

ITALIANS PUSHED BACK THREE MILES

GROUND IS GRADUALLY TAKEN BY THE ENEMY

ALLIED SUPPLIES REPORTED IN DANGER AT VLADIVOSTOK. HEBRON, A CITY NEAR JERUSALEM, IS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH FORCES

KERENSKY HAS BEEN CHOSEN MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT IN SIBERIA—GENERAL KORNILOFF JOINS THE COSSACKS

By Associated Press

DATELESS—By a heavy superiority of numbers and quantities of material, the enemies have succeeded in pushing the Italians back during the last four days on an average of three miles on a ten mile front, altho the defense line has not been broken.

It is believed that the American declaration of war on Austria will probably be a great help to the Italian troops.

It is reported that the British have captured Hebron, southwest of Jerusalem.

Fifteen hundred of the Bolshevik troops are said to have arrived at Vladivostok, where much war material and other supplies shipped from the United States, Japan and the other allies has been stored.

The temporary government in Siberia has chosen former Premier Kerensky as minister of justice. General Korniloff has been reported to have joined General Kaledines, the Cossack leader.

PLEASING BILL AT ORPHEUS

A very pleasing bill was presented at the Orpheus theater last evening by the appearance of Clara Kimball Young in "Marriage a la Carte." This playhouse has now been thoroughly renovated and placed in first class shape for the winter season's run.

American Destroyer Torpedoed and Sunk

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The American destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone Thursday, with a loss of a large part of her crew.

CITY WOMAN PRAYS FOR SEPARATION

WIFE OF FORMER COUNCILMAN NOW IN ARMY INSTITUTES DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS, CLAIMING LIFE WAS BURDENSOME

Alleging that her life with the defendant has become burdensome, that violent abusive language has been applied to her, and that she has lived in fear of her life, an action for divorce has been filed in the office of the circuit court clerk by Mrs. Lina Mathews against Oscar D. Mathews.

The complaint recites that the defendant is a person of ungovernable temper, and that while she has at all times been a faithful wife, said defendant has publicly impugned her lack of chastity. Divorce and costs of the action are asked.

The couple were married in November, 1904. They have no children.

The defendant is well known in this city, having served as councilman for the Second Ward for a number of years. He recently left to join the Twentieth Engineers Lumbermen's battalion for service in France. John Irwin is plaintiff's attorney.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS OFF TO JOIN ARMY

TWO POPULAR MEMBERS OF LOCAL FACULTY LEAVE TO ENLIST—HANDSOME PRESENTS ARE MADE THEM BY STUDENTS

The Klamath County high school members have said farewell to two popular members of the faculty, Professors J. R. Bain and Royal F. Niles, who leave their positions here to join the service of their country.

At a meeting held at the school yesterday, the student body presented both the young men with a handsome wrist watch as a token of respect and good wishes.

Mr. Niles left today for San Francisco and Mr. Bain plans to leave tomorrow. The branches they will enter have not been announced.

Mr. Niles place in the faculty will be filled by Miss Edith Reese of Williston, N. D. Mr. Bain's place has not been filled.

LOCAL BOY TELLS OF HIS TRIP ABROAD

REAL CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND AT THIS TIME ARE BROUGHT IN INTERESTING LETTER FROM KLAMATH NAVAL VOLUNTEER

William McMillan, well known to a large number of Klamath Falls residents, has written an account of a visit to London, and of his experience with submarines. His letter, which is one of unusual interest, is given below in part. McMillan was one of the first to volunteer in the navy when the call to the colors was made last spring.

November 17—We are at sea now, and are getting along fine. We are out of the war zone, and I have a little time to write. We left New York about three weeks ago for Halifax, in Nova Scotia, Canada. We stayed there over night, and started for England that day.

We got to England O. K. No subs showed up. We got to Davenport, in Southern England, on the 7th, and every man got a chance to go to London. I could hardly afford it, but could not miss the chance, so I went.

Southern England is the cleanest and most beautiful place for green fields and rolling hills I ever saw.

We got on the train about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and got to London about 9:30. It was dark there, and the town was all darkened on account of the air raids, so we did not know where to go. We stopped in at a restaurant and ordered a meal. We only got three little slices of bread, and they were mighty thin, as England has passed a food control law. We got a room and went to bed, then, and next morning we started out. I never saw so many different uniforms in my life before.

Every man from 17 to 35 was in a uniform, and if you hear that England is not putting out her share of men, you tell them they don't know what they are talking about. Every day there is train load after train load of wounded coming in. You see men with no arms or only one arm, or one leg. It is a common thing. You can't realize what a thing this war is on England, and I guess it is worse on France.

There are lots of Americans fighting with Canada's troops.

We are on our way back to the United States now. We had a little trouble coming thru the war zone with the subs, but they did not get us. Old Kaiser Bill said we would never reach the United States again, but he has not got us yet, and it looks as if I will get to mail this to you yet.

One of the subs showed up for a few minutes the third day out, and we put the lead so close to her that she dived, and that was the last we saw of her.

I have some English money that I will send to you, and maybe you think we didn't have a time spending it. We would just hold out a handful and let them pick out all they wanted. Everything was shillings and pence, and half a crown, and a crown, and it sure gets a fellow rattled.

They called for volunteers for the torpedo destroyers, and a bunch of the fellows went. They are in England now. I think if we ever go there again and I get the chance, I will join them, too.

This is our last day out, as we will pull in at about 3 p. m. today. I will not get a chance to mail this till we get to New York, so we will not get any liberty at Hampton Roads, where we are going to coal.

We had our first snow yesterday.

War Camp Recreation Fund Drive Nets \$715

That a total of \$715 was secured in Klamath County during the recent drive for the war camp recreation fund is brought out in a detailed report just published by H. D. Mortenson, who had charge of this work.

The quota portioned for Klamath County was \$400, and the drive initiated by the Klamath Commercial Club.

The workers selected worked with such enthusiasm and the public responded to the call in such a generous manner that the amount requested was oversubscribed by 79 per cent.

Those who worked on the drive wish to thank all for co-operating with them in a fashion so liberal and willing that the collection of the funds became a real pleasure.

The collections made were as follows:

- By T. G. Walton and O. Peyton, in Klamath Falls, \$111 cash, \$3 pledged, by H. D. Mortenson and C. Riley, \$155. By Father Marshall, Sunday service, \$1. By Father Marshall at Algoma Lumber company, \$28. By E. H. Pike, at Pelican Bay Lumber company, \$134.50. By E. S. Terwilliger, Merrill, \$65. By C. Loosley, Fort Klamath, \$42. By W. S. Dalton, Mailin, \$15. By C. F. Setser, Chelsea Box company, \$52.50. By G. A. Krause, Klamath Manufacturing company, \$63. By A. J. Vove, Big Lakes Box and Lumber company, \$15; pledged, \$3. By J. B. McAllister, Ewauna Box company, \$16. Total, \$709; pledged, \$6. Grand total, \$715.

Switzerland Hears Too Much Peace Talk

BERNE, Nov. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—About the only thing that Switzerland has too much of is peace rumors.

Travelers who come from Germany, Austria, France and Italy say those countries, too, are full of talk about the conferences that are supposed to be going on constantly here between "personalities" from the entente and central powers.

An American, who, because of his prominence in local affairs, must be nameless, sums up the actual situation, as the correspondent has found it, also, when he points out that the presence of notables from belligerent countries must not be regarded as significant, because while they may come here to "feel out" the sentiment of the other side, they are not often peace envoys.

Any proposition which any government is willing to advance, or to accept, can be stated by any agent whose presence here is not even noted and who is without authority to do more than deliver or listen to a proposal. No one has been compromised, particularly no one has exhibited "signs of weakness" by advancing "terms."

That such tentative "feelers" have been put out repeatedly seems beyond doubt, but it is not these that have caused the ever-recurring peace rumors to circulate, but rather the

presence from time to time of sensational characters from either side. The facts seem to indicate that, if peace negotiations actually are going on, they are privately conducted, for their respective governments, by unpretentious and more or less unofficial persons.

One American asserts that he has acted as a "peace emissary" for the entente, and in this capacity met a German of inconspicuous station, who, the American was given to believe, was prepared to make peace proposals. The two met, the German explained that he understood he was to receive, rather than submit a peace plan. Convinced that there had been a misunderstanding, neither would or could "talk business," and so they shook hands and left.

Mathias Erbsberger, the German centrist deputy, one-time "uncrowned king behind the Prussian throne," is quoted as having said he had had an interview with an English "peace agent." But it is believed here that Erbsberger's fellow confere was one of the unofficial kind.

Chief Counsel of the Federal Trade Commission

John Walsh, who has been appointed chief counsel of the Federal Trade Commission. He is the first chief counsel of the commission, the position having been vacant until his appointment. Mr. Walsh is a brother of Senator T. J. Walsh of Montana.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR COMPLETED

PROPOSED AMOUNT WILL TOTAL TRIPLE OVER FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS—BIG SUM MADE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COURT HOUSE

OVER NINETEEN THOUSAND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY ROAD WORK WITH BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR LEVY OVER 26 MILLS

That the estimated budget for Klamath County for the coming year will be \$400,044.66, an amount considerably less than that of last year, is shown in figures decided upon at the meeting of the County Court Thursday and Friday of this week.

While the estimated cost of county operations next year are fully as much as previously, the decrease has been explained in the fact that the accrued interest on the warrants has been lightened by \$11,000 and that the different court fees for the past year have been materially greater.

With the levy on \$60,000 for court house construction and the balance of \$63,000 now in the treasury for this purpose, an amount sufficient for the completion of this structure is being held in sight. It is also thought that the county roads can be materially improved with the expenditure of the \$50,000 levied for this purpose, together with the \$42,000 balance left over from last season. The sum of \$17,000 now remains in the general fund.

Some of the high school district levies are interesting details of the estimate. District 47, for instance, which is in the Glendale section, calls for 13 mills, while district No. 14, at Merrill, is to stand one of 14 mills, 7 mills special and 7 mills on bonds.

If the estimated budget goes thru as proposed by the court, it will mean a levy of something over 26 mills, which with the city levy of 25 1/2 mills, will bring the city taxpayers' levy to more than 50 mills.

Services for Soldier Boys Tomorrow

PRESBYTERIANS WILL HOLD PATRIOTIC MEETING IN HONOR OF BOYS OF CHURCH NOW IN ARMY AND NAVY

In honor of soldier boys who have left to enter the service of the nation from the First Presbyterian church, a special service has been arranged for tomorrow morning.

The church is to be decorated with flags and inspiring music in keeping with the occasion will be played. A "Prayer for the Nation" by the choir and "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Bert C. Thomas are among these.

The following short addresses will also be given: "Our Honor Roll and Their Mothers," W. A. Deisell; "The Church and the Flag," W. S. Slough; "The Church and Conservation," E. L. Elliott; "The Church at Prayer in War Time," J. B. Mason, and "The Soldier and His Religion," by Rev. E. P. Lawrence.

Presbyterian church boys with the colors are Ralph C. Hurn, William and Floyd McMillan, Morris Graves, Wilbur Telford, Garrett Van Riper and Robert Riggs.

Commerce Commission Hearing Is Postponed

News was received by the Commercial Club today to the effect that the rate hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission, scheduled for the White Pelican hotel on December 17th, had been postponed by members of the commission.

The date when the hearing will be held was not designated, but the hope is expressed in the message from Bishop & Bahler,

the traffic attorneys at San Francisco, that it will be called at an early date.

Unexpected war developments are believed the cause of the postponement.

The meeting of the different ship-owners which was called for Monday evening at the Commercial Club will be postponed until the date of hearing is announced.

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MERRILL RAISES BIG SUM FOR RED CROSS

The Merrill Library Club has turned over \$27 to the Red Cross Society as its share of the proceeds from the dance given Thanksgiving night. This sum represents one half of the proceeds.

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