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BRAZIL CONSIDERS THAT SHE IS A BELLIGERENT

FOREIGN MINISTER PECANHA SAYS A DECLARATION OF WAR IS UNNECESSARY

GERMANY IMPOSED WAR BY HER ATTITUDE

Pecanha Exhibited Documents Between Rio de Janeiro and Washington Showing That Brazil and the United States Are Planning Complete Co-operation Utilization of Brazil's Navy Is Part of the Plans.

Rio de Janeiro, May 24.—(United Press)—Brazil considers herself a belligerent, although war is formally undeclared. "A declaration of war is unnecessary," explained Foreign Minister Pecanha. "We merely accept a state of war that Germany imposes. When Brazil formally revoked its declaration of neutrality, we virtually made such acceptance."

Minister Pecanha spoke after attending a cabinet meeting. He exhibited documents between Rio de Janeiro and Washington, showing that Brazil and the United States are planning a complete co-operation. Utilization of Brazil's navy and moral and economic unity of effort is part of the plans.

Joseph News Items

Joseph, May 22.—(Special)—Weather in Joseph has been very changeable the last few days with showers and cold snaps coming between the sunbathers. But Joseph still has hopes.

The fish screen which was built at the foot of the lake several years ago was removed Saturday and as a result a great many persons re-angling in the river instead of the lake.

Dr. Doney, president of Willamette University, filled the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. James Marks was operated upon at the Joseph hospital last week.

The Jo-Hi annuals are here! It is pronounced by many to be the best Jo-Hi ever. It is dedicated to Miss Lexie Strachan and has 96 pages (16 more than last year). The Joseph high school is the only school in the county to put out an annual. The editorial staff is as follows: Maurice Eben, editor-in-chief; Emma Shanafelt, associate editor; Hazel Blevins, society editor; Floyd Allen, athletic editor; Samuel Cole, joke editor; Verne Martin, senior editor; Jean Patten, junior editor; Elba Corley, sophomore editor; Arthur Ridd, freshman editor; Guy Davis, business manager; Lester Estes, assistant business manager.

Miss Bess Smith left Sunday for La Grande where she was called on account of sickness. Miss Smith has been visiting with her cousins Cleo and Leontine Morelock. Miss Leontine accompanied her as far as Elgin where she will visit relatives.

E. A. Pollock returned home Monday from Pendleton where he was Willows county's only delegate to the State Sunday School convention there. Pollock, who represented the Methodist Sunday School at Joseph, made the wish that all of the county could have been present to hear the fine talks that were given.

George Richards, a former attorney of Joseph, returned this week from Baker City and will occupy A. W. Schapp's office until that gentleman returns from his auto trip in the East. Mr. Richards' many friends in Joseph are all glad to see him back.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson was a visitor at the commencement exercises of the Enterprise high school on Monday evening.

Misses Gladys and Jose Miller left Sunday for Southern Oregon to live. These young ladies had many friends.

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Rejection Of Peace Blow To Germany

Amsterdam, May 24.—(United Press)—"Russia's rejection of a separate peace was a most bitter disappointment," declared the socialist organ Vorwaerts.

This is the first admission of the failure of the German peace offers.

French Destroyer Is Sunk In Fight

Paris, May 24.—(United Press)—The French destroyer Boutefeu was mined and sunk in a naval engagement between Austrian, French, British and Italian ships, it is officially stated.

Paris, May 24.—(United Press)—Forty-two survivors of the Boutefeu were rescued. It is believed forty are lost.

It is reported that the Austrian vessels attacked the French, British and Italian squadron. An enemy cruiser was observed afire.

TRANSYLVANIA BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK

THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE MEN TWENTY-NINE OFFICERS, CAPTAIN AND TWO OF CREW LOST.

London, May 24.—(United Press)—The British transport Transylvania was submarined, the admiralty announced.

Three hundred seventy-three men, twenty-nine officers, captain and two members of the crew were lost.

BISHOP O'REILLY DEDICATES NEW JORDAN VALLEY CHURCH

Baker, May 24.—(Special)—The Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Reilly and Father Looser returned Tuesday from Jordan Valley, in Malheur county, where they had been visiting for a week on missionary work. While there Bishop O'Reilly dedicated the new \$12,000 cathedral recently completed. Large first communion and confirmation classes were conducted.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS ON JOSEPH BRANCH

The usual local excursion fares maintained during the summer season on the Joseph Branch from Elgin to all stations between Looking Glass and Lostine inclusive, have been announced for the coming summer season.

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Funeral Of Claude Haisten Friday

The funeral of William Claud Haisten, who recently died at Mare Island, California, will be held if the present plans do not miscarry, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp at the Baptist church. The body is expected to arrive in the city on Train No. 18 tonight and will be taken in charge by a guard from Company M, which will escort the body to the undertaking parlors of J. C. Henry. Arrangements are being perfected, so that the funeral will be military. It will be in charge of Lieut. Allen of Company M, who will follow out the regular procedure relative to a military funeral. The pallbearers will be privates from Company M. An escort squad will fire the volley over the grave and the bugles will sound the taps.

On Friday morning at 11 o'clock an escort from Company M will bring the body from the undertaking parlors to the Baptist church, where it will lay at rest from 11 to 1 for the public to view. At 1 o'clock the church will close to the public until 1:45 when the church bell will call all to pay their last respects to this young man who gave his life for his country.

Rev. J. J. Tickner, pastor of the church, will have charge of the church service and will be assisted by Rev. G. L. Clark, of the Presbyterian church, and J. G. King, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The choir of the church will sing, the soldiers' quartet will render a number and Miss Deborah Smith will sing a solo.

MONOPOLIES TO BE CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT

AUTHORITY TO BE GIVEN BY PRESENT CONGRESS—NEW COMBINATIONS TO BE KEPT IN LINE

BILL AUTHORIZES CONTROL OF RAILROADS

Provisions Made For President to Commandeer All Shipyards and Factories Producing Ship Building Materials—Virtually Given Power of Dictator in Distributing Supplies of All Kinds.

Washington, May 24.—(United Press)—Government control of all great monopolies in the United States will be authorized, but not directed, by the present Congress. This legislation is expected to "keep in line" combinations formed during present emergency despite the anti-trust law.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee will report out soon a bill authorizing the President to control the operation of all railroads.

Provision is made for the President to commandeer all shipyards and factories producing ship-building materials. The President is given virtual powers of a dictator in directing distribution of supplies of all kinds.

AIRSHIPS RAID EASTERN PART OF ENGLAND

ONE MAN KILLED—BOMBS FALL ON COUNTRYSIDE DISTRICT AND DO SMALL DAMAGE

London, May 24.—(United Press)—Four or five German airships raided the eastern counties last night, dropping many bombs and killing one man, announced Lord French, home defense commander.

Bombs fell on countryside districts and the damage was declared "negligible." The British aircraft pursued the Germans, who escaped in the thick clouds.

General Haig reported a continued lull. Few Germans were made prisoners.

IMBLER HOTEL IS DESTROYED BY EARLY FIRE

FLAMES ARE DISCOVERED AT 2 A. M.—BUILDING AND FURNISHINGS ARE A TOTAL LOSS.

Imbler, May 24.—(Special)—This morning at 2 a. m. the Imbler hotel owned by O. C. Coble was burned to the ground. The fire was first discovered by Jean McGoldrick and Cecile Simpson who were returning from La Grande. The alarm was immediately turned in but the flames had gained such a headway that it was impossible to save anything. The furnishings and all were a complete loss. The bucket brigade turned its attention to the nearby restaurant and succeeded in saving it.

Mr. Coble had just repaired the building and was in La Grande for some furnishings at the time of the fire. He had planned to have everything in modern shape to reopen in a short time. The loss was covered by insurance. The total loss has not been estimated.

The Wheat Market.

Chicago, May 24.—(United Press)

The wheat market:	Open	High	Low	Close
July . . .	\$2.24	\$2.25	\$2.22	\$2.22
Sept. . . .	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.93	\$1.93

Portland, May 24.—(United Press)—Club \$2.56; Bluestem \$2.60.

GOVERNOR TO APPOINT SUCCESSOR TO LANE

REFUSES TO ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT UNTIL AFTER FUNERAL SERVICES ARE OVER

MC NARY OF STATE COMMITTEE MAY BE CHOICE

Wallace McCamant, Representative Hawley, and R. A. Booth Are Probably Seriously Considered by the Governor—Gus Moser Is Seeking Appointment.

Salem, May 24.—(United Press)—The Governor determined Lane's successor, but refused to announce the name until after Lane's funeral.

It is predicted Charles McNary, chairman of State Republican Committee, is the choice. Wallace Camant, justice of the Supreme Court, Representative Hawley, and R. A. Booth, of Eugene, are probably seriously considered by the Governor.

The Governor requests all aspirants and their friends to refrain from discussing aspirants with him.

Gus Moser is seeking appointment.

JAMIAID CAPTURED BY ITALIAN FORCES

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AEROPLANES ENGAGED IN BATTLE—BRITISH ARTILLERY AIDED

Rome, May 24.—(United Press)—Following ten hours' terrific bombardment the Italian attacking forces broke through strongly organized Austrian lines and captured Jamiaid and took nine thousand Austrians prisoners.

The war office said two hundred and thirty aeroplanes were engaged in the battle.

The British artillery aided. Italians are progressing elsewhere.

Union News Items

Union, Oregon, May 24.—(Special)—King City Camp, No. 86, W. O. W. has been conducting a campaign for membership during the past two months and have gained 62 new members, 17 being taken in Monday evening. A sumptuous feed was served that evening. Head Consul I. I. Boak of Denver, Colo., is to be here on an official visit to King City Camp on Saturday evening, June 9, at which time there will be rendered a patriotic program.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis left last evening for Rochester, Minnesota at which place Mrs. Davis will undergo an operation for goiter. The Mayo brothers will be in charge. The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached next Sunday evening in the Methodist church by the Rev. Cullison. Rev. Clark, of La Grande, is to deliver the commencement address at the Methodist church on Thursday evening, May 31st. In harmony with the spirit of the times, the class chose for their colors "Red, White and Blue". The girls have limited the cost of their dresses down to \$5.00.

Following is the class roll: Irene Busick, Dorothy Chadwick, Greta Johnson, Hilda Nielson, Adella Stone-dahl, Eva Spencer, Venus Thomas, Alice Weaver, Scott Callihan, Donald Gale, Edwin Keckritz, Leo Nielson, Lloyd Perkins, Percy Rollins, Fordyce Worsham, Horace Weaver.

The following boys have taken final examinations and allowed to go to work on farms: Scott Callihan, Norman Compton, Donald Gale, Harold Hall, Niel Jones, Edwin Keckritz, Fordyce Worsham and Paul Worsham. Norman Compton left last night for North Powder.

The State Bible study examination was held at the high school last Friday. There were four pupils taking it.

The high school cadet corps is doing some effective work under the able

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SENATOR LANE PASSED AWAY NEAR MIDNIGHT

GERMAN PEACE DOOMED SAY THE OBSERVERS

Prediction Based On Wide Divergence of Peace Views

Stockholm, May 24.—(United Press)—The German peace conference here is doomed, say well informed sympathetic nonsocialist observers.

Instead of a general meeting they predict a continuance of a group of meetings of socialists. This prediction is based on the wide divergence of views on peace terms between various delegations.

HERBERT HALL UNION YOUNG MAN MISSING

DISAPPEARANCE IS MYSTERIOUS—NO TRACE OF HIM SINCE WEEK AGO FRIDAY EVENING.

Union, May 24.—(Special)—Herbert Hall, eldest son of G. F. Hall, of this city, has been missing since a week ago last Friday evening. His disappearance was as mysterious as sudden. He had accompanied as far as Spokane a young lady of this city en route to the east, returning Tuesday before his disappearance. It was generally thought here that he had departed for the east to rejoin the young lady.

The family is nearly distracted not knowing whether the young man has met with foul play or was morose and decided to take his own life. A crew of men have been dragging the waters of Catherine creek for his body for the past two days. This has availed nothing. The occurrence has cast a pall of gloom over the entire city. Young Mr. Hall had a host of friends all over Union county who will be shocked to hear of his disappearance. It is positively known that he did not have any money on his person at the time nor did he take extra clothes.

Several people had noticed before he left that he had a burden on his mind and that he was apparently worried and not like himself. He is naturally of a sunny, jolly disposition and it was unlike him to worry. Therefore his condition prior to his disappearance was noticeable to his friends though nothing was thought of it at the time.

He was employed in his father's General Merchandise store and was rated as one of the best shoe fitters and men's clothiers in this vicinity. The establishment is greatly handicapped by the loss of the young man.

Mr. Hall comes from one of the oldest and most respected families of Eastern Oregon.

There is a mystery connected with his disappearance that has baffled everyone. The young man did not purchase a ticket at this place or at any other place in Eastern Oregon.

He had spent the evening with his family who decided to go to a lecture. Everyone went out except Herbert and his youngest sister. She expressed her desire to go to the moving picture show so her brother gave her the money and she left him alone. He was to have called at the show to escort her home but failed to do so and has not been seen or heard of since.

Efforts are being put forth to locate the missing young man by telegraph and telephone but all have been unsuccessful.

He is about 25 years old.

Read about yourself, your neighbor and the world in the Observer. Observer news is new news. Get the Observer habit.

The Weather.

Portland, May 24.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Showers, light winds."

SENATE ADJOURNS THROUGH RESPECT TO LATE SENATOR—APPOINTMENTS ONLY BUSINESS.

SENATORS LEAVE EAST TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Chamberlain, Ashurst, Kenyon, Vardaman, Johnson, Lafollette, Gronna and Norris to Come to Portland—Lane's Career Is One of Public Service to His State and Nation.

Portland, May 24.—(United Press)—Senator Lane died shortly before midnight last night.

Washington, May 24.—(United Press)—Through respect to Harry Lane, the late Oregon senator, the Senate adjourned. The only business transacted was appointments.

The following senators leave immediately for Portland to attend the funeral: Chamberlain, Ashurst, Kenyon, Vardaman, Johnson, Lafollette, Gronna and Norris.

Dr. Harry Lane was born at Corvallis, Ore., August 28, 1855. He was the son of Nat H. Lane, pioneer merchant, and grandson of General Joseph Lane, the first territorial governor of Oregon. He was graduated from the Willamette university in 1876. Completing a course in the medical school of the university he took a post graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

Taking up the active practice of medicine, Dr. Lane, who advanced rapidly in his profession, became president of the State Medical association and the Portland City and County Medical association.

In 1903 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Health. In Governor Penneyer's administration Dr. Lane served as superintendent of the state hospital for the insane in which capacity he performed conspicuous services, many improvements in administration of the institution having been accomplished under his rule.

Dr. Lane's long career as a practicing physician in Portland brought him into close touch with civic affairs, and having a liking for public life he entered upon a wider career of politics which eventually placed him in the United States senate.

He was elected mayor of Portland in 1905, defeating George H. Williams. He served two terms as mayor. In 1913 he was elected to the United States senate, defeating Ben Selling for the honor.

Dr. Lane's services in the United States senate were conspicuous in his relation to the department of Indian affairs. He championed the cause of the Indians and sought to preserve their reservation rights in many ways.

General Joseph Lane, Dr. Lane's grandfather, in addition to serving as the first territorial governor of Oregon, also served as Oregon's delegate to congress and United States senator and was Democratic candidate for vice-president when Breckenridge and Lane ran against Lincoln in 1860. General Lane performed valuable service in the early Indian wars in Oregon. He was made a brigadier in the Mexican war.

Of his immediate family Dr. Lane is survived by his wife, Harriet Lane; two daughters, Harriet Lane Hicks and Nina Lane McBride, and an adopted daughter Dorothy Lane.

Mrs. L. F. Mosher, of 314 Sherman street, Portland, is an aunt of

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Ex-Saloon Keeper of Joseph Arrested

Enterprise, May 24.—(Special)—Willie Wilke, an officer of La Grande, raided the farm of X Micholoid, a former saloon keeper of Joseph, and placed him under arrest on a charge of selling liquor unlawfully. Charles Yandell is held as a witness to appear before the grand jury. Wilke found a barrel of whiskey, one-half barrel of brandy, and two dozen bottles of mixed wine, whiskey and brandy.

Joseph, May 24.—(Special)—Last night an officer, Willie Wilke, from La Grande raided several places in Joseph. Charles Yandell, a barber, is held as a witness to the grand jury.