

AMERICA MAY HAVE TO JOIN ALLIANCE IS NECESSARY IF PEACE GUARANTEES SHALL BIND

United States May Link with Americas

LANSING MAKES SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Department of State Says Wilson Did Not Express Belief That Both Sides in Europe Were Battling for Same End, But Stated Specifically That They Believed They Were So Fighting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The United States may have to enter what has previously been regarded as an "entangling alliance" if present peace negotiations go to the point of international enforcement of peace guarantees. This was officially announced today by Robert Lansing, secretary of state.

Secretary Lansing plainly indicated that the United States government considers possible necessity of an alliance if any peace agreement is to be binding on all nations, as if this nation alone cannot enforce agreements. In the event of an alliance, the United States undoubtedly will link itself with Pan-American nations and join certain European powers.

The department of state expressed regret at the interpretation by the allies that President Wilson said both sides were fighting for the same thing. The president's note specifically stated that both sides claimed to fighting for the same thing.

ENGLAND GIVES GERMANY THE LIE IN OFFICIAL NOTE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Contradicting Germany, Great Britain today informed Secretary of State Lansing that the torpedoed liner Arno had never been in the service of the admiralty. However, it is admitted in the British note that government passengers were aboard.

MANNING WILL DEFEND HOBBS

IS APPOINTED BY COURT TO CONDUCT DEFENSE AFTER ATTORNEY W. H. A. RENNER WITH-DRAWS FROM CASE.

Because of "circumstances over which I have no control, and over which the defendants have no control," Attorney W. H. A. Renner yesterday afternoon informed Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall that he would withdraw from the defense of Henry Hobbs and wife, charged jointly with the murder of Edward C. Way last fall.

Judge Kuykendall appointed Attorney Horace M. Manning as Hobbs' attorney. It is expected that Carlisle Yaden will be associated with Manning in the defense. Hobbs will plead January 2.

The cases against Frank Worthington, charged with larceny of a saddle, and against M. C. Gerrus, charged with incest, were continued until January 2, when the defendants will plead.

Bulgarians Drowned
PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—The Bulgarian force advancing on Lake Babadag has been forced into the lake and many drowned, according to the official statement by the Russian war office.

ODESSA TO GET MAIL SERVICE

SERVICE WILL COMMENCE NEW YEAR'S DAY AND CONTINUE UNTIL MARCH 31—PAUL WAMPLER SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

Postmaster Delzell is in receipt of advice from the department that the star route service to Odessa has been established and service will commence January 1, 1917. Mail will be carried twice a week—on Mondays and Thursdays, going to Odessa, and on Tuesdays and Fridays returning.

Paul Wampler is the successful bidder. His contract will call for service from December 1 to March 31 of each year. The balance of the year the summer schedule will be as formerly, by boat under the contract of Hamilton & Calkins. Odessa has long needed this winter service and numerous efforts have been made to secure it, but owing to the heavy snows and bad roads through the mountains no bid acceptable to the department could be secured until the one just accepted, at \$500 for the four months' service each winter.

DELZELL HAS A RIVAL AS POET

AFTER JUGGLING MAIL SACKS AND LETTERS ALL NIGHT, FLANAGAN GROWS POETIC OVER LABORIOUS LABOR.

The heavy mail arriving so late last night literally swamped the local post-office force. The last clerk remained on duty all night and at 5 a. m. this morning had "rattled" through with the greater part of it, and left this note on the postmaster's desk:

"I've stuck two million letters, and I've dragged nine thousand sacks, and I've worked with 'teen parcels 'Til they almost broke my back; I've stooped four million different times, and walked my shoe-soles thin— Now I'm leavin' the rest to Washin'— Since we're keepin' Wilson in." —"FLANAGAN."

Flanagan is known on the payroll as Colman O'Loughlin.

New War Council of France



ALBERT THOMAS GEN. LYAUTEY

PREMIER BRIAND ADMIRAL LACAZE ALEXANDRE RIBOT

Quickly following the British example of choosing a small council to manage the war, the French have selected five well known men. They are besides Premier Briand, Alexandre Ribot, who continues as minister of finance; General Hubert Lyautey as new war minister; Rear Admiral Lacaze as new minister of marine, and Albert Thomas, promoted to be minister of munitions and transport from an undersecretaryship he held in the same department.

The Municipal Christmas Tree

By MABELLE LEAVITT, Klamath County High School

People of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon, have you given your Christmas tree, which towers thirty feet into the air at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets, a thought as to the good it is bound to do your city and county? If not, you should do so, for our business men have shown their fine municipal spirit in joining with the city officials to give you a chance for community union, and it is but right that we should lend them our whole support and approval.

The municipal tree is not so new an idea as it would seem to us. The feeling that there ought to be a general good-fellowship among people of the same city at Christmas time has been slowly but surely coming to the front these later years. Nearly every progressive city on the coast is to have a tree for its citizens. The big, busy town of Los Angeles, even though it had to ship its tree from Oregon, is doing so, for an Oregon fir fifty feet high started on its journey to the south three days ago. Portland, too, will have an unusually large Christmas celebration with several trees in different sections of the city. Take the case of this small city: A big railroad boom has just started which makes community spirit an absolute necessity if the boom is to be kept alive. Our citizens have been nursing several petty strifes and disagreements, which must be done away with. Now, when you have this chance for brotherhood offered so freely, do not let it escape.

Then, too, there are many children who have a very slim Christmas, who, in fact, might have no Christmas if it were not for our tree. Because of this, if nothing else, we, the people of Klamath Falls, must stand ready to make the Christmas tide of 1916 one of the never-to-be-forgotten dates in the history of our city. Besides the pleasure derived from it, it is a foregone conclusion that the old sweet feeling of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," will be once more dusted and brought to light.

Exercises Tonight.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Mt. Laki church tonight. A community luncheon and dinner will be enjoyed New Year's Day at the church.

Leaves for Christmas.

Miss Zo Chase, teacher in the local grammar schools, left this morning for the Dulles to spend the holidays.

Here From Fort.

Alfred B. Castel, a retailer of meats in Fort Klamath, is in Klamath Falls to spend Christmas.

McLemore Here.

D.M. McLemore, a stock dealer of San Francisco, arrived last evening to look after business affairs. He is associated with Luke Walker of this city in the livestock business.

CHILDREN WILL ENJOY A SLEIGH RIDE TOMORROW

BUSINESS MEN WILL FURNISH BIG SLEIGHS

Children Will Gather at Big Christmas Tree at Four O'Clock to Be Taken for Ride Behind Fast Horses and Merry Sleigh Bells—Program at the Tree to Begin Soon After Sleigh Rides for Children.

Today will end the great business rush of the Christmas season and tomorrow will issue in rest and peace to the many Christmas shoppers and business men.

At 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the municipal Christmas celebration given by the Business Men's Association will take place. Everything is in readiness to make this Christmas-tide a great success and to fill the hearts of the little tots with a joy they will never forget.

The Business Men's Association has received an answer from old Santa, stating that he will not fail to be present and that he has been working especially hard in preparation of gifts for the good boys and girls of this little city. He regrets not being able to bring his reindeer, but will have his gaily decorated auto filled with the presents.

The large Christmas tree at Fourth and Main streets will be in its glory tomorrow and it will be at the disposal of children and they may enjoy it to their hearts' content, as the traffic will be closed for two blocks. They are requested to be around the tree at nearly 4 o'clock as possible, when they will be entertained by the Business Men's Association with a grand sleigh ride and then will be brought back to meet Santa and his many gifts.

The fathers and mothers and the older people of the town are heartily welcomed to come and see the joy of the boys and girls so that they may have the spirit of this Christmas season reflected upon them and that they may partake in the "Merry Christmas" to one another.

QUAIL NOT HURT BY POISON GRAIN

BIOLOGICAL ASSISTANT OF REDMOND WRITES THAT QUAIL FED POISONED BARLEY ARE NOT KILLED.

That there is no danger of quail being killed by the jack rabbit poisoning being put out by Klamath county farmers, is the declaration of R. A. Ward, of Redmond, biological assistant in the United States department of agriculture. Mr. Ward writes to H. R. Glaisyer, county agricultural agent.

He states that barley poisoned with strychnine was fed to quail in abundance and that not a quail died. Mr. Ward saw an article in the Oregon Journal regarding rabbit poisoning and the fear of killing quail. He wrote to Mr. Glaisyer without invitation.

British Press Has Cooled Down Little

Germany Will Move Next

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.—Germany is ready to disclose immediately the terms on which she will accept peace, if the forthcoming notes from the entente powers leave the door open, it was officially learned today.

DELIVER MAIL CHRISTMAS DAY

CARRIERS WILL MAKE COMPLETE DELIVERIES MONDAY—POSTOFFICE OPEN CHRISTMAS MORNING UNTIL ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

The postoffice will be open Christmas forenoon until 11 o'clock for the delivery of mail, but will not be open on Sunday. Carriers will make one full delivery to both business and residence sections on Monday—Christmas Day. Auxiliary carriers will assist them as well as wagon service if necessary to haul the parcels.

The Christmas mail so far has been the heaviest ever received here and the outgoing mail has also been a record-breaker. Patrons will be pleased to know that all their parcels mailed before train mail closed have gone out on that mail without exception. Any parcels arriving after 9:30 a. m. within the next few minutes were sent to the train by special conveyance by the postmaster so that every possible facility was given to get parcels on their way.

HIGH SCHOOL IS RETURNED WINNER

DEFEATS TEAM OF ALUMNI'S AND IN HARD FOUGHT GAME—SOPHOMORE GIRLS TRAMPLE ON THE FRESHMEN.

The basketball game yesterday afternoon between the high school and the alumni ended in a victory for the high school. The score was 29 to 16. The game was worth seeing, and although being a practice game, it was hard fought. At the end of the first half the alumni five had the high school beaten by five points, but the school team came back strong in the second half and piled up the final score of 29. The lack of condition of the alumni team aided the victory of Coach Higgins' quintette.

The lineup for the high school was: Montgomery and Houston, guards; Graves and Dow, forwards, and Lennox, center. The alumni lineup was: Hurn and Messer, forwards; Stevenson, center, and Motschenbacher, Bain and Telford, guards.

The sophomore girls defeated the freshman girls by a score of 19 to 9. During the earlier part of the game the freshman team played superior ball and had a good lead, but the sophomores gradually outthought them and succeeded in a final victory.

TAKES DIFFERENT TACT ON THE WILSON NOTE

Expresses Conjecture Now That the American Executive May "Have Something Up His Sleeve"—Others Believe He Has Secret Information Concerning Peace Terms Teutonic Powers Will Accept.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British press today took a different tact in figuring out President Wilson's message to all belligerents. The first outburst of indignation has died somewhat.

Most of the editorials in the leading newspapers speculated on the belief that President Wilson "has something up his sleeve." Some editors believe that President Wilson has had highly secret information on Germany's exact terms for peace and believe that the note is not an indication of anti-ally sentiment.

LISKEY IS BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

Dave Linkey, stockman of the Dairy section, charged with having illicit intercourse with Ruth Lemon on July 4, 1916, was bound over to the grand jury by E. W. Gowen, justice of the peace, last evening. His bonds have been placed at \$1,000 with Ellis Young and Ed Dufault as sureties. District Attorney Irwin represented the state and W. H. A. Renner appeared for Linkey.

Diplomats Get Statements

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The two statements issued Thursday by Secretary of State Lansing, interpreting the American message to belligerents, were forwarded today to all American diplomats abroad.

RUSSIA PLANS ON BIG DEVELOPMENT

TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO CZAR SAYS OVER TWO BILLIONS WILL BE SPENT SOON IN FIRST STEP OF DEVELOPMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Prof. Netlikoff, technical advisor to Czar Nicholas of Russia, arrived here today enroute to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Prof. Netlikoff says Russia soon will spend over \$2,000,000,000 in the first step of an extensive plan for agricultural and industrial development, which is the result of a movement awakening throughout the Russian empire.

Switzerland Get Ready for NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Switzerland's plan of a new men's team of the national football team is partially granted by the federal government.