

U-BOATS SINK NEUTRAL MERCHANTMEN

HEAVY LOSS TO BRITISH INFLECTED BY GERMANS

BRITISH TROOPS LAUNCH ATTACK ON ITALIAN FRONT, WITHOUT RESULTS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM BERLIN

AUSTRO-GERMANS ATTACK ITALIANS FROM DIRECTION OF SAN MARINO, AND ARE DRIVEN BACK IN DISORDER—BRITISH WELCOMED IN JERUSALEM

LONDON, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, one British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy from Scotland to Norway. The total merchantman tonnage lost was \$,000.

Two neutral merchant vessels and one trawler were sunk off the Tyne December 13th by the German destroyers, it is announced.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—British troops on the Italian front yesterday launched an attack against the Austro-German lines south of the Monte Fontana section, but it broke down before the Teuton positions, the war office announced.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Austro-German forces attacking Italians on the northern front from the direction of San Marino have been driven back in disorder.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A detailed description of the capture of Jerusalem just received shows how the British, despite stormy weather, which made it almost impossible for the camels drawing their supply transports, to keep a footing, fought on the Judean hills and the Mount of Olives until the Turks were driven off.

The people showered flowers on the troops, expressing their joy of deliverance.

When they entered the city the British took 1,000 prisoners beside 160 wounded Turks in the hospitals.

(SMOKED POND) HALL

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will hold a cooked food and fancy work sale tomorrow at the Klamath Falls Music House.

Big Shakeup In High Army Heads Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—A rearrangement of some high commands in the war department is indicated by a detachment of officers detached by Secretary Baker to sit in the departments of the war council. It became known today that Major

BABY MINE IS A SCREAM

MOST LAUGHABLE FILM EVER SHOWN IN CITY SENDS LOCAL AUDIENCE NEARLY INTO Hysterics AT HOUSTON'S

In the first place, we maintain that J. V. Houston had no business to spring anything of that kind on the public without more of a warning. Being tipped off to something unusual we entered the opera house prepared to turn off a few moderate haw-haws, some tee-hee titters, and maybe now and then a real explosion of mirth, but to be enticed into a place where a man is not permitted to get his breath for three-quarters of an hour at a time, where he can't hear the music at all for the howls and shrieks of the audience, and where everybody in the house acts like they had lost their senses is an act that requires explanation.

"Baby Mine" shown at Houston's opera house is the funniest film that was ever shown on a screen in this city. The experiences of a young father whose wife unexpectedly presents him with three infants, two of which are obtained from the washerwoman and one stolen from a hospital, the frantic efforts of his wife and intimate friends to keep up a deception which threatens to land them all in jail, is brought out in a way that rocks the house.

BIG SPREAD ON TUESDAY NIGHT

BUSINESS MEN WILL BANQUET AT MOOSE HALL TOMORROW NIGHT—LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED.

It is expected that there will be a large gathering at the regular banquet and monthly meeting of the Business Men's Association tomorrow night at the Moose hall.

The problems which are peculiar to the mercantile and other lines of business are up for discussion at these banquets, which promise to be one of the most enjoyable organizations ever formed in this city.

CITY MAN SERIOUSLY ILL

The sad news was received here today that E. L. Bently, one of the proprietors of the Mecca pool room, who recently left to enter the navy at San Francisco, is down with an attack of spinal meningitis. No details of the matter have been received.

KLAMATH MAN WRITES FROM FRENCH CAMP

MEMBER OF TENTH ENGINEERS WRITES INTERESTING LETTER TO BROTHER ELKS IN KLAMATH FALLS

Something of the life of the American soldier in France is obtained in a letter just received by Exalted Ruler W. O. Smith of Klamath Falls Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, from J. W. Stutz, now with the Tenth Regular Engineers "somewhere in France."

The statement of Mr. Stutz that he has nothing of interest to write is not endorsed at this end of the line. His letter, dated November 15th, follows:

"I received the circular letter mailed to all Klamath Falls Lodge Elks to be present at the first fall meeting. I was certainly sorry I couldn't be present at that meeting, but being a few thousand miles away in France made it impossible. We left New York September 9th, sailing for another Atlantic port, where we stayed for nine days, waiting for the other transports. It took us thirteen days to cross the pond. The trip was a very tiresome one, but as to weather conditions, things could not have been better. When we landed in an English port we were all good and glad to get out on good solid ground again. We stayed here only a few hours, then boarded a train and hit for another English port. On this trip we got a glimpse of England, but that was all. I saw enough, however, to make me want to come back some day and see it right."

"One night we got aboard ship and started across the English Channel, and here again the weather conditions were in our favor, as the channel was smooth. The moon was out, which made conditions favorable for submarines, but the next morning we were in a French port, and if they had any trouble that night I didn't know anything about it, as I slept all the way across, but had a life preserver strapped on me.

"On landing we were taken to a city centrally located in France, and stayed here for about two weeks, waiting for our equipment to arrive. This city had a population of about 20,000, one of the older cities of France.

"Now we are located at a place which will be our permanent camp, at least for some time. Have been here for two weeks, and have been busy building permanent barracks and such. We still have a lot to do before things look like a regular camp. Its location couldn't have been better, right in the heart of the woods. The timber is fir and spruce of a very fair size.

"One thing I do miss here is the good sunshiny days they have around Klamath Falls. It is very seldom they have a good clear day, but the clear ones they do get are wonderful. The rainy days here are cold and unpleasant, chilling a person thru to the bone.

"I am sorry I can't make this more interesting, but the things I would like to say would never get by the censor. We are not allowed to mention places or anything, in fact, of much interest.

"Wishing all Klamath Falls Elks a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I beg to remain, Yours fraternally, J. H. STUTZ.

STORE VISITS PINE GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Comer of Pine Grove are the happy parents of a 9 1/2-pound boy, born at their home Saturday morning. Dr. George I. Wright was in attendance.

Membership Drive Launched in County

Outside Districts Show Unusual Interest ---Promise to Set Pace for City Workers. Proclamation By Governor Withycombe

The big Red Cross drive for memberships which was launched over the nation this morning met a hearty response by the people of Klamath County. Some of the enthusiastic workers in the outside sections were off their marks even before the starting pistol gave the signal, and it seems very evident that these sections are going to set a hot pace for the city workers.

Dr. W. S. Johnson of Bonanza had nearly \$100 collected for new memberships before the campaign was hardly under way, and Miss Rose, the teacher at the Henley school, explained Saturday afternoon that as her time was limited, she had secured a dozen or more members in advance of the schedule.

All workers here were on hand for duty this morning and the work is going ahead in first class shape. The headquarters for the county are to be at the real estate office of the J. T. Ward company, on Main, between Sixth and Seventh. The first reports of the city drive will be made tomorrow.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—Expressing the determination to do everything in his power to aid the Christmas membership campaign for 240,000 members in Oregon of the American Red Cross, Governor James Withycombe has issued a proclamation calling upon every Oregon household to be represented in "the great union of the American Red Cross," and thus to make this a Red Cross Christmas by "giving a Christmas present to humanity."

The governor of Oregon is the first governor in the United States to issue a Red Cross proclamation. Others are expected to follow in rapid succession. Following is the proclamation: "Executive Department, Salem, Ore."

"At this holiday season of the year, when, following time-honored custom, the spirit of giving prevails in every home of the land, it is entirely fitting and proper that each true American

should feel disposed to give such support as he can afford to that great humanitarian arm of the federal government known as the American Red Cross.

"This is our first Christmas in the world war. It is our first opportunity to mingle with the usual holiday atmosphere a responsiveness to the most merciful and eloquent appeal for definite service that has ever been made to humane hearts. The larger part of the so-called civilized world is in distress. There are painful wounds to heal, torn bodies and souls that need ministry. There is no better, surer, quicker avenue of relief than thru the undenominational agency of the American Red Cross, whose noble officers have undertaken to mobilize the heart and soul and wealth of America 'toward binding up the wounds of a bleeding world.'

"No matter how much we may give for the tender care of our soldiers and sailors, we who are obliged to play our parts at home must feel that any hardships and sacrifices endured by us are negligible in the light of the supreme labors performed by the stalwart sons of the land. The more we give the sooner this terrible war will end, and the sooner an enduring peace will bless its course across the now dull horizon."

"Now, therefore, I, James Withycombe, governor of the State of Oregon, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do most earnestly commend the Christmas membership drive of the Red Cross to the cheerful support of the people of Oregon, and urge upon each Oregon household the imperative necessity of making this truly a Red Cross Christmas by giving a Christmas present to humanity. Let every Oregon home be represented in the great union of the Red Cross."

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed this 16th day of December, 1917." (Signed) JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

New Courses Offered At State University

EUGENE, Dec. 17.—A variety of attractive new courses will be open to new students entering the University of Oregon at the beginning of the next term, according to A. H. Tiffany, registrar. Practically all former courses will be retained.

Some of the new courses to be offered are: Architecture and Art; Perspective, by Prof. Percy Adams; Modeling, by Prof. Russell Deane; Botany, Pedagogical Botany and Bacteriology, by Prof. Swanton; Commerce-Advertising, to be given in cooperation with the psychology department, where it is called Psychology of Advertising; Advanced Accounting, Seminar, by Prof. Drucker; Survey of Oregon Industries, by Fred O. Kramel; Dr. Bates of the English department, offers two new courses, both of which are open to freshmen: Elementary Play-writing and a teachers course in American Literature. Other new English courses open to sophomores and advanced freshmen are: Thematic writing, by Miss Julia Norman, and a history of the English language by Miss Mary H. Perkins.

BIG MEETING AT HOUSTON'S TOMORROW

CELEBRATED TALKERS WILL ADDRESS LOCAL PUBLIC ON SUBJECT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. ENTIRE TOWN EXPECTED OUT

The biggest mass meeting ever held in Klamath Falls is to be held at Houston's opera house tomorrow night at 8 o'clock for the biggest work ever undertaken by the local public, the American Red Cross.

That a record breaking crowd will attend this meeting is assured by the announcement that Judge Lionel Webster and W. Lair Thompson of Portland, whose ability as orators is widely known here, will make addresses.

Both these men have a host of admirers in the local community, who would turn out to hear them on any subject, and on a topic so close to the hearts of everyone as the Red Cross, the capacity of the house is sure to be taxed.

Every family in Klamath Falls and the surrounding country is expected to be present at this meeting, which is being held in connection with the big membership drive now under way over the county.

SWAN RANCHER TAKES BRIDE

WEDS CALIFORNIA GIRL IN THIS CITY SATURDAY EVENING AT HOME OF FRIEND ON PINE STREET—RING CEREMONY.

An impressive marriage ceremony was performed at 8:30 Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Colahan, at 403 Pine street, when John Llakey, a well known stockman of the Swan Lake district, was united with Miss Philomena E. Hillister, Calif., by Justice E. W. Gowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Colahan stood up with the couple during the ceremony, in which the ring service was used. The young couple expect to take a bridal trip in the near future.

FURNISH RESIDENT RETURNS

N. E. McOlogy has returned from Seattle, where he went recently. He will accept a position with the Chelsea Box company, according to report. McOlogy has for several years past been auditor for the White Pelican hotel. He has many friends here who will be glad to hear that he has decided to return.

Library Club to Demonstrate Meats

The Domestic Science Department of the Women's Library Club will give a demonstration tomorrow afternoon of cooked meats, and also an exhibition of Christmas cakes and cookies. The afternoon will be in

ARMISTICE TERMS ARE PUBLISHED IN RUSSIA

NO REGROUPING OF FORCES ON ANY FRONTS TO BE PERMITTED—NO TROOPS TRANSFERRED UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY

SMALL GROUPS ARE PERMITTED TO EXCHANGE UNSEALED MAIL AND NEWSPAPERS—WAR VESSELS ARE NOT TO CROSS SPECIFIED LINES

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement made here, oblige no transference of troops until January 14th.

In no case is there to be a regrouping of forces on any of the fronts. The Germans agree not to concentrate troops between the Black Sea and the Baltic east of the fiftieth degree longitude.

Groups limited to twenty-five persons may at times exchange newspapers, unsealed mail or carry on trade. War vessels are not to cross a specified line of demarcation.

By Associated Press DATELESS—The London papers forecast that the allies will take steps to prevent the Russians from passing under the economic heel of Germany. American delegates to the Paris conference are said to have tempered the allied attitude toward the bolsheviks.

EPISCOPAL MEETING

Not only Episcopalians, but all interested in the church, are requested to meet at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garrett, 408 Klamath avenue, at 7:30 this evening. Bishop Paddock will be present and will be glad to give the information to those who may have some special inquiry. A general discussion will be in order, and it is urged that those interested avail themselves of this opportunity.

NEW BOY TODAY

Dr. George I. Wright reports the arrival this morning of an 8-pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Dehlinger in the Stukel mountain district.

charge of Mrs. Bert C. Thomas, and the demonstration will be given by Mrs. Eason. After the meeting the cooked meats will be sold to cover the expense of the demonstration. This meeting will be open to the public, and everyone is cordially invited.