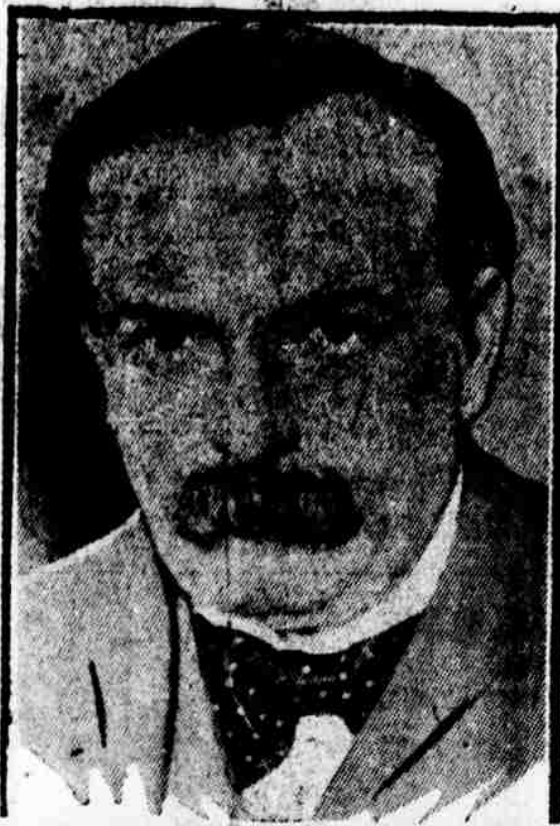
OFFER MUSICAL PROGRAM OF SONGS AND WHISTLING AND ALSO READINGS, THAT DELIGHT FAIR SIZED AUDIENCE.

The Oriole Trio, in the season's third anniversary number, delighted a fair sized audience at the opera house last night with music that was far above the average heard in shows that reach Klamath Falls.

Each member of the trio drew an encore every time she appeared and the encore received the applause the main numbers did. The trio is made up of artists and each entertains with a finesse that compelled admiration. Miss Caroline Sparling of Chicago, soprano, appeared in several numbers, alone and in duets and trio. She charmed both with her voice and with her personality.

Miss Madge Becker of Los Angeles, whistler, made the audience think she was a bird. Her imitations of the whip-poor-will, the meadow lark and many other song birds were exact. In each of her numbers she pleased.

Miss Orab Harkness of Albany, Ore., reader, appeared in several characterizations and in each was good. Her impersonations of a widow and again of a child drew laugh and applause from her hearers. She is an accomplished entertainer.



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

ENGLAND'S PREMIER, WHO DENOUNCES GERMAN PROPOSALS

### Is This Christmas Spirit?

By CECIL ADAMS

Klamath County High School.

AGAIN Christmas finds half the world at peace and half the world at war. This is the third Christmas that the principal nations of Europe have been shooting thousands of dollars at each other every day, slaughtering human souls by the thousands, robbing the nations of all their intelligence, devastating the work of art and architecture that have taken centuries to build and which will take centuries more to rebuild. Structures which have been the pride of the nations and admired by the whole world are being shot to pieces. So Christmas finds thousands of homes where the families will never

meet at a Christmas gathering again and thousands whose only Christmas wish is, "That their loved ones may return." Thousands are asking for their Christmas gift only a sufficient amount of food to sustain their bodies.

We, the people of America, can be grateful that we have in our homes and families a sufficient amount to eat and wear, and although we do not have perhaps the luxuries of life, we should remember that we might have been in the same condition that the nations of Europe are in today.

So Christmas now finds us at peace with most of the world, and may our president, Woodrow Wilson, continue to keep the American people so!

### WESTERN NIGHT HERE TOMORROW

ANNUAL AFFAIR OF ELKS RE-ENACTING DANCE HALL AND OTHER SCENES OF THE OLD WEST IS READY.

"Western Night," annual affair staged by the Elks lodge to raise money with which to help the poor on Christmas, will be enjoyed tomorrow night at the Elks temple.

Scenes of the early days of the west, especially those in mining camps where games and dance halls flourish, will be enacted out as accurately as possible. Over a million dollars of Elks "bull" coin has been printed for use at the various games.

The affair is for both Elks and their ladies and for friends invited by Elks.

**Freuer Visits.**

Edward Freuer, a farmer of the Poe valley, spent last night in Klamath Falls on business.

**Buy House and Lot.**

J. T. Perkins has purchased from C. P. Stewart lot 4, block 25, Hillside addition, and the five-room house on the property. The deal was made through the Chicote agency.

**Mitchell Returns.**

Tom Mitchell, delegate of the Klamath Sportsmen's Association to the annual meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's League in Portland, returned last night.

### CHORUS MAY NOT SING CHRISTMAS

OBJECTIONS OF PARENTS MAY PREVENT SPLENDID CHORUS OF YOUNG WOMEN FROM HELPING BIG AFFAIR TO SUCCESS.

Because the parents of several singers in the High School Girls' chorus do not want their daughters to sing in public, it now is possible that this splendid chorus will not appear Christmas Eve at the big municipal celebration on Main street. This chorus is the largest and one of the best in the state and its appearance at the celebration would add greatly to the success of the affair.

The Business Men's Association, which will conduct the celebration, is trying to get the chorus to sing, has not given up hope. It would seem that the objections of the parents are not tenable. Grand opera stars often have appeared on the streets at Christmas time, and on other occasions, to delight the public and help spread the Christmas spirit among all people. In every instance their action has been praised.

**Gets Decree.**

Mrs. A. J. Manning has been granted a decree of divorce by Circuit Judge Kuykendall and her name changed to Maude E. Simmons. W. H. A. Renner appeared for her in the proceedings in court.

### UNIVERSAL TRAINING DECLARED NECESSITY

UPROOTS OLD ORCHARD TO MAKE WHEAT FIELD

A number of acres of orchard land across Bear creek are being converted into wheat land under the gentle encouragement of a tractor engine. The orchard, which was not a success mainly owing to lack of water, is being pulled up and the wood saved. It will be planted to wheat.

Twenty acres are on the old Waite tract, an orchard planted by Pennsylvania people. The land has been leased by Messrs. Hodgson and Hallbaugh and Davis. The other twelve acres in on the Jim McCracken place near the D. M. Lowe experimental farm. The tractor was rigged to pull two rows at a time. The wood is being salvaged.—Ashland Tidings.

CHAMBERLAIN TESTIFIES BEFORE COMMITTEE

Secretary of War Baker Favors Universal Service or Selective Conscription if Reorganized Militia fails. Captain Simms Says American Navy Could Not Protect the Commerce of the Nation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Universal military training is not only practicable but necessary, Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon told the house military committee today. He is chairman of the senate military committee.

Senator Chamberlain has ready for introduction a bill leading to a drastic change in plans for defense of the nation.

**Militia Untried**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The reorganized militia has not had sufficient trial to tell whether or not it is a success, Secretary of War Baker told the house military committee today.

If it proves a failure, Secretary Baker said, he favors either universal service or selective conscription.

**Navy Is Weak**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Captain Simms, of the United States navy, told the house naval committee today that if this country got into a war with a nation having battle cruisers American commerce would be swept from the seas summarily and our navy destroyed.

"The American navy is woefully weak," Captain Simms declared. "The navy is not prepared to defend the Panama canal from the reasonably formidable enemy for three or four more years. The land fortifications on the canal will not be prepared for two years yet."

**Russia Rejects Peace**

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—The council of the empire declared today unambiguously in favor of a categorical refusal by the allies to enter into any peace negotiations with Germany at this time.

### KERNS WILL GO TO THE PEOPLE

KENO POWER COMPANY OFFICIAL SAYS REFERENDUM ON FRANCHISE QUESTION WILL BE INVOKED IF LAW PERMITS.

"We will go to the people with this question. If we legally can do so, we shall call a referendum on the proposition. In a day or two we shall be able to say definitely just what action we shall take. But be sure that if we can take it to the people, we will do so."

This statement was made to the Herald today by J. W. Kerns, of the Keno Power Company, when asked what action his company would take, following the refusal last night of the council to grant a franchise in accordance with the election held Nov. 14th.

A mass meeting for all citizens at the city hall tonight has been called. Mr. Kerns says he did not call this meeting, and did not order the bills advertising it printed. However, he says, he will help the movement along.

**Mr. Kent Returns.**

Mr. Joseph S. Kent has returned from a visit in San Francisco.

### Council Votes Down Franchise Ordinance

With Councilmen Doty, Sheets and Mathews voting no and Councilmen Miller and Struble voting yes, the city council last night refused to pass the ordinance granting to the Keno Power Company a franchise to distribute electricity in Klamath Falls. After the vote was taken the council by resolution directed City Attorney R. C. Groesbeck to draft another ordinance, embodying certain provisions not in the one turned down last night.

The ordinance came up last night for final passage and much heated debate in which reflections on character were vaguely made was indulged in. Not only did the council itself, but representatives of the Keno Power Company and the California-Oregon Power Company took active part in the debate.

Councilman O. D. Mathews wanted certain amendments made to the franchise.

City Attorney Groesbeck said it couldn't be amended because it had been published in the official newspaper and must be passed or rejected just as it stood. Councilman Miller inquired why these amendments were not made before the franchise ordinance was introduced and published.

It now appears that action on a franchise probably will not be taken until the new one is drawn, passed to first, second and third reading, and published. This will take a few weeks at least.

On November 14th the people of Klamath Falls voted on the proposition to grant a franchise to the Keno Power Company. The vote was 566 in favor and 122 against. The ordinance was a so-called model ordinance drafted by the public service commission for use when the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company sought to enter Mount Angel.

### Committees Are Getting Money to Buy Terminals

The work of the various committees which are raising money to buy terminal sites for the Strahorn railroad are progressing satisfactorily, according to Charles W. Eberlein of the head committee.

The citizens plan to raise about \$75,000 with which to buy terminals and other necessary grounds in Klamath Falls. The committees getting subscriptions are divided as follows:

Head committee supervising all work: W. Paul Johnson, C. W. Eberlein and Al Graham.

Committee to see members of merchants' association.

Committee to see owners and renters of autos.

Committee to see property owners in Klamath Falls.

Committee to see property owners not in Klamath Falls.

Committee to see farmers and stockmen.

Committee at large to see all persons not included above.

Committee to see laboring men. This is the thousand committee and it is to see 1000 laboring men for subscriptions of \$1 each for ten months.

All the above committees, including the head committee, is working under the direction of the committee named at the mass meeting last fall and which consists of J. W. Siemens, E. R. Renness and C. B. Crisler.