

PEACE MEET PUT OFF UNTIL FEBRUARY

GERMANS PLANNING INVINCIBLE ARMY

WILSON'S CHANGE OF PLANS WILL DELAY PEACE CONFERENCE TWO OR THREE WEEKS. ELECTIONS ALSO CONFLICT

PEOPLE'S ARMY IN GERMANY TO BE STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE—PLANS SECRET. YANKEES DISBAND FAST

(By Associated Press).

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Newspapers here say that the peace conference at Versailles have been postponed until the beginning of February, at the earliest. This is due to a change in President Wilson's plans for going to England and the British elections.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The German government has accepted Hindenburg's plans to form a people's guard or national army. It is said that the German army under this plan will be stronger than ever before. The details are being kept secret. Women are to be employed in the auxiliary service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—With a total of 185,560 men discharged during the week ending December 14th, General March said today that the war department has about reached the 30,000 daily average planned.

General Pershing has reported that 3,210 American prisoners have been returned from Germany, and that there are very few left there now.

R. C. STEAKS SURE TO HAVE EXTRA FLAVOR

Miss Edith Montelius and Mrs. E. E. Magee are going to be in charge of the booth at the Klamath Packing Company Monday afternoon when the big beef donated by that firm to the Red Cross organization, will be dispensed. It is announced today that a special meat cutter will be on hand and devote his time that afternoon to cutting the meat.

The sale will commence at two o'clock and an excellent opportunity will be afforded for all patriotic citizens to aid the best cause on earth and get a fine Christmas dinner at the same time. All money taken in will be absolutely given to the Red Cross so that any who are not overly careful about their correct change will know that it could not be better spent. A subscription to the Red Cross Magazine will be given for a dollar extra on any purchase.

SOLDIERS COMING HOME FAST.

Earl Brown, Floyd Sparks, Glenn Parker, Earl Humphrey, and Feri Williams are among the soldiers who have just arrived home for their Christmas vacations.

LEAVES TO VISIT RELATIVES.

Mrs. Charles Poindexter and only left this morning for Chehalis, Washington, where she will visit relatives for the next few weeks.

ELECTION TODAY FOR WATER UNIT

The election for the creation of an irrigation district for Upper Langel Valley is being held at Lorella today. It is generally believed that this will carry by a large majority, as the petition for its creation was signed by more than fifty residents. If successful it will mean the launching of one of the largest units of the U. S. Reclamation Project, an area of between sixteen and twenty thousand acres.

TODAY IS THE SHORTEST DAY

Today is the shortest day of the year for grown-ups, and one of the longest for the kids who are now breathlessly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus.

The prices of living, which have been increasing in proportion to the rate which the days have shortened, are now expected to decrease proportionately as they lengthen.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Clara Calkins and Audrey Roberts will arrive on the evening train from the University of Oregon at Eugene.

BUY WAR STAMPS NOW

There are only a few days yet in which to buy the War Saving Stamps for this year's quota. Klamath County is far behind with the pledges which the residents made last summer, and outside reports show that the State of Oregon is over two and a quarter million dollars short of the \$17,000,000 pledged at that time. It is urged upon every one to keep this matter in mind during the closing week of the year, and help to bring the county and state out of the unpleasant position in which they are placed.

FIVE VESSELS NOW BRINGING YANKEES HOME

RAINBOW DIVISION COMMANDER TAKES RYAN'S PLACE, PERSHING SEARCHING CAREFULLY FOR ISOLATED PRISONERS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The war department reported today that five transports have sailed from France bringing Yankee troops home. The appointment of Major General Charles Menoher, who commanded the famous Rainbow division in France, as Director of the air service succeeding John D. Ryan was announced today by General March. More units in this country designated for early mobilization now brings the total of men so selected up to 300,000 General March declared. Twenty-nine thousand and nine hundred officers have been honorably discharged. General Pershing has reported that continued search is being made for isolated prisoners, British and French officers in Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, and Germany are aiding in the search.

DRIVE NEARING END WITH BIG SUM TO RAISE

Klamath County is in danger of falling short on its quota for the annual Red Cross membership drive now being conducted, according to Chairman George Walton, who said today that the total reported in up to last night was 1,864, far less than half the number designated, and with only two working days left to finish the work. The drive officially ends on Monday night.

Mr. Walton says that although many of the country districts have not reported, it is very apparent that these are doing much more in proportion than the city of Klamath Falls. Swan Lake is the only country precinct which has sent in a complete report, listing thirty members, an increase of twenty-four over last year, which speaks well for the effort of the local chairman, Miss Elsie Applegate.

The soldiers on the streets here yesterday raised \$74 in about two hours. In announcing to the public that no more funds would be asked until next Christmas, it was believed by the leaders that the entire adult population of the country would take out memberships but in case the amount stipulated is not secured, another call will be made in the middle of the week. No loyal American will refuse to help this cause, it is said.

U. S. URGED TO EDUCATE TURKS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There is a very marked tendency in London opinion in favor of the United States undertaking the task of teaching the Turks how to govern themselves. Viscount Grey is understood to be one of the strongest advocates of the extension of American responsibilities.

MAJN CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER OF HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Republican leader James R. Mann today announced he would be a candidate for speaker of the house in the next congress.

BROTHERS FROM KLAMATH MEET DURING BATTLE

A story that reads like the greatest fiction has just been received by J. Frank Adams, a prominent stockman of this county being of the meeting of his two sons in the front line trenches during one of the heaviest engagements of the war. Roy Will, who was engaged in the front part of rations, heard of his brother's proximity, left his company without permission, made his way thru a terrific bombardment with a bunch of cutts and found Bob in a shell hole in No Mans Land calmly picking off the Boches, would be absorbing reading under any conditions, but is doubly so to the Klamath people to whom both the Adams boys are so well known. Mr. Adams received a letter from Bob written October 15th in which he mentions being in the front line trenches, and how they had the Huns on the run. Will's letter was written November 6th, just after the meeting. It is given below in part:

I received your most welcome letter while at the front, and have hardly had time since we have returned to answer. We were moved from the eastern to the western front, and had plenty of action, but the most important thing was that I got to see Bob, even tho I had to go into the very front line trench to see him. We were in the rear of infantry firing roads, as the Germans were being driven ahead very fast, and the roads were full of shell holes, and cut up with heavy transportation.

We were under shell fire day and night from the Germans, and our artillery was firing over our heads. Sleep was next to impossible, but the very night I did go to sleep Bob's regiment went thru on its way to the front. They went over the top at daylight, and Bob was in the first wave. As soon as I could I left the company (without permission) and took some rations and started for Bob's division. When I got to headquarters there was a ration detail there, and they said it was almost impossible to get where Bob was, but that he was near a trench. They were trying to get rations in, as the men had had nothing to eat for two days, as the shell fire was so intense that they could not get food in or wounded out. I took the chance. Two airplanes flew over us and turned their machine guns on, and bullets were flying everywhere, but no one was hit. A short distance farther the Germans started a barrage which lasted three hours, and how any of us escaped is little more than a miracle, but we were on the edge, and not in the middle of it. There was some gas, and we wore our masks for a while. After the barrage stopped we again went forward, jumping from shell hole to shell hole, as the Germans were shooting star shells and spraying our side with machine gun bullets. When we got up where Bob's outfit was, they only had a shallow trench, about 18 inches deep, and most of the men were in shell holes. Bob was in the very front, and they told me I could not get there, but I insisted, so one of them went out across No Man's Land and found the hole where Bob and four others were and told him his brother was there, but he was dead tired, and did not believe them. They told me where he was, and I went out, and by accident, dropped in where he was. There was never such another meeting between two brothers, and if God spares us both, we will never forget it.

We visited about forty minutes, and the boche gave us a machine gun barrage, klicked a lot of dust on us, and we expected a counter attack, but they did not come. I was unarmed, as I carried rations and could not carry a gun. One of the cooks from Bob's company was with us, so I came out with him. We were shelled going out, and got some good strong gas, but took refuge in a dug-out which the Germans had built. Bob was feeling fine, and as cool as if he were at home in a rocking chair. Too much credit cannot be given to the American Infantrymen, both officers and privates, as they are all the same at the front. Bob has been over three times. I don't suppose he told you, because it's not like him to say such. Many were wounded and quite a few killed, but the Germans are whipped, and past their strong places of defense.

PELICAN BAY SAWMILL TO BE ENLARGED

MACHINERY TO BE INSTALLED THIS WINTER WHICH WILL INCREASE CAPACITY OF PLANT ABOUT FORTY PER CENT.

A new eight foot horizontal band will be installed at the Pelican Bay Lumber Company together with an edger, trips, live rolls and other accompanying devices which will increase the annual capacity of the big plant about twenty million feet, according to an announcement made by President H. D. Mortenson.

This mill which is the largest operation in Klamath County has now closed down for the winter months following a successful season. The cut this year was a trifle less than fifty million feet, a little less than the record for the year previous.

The shipping department will remain active during the entire winter shipping out lumber. A new sorting table at the planing mill has been installed and a roofer shed to facilitate winter logging. The company has a large assortment of lumber and over ten million feet of logs ready for early sawing.

Superintendent J. C. Johnson of the logging camps on the West side of the Upper Klamath Lake reports that logging operations will be carried on extensively this winter, about seventy men being employed. Five million feet of logs have been cut there he says and will be brought down to the lake by means of big sleds. These sleds were purchased for use last winter, but owing to the open season, could not be used.

RATIFICATION SOON OF DRY AMENDMENT

(By Associated Press).

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution by the necessary three-fourths of the states by next February 1, is predicted in a survey of the prohibition situation made public by the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fifteen states have approved the amendment and the board declares that 30 other states, the legislatures of which will meet next month, will vote favorably on the proposal for nation-wide prohibition.

The states which the board declares will ratify the amendment at the coming legislative sessions are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming. Pennsylvania is classed as "hopeful," New York "an even proposition" and New Jersey "probably opposed."

LEAVES FOR VACATION

James Hadley of the Herald Composing Room leaves tomorrow to spend a two weeks vacation with his family in Sacramento.

BIG FLEET OF TANK STEAMERS SOON RELEASED

EIGHTEEN PACIFIC COAST VESSELS ARE AMONG ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR TO BE TURNED BACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Plans for the prompt release from the government requisition of part of a fleet of one hundred and seventy-four tank steamers, eighteen of them Pacific Coast steamers with 4,800,000 dead weight tonnage are announced today by the United States Shipping Board. Only those supplying the army and navy with fuel oil will be retained by the government.

NEW INFLUENZA CASES REPORTED.

City Health officer Dr. Warren Hunt reports four new cases of the influenza in the family of Martin Pernoll of this city today. Mrs. Henry Graham is also reported by Dr. George Merryman to be ill with the disease.

EDUCATIONAL MEASURE TO AID OREGON

SALEM, Dec. 21.—What is considered the most important educational measure ever presented in congress is now pending before that body in the form of senate bill 4987, introduced by Senator Hoke Smith. It provides for the establishment of a department of federation with a secretary at its head, who shall be a member of the President's cabinet, and appropriates \$100,000,000 annually for co-operation with the various states along certain lines of education.

If the bill becomes a law, which prominent educators say is a foregone conclusion, Oregon will be entitled to \$857,587 annually from the government for educational work in this state. This fund will be segregated as follows:

- For the removal of illiteracy, \$3,762,68.
For the Americanization of immigrants, \$62,790.48.
For equalizing educational opportunities, \$495,938.82.
For physical and health education, \$146,326.59.
For better and more teacher preparation, \$148,769.30.

To obtain the expenditure of this money in Oregon, this state will be expected to match the fund, dollar for dollar. The largest sum would be spent for equalizing educational opportunities. By that is meant that there should be state wide and nation wide taxation at least to the amount provided in the bill, for raising a fund to all the sparsely settled districts or districts with low property valuations to have adequate school facilities and properly trained teachers.

The next largest sum would go for physical and health education. This carries with it "the medical and dental examination of children of school age, the determination of mental and physical defects in such children, the employment of school nurses, the establishment and maintenance of school dental clinics, and the instruction of the people in the principle of health and sanitation."

FIVE PEACE POINTS ARE CRITICIZED IN SENATE

SENATOR LODGE NAMES FIVE OF THE CELEBRATED PROPOSALS WHICH ARE APT TO PROMOTE DIVISION AMONG ALLIES.

SENATE MUST RATIFY ANY TREATY MADE AND MEMBERS SHOULD EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS BEFORE MEET STARTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Five of the President's fourteen peace points have been held up in the Senate by Senator Lodge as questions which might lead to a division among the Allies and which certainly should be postponed until after the peace conference. They relate to secret diplomacy, freedom of the seas, economic barriers, the reduction of armaments and the League of Nations. Senator Lodge declared that as the consent of the Senate must be secured to any treaty, its members should express themselves freely in advance, and pass resolutions to show its ideas.

Referring to the freedom of the seas Senator Lodge said "If it means the abandonment of the right of Blockade, I think the United States will hesitate, before it abandons a weapon absolutely necessary for its own safety."

STARTLING DISCLOSURES IN I. W. W. TRIAL.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—P. M. Johnson, a farmer near Fresno, testified at the trial of the 46 persons for alleged I. W. W. war time conspiracy, that two barns and 36 tons of hay and much equipment was burned on his farm after a wage controversy with H. A. Latous, Caesar Tahib and Elmer Anderson, who are among the defendants. The fire occurred last September.

AUSTRIANS ASKING ALLIES PROTECTION

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Zurich newspapers are printing Vienna dispatches reporting that the Austrian government, "in order to avoid fresh disturbances," has asked the Allied authorities to occupy Vienna.

CHILQUIN MAN VISITS

James H. Kline of the Modoc Lumber company at Chilquinn, is in town for a few days on matters of business.

STEEL MAGNATES ORGANIZE TO PROMOTE FOREIGN TRADE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Organization of the North American Steel Products Corporation, a combination of the larger independent steel companies to advance foreign trade is formally announced today.