

KAISER TO MAKE "FINAL" PEACE OFFER

ADVANCE OF TEUTONS IS BLOCKED IN BIG BATTLE

AFTER MAKING IMMENSE SACRIFICES IN THREE DAYS OF FIGHTING, ENEMY HAS MADE NO GAINS WORTHY OF MENTIONING

REPRESENTATIVE TINKHAM GOES OVER CLIFF IN AUTO ON NORTHERN FRONT, BUT ESCAPES UNINJURED—BRITISH POSITION IMPROVES

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Emperor Wilhelm in his Christmas message today, proposed to make a final peace offer to his enemies, on whom, in case of rejection, the responsibility will fall of the blood shed in 1918, according to unofficial Berlin dispatches.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 15.—There is heavy fighting today on the mountain front east of Bronta. If the enemy succeeds in advancing here, he would have two lines of approach to the open plains of the Bronta Valley.

In three days, according to Diaz, the enemy has succeeded in securing an insignificant stretch of ground at an immense sacrifice.

The army automobile, in which Congressman George H. Tinkham of Boston was riding on a visit to Montenegro on the northern mountain front, skidded over the mountain side and dropped twenty feet. The auto was smashed, but Representative Tinkham, who fired the first shot against Austria, escaped with a few bruises. The chauffeur was seriously hurt.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The British have improved their position slightly east of Bullecourt by bomb fighting.

STATE FIRE LAMBS BIG IN NOVEMBER

RALEM, Dec. 15.—Fire losses in Oregon totalled \$133,995 during November, Insurance Commissioner Wells announced. Hay and feed to the value of \$26,250 was destroyed.

Changes Are Made in Local Train Schedule

A change has been made in the local train schedule, by which the train from Wood, which has been arriving here at 5:35 will now reach the city at 4:55, forty minutes earlier. This change will be a big help to the city business men, as they will be able to get their mail by closing time in the evening.

MUCH SUSPENSE DURING RAIDS

NIECE OF LOCAL WOMAN TELLS IN LETTER HOW LONDON RESIDENTS DUCK INTO CELLARS WHEN AIR RAIDERS APPROACH

A much more forceful idea of the fearful suspense which the people of England undergo during the frequent air raids there than is generally obtained in the regular articles and descriptions in the personal letters from the residents themselves. Mrs. Thomas Martin of this city, who has a niece, Miss Farr, residing in London, has received some very interesting communications regarding conditions there. One of these letters tells of the air raids, and is given in part, as follows:

"I expect you will wonder how we have been getting on over the air raids. Well, I am pleased to say up to present we are all right. The bombardments were very terrific, and at the same time somewhat terrifying. There were six raids in eight days. We usually go into the cellar, so as to get away from all windows, the shells and bombs breaking such a lot. We could hear the shells whistling overhead, and they did make a noise. The bombardment lasted anywhere from one to three hours, and we were on pins and needles all the time, wondering whether we should escape. The worst part is when we hear the engines of the German machines, and we all listen for the dreaded sound of exploding bombs."

(Here a paragraph has been cut out. The envelope was marked "open by censor.") "We did think about leaving London, but have since decided that we will be brave, and "carry on." Such a lot of people have left London that I think we must be heroes to stay. We have not had the bombardments just lately. I suppose because the weather has been bad. The old moon is shining again next week, so right away for a few more exciting, and, at the same time, dangerous evenings."

GRAY WOLF HIDE IS BROUGHT IN

FIRST BOUNTY CLAIMED ON THIS SPECIES FOR MANY YEARS IN MADE TODAY BY NORTHERN RESIDENT

The first gray wolf that has been killed in this section of the state for a long period was brought in today by Frank Murray, from Bear Flat, on the Klamath Indian reservation. Murray received a bounty of \$5 from the county, and will no doubt dispose of the hide at a good figure, as it was an exceptionally fine pelt.

WELL KNOWN DIVINE HERE OVER SUNDAY

EPISCOPAL BISHOP, WHOSE LECTURES HERE ATTRACT GREAT ATTENTION, WILL SPEAK TWICE TOMORROW

Bishop Paddock, who is widely known in this section thru the inspiring lectures which he delivers on his visits to Klamath Falls, arrived last night, and will hold regular Episcopal services in the Odd Fellows hall tomorrow being "Jerusalem."

In the evening he will lecture at the Methodist church on the topic, "Are You Really a Christian?"

RELIEF CORPS MEETS MONDAY

MEETING INITIATION TO BE HELD IN I. O. O. F. BUILDING—CALL IS MADE THRU ORGANIZATION FOR SOLDIERS' SWEATERS

A regular meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held on Monday, at 2:30 p. m., in the west hall of the Odd Fellows building.

Initiation will be held, and all members and comrades of the G. A. R. are cordially invited to be present.

The corps is receiving calls for sweaters for Klamath's army and navy boys. Anyone wishing to donate a sweater can get the address of the boys needing them from members of the corps or the organization will be glad to send them on.

OLENE BOYS NOT GUILTY

JURY DELIBERATES NINE HOURS AND FREES YOUNG MEN FROM CHARGE OF LARCENY OF VALUABLE HAM

After debating from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 2:15 this morning, the jury in the case of Byres and Lorenzen, finished yesterday in the Circuit Court, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

The defendants, Asmus Lorenzen and Marlin Byres, young men living in the Olene district, were freed of a charge of stealing and butchering a Lincoln ram from Rex Ford, last May.

W. S. Wiley assisted Prosecuting Attorney W. M. Duncan in the action. The defendants were represented by Rutenic & Yaden.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 15.—The Shields bill for the development of water power projects on the navigable streams has passed the senate.

Big Drive To Start With Bang on Monday

The house to house canvass for memberships to the Red Cross Society will be launched thru the city and county promptly Monday morning. In order that the public may be apprised of the nature of this campaign and facilitate the efforts of the various workers by a previous knowledge of their errands, it is stated that this campaign will be made for memberships entirely, and not for donations, as was the case of the big drive conducted last summer.

One and two dollar memberships will be mainly sought, the main difference being that the two dollar memberships includes a subscription to the Red Cross magazine. It is hoped that 3,500 memberships will be secured in Klamath Falls and county. To do this, it will be necessary for many who took out memberships in the drive last summer to waive the last six months for which they paid, and take out new memberships for the year 1918. It has been announced by Red Cross officials that membership campaigns will only be conducted once a year from this time on.

A meeting is being held this afternoon at the Elks building, at which Chairman W. O. Smith is going over the final arrangements with the city workers, and giving out the supplies for the campaign.

Instructions Given Local Registrants

The first five per cent of the questionnaires for the remaining men on the draft list in Klamath County, which amounts to 65, were sent out this morning by the local assumption board. This same number will be sent out each day for twenty days.

The responsibility of keeping the local address of the registrants in the hands of the board rests with the registrants. The following notice by the local board is called to the attention of registrants:

Section 96, Selective Service rules and regulations, provides that you must fill out and return the questionnaire to the office of the local board in the court house at Klamath Falls, either by mail or in person, within seven days from the date which appears on the front of the questionnaire. Failure to comply with the provisions of the above section gives the local board the power to classify you as a "delinquent."

The governor of the state has appointed a legal advisory board, consisting of local attorneys, and one member of this board will be at the headquarters of the board, in the Bristol building, 228 Main street, near the postoffice, Klamath Falls, Oregon, every day (Sundays and holidays excepted) between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. It is the duty of the members of this board to advise you only on those sections of your questionnaire that you do not understand. Do not expect him to fill out the questionnaire for you. If there are sections you are unable to understand you must appear at the headquarters of the advisory board on the date mentioned in the circular letter sent with the questionnaire. In case you are not within the jurisdiction of this local board, you may look up the legal advisory board in the place you are located.

Big Trout Landed In Sprague River

The big fish is a regular rainbow trout, and measures 33 inches in length. It was landed with a six-ounce rod. It is Mr. Poole's intention to mount the trophy and present it to the Elks Lodge.

LOCAL BOYS TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK

The six Klamath boys who were certified this week by the district division board have been notified to appear here for enrollment December 20th. The summons was received this morning by the local assumption board. The boys now called are Gladson Ray Shabby, Madford; Joe Gladson Ray Shabby, Madford; John Clemens Leberry, Merrill; Frank Beck, Hildebrand; Kom M.

BAKER BISHOP VISITS CITY

MAN WHO FOUNDED THE LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH FOURTEEN YEARS AGO AND HELPED TO LAUNCH SISTER'S SCHOOL

The Right Rev. C. J. O'Relley, who founded the Catholic church in Klamath Falls fourteen years ago, and who last year was largely instrumental in getting the Sister's school successfully located here, is in the city on a brief visit from his home in Baker.

He will officiate at First Mass tomorrow, preach at 10:30, and conduct the evening service at 7 o'clock.

Bishop O'Relley is the official head of the Catholic church in Eastern Oregon, and is well known here as an orator of unusual ability.

RANCHER BACK FROM CALGARY

FINDS SALE FOR HORSES GOOD, AND PLANS TO TAKE A BAND NORTH IN THE SPRING—COLD WEATHER THERE NOW

J. Frank Adams, prominent Klamath stockman, has just returned from a three weeks' visit to Calgary, Canada, and other northern points.

He reports the market for horses in that district is brisk, and now plans to take a band of mares there when the season opens in the spring. The moderate winter weather here was a pleasant change on his return, as the mercury stood several points below zero when he left.

MERRILL LICKS KLAMATH FALLS

BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS FROM COUNTY SEAT ARE SHOWN A FEW THINGS BY YOUNGSTERS FROM MERRILL HIGH

The glory of Klamath Falls was trailed in the dust last night when two basketball teams, one of girls and one of boys, from this city suffered defeat at the hands of the Merrill high school teams at that place. The Merrill girls team won by a score of 8 to 4, and the boys by a score of 16 to 12. All gate receipts, over expenses, were turned over to the Red Cross Society. These amounted to \$27.50.

Library Club Wants Service Flags Shown

At the general meeting of the Woman's Library Club yesterday afternoon it was voted to sponsor the prominent display service flags in the Christmas decorations this year. It is hoped that all orders and business establishments, as well as the private homes having men in the service will display these flags, which are as beautiful as significant.

WELL KNOWN AMERICAN IS DETAINED BY BOLSHEVIKI

HAS BEEN ARRESTED AS A MEMBER OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BY EXTREMISTS HEAD—IS HELD IN DURANCE IN SIBERIA

AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SECURE HIS RELEASE—BOLSHEVIKI DECLARE ARREST IS MISTAKE—WILL FREE HIM

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Charles S. Smith of St. Louis, member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American railway commission in Russia, has been reported arrested at Atchita, in Siberia, in company with M. Oustronoff, former assistant minister of railways.

Oustronoff was arrested as a member of the provisional government. Ambassador Francis notified the American consuls to intervene at once.

The Bolsheviki headquarters stated that the arrest of the American was a mistake, and that he would be released immediately.

BRITISH REGAIN GROUND AT YPRES

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The British have regained a part of the ground won by the Germans yesterday on the Ypres front. Another advance has been made in Palestine to the northeast of Jerusalem.

ENGINEERS INJURED

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, Dec. 15.—A bursting shell wounded two American railway engineers working beside the British front, according to reports received today.

The projectile struck in a pile of picks, shovels and other tools.

PEACE TREATY IS ARRANGED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Germany and Russia has been effected, according to an official German statement.