

KAISER SAYS PEACE AFTER VICTORY

ACTIVITIES INCREASING ON WESTERN BATTLE LINE

KING GEORGE, ADDRESSING PARLIAMENT, DECLARES THAT STRUGGLE MUST GO ON UNTIL HONORABLE PEACE CAN BE DECLARED

AUSTRIANS FAIL IN ATTEMPTS TO TAKE POSITIONS ON THE NORTHERN ITALIAN FRONT. WEATHER CONDITIONS NOW IMPROVING

By Associated Press
DATELESS—The announcement of America's purpose to emancipate the world from the threat of attempted master of the selfish group of autocratic rulers by President Wilson comes almost at the same time that the Kaiser, exulting over the collapse of opposition on the eastern front, declares: "Peace will come, but victory of German arms must first be recognized."

There are signs of growing alertness on the western front, where Germany has been massing forces. The weather is now improving. The raids are increasing, and the artillery is more violent along the important sectors.

On the Italian front the Austrians have failed in attempts against positions west of the Brenna, recently captured by the Italians.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—King George, in opening parliament here today, said that the struggle had now reached the critical stage which demanded more than ever the full use of the country's energies and resources, and that the war must be prosecuted until recognition is offered of the only principles upon which an honorable peace can be declared.

LUMBERMAN RETURNS

President H. D. Mortenson of the Pollock Lumber company came in from San Francisco last evening to attend to matters of business for two or three days. He reports that Mrs. Mortenson has been sick for some time with a severe attack of tonsillitis, but that there is now hope that she will soon be up and around again.

COUNTY W.S.S. COMMITTEE IS NOW SELECTED

GROUP OF SEVEN APPOINTED TO HEAD CAMPAIGN TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT IN DISPOSING OF THRIFT STAMPS

In order to prosecute a vigorous, systematic campaign for the sale of the War Thrift Saving Stamps in Klamath County, during the remainder of 1918, the regular executive committee as designated by the government has been selected to head the work in this section.

Chairman J. W. Stephens was "drafted" into this service at a meeting of business men at the First National bank last Saturday.

The following were named as a meeting yesterday:
No. 2, "Executive," to head promotional section of committee work, Fred E. Fleet.

No. 3, County school superintendent to head up educational section of committee work, Miss Edna Wells.

No. 4, Business man to head commercial section of committee work, H. N. Moe.

No. 5, Industrial man to head industrial section of committee work, H. D. Mortenson.

No. 6, Executive for general section of committee work, R. H. Duabar.

No. 7, Postmaster to head up post-offices and mail carriers section of committee work, W. A. Detsell.

Committees for the towns outside Klamath Falls have not been named, but will be selected at an early date. It is declared that Klamath County has a huge task ahead to secure the quota named, \$240,000, and in order to make a good local showing, some strenuous work will have to be done during the next eleven months.

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE AGAINST FEDERAL OFFICERS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—United States District Attorney J. R. O'Connor and William Cavanaugh, deputy United States Marshall, are named as implicated in a plot to equip an illegal expedition into Mexico with government arms.

PARKER SAFE IN HALIFAX

Word is just received by long distance phone from Grants Pass that Edward F. Parker, who was reported lost on the Tuscania yesterday, was left ill at Halifax with twenty-one others. This will reduce the total of casualties previously reported substantially.

Baker Says Tragedy Will Unite Country

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Secretary Baker has issued the following statement:

"The sinking of the Tuscania brings us face to face with the losses of war in its most relentless form. It is a fresh challenge to the civilized world by an adversary who has refined, but

Man Whose Birthday Nation Celebrates



"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right; let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."—Lincoln's second inaugural.

MEN GIVEN RIGOROUS TRAINING

THOSE IN OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMPS ARE PUT THRU VIGOROUS WORK, ACCORDING TO LOCAL MAN

Two interesting letters have been received by J. Frank Adams from his boys, Will and Bob, who are now in the service of the nation.

Will, who is in the officers' training camp at Leon Springs, San Antonio, Texas, writes to the effect that while the boys are worked to the limit in their training of various kinds, they are well cared for, have plenty of good food, and are growing "hard as nails." Every man is required to shave and shine his shoes every day. The Western boys show up strong, he says. They have the pep and ginger, and can easily be picked out in the crowd. Adams says that Texas, what he has seen of it, looks much like the Oregon desert. They have had a lot of cold weather this winter, severe enough at times to freeze the water pipes.

Robert, who crossed to France on the same boat with Ralph Hura of this city, writes to the effect that he is "right side up with care," or will be just as soon as he recovers from an attack of the mumps.

What he wants, he says, is chocolates and cigarettes, and if both cannot be sent, he prefers the chocolates.

FRENCH RELIEF DANCE TONIGHT

The ladies who are preparing for the big dance tonight at the White Pelican hotel, announce that as the Lenten season begins at 12 o'clock tonight, the dancing, which begins at 8 o'clock, will stop promptly at that hour.

From the present indications there will be a big turnout by the local public tonight. Practically all the money so far undertaken to raise funds for the relief of the European war sufferers have met with unqualified success here and the "bar" tonight, which is given for the destitute French children will be no exception to the rule.

President Favors Austrias Attitude

A marked preference was expressed for the stand taken by Count Czernin of Austria in his speech on peace terms recently, to that of von Hertling, by President Wilson in his speech before the assembled houses of congress yesterday.

He said von Hertling's statement was very vague and confusing, and leads to practically no conclusion, also that it was very different from Czernin's, which had a friendly tone.

The president reiterated that the United States had no desire to interfere with European affairs, and "would disdain to take advantage of any international weakness or disorder, or to impose its own will on others."

"Count Czernin seems to see a fundamental element of peace with clear eyes, and does not seek to obscure them," declared the president.

It is believed that Czernin would go much further if it were not for the embarrassment of the Austrian alliances with and dependency on Germany. Wilson said the test as to whether it was possible for the belligerents to go on comparing views was simple, and that the following principles must be applied: First, each part of the final settlement must be based on essential justice to bring permanent peace; second, the peoples and provinces are not to be bartered around like chattels to establish the balance of power; third, territorial settlement must be for the benefit of the people concerned, and not merely for the sake of adjustment. Rival claims and well defined national aspirations must be accorded satisfaction. These principles have been accepted, he said, by every one except the military autocrats of Germany.

OLD RESIDENT OF THIS CITY CALLED AWAY

MAN WHO DROVE STAGE BETWEEN THIS CITY AND ASHLAND TWENTY YEARS AGO, IS CALLED TO REST SUNDAY

John C. Yaden, a well known resident of Klamath Falls, where he has resided for the last twenty years, passed to rest here Sunday afternoon at 3:30, following an extended illness, at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Yaden was a pioneer stage driver, and drove the stage between Klamath Falls and Ashland when he first came to this country.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: John C. Yaden, E. V. Yaden and Mrs. W. U. Foster of this city and L. B. Yaden of Weiser, Idaho. The latter will arrive on the train this evening.

The funeral services have not been announced, but will probably be held tomorrow afternoon.

LENT BEGINS TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Ash Wednesday morning, the sessions of Lent will be solemnly opened in the Catholic church at 8 o'clock. It is called Ash Wednesday because the ashes of the burned palms are placed on the foreheads of each as a remembrance of death, and the forty days following Ash Wednesday are set aside as a time of special preparation for the future life.

It is imposed on Catholics to abstain from all meat on Wednesdays, Fridays and some Saturdays of Lent, and to attend church services whenever possible. Tomorrow morning, ashes will be blessed and distributed at 8 o'clock, and again at the 7:30 services. The following regulation will hold good until Easter.

8:00 a. m.—Daily mass.
7:30 p. m.—Wednesdays, sermon and benediction.
7:30 p. m.—Fridays, Ways of the Cross.
7:30 p. m.—Sunday, sermon and benediction.

PROPERTY SOLD YESTERDAY

The six-room house and lot at 225 East street, owned by M. J. McDonough, was purchased yesterday by H. J. Winters, thru the agency of E. E. Smith. Mr. McDonough and family will continue to live on the property for the present. The consideration of the deal was not made public.

RUSSIA'S WITHDRAWAL OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Confirmation of the German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official statement received here.

DEFENDANT IS DISMISSED AND RE-ARRESTED

ORIGINAL CHARGE AGAINST LOCAL MAN INDICTED FOR STATUTORY OFFENSE IS DROPPED AND SECOND ONE MADE

The case against Jess Swinney, scheduled for continuance yesterday in the circuit court of Judge D. V. Kuykendall, was dismissed on motion of the prosecution.

Swinney was charged with a statutory crime with young girls, and his case began a short time ago. The complaining witness, Bertha Owens, however, altered her testimony when placed on the stand from her original story to the officials, making it impossible to proceed on the indictment.

Following his release yesterday, Swinney was again arrested on a charge of adultery, preferred by A. V. Owens, father of the girl.

MEN YET UNACCOUNTED FOR NOW NUMBERS 225

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The following men from Oregon who were on the Tuscania have been located. The names removed from the list of unaccounted for since yesterday are Lester L. Smith, Galice; Walter T. Larson, Warren; Hollis M. Haselton, Coburg; Gus Johnson, Reedsport. The list of those not yet reported as survivors is now 225. This number, however, is expected to be reduced soon.

WILSON'S SPEECH IS ENDORSED

CONGRESSMEN DECLARE THAT POLICIES OUTLINED WILL BRING THE NATION NEARER PEACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Approval of the president's message delivered to congress yesterday was expressed by senator Reed, who thought it was a shrewd move on the part of the president to dissolve Austria and Germany.

Senator Johnson of California said he was delighted with most of the speech and its modifications of some statements in the president's war aims in his address of February 8th. He said: "I am sure the message expresses more clearly America's thoughts and brings us nearer peace."

FORMER LOCAL MAN GETS PROMOTION

MAN WHO WAS CONNECTED WITH FIRST STATE AND SAVINGS BANK IS HERE MADE STATE BANK SUPERINTENDENT

SALEM, Feb. 12.—Will H. Bennett, cashier of the Citizens National bank of Portland, has been appointed state bank superintendent by the state banking board. The governor and State Treasurer Kay voted for Bennett and Secretary Oicott voted for Charles Stewart.

Mr. Bennett is well known in Klamath Falls, where he spent several years as vice president of the First State and Savings bank. Many friends here will rejoice in his promotion.

ARRIVES FOR EXTENDED VISIT

Mrs. Burr Westbrook of Corpus Christi, Texas, has arrived for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rollo C. Groesbeck of this city. Mrs. Westbrook is a sister of Mrs. Groesbeck. Her husband is in the cattle business at Corpus Christi, and after making a trip thru the Klamath Basin here, she declares the outlook in the stock business is much more promising than in Texas at this time.

Relief Corps Sends Presents to Soldiers

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps spent yesterday afternoon packing boxes of home-made candies, which they sent to the Klamath boys in France. G. Brandenburg, chairman of the committee in charge, has asked that the addresses of any other of the Klamath boys now in France be sent in at once, so that boxes may be sent to them. The candies were all made by the members of the Re-

AIRPLANE MAIL ROUTE PLANNED BY UNCLE SAM

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN BIG EASTERN CITIES TO BE STARTED THIS SUMMER—DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR BIDS ON MACHINES

LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES WILL BEGIN SERIES OF CONFERENCES WITH PRESIDENT TOMORROW—POLICY TO BE CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Establishment of a regular airplane service between Washington and Philadelphia and New York during the coming summer season is now planned here.

The postoffice department has already called for bids for five air machines for this work.

The president will begin a series of conferences tomorrow with congress leaders, both republicans and democrats on all phases of the war situation.

This is the first time that members of both parties have been taken into the war councils, and it is indicated that this policy will now be continued thruout the war. It is expected that an attempt will first be made to reach a compromise on the bills for war control.

THREE MEN LEAVE AS VOLUNTEERS

Three men registered on the selective draft list in Klamath County left this morning as volunteers in the spruce production division of the United States service. The men are Howard Kaufman, Herbert F. Matlock and D. J. Snudden. They will report at the Vancouver barracks.

BERLIN CLAIMS GAIN IN ITALY

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—After a day of lively artillery fire on the Setto Communist plateau on the Italian front, the Austrians have attacked on the south of Sasso Rosso, clearing the supporting positions of the enemy and capturing nearly 120 prisoners.