



TROOPS MET WITH EMOTION AND JOY

Portland's Welcome of Returning Heroes Perfect.

COAST ARTILLERY HONORED

Great City Turns Out en Masse to Greet Troops.

VICTORY WAY IS PACKED

Every Effort Made to Give Battle-Scarred Veterans Warm Remembrance of Day.

BY HARRY M. GRAYSON.

Covered as thick as a pastry cook's shop on Christmas eve was the union depot's platform when the trains carrying the 65th regiment, coast artillery corps, steamed in, ten minutes apart, at 2:45 P. M. yesterday.

Greeting Emotional and Joyous.

Thousands of relatives and friends, swept away and overcome with emotion and joy, spent 1 hour and 15 minutes greeting the home-coming heroes.

Portland Gives Nobby Welcome.

When the trains reached the steel bridge, Portland was awakened like a sea by a mighty tempest.

Just Reward Accorded.

As the 65th marched up Victory Way each man appeared as jaunty as the nimble flit of a cabaret dancer in mid-night season form.

The end of the line of march brought the men to the municipal auditorium, where, commencing at 1:30 P. M., a banquet and entertainment was held in their honor.

Evening Long to Be Remembered.

Free admission to every showhouse in the city was granted, so every man and the overseas men, other than members of the 65th who participated in the reception and parade, spent an evening which will long be remembered.

As the tall Kansas, Colonel Ben Kerfoot, with Mayor Baker and Mayor Bates of Medford on either side headed his "bell-ringing howitzer regiment" up Victory Way the crowd sent up cheer after cheer, although most of those who crammed the sidewalks were thinking of the many brave lads who crossed the Atlantic and willingly made a supreme sacrifice.

Portland Shows Her Pride.

OLEO LICENSE TAX HELD ALMOST CONFISCATORY

SENATOR PIERCE'S PET MEASURE PASSES SENATE.

Bill Requires Manufacturers to Pay \$1000, Wholesalers \$500 and Retailers \$100 Annually.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—An annual license tax which some senators asserted would be almost confiscatory is placed on the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of oleomargarine and kindred products under the terms of Senator Pierce's pet oleomargarine bill, which passed the senate on third reading today by a vote of 21 to 8.

The bill provides that manufacturers in Oregon shall pay \$1000 annually, wholesalers \$500 and all retailers \$100. Under this construction every little corner grocery will be compelled to pay \$100 a year for the privilege of selling oleomargarine.

Senator Pierce contended his bill was introduced to save the dairy industry of Oregon. He said this industry will die a slow death if oleomargarine is not taxed sufficiently to permit more even competition between the two products.

ARMY ORDERS ANNOUNCED

Colonel Joseph K. Partello Goes to Corvallis as Military Instructor.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 17.—Colonel Joseph K. Partello of the infantry is ordered to Corvallis as military instructor at Oregon agricultural college.

First Lieutenants Van Buren Maurian and Louis Frederick Ruschhaupt, medical corps, now with the spruce production division at Vancouver barracks, Wash. are ordered to Camp Lewis as tuberculosis examiners.

Colonel Rudolph G. Ebert, retired, also with the spruce production division at Vancouver barracks, is relieved of active duty.

Captain Clair Laurus Stealy, medical corps Vancouver barracks, is ordered to the air service flying school, March field, Riverside, Cal., and Captain Benjamin King, with the air service at Portland, is ordered to this city.

Strikes in Germany Spreading.

BERLIN, Friday, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike of department store workers in Berlin has spread to Hamburg and 3000 employees of shops and stores there are on strike. Late this afternoon the number of employees who had left their posts in Berlin stores was 40000.

91ST DIVISION SAILED FOR U.S. BY MARCH 1

Wild West Men Honored by General Pershing.

MANY MEDALS CONFERRED

Belgian and French Governments Bestow Decorations.

"ALWAYS READY" IS MOTTO

Major-General Johnston, in Letter to Governor Withycombe, Recounts Division's Distinguished Record.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The 91st, or "Wild West division," has been designated for return with the latest date for embarkation set as March 1, according to word conveyed in a letter to Governor Withycombe just received from Major-General William H. Johnston, in command of the division.

General Johnston's letter also tells of an inspection of the division by General Pershing in which he personally presented the congressional medal of honor to two sergeants and nearly 80 distinguished service crosses to officers and men for extraordinary heroism. General Pershing also complimented the men on their fine appearance and "expressed pleasure on hearing of the small degree of sickness, and almost complete absence of lice," writes General Johnston.

Troops' Movements Given.

In his letter to the Governor, General Johnston said: "Since my letter to you of November 30, announcing that the 91st division had been designated as one of 39 combat divisions to remain in the American expeditionary forces, it has marched from the Scheldt river to the vicinity of Dunkirk, France, remained there three weeks, awaiting orders, and is now en route to the coast." (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

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STRIKE AT BUTTE OFFICIALLY ENDED

Nearly 5000 Miners Report for Work.

UNIONS VOTE TO GO BACK

Soldiers', Sailors' and Workers' Council Favors Action.

OLD JOBS GIVEN STRIKERS

No Discrimination Is Shown as Result of Walkout; Entire Force Will Be at Work Today.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 17.—Butte's strike of miners, which began February 7, has ended.

Unofficially it ended this morning, when several thousand miners, who had remained away from work for nine days, presented themselves at the mines and asked for their old jobs.

Officially it ended late today, when officers of the Butte Metal Miners' union (independent) made public announcement that it had "called off the strike temporarily, acting on the recommendation of the soldiers', sailors' and workers' council."

JUDGE'S RISE IS APPROVED

Senate Passes Bill Increasing Multnomah Salaries.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The senate today passed the bill increasing the salaries of the district judges of Multnomah county from \$2400 to \$2600 a year. Senator Farrell of Multnomah was the only member of the delegation which opposed passage of the measure. Senator Banks referred to the fact that the district court had showed a profit of more than \$10,000 last year as one of his arguments favoring the bill. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

TURKISH GIRLS CHARM MEN OF AMERICAN NAVY

18 OF GUNBOAT SCORPION'S CREW MARRY AND STAY.

One of Benedictus Is Joseph Darley, Commander Yeoman, Aged 66, Entitled to Pension.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Eighteen of the 56 members of the crew of the United States gunboat Scorpion, interned at Constantinople from April 11, 1917, until last November married Turkish women and have been left behind there, according to Lieutenant-Commander Herbert S. Habbitt of Houghton, N. Y., former commander of the Scorpion, who arrived here today with 49 other members of the gunboat's crew on the Italian steamer Dante Alighieri. A new crew was sent to relieve the interned men soon after the armistice was signed.

One of the crew's Benedictus was Joseph Darley, commander yeoman, aged 66, who requested permission to remain in Turkey because he wanted to marry "a beautiful Turkish girl about 20 years old." His request was granted and an effort will be made to obtain his discharge and a pension.

During the first three months of their internment the men were allowed many liberties, including frequent shore leaves, but later an armed Turkish guard was placed on board. The officers were then restricted to one visit ashore every two weeks and the men one visit every two months, always accompanied by Turkish guards.

PORTUGAL AGAIN COMPOSED

Revolutionary Movement Reported Completely Put Down.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Final suppression of the revolutionary movement in Portugal has been proclaimed by the government at Lisbon, according to dispatches received today at the state department. Wire communication is now being maintained between Lisbon and Oporto and railway communication is being inaugurated.

The official announcement also stated that Ceiro, the leader of the monarchist movement, and several members of his cabinet, had been imprisoned. The casualties in the fighting during the uprising were reported to have been heavy.

5000 INDOORSE PLEA FOR PEACE LEAGUE

Ex-President Taft Points Out Need of World Pact.

OPPOSITION IS DEPLORED

Senate of United States Is Urged to Ratify Covenant.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

Northwestern Conference Goes on Record Unanimously in Favor of League of Nations.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

Though he drew it from a scabbard of banter and pleasantry, the blade with which William Howard Taft slashed away objections to the covenant for peace, as he spoke yesterday morning and evening at the northwestern congress for a league of nations, under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace, was keen with logic and bright with sarcasm. Fully 5000 delegates and non-affiliated citizens gathered from the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, cheered him to the echo again and again.

In mid-afternoon the congress adopted by acclamation the platform presented by the tri-state committee, which resolves that a treaty of peace, of which the formation of such a league and covenant is an essential part, shall be ratified by the senate of the United States, and that the United States shall take its proper place among the great powers subscribing thereto, not only for the good of the nation, but for the peaceful welfare and progress of mankind.

Enthusiasm Is Great.

As the platform was read, with ex-President Taft presiding, tumultuous cheering arose. A resolution also was unanimously adopted that the platform be carried at once to the Paris committee of the League to Enforce Peace as an expression from the states represented in the northwestern congress.

With a throaty little chuckle that utterly captivated his audience, America's ex-president and noted exponent of the enforcement of peace scored those senators who oppose the ratification of the league of nations covenant, paying particular heed to Senators Borah and Poindexter. "When he laughed in this wise the congress collectively laughed with him, adding a round of applause for good measure.

Mr. Taft referred to the covenant, as did other notable speakers, as a means for the clinching of all that the world war for freedom has gained, declaring that he believed the American people will stand by President Wilson and the League to Enforce Peace in their common concept of sanity in international relationships and the abolishment of war and secret diplomacy.

Covenant Deemed Good.

In general, he testified, the covenant fulfills the hopes of the American leaders in the movement, carrying with it a decisive force that will outlaw any nation which brooks its conclusions as for Germany, he pointed to the "character" clause and declared that the nation which provoked the world war will not "be let through the bars until she brings forth works meet for repentance."

"Mark my words," he exclaimed, "these objections that we hear today from Senator Borah and Senator Poindexter and others are useful only for arguments against the league. If the league is adopted you'll never hear of them again. Is the senate of the United States to take upon its shoulders the responsibility of defeating the greatest movement for the abolition of war?"

There were a thousand cries in answer: "No!"

Speakers at the morning session were Mr. Taft and Edward A. Filene, the latter a director of the chamber of commerce, U. S. A. Speakers at the afternoon session were Henry Van Dyke, formerly minister to The Netherlands; Henry Morgenthau, formerly ambassador to Turkey; Dr. George Gratton Wilson, professor of international law, Harvard university; Mrs. Philip North Moore, president of the American Council of Women, and W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college.

San Francisco Next Stop. Mr. Taft spoke again at the evening session. (Continued on Page 10, Column 1.)

THOUSANDS OF PORTLAND CITIZENS TURN OUT TO WELCOME HOME THE SIXTY-FIFTH REGIMENT, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS, WHICH ARRIVED IN THIS CITY YESTERDAY FROM SERVICE IN FRANCE.



VICTORY WAY, LOOKING NORTH FROM THE LIBERTY TEMPLE AND SHOWING THE BOYS OF THE 65TH SWINGING DOWN MORRISON STREET AFTER PARADE FROM UNION STATION.

FEATURES OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY. Senate. Multnomah commissioners prepare senate bill to give them authority to build new bridge across river at Portland. Bill to place heavy license tax on oleomargarine passes in senate. Bill to give Multnomah county district judges \$3000 annually receives approval. House. Passes Handley house bill preparing for establishment of 15000 soldiers' memorial in each county. Passes Rogue river fish bill. Passes McFarland boxing bill.