



LAS VEGAS AGE



REVIEW OF THE WAR FOR THE YEAR 1918

How the Hosts of Democracy Were Thrown Into Battlefields and Won the War.

When the year 1918 was ushered in the outcome of the titanic struggle engaging the attention of the whole world trembled in the balance, with the odds in favor of the Central Powers.

During the last few months of 1917 conditions had suddenly gone back to those of the opening days of the war.

Russia had ceased to be a military factor, German troops were thus released in the east to reinforce those on the western front and carry peril to Paris and threaten the capture of the channel ports. The German army was armed and trained to the last degree of perfection and animated by a hope of success, which, based upon its almost immeasurable strength, amounted to conviction.

In Picardy in November, 1917, the British army, under General Byng, gained a brilliant success in a surprise tank attack in front of Cambrai and almost drove into the town itself, but the Germans by a counter attack regained all lost ground and the golden moment which had raised high the hopes of the Allies passed. Still the British were doggedly and grimly holding on.

The defeat of the French army in May, 1917, had shaken it to its foundation and in the fall of that year it passed through a period of reorganization and renaissance. General Petain had been assigned the task of restoring confidence and discipline, while behind the army, the nation under Clemenceau, cleaned its high places of those who had conspired against victory and held secret conferences with the foe.

In November, 1917, Italy had suffered her first great reverse of the war. Her population and army, like that of France, had been corrupted by enemy propaganda and by pacifist efforts. One day advancing and seemingly on the eve of a decisive victory General Cadorna's armies on the next found their rear flank imperiled and were forced to retreat behind the Piave. Italy had suffered one of the greatest defeats in history; her escape from utter ruin had been by such a narrow margin that the question of her future capacity to fight was one of grave concern to the Allies.

The brave Belgian troops were doggedly holding on, but after over three years of fighting with scarcely a show of success, their spirits were low.

America had been nine months in the war, but was handicapped from the start by this country's unpreparedness. Up to the beginning of the year 1918, 160,000 men had been sent overseas and these were not yet ready for active participation. At first the Entente had asked for materials and money rather than men and was just beginning to awaken to the fact that the outcome of the war was to be decided by a race between America and Germany. The latter had already forty odd divisions more than the British and French—could the Entente Powers hold out until the Yanks arrived, catch their breath and take their place in the front line trenches?

Add to the advantage of numbers the Hun held an interior position, a unified command and a homogeneous army. He had devised a new system of attack, which included the element of surprise and the use of gas to paralyze the rearward communications of the Allies; he had a new small and mobile gun, which made rapid moving of infantry waves possible, and he had generals who were trained in eastern warfare and not tied to long periods of trench warfare as had been those of the west.

Germany, through Count Czernin of Austria, renewed her efforts on December 26, 1917, to obtain a peace which would leave to her all the fruits of victory gained through Russia's collapse and her acquisition of Belgian and French territory.

The calendar year of 1917 ended and that of 1918 began for the Allies amid the most gloomy of all circumstances. British successes early in 1917 had been diminished by failures costing thousands upon thousands of lives; the French army had not only seen its hopes come to naught on the

ELDORADO DISTRICT IS SHOWING ACTIVITY

New Mill of Waterville M. & M. Company Almost Ready to Operate.

The new mill of the Waterville Mining and Milling Company at Nelson is nearing completion. When operation begins it is expected that the mill will handle a ton an hour of the ores of this company.

The Carnation mine, adjoining the Waterville M. & M. Co. property, has reported a strike of native silver on the face of their shaft at the 135 foot level. This property is looking good and the owners are enthusiastic over the future of the district.

Leaser R. G. Kincaid of the Admiral group at Nelson, has uncovered some very good placer ground. It is said, during the course of the development of his property.

McIntosh and Fillmore made a good strike of copper in Copper Camp. It is stated by parties who have seen the strike that the find is very important to the district.

Harry Dale, James German, Dr. R. W. Martin and Howard Conklin were over to Eldorado Canyon looking after their mining interests Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Waterville Mining and Milling Company was held at their office at Nelson last Tuesday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Dr. Roy W. Martin.
Vice-President—F. A. Wait.
Directors—M. E. Fisher, James German, Harry Dale.

D. D. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., was a visitor to Clark County this week, looking after the interests of the Occidental Mining Company in Eldorado Canyon.

Aisne, but had for the first time lost confidence and was only beginning to give signs of renewed efficiency; the Italian army had suffered one of the greatest disasters of the war; the minor efforts of the Balkans had been without benefit; Russia was a menace instead of help, and Rumania was obviously soon to quit the war.

There was little hope of an Allied offensive in 1918; the role to be played was one of defense—a grim holding on until the Americans could carry in sufficient force to play a prominent part.

For the Central Powers the new year dawned brilliantly. To be sure, peace feelers were being put out, but that was because having gained so much Germany was ready to rest on her oars for the time being, safe in the confidence that she could dictate to the whole world.

She failed to take America into account.

On January 8, 1918, President Wilson, addressing congress, set forth his fourteen peace principles and said the United States must know for whom the German rulers were speaking when they broached peace to the Allied nations.

Germany's tentative peace efforts failing, it made known that it was massing its forces on the western front and that new and more terrible engines of war were to be used. The drive was well advertised and even the place, where it was to be launched was made known. But, even at that, the British were taken by surprise and subjected to the severest defeat in their military history and brought within sight of utter ruin.

On the morning of March 18th the Germans began their attack from Arras on the north to La Fere on the south—a distance of fifty miles. Staggering from the impact of the blow the British fell back. For eight days the Germans poured through the Allied lines in an effort to crush the British and drive a wedge between them and the French, who were holding the lines to the south. When the huns were finally halted they had driven ahead for thirty-five miles along a front more than fifty miles long and were almost at the doors of Amiens, a vital point of supplies' communication for the British. Forty divisions against fifteen wrought havoc with the British Fifth army and only for the swiftest possible work on the part of the

STATE OFFICERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Eliminate Duel Feature Under Change of State Amendment.

Yesterday the new state officers took their oath of office before the Supreme Justices, Chief Justice Coleman administering the oath to those lined up before him. Three new officers took the oath, being Justice Ducker, Attorney General Leonard B. Fowler and State Superintendent of Instruction W. J. Hunting.

Under the law passed two years ago, or the approval of the constitutional amendment, doing away with the feature of the Nevada oath, in which the applicant swore he had not fought a duel, been second or sent a challenge, the new officers take office without this feature. If any of them have fought a duel they are just as much entitled to the office and its emoluments as if they had.

As Chief Justice McCarran retires from the bench after six years of active service, the last two acting as Chief Justice, Judge Coleman made the following remarks:

"I desire to take advantage at this time to express the kindly feeling of the court upon parting with Chief Justice, Judge McCarran. I will state for myself and for the other members of the court, that I feel I can say that we wish to express the hope that his future at the bar will be as successful and as faithful as his learning and ability and his untiring energy entitle him to. We know that he possesses the characteristics which must bring him success, and which we feel will bring him success; and he goes from this court carrying with him, as I have said, the good wishes of every member thereof. We believe that before a great while we will learn that his efforts have been crowned with that success which they so justly deserve and merit."
—Carson News.

Keep your War Stamps pledge.

French, rushing men to the aid of their ally, prevented the separation of the two armies—and separation at that moment would have meant approximate ruin for the Allied cause. Rarely has any defeat taken the vanquished more completely by surprise. Suddenly the French and British awoke to the fact that their position was critical. They had expected to maintain a successful defensive until America deliberately accomplished
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GOVERNMENT SAYS "HOLD LIBERTY BONDS"

Important Financial Conference To Be Held at San Francisco January 17.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—One of the most important financial conferences ever held in the west has been called for January 17 in San Francisco by Governor James K. Lynch of the Federal Reserve Bank. The principal speaker will be Lewis B. Franklin, director of War Loan Organizations at Washington. Those who will attend the conference include Liberty Loan state chairman, War Savings State Directors and Women state chairmen from California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

The government's financial program will be explained and particular attention will be given plans to curb the activities of bond brokers who are asking the public to sell their Liberty Bonds. "Hold your bonds" is the appeal of the government, not only because selling them now means a sacrifice to original purchasers, but because the government is embarrassed by fall in price due to numerous sales. Sale of bonds of the first four loans will impair the success of the Victory Loan.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is planning a luncheon to honor Franklin the day of the conference.

Governor Lynch has announced the appointment of W. W. Armstrong as chairman of the Utah Liberty Loan Committee to succeed Heber J. Grant, recently chosen president of the Mormon church. Armstrong is president of the National Copper Bank in Salt Lake City and chairman of the finance committee of the Utah State Council of Defense.

BLIGHT BLAZE BRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT

Friday morning sparks from the chimney started a small blaze on the roof of the R. H. Potts home, Fourth and Bridger streets. An alarm was turned in, but when the truck reached the place Mr. Potts was on the roof and had the fire extinguished. He said that the only thing he needed the fire department for was to help him down off the roof. The house, which belongs to Mr. Colson, was damaged but slightly.

Mrs. Al. Moser arrived home from Tacoma Friday morning. She reports that Mr. Moser expects to receive his discharge in the near future when he will join her here.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD TWO MEETINGS

Old Board Completes Its Business—E. E. Smith Made Chairman of Board.

The old Board of County Commissioners held its final session Saturday, January 4, pursuant to adjournment. E. E. Smith and S. W. Darling, members, with Clerk Harmon and District Attorney Henderson, were present. Mr. S. W. Darling was made chairman pro tem.

At this time Mr. J. A. Egger of Goodsprings, presented to the board his commission of appointment by Governor Boyle to fill the unexpired term of George A. Fayle, deceased, and it appearing that said J. A. Egger had qualified as by law provided and is entitled to have a seat on this board, it was ordered that said Egger participate in the meeting of said board of county commissioners.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of the board were read by the Clerk and approved. Reports of the county officers were approved as read.

The claims presented against the county were approved except the following:

Claim of Al. James reduced from \$8.61 to \$2.33 on the ground that his claim for refund on pool table license is not a legal charge against the county.

The claim of O. C. Cazel for \$4.97 for refund on taxes was rejected; also the claim of Mrs. Charles Huber in the sum of \$18.20 for stenographic services rendered the mining inspector was rejected upon the ground that the same is not a legal charge against the county.

The question of allowing the claim of Fr. O'Grady for refund of taxes on the Catholic church coming before the board it appearing that same is not a legal charge against the county, upon motion the same was rejected.

At this time Mr. A. S. Henderson called the attention of the board to the fact that he had two sets of L. R. A. reports, and that 70 of said reports and three digests was just what the county needed to fill out its set of R. L. A. reports, and informed the board that he would sell said reports to the county for \$3.00 per volume, making a total of \$219.00. It appearing that it is to the best interest of the county that such purchase be made, said books were ordered purchased from Mr. Henderson for \$219.

There being no further business, the board adjourned sine die.

NEW BOARD ORGANIZES.

On Monday, January 6, 1919, the new board held its first meeting. This being the time for the newly elected board to take office, and it appearing that said members are duly qualified; and J. A. Egger, short term commissioner from Goodsprings, and Henry Rice, Sr., long term commissioner from Logandale, and E. E. Smith, hold over commissioner, being present, upon motion of Commissioner Egger, and duly carried it was ordered that E. E. Smith of Las Vegas be, and he is hereby elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board then proceeded to set the amount of bonds for the various county officers as follows:

- County Clerk, \$2,500.
- District Attorney, \$1,000.
- Recorder and Auditor, \$5,000.
- Sheriff, \$10,000.
- Assessor, \$5,000.
- Treasurer, \$100,000.
- Public Administrator, \$1,000.
- County Surveyor, \$1,000.
- All Justices of the Peace and Constables, \$1,000.

The various county officers thereupon proceeded to file their bonds in the amounts set forth above and the same were approved by the Board and said officers took the official oaths as required by law.

At this time F. A. Stevens of the firm of Stevens & Henderson appeared before the Board in behalf of the Hotel Nevada Mining Company, requesting a refund on taxes, on the Hotel Nevada building, claiming that the assessor had made an error in the assessment. Assessor M. E. McCarthy appeared before the Board and stated that there was no mistake in the assessment, but that she raised the assessment on said building from \$5,000 to \$10,000 intentionally. The matter was referred to District Attorney Stebenne for investigation
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JUDGE ORR OPENS THE DISTRICT COURT

Presided For the First Time Friday—Several Matters Disposed of.

Judge Wm. E. Orr opened the District Court of Clark County for the first time Friday. He took up the scales of Justice like an old hand and disposed of the business, including one divorce case, with expedition.

The following matters came before the court:

In the matter of the Guardianship of George Arthur Fayle, Jr., Leonard Roy Fayle and Jean Nevada Fayle, minors—The matter coming on before the court upon petition of Jane Frost Fayle to be appointed Guardian of the persons and estates of said minors.

It appearing that said minors are residents of the county of Clark, State of Nevada, and that each have estates which need the care and attention of some fit and proper person:

That the estate of each of said minors is of the value of \$5,200 or thereabouts:

It is ordered that the said Jane Frost Fayle be appointed as guardian of the persons and estates of said minors upon giving a bond in the aggregate amount of \$20,000.

In the estate of George Arthur Fayle, deceased.—The matter coming on before the court upon the petition of the Executrix, Jane Frost Fayle, for authority to continue and carry on the general merchandise business and activities, heretofore in the lifetime of said George Arthur Fayle, carried on and conducted by him at Jean and Goodsprings, Nevada, and in the Yellow Pine Mining District:

The court having heard the testimony of witnesses, ordered that said Jane Frost Fayle as Executrix, be and is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of said estate to continue and conduct said business and the handling of ores, and generally, the business carried on and conducted by the said deceased in the Yellow Pine Mining District.

In the estate of Fredric Albert Hale, Jr., deceased.—Upon motion of Stevens & Henderson, attorneys for said estate, an extension of 15 days time is granted for the making and return of the inventory and appraisal in said estate.

Frances Fort Chadwick vs. William H. Chadwick.—Decree of divorce granted to plaintiff upon the ground of non-support. Thomas & Ham, attorneys for plaintiff.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

PROGRAM

Week Commencing January 12, 1919.
SUNDAY.—Constance Talmadge in "The Lesson."
MONDAY.—"Liberty Bells," 2 reel Comedy; Animated Weekly and Brass Bulletin.

TUESDAY.—June Caprice in "Blue Eyed Mary," and Hank Mann in "The Cloud Puncher."
WEDNESDAY.—Charley Ray in "The Son of His Father."

THURSDAY.—Baby Marie Osborne in "The Little Patriot," also Allies' Official War Review.
FRIDAY.—Franklyn Farnum in "\$5,000 Reward"; also Current Events.

SATURDAY.—William Farnum in "Riders of the Purple Sage."
SUNDAY.—Alice Brady in "Ordeal of Rosetta."

KEDDIE WAS GOVERNOR BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW IT.

The Democratic state administration slipped a nice little joke over on W. A. Keddie, secretary pro tempore of the state senate and he was acting governor for several days without even knowing it until it was all over. It came about this way: On December 27, while Gov. Boyle was in San Francisco, Acting Gov. Sullivan was called to San Francisco to participate in some army work. When he left it was in the belief that Governor Boyle would be back in Nevada before he had crossed the state line. But the Governor failed to travel on schedule and did not return to Nevada till three or four days later. In the meantime Keddie was governor but didn't know it.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

AMONG YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS WHY NOT THE FOLLOWING:

"I RESOLVE this year to trade with the Beckley Store;

"BECAUSE there I am sure of High Class Goods;

"BECAUSE there I am sure that Prices Are Right;

"BECAUSE there I am sure of Courteous and Obliging Service and Satisfaction.

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