

BRITISH COMPELLED TO YIELD GROUND

ALLIES ARE NOW LOSING NEWLY WON TERRITORY

IMPORTANT POINTS WEST OF CAMBRAI WRESTED FROM THE BRITISH BY ENEMY—LINES SHORTENED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DEFENSE

HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT ENABLE THE GERMAN FORCES TO PUSH BACK THE LINES IN NORTH-EAST ITALY

By Associated Press
DATELESS—German wedges which have been driven into the salient before Cambrai and have compelled the British to evacuate some of the more exposed points.
They have now given up to the Germans several villages to the west of Cambrai and Bourlon Wood. The British lines are shortened and made more capable of defense.
Berlin claims to have occupied Marcoing, four miles south of Cambrai.
Violent fighting in Italy continues. The Italians are retiring gradually to prepare positions.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Four thousand more Italians have been taken, making a total of 15,000 in the present offensive. Mount Sisemol has been captured by storm.

The Austro-Germans are making a tremendous effort to gain the passes into the Italian plains. These resulted in pushing back of the Italian line at one point east of the Asiago plateau, where they stormed Monte Sisemol, but the vital front remains unbroken.

CALIFORNIA PRESS MEN MEET AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Newspaper problems from the editors', publishers' and reporters' point of view were discussed here today at the opening session of the California Press Association, which is made up of editors from all parts of the state. The sessions are being held in Native

WORLD WAR HAS NOT YET REACHED POLE

MAN RETURNING FROM ARCTIC REGION HAS JUST LEARNED OF WORLD CONFLICT—HAS BEEN AWAY SINCE 1912.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 7.—Joseph Sandle has just learned that the world is at war. For four years, while the most momentous events in history have been transpiring, he has been out of touch with civilization, on a prospecting expedition in the Arctic. He has just returned, and stopped here en route to his former home in Arizona. A gold strike in Alaska which he was forced to abandon twenty years ago on account of failing health, has proven to be of little value, he said.
Sandle said he left Seattle in the spring of 1913, secured supplies and ammunition enough to last him about two years, and made his way to his old shack in the interior, which he had left in 1897.
"Everything was just as I had left it," he said. "Not a thing had been disturbed. Even the same grease was still in the frying pan in which I had cooked my last breakfast there in 1897, and I was surprised to find a liberal quantity of supplies on hand, still in a good state of preservation."
He spent the summer months in killing and preserving a supply of game for the winter, he said, and thus he spent five winters and four summers there. He made four trips south and traded gold and furs to the Indians for more supplies. He met a band of white men in 1915, but they were going "out," and knew less than he did about the outside world.
"When I left for the north the papers were discussing world wide peace," he said. "It did not seem possible that I would ever again hear of a war of any importance. I learned of the war in Seattle a week ago."
He has purchased a quantity of literature on the war, and is busying himself poring over back files of newspapers, endeavoring to inform himself.

Sons' hall, and will continue until tomorrow night.
The cost of print paper as the result of war conditions, the further improvement of rural papers, and the campaign for the conservation of food and other necessities are among the topics for discussion.
A round of entertainments, including a trip around the bay district, have been planned for the editors.
LEAVES TO ENLIST
Perry O. DeLap, son of County Clerk C. R. DeLap, one of Klamath Falls' well known young men, left on the noon train for San Francisco, where he expects to enlist in the quartermaster's department.

BAD ACCIDENT ON MAIN LINE NEAR SISSON

TRESPASSER KILLED, TRAINMEN ARE INJURED, AND PASSENGERS HURT IN SERIOUS WRECK BELOW WEED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—A trespasser was killed, two members of the crew of the Southern Pacific train injured, and several passengers slightly hurt when two engines drawing the California express over the mountains between Sisson and Upton yesterday upset.
The cause of the derailment is unknown. The train left Portland Wednesday night.
The trespasser has not been identified. Engineer Harrington and Fireman Clark were the injured employees.

It is believed that this wreck caused the delay of the local trains from Weed last night.

COMING SHOW TO BE GOOD

PORTLAND PRESS MAKES VERY FAVORABLE COMMENT ON THE ATTRACTION BOOKED FOR THIS CITY NEXT WEEK

That the big show, "Old Kentucky," which is scheduled to appear at the Houston opera house early next week is something out of the ordinary, would appear from the article which appears in the Morning Oregonian of November 30th, which is quoted in part below:
It's a good old friend come back to town, a favorite play whose popularity never dims; it's "Old Kentucky," that opened yesterday at the Eleventh street playhouse, and will continue today and tomorrow, with matinee and evening performances both days.

Jean Selkirk, appearing as Madge Brierly, a flower of the mountain district, is the heroine of the story, and right well does she portray the part. She has youth and vivacity and charm and just the right Southern accent. Probably next to her may be mentioned Queen Bess, the sensation of the race track scene, who, with the aid of the girl, saves the day and makes happy the hearts of the true lovers. The horse is a beauty, well groomed, and seems to feel her importance as she appears before the footlights.

Bert Merling has the role of Frank Layson, "a worthy son of Old Kentucky," a good looking chap who does his work well and is quite the ideal hero of the romance. Fred Monley, as Colonel Sandusky Doolittle, a great speculator and horseman, is a typical gentleman of the Sunny Southland, big hearted, genuine and, although a bit slow with his lovmaking, wins out finally and gains the heart and hand of the lovely Althea Layson, the character cleverly interpreted by Marie Sanger.

The Study Club of the Woman's Library Club will meet Saturday, December 15th, at 2:30. The subject for the afternoon will be "Peter the Great and Catherine II."

Railroads Praised By Commerce Commission

Part of Carriers in Nation's War Preparation Brought Out In Annual Report Made to Congress Today
---Legislation to Control Railroad Capitalization Advocated

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—The part America's railroads have played in preparing the nation for war was related to congress today in the annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission. While struggling under unusual commercial demands, the commission explained, the railroads were forced suddenly to transport great numbers of troops and quantities of cantonment materials. The giant task was accomplished successfully, but only by co-operation of the roads among themselves, and with the commerce commission.
The commission gave no specific words of praise for the railroads, but commendation was implied.
Looking ahead the commission sees that it is necessary to develop to a greater extent the principle of priority for transportation of commodities essential to the conduct of the war, and predicts "broader action of this sort in the near future."
No hint is given of the commission's attitude toward the Eastern and Western railroads' pending application for increased freight rates to meet extraordinary expenses.
Mainly thru new powers over car service, says the commission, it has been able to develop traffic co-operation between roads in the most economic use of freight cars. Attention is called to the Esch car service act of last May, which some commissioners have said they believe conveys adequate power to the commission to virtually assume management of the roads.
This law gives authority "whenever the commission shall be of the opinion that necessity exists for immediate action—to suspend the operation of any or all rules, regulations or practices then established with respect to car service for such time as

may be determined by the commission, and also authority to make such just and reasonable directions with respect to car service during such time as in its opinion will best promote car service in the interest of the public and the commerce of the people."
The commission recommends among other things:
"That there should be appropriate and adequate legislation upon the subject of control over railway capitalization;
"That the use of steel cars in passenger train service be required, and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited;
"That under the Panama canal act the commission be empowered to permit, subject to further order of the commission, continued operation by a railway or under railway control of water lines or vessels where it will be in the interest of the people and of convenience to the public, even though such operation made reduce competition on the route by water;
"That legislation requiring standardization of railroad operating rules be enacted;
"That congress consider the advisability of prohibiting by statute, under appropriate penalty, trespass on the tracks of interstate carriers and on the tracks of such carriers at places where two or more tracks, or within the limits of incorporated towns, or at places where the carrier by appropriate sign or warning gives notice that trespassing on its tracks is prohibited, providing that nothing therein is to be considered as making lawful any trespass which would be unlawful under state laws; and further consider the advisability of conferring concurrent jurisdiction upon federal and state courts for the enforcement of such statute."

on commencing operations at the Pospisil ranch the proposed route by the government was strenuously objected to by the proprietors of the ranch, who maintained that the ditch should be run thru a low section, rather than thru an alfalfa field. The government has what is known as a blanket right of procedure thru the farms, but legal armor was not found sufficient to start the offensive in the face of the enemy, whose readiness for combat was unquestioned.
It was therefore found necessary to have a warrant issued for her arrest, and after being brought in by Sheriff Humphrey, she waived examination, and has been bound over to action of the grand jury.

UNCLE SAM IS HELD UP

MALIN WOMAN FORMS "BATTALION OF DEATH" COMPOSED OF HERSELF, AND DEFIES GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS

To just what extent a coffee pot full of old eggs, a buggy whip and a empty shotgun in the hands of a fiery farmer's wife may interfere with the progress of a reclamation project is a matter which local justice will soon be called upon to determine. Until such time, Mrs. J. F. Pospisil, a resident of the Malin district, will be under bonds, where she was placed yesterday, in the justice court.
The crew of the U. S. dredger of the reclamation service is now engaged in dredging a drainage canal in that section, and it is reported that

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SHEPHERD'S CASE RESTS
The examination of William Culver, a sheep herder from Langell Valley, arrested on a larceny charge on complaint of O. T. McKendrie, was scheduled for this morning in the justice court of E. W. Gowen. No witnesses appeared, however, and the case still rests.
Culver is charged with the larceny of thirty head of sheep belonging to McKendrie.

RATE HEARING TO BE HELD AT WHITE PELICAN

COMPLAINT OF LOCAL SHIPPERS BEFORE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION FOR LOWER RATES COMING SOON

The hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission, looking toward the reduction of the class rates to Klamath Falls from California points is scheduled to be held at the White Pelican hotel at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 13th of this month, according to a letter just received by the Klamath Commercial Club from Bishop & Bahler, the San Francisco rate attorneys retained by the local shippers to appear in their behalf.
Thirty-three of the local shippers are listed in the complaints as members of the Commercial Club and the Business Men's Association. The attorneys write that they will arrive on Saturday, before the hearing, and wish to meet a portion of the shippers before the hearing, which comes on Monday.
This case, which was commenced before the California Railway Commission two years ago, has now been carried to the Interstate Commerce Commission, as the Southern Pacific company has not seen fit to apply the same schedule over the state line which the California commission ordered up to and including Dorris. The present class rates to Dorris are therefore very much lower proportionately than those into Klamath Falls.
The prevailing high freight rates between Klamath Falls and outside points are regarded by many as one of the most serious handicaps to the settlement and progress of this district, and it is their opinion that the situation must be relieved before the country can advance as its resources merit.

MEAT PACKERS STRIKE IN SEATTLE
SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—Union meat employees of three meat packing companies' plants struck for the recognition of a union uniform working contract. Seven hundred men are out.

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FATALITIES AT HALIFAX ESTIMATED OVER 2000

SIXTY PER CENT OF CITY IS IN RUINS—BIG STORM INTERFERES WITH RESCUING OF THE VICTIMS—AID IS BEING RAPIDLY BROUGHT

FRENCH MUNITION STEAMER EXPLODED, INSTEAD OF AN AMERICAN VESSEL, AS FIRST REPORTED—MANY HUNDRED CHILDREN KILLED

HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—Up to noon today there has been no change in the police estimate of 3,000 dead from the terrific explosion which wrecked the city yesterday. About the same number is believed to be injured, mostly from cuts from flying glass. Fires are still burning, and it is estimated that 60 per cent of the city is in ruins.
A heavy storm has set in, seriously impeding the rescuing of the injured and the recovering of the dead bodies.
Special trains are arriving with doctors and nurses.
Every building in the city is damaged. Windows and doors are shattered and the plaster shaken down. Business will be suspended for several days.
It is now definitely known that the Belgian relief steamer Imo collided with the French munition steamer Monte Blanc.
The exact number of the dead may never be known, as entire families are missing.
It is declared that there is no fear of a food shortage, due to the aid received.
Several hundred children were killed at the Richmond school and scores injured at the American sugar refinery.
The military gymnasium, arena, rink, homes, hospitals, churches and schools are filled with the injured.
A telegraph operator said he saw bodies of several of the United States navy sailors.
Passengers and crew of the Holland-American liner, Ulew Amsterdam are declared safe.

Congress Is Busy Declaring War Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Declaration of war on Austria-Hungary passed both houses of congress here today after brief debate.
The president's signature is now the only thing required to make the state of war effective.

The house agreed unanimously to accept the senate's resolution, the vote being 363 to 1.
London, a socialist, was the only one who voted in the negative. The senate passed the war resolution after less than an hour's debate by a vote of 74 to 9.

STUDY CLUB TO MEET
The Study Department of the Woman's Library Club will meet Saturday, December 15th, at 2:30. The subject for the afternoon will be "Peter the Great and Catherine II."

Klamath Shaker Indians Hold Successful Meeting

In an effort to get the Incorporated Shaker church of Oregon to combine with the original Shaker church of Washington State, George Q. Jack, general secretary of the Indian Shaker churches of Gate, Wash., and one of the elders of the Toppenish church has been visiting the Klamath Indian Reservation for the past two weeks.
An active response has met his efforts, and local officers have been named to carry on the work. Stonewall Jackson, a prominent Indian, has been appointed bishop, and Sergeant

Brown has been named as elder. Don Heart is to be the minister.
The Shaker faith, which is an Indian faith exclusively, seeks especially to promote temperance, morality, honesty and cleanliness. It attempts to hold the Indian woman in an equal position with the man. The local church was formed about four months ago. The members feel greatly cheered over the result of the recent meeting, and as the prayer of members of other churches for their steady progress.