

STATESMEN IN FRANCE NEARLY KILLED

CONGRESSMEN IN TRENCHES HAVE CLOSE CALL

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO KILL THE ENTIRE GROUP.

Visiting Members of American Official Delegation Are Noted By Germans in Their Inspection of Trenches and Fire Shells, Which But For Good Fortune Would Have Exterminated Party.

BRITISH FRONT, BELGIUM, Nov. 17.—Five members of the party of American Congressmen and private citizens, who spent yesterday visiting the Belgian War Zone, had a narrow escape from death or injury, when caught in a sudden burst of German machine gun fire during an inspection of the front line trenches near Dixmure.

The Americans who were in danger were Congressman C. C. Dill of Spokane, John F. Miller of Seattle, Albert Johnson of Hoquiam, Wash., Charles B. Timberlake of Colorado and former Congressman Stout of Montana. Owing to a pure freak of luck, no one was hit.

Seven other members of the party were in another section.

Later when all were together, the Germans dropped a big shell ten yards away which endangered the whole party.

The Germans had seen them and aimed at them intentionally.

VALLEY RANCH CHANGES HANDS

EIGHTY ACRE TRACT BETWEEN MERRILL AND MALIN IS SOLD FOR FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER ACRE.

In a real estate deal made yesterday in this city, eighty acres belonging to the Lakeside Land Company between Merrill and Malin was taken over by John Elbinder, a prosperous farmer of that section.

The price paid was forty-five dollars per acre. The land of this section has proved itself to be unusually fertile, many farmers there obtaining enormous profits this season in the production of alfalfa.

ACTING GOVERNOR PARDONS WASHINGTON CONVICT

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 17.—Louis F. Hart, acting governor of Washing-

Italian Lines Are Now Holding Strong

ROME, Nov. 17.—The German forces which forced the crossing of the Piave River at Sonson are being pushed back steadily. In other sections nearly 1,000

I. W. W. ESCAPES FROM THE COUNTY JAIL

GERMANS ANXIOUS FOR ARMISTICE

TEUTONS CAN NOW SCENT PEACE OFFER LONG WAYS OFF, AND WOULD CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF REICHTAG

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The independent socialist group of the German reichstag have requested the president to call an immediate session to discuss the peace offer of Nikola Lenine, the leader of the Russian Bolsheviki, according to a dispatch just received from Amsterdam.

No word has been received here of a peace offer by Lenine, altho communication has been stopped for a week. It is declared that an armistice was proposed with Germany, which the socialists appear desirous of accepting.

PROSPECTS GOOD TO END STRIKE

ADJUSTMENT OF TELEPHONE DIFFICULTIES NOW HINGES ON ATTITUDE TAKEN BY SEATTLE STRIKERS

SEATTLE, Nov. 17.—Prospects for a reversal of the decision made yesterday by the Northwest telephone strikers not to send delegates to San Francisco at the commission's request are said to be bright.

A conference was recently held here with H. L. Hughes, representing Governor Lister, which is declared to have resulted beneficially.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—A complete adjustment of the telephone controversy now hinges on the action taken in Seattle.

BRITISH VICTORIOUS

LONDON, Nov. 15.—British Light forces have engaged German light cruisers off Heligoland, Germans have retired, pursued by the British.

ton, pardoned J. R. Richards, recently sentenced to five years when convicted in Cleallam County of attempting to blackmail D. E. Thompson, former ambassador to Mexico and Brasil.

prisoners have been taken. BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The Austro-Germans stormed Mont Frasellan between Brent and the Piave River and took 800 Italian prisoners.

Y. M. C. A. TOTAL GROWS RAPIDLY

LOCAL FUND FOR BOYS AT THE FRONT HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE YESTERDAY — OUTLOOK FOR QUOTA BRIGHT

A total of more than \$1,400 has thus far been secured thru the subscription campaign in Klamath county for the Y. M. C. A. in the army. The proceeds of the dance held last night at the Elks hall for this cause, while not definitely announced, will approximate \$250, bringing the total up close to \$1,700. The required quota for Klamath County for this cause is \$2,500, and those back of the movement are bending every effort to secure the full amount.

As a considerable portion of the field is yet to be covered by the canvassing committee, the outlook is regarded as very encouraging. Those who have subscribed since the publication of names yesterday are as follows:

\$20—Klamath Falls Creamery, Rex Cafe, A. C. Geinger.

\$15—Johnstone Furniture Co., Mrs. C. S. Moore, Geo. Walton, W. E. Seehorn.

\$10—Telford Bros., Ackley Bros., L. Jacoby, Chas. F. Stone, Mrs. H. F. McCornack, Underwood's.

\$5—Wm. Crossley, Mrs. A. M. Collier, Jess Beckley, Dr. Goddard, E. L. Elliott, Dr. Wright, Dr. Mason, J. S. Mills & Sons, Ed Bodge, W. C. Davenport, R. I. Hammond, G. C. Lorenz, C. W. Eberlein, Mrs. Jennie Hurn, L. M. Martin, 5-15c Store, F. M. Upp, Runk & Schneider, H. J. Winters, W. F. Arant, Klamath Title Co., Mrs. B. S. Grigsby, B. S. Grigsby, Mrs. C. E. Hogue, E. M. Chilcote, Dr. Rambo.

\$2.50 to \$5—P. R. Dodge, G. B. Skeen, W. J. Steinmetz, Oscar Larson, Geo. Wirtz, Geo. Haydon, E. H. Law.

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FIRST AID CLASS WELL ATTENDED

MANY LOCAL LADIES HAVE TAKEN UP THIS WORK GIVEN UNDER AUSPICES OF RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The First Aid Class of the American National Red Cross is starting out very successfully according to Dr. A. A. Soule who has agreed to give the lectures of this course for the number of women who wish to become familiar with this work.

The class meets every Wednesday in the Manual Training Building of the Central School. Six text books are left for any others who wish to take up this work. Those who missed the first lecture last Wednesday will have the opportunity of getting it later if they so desire.

JAPANESE STEAMER AGROUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—The Japanese steamer Sakai Maru is ashore off the Japanese coast.

Red Cross Expenses Given In Detail

In accordance with the policy of the Red Cross of keeping the public thoroughly informed on all of its activities, the Red Cross war council makes public the following financial statement, showing the collections and disbursements of the war fund up to November 1, 1917.

The collections on November 1st totaled \$79,885,366.68. Of these collections, \$9,129,389.21 is reserved for return to Red Cross chapters to be spent for relief work. The estimated balance available for appropriation amounts to \$70,755,977.47.

The total appropriations from the war fund up to November 1st amounted to \$40,351,320.50, of which \$36,924,416.86 was for foreign relief. The foreign relief appropriations were apportioned as follows:

France, \$19,581,840.47; Belgium, \$720,001.00; Russia, \$1,428,040.87; Serbia, \$499,303.78; Roumania, \$1,518,398.78; Italy, \$314,000; Great Britain, \$1,066,530; foreign miscellaneous, \$113,013; Armenia and Syrian relief, \$1,800,000.

The appropriations for the purchase of articles for resale to chapters, principally materials to be worked into garments for soldiers and hospital supplies, amounted to \$7,659,000. This sum will eventually be returned to the war fund.

An appropriation of \$500,000 for automobiles is a bookkeeping entry to acknowledge a gift of that amount in the form of cars and automobile parts from the Ford Motor Car company.

In addition to the war fund appropriations, specified above, the sum of \$1,417,625.74 was appropriated from the restricted funds—that is, from moneys which contributors have given to the Red Cross for specially stated purposes, and which can be expended only for those purposes designated by the donors.

There was appropriated for United States supplies, etc., to United States forces, \$2,448,729; for United States hospital work, \$379,500; for United States sanitary service about cantonments, \$183,500; for United States miscellaneous items, \$108,487.60, a total of \$4,120,216.60. Other appropriations advanced for hospital funds amounted to \$220,000.

Farmers Urged to Raise Sugar Beets

In its consideration of the problems of crop production that are of special importance during the war emergency, the United States department of agriculture calls the attention of farmers in the sugar beet producing districts to the importance of maintaining the acreage of that crop next year. While the soil and climatic conditions of the country are suitable for a much greater production of beet sugar than is now made, the production for next year is necessarily limited by the available seed supply and to the relatively small areas where beet sugar mills now exist.

Because of the impracticability of the shipping beets very far, the effective

Gridiron Test Between East and West Possible

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—With the sun of the local football season setting unofficial discussion has been heard regarding a real test between the East and the West. Since the defeat of Pennsylvania by the University of Oregon at Pasadena last year there has been a strong undercurrent of sentiment for a gridiron battle between the best players of the two rims of the continent can afford.

Few such games are on record, altho they always create tremendous interest. Years ago the first big test came when the California variety met the Carlisle Indians in San Francisco, and were downed after a desperate struggle. Later Stanford lined up against the University of Michigan, and went down to a glorious defeat.

Michigan is again looming up as the outstanding football unit of the East, as Coach Yost has a wonderful playing aggregation this year. The suggestion has been made that Michigan, or some other representative eleven meet the Pacific Coast Conference winners. These winners will be known today, after California and Oregon play at Eugene.

OFFICIALS ON UNUSUAL ERRAND

SPRING LAKE RESIDENTS, IN IGNORANCE OF NEW LAW, ALLEGED TO HAVE BURIED INFANT WITHOUT CERTIFICATE

To investigate the case of an alleged violation of the new birth registration law, Coroner A. A. Soule and District Attorney Wm. M. Duncan are at the ranch of Frank Stewart, in the Spring Lake district today.

Many of the citizens are ignorant of the new law, said Dr. Soule this morning, which provides that a birth certificate must be made out for every child born, whether living or still-born, and a death certificate and burial permit issued, before interment can legally take place. There are heavy penalties attached to the continued violation of this law.

FISHING STEAMER REPORTED LOST

BELIEVED SMASHED OFF CAPE SPENCER — SOME OF CREW RESCUED AND OTHERS REPORTED MISSING

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—The fishing steamer Manhattan of Vancouver, B. C., is reported wrecked off Cape Spencer.

A wireless from the Steamer Mariona said that a boat from the wrecked vessel, containing twenty-nine members of the crew, was picked up. Several boats containing others are reported missing.

FORT KLAMATH SETS A PACE

The patriotic district of Fort Klamath has set a mark for the rest of Klamath County in its response to the call for army Y. M. C. A. funds. The quota portioned for this district was \$300 and the loyal citizens there

RINGLEADER IN LOCAL ORDER AT LARGE

ESCAPE MADE LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Was Not Missed Until After Dinner Yesterday, Giving Him Valuable Start of Officers. Was Also Under Federal Indictment. Believed to Be Desperate Character. Reward of Fifty Dollars Offered.

The escape from the County jail here Thursday afternoon of Dan Sullivan one of the ring leaders of the I. W. W. here last summer and believed by the authorities to have been one of the most desperate characters apprehended, went unnoted until yesterday afternoon, giving the culprit much valuable time in which to make his escape.

According to the report, five of the prisoners were let out for a few minutes late in the afternoon Thursday under the guard of Deputy T. E. Griffith and Bailiff Mattoon, to carry in wood to the jail for the evening. They were supposedly all returned safely inside but Sullivan in some manner escaped without detection and has thus far evaded the efforts of the Sheriff's office to locate him. When the jail was visited yesterday morning, he was thought to be still in bed and was not missed until afternoon. A reward of fifty dollars has been posted for his delivery to Sheriff Humphrey and cards giving his description have been sent to all points within a large radius.

Sullivan, who was tried here in July on a charge of vagrancy, was given the maximum sentence by Justice Gowan of six months in jail in addition to a heavy fine.

Since being confined here he has been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Portland charged with a violation of the Espionage Act. This insures the valuable cooperation of the federal authorities in his capture at the present time.

with those at Klamath Agency sent down the handsome sum of \$401, shortly after noon today.

The names are not available at the present time but will be made public in an early issue.

Bolsheviki Now Has Upper Hand

DATELESS, By Associated Press—Defeated in battle by the Bolsheviks and deserted by most of his officers and men, Kerensky is in flight and his whereabouts unknown. He was about to surrender to the Maximist forces under coercion, when he disappeared.

Moscow, and the Bolsheviks is in control. From 3,000 to 5,000 persons have been killed in the street fighting in Moscow.

The Kaledines are reported to be approaching with relief for the Kerensky forces.

A third army composed of released convicts is fighting both the Bolsheviks and the government troops.

The tide has apparently turned in