

THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER

Oregon Historical Society and Sunday Fair;
Public Auditorium.
Frost in Morning.....55
Temp. yesterday.....65
Lowest temp. last night.....39

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MEXICO MAY BREAK WITH UNITED STATES

Her Unexpected Action Toward Cuba Considered an Indirect Move.

IS VIEWED WITH ALARM

No Movements of Any Importance in the War Zone Today—New Drive of Germans Not Materialized.

MOVE AGAINST U. S.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—Mexico's unexpected action is considered a direct move against the United States, possibly foreshadowing the breaking of diplomatic relations with this country, and some are of the opinion that Mexico is luring a pretext to do this, and that German propaganda is again very active in Mexico.

MEXICO SEVERES RELATIONS.

Mexico City, May 25.—Mexico has severed relations with Cuba, the Mexican representative to Cuba has been recalled and the sending of a new representative will be suspended for an indefinite time. The Mexican officials explain this move on the part of their government being due to the fact that Cuba being in the war is forced to dictate measures that affect Mexican interests in many instances, therefore the Mexican government would be forced to make representations to the Cuban government which would be useless and would restrict the liberty of the action taken by Cuba, a "friendly nation which is now in an afflicted situation." The action has been taken to avoid any friction, so it is stated, and relations will be renewed later.

OFFICIALS ARE PUZZLED.

Washington, May 25.—Officials here are puzzled at Mexico's action and it is unknown what she hopes to accomplish. It is believed that she is expressing her displeasure at the withholding of sugar and other supplies by the Cuban government.

EVIDENCE BEING ASSEMBLED.

Washington, May 25.—More evidence of a close connection between the Irish Sinn Féin and German influence is now in the hands of the British authorities, as well as those of the United States, and arrests will be made soon both in this country and possibly in Ireland.

HAS NO PRECEDENT.

Washington, May 25.—Mexico's decision to break relations with Cuba has no precedent by any nation, in order to keep on friendly terms, and this procedure will probably lead to war. The action directed against Cuba is a matter a very serious concern to the United States, according to officials who are giving the matter attention.

BRITISH BOAT TORPEDOED.

Washington, May 25.—The British steamer, Moldavia, has been torpedoed and sunk with a probable loss of 56 American troops. The war department has given out the names of 53 members of company B, 58th United States Infantry, fourth division, missing from the Moldavia, but the list has not been received from the department for publication.

BOAT CARRIED 480 SOLDIERS.

Washington, May 25.—The Moldavia carried 480 American soldiers of the 58th company, and all those reported lost belonged to Company B, and it is now believed that there were 53 men lost, not 56 as first reported. The list includes none of the soldiers were from California, many from Wisconsin and other middle western states and a few from the New England states and the south. All the men lost were privates with the exception of two corporals.

WILL DOUBLE RED CROSS QUOTA.

Washington, May 25.—The Red Cross war fund has passed the \$100,000,000 mark and may be doubled before the drive ends, according to information given out at headquarters today.

NOW GERMAN PRISONERS.

Washington, May 25.—Four American army officers and 26 enlisted men, previously reported missing, are now known to be held as prisoners in Germany.

OREGON PASSED UP.

Washington, May 25.—The engineering experts have recommended sites for five government ship yards for the construction of concrete ships, and it is understood that Wil-

TERCINSKI IS INTERNED.

It is understood that C. H. Tercinski, a former merchant of this city, has been interned as an enemy alien in the east and is being held in an internment camp for the duration of the war. Mr. Tercinski is of Russian-German descent and has relatives in both of those countries. While a resident here he conducted a dry goods establishment and has a number of acquaintances who will be surprised to learn of his detention.

Pres. W. J. Kerr of the O. A. C. Delivers Masterful Speech On War Situation.

FOOD WILL WIN STRUGGLE

The Speaker Good Many Facts to Prove That It Is Not Man Shortage But Food Shortage That Makes the Situation Grave.

SPECIAL SESSION TO BE CALLED.

Washington, May 25.—It seems quite probable that action on the revenue legislation will be postponed and a special session called after the November elections.

OFFERED BIG BRIBE.

San Francisco, May 25.—Nicholas Treason, awaiting sentence for failing to submit to a physical examination for the draft, stated on the witness stand of the United States district court today that he was offered \$17,000 to testify falsely against Thomas Mooney in the bomb trial.

GERMANS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

London, May 25.—Reports from Bruges, where a successful raid was made by the British navy some weeks ago states that 13 German sailors have been sentenced to death and two to 20 years' imprisonment for attempted treason in connection with the British raid on the submarine bases there.

U. S. HAVE MILLION MEN.

Paris, May 25.—The French high commissioner, Tardieu, who has just returned from the United States, indicated in an interview today that there would be a million American troops in France by mid-summer, and by the end of the year this number would be increased to 1,500,000.

ROOSEVELT IN LIMELIGHT.

Washington, May 25.—Theodore Roosevelt today charged that the administration had played for and against the various magazines published in the United States, in reference to postage, and that the president was directly responsible for the procedure. Roosevelt's reply to Burleson in the controversy over the alleged discrimination by the post-office department in the treatment accorded publications has been presented to the senate.

INVESTIGATING SPEECH.

Washington, May 25.—Senator Pomerene, chairman of the committee investigating LaFollette's speech of last September, informed the Associated Press today that the committee had not concerned itself with the press reports of the speech, which had been the subject of the controversy, but is only concerned to know what the speech was as delivered and the truth and purpose of the statements therein.

AIRPLANE IN FRANCE.

Washington, May 25.—The house military committee's report shows the present number of American airplanes in France to be 1316, of which number 323 are combat planes.

FORMER GLENDALE EDITOR IS EMBEZZLER

F. B. Rutherford, Portland attorney, last night pleaded guilty to embezzlement from a client, and was sentenced by Judge Robert G. Morrow to from one to five years in the penitentiary. Upon recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Collier the prisoner was paroled upon an agreement to refund the stolen money at not less than \$75 a month, the whole amount of \$2100 to be paid within one year. Rutherford was arrested on complaint of O. P. Dickinson, an old man whose confidence the attorney had gained, and for whom Rutherford agreed to lend the money at not less than 10 per cent a year. The funds were appropriated to other uses. Because of the age of the complaining witness and there being no hope of recovering his money for the support of his last years except through the parole, that action was agreed upon. F. B. Rutherford is well known in this city and at one time was associated with the Glendale News. He owns considerable property in the vicinity of Glendale at the present time. Henry and James Conn, of Melrose, are business visitors in the city today.

GREAT PATRIOTIC ADDRESS IS GIVEN

Pres. W. J. Kerr of the O. A. C. Delivers Masterful Speech On War Situation.

FOOD WILL WIN STRUGGLE

Secure Large Acreage

Bean Seed and Tomato Plants May Be Secured By Applying to Secretary—Cannery to Fill a Long Felt Want.

President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, who is considered one of the ablest agriculturists in the United States, delivered an address this afternoon at the high school building on the war situation which has seldom, if ever been equaled here.

In addition to being a very able speaker President Kerr has just recently returned from a conference presided over by the U. S. secretary of agriculture. Mr. Kerr responded to a telegram from the secretary of agriculture which read: "It is deemed extremely important that the war situation be presented very directly to the people," and asking President Kerr to attend the conference to be held in Washington, D. C. President Kerr was selected as one of eight men to tour the United States and deliver addresses on this momentous question of war, his territory being the northern and western states.

In his address today the speaker states that the war situation is not only very serious but very critical as well. In reviewing the situation he quoted from Sir Douglas Haig who said: "Believing in the justice of our cause and with our backs to the wall, we must fight to the finish. There must be no retirement. We must hold our position to the last man."

Lloyd George, in an address to parliament in which he referred to the age limit of 18 to 15, stated that when boys of 18 were admitted to the army they were not to be sent to the front except in cases of extreme necessity, and that now such extreme necessity had arisen. The speaker spoke of the appeal made by Lord Reading, British ambassador to the United States, in a recent address in New York City, in which he urged the United States to speed preparations and send troops to the front as rapidly as possible.

This shows, according to President Kerr, that the situation is critical from a standpoint of man power, but notwithstanding all this great need of men, "the great crisis confronting the allies is not due to shortage of men but to the shortage of the food situation," said the speaker.

In September, 1917, President Kerr stated that the prime minister of France cabled the United States for a shipment of \$50,000 worth of sugar, which was sent, thus causing a shortage in this country, when very limited amounts were allowed at a single purchase.

In October of the same year, the prime minister of France cabled that the cereal crops were only about 45 per cent of the normal production; a rice shortage of 61 per cent, a dried vegetable shortage of 52 per cent, a shortage of 49 per cent of sugar and of fats and oils of 43 per cent, was noted from the French high commissioner in Washington, Captain Andre Tardieu, who was present at the conference which President Kerr attended.

Resulting from the above conditions the commissioner stated that the peasants and working classes of France were on a one-third bread ration and the soldier rations had been reduced 15 per cent. Bread riots in France had already occurred.

Captain Tardieu stated that France has reached the limit of suffering and sacrifice and that unless the United States comes to immediate relief, we may find the French unable to fight with us when we reach there. France now has 7,000,000 men at the front, has lost 1,300,000 and her wounded number 1,700,000 more, all of whom have been supported by a population of 32,520,000.

If the allies should have to drop out, it would mean that the United States would have to make up in the loss in man power, which would mean many millions. It was food shortage and not man shortage that was the supreme cause of Russia falling out. As a result of Russia's weakness, Germany now has control of 89 per cent of the coal, 3 per cent of the iron, over 13,000 miles of railroad, many thousands of acres of land and several thousand factories there.

Germany's slogan is "Paris, England, America," and President Kerr made an eloquent appeal to the people to abstain from the use of wheat and all other necessary foods for winning the war, and thereby help our allies in this great common cause, for the rights of mankind, and the everlasting defeat of German militarism.

CANNERY IS NOW FULLY ASSURED

Two Stockholders Will Arrive Tomorrow to Confer With Secretary Benson.

SECURE LARGE ACREAGE

Bean Seed and Tomato Plants May Be Secured By Applying to Secretary—Cannery to Fill a Long Felt Want.

F. R. Deem and H. M. Spencer, two leading stockholders of the new cannery to be located in this city, will arrive here tomorrow morning, when they will confer with E. C. Benson, secretary of the Douglas County Merchants Association, and look over the plans for installing the machinery for the new cannery. Mr. Deem will stay in Roseburg for some time to assist Mr. Benson who is in charge of the cannery company's affairs until they are firmly established.

Mr. Benson has received a small amount of bean seed, and expects a large amount to arrive Monday. Will have the "Asparagus" bean seed, which is an improved "Kentucky Wonder," for distribution. This is not only a splendid producer, but is an excellent bean for canning purposes. On account of the cold weather, conditions are extremely favorable for late planting. Owing to the very hard frosts north and south of us, it has been very hard to secure tomato plants, but it is expected a considerable amount will be received in the near future.

Everyone interested should see Mr. Benson at his office upstairs in the Douglas National Bank building. Very much interest is being taken in the new cannery which is to be a long felt want here. Mr. Benson has been making daily trips to secure acreage, and already secured a large amount. There is no doubt about the farmers of this vicinity giving their very hearty support to a cannery, and next year the acreage promises to be exceedingly good. It is splendid now considering the lateness of establishing the plant.

STRANGE VISITORS IS FINE ENTERTAINMENT

"Strange Visitors," the grade school cantata which was an event of last evening at the high school auditorium proved to be one of the best school productions ever offered in this city and the highest commendation is due Miss Kinney, who directed the young people and ably prepared them for the splendid results of last evening.

In addition to "Strange Visitors" a number of pleasurable musical and other features were given including a lovely overture by the high school orchestra which has reached a stage of perfection under the leadership of Miss Kinney, a violin duet by Paul Johnson and Edward Strader, which were well received. Songs by the first, sixth and second grade girls, a beautiful violin solo by Thomas Moore, the quaint and lovely minuet as danced by four children from the first, and four children from the third grades, and a pleasing classical esthetics dance by Maybelle Miller, of the high school.

"Strange Visitors," or the meeting of nations, introduced guests from various lands with the adoptions of characteristic songs and dances and the national music. The chorus of American entertainers with Mary Julia Clark as soloist, and the other soloist which included many of the best talent among the younger people of the city were all received with much applause and the parts were especially well taken. The large auditorium was over filled with delighted patrons and the entire performance was declared to be wonderfully fine.

HONORING FRANK CLEMENS.

The Skinner home in Paradise valley, was the scene of a happy gathering last evening, in honor of Frank Clemens, a popular Roseburg young man who is here on a furlough from Bremerton, where he is in the navy service. Forty local folk were present to enjoy this glad occasion and during the evening an impromptu program, diversified with dancing and music, kept the company in the most enjoyable hours. Late in the closing evening hours "weines and buns" and other delectable "eats" were served and following this the merry party motored to their respective homes declaring the event to have been most interesting and altogether fine.

PROTECTING TOMATO PLANTS FROM PESTS

Methods Employed to Kill the Cut Worms and Flea Beetles.

DIPPING IS SUCCESSFUL

Cut Worms Destroyed By Bran Mash Containing Dose of Arsenic—Proper Planting is Essential to Good Results.

(By P. A. Bonquet, Ph. D.)
Tomato plants are successfully protected against flea beetles and cut worms by dipping them in arsenate of lead (1 pound to 10 gallons of water) before planting. Care should be taken that the roots are not immersed in the poison or even that the arsenate is spilled on the soil which will come in contact with the roots.

The best way to do this is to dip each plant one by one just before planting in a bucket filled with the solution. The bucket should be of stone or wood. The plant should then be carefully set in moist ground. This treatment is also effective against cut worms. However, it is better to use the preventive method so as to kill the cut worms before they have done damage. This is successfully done by the use of poisoned bran. Take one pound of white arsenic or one pound of Paris green, 25 pounds of bran or middlings, two quarts of cheap molasses, one gallon of water. Mix the arsenic with the bran; then slowly add the molasses mixed with the water so as to make a stiff mash. Be careful not to add too much water. One or two days before setting out the tomatoes, after marking your field, go and apply a teaspoonful of the bran about eight inches away from the place where the tomato will be growing. The bran should be put in a shallow hole and rest on moist soil. It should then be covered with two inches of soil or a piece of heavy cardboard so that it does not dry out too soon. Keep poultry, cattle and children away from arsenic fields as it is a deadly poison even in small amounts.

A more convenient way to do and just as effective, although a little more expensive, is to scatter the poisonous bran over the field late in the evening. The cutworm is nocturnal in his habits and feeds during the night; this gives him a fresh meal. The bran when dried and caked by the sun, is less attractive. Mind especially that this should be done one or two days before the plants are set out in the field. It must be remembered that poisoned bran is deadly to man and animals, even in small amounts; also that in order to be effective the bran must be applied to the field at least one day before planting. In dipping tomato plants in arsenate of lead, neither the roots nor the soil, in which the roots are to be placed, may come in contact with the poison, otherwise the plant will die or be very weak for a long time.

Notes on Planting Tomatoes.
The preparation of the land is essential to have the best results. The ideal preparation of the land is deep fall plowing, shallow spring plowing or heavy disking, harrowing and rolling. Rolling is only necessary if the moisture is apt to stay too low. Allow the land to rest one or two weeks before planting until the moisture has risen. The tomato plants should be planted in moist soil. The dry top soil is removed, with a spade, a hole is made in the damp soil, the plant is put half its length in the opening. The hole is closed prudently but tightly against the plant so that the roots come in direct touch with moistened soil. Water may be poured near the plant, but if the land is in good shape with regard to moisture, it is not necessary. In every case a cover of loose dry earth is put over the wet soil so as to prevent too rapid evaporation and leaking.

Remember that the plants should be planted half their length in the moist earth; that the soil must be kept around the roots so that the plants cannot be pulled out, without breaking up the soil. Do not forget the dipping of the tomato plants in the arsenate of lead against the flea beetles. Two days before the planting of your tomatoes, scatter poisonous bran on the field against cut worms. The poisonous bran must be applied after the sun has set. If you are interested in tomatoes read this article five times before you do anything. If you do not understand come and see us. It will save you much worry, work, time and money.

Use of Fertilizers.
The use of nitrate of soda will greatly help to save the soil water in dry weather. For tomatoes, superphosphate of lime is a producer of well filled fruit of excellent color and firmness. Apply nitrate of soda on less productive land. Use superphosphate of lime on river bottom

MURDERER IS ARRESTED.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, May 25.—W. R. Horner, a mill hand, was arrested today in Okanogan county, Wash., and is believed to be the man that murdered a woman and her two children on the Pacific highway near Kelso, Wash., this week. New developments brought to light tend to show that the woman had considerable property and it is believed the man was anxious to get into possession of her holdings and took the lives of the three victims with this idea in view.

land in order to better ripen your berries and tomatoes. Give each tomato plant a small teaspoon of fertilizer when the plant has become thoroughly established, say one week after planting. Dig a little hole in the ground four inches deep at a distance of six inches from the plant, put the fertilizer in the hole and close. For berries, take a full tablespoon and put it four inches deep in the soil about three feet away from the main stem. It is at present the right time to apply the super phosphate of lime to loganberries.

Safety of the Operator.
When handling of Paris green or white arsenic or arsenate of lead, the operator must understand that the dust produced by these poisons is injurious to his health. Therefore he must be careful that no dust is produced. If he is unable to do this, we advise to add a little water to the powder and make a paste, which can then further be mixed with the other ingredients. The hands should also be thoroughly cleaned after handling the poison. In all cases, care must be taken that no arsenic enters the eye as it weakens the optic nerve and is dangerous to eyesight.

Thomas O'Mally, a transient, was picked up today by Marshal Shambrook, who called for the man's registration card, which the stranger was unable to produce. O'Mally said that he was from Independence, Calif., where he registered, but that he had never received a questionnaire. He also claimed to have a wife and children. He was lodged in the county jail, where he will be held pending an answer to a telegram regarding him sent by the local draft board to the draft board where O'Mally claims to have registered.

TRANSIENT IS LODGED IN JAIL

Joseph Blosser, bus driver at the Hotel Umpqua, today presented to Chairman Dexter Rice, of the present Red Cross drive, a horse, and while the animal is no thoroughbred, it is a good, servicable steed, well broke, a mare, nine years old and weighs 1000 pounds. Mr. Blosser made the gift for the purpose of doing a good deed and in order to convert the horse flesh into ready cash the animal will be sold at auction next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the corner of Cass and Jackson streets (on neutral grounds) to the highest bidder for cash in hand. There will be some spirited bidding for the animal and an interesting "session" so don't overlook the event.

WILL AUCTION HORSE.

STAGE LINE OPENS TODAY.
A wire was received in this city today from Marshfield by the Umpqua hotel management announcing the opening of the auto stage season of the Clinton-Taylor stage line, from Roseburg to Coos Bay points. The first trip was made today and the stage will reach here this evening, probably in time to make connections with train No. 53. The Clinton-Taylor line is making three cars this year, a Paige, Cadillac and Hudson Super-Six and the proprietors are ready to serve their patrons in a most up-to-the-minute manner.

SCOUTS TAKE HIKE.

Yesterday afternoon found about twenty boy scouts ready to take their much-planned hike. They started about 4 o'clock for Dawson's canyon, which is about three miles out from this city. One of the boys returning to his work here this morning stated that the company were having a most delightful outing, and the methods of camping out in Boy Scout style is most interesting. The boys were accompanied by Scout Master Fred A. McMillan. They will return here this afternoon late.

Lane Morley, who has been teaching school at Wamlé, Ore., returned to Roseburg today and expects to remain here for some little time visiting with relatives and friends.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.
A marriage license has been issued to Lawrence E. Wade, of Central Point, Oregon, and Myra Roberts, of Douglas county.

Yesterday, Memorial Friday, Commandant Markee, and Comrades Brumbach, Jones and Grout, of the soldiers' home, visited the Fullerton school and gave instructive and entertaining addresses which were greatly enjoyed by the pupils and teachers.

INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS WINCHESTER

Master Fish Warden Clanton Arrives to Make Inspection Fish Ladder.

GRAND JURY INTERESTED

Runway For Salmon Found Entirely Inadequate to Accommodate Big Run of Fish—River Fairly Alive With Flurry Tribe.

Master Fish Warden R. B. Clanton arrived here last evening from Portland and today, in company with Deputy Fish Warden Thompson, was at Winchester looking over the situation there in reference to making some improvements in the fish ladder at the dam, or otherwise arranging that the fish can more readily get to the upper waters of the North Umpqua. Mr. Thompson had already taken the matter up and with a crew of men is today making some improvements below the dam that will probably add the fish very materially in getting over, it having been a well known fact that for a long time the present runway for the fish is entirely inadequate to accommodate the great quantities that go up the river to the spawning grounds.

For the past few days the river below the dam at Winchester has been fairly alive with salmon, one of the largest runs ever witnessed there, according to those familiar with the situation, and for the space of an acre from the dam down the river the scene has presented a regular sea of fish for several days, great swarms of the salmon making a desperate effort to get through the runway, and while many of them have reached the waters above, Mr. Thompson states it was with great effort, owing to the small opening in the fish ladder, and the extremely swift current.

It is the intention of the local game warden to construct a bulk head on the south side of the river near the runway, thereby causing the stream near the ladder to back up and which will also have a tendency to greatly deepen the water, which is quite shallow at this point at the present time, thereby giving the fish a greater depth to work in, which will add them materially in propelling themselves over the ladder, it being a well known fact that the deeper the water the greater speed a fish can develop in order to get up and over the ladder. It is with this idea in view that Mr. Thompson is today installing the work just below the Winchester dam and it is his opinion that the improvements will greatly aid the extraordinary run of salmon now coming up the Umpqua to reach the spawning grounds.

Mr. Clanton is here for the purpose of making a general inspection of the grounds at Winchester and to aid in every possible way to see that there are proper arrangements made for the fish to reach the upper waters. Owing to the recent fish "revelations" at Winchester and the many complaints coming to the attention of local authorities in reference to "gaffing" salmon at this particular point the grand jury, now in session in this city, in company with Deputy Game Warden Thompson, last evening drove to Winchester and made a personal inspection of matters generally. It is the intention of the officers that there shall be no more illegal fishing carried on at Winchester and from this date henceforth a systematic effort is going to be carried out to put a stop to this practice. At the present time three guards are at Winchester looking out for law violators and a close "tab" is being kept on the fishing operations in that vicinity that is a re-ocurrence of the past few weeks in which many "gaffed" salmon were shipped to Portland markets may not occur in the future.

A member of the grand jury, in conversation with a News representative today, stated his visit to Winchester last evening was a revelation, that he had no idea that salmon in such great quantities were hedged in below the dam at that place and it was his opinion that immediate steps should be taken to remedy the inadequate and absolutely lack of sufficient room, and means, whereby the fish could move on to the upper river.

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