

ITALIANS TRY WATER CURE ON ENEMY

FLOOD GATES OF PIAVE RIVER OPENED

LOW MARSHLANDS ALONG ADRIATIC ARE INUNDATED

Italian Engineers Take Novel Method of Circumventing Teuton Troops Who Have Crossed Lower Piave River—May Result in Drowning of Large Numbers—Gates Constructed to Protect Lagoon at Venice.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 16.—The flood gates of the Piave and the Sile rivers northeast of Venice have been opened by the Italian engineers.

This probably means the attempt to drown out the enemy forces which have crossed the Piave at Grisolen, seventeen miles northeast of Venice.

It is believed the flooding of the triangle formed by the two rivers and the Adriatic Sea would probably render ineffective any German attempt to emerge in force against the right flank of the Italians along the Piave. The gates were constructed to protect the Venetian lagoons.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—The town of Clason on the northern Italian front has been captured.

Near the Adriatic on the western bank of the Piave, the Hungarian troops have advanced and captured 1,000 Italians.

TEN LOCAL MEN ARE DISCHARGED

UNCOMPLETED LIST OF THOSE WHO FAILED TO PASS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT AMERICAN LAKE.

In response to an inquiry from the local office regarding the men discharged from the local draft quota at American Lake, news has been received that Harry Thomas, Harry Borel, Homer W. Humphrey, Charles L. Moore, Edward Henry Owens, Floyd L. Anderson, James R. Uhrin, James I. Sily and Robert C. Arnold of Klamath Falls, and Thomas Nikis of Algonquin, have been discharged for failure to pass the physical examination, and that the list is at present uncompleted. Harry Thomas, whose name appears on the list, was not registered here, but was transferred to go from this point.

Several of the boys named have already returned.

Reports From Russia Are Very Conflicting

By Associated Press
DATELESS—Communication with Petrograd has been resumed, but no direct news has been received from the capital. One report says that the Bolsheviks are still in control of Petrograd, while Kerensky's troops are in flight. Another report declares that the

KLAMATH PROVES SUGAR BEET SECTION

GOOD RESULTS FOLLOW LOCAL Y.M.C.A. DRIVE

TOTAL YESTERDAY WAS NEARLY NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Business Men of City Show Decided Desire to Assist Move Being Made Over Nation This Week to Provide Comforts for Boys in Trenches. Meeting at Pine Grove Tonight. List of Subscribers Published.

A total of nearly \$900 was raised in the business district of this city in a short time yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. in the army.

Members of the committee felt very much encouraged over the way the citizens called on have responded, and there is reason to believe that when the district has been thoroughly canvassed Klamath will have aided

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KLAMATH VALLEY PROVES PATRIOTIC

IN NOW RAISING FUNDS FOR Y. M. C. A. IN ARMY—PERMANENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR PATRIOTIC CALLS

A standing committee for the Klamath Basin district has been appointed to take charge of the various calls which will come to raise money for Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and other necessary lines of war relief work.

This committee consists of Will Cheyne, John Koons and J. S. McClellan, who are now soliciting for the Y. M. C. A. fund.

It will be of great assistance to these men, who are giving so much of their time, if people will make an effort to send or give them their contribution. Much interest has been shown here in this important work, and a large donation is expected.

CLOTHING MEN FACE PROBLEM

EASTERN FIRMS ATTEMPT TO SECURE OUTPUT OF OREGON MILLS—LACK OF MATERIAL FORCES SOME FROM BUSINESS

The threatened shortage of wool throughout the country is emphasized by K. Sugarman, a prominent Klamath Falls merchant, who returned this week from Portland, where he has been recuperating from a severe nervous breakdown.

While in the city Mr. Sugarman took occasion to investigate the situation carefully, and finds it to be more critical than he anticipated. The fact that representatives of big Eastern firms are in the West endeavoring unsuccessfully to buy up mackinaw materials and other goods, and that some houses are actually going out of business for lack of goods to continue, are evidence, he declares, of what may be expected in the next two years.

Fortunately, he says, a number of the Klamath Falls merchants have foreseen this stringency for some time past, and have arranged to forestall it by laying in a heavy supply of high class goods while they were on the market at reasonable prices. All wool garments will be a thing of the past when the present stocks are sold out, in his opinion.

"Do your buying in any store you choose, but do it in Klamath Falls this fall," says Mr. Sugarman.

He reports business conditions in Klamath Falls much better than in Portland.

LOCAL MAN IS CONVICTED

LAW WILL DEAL HARSHLY WITH YAINAX MAN WHO REGISTERED UNDER WRONG NAME IN SELECTIVE DRAFT

The fact that he expected to assume the responsibilities of matrimony some time this fall was not deemed sufficient by the federal authorities as a reason why Clarence Cummings should register in the selective draft last spring under the assumed name of J. O. Barnes, give in his age wrong, and take other means to evade the law.

Cummings has just been convicted in Portland for this offense committed at Yainax last spring, according to Sheriff George Humphrey, who has just returned from Portland, where he was called as a witness on the case. Cummings will receive his sentence tomorrow.

County Clerk C. E. DeLap was also called to Portland last week as a witness on this case.

IRON WORKS MEN VISIT

J. W. Fitzpatrick and E. M. Hall of Grants Pass Iron and Steel Works, came over from Grants Pass yesterday, and are looking after matters relative to the contemplated removal of their plant here.

Railroad Grant Lands Opened In Spring

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Commissioner Clay Tallman of the general land office, back from his far Western trip, is well pleased with the progress made toward classification of the lands of the Oregon-California grant, and with the final payment of taxes to the counties of Oregon.

He believes it would not be wise to attempt opening of the agricultural lands to settlement during the winter season, even if everything were ready. It will be better, he thinks, to clean up the details of preparation during the next few months, and begin the opening of the agricultural lands in the spring, when the settlers can begin immediately to make their improvements.

Mr. Tallman is devoting much of his time to the knots in the land grant problem, many of which, from

an administrative standpoint, require extended study. The great body of the lands is free from further question, now that the taxes are paid. But there remain many unsettled problems in connection with lands under contract by the railroad company, lands within the forest reserves, and lands once conveyed by the railroad, but later exchanged.

The land office thus has to proceed by a sort of elimination process, dealing first with the lands concerning which there is no question, which can be opened, if agricultural, or sold if timbered, and then in turn taking up the other classes where complications exist. Not until the suit for accounting with the railroad is concerned can facilities be reached as to what can be done in some cases, and it may be that congress will want to legislate concerning the lands under contract.

Tunnel Under Channel By Germans Rumored

LONDON, Nov. 16.—"The war cabinet is considering all possibilities on an invasion," Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law declared here before the house of commons.

His statement was in answer to a specific inquiry apparently induced by several recent reports as to German plans.

More or less circumstantial rumors afloat during recent weeks have car-

ried the story that the Germans were boring a tunnel under the channel to attack England, and had been at the work ever since they reached the Belgian coast. Other rumors of the projected invasion of England by the German troops were revived recently in British front stories, revealing that the German general staff had issued English-German conversation books to many of its soldiers.

Rush Made To Join U. S. Naval Firemen

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—The first half day of the recruiting campaign of the local United States navy office for 240 firemen, netted thirty-three applicants for this branch of naval service. The unusual opportunity for advancement to all the higher ratings in the engineering force of the navy and the urgent need of competent men to fill these advanced ratings, makes this a desirable type of service, recruiting officers here point out.

The firemen are enabled to see active service at once on enlisting, while in all other branches of navy service a course at one of the naval training schools is necessary.

Assistant Surgeon J. E. Saurman, on duty at the Spokane naval recruit-

ing office, has been ordered by Commander E. F. Eckhardt of the Portland office to proceed to as many Willamette Valley and Western Oregon towns as possible, in connection with the recruiting campaign for firemen. Dr. Saurman will call on the postmaster immediately on arriving in each town, and will examine all applicants whom the postmaster has awaiting enlistment.

The taking over by the government of several hundred merchant vessels and its plans to man them completely with navy personnel, will mean an unusual opportunity for advancement in the various ratings, it is explained, and especially those in the engineering branch.

PRESENT SUCCESSFUL STAND BIG AID TO ALLIED CAUSE

By Associated Press
DATELESS—Indications are now that the Italians are still holding on the Piave and Trentino fronts, while the straightening out process is continued. Every day that the line holds now

counts heavily in Italy's favor, as the Anglo-French reinforcements will soon be on the firing line.

SEATTLE WRESTLER DEFEATED CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Earl Craddock, the Iowa claimant for the world catch as catch can championship, defeated Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle in two-straight falls here last night.

New German Chancellor



COUNT VON HERTLING

Count von Hertling, who was mentioned often at the time the resignation of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg was being discussed, as his successor, has at last become the chancellor of Germany. He has succeeded Chancellor Michaelis. Von Hertling has been prime minister of the state of Bavaria, and is one of the most reactionary of the German statesmen. He does not believe in democracy nor parliamentary government.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING TERM

At the regular meeting last night Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104 elected the following officers for the term beginning January 1, 1918:

Noble Grand—Alfreda Steinmetz. Vice Grand—Carrie Clendenning. Record Secretary—Alice Goeller. Financial Secretary—Mary Hogue. Treasurer—Adeline Cofer.

Y. M. C. A. DANCE TONIGHT

Everybody is cordially urged to attend the dance tonight for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. in the army, to be given at the Elks Club. The dancing will be continued until 2 o'clock, so that all attending may be assured of a fine evening's enjoyment. Here is a chance to have a good time and help the boys at the front.

HENRY FORD ENTERS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Henry Ford will become assistant to General Manager Pies of the emergency fleet corporation service. He will serve without pay, helping to speed up the production of ships.

Joseph Tumulty Still At Liberty

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, issued the following statement the other day:

"For several days friends have written, telegraphed and telephoned me from all parts of the country stating that rumors are being assiduously spread alleging that I have been imprisoned at Fort Leavenworth. All sorts of fanciful tales are being passed from mouth to mouth by innocent persons, who are the victims of a systematic and insidious propaganda to weaken confidence in officials in the federal government. Officials of the department of justice are investigating the origin of this conspiracy to determine who have been guilty of actually starting this falsehood."

LOCAL YIELDS ARE FOUND TO BE GOOD

COUNTY HAS MADE GOOD THIS YEAR

Hundred Acres Put in at Installation of Utah Idaho Sugar Company Last Spring Yields Well, According to Statement Made by Factory Field Superintendent—Beets Being Shipped to Factory at Grants Pass.

That Klamath County is adapted to the culture of sugar beets on an extensive scale has been proved by the experiments conducted in different parts of the county this year, according to E. J. Flannigan, field superintendent of the Utah Idaho Sugar company, who has been looking after the growing of about 100 acres of beets here for his company, located at Grants Pass.

Believing from former experiments that sugar beets would yield in this section in a way to make the installation of a large beet factory here profitable, the Utah Idaho Sugar company last spring made an offer to the farmers of Klamath County of \$6 per ton for all marketable sugar beets placed on the cars here for shipment to the factory at Grants Pass. An offer was also made to install a beet factory here another year if it could be demonstrated that the district would successfully produce beets on an extensive scale and provided sufficient acreage could be secured to warrant the culture.

Through the Klamath Commercial Club a sufficient acreage was subscribed to warrant the services of a field superintendent, and the seed was shipped in and planted. Although a few of the patches were quite seriously damaged by the frost, just as they came thru the ground, and other

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