

# KAISER STRIKES U. S. A HEAVY BLOW

## S. TROOP TRANSPORT SUNK IN WAR ZONE

LINER GOES DOWN OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND WITH NEARLY 2,300 TROOPS—LATEST REPORTS INDICATE ALL BUT 501 ACCOUNTED FOR

ONE LOST APPARENTLY WERE MEMBERS OF CREW—RESCUED WORK OF BRITISH PATROLS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING OF MANY LIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The first heavy and deadly blow at the United States has been struck. The liner Tuscania now lies at the bottom of the Northern Atlantic as a result of a Hun torpedo Tuesday night.

The ill-fated boat carried 2,179 of the 32nd National Guard division from Wisconsin and Michigan companies D, E, and F, of the Engineers. These companies comprise the 6th Battalion of the regiment, which is a forestry unit organized especially for service in France. Some men from the 1st and 2nd battalions are believed aboard.

British convoys and patrol ships have been working in landing the survivors on Larnoo Island near the coast and at Islam in Scotland. British authorities are doing everything possible to make them comfortable.

News of the tragedy was received in London at 3 o'clock yesterday. According to the British reports 1,925 men and 141 of the crew. Total on board was 3,397.

BERRY, Ireland, Feb. 7.—The submarine which attacked and torpedoed the Tuscania was attacked by a destroyer immediately. The American destroyer gave information that the submarine was destroyed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The latest reports show that the number of men has been reduced from 168

## Candidate For State Treasurer



O. P. HOFF

O. P. Hoff, who has announced himself as a candidate for state treasurer on the republican ticket, declares that his duties as labor commissioner for fifteen years have carried him into every nook and corner of the state, and have brought him into contact with all the industrial and business interests. He believes that the wide knowledge thus gained will enable him to work for the needs of the people on the various boards of which he would be a member. Much handling of public and private funds, he asserts, has qualified him to take care of the financial duties in an able manner.

to 101, most of which were members of the crew. The Tuscania remained afloat for two hours after being torpedoed.

The condition of some of the survivors was pitiable. Many had cast aside their clothing and been swimming about in the water for two hours before being rescued. The captain, purser and chief steward were among the crew saved.

It is reported that there was fine order aboard the boat after the accident, and that several sick patients were saved.

There were only two women on board the ship. They went down a rope in fine style, laughing. Three men died of exposure in one of the boats.

SALEM, Feb. 7.—Earl Withycombe, youngest son of the governor, was a member of the engineers, and it is feared he was aboard the torpedoed boat. The governor was not at his office today, due to his tense anxiety.

A very large delegation of Klamath Falls boys are identified with the 30th Engineers battalion, and a large number are already known to have crossed to France. So far as is known at this time, however, there is no evidence that any local boys were on the Tuscania. Definite word has been received of the safe arrival in France of Majors R. A. Johnson and

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## UNCLE SAM'S WAR BRIDES TOMORROW

AN ALL STAR CAST OF WORLD'S LEADING CELEBRITIES TO APPEAR BEFORE LOCAL PUBLIC FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

One of David Belasco's finest productions will put on (and off) at the Houston-Cort theater, somewhere on Main street, between the Pelican hotel and Link River bridge.

Exquisite scenic effects thruout the entire performance, painted by Harrison Fisherman of the Miles Sign company, in a fit of despondency. Costumes from Moteschenbacher's Second Hand Emporium.

A—Al Jolson and Nora Bayes in their latest songs and dances, supported by their Russian ballet, which includes Paviowa, Ruth St. Denis, Theda Bara and Mrs. Vernon Castle. B—"Caught with the Goods," Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliott. The most thrilling and gripping problem play of the day. First appearance in America since their thirteen successful weeks in N.Y.

C—Tristie Faganas and Anna Heid, "who just can't make their eyes behave," in something new and original, (just out of the garbage can), wearing the renowned Upp (and down) jewels, presented by King Thaddeus at their initial performance in Winter's Garden on the Davenport.

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## FINE POULTRY IS AVAILABLE FROM O. A. C.

BY CO-OPERATING WITH COLLEGE, HENS WHICH WILL LAY 200 EGGS A YEAR MAY NOW BE SECURED

That a limited number of the fine chickens from the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis will be disposed of at a reasonable price to residents of the state this year is news just received by County Agent H. R. Glaisyer from James Dryden, poultry husbandman.

A large number of Klamath County poultry raisers have made inquiries of Mr. Glaisyer as to whether any of these fowls could be secured, and he therefore took the matter up with college officials.

The poultry at this institution has been developed for years with a view to egg production and better meat qualities, a number of world-record laying hens having been produced. It is believed that the introduction of some of this stock here will materially increase the profits of the poultry industry.

In order to secure the stock from the college, contracts must be signed which provide, among other things, that cockerels hatched from the eggs shall not be used or sold for mating with the pullets, that pullets shall not be crossed with the males of other breeds, that a report be made to the poultry department of the number of chicks hatched and the number of pullets and cockerels raised from the eggs, and that wherever practicable,

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## Organized Campaign For Thrift Stamp Sales Here

Huge Sum Is Expected From Klamath County During Remainder of This Year. Central Working Committee to Be Selected Today. Stamps Profitable Investment

The sum of \$240,000 for the sale of thrift stamps in Klamath County during the next eleven months is expected to be raised, according to J. F. Simpson of North Bend, who gave a talk on the subject at the Klamath Commercial Club last evening.

Mr. Simpson has been getting the thrift stamp movement started over a large portion of the state, and left this morning to fill other engagements, with the idea of returning here at a later date.

It is not the desire of the government, Mr. Simpson declared, to have the people "withdraw" their savings from other sources and invest them in thrift stamps, but rather to save the nickels and dimes heretofore expended on little unnecessary luxuries which will inculcate habits of thrift and economy in the American people, which have been utterly lacking in the years gone by, and are now vitally necessary to the winning of the war. "We must commence to wear our old clothes for a longer time," he said, "and learn to go without some new hats. It will soon be fashionable to be seen in shabby attire."

It is expected that there will be twenty dollars worth of stamps sold for every person in the county and

## Allies Plan Big Drive In Balkans

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—More than 1,200,000 allied troops will be available by March 21st for the impending drive to break Germany's backbone in the Balkans, it has been learned officially.

Greece, the incalculable factor in the allies' plans thus far, will be able to muster 40,000 fighting men at the Saloniki front.

## U. S. Business of Last Two Years Compared

An interesting comparison of the trade figures of 1916 and 1917 is shown in the "Chilins Forecast" just received by the First State and Savings bank. These figures, which have been carefully compiled, show that the imports of the United States ending November 1st, 1916, were \$2,724,586,455, and the exports \$2,532,732,379, while during the preceding year the imports were \$2,186,001,147 and the exports \$4,959,407,321.

Circulation of money in the United States during the year ending December 31, 1917, was \$5,130,424,000

and during the preceding year \$4,440,933,934, an increase of \$679,489,374.

Exports of coal and coke during the last year amounted to \$119,896,125, an increase of \$24,244,021.

Resources of national banks on November 30, 1917, were \$18,553,000,000.

This is an increase of \$3,023,000,000 over the preceding twelve months.

## Massachusetts Patriot Dies Ready for War



MAJOR A. B. GARDNER

Former Representative Augustus P. Gardner of Massachusetts, who was one of the very first advocates of preparedness by the American government, and who was the first member of congress to back his convictions by joining the army, died at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., of pneumonia. He was so eager about getting into the actual fighting that he gave up his colonel's commission, which he had first received, and became a major, that he might the sooner get to France.

## KLAMATH'S FIRST QUOTA NOW FILLED

LAST MAN BELIEVED NECESSARY TO FILL COUNTY'S FIRST DRAFT QUOTA OF FORTY LEFT FOR TRAINING CAMP TODAY

Tom Maguire of this city, who left for Camp Lewis at American Lake this morning is believed to be the last man necessary to fill the first draft quota for Klamath County.

Two men were needed to complete the entire quota of forty, and McGuire, with Ernest Bennett and Jess Hunsaker, who left a few days ago, make three men who have been sent. It is believed that at least two out of the three will pass the tests there satisfactorily.

9,381,718 tons at the close of last year.

Commercial failures in the United States which in 1916 totaled 16,993, were reduced to 13,855 in 1917.

The world's wheat supply decreased 44,873 bushels during last year, the figures for January 1, 1918, being 271,008,000 bushels.

## City Teachers Busy Helping Uncle Sam

Warm words of praise are given the teachers of the grade schools and high school of this city by officials of the local exemption board for the response given this week in the carding of the questionnaires.

This tremendous job which devolved suddenly on the local board, was accepted most cheerfully by the loyal corps of teachers, at the request of the board members, and the work is being done evenings in the domestic

## STRENUOUS OPPOSITION TO WILSON'S SUGGESTION

BILL WHICH WOULD PERMIT WILSON TO REORGANIZE DEPARTMENTAL MACHINERY TO FACILITATE CARRYING ON WAR, BEING FOUGHT

REPUBLICANS OPENLY EXPRESS VIOLENT OPPOSITION TO MEASURE, AND PROBABLY ADEPT SMALL CHANCE OF ITS PASSING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—There is bitter opposition here to the bill giving the president blanket authority to reorganize all executive departments. The criticism of the measure has been very outspoken by the republicans, and some democrats have declared that such a measure could not be passed, and would probably not even be favorably reported.

MERRILL COUPLE WED HERE LAST EVENING

The marriage of Wilson Parker Dyer and Miss Adelaide Maria Graybeal, two well known young people of the Merrill section, was performed last evening by County Judge Marlon Hanks at his residence on Eighth and Pine.

The groom is engaged in ranching near Merrill, where the young couple expects to reside.

LIBRARY CLUB MEETS TOMORROW

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Club will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the club rooms. Besides the regular business, Miss Rachel Applegate will have a paper on "The Motion Picture."

CARD PARTY AND DANCE AT MOOSE HALL TONIGHT

From present indications the card party and dance to be given this evening at the Moose hall will be one of the most enjoyed of the present Lent socials. A feature of the evening's program will be the exhibition of the latest dances by Miss Nello Mullen.

## Big Reclamation Work Postponed During War

That very little heavy construction work, that is work from which the benefits will be several years distant, will be undertaken by the United States reclamation service during the war, when it is believed labor will be much more plentiful than at the present time. Every effort will be made to increase the crop production on the land now under water, declares Mr. Bond. Plans for getting unsettled lands under cultivation on many of the projects were also discussed.

Project Manager J. B. Bond of the main irrigation project, who has returned with C. C. Hogue, declares that the lighter work from

science rooms of the central school and at the sheriff's office.

The accuracy and celerity with which the work is being turned off is commented on most favorably by Sheriff George Humphrey, who appears delighted over the results so far.

As the present supply of cards has now been exhausted, it will be necessary to discontinue the work for a few days, until the delayed shipment now on the road reaches the office.