

## WARDENS BEATEN IN NIGHT FIGHT WITH FISHERMEN

VICIOUS GANG FIGHTS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN PORTLAND AND OREGON CITY.

## MANY ARE INJURED

FISH COMMISSION MAY ASK FOR MILITIA TO PATROL STREAM AGAINST POACHERS.

By United Press  
PORTLAND, April 26.—Organized fish pirates yesterday completely routed a force of game wardens on the Willamette river between here and Oregon City, in a series of vicious gang fights and gun battles.

Many persons were hurt, but none seriously. The wardens, under Roy Bremer, are being armed here for a cleanup tonight.

The state fish commission is considering a call for militia to aid in policing the river. Ten wardens participated in battles last night.

## GASOLINE DOWN THREE CENTS IN MIDDLE WEST

By United Press  
CHICAGO, April 26.—Filling station gasoline in the middle west today dropped from 26 cents to 22 cents a gallon, it was announced by the Standard Oil company of Indiana. Gasoline at tank wagons is now 20 instead of 23 cents.

## JUDGE THREATENED IN BANK FAILURE CASE

TACOMA JURIST DISMISSES INDICTMENTS AND AROUSES IRE OF DEPOSITOR.

By United Press  
TACOMA, April 26.—A threat to kill Superior Judge W. D. Askren because of his action in dismissing grand jury indictments against Ole Larson and Charles Drury, president and director of the closed Scandinavian-American bank of Tacoma, was today received by the judge in the mail.

The threat was signed "a depositor."

"Be careful with your decisions in the Larson and Drury cases," it said. "They should have heavy fines and prison sentences. Shoot straight or I will."

## REBUILDING CITY'S AQUATIC FEATURE

NEW LOGS WILL REPLACE WATER-SOAKED ONES—TO SOLICIT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Apparatus at the municipal dip is being rebuilt in preparation for an active summer swimming season.

The waterlogged timbers under the float are to be replaced with five great logs, each four feet in diameter and 42 feet long. Dr. Fred Thompson secured these logs last week, and they are now being put together in the under structure upon which the diving apparatus will stand. As soon as the water gets a little higher, these logs will be towed to where the diving barge is now grounded, and the superstructure will be transferred.

The present barge is 20 feet by 36 feet in dimensions. The new one will be 22 feet by 56 feet. Ten dressing rooms will be built at the upper end of the new float. The float will be moored at the usual place this summer.

The municipal dip is a free enterprise, for the enjoyment of all. It is

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## 3,000,000 BUSHELS NOW SIGNED FOR SALE BY NEW ORGANIZATION

MEETING WITH SMOCK AND WAMIC FARMERS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.

More than 3,000,000 bushels of wheat is now lined up in Oregon for sale by the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers' association, as the result of additional contracts signed up by representatives of the organization late last week and Monday.

In two meetings in Wallowa county, 50 contracts were signed aggregating 70,000 bushels, and in Gilliam county last week 120,000 bushels were signed. A series of seven meetings are being held in Gilliam county this week, and three more are scheduled for Wallowa.

Tonight, in the county court room, farmers of the Wamic and Smock districts will meet with representatives of the growers' association. A large number of these farmers are in town today attending the water contest hearings before the state water board.

George C. Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Grain Growers, Associated, who is returning from the national meeting in Chicago, wired the local office today that the northwestern organization will affiliate with the United States Grain Growers, Inc., without changes in the present form of contract.

## NEWEST REPARATION OFFER MAY RECEIVE FAVORABLE RESPONSE

GERMAN PROPOSAL NOW BELIEVED KEY TO WAR FINANCIAL TANGLE.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—The complete text of the German reparations note has been received, the state department announced today.

Secretary of State Hughes took the communication under immediate consideration. It is assumed that Hughes brought the note to the attention of President Harding and the cabinet, which met soon after the receipt of the communication.

The note started coming in late last night in fragments.

"When it will be made public officials could not say."

By L. C. Bradford

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—Germany's new reparations offer bids fair to receive favorable response from the United States government, it is understood here.

While state department officials refrain from formal comment, the belief is indicated in responsible quarters here that the German proposal contained the key to the final settlement of the reparations tangle.

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## I. W. W. LEADERS ARE IN FEDERAL PRISON

20 MEN CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE VIOLATION "CHECK IN" AT LEAVENWORTH.

By United Press  
LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, April 26.—Twenty of the I. W. W. members sentenced to serve time in Leavenworth prison today "checked in." Twenty-seven others are expected to arrive within a few hours.

The men were convicted of violation of the espionage law by a jury in Federal Judge Landis' court, Chicago. Most of them are dejected because of the desertion of their leader, "Big Bill" Haywood.

## FRANCE PREPARES FOR MAY EFFORT AGAINST GERMANS

PREMIER BRIAND MAKES IMPASSIONED DENUNCIATION OF LATE ENEMIES.

## WILL ENFORCE TREATY

ADVANCE INTO RUHR BASIN BY POILU DIVISIONS FORECASTED.

By United Press  
PARIS, April 26.—France is ready to strike a blow on May first which will force the Germans to submit to the peace treaty, Premier Briand declared today before the chamber of deputies.

Immediately after the chamber had voted confidence in his ministry by a vote of 424 to 29, the premier took the floor and in an impassioned speech reviewed Germany's record of treaty defaults.

"We have made all preparations for a move on May first which will give us means of executing the treaty," he declared.

By Webb Miller

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
PARIS, April 26.—Two weeks from today the graveled roads of the Ruhr will be choked with horizon blue rivers of French troops, according to plans of the French war office. The military plans, devised by Marshal Foch and his assistants with

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## GERMAN-AUSTRIAN PEACE CONSIDERED BY SENATE TODAY

SENATOR LODGE CALLS UP KNOX RESOLUTION REPEALING WAR DECLARATIONS.

## EXPEDITION REQUESTED

KNOX BILL FORMAL STATEMENT OF PEACE AND IS NOT BINDING.

By L. C. Martin  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—The senate today took up the task of making peace with Germany and Austria.

Senator Lodge, in calling up today the Knox resolution repealing the declarations of war upon Germany and Austria, authorized by congress in 1917, set that program in motion. All congress has to do with the program, for the present, at least, is to substitute a technical state of peace for the technical state of war which has existed since the armistice ended actual hostilities more than two years ago.

The resolution, as reported by the foreign relations committee, binds the United States to nothing. It is simply a formality.

Lodge hopes to pass the resolution in a day or two. He will be satisfied to pass it this week. The house, having a resolution of its own, may take a week longer.

## Community Service Planning Beautiful Historical Event

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOTHER COUNTY OF THE NORTHWEST WILL BE PORTRAYED IN STRIKING FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH—SITES CONSIDERED.

Initial plans were made for an extensive historical pageant at a luncheon in the Y. W. C. A. rooms yesterday. The pageantry committee with Adah Losh Rose of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Pilcher, Community Service chorus directors, were in attendance. J. T. Rorick gave a cordial address of welcome.

Adah Losh Rose has written and directed two very successful pageants staged in Portland. In speaking at the luncheon Mrs. Rose mentioned having been a resident of The Dalles a few years ago, and of the interest she felt in helping with the proposed pageant, which should be planned as an annual event developed from the historical importance of this location.

Attention was called to the wonderful growth of the Pendleton Round-up from the first one sponsored by eight Pendleton business men, and staged in a field with only a baseball grandstand, to the well organized grounds and stadium with a 40,000 seating capacity of the present time. The committee is hoping to initiate something as big for The Dalles, which will attract people from all over the northwest. The historical material which centers about the city is so abundant it would be difficult to exhaust the supply; and the natural stage settings are wonderful in the possibilities they afford.

The plan is to depict to the audience with musical accompaniment, pantomime and action showing the development of Oregon history from the prehistoric time when there were perhaps no people here, to the Indians, the miners, the tradesmen, the missionaries, the early settlers on to the present stage of the city's history, with beautiful character and color effects.

A pleasant surprise feature of the luncheon was the unexpected presence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Chaloupke from the Warm Springs Indian agency, who were lunching at the rooms at another table and spoke of their willingness to assist in getting the co-

operation of the Indians in staging the Indian parts.

H. E. Burdette, landscape artist and one of the committee, spoke of his willingness to help in arranging the stage setting for the pageant. Immediately after the luncheon, Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall, Lynn Roycroft, Mr. Burdette and Mrs. Rose went to look over the possible locations.

The first place investigated was an immense bowl like amphitheater above the cliff from the O-W. R. & N. round house. This place affords a view of the Columbia extending 12 miles east and west and would accommodate from 15,000 to 25,000 people. Socrates Park and Amaton field, back of the high school were visited but were not considered altogether favorable. The automobile camp ground was then looked over and called forth many enthusiastic comments and suggestions.

An excellent amphitheater was located consisting of a grass covered depression for the stage, with ample room for the participants, and with natural screens for the dressing rooms in the rear. Seats could be arranged in a semi-circular form on the higher elevation bordering the "stage," the low rock wall in front making an ideal sounding board and orchestra pit. Several small lakes encircling a rocky promontory would afford the setting for the Lewis and Clark party arriving in boats.

The convenience of this locality to the people of the city and the advertising advantage of an immense open air theater at the camp ground were considered very important. Mr. Burdette expressed his belief that in spite of the work needed that this place could be gotten ready for the proposed date during the latter part of May, in case it cannot be made ready by that time the Union street park was probably be used for this year's pageant.

The pageant will call for about 1000 people as participants in its production. Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall will furnish the historical material.

## WAPINITIA CO. WINS LONG DRAWN BATTLE IN FEDERAL COURTS

DECISION HANDED DOWN BY JUDGE WOLVERTON DISMISSES CLAIMS.

One of the most complicated legal tangles unraveled in recent years was decided Monday in the Portland federal court, when Federal Judge Wolvertton handed down a decision involving the water rights of the Wapinitia Irrigation company and the foreclosure of \$200,000 in bonds of the old Clear Lake Power and Lumber company and the Eastern Irrigation Power and Lumber company. Suit for foreclosure of the bonds had been started by J. Morgan and J. R. Keep. Litigation was first started in 1902. Monday's decision is regarded as a complete victory for the Wapinitia Irrigation company, the complaint of Morgan and Keep being dismissed and the counter claim of the Irrigation company, in which a permanent injunction against further interference with the irrigation project was asked, being granted in full.

It is interesting to note that the decision was handed down at a time when the White river drainage basin litigation, now being heard before Superintendent George T. Cochran, representing the state water board and

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## ENTHUSIASM ATTENDS FIRST CLASSES HELD BY NEW SONG LEADER

PENT-UP MELODY OF VOCAL ASPIRANTS RELEASED BY MAGNETIC PILCHERS.

"Song leaders developed while you wait," was the order of procedure yesterday evening in an enthusiastic Community Service meeting held at the Y. W. C. A. rooms, for the purpose of giving local men and women instruction in song leading. The meeting was under the direction of L. S. Pilcher of Community Service, assisted by Mrs. Pilcher on the piano.

Pilcher was formerly first tenor in the Savage Opera company, singing many engagements in "A Bohemian Girl." He was also prominent in the church and concert field. He has a vigorous, temperamental personality, which, coupled with an abundance of personal magnetism, is the cause of arousing his audience to their best efforts in singing. In fact, many local citizens who for years have felt a secret longing to be song leaders, last night loosed their pent-up voices in melody.

Pilcher first took up song leading during the war, when he became associated with Community Service. Mrs. Pilcher is also prominent in musical circles at Hollywood, Cal.

The next meeting will be held

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## CABINET CONSIDERS DISARMAMENT STEPS

PRESIDENT AND ADVISORS SAID TO FAVOR CONFERENCE.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—Disarmament steps are under serious consideration by President Harding and his advisors, it was learned today, following a cabinet meeting. An authoritative statement was made, however, that the administration sees no way to move at this time.

President Harding and his cabinet members are understood to be sympathetic toward the suggestion of a disarmament conference, but the latest review of the situation by them discloses conditions which they believe make it inadvisable to move definitely at this time.

## CITY WATER BOARD ASKS FOR SUPPLY FROM HOOD RIVER

APPLICATIONS MADE TO STATE WATER BOARD. REQUESTS 4,000,000 GALLONS DAILY.

## SURVEYS NOT YET MADE

SUIT TO FORESTALL CITY'S MOVE ALREADY PLANNED BY LUMBER COMPANY.

Application for 4,000,000 gallons of water daily from the east fork of Hood river to be used in adding to the city's supply has been made by The Dalles water commission to the state water board.

Formal request in the matter was made 10 days ago over the signatures of the water commission, headed by J. T. Rorick. The application was prepared by Attorney W. H. Wilson.

Six second feet (six cubic feet of water per second, otherwise described as 240 miner's inches) are sought. The petition did not contain exact details of where the east fork of Hood river is to be tapped, how long the pipe line will be, or where it will run into Mill creek, as surveys must first be made, and these are not possible at this time because of the snow in the mountains.

According to Judge Rorick, the commission has already been advised from Salem that the Oregon Lumber

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## INQUIRE INTO PATENT GRANTS OF GERMANS

HIRAM JOHNSON FAVORS LEGISLATION CANCELLING RIGHTS OF TEUTONS.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—Investigation of the granting to Germans of 201 American patents since July may be asked in the senate by Hiram Johnson, chairman of the patent committee. Inquires are likely to result in legislation cancelling the patents, it was indicated.

Senators are deeply aroused by a letter from Secretary of War Weeks disclosing the fact that these patents have been issued, and that all are assigned to Frederick Krupp, German munitions maker.

## ORCHARDISTS TO ASK FOR LOCAL BRANCH

DELEGATION LEAVES FOR SALISBURY, SEEKING COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP.

With slightly more than 1000 acres of orchard and produce acreage signed up in Wasco county as a result of a month's solicitation by representatives of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association, which is seeking to establish a branch organization in this county, a delegation of local orchardists left for Salisbry yesterday, where the members will consult with the directors of the state association regarding possible plans of organization.

The minimum acreage required by the state cooperative association before it will establish a branch in Wasco county is 1200 acres. The Wasco delegation will ask however, that the 1000 acres now signed up be accepted and a branch organization established here, with the other 200 acres to be secured at a later date. Along this line, it is pointed out, there are several hundred acres of young orchard not yet in bearing, which will be eligible for inclusion in the county organization within a few years.

M. O. Evans, field manager of the

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