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C. N. MC ARTHUR RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

SAYS WAR SESSION OF CONGRESS BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS.

IS MEMBER OF NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Will Spend Six Weeks in Oregon and Will Visit Naval Establishments of Pacific Coast Before December.

"There has never been a session of Congress in the history of our Government that approached the record of the special session that terminated last Saturday," said Representative C. N. McArthur, of the Third Oregon District, who was a Portland-bound passenger on train No. 17 this morning.

"The session has not only made preparation for war on a huge scale, but it has far surpassed the records of the parliamentary bodies of other warring nations. The selective draft or conscription law was passed within 60 days after our formal declaration of war, whereas Great Britain did not resort to conscription for two years after the beginning of hostilities.

"After passage of the selective draft law, Congress authorized large increases in the Navy and Marine Corps and appropriated \$750,000,000 for the construction of merchant ships and \$640,000,000 for aircraft; it passed the food control bill, arranged for insurance for soldiers and sailors and authorized loans to the allied governments aggregating \$7,000,000,000. The total sum of money appropriated during the session was \$21,390,730,940—the greatest amount by far ever appropriated by any session of Congress.

"I cannot go into detail as to the numerous measures passed and approved by the President, but I feel that this Congress has won a place in history and that an overwhelming majority of its members have worked industriously and patriotically to uphold the Administration in its conduct of the war. What must especially be remembered to the credit and honor of Congress is that partisanship has played no part in war legislation and that politics has been subordinated to the general welfare of the country."

Mr. McArthur is a member of the executive committee on Naval affairs which has had charge of much important war legislation. He is the only member of the committee from the West and as such will visit all Naval establishments on the Pacific Coast before the opening of the regular session in December.

Mr. McArthur, who is accompanied by his wife, will spend five or six weeks in Oregon, including a vacation at his farm in Polk County.

LUXBURG FOUND HIDING; PLACED UNDER GUARD

DISMISSED GERMAN ENVOY DISCOVERED ON OBSCURE RANCH.

(United Press.)
Buenos Aires, Oct. 12.—Count Luxburg, the dismissed German envoy, was located today hiding at an obscure Uruguayan ranch. He was forcibly searched and disarmed, and is now en route to Buenos Aires under a heavy guard. Count Luxburg, carefully guarded, will be interned until Argentine starts him toward Berlin on a Spanish steamer.

UNION GOVERNMENT AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT.

(United Press.)
Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 12.—A union government became an accomplished fact this afternoon when five liberals took the oath of office and joined the cabinet.

THE WORLD'S ONLY WOMAN CHAPLAIN



MOTHER MARIA MICHAILOVNA

There are lines of determination about the mouth, and depths of sympathy in the eyes of Mother Maria Michailovna which were not there before she went under fire as the chaplain of Russia's woman regiment, "The battalion of death." She is believed to be the only woman ever to hold the post of army chaplain in time of active service.

HONOR GUARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The regular meeting of the La Grande chapter of the Girl's National Honor Guard was held last evening at the Club Rooms of the girls at the Y. M. C. A. The regular routine of business was carried out and the regular first aid lecture was given by Dr. Frank Ralston and was enjoyed by the girls present. The annual election of officers was held and the following were unanimously elected for the year:

Leader, Miss Naomi Williamson; assistant leader, Miss Mildred Bush; secretary, Miss Gladys Black; treasurer, Miss Wilma Oesterling; sergeant-at-arms, Miss Stella Deslot.

The new constitution and by-laws have been received and were given out to the members. The duties of the Girls National Honor Guard are clearly defined—the organization shall be to inculcate the spirit of unity and learning to do one thing well, which shall prove of helpfulness and value both in duration of peace as well as times of war. Hence it shall be the duty of each girl of the Girl's National Honor Guard to maintain the honor of the country, the principles of the Government of the United States and the respect and honor of its flag.

AUTO ACCIDENT MAY PROVE FATAL TO TWO.

(United Press.)
Tacoma, Oct. 12.—Two were probably fatally injured when an automobile carrying eight ran off a mountain road near Spanaway this morning. The car was demolished and burned. Five were hurt.

LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE QUICKENED

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—The Liberty Loan campaign throughout the Nation is being quickened, the Treasury Department announced today. Official totals show that the Nation has been lagging.

Actual subscriptions are expected to pass the billion dollar mark today. Guy Emerson, publicity director, said that as soon as the world's series was over every effort would be made to make up for lost ground.

ENTENTE ALLIES DEMAND JAPAN TO ENTER WAR

JAPANESE MILITARY EXPERT STATES DEMANDS ARE INSISTENT.

JAPAN REFUSES TO ENTER WAR WITH ALLIES

Says Mobilization of Forces at Present Time Is Impracticable; Allies Act Directly.

(United Press.)
Tokio, Oct. 12.—The entente allies are insistently demanding that Japan send troops to Europe, according to a military expert in a Japanese newspaper.

They declare that the recent American steel embargo is aimed to force Japan's increased participation in the war.

Following Rigas fall the allies directly asked Japan's participation. Japan replied that mobilization of her forces was now impracticable.

Whoop 'Em Up At B. P. O. E. "Days of '49"

You can't help the fact that you were not in the wild and woolly California to enjoy the good old days of '49, but it will be your fault if you don't see the exact reproduction of these stirring times as put on by the B. P. O. Elks, October 24, 25, 26, 27. Here is the chance of your lifetime to witness the picturesque days you have read so much about and have seen in pictures and have heard about all your lives.

No details will be lacking. The dance hall will be there with its host of pretty girls, "Three-fingered" Pete with the nervous trigger finger will be on hand, card sharks will show you how it was done, and last but not least there will be a real bar across which will sail schooners of real-grape juice.

After giving you a good time the big-hearted Elks will take the money they have relieved you of and provide a real Christmas for the poor, with a tree and cats and all the trimmings.

BRITISH LAUNCH ANOTHER DRIVE IN FLANDERS

ALL FIRST OBJECTIVES TAKEN IN TREMENDOUS ATTACK ON SIX-MILE FRONT.

BATTLEFIELD IS OCEAN OF MUD

Paschendale, Important German Point, Almost Reached; British Are Overcoming Obstacles.

(United Press.)
British Headquarters, Oct. 12.—All first objectives were taken when the British launched another tremendous Flanders drive this morning. Victory was achieved despite the condition of the ground, which is literally an ocean of mud.

The British attacked on a front of six miles. The British arrived within a short distance of Paschendale, the most important point on Paschendale Ridge, six miles off Roulers, the principal center of the German communication line on the Belgian coast.

General Haig granted the United Press an interview. He declared every thing was splendid. Mud is a worse enemy than the Germans, but Britain is overcoming both.

Insurance Of Crews Crossing Zone Cut

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—A 33 per cent cut in the cost of Government insurance of crews crossing the submarine zone is considered as further evidence of the waning of submarine effectiveness.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS WEDNESDAY

(United Press.)
Eugene, Or., Oct. 12.—The annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Associations will be held here beginning next Wednesday. The program included an address by Governor Withycombe and the presidents of the University of Oregon, the Oregon Agriculture College and Reed College. The program is completed.

SAMMY BREAKS ALL NEAR CRADLE RECORDS



SAMMIE STONE

Sammie Stone, son of a farmer in Elm sp., Knox-co., Ill., is the champion strong boy!

Sammie is only 1 year and 9 months old. And he can lift a bucket of coal weighing 23 pounds.

He's a well-behaved boy, hating the nights when he wakes up with a tummy-ache. For playmates Sammie has to accept older boys, but they say he gets a little rough with them at times.

LA FOLLETTE IS SUMMONED TO FACE CHARGES

WILL APPEAR BEFORE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TUESDAY MORNING.

BRYAN WILL FOLLOW SENATOR AS WITNESS

La Follette Is Expected to Demand a Broader Scope of Inquiry Than Is Mapped Out.

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—La Follette is summoned to open his defense against the disloyalty charges at the meeting of the investigating committee next Tuesday morning. Former Secretary Bryan probably will follow La Follette as a witness.

The committee wrote La Follette, declaring they desired to give him a hearing to learn the accuracy of various statements. The letter declares the committee is not authorized to investigate the motives and aims of those attacking La Follette.

La Follette particularly requested to be heard on these points. The committee expects La Follette to demand a broader scope of inquiry than is mapped out.

AMERICANS AND BRITISH WORK FINE TOGETHER

ADMIRAL MAYO IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER ACHIEVEMENTS OF COMBINED FLEETS.

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—Admiral Mayo reached an American port after six weeks' visit among British and American fleets abroad. He will lay plans for a fuller co-operation with the allies before Secretary Daniels.

Admiral Mayo is enthusiastic over the achievements of the American destroyer fleet. He declared the British and Americans were working together splendidly. Some believe the Admiral is especially interested in a grand naval offensive against the German submarine bases and even against the German battle fleet.

SELL WHEAT AND BUY LIBERTY BONDS IS SLOGAN.

(United Press.)
Spokane, Wash., Oct. 12.—"Sell wheat and buy Liberty Bonds" is the slogan request made by the executive committee which is appealing to Inland Empire citizens to assume a share of the second Liberty Loan issue. The big drive for the sale of bonds is well under way this week. In Spokane it commenced with subscriptions of \$1,252,000 by the banks on the opening day. The citizens of Spokane are expected to raise \$5,000,000 and the nine counties of Eastern Washington, aside from Spokane, are looked to for \$3,000,000.

SUSPICIOUS BOAT IS SEIZED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES

(By United Press.)
San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Federal authorities seized the auxiliary schooner, Hugh Hogan, built at Marshfield in 1914. The Hogan is equipped with Bolinder engines, capable of high speed. A shelter deck has been installed, presumably to shelter guns. It is believed that German interests in Mexico aimed to use her as a raider.

