

CONSTANTINOPLE WILL GO TO BELGIUM

ALLIES MAKE NEW PLANS SINCE RUSSIA ABANDONS ANCIENT DREAM

NEW SOLUTION OF TURKISH PROBLEM

Entente Will Not Consent To War's Conclusion With Turks Still in Europe—Belgians Will Be Rewarded For Their Terrible Sacrifices.

Paris, May 11.—(United Press)—Belgium's flag will fly over Constantinople, Belgium will control the Dardanelles is the Allies' revised plan for war aims respecting Turkey.

It is authoritatively stated this change was thoroughly discussed in high official circles of the Allied governments.

Since new Russia has renounced Russia's old dream of dominating the Straits, a change in the Turkish problem was forced upon the Allies.

The Entente wouldn't think of the war's conclusion with the Turks still in Europe.

Handing Constantinople to Belgians is considered a reward for her terrific sacrifice and an acknowledgment from the Allies that Belgium is to be trusted to keep faith.

Y.M.M.I.A. Exercises

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Saturday, May 12, will terminate this year's activity for the M. I. A. of the Union State. Saturday is the Field Day and at the L. D. S. tabernacle beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. will be held contests in public speaking, story telling, quartet and art work. E. E. Bragg, A. C. Hampton and Miss Gunderson will judge the public speaking and story telling and Miss Harriet McDonald, Mrs. F. J. Scroggin and Miss Cecile Hiedman, will judge the quartet; and the art will be judged by Miss Naomi Kirtley and Mrs. Geo. Gilbert. Baker City, Imbler, La Grande and possible Union will be represented in these contests. At 2 o'clock an athletic event will be held at the high school grounds participated in by each of the cities mentioned and in the evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock will be held the Field Day Ball. At this ball pennants will be awarded to the winners of the morning contests. We cordially invite the public to attend these exercises, as we are striving hard and as to the aim of the M. I. A., to build a bigger and better man and womanhood. With a perfect development in the young man and woman of the moral, mental and physical characteristics the hope is held forth for a better citizen, a self supporting and likewise making for a better community. We try to do our part in this development and consequently invite the people of our city who believe in, and are interested in it, to see and help if they so desire.

D. B. STODDARD, Stake Supt. Y. M. M. I. A.

War Parley Completed.

New York, May 11.—(United Press)—The war parley is completed and the French-British commission soon leaves for home. A reception at the Waldorf Hotel is to commemorate the historic parley. It is not known when or how the commissioners will leave. Their departure is not far distant. French commissioners visited Washington's old field headquarters at Newburg, New York, today.

NECESSITY MOTHERED ERNIE'S SCHEME

Toledo, May 11.—(United Press)—To Ernie Haines goes the palm. Awakened early by the crowing of a rooster, Ernie lay in bed, watching and studying the brute.

He noted that whenever the cock crowed it stretched its neck to the fullest extent.

"Ah!" breathed Ernie, "I'll harness him."

So Ernie stretched elastic bands from a belt over the rooster's head to a strap about its body. This makes it impossible for the rooster to crow, thus allowing Ernie to sleep.

Attempted Assassination.

Havana, May 11.—(Special)—In an attempt made last night to assassinate President Menocal, of Cuba, the bomb was to be so timed as to have exploded during the intended visit of the American Minister William Gonzales, in the Palace, with the President, it was officially stated here last night.

FARMERS OF COUNTY MEET ON SATURDAY

"AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE DAY" WILL BE OBSERVED CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN

In order that reliable information on the National and World food supply may be presented and that census of Oregon crop and livestock conditions may be taken, Saturday, May 12, has been set aside for Agricultural Defense Day. It has been and is requested of every patriotic farmer throughout the entire county to attend one of the meetings which have been made possible for their attendance. Following is a schedule of the meetings, place and chairman of each:

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.
Elgin . . . H. H. Weatherspoon; B. Hugg Summerville . . . J. D. Woodell Imbler . . . Mrs. McGoldric Alicel . . . T. Walsinger La Grande, City Hall, Walter M. Pierce Grange Hall . . . C. D. Huffman Cove . . . M. L. Carter Telocasset . . . Ed. Wulf North Powder . . . Lane Goff Clover Creek . . . Harley Laughlin Wolf Creek . . . Homer Carns Medical Springs . . . Dunham Wright Starkey . . . W. H. Briggs Palmer Junction . . . H. C. Galloway Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Union . . . Robt. Withycombe
The meeting at Mt. Glenn will be held Sunday, E. D. Whiting chairman.

Ed E. Kiddle Returns From East

Ed. E. Kiddle has returned from a business trip to St. Louis, Memphis, and Chicago. He also took a trip to Washington, D. C., where he saw all of the Oregon Congressional delegation except Senator Lane, who is ill. Mr. Kiddle had a ten-minute chat with Speaker Champ Clark, who spoke very favorably of Oregon. He also saw Senator Lodge and J. Ham Lewis, Joe Cannon and many prominent congressmen in action. Mr. Kiddle attended the session of the board of trades in various cities which he found very exciting. He came back over the electrified branch of the Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul and found heavy traffic conditions. Crop conditions so far as winter wheat and corn are concerned are good. General business conditions are good. The city and home gardening movement is going in wonderfully all over the east and middle west. Illinois is to vote a \$22,000,000 road bond issue with prospects of carrying.

"COMPARISONS ARE ODDIOUS. YOU BET, IN BASEBALL"

BY H. C. HAMILTON.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) New York, May 11.—Picking the leading baseball player in a named position is a man-sized task. To draw a comparison between certain players is overstepping the bounds of sane criticism at times. To say that Babe Ruth, or Walter Johnson or Grover Alexander is the best pitcher in the game might be true, but it would be sure to start an argument over the merits of his rivals. For instance it can hardly be said that Arthur Fletcher or Rogers Hornsby is the best shortstop in the National league, merely because it is true that they lead as hitters. Neither can it be said that Maranville or Bancroft or Wortman is the best because he is a flash, fast and accurate fielder. Each man's worth has to be considered. From a strictly defensive standpoint it probably is permissible to announce Maranville as the premier, with Bancroft and Wortman running close behind. Everett Scott of the Red Sox doesn't rank with Hornsby and Fletcher as a hitter, but he is a better fielder than either. However, that does not entitle him to be called the best shortstop in the game. Comparisons of the same sort may be drawn from almost every position. Ty Cobb, of course, stands alone as an offensive playing outfielder. As a fielder he is not a Tris Speaker.

One might pick Babe Ruth as the best southpaw, but that hardly pronounces him the best pitcher.

The season's work names the most effective man at one point of the game and only for a season. Picking the best man at any position is carrying it a little too far, now that Hans Wagner, Napoleon Lajoie and others of that class have stepped out of the way.

The Weather.

Portland, May 11.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Unsettled and southerly winds."

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN RUSSIA

Workmen and Citizens in Schiselberg Munitions District Announce Intention of Organizing Separate Republic—Friction Arises Between Duma and Workmen—Soldiers Council

Petrograd, May 11.—(United Press)—The Schiselberg munitions district has revolted.

Workmen and citizens announced their intention of organizing a separate republic.

Representatives of the workmen's and soldiers' committee left here immediately to dissuade the revolt from their announced purpose.

Rebels arrested the provisional president of the munitions district.

Dispatches did not say how serious the revolt was.

Apparently there is no violence.

Another instance of the friction between the Duma and Soldiers' and Workmen's Council was evident today.

The Council announced the workmen and soldiers were planning a meeting of all varieties of Socialists at some neutral country to discuss world problems.

President Will Appoint Russian Commission.

Washington, May 11.—(United Press)—The President completed the personnel of the commission to Russia. It probably will consist of the following: Elihu Root, Cyrus McCormick, C. R. Borton, Charles Edward Russell, James Duncanson, Dr. John Mott and Charles R. Crane.

Major General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, and Rear Admiral James Glennon are the military naval members of the commission, it is officially announced.

Defeat of Germany Necessary Says President of Duma.

Petrograd, May 11.—(United Press)—Only a complete defeat of Germany will assure the world's happiness. Peace is only an armistice. "Russia cannot betray the Allies, with whom she has been fighting three years." With these words President Rodzianko of the Duma forcefully pleaded for unwavering continuance of Russia's part in the war. He warned the people against the insidious peace moves of Germany.

"War must be successfully terminated in a manner preserving the country's integrity and national honor," he asserted. "Our innumerable sacrifices demand peace commensurate with the immensity of our efforts."

PRESIDENT APPOINTS RED CROSS WAR COUNCIL AND ISSUES APPEAL FOR AID

To This Body Will Be Intrusted Duty of Responding to Extraordinary Demands Which Present War Will Make Upon Red Cross—President Declares All Relief Work Both in the Field and Civilian Should Be Entrusted to "This Single, Experienced Organization."

PRESIDENT ALSO ISSUES CALL FOR FUNDS

Washington, D. C., 8:30 P. M., May 10, 1917.

MISS JESSIE GOODHUE.

Secy. La Grande Red Cross Chapter, La Grande, Ore. The President has today appointed a Red Cross War Council, consisting of Henry H. Davidson of J. P. Morgan and Company, Chairman; Charles D. Morton, G. M. P. Murphy, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., Edward N. Hurlev, with William H. Taft, chairman; Eliot Wadsworth, vice-chairman of the Executive Committee, ex-officio members.

The President today issued the following statement: "May 10, 1917. I have today created within the Red Cross a War Council to which will be entrusted the duty of responding to the extraordinary demands which the present war will make upon the services of the Red Cross, both in the field and in the civilian relief. The best way in which to impart the greatest efficiency and energy to the relief work which this war will entail will be to concentrate it in the hands of a single experienced organization which has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for such purposes. Indeed, such a concentration of administration in this matter seems to me absolutely necessary and I hereby call upon all those who can contribute either great sums or small to the alleviation of the suffering and distress which must inevitably arise out of this fight for humanity and democracy to contribute to the Red Cross. It will be one of the first and most necessary tasks of the new war council of the Red Cross to raise great sums of money for the support of the work to be done and done upon a great

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Thirteen Austrian Submarines Sunk.

Washington, May 11.—(United Press)—Thirteen Austrian submarines were sunk in the Mediterranean the last three weeks by the Italians, it is officially learned.

GERMANS TRY TO DRIVE GEN. HAIG BACK

VIGOROUS ATTEMPTS TO SHAKE HIS POSITIONS FAILS—GERMANS USE LIQUID FIRE.

BRITISH MENACE BULLECOURT AND LENS

Another Allied Offensive Has Been Launched in Macedonia Under General Serrail—Fierce Teutonic Attacks Are Under Way Near Saloniki.

London, May 11.—(United Press)—Vigorous German attempts to shake General Haig's Arleux positions, south of Souchez were all repulsed, so General Haig reported.

British artillery and machine gun fire stopped the assaults. Using liquid fire, the Germans repeated their attacks around Souchez and were repulsed.

The British offensive is menacing Bullecourt and Lens. Bullecourt is almost completely surrounded; Lens is over half encircled.

British are gaining yard by yard. Indications that the British are slowly wearing down the rock-like German resistance at Fresno.

Another Allied offensive was launched. This is in Macedonia by the British, French, Italians and Russian-Serbian troops, under General Serrail. This is the long expected advance. Some gains were made.

Fierce Teutonic attacks succeeded in gaining footholds on wings of positions taken by the Allies Wednesday, it was officially stated from Saloniki. The center portion of the enemy's line was driven back.

CHICAGO MAY WHEAT SELLS AT \$3.25 A BU

Chicago, May 11.—(United Press)—The wheat market:
May—Open \$3.18; high \$3.25; low \$3.15; close \$3.18.
July—Open \$2.48, high \$2.56; low \$2.47 1-4; close \$2.50 1-4.

Portland—Club, \$2.98; Bluestem, \$3.01.

Senior Class Play Will Be Given Tonight

Tonight the Senior class of the La Grande high school will present "Mrs. Gorreing's Necklace" under the direction of Miss MacMillan. The class has worked faithfully upon this play and although many difficulties have presented themselves they made what promises to be a brilliant success and will give to those present a high class professional play.

Following is the cast:

Captain Mowbray, retired—Clayton Ingle. Colonel Gardine, retired—Joe Reynolds. Lieutenant David Cairn—Alfred Johnson. Mr. Jernigan, detective—Ralph Poston. Charles, a footman—Renwick Clark. Mrs. Gardine, Eleanor Williamson. Isabel Kirk, Vicky Gardine her daughters—Gladys Taylor, Leta Kiddle. Miss Pitt—Amy Miller. Mrs. Gorreing—Marie Love.

Roosevelt Division Alive.

Washington, May 11.—(United Press)—The Roosevelt division issue is much alive. Murray Hurlburt, a New York Democrat, introduced a bill in the House authorizing Colonel Roosevelt to raise a division. Gardner, of Massachusetts, Austin of Tennessee, objected when Chairman Dent, of the house military committee, suggested the debate on the Roosevelt division be limited to two hours.

Japanese Warships Arrive.

San Francisco, May 11.—(United Press)—Two Japanese warships, the Toyiwa and the Yakumo, under command of Rear Admiral Iwamura, arrived in port.

Army and navy officials formally welcomed them.

GOOD ROADS ADVOCATED BY MR ADAMS

ARGUMENTS ARE PRESENTED TO VOTERS AS TO MERITS OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.

THE AUTOMOBILE OWNERS PAY THE BILLS

Measure Is So Drafted That Increased Licenses Already Provided by the Legislature Will Retire the Principal and Pay the Interest and Leave a Handsome Surplus.

State Highway Commissioner E. J. Adams, of Eugene, addressed a representative audience last night on "Good Roads in Oregon." Mr. Adams is a clear and convincing speaker and he succeeded in leaving an excellent impression upon his audience and winning converts to the bond issue. His speech was given in the auditorium of the M. E. church.

This afternoon he speaks at Cove, tonight at Union.

Mr. Adams is a big man mentally and physically. He has the gift of presenting a subject clearly and persuasively. He is courteous to the opposition, although not agreeing with them.

Mr. Adams started his speech by giving a history of transportation in Oregon from the first trail and path to the beginning of road building by widening the paths and dumping gravel in holes, a never ending process.

He then told of the arrival of the motor vehicle, making the road problem more difficult since the auto tire is a vacuum cleaner, sucking away the substance of the road and making on heavily traveled highways a binder necessary.

Mr. Adams explained how the post roads and forest roads were to, receive the O. K. of the Secretary of Agriculture and how the forest roads were to be built by the Federal government, the state paying half, and how the post roads were to be built by the state, the Federal government paying half. He explained the purposes of the Bean-Barrett bill for co-operation with the Federal government and showed that under that bill the state could do nothing more than co-operate with the Federal government for the next five years, unless other funds were provided for road building.

In this brief space it is impossible to do more than summarize Mr. Adams' argument. It is being printed in full in daily installments in The Observer and is well worth reading by those who desire to study the merits of the proposed \$6,000,000 bond issue.

Suffice it to say Mr. Adams presented fully these arguments:

The state needs good roads; the auto, truck and automobile have come to stay.

The state highway commission proposes to build economic and not scenic roads.

Good roads are as necessary as railroads in the development of the state.

Under the proposed \$6,000,000 bond issue the increased automobile licenses, already imposed by the legislature, will retire the principal and interest in the life of the issue and leave a surplus of \$7,500,000. These figures are a matter of mathematics and are on the basis of the auto fund increasing 20 per cent annually for three years and 10 per cent annually thereafter.

The present mud tax—(that is, the excess cost of hauling farmers' products to market)—is \$3,500,000 a year; 23 cents a ton on bad roads as against eight cents a ton on paved roads.

The farmer automobile owner, who receives the greatest advantage from good roads, pays 20 per cent of the automobile license; others living in cities and towns 80 per cent.

They tell us that bonds mean bondage and that these bonds are a mortgage upon our homes. Bonds are merely promises of the state to pay; they are not mortgages upon individual property and no one could be sued under these bonds; this argument is merely used to arouse class prejudice against the good roads plan.

The good roads bonds are no more a mortgage upon your homes than the state rural credits bonds are; in both are merely a loan of state credit. In one case the state borrows money to lend to the farmer directly. In the other we lend the credit of the state to the automobile owners for the purpose of building good roads and they repay the principal and interest.

Mr. Adams also answered fully the

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