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NEED OF ACCORD SEEN IN COUNCIL

Representatives of Four Powers Confer in Regard to This Important Matter.

EXTRA SESSION TALKED

Believed Congress Will Be Called Not Later Than June 1.—What to Do With German Ships Puzzles the Conference.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 18.—Premier Clemenceau, Lloyd George, Premier Orlando and President Wilson conferred today on the need of securing accord between all the powers relative to all phases of the peace treaty and its early presentation to the Germans. The question of including the league of nations plan in the proposed treaty is also expected to be agreed upon.

EXTRA SESSION TALK.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Government officials express themselves certain that an extra session of congress will be held before June 1. Some of the cabinet officials and congressmen believe the extra session will be called in May.

DISMANTLE PORTS.

PARIS, March 18.—German fortifications on the island of Heligoland, in the North Sea, forming the base for German naval operations, must be dismantled, the supreme council of the peace convention has stated. In addition Kiel canal will be internationalized and made available for the shipping of all nationalities on even terms. The final disposition of captured German war ships will probably not be included in the peace treaty. United States delegates believe, while Germany will be required to surrender title to the fleet, ultimate ownership of the ships will be decided upon at some later council. The British delegation has consented to refer to the supreme council the question of future ownership of the German cables to America.

REINSTATE WOMEN.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Women street car conductors of the Cleveland, Ohio Railway Co., discharged March 1, must be restored to their employment under a decision of the war labor board made by Taft and Mary. Sixty-four women were affected by the order.

ESCAPED BANK ROBBER HUNTED BY HOUNDS

(By Associated Press.)

GOLD HILL, March 18.—A posse consisting of Jackson county officers and the railroad police, accompanied by the prison guard with bloodhounds, in charge of Buck Phillips, head keeper of the penitentiary, is looking for "Red" Rupert, Jack Hardy, who escaped from the prison at the same time, was captured last night, the dogs having located the man. It was reported that Rupert was seen 20 miles north of Gold Hill, but it is believed that more than likely the fellow has taken to the densely timbered country to the west toward the coast. Rupert is a daring criminal and it is not indicated yet what the dogs have taken up the trail of the escaped prisoner.

LADIES ARE GUESTS OF FIELD WORKER

(By Associated Press.)

At the luncheon given yesterday by Mrs. Ben C. Ely, field worker for the Associated Industries of Oregon, an association was formed which will have for its purpose the use of Oregon-made and manufactured goods to the exclusion of eastern products whenever the price and quality are equal. The luncheon was a very enjoyable occasion and the ladies were greatly pleased at the opportunity afforded to meet Mrs. Ely who is an enthusiastic worker for the cause which she is representing. Following the social hour plans for the association were discussed and the following officers elected: Mrs. J. W. Perkins, president; Mrs. Geo. Neuner, Jr., secretary; Mrs. A. C. Marsters, Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Roy Bellows, Mrs. Chas. Wharton, Mrs. Chas. Heitline, committee for field work. The other ladies present at the gathering were Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Jean Pitts, Mrs. J. E. McClintock, Mrs. B. W. Bates, Mrs. O. C. Brown, Mrs. L. W. Wimerly and Mrs. George Bolter.

BRASS FITTINGS WERE STOLEN FROM MINE

(By Associated Press.)

Accused of stealing brass fittings from the mine at tunnel seven where he has been working for the winter, Geo. W. Brotherton entered a plea of guilty in the justice court this afternoon and was fined \$25. The charge was made at his home in Eugene and he has sent a message ordering it returned. The complaint

was made by Brotherton's partner, the two men having been working the placer mine on shares. Constable Dillard was asked to make an investigation and after visiting the mine put the operator under arrest and brought him to Roseburg. Brotherton promised to return the fittings and consequently was given a light fine.

MAN KILLED BY ENGINE.

C. L. Crossley, formerly an S. P. fireman working into Roseburg from Grants Pass, was struck by a light engine at Cooran last night and instantly killed, according to word received by his brother, Percy Crossley, who moved with his family to Roseburg Saturday. The deceased moved to Corvallis several months ago and was working on a run between that city and Tillamook. Yesterday evening, shortly after dark he was standing talking to a station agent who was allowing him something about the yards and did not knock him down and passed over the tracks. A train of engine which his body causing instant death.

DISCUSSION OF FARM MANAGEMENT ENJOYED

At the regular meeting of the South Deer Creek Grange, Saturday evening a very pleasant program was enjoyed. A piano duet was the first feature, played by Arline Melton and Prof. A. Karcher, after which the meeting was turned over to a discussion of farm management; the following addresses being given: "Better Plants", Dr. C. H. Bailey; "Better Animals", C. E. B-n-nin; "Farming with small capital", R. A. Eastman; "Retaining fertility of the soil", Alva Hunt; "Economy in cash purchases", Ralph Karcher. The boys of the grange are preparing for a dance to be given Friday, March 21st.

TEXTILE STRIKERS SHOOT AT OFFICERS

Labor Situation at Lawrence, Massachusetts, Shows Little Improvement.

MEN RETURN SLOWLY

Less Than a Half Million Overseas Soldiers Have Been Brought Back to Homeland Up to The Present Time.

(By Associated Press.)

LAWRENCE, March 18.—While the police were trying to break up a parade of the striking textile workers today shots were fired at the officers from windows of tenement houses and a shower of stones greeted the police. The fight became quite general and many persons in the crowd were clubbed by policemen and a good many arrests followed. The disturbance today is said to have been the most violent demonstration since the strike began six weeks ago.

PORTLAND, March 18.—Attorneys

for Henry Albers, the convicted millionaire flour mill owner, are preparing today for an effort to appeal the case, as their motion for a new trial was denied yesterday just before the court sentenced the German to three years servitude at McNeil's island and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

BEER DECISION DESIRED.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Whether the internal revenue bureau has authority to enforce the rule against the sale of beer containing one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol is a question that has been put up to the department of justice by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper, who has asked for a decision on the point involved.

BROCCOLI BRINGS EXCEPTIONAL PRICES

R. H. C. Wood, manager of the Unquapa Valley Fruit Union, closed a deal this morning, whereby the first two carloads of broccoli from Douglas County will bring the very nice price of \$2.25 per crate f. o. b. Roseburg. This is by far the highest price ever paid for this famous Unquapa Valley vegetable. The prospects are that the whole crop will bring equally good prices. Mr. Wood states that he expects to ship out about 20 carloads of broccoli this year, the first car to be sent forward about next Saturday. The continued wet and cold weather is delaying the maturity of the crop and has set the season back several weeks.

LAST EVENING'S BALL WAS GRAND SUCCESS

The St. Patrick's Day ball given at the armory last evening by the Ladies Auxiliary to the B. of R. T. was a delightful affair in every particular and the large number of patrons had a jolly, good time dancing to the strains of music from a nine-piece orchestra which was at its best with this particular occasion. The hall had been cleverly decorated in colors befitting St. Patrick's Day with a huge plug hat and a clay pipe neatly arranged with green and white incandescent lights on either side of the orchestra, while green shrubbery and streamers added greatly to the attractiveness of the ball room. A number of prizes were distributed

Mrs. Nathan Fullerton, returned Monday morning from Portland, where she was called as a witness before the Federal court.

PERCY WEBB NOW NIGHT WATCHMAN

City Raises Salaries of Police Officers and Appoints Efficient Men.

NAMES TRUCK DRIVER

Carl Black Is Selected to Drive Fire Truck Until Return of Corbett Wilbur and Given Authority to Obtain Assistance.

(By Associated Press.)

After resolving into a free-for-all gabble last night the city council finally broke up with very little accomplished beyond the settling of the question of police selection and incidentally the raising of the salary of these officials so that efficient men would be willing to serve.

The matter was introduced by Mayor Stewart who stated that the night watchman had resigned and that immediate action must be taken to properly protect the city. He introduced figures to show that an efficient man paid over fifty per cent of his salary in night work, while a less efficient man was more costly because he brought no returns. Basing his remarks on these figures the mayor requested that the salary of both the day and night policemen be raised to the sum of \$100 per month in order that the right sort of a man might be employed.

"No man," said Mayor Stewart, "who is worth having will have the job at its present salary, as the amount is not sufficient for him to support his family, while at the same time if he is good enough to make the right kind of an officer he can command a higher salary at any other position than we are now paying."

The mayor was asked if he had anyone in mind who would be willing to accept the position of night watchman at a salary of \$100 per month and he informed the council that Percy Webb, who has been employed as fire chief and truck driver, had stated his willingness to take the place. He also said that Carl Black had promised to take the job as truck driver until the return of Corbett Wilbur, who formerly held the position and who is now in the army service, and would request no raise in pay over the present remuneration.

It was subsequently arranged that the salary of Chief of Police Dave Shambrook and Nightwatchman Percy Webb be raised to \$100 per month and that Carl Black be appointed fire truck driver with power to employ assistance whenever needed.

The council expressed itself with being well pleased with the efficient manner in which Mr. Shambrook has served the city in the capacity of chief of police, even Councilman Al. Creason stating he agreed with him in the manner in which he had conducted this office, although they disagreed on everything else.

The city attorney reported that he had investigated the ordinance and had found that bicycles are required to display lights after dark under provisions contained in the state vehicle law. The matter was brought up on account of the numerous accidents which have resulted lately due to the lack of proper lighting devices on bicycles.

Attorney Wimberly also reported that the case of Giles, et al vs. the City of Roseburg had been decided adversely to the city, but that it should be appealed as judgment was given on a technicality which he believes can be set aside before the supreme court. The council decided to appeal the case and subsequently voted to lay on the table claims presented by the plaintiffs in the action who asked a refund of the amount paid into the city treasury.

A further report stated that owing to litigation developing several years ago the city had lost certain funds set aside to take up improvement fund warrants on the Spring street sewer. In order to take up these warrants the city recorder was authorized to pay the amount from the general fund, the total sum being \$173.3, of which approximately half will be returned by the foreclosure of liens on the property concerned.

It was stated it has become necessary for the city to purchase several delinquent tax certificates in order to protect liens and the city recorder was authorized to take the action necessary in this case. Several other matters of more or less importance were discussed but little action was taken.

AMONG THE GUESTS DURING THE DANCE

program and Lyon Spencer sang in his usual pleasing manner during two waltz pieces. Punch was served from a neatly arranged booth to the thirsty dancers. The committee of ladies who had charge of last night's event composed Mrs. O. D. McAllister, Mrs. H. D. Harris and Mrs. R. D. Wilbur, who, with the various sub-committees appointed by them, carried out a program that proved decidedly interesting and enjoyable to all, and the untiring efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary last evening were crowned with success.

LEFT FOR CHICAGO.

A. C. Marsters, of the Roseburg National Bank, left Sunday for Chicago, as state representative of the Modern Woodmen of the World at a special national convention called to adjust some matters in reference to the foregoing order. He will be absent for several weeks.

OFFICERS WRITE OF LIEUT. RAGSDALE

Mother Receives Messages Telling of Son's Illness and Death at Hospital.

FUNERAL IS DESCRIBED

Body Laid to Rest at Chaumont with Military Courtesy in Cemetery Set Aside for Americans.—Held On a Sunday Afternoon.

(By Associated Press.)

The following letters were received today by Mrs. J. A. Buchanan from fellow officers of her son, Lieut. Ragdale, whose death occurred Feb. 21, in the hospital at Chaumont, France, after a long illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Buchanan prizes the letters very highly as they show the esteem with which the Roseburg officer was held among his companions in the service. They are as follows:

Dear Madam—As I have been a patient in an adjoining room to that of your son, Lieut. Ragdale, I take occasion to write you. I have the great honor to write you that you are possessed of the gold star, representing your gallant son. One hour ago, at 1:00 p. m., your son passed quietly away after most unusual and untiring efforts had been made to save his life; and by oxygen it had been prolonged for hours.

At least it may be of satisfaction for you to know of the few facts I can send you. This is the largest American base hospital, and is located at Chaumont, Haute Marne, France, where is General Headquarters, A. E. F. The doctors in charge of your son were very proficient men, and the special nurses, and in fact the whole pavilion have done everything possible. And as one, who was upon the ground and because much interested in his progress, I can bear personal testimony to these facts, for such they will be worth to you.

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Your son, I am advised, was married within the past four months to a young French lady here, who with her mother, a French nurse, was at the hospital for some days till the end.

I am advised that your son was possessed of the Croix de Guerre and other decorations, and was about to be decorated again by the Belgian government. Knowing some of the circumstances I have seen that his effects as well as his insignia are delivered to the adjutant for distribution in America, not here; so that you will be advised in due course through regular channels.

Wish, I might send further word, but know you would be glad of what I know. I have only been advised that your son was gassed, before the armistice, and had some chest shrapnel wound and had been in the hospital since, his last illness being pneumonia.

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General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, Feb. 24, 1919. Mrs. J. A. Buchanan, Roseburg, Ore. Dear Madam—It is with deep sorrow and sincere sympathy that I write you concerning your son Irving. He had only recently been assigned to General Headquarters and was on duty here, but about a week, when taken ill. During that short time, who became acquainted with him were impressed with his gentle manner and sincerity of purpose, and each of us feel the loss of a fellow officer whose association would have been a source of pleasure and good to us.

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The body was laid to rest here at Chaumont (Haute Marne) in the military cemetery established for Americans. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, and was very well attended. With very great sympathy, believe me, Madam. Very truly yours,
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MERCHANTS DISCUSS AUTO CAMP GROUNDS

The merchants of the city are again beginning to discuss the matter of the auto tourist camp grounds and it is very probable that some definite action will be taken within a few days. One of the local business men speaking of the proposition, said today, that it has proven itself to be a money maker to the city, especially to the retail merchants, barber shops, restaurants and other business establishments. This year it is proposed to enlarge the grounds, to keep the place clean as in the past, it has been an eyesore on account of its untidy appearance.

COUNTY BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSED LAST NIGHT

The meeting of the Douglas County Bible School Association with its school of methods came to a close here last night. The sessions began on Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church and continued over last evening. It was a most successful institute from the standpoint of the Sunday school worker. Best methods were suggested for all phases of Bible school work and the workers were all distributed amongst the churches on Sunday and each one spoke to large audiences, while the Bible schools on Sunday all reached high water mark for this year. The singing of Harold Humbert was especially pleasing. The Douglas County Sunday School Association was reorganized and the following officers were elected: President, E. W. Hill; secretary, Miss Elsie Hudson; children's superintendent, Mrs. John R. Howard; Young Peoples' work, Miss Edith Brown; supt. adult work, Mrs. Chas. F. Hopkins; supt. of educational work, Miss M. Marsten; supt. of administration, Mrs. J. A. Walker. These new officers had their first meeting last night at the close of the sessions and laid some plans for the future of the work. From an all-round standpoint this has been one of the most successful and most profitable meetings the Sunday school workers ever held.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS UNIQUE PROGRAM

Tomorrow night at the Christian Church the Missionary Society of the church will give a very interesting and unique program. The society will have an open meeting to which the ladies will invite their husbands. The ladies will be present to serve the guests according to the various stations where they will get a glimpse of the work. Starting at Indianapolis, Ind., the headquarters, getting a view of the missionary training school, some of the mission stations will be visited. Young ladies dressed in costumes of the country represented will be present to serve the guests according to the role of that country, while some one is there to explain the work. Then a missionary play will be given. There is no admission fee and there will be no offering.

BICYCLE RIDER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Bill Hudson, son of R. L. Hudson, proprietor of the Roseburg Shoe Shining parlors, had a very narrow escape late yesterday evening, while riding his bicycle along Jackson St., when he was struck by a jitney driven by Ray Shields. The accident was due to the fact that the bicycle carried no lights and was not seen by the driver of the car. Both were traveling in the same direction, the bicycle alongside of the car, so that when the latter turned the rider was struck squarely by the front end of the machine. Fortunately the boy was little injured, the bicycle, however, being completely demolished. The windshield of the car was broken and the radiator slightly damaged.

MOTHER RECEIVES MESSAGES TELLING OF SON'S ILLNESS AND DEATH AT HOSPITAL

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STOCKMEN TAKE INTEREST IN TALK

Professor Potter and C. J. Hurd, Hold School For Cattle Raisers.

QUESTIONS ARE ASKED

Breeding Problem As It Relates to the Situation in Douglas County is Discussed By Man Representing Oregon Agric. College.

TEMPERANCE MEETING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting at the Parish House, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Members and friends of the organization are requested to be present, as the meeting is to be one of the best held for some time. The program for the afternoon is as follows: Opening Hymn; Devotionals, Mrs. Davison Flinn; Vocal instrumental Solo, Francis Parlow; Address, Prof. A. C. Brown; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Hiney; "Work in the schools as suggested by the states", Mrs. Chas. F. Hopkins; Discussion, led by Mrs. O. C. Brown; Address, Prof. H. McMillan; "Home Industrial Work", Mrs. Ben. C. Ely; Vocal Solo, Miss Kinser; Prayer, Rev. J. C. Spencer; Social Hour.

The social hour will be in charge of a committee composed of Mesdames Bemis, Parlow, Young, Higgins, Brown and Hunt.

DAYS CREEK LAD KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Coroner Returns From Canyonville Where He Investigated Death Small Boy.

CARELESSNESS CAUSE RIFLE WAS HIDDEN IN BRUSH AND UPON REMOVAL WAS DISCHARGED WHEN TRIGGER WAS CAUGHT UPON SMALL TWIGG—BULLET PIERCED BODY.

Coroner M. E. Ritter returned early this morning after investigating the death of James Tiller, aged 14, who was killed near Canyonville yesterday afternoon. As all evidence pointed to a case of accidental killing there was no inquest.

As near as could be ascertained the two boys, Charles and James, the former 17 years old, left their father's ranch on Days Creek and started over the hill early in the morning intending to go to Canyonville. As there is a plentiful supply of game in that vicinity both carried rifles with them and were successful in killing a large coyote shortly after they had left home. They scalped the animal in order to obtain the bounty, and again started on their way. The younger lad knowing that he was too young to be carrying a rifle cached the gun in some bushes as soon as they reached the road leading into Canyonville and the two brothers went on into town where they spent an hour making a few purchases and then started upon their return.

They had gone but a short distance when a resident of the vicinity caught up with them and as he was driving in a hack offered them a mile and a half until they reached the place where the gun had been hidden and there they stopped the procure his rifle. He jumped from the vehicle and reaching into the brush grasped the muzzle of the gun to pull it to him. As he did so the trigger was caught upon a twig, the shell was exploded and the bullet from the 25-20 high power tore its way into the lad's right side, through his heart and out through the left side of his body, death being instantaneous.

The body was taken into Canyonville and the relatives of the dead lad notified of the sad occurrence. Coroner Ritter was summoned from Roseburg and after examining the witnesses closely was convinced that the occurrence was entirely accidental.

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Ed Aikens, a member of the 69th Artillery formerly of the 4th Co., returned Monday morning from Camp Lewis. He left after a short visit in Roseburg, for Riddle, where he will make his home.

Will Entertain Soldiers. The young people of the Baptist Church Sunday School, will tonight hold a reception for returned soldiers, sailors and marines. A program has been arranged, and refreshments will be served a good time being anticipated.

Gets Word Father's Death. Mayor D. J. Stewart, Monday received word of the death of his father, W. F. Stewart, aged 89 years, who passed away at Rockford, Ill., where he has been residing since 1840. He was a native of New York State and was one of the pioneers of the Illinois country. He leaves a large family, of which Roseburg's mayor is a member.

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