

WILSON SPENDS X-MAS WITH TROOPS

TO EAT WITH BOYS FROM A MESS KIT

FRANCE ASKS USE OF AMERICAN SHIPYARDS TO REBUILD HER MERCHANT MARINE—HURLEY WAITS FOR CONFERENCE

SUGGESTION MADE THAT RELIEF WORK BE DONE BY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE—FIRST PLANS PROBABLY CONTINUED

(By Associated Press).

PARIS, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will leave Paris tonight, and will not return until New Year's Day.

He has insisted on taking Christmas dinner with the troops, and eating from a mess kit with the soldiers about him.

He will have a formal dinner with General Pershing and the officers later. Mr. Wilson has prepared an address for the troops tomorrow, after which he will start for London.

Chairman Herbert Hoover of the food administration and Chairman Hurley of the shipping board held a conference with President Wilson last night. Suggestions that relief work be placed in the hands of an international committee came from some entente countries, but it now seems assured that the original plans will be adopted, and the work of supplying food be retained under one head, probably Hoover.

In the interest of rapidity, Hurley discussed shipping subjects. The French government has applied for permission to rehabilitate its merchant marine thru the United States shipbuilding plants.

France has reminded President Wilson that she was compelled in the common interests of the entente to suspend the construction of ships to supply munitions for the entente armies.

Chairman Hurley is disposed to withhold American facilities until the peace treaty is signed.

FORMER COUNTY RANCHER DIES OF INFLUENZA

Death last Saturday claimed Sidney Freuer at Medford after an illness of influenza followed by pneumonia. Mr. Freuer who was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freuer of the Seven Springs ranch in Poe Valley, was well known in Klamath County where he had resided for many years. He was the proprietor of the Pacific Highway Garage at Medford.

The deceased was 31 years of age, and is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Letha Webber of Poe Valley. He also leaves two brothers, Ray and Francis here and one sister Mrs. R. D. Wayne of Calgary, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freuer on learning of their son's illness started immediately for Medford but arrived too late to see him alive. They returned on the train last evening. Mr. Freuer reports that the influenza situation at Medford is appalling and that the most rigid measures are being enforced by the authorities there to prevent its spread.

STOCKMAN VISITS

Eugene Wilkerson is in the city buying supplies and attending to other matters of business from the Wilkerson stock ranch near Lovell.

OREGON CASUALTY LIST TODAY.

- Killed in Action: Pvt. Willis E. Jensen, Banks. Corp. Carl E. Allen, Woodburn. Corp. David H. Humphrey, Eugene. Died of Wounds: Pvt. Joseph Wirths, Portland. Wounded Severely: Pvt. Edwin C. Stevent, Yachats. Pvt. Emvix S. Townsend, Estacada. Corp. Orval C. Sherwood, Portland. Missing in action: Pvt. Earl Grosdidier, Roseburg. Pvt. Jacob Capeluto, Portland. Pvt. Wm. Tierney, Portland. Corp. Lee C. Gordon, Independence. Died of Disease: Master Gunner Wm. E. Cook, Saco. eno.

OFFICERS OF COUNTY WILL BEGIN TERMS

Klamath County officers elected at the November election will begin their oath of office the first Monday in January which comes a week from next Monday. The following new officers will be installed: County Commissioner Asa Fordyce replaces Commissioner Frank McCornack, County Treasurer G. K. Van Raper will replace George Haydon, and County Surveyor C. T. Darley will replace C. J. Cleghorn.

ORDER AGAINST MOVING TO NEW COURT HOUSE

COURT ANTICIPATES ACTION OF OFFICERS IN MOVING TO NEW BUILDING AND ISSUES RESTRAINING ORDER.

Officers of Klamath County are restrained in an order issued late yesterday afternoon by the County Court from occupying the new County Court House on Main Street, on its completion. The resolution which is signed by County Judge R. H. Honnell and Commissioner Burrell S. Hart speaks of a report that such is the intention of some of the officers and declares that the new building is not recognized by the Court as a County building.

It is apparent that some of the County officers are very tired of the inconvenience, out of date quarters to which they have been restricted for so many years and would welcome a change, the first moment possible. For a County which has expended over \$200,000 for Court House accommodations within the last ten years, the benefits to the community are small indeed.

HALF MILLION DEAD ITALY'S WAR SACRIFICE

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press).—Five hundred thousand Italians lost their lives in the war. Of this number, 200,000 were killed in action.

The statement was made to the correspondent by Salvatore Barzalai, former member of the Italian cabinet who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel to Paris, in explaining Italy's sacrifices and her claim to territories previously held by the enemy. Signor Barzalai said: "On the eve of the peace conference where Italy must claim the territories due her for reasons of nationality, it is well the world should know the sacrifices sustained by her. All Italians trust America as an impartial judge."

"Italy lost 500,000 dead. To those actually killed in battle must be added 300,000 who died of disease, particularly malaria, contracted in Albania, Macedonia and along the Pivve. The Italians severely wounded numbered 300,000 while 500,000 of the 5,000,000 called to the colors were taken prisoners."

FORMER CITY GIRL DIES AT PRESIDIO

Notice has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Gust Eitrem of the death of their oldest daughter Mrs. Geo. T. Reuss. Mrs. Reuss formerly resided at Klamath Falls and was well-known to a host of friends as Miss Della Eitrem. She was married to Corporal Geo. T. Reuss about a year ago, and lived with him at the Presidio, where her death occurred after a few days illness of influenza which developed into pneumonia. Funeral will be held at the Presidio.

HOME FROM PORTLAND

Attorney W. H. A. Renner has returned from Portland, where he has been on business for several days.

There will be no issue of the Evening Herald tomorrow, December 25th. The Herald wishes each and every subscriber the merriest kind of a Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year. May the great peace which is about to be arranged on the soil of the nation who has sacrificed the flower of its manhood and the garden spots of the country to attain it, be reflected over the world, and the spirit of Him whose birth we commemorate take a closer grip on the hearts of the people. May this spirit pervade not only the warring nations, but be extended to our own home circle, and an attitude more in harmony with the teachings which we profess to follow be evidenced. May another Christmas find Klamath in harmony with itself.

VON ECKHARDT WORKING HARD AGAINST U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The diplomatic affairs of Germany in Mexico will be left in the hands of Dr. Arthur von Eckhardt, counselor of the German legation who it is stated, has been given positive instructions by his government to cease anti-American propaganda in Mexico.

Minister von Eckhardt who has just been recalled has been credited with being the director of violent anti-American propaganda which has been carried out in Mexico by pro-German and German owned papers which at various times published false stories with the evident intent of embroiling Mexico and the United States in war.

It was to von Eckhardt that Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, then German foreign secretary, sent a message dated January 19, 1917, thru Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador at Washington proposing an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States if the latter country did not remain neutral. Japan thru Mexican mediation, according to the Berlin instructions, was to be urged to abandon the allies and join in the attack on the United States.

NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE NO MORE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—An opinion of the Judge Advocate General's office approved by the Secretary of War and made public today, holds that officers and enlisted men of the National Guard will revert to a civilian state when discharged from the Federal service. The effect of the ruling is to wipe the National Guard out of existence as it was organized prior to the beginning of the war. General March has asked for an opinion as to the status of the guardsmen when discharged.

PERMANENT RANK IS ASKED FOR GENERALS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Secretary of War Baker has asked the House Military Committee to bestow a permanent rank of General on Pershing, March and Bliss and a permanent rank of Lieutenant General on Liggott and Bullard.

RETURNS FROM TIMBER CRUISING EXPEDITION.

Bert Withrow of the Klamath County Abstract Company has returned from a timber cruising trip in northern California.

MAJOR GENERAL INJURED IN FALL IS RECOVERING.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The condition of Major General Charles D. Rhodes who was injured in an airplane fall at Lovres yesterday, is greatly improved today.

KLAMATH PAYS BIG SUM FOR OREGON TAXES

The total amount of State taxes to be paid by Klamath County, for 1919 will be \$51,521, according to County Clerk C. R. DeLap. Last year the amount was \$46,867.50 which in turn was \$3,999 more than the year before.

This difference is hardly noticeable to the local tax payers however, owing to the fact that it has been absorbed by the increase in the valuation.

ENTENTE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN RUSSIA.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The entente governments, it is understood will refuse to undertake the vast military expedition into Russia as they consider it to be Russia's right to get together. When their disorderly elements have been subdued the country will then find support from the Allied nations.

BOLSHEVIKI MAKING GAINS IN ESTHONIA.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The Bolsheviks are making considerable progress with their penetration in the Esthonian territory. They have now taken Dopart and have forced the Esthonian back on the Wesenberg front northwest of Lake Peipus. The Germans are continuing to fall back on Riga.

HINDENBURG TO HOLD POSITION.

BASEL, Dec. 24.—The Berlin Lok-Anseiger says that an agreement has been reached between the Berlin government and the German general staff by which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Groener, chief Quartermaster General will retain their offices.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK.

WATERTOWN, New York, Dec. 24.—Three persons are dead, many are seriously wounded as a result of an explosion which has entirely destroyed the shell loading building of the J. B. Wise munition plant here today.

COLD CHRISTMAS IN EAST

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—There are eleven inches of snow here today and a big street car strike on.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A special musical program is being arranged for next Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church, and there will also be special musical numbers in the morning service. This will be the first service since the influenza ban was placed on the city and it will be given over mainly to Christmas services.

WEDDING YESTERDAY

The marriage of George H. Mullerkey and Clara Baker was consummated yesterday in the Justice Court by N. J. Chapman. The couple expect to make their home in this locality.

THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED FROM COUNTY DRIVE

WHILE QUOTA WILL NOT BE ATTAINED KLAMATH HAS DONE BETTER THAN MANY PARTS OF THE STATE FOR RED CROSS.

An estimated total of \$3,700 for the County in the Annual Red Cross Membership drive concluded last night, is indicated today by County Chairman, George Walton, who praises especially the work of the outside districts in meeting and exceeding their quotas.

The amount requested of Klamath was \$5,100 an increase of \$1,600 over that of last year. While this sum was not realized, the County as a whole did its full share as compared to the state at large and has raised a sum exceeding that last year.

The final total will not be available for a day or two yet, as many precincts have not made definite reports, but it will probably approximate the above named sum. The spirit of the county is exhibited by the four unsolicited memberships which were received this morning from the Topsy district, whose residents were so scattered that it was not believed it could be canvassed at this season. The generous hearted citizens however sent in their memberships anyway.

KLAMATH BUYS BIG TRUCK FOR HIGHWAY WORK

The purchase of a new four ton Winther tractor and a five-ton trailer for County road work purposes was authorized at a meeting yesterday afternoon by the Klamath County Court. The combined cost of the two machines is \$6,000. It is declared that with this new equipment, the road work on the County Highways next season can be expedited.

CLARKE MAY COME OUT FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Friends of Speaker Champ Clarke said today that he would be a candidate for the presidency in 1920. Clarke refused to make any statement. It is reported that Bryan will support him.

UNDERTAKER LEAVES FOR REST IN PORTLAND.

As a result of the heavy task he was forced to assume during the influenza epidemic here, Undertaker Earl Whitlock left Sunday for Portland, where he will attend a rest sanitarium for an indefinite period. Constant work among the antiseptic medicines he was forced to use and the nature of his work is reported to have caused his breakdown.

BUDGET OF COUNTY IS ATTACKED IN ACTION

THREE ITEMS ARE ALLEGED TO BE ILLEGAL IN BUDGET PROPOSED DECEMBER SEVENTH BY COUNTY COURT.

COURT HOUSE APPROPRIATION, AND \$7,500 FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES ARE STIPULATED IN ACTION FILED TODAY.

Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men is exemplified in Klamath County on Christmas Eve by the filing of a new suit in the ever recurring Court house fight which has harassed the County for the last decade.

Three items in the tentative budget submitted by the County Court, for the coming year that of \$20,000 for Court house purposes, the \$3,500 deputy hire, upholding criminal laws in addition to the regular salary of the prosecuting attorney and the \$4,000 item for attorney fees for the County Court are attacked.

The suit is brought in the name of J. M. Lindsay, J. W. McCoy, and Chas. Loomis, represented by Attorneys Thomas Drake, C. J. Ferguson, A. E. Reams, Harrison Allen and C. F. Stone.

The complaint recites that the sum of \$20,000 is set aside for Court House purposes, when a duly authorized Court House will be completed for the County on Block 35, city of Linkville by the 1st of February, at a cost of \$131,775 on which \$41,548 has already been paid by the County.

The Prosecuting Attorney should perform all legal necessary services required by the County faithfully, it is declared for the sum of \$1,200 per year.

The \$4,000 item for attorney fees for the County Court is declared to be without the sanction or warrant of law and its expenditure, a burden on the tax payers of the County.

An order from the Circuit Judge restraining the expenditure and a permanent injunction following the hearing is asked in the prayer of the complaint.

ASHLAND BOY KILLED AS THE WAR CLOSES

ASHLAND, Dec. 24.—Private Arthur Ray Morgan of Ashland was killed in action November 10, according to word received by the relatives from the war department. Private Morgan was graduated from the Ashland high school in 1917. He enlisted in February, 1918, with the marines, was severely wounded in action August 28, and after being discharged from the hospital and returning to the front in October met his fate the day before the signing of the armistice.

NO NEW FLU CASES TODAY.

It is announced that there are no new cases of the influenza as far as known in the city here today. The condition those reported yesterday is declared to be satisfactory.