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## GOING AFTER RODENT PESTS IN DEAD EARNEST.

**Destruction Past Season Has Been So Great That Farmers Are Aroused and Will Wage Relentless Campaign of Extermination.**

The poison campaign this winter is going to be a success. The first 25 cards returned to the farm bureau call for 248 ounces of strychnine, and the losses sustained by the parties who filled out the cards, in crops this year, do not suggest that more poison was ordered than will be needed.

The twenty-five farmers report estimated losses in 1917 of 11,275 bushels of wheat by rabbits and squirrels, and the estimates do not seem to have been placed high, especially as to acre yield. Based on these estimates the 25 farmers have suffered an average gross loss of more than \$900 from grain destroyed by rodent pests.

Some entire fields were reported destroyed, up to 160 acres. Quite a few had from fifty acres up, and the losses of each of the farmers was material. While these losses were reported from the worst infested part of the county, from Prosperity and Pleasant Valley, precincts adjoining the lavas and a great stretch of undisturbed sagebrush, there are other localities that are not far behind. County Agent Lamson is of the opinion, from his rather limited observations and what he has been told, that weeds and rodents combined caused a loss this year to the farmers of the county of not less than a quarter of a million dollars, divided about equally between rodents and weeds.

An order for 1000 ounces of strychnine was placed several days ago, but if other parts of the county call for anywhere near as much as the Pleasant Valley section, there will not be near enough. The farmers have organized, with leaders in every district, and every farmer ordering strychnine must have his order approved by the district leader who is acquainted with conditions, and the extent of the damage done. This will act as a check upon anyone who may overestimate his requirements.

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## DAVIS GIVES HINT OF HIS POLICIES

**Idaho's Governor Elect Tells Salt Lake Paper He Favors Aid for Farmers.**

Agricultural development, increased marketing facilities and bonded warehouses are among the things which D. W. Davis, Idaho's governor-elect, views as the state's principal needs, and for which he intends to exert every effort during his tenure, according to an interview which he gave to the Salt Lake Tribune Saturday. The interview said:

"D. W. Davis, governor elect of Idaho, spent yesterday in Salt Lake looking after private business affairs. Idaho's three principal needs, as I see them, are agricultural development, increased marketing facilities, and bonded warehouses, and I shall exert every effort to provide for these things. I feel confident that we shall be able, without loss of time, to pass legislation establishing a system of bonded warehouses which are badly needed. Such legislation was one of the principal issues of the campaign."

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## FLU IS INCREASING.

**Relaxing of Precautions Results in Unexpected Spread of Epidemic—Help Needed to Care for Sick.**

There has been a material increase in the number of flu cases within the past four days. Among them are the family of A. O. Garten, eight members; children of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Claassen, S. L. Upham, Mrs. C. W. Dahlberg, J. S. Abercrombie, Mr. Wilcox and G. S. Wennstrom at the First National Bank, Pat Field, Mrs. A. H. Barton, the Kennedy family, Warren Grothe, and Mrs. Soell.

There are said to be a number of others, who are caring for themselves and have not reported. The Red Cross is seeking aid in the care of some of the sick. Anyone willing to nurse the sick, to go in and straighten up the homes, or to prepare food, are requested to phone Miss Florence Barber at the county offices during the day or at 1153 evenings.

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## 50,000 Men Will Be Released From Navy.

Reduction of the enlisted strength of the navy has commenced, and applications for discharge by men both in the regular service and in the reserve divisions are being received. First consideration is being given to youths seeking to return to school or to positions in civil life which they gave up to join the navy. It is estimated that there will be approximately 50,000 discharged during the next month.

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## Physical Examination of Registrants Called Off.

Two clerks worked all day Sunday in the office of the local exemption board making out and mailing notices to appear for physical examination under the draft. Monday these clerks worked a good part of the day notifying the 120 boys to whom the cards had been sent, not to come.

When the boys ought to have taken their examination the examining physician for the local board was sick, and Dr Schiltz was too busy to make the examination. The adjutant general's office appointed a Pocatello physician to make the examinations but the flu got so busy there that he refused to come. Thus things drifted until Saturday, when the local board got one of the most eloquent roasts from the adjutant general's office imaginable—so eloquent that it was decided that possibly the report that the war had been declared off was a mistake. Hence the Sunday work.

Monday morning the draft board received a wire from the adjutant general to call the examinations off. Hence the second lot of notices. If any of the draftees have received the first card and not the second they may rest easy and stay at home. They are not wanted now.

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## TO SPEED THE RETURN OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

**Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board Making Plans to Speed Return of Soldiers.**

On the eve of his sailing for Europe Friday night, Chairman Hurley of the United States Shipping Board stated that it was the intention of the government to return to his country a large number of he forces now in Europe. His trip to Europe is for the purpose of consulting with the military commanders and shipping experts of the allied nations so that plans can be perfected. To offset the withdrawal of British tonnage formerly engaged in transporting troops, Mr. Hurley hopes to utilize 25 or 30 German and Austrian liners with accommodations for 4,000 men each. In compensation for the use of these vessels, he said, food would be sent to the people of central Europe on their return.

Mr. Hurley said the shipping board would be able to bring back troops at the rate of 300,000 a month if the war department wants them brought back that fast. He will meet General Pershing at the American field headquarters to discuss the details of returning the soldiers.

## PROHIBITION RIDER PASSES.

**Senate Concurs in Bill to Stop Sale of Liquor After June 30, 1919.**

Final legislative action was taken Monday by the senate on the national wartime prohibition bill, effective July 1 next and continuing during demobilization. The measure will go Thursday to President Wilson for his approval, which is confidently expected by prohibition advocates.

The bill would stop sales of distilled malt or vinous beverages June 30, 1919, and thereafter during the war and demobilization. Manufacture of distilled spirits now is prohibited under the food control law, which will expire with the world peace treaty.

The prohibition bill is in the form of a legislative rider on an emergency appropriation measure, providing about \$12,000,000 for stimulating agricultural production.

Effect of the legislation, even if approved by the president, is the subject of warm dispute, which many of the members of congress think the courts will have to settle. The bill would make prohibition effective after June 30, 1919, until the conclusion of the present war, and thereafter until the termination of demobilization, the date of which shall be determined and proclaimed by the president.

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## APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS PARCEL CARTON.

An individual who should have received a label but who did not receive it or who has lost or destroyed it, may receive a carton not earlier than November 21st by signing the following statement at any Red Cross Christmas Parcel Station. Such parties should cut this form out and bring it to the Red Cross rooms, because no other forms are available:

The undersigned hereby makes application to forward to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Address) American Expeditionary Forces, a Christmas package. The undersigned hereby declares that \_\_\_\_\_ is nearest living relative in the United States of the proposed recipient; that \_\_\_\_\_ has not received this man's label from abroad; and that should such label be received it will not be used; and that to the best of \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and belief only one Christmas parcel will be sent to the proposed recipient.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOHENZOLLERN INTENDS TO RETURN TO GERMANY.

The Pottsdam soldiers' and workmen's committee learns that William Hohenzollern intends to return to Germany because of disturbances in Holland, according to a Copenhagen dispatch. The Local Anzeiger of Berlin states that he is likely to be permitted to return. Prince Eitel Frederick, son of the former emperor, has appealed to his comrades of the Pottsdam garrison, to place themselves at the disposal of the new government in Germany.

## PLEASANT VALLEY.

Andrew Neu has been on the sick list for several weeks and is improving very slowly.

Nick Clasen has rented his farm to Jacob Miller and is taking life easy.

Hugo Martens and Ernest Eymann motored to Pocatello Sunday and visited Bill Martens, who is working for the railroad company.

Herman Martens and family are leaving this week for Nampa, Idaho, where he bought a place recently. His many friends are sorry to see him leave.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heney spent a pleasant Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Doekter.

Some of our patriotic farmers are selling their wheat and buying barley to feed their stock, thus going to lots of trouble to save wheat for human consumption.

After a serious work of nursing in Rockland, Grandpa Hetch has returned safely and is ready to take up his duties in the Pleasant Valley school house.

From the talk and preparations being made, there will be 20 more squirrels and rabbits in Pleasant Valley next season.

Misses Sophia and Emelia Radke have been looking after the farm of their mother while she was nursing her son Emanuel in the hospital, who has been very sick. Much to the joy of his friends, he passed through the danger zone and arrived home Saturday last.

Dan Wohlgenuth is feeling twice as big as usual since the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Adolf were the guests of Mrs. Mrs. Rudolf Rast last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colfelt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Adolf last Sunday.

Infundia has almost left the valley. The worst cases were at the homes of Robert Radke, Jacob Neu, John Tiede, Mrs. M. Radke, Louis Adolf and Emanuel Radke.

Louis Adolf and John Tiede enjoy the duck hunting very much. If anyone wants them towards evening he will have to call at some straw stack or on the river.

Hugo Rast and family are leaving this prosperous neighborhood and are moving to Aberdeen.

Christ Walter and family took a joy ride last Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ills.

Dan Rast is enjoying health again after a week of illness.

## ARBON NEWS.

Fred Richards is quite ill with influenza at the home of E. H. Davis. The two oldest boys of L. B. Evans are very ill with pneumonia following influenza. All of the family had the flu but are getting along fine.

Bert Noble, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, died at the family home of pneumonia due to influenza, after a few days' illness. Interment at the Pauline cemetery. This is the third child in the Noble family to die in a little less than two years.

Conrad W. Weideman left Monday for a training camp. He is expected home any time, due to the war ending before he reached camp.

John Bowen is ill at Malad with influenza. He was returning home from his daughter's funeral when taken ill.

Two of the Bannock valley citizens were elected at the recent election. Mr. Allard as representative and Ed England as commissioner.

Mrs. Albert Poppie is sick with influenza.

Mrs. Heber Woods is still very ill. Mrs. Dale Butler is visiting in Malad with relatives.

We had a genuine blizzard here last Friday which made it disagreeable for grain haulers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keeler and family went to Pocatello Wednesday on a business and pleasure trip.

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## FRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

**Aged Head of Mormon Church Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Several Months Ago and Has Appeared in Public But Once Since.**

Joseph F. Smith, president of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, died at his home in Salt Lake today after a long illness. Last April the aged leader suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time has appeared but at one public function of his church, the semi-annual conference held in the tabernacle last month. But a week ago the eightieth birthday anniversary of Mr. Smith was observed by his friends, irrespective of religious belief.

President Smith succeeded to the presidency of his church and to the leadership of the Mormon people in troublous times in the state of Utah. By fine judgment and innate kindness he overcame the animosities which beset the people of that state but a few years ago, and long since these have been forgotten. President Smith lived to see the day when men and women of all shades of religious belief freely acknowledged his wise leadership in his church and in the industries of the state of Utah. For many years the aged leader has received the homage of friends scattered far and wide on each recurring birthday anniversary.

President Smith, from the day that America entered into the great war, just came to a close, urged his people to do all in their power to uphold the American government and the men of the army and navy. In the fall of 1916 he delivered a notable address in the tabernacle in Salt Lake City, foretelling the entrance of America into the war, and impressing upon the audience that if America treasured her freedom it would be worth fighting for. His church liberally contributed to Liberty bonds and other government war activities, and from his private means he also gave liberally.

The passing of President Smith will be sincerely regretted wherever he was known. Some of his most intimate friends were not members of the religious organization of which he was the head, and this fact attests to his worth as a man among men and as a leader.

## VICTORY BOYS DOING FINE.

**They Have Subscribed Almost One Twelfth of County's Quota.**

The big boys are going to wake up and find themselves distanced. Up to last night the little boys had subscribed one-twelfth of Power county's allotment. They are short of the one-twelfth but \$3.66, and they are still coming forward. When Friday's Press came out several of the boys who had been missed, started on a hunt for Mr. Torrance, and did not stop till they found him. And they added to the amount he has to report, the sum of \$114.50, making a grand total of \$413 contributed by them.

The following subscriptions were given to Mr. Torrance Saturday and Monday, and most of the boys hunted Mr. Torrance up in order to give them. They are volunteer subscriptions in the strictest sense. As some of the boys have to earn the money pledged, Mr. Torrance requests that anyone who has work that the boys can do, report the fact to him, and he will be glad to see that the boy is supplied. Some of the boys who have made subscriptions are only 7 years old and there is not much they can do except the running of errands. Others of the boys can do almost anything.

Previously reported \$298.50  
L. E. Barnard 5.00  
William Hanson 5.00  
Robert Lee 5.00  
Lawrence Sorenson 5.00  
George Beckstead 5.00  
Vard Meadows 5.00  
Gerald Lounsbury 5.00  
Elwood Meadows 5.00  
George Gronkhitte 5.00  
Len Farnham 5.00  
Bert Blackburn 5.00  
Roland Allred 5.00  
James O Andrews 5.00  
Alfred Alfonso Grayott 4.00  
Oren Hewitt 3.00  
Harvey Jensen 3.00  
Edward Giorfield 3.00  
Hector Zaring 3.00  
Harold Crowley 2.50  
Marion Smith 2.50  
Albert Sparks 2.00  
George Chase 2.00  
Edwin Budge 2.00  
Henry Ringe Jr 2.00  
Charles Zeik 2.00  
Gordon Nelson 2.00  
Roy Schwarz 1.50  
William Smith 1.50  
Blaine Strong 1.50  
J. Myron Telford 1.50  
Elden Brown 1.25  
Golden Brown 1.25  
Don Telford 1.00  
Lever Kelly 1.00  
Charles Smith 1.00  
Welton Allen 1.00  
Buster Thornhill 1.00  
George Ringe 1.00  
Russell Collins 1.00  
Frank Hatley 1.00

Total \$413.00

## WORLD'S GREATEST NAVAL SURRENDER DUE THIS WEEK.

This week will see the greatest naval surrender which the world has ever witnessed. A great fleet of German battleships, battle cruisers and light cruisers and destroyers are said to have left port Monday morning for an unknown destination. They will be met by the British fleet, accompanied by American and French representatives, and conducted to their destination.

A Berlin telegram received in Amsterdam gives this as the list of vessels to be handed over:

Battleships—Kaiser, Kaiserin, Konig Albert, Kronprinz, Wilhelm, Prinz Regent, Luitpold, Markgraf, Grosser Kurfurst, Bayern, Konig and Friedrich der Grosse.

Battle cruisers—Hindenburg, Derflinger, Seydlitz, Moltke and Von Der Tann.

Light cruisers—Bremen, Brummer, Frankfurt, Koeln, Dresden and Emden.

The German cruiser Emden was sunk off Adakal Islands by the British under Admiral Sturdee, while the Emden was sunk in the Indian ocean after it had raided the far east. It is probable that old ships have been given the names of the ships sunk, or that new ships have been built to replace them.

## War Taxation Will Continue for Several Years.

Americans will be paying war taxes until 1925, according to treasury estimates made Saturday. A heavy burden of taxation is forecasted for at least six years more. The ending of actual fighting has cut the 1918 cost by \$6,000,000,000 Secretary McAdoo announced, but heavy war expenses will continue. After the treasury estimates that the expenditures growing out of the war will be cut to \$2,000,000,000 a year, but this will depend to a considerable degree upon the amortization plans developed to pay off the great bond issues that mature after 1920.

German Protest at Surrender of Fleet Silenced by Admiral Weymss.

Admiral Sir Rosslyn Weymss, who was appointed to notify the German envoys of the naval conditions of the armistice, is credited with a phrase which admirably reflects the respective positions of the two fleets.

"It is inadmissible," the Germans protested, "that our fleet should be given up without having been beaten."

Facing the envoys with his monocle, Admiral Weymss retorted: "It had only to come up."

## Declares Huns' Debt to France is \$68,000,000,000.

LeMatin, a Paris newspaper, declares Germany owes France \$68,000,000,000. The bill rendered is as follows:

Cost of the war \$25,000,000,000  
Reparation 20,000,000,000  
Pensions 8,000,000,000  
Return of the 1871 indemnities 1,000,000,000  
Interest on same 11,000,000,000  
Total \$68,000,000,000

Train service between Belgium and France is due to be resumed today.

The Belgium parliament will meet in Brussels the latter part of this month.

No more candidates will be admitted to officers training schools. Candidates who successfully complete the course will be commissioned in the reserve corps and placed on the inactive list.

## Foch Merely Asked for Return of Stolen Property.

In answer to German claims that surrender of 5000 locomotives and 150,000 railroad cars, as demanded by the allies would bring famine upon the country, Stephane Lauzane, head of the official French bureau of information, declared Saturday that Marshal Foch had imposed upon the enemy merely a restitution of rolling stock which its armies had seized in Belgium and northern France in the early days of the war.

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