

GERMANS SHOWING DESIRE FOR PEACE

PETROGRAD IS TURNED INTO WILD WINE ORGY

LOOTING OF WINE CELLARS AND SHOPS BRINGS ON FEARFUL SCENES—REPORTS CONFLICT AS TO WHICH FACTION NOW PREDOMINATES.

GERMANS REPORTED TO HAVE OFFERED PEACE TO RUSSIANS ON TERMS OF NO INDEMNITIES AND NO ANNEXATIONS, BUT NO SELF DEFINITION OF NATIONS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies. Russia was requested to take similar steps.

It is stated that the Russian are trying by every means in their power to sound the allies on this question.

The Evening Post says that the Germans have officially informed the bolsheviks that the central powers are ready to consider an arrangement for peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but it is pointed out that the self definition of nations upon which the bolsheviks also insist, upon their demands, is impracticable.

By Associated Press
DATELESS—A state of siege has been declared in Petrograd and Ukraine. Rada has refused to obey the ultimatum presented by the bolshevik government. It is believed the disorders in the capital due to the looting of the wine cellars and shops, have made the proclamation of state of siege necessary.

Rosto, on the Don River, reported to have been captured by the bolsheviks, is now declared to have been occupied Monday by Cossacks of General Kallidines. Another report declares that Kallidines was arrested by his own officers.

Between Monte Grapha and the Bonta River, on the northern front, the Italians are resisting desperately the renewed efforts of the enemy to break thru.

On the western front the Germans have not yet shown where their advanced drive will begin.

British shipping losses for the week are seventeen, four less than for the week previous.

ANOTHER CALL TO FILL QUOTA BEING MADE

TEN SUMMONED FOR EXAMINATION ONE WEEK FROM TODAY. FIVE BOYS LEAVE ON TRAIN TODAY

One more call has been found necessary by the local exemption board to fill the first draft quota of Klamath County, although it was believed at the time the last call was made that there would be a sufficient number to fill the vacancies, a number of the men were not accepted for one cause and another, and one more call has been necessitated.

Ten men will be called this time, and the date for examination has been set for December 27th. The men, to whom notices were sent this morning were:

George Pappas, Klamath Falls.
Rudolph Robert Bluff, Lorella.
Marion Sayle Taylor, Portland, Ore.
Almira Apts.
Felix Springtube, La Pine.
Ettore Pinelli, Klamath Falls.
Earl Manter Miller, Cooperstown, Calif.
Roy Alonzo Tracy, Klamath Falls.
Albert Herman Loewe, San Francisco, Calif.
Jasper Odes Underwood, Klamath Falls.
Vittorio Favero, Algoma.
Five men accepted at the last call entrained for American Lake today. Ken Uthin, James Underhill and James Leberz left from Klamath Falls, Frank Beck from Ashland and Roy Shelby from Medford.
Paulino Paulino, registered from Klamath County, is to go from Benicia, Calif., on the 27th.

MAN HURT BY PASSING CAR

HEADED FROM ONE FAIR OF HEADLIGHTS, DOES NOT SEE APPROACH OF SECOND—KNOWLEDGE TWENTY FEET

Dazed by the glare of one automobile on Ninth street last evening, M. Conley did not see another approaching, and was hit by a car driven by A. Wickstrom of Shippington and knocked for a distance of twenty feet. He received a fracture of an elbow joint, which was reduced by Dr. C. E. Wheeler.

KLAMATH BOYS TELL FRIENDS FAREWELL

FOUR SERGEANTS BEFORE SAILING FOR FRANCE SEND NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO HOME FOLKS IN THIS CITY

A brief word of farewell from four prominent Klamath Falls boys, who have won substantial recognition in their country's service and are now ranked as sergeants, has been received prior to their sailing for thrilling adventures beyond the seas.

The message is directed to their many friends here.

"Just a line to let you know we appreciate the many kindnesses of the Klamath Falls people to us in every respect.

"We expect to leave for another land in a few days, and by so doing we are leaving all our love and best wishes to dear old Klamath. We joined the army together, and have stayed together so far, and expect to do the same till the finish.

"There is never a minute in the day we do not have you in our minds, living over again the good old times with the real friends we left behind.

"We are carrying several remembrances of home, but in return, a letter of thanks and best wishes will have to serve the purpose, as we are in the army now."

"A letter from home is worth a lot to a soldier, so please don't forget to write us. We will do our best to get the letter, and remain as ever, Your Soldier Boys.

SERGEANT LOUIS HOAGLAND,
SERGEANT J. SKELTON,
SERGEANT E. MCCLUNN,
SERGEANT W. WEEKS.

LARGE WINTER FORCE RETAINED

ALGOMA LUMBER COMPANY TO MAINTAIN LARGE FORCE IN BOX FACTORY AND LOGGING CAMPS—NEW COTTAGES

Manager E. J. Grant of the Algoma Lumber company has left for his winter home in Los Angeles, where he expects to remain for the next two months.

He reports that in the box factory at Algoma, which will be in operation all winter, and the logging camps at Kirk and the extra men, the company will maintain a force of about 150 men during the winter months.

A number of new cottages have been built for the men by the company and a new club house for their leisure hours, is one of the projects contemplated.

ENGLAND GROWS TEMPERATE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—England has become more sober and sane during the war, according to official returns. The convictions for drunkenness last year were the lowest recorded for nearly fifty years, at \$4,191, against 125,625 in 1915.

The number of insane persons under care in January in England and Wales were 124,920, a decrease of 2,150. These figures are also the lowest for fifty years.

WE'RE TALKING TO YOU

Klamath County is asked to secure 2,500 members to the American Red Cross. This is several hundred less than the actual number of voters in the county, yet from present indications, Klamath County is going to prove itself to have the stigma of having failed in its duty. It does not seem conceivable that any person could feel worthy of the privilege of the ballot, who would refuse to contribute one dollar to such a worthy cause as the Red Cross at a time when our country is in need of the assistance of every loyal patriotic citizen. The only conclusion that the outside world can come to is that a large portion of the population of Klamath County is made up of unscrupulous citizens whose sense of moral obligation to their country is so dwarfed that they are willing that the millions of America's young men, who are offering their lives, that those at home may be protected, should do so without the help and material assistance that the contribution of just one dollar would give them. Of course, there are a few who are actually unable to give one dollar, but this number is small, and our government does not expect those who are unable to do so, to give.

We have a pretty complete record of those who are doing their share and those who are not, and a list of the latter, which is being compiled, is rather interesting. Many of them, who make one excuse or another for not contributing, are simply able to subscribe for every member of their family without the least sacrifice of anything essential. On the other hand, the workers have reported any number of people who by giving their dollar have had to actually sacrifice something which they had planned for Christmas, and without exception these people volunteered their membership and gave willingly. Under these circumstances it would seem that those who are able would not wait to be asked, but would gladly bring their membership, to headquarters and show that they are worthy of the country which shelters and protects them.

In other sections of the state and country are found many loyal citizens who are offering memberships for every boy who has answered their country's call. Klamath has furnished about six hundred of its best boys to the armed branches of the service, and we know that there is no Christmas gift that would be more appreciated by these boys than the knowledge that the folks back home were sufficiently interested in their welfare, to place them all on the roll of membership of the American Red Cross, and by so doing, give assurance that they are going to be properly looked after should any mishap overtake them in their fight for the freedom of the world. Surely there ought to be enough patriotic men in this community who would contribute toward a fund for this purpose. We want each of you to ask yourself if you have honestly done your duty, and we will have the answer to your own conscience.

W. G. SMITH,
County Chairman, Christmas Red Cross, Boise.

EXPRESS CARS ARE REMOVED

GOVERNMENT TAKES EXPRESS CARS FROM TRAINS ON MAIN LINE—SENDS EXPRESS TRAINS OF FREIGHT CARS

A new inconvenience is being felt by the local public brought about by war conditions, and the car shortage. The government has now removed all express cars from the main line between San Francisco and Portland, and is following the regular night train leaving San Francisco with an "express train" composed of one express and several freight cars, roughly remodeled for express service.

Owing to this radical departure from the accustomed routine, the arrangements generally have been thrown out of line, and last night the local train failed to make connection at all with the shipments from the north or the south. The local officers are doing all in their power to facilitate prompt delivery, but under the enforced conditions cannot hope to render customary service. The public is asked to make the best of the circumstances until the government sees fit to reinstate the former schedule.

The change is particularly felt just at this time when so many Christmas packages are being forwarded.

MEMBERSHIP IS INCREASED 465

Four hundred and sixty-five new members have been added to the Red Cross Society in Klamath County since the report made yesterday. The total has now reached 1922, and in three days is a trifle less than a third of the required quota for Klamath County, which is 5,500.

A number of districts in the surrounding country have yet to be heard from, and these, when received, will probably swell the present figures substantially.

The workers throughout the county are to be congratulated on the business-like way in which the work has been undertaken. No stone is being left unturned by this large group of patriotic citizens to make a satisfactory showing at the close of the campaign on Christmas eve.

Since yesterday's issue of the Herald the following reports have been turned in: Menley district, 2; B. P. Alexander, Malin, 24; Mrs. Wheeler, precinct 5, 15; Mrs. Hamilton, precinct 6, 26; Dr. Johnson, Bonanza, 24; Roy Applegate, Algoma, 25; Mrs. Miller, Mills Addition, 7; Mrs. Van Bellen, precinct 4, 24; Mrs. C. J. Martin, precinct 2, 24; F. H. Downing, Worden, 17; Mrs. Voge, precinct 2, 25; Mrs. John Martin, Chillicothe, 10; Mrs. McCarthy, precinct 7, 65; and Mrs. J. F. Kimball, precinct 1, 22.

LOWER LAKE MARSH LAND DRAINAGE IS CERTAINTY

WIRE RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM WASHINGTON CONVEYS NEWS THAT INSTALLATION OF CUT-OFF GATE AT KLAMATH STRAIT IS APPROVED

MEANS ADDITION TO LOCALITY OF TREMENDOUS TRACT OF FERTILE, LEVEL, AGRICULTURAL TERRITORY—20,000 ACRES DUE PASTURAGE NEXT YEAR

A wire was received into yesterday from Washington, D. C., to the effect that the directors of the United States reclamation service had officially approved of the reclamation of the marsh lands of the Lower Klamath Lake by the installation of a gate at the railroad crossing over the Klamath Strait.

This is the final vindication of an attempt by local men covering a period of over five years to bring under cultivation a vast tract of fertile territory which was made possible by the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad in 1909. By the installation of the gate which has already been completed, a tract of about 54,000 acres will be added to the agricultural area of this district. It is believed that about 40,000 will be available for pasturage next year.

An effort will now be soon started at Washington to reduce the area of the present bird reserve in that section, and limit it to the districts not valuable to agriculture.

George Bradack of Dorris, who will go to Dorris next month to forward this matter, will attempt to have legislation introduced whereby the only lands included in the bird reserve will be quarter sections having a water frontage on the lake. If this is brought about it will mean the opening to homestead entry of thousands of acres on the California side of the line of the most valuable territory in this locality.

The work getting the marshland reclamation successfully started is due in a very large measure to the Klamath Drainage district members, who own over 20,000 acres of the land on the Oregon side, and who have labored indefatigably against all manner of handicaps to get the big project under way.

When reclaimed the land will be irrigated by the United States reclamation service, which has already done a large amount of work to assist in the reclamation.

Largest Telescope Being Installed

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 19.—Details of the moon's topography hitherto beyond the reach of the most powerful telescopes, were revealed when preliminary tests were made recently of the new telescope, with its 100-inch reflector, now being installed at the Mount Wilson solar observatory, near here, according to Prof. Frederick M. Searey of the observatory staff.

A number of fittings and appliances yet to be installed will delay use of the telescope, said to be the largest in the world, until next spring, but in the meantime, Prof. Searey said, tests, made since installation of the great lens, the grinding and surfacing of which required nine years of delicate manipulation, it has given satisfactory results, Prof. Searey said.

Until the new telescope is completed no scientific observations will be attempted with it, and no detailed reports will be made as to astronomical phenomena revealed in test observations.

Most of the parts required to complete the instrument are being made in the instrument shops of the observatory here by staff experts.

Unique Plan To Aid The Red Cross

AKRA, N. D., Dec. 20.—The patriotic spirit of women of Pembina county was evidenced here recently when the local Red Cross Chapter announced their plan for raising money.

"There's a sheep for the Red Cross," was the word which was sent out over the country side, and each farmer obtained a sheep and the wool was brought into Akra, where it was carded and spun. Now Akra has plenty of yarn at Red Cross headquarters, for the winter.

Floods In North Do Much Damage

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—A fleet of three river steamers and the "Port of Portland" tug has been sent by Mayor Baker to Woodland, Wash., to rescue the residents endangered by the floodings of the river. The water is said to be six feet deep there.

A sheriff's posse from Portland has rescued four negroes marooned near Leota, two of them women. The freed prisoners are now enroute the Columbia highway.

Musical Program For Public at High School

All parents and friends of students of the Klamath County high school are cordially invited to attend a musical at the school building tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, when an unusually entertaining program, now being prepared will be given.

In addition to the numbers by students themselves, Harry Borel, who is well known here by his concert work with the violin, will play his first solo in public. There will be piano and vocal solos and duets, and the public is assured of a genuine musical treat.

A feature of the program will be a fifteen minute talk by Rev. E. P. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church.