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MAKES PLEA FOR VICTIMS OF THE KAISER

REV. M. B. PAROUNAGIAN TELLS WHY THE ARMENIANS ARE MASSACRED

THEY BLOCKED SCHEME OF MIDDLE EUROPE EMPIRE

George T. Cochran Speaks of the Work of the Home Guards—Canadian Officers to Be Welcomed Thursday Morning.

"A Roman said: 'I had rather be a Roman citizen than a King.' As for me, I had rather be an American citizen than ten times a Roman citizen."—H. E. Coolidge.

"Great hearted, noble, generous, America should come to the rescue of Armenia."—Rev. M. B. Parounagian.

"La Grande should be proud of her Home Guards, the men who are the reserves of our national forces."—George T. Cochran.

"Let every business house and firm in La Grande register 100 per cent perfect in the Armenian drive Thursday."—A. W. Nelson.

"Don't forget to welcome the Canadian officers at breakfast Thursday morning."—T. J. Serogin.

"Let's give the Canadian officers the welcome of their lives. They expect it and are entitled to it."—Walter M. Pierce.

These in brief were some of the pointed remarks made at the business men's luncheon at the Foley hotel at noon today.

Mr. H. E. Coolidge presided and had a good program of speakers. Speakers were frequently interrupted with applause and much spirit and enthusiasm was present.

George T. Cochran was the first speaker and he described the work of the Home Guards, their importance as defenders of home and property, their position as reserves of our national forces, and made a plea that they should be uniformed by the city or county.

Rev. M. B. Parounagian, missionary of Salem, Oregon, made an eloquent and brilliant plea for the Armenians and Syrians, and the two and one-half million women and children who are starving. He told of the misfortunes of Armenia in coming in the way of the ambitious plans of the Kaiser for building up a Middle European Empire, dominating Turkey, with the Berlin-Bagdad railroad as a step in these plans for conquest. Poor Armenia, he people inspired by American missionaries, and not surrendering to the domination of the Turk, stood in the way. So in Berlin the Armenian massacres were conceived and ordered. The Turks carried them out and are still wringing their vengeance upon these unfortunate people, while German officers give the orders for the massacres.

Mr. Nelson outlined plans for the drive. Every business house will solicit its own employees Thursday. The plan is to finish the drive that day. La Grande is expected to give \$1,500.

Announcement was made by Mr. Serogin that the Canadian officers would arrive Thursday morning and be entertained at breakfast Thursday morning at 7:00. They will leave on the branch train Thursday morning returning Friday evening to speak at the Marmon tabernacle Friday night. They speak in Joseph Thursday afternoon and in Enterprise Thursday night.

Mr. Coolidge appointed Mr. W. B. Sargent to be chairman of next Tuesday's luncheon.

At the luncheon.

Those present at the luncheon were H. E. Coolidge, Rev. M. B. Parounagian, of Salem; Dr. H. L. Underwood, G. L. Larson, T. J. Serogin; F. B. Currey, A. T. Hill, S. D. Crowe, Dr. W. D. McMillan, Dr. E. P. Moorman, J. T. Williamson, E. G. Conch, Dr. R. P. Murphy, Lee Warnick, R. J. Kitchen, Dr. L. L. Murphy, C. R. Baker, J. A. Russell, E. E. Brant, William Miller, L. B. Mes, P. L. Mes, H. E. Dixon, Rhea Luper, A. C. Hampton, Dr. M. K. Hall, J. Garfield King, A. W. Nelson, George T. Cochran, W. Bollons, Dr. H. S. Brownson, J. G. Snodgrass, C. C. Penington, W. B. Sargent, H. C. Hug, Walter M. Pierce, Clarke Lettier.

Interest in Telegraphy School.—The telegraphy school at the Y. M. C. A. is receiving inquiries from Baker and the branch line towns every day relative to the school. Since the improvement made to the Y. M. C. A. in the lecture room, the school is now in good running shape and Mr. Divens, the principal expects that a large number of new pupils will enroll within the next few days.

SUNDAY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT "Y"

A series of Sunday afternoon men's meetings will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building every Sunday beginning with January 27, at 3 o'clock. The series will be known as the Life Problem Talks and will be given by Rev. Chas. A. Phipps, who is an authority on these questions. Mr. Phipps is the pastor of the Presbyterian church and is an able and interesting speaker. All men are cordially invited to attend the lectures. The series to be given are as follows: Sunday, January 27—"Hitting the Trail at the Hard Hill." Sunday, February 3—"A Man Worth While On the Trail." Sunday, February 10—"Keeping Fit and Playing the Game." Sunday, February 17—"How to Avoid a Colorless Existence."

Red Cross Dance Is A Fine Success

Miss Daphne Sommer Dances Like a Fairy and Delights Big Audience.

The Red Cross dance at Zuber hall went over the top in fine style last night. Dr. M. K. Hall, president of the Red Cross chapter expressed publicly the thanks of the chapter to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer for 100 per cent donation of the receipts to the chapter.

The event of the evening was the dancing of little Miss Daphne Sommer, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sommer, of Elgin. Like a tiny little fairy, she gave five beautiful dances, the first the Dragon Fly, a light and airy fantasy, the Highland Fling, the Daisy Dance, the Spanish Dance, and the Star Dance. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. George S. Birnie. The audience went into raptures over the light and airy grace of the talented little girl and her appearance was certainly much enjoyed.

Dancing continued until a late hour with sprightly music. The Red Cross entertainment committee, Mrs. E. Polack and the following ladies acted as patronesses: Mrs. M. K. Hall, Mrs. George Cochran, Mrs. T. H. Goodhue, Mrs. L. A. McAllister, Mrs. H. C. Grady, and Mrs. J. J. Carr.

There were over 600 guests present.

Overland Roaster Stolen Last Night

An Overland roaster car owned by the Galloway-Rees Co., was stolen at about 10 o'clock last night from where it was standing on the corner of Fourth and J streets. The police and sheriff have been notified and they hope to recover it soon. The car was one formerly owned by Doctor Whiting.

G. A. R. AND W. R. C. HOLD INSTALLATION

Saturday, January 19, the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps held a joint installation of officers. A dinner was served at noon for the G. A. R. and guests, after which a program was rendered; then followed the installation of officers. The program followed: Prayer by Mr. Oliver, instrumental solo by Mary Fitzgerald; vocal solo, Mrs. Ryneason; vocal solo, Miss Inez Hughes; dance by two little girls. The following are the officers installed: I. W. Faulk, post commander; T. C. Riddle, senior commander; Isaac Stein, junior commander; C. H. Gore, chaplain; J. W. Oliver, adjutant; Isaac Stein, officer of the day. The corps officers are: Della Harnden, president; Sadio Williamson, senior vice-president; Lenora Benadette, junior vice-president; Annie Roesch, secretary; Violet Morgan, treasurer; Ida Gore, chaplain; Rose Wright, conductor; Ella Sion guard; Grace McAllister, patriotic instructor; Lillie Kimball, musician. Anna Wright, assistant conductor; Laura Davis, assistant grand; color bearers, Sadio Miller, Millie Frawley, Mrs. Marlin and Eleanor Maul Carr. There were also visitors from Union, four of whom were department officers. Mrs. Baird, department president, was installing officer; Mrs. Cora M. Davis, past national president, was conductor; Mrs. Minnie, Mrs. Pursell, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Roesch color bearers. Mrs. Lyle from Dundleton was musician. The installing officer and outgoing president was presented with a token of remembrance from Oliver P. Morton Corps. The meeting was closed by singing "America," and a prayer by J. W. Oliver.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—The S. weather bureau forecast: "Probably Rain."

CHAMBERLAIN WILL FIGHT FOR HIS BILLS

EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OFF TO WASHINGTON TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT

WILL USE HIS INFLUENCE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

Party Lines Are Being Drawn Tauter—Democrats Charge Preconceived Plan to Discredit the Administration Before Fall Campaigns.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Senator Chamberlain has announced that he will reply to President Wilson's challenge of his accuracy. Colonel Roosevelt has arranged to confer with Chamberlain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Adding zest to the President's fight for war control of Congress, Ex-President Roosevelt has arrived in Washington to throw his support behind the Chamberlain measure. While he has not so stated, an editorial in the morning papers under his signature conveys his determination to use his influence against President Wilson.

The editorial insisted upon the passage of the Chamberlain bill so as "never again to be caught utterly and shamefully unprepared."

Referring to President Wilson's statement defending Secretary of War Baker, Senator Chamberlain said he was willing to abide by the expressed will of the people. "It's their war," he said.

Party lines are drawn tauter as the result of Roosevelt's appearance, accentuating Democratic bitterness at what they call a concerted plan to discredit the administration before the fall campaign.

The battle opens Thursday when the Senate reconvenes. Senator Chamberlain is planning to call his bill for a second reading. There is talk of accepting a Minister of Munitions in exchange for the defeat of the war cabinet.

American Boy Is Killed In Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—General Pershing called that Corporal Walter Roberts, son of Mrs. Kate Roberts of Hartline, Wash., was killed in an infantry action on the French front Sunday. He did not state what the action was, but it is believed it was a patrol engagement.

General Pershing Reports Eight Dead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—General Pershing reports eight deaths from natural causes, including privates: Russel Owens, Raymond, Wash.; Floyd DeBolt, Adrian, Wash.; Archie Randall, Carrols, Wash.; Howard Holkin, Nampa, Idaho.

JOHN F. NUGENT IS APPOINTED SENATOR

BOISE, Jan. 22.—Governor Alexander has appointed John F. Nugent, a Democrat, of Boise, United States Senator, succeeding the late Senator Brady.

Imbler Comes to Aid of the Armenians

Imbler again responds to the call of the needy. Yesterday afternoon Mr. D. A. Osborne, of Imbler, deposited with the treasurer of the Armenian and Syrian Relief committee a check for \$143.56 and stated that he expected to collect from others that had not been seen.

A number of voluntary subscriptions have been received and are as follows: L. L. McKinnon, Mrs. A. Honan, A. W. Leffel, Royal Neighbors of America, Mrs. S. N. Bolton, School District No. 1, W. C. Kelly and employees, Lane Chapel, J. Henry. The United States National Bank is the first to report 100 per cent from all employees.

K. C. Drive Is Past the \$3,000 Mark

The K. C. drive is progressing rapidly with cash of \$3000, the largest part of the county yet to hear from and also Wal-lawa county's quota.

GYMNASIUM WORK AT "Y" IN FULL SWING

ALL CLASSES WELL ATTENDED. NEED OF EXERCISE FELT

Business Men's Class Is Reorganized. Intermediate, Juniors and Juveniles and Girls' Classes Are Busy—Ted Thye to Start Wrestling Class Tonight.

The physical department of the Y. M. C. A. is under full swing these days, all classes are working and well attended. The necessity of better physical training has been demonstrated and the government is urging the Y. M. C. A. to conduct physical training classes for all departments of the work. Physical exercise is a requisite in order to properly care for the body, and under the great strain that the American people are going today, exercise is absolutely essential. The physical department of the Y. M. C. A. is making men and boys, women and girls physically fit by the systematic exercise that is given at all the classes.

The business men's class, composed of business men of this city, meets twice a week and is largely attended. The following members were present at the class yesterday afternoon: Messrs. S. D. Crowe, H. E. Dixon, Dr. Ray Murphy, F. L. Meyers, Chase Bohnenkamp, Lynn Dornenkamp, H. K. Kinne, Don Scott, E. H. Bornemann, George T. Cochran, Rhea Luper, W. H. Reuter, C. L. Bales, A. H. Prince and Gordon Powers. When this bunch got together on their game of volleyball, the gymnasium rings with the yells and cheers, and it is worth the while to get in this class and open the lungs and "let 'er yell" with this group of men; business cars are thrown aside on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Class Has Pep

The class with the "pep" and the "go" is the intermediate class, which is composed of the younger high school set, and they are plumb full of "it." At present this class is interested in the keenest kind of rivalry in group game competition. They have two teams, known as the "Army" and the "Navy," captained by Harry Proctor and Fred Kivett. The standing of the teams are: Army, 24 points; Navy, 23 points. The following members compose the teams: Army—Harry Proctor, captain; Kenneth Keeney, Teddy Heinderich, Joe Henderson, Harry Mohr, Donald Root, Everett Hesse, Park Taylor and Grant Geddes.

Navy—Fred Kivett, captain; Lloyd Chandler, Bud Thiesen, Robert Williamson, Myron Chandler, Royal Conley, Showalter Lynch, Thomas Hill, Phillip Corbett and Cecil Young.

The coming La Grande athletes are to be found in this group. In several recent try-outs in athletic and muscular tests, excellent records have been made, especially in the true in the springboard high jump contest, which was won by Kenneth Keeney with an exceptional jump of seven feet two inches.

Juniors and Juveniles

The Junior class with the "Marines" and the "Artillery," and the Juvenile class with the "Destroyers" and the "Submarines," are having the battles of their lives. Basketball and baseball games are played with much skill; the competition is intense, and as a relaxation after the school hours it can't be beat. The two classes are developing the future runners for the schools and colleges; games of all kinds are enjoyed during the sessions. The members composing these groups are: Marines—Waldo Stoddard, captain; Herman Berger, Bob Garity, Reed Hibberd, Howard Beatty, Clyde Ford, Everett Kirtley, Frank Tuckey and James Clark. Artillery—Frank Black, captain; Alfred Robbins, Chris Sanberg, Harry Snodgrass, Chester Garity, Jno Donovan, Nephie Combs, Roy Wilcox, Sheldon Brownson and Threl Green. Destroyers—Edward Fitzgerald, captain; Paul Meyers, Howard King, Justin Smith, Henry Lyon, Benard Thiesen, James Dell, Wesley Brownson and Bonnie Jesse. Submarines—Clark Fitzgerald, captain; Francis Snodgrass, Jno Larson, Richard Roy, Francis Kraus, Hugh Logan, Wayman Scott and Willie Perry. All the teams are evenly matched and working hard for the championship.

Girls' Gymnasium Class

The Girls' Gymnasium class meets on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, with twenty-six in this class and every one becoming proficient in gymnasium work. The teams are known as the "Spearheads" and the "California Fruit" and are captained by Norma Mager and Margaret King.

Wrestling Class Tonight

Tonight Ted Thye will begin his wrestling class. From all indications it looks as if this class will be a winner. Only members of the class will be admitted into the wrestling room.

RUSSIA WANTS SYMPATHY OF ALL PEOPLE

AIMS ARE TO ELIMINATE WAR AND TO STOP WAR'S SLAUGHTER

LOOK FORWARD TO WORLD PROLETARIAT

Bolsheviki Ministry Puts Out Statement Saying They Care More for People's Views Than Foreign Offices.

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PETROGRAD, Jan. 22.—New Russia wants the recognition from the peoples of the world more than that of the governments of the world.

They look forward hopefully to a world proletariat which will combine to stop war's slaughter and eradicate causes for future war.

The Bolshevik ministry of foreign affairs thus outlined the Russian viewpoint in a special statement for the United Press. "We can hope to succeed not in proportion as we are recognized by foreign offices of other countries but in proportion as we receive active support of the proletariat of the democracies of the world."

Highway Commission Is to Sell Bonds

SALEM, Jan. 22.—The highway commission announced they would open bids for the first half million of this year's two million dollars worth of road bonds February 5. They will be in two lots of \$150,000 each, one lot of \$200,000, enabling small capital to bid.

They bear 4 per cent interest and mature between the sixth and twentieth year.

H. McCaffray With RAILWAY ENGINEERS

LETTER TELLS OF THE WORK OF BACKING UP INFANTRY

A recent letter from H. McCaffray, 18th Engineers Railway Corps, from "Somewhere in France," expresses his pleasure at receiving the Review of Reviews and other papers. He says:

"There is nothing particular to report. I am still working like a nigger and learning to swing a 2-lb. like an old timer. The winter has set in, lots of fog and mud that cannot be described. However I look for an improvement. The Major advises that this outfit is booked for the front and we shall be amongst the first to go into action.

"We have lots of grim work ahead. Whenever an advance is made we go over the top behind the infantry and establish means of bringing up guns and rifles. Expect to get new rifles and gas masks right away. Hope we get started soon as I would trade my 2-pound for a gun any day.

"What is your idea of the duration of the war? Some people think 1918 will see the end of it. I wish I could take that view. Personally I see no hope before 1919. * * * Anyhow let us hope I am mistaken. I want to see the end of the thing, as does every one here. We also want to get back to the States, the only country worth living in. * * * Say, I would trade my shirt for one of Miss Ryan's real meals just now.

H. McCAFFRAY, Company E, 18th Engineers, R. Way, U. S. Post Office 705, A. E. F., in France, via New York

Chinese Fire on American Gunboat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—American Minister Rehnach has formally protested to China on the firing on the American gunboat Monocacy by the Chinese, killing one and wounding two sailors. It is believed revolutionists were responsible.

Attempted Raid By Enemy Repulsed

LONDON, Jan. 22.—An attempted enemy raid east of Ypres was repulsed. Elsewhere the infantry is inactive.

Donate Taxi Receipts. Foley and Rodgers will donate the receipts from their taxicabs from midnight Wednesday night to midnight Thursday night to the K. of C. war fund.

SNOW WHITE

Children are talking it. Women at their knitting discuss it. Everyone is planning on it. And when the time arrives there will be the old, old excuse, just like a circus, "We are going to take the children to see 'Snow White.'" But secretly they'll enjoy it themselves. Of course, every one will—young and old alike enjoy fairy tales—and besides the words, Red Cross Benefit will bring out the town.

GERMANY PUTS PRESSURE ON SWEDEN

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22.—It is believed that Germany has begun to exert powerful pressure on Sweden. The Cologne Gazette says if Sweden permits America to use her tonnage, even in coastal traffic, "Germany will consider it a breach of neutrality."

J. D. Meyers Appointed "Smileage" Director

J. D. Meyers of the Arcade and Star theatres, has been appointed local director of the "Smileage" campaign which is now on. Charles E. Cochran, formerly of La Grande, now attorney for the O-W. R. N. in Portland, is to be state director. This is a nation-wide campaign to furnish the soldiers in the cantonments clean amusement. The government has built Liberty Theatres, Liberty tents and auditoriums, in the cantonments and large encampments where soldiers and sailors are stationed. The Military Entertainment committee headed by Marc Klaw and H. P. Harrison, president of one of the foremost Chautauque associations, will furnish the amusements and operate the 48 theatres.

The "smileage" books will sell for \$1 and the coupons will admit the soldiers to the entertainments at these theatres inside the camps. The plan is to raise a \$1,000,000 fund.

McAdoo Authorizes Sale of Treasury Notes

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo through the Federal Reserve Bank, has authorized the issuance of \$400,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness, dated January 22, and maturing April 22, drawing 4 per cent interest. These are available for short term investments and may be secured at either of the local banks.

SOME THINGS WE HEAR AND SEE

(Contributed) The fellow that won't clear his walk of snow, don't need any newspaper advertising. He gets his name mentioned real often.

There are some property owners who should shovel the dirt from their walks. You can't grow good spuds on concrete now.

A woman, who is very popular, made this remark: Oh, dear; I think I shall move to the country. When I entertain, I have so many good things, and then it's beans for such a long while. (Moral) Remember, Uncle Sam can use those beans.

We know of several business houses that could use a carpenter to cut windows in some parts of their stores. They tied a can to the public drinking cup.

Mr. Editor, insert this just beneath Doan's Kidney Pills. You will be surprised to see how much it will help that advertisement. I thank you in advance.

NEWS OF LA GRANDE

At Enterprise—Judge Knowles is holding court at Enterprise.

Marriage License—A marriage license was issued to Joseph E. Anson and Edna Keltz of Union county on January 21.

Contest in Land Office—The case of Toy L. Young vs. Wm. A. Terrall, involving the latter's desert land entry situated at Tolocaset, is being heard today before the United States Land Office. Young is attacking the yearly expenditures made by Terrall. The hearing will probably consume two or three days. A number of witnesses are present from Tolocaset. The plaintiff is represented by Crawford & Eskin, the defendant by Terrall & Terrall.

PRESIDENT FAVORS PRICE FIXING BILL

SUBMITS TO HOUSE COMMITTEE MEASURE OF NATIONAL SCOPE

HOPES TO ENFORCE IT

Retail as W. Would May 1 less

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—President Wilson has submitted to the House agricultural committee a draft of a bill for national price fixing on an unprecedented scale by which he hopes to eliminate profiteers, control wholesale and retail prices.

Details are withheld, but committee say it is wide in scope. If Congress does not empower Hoover to enforce wheatless and meatless days he may act under presidential proclamation.

Curtailment of Enterprises Favored

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Curtailment of private security issues and investment in new enterprises unnecessary as was measure is advocated by the Federal Reserve Board in a report to Congress. Simultaneously, the report says, the nation's financial structure is the soundest ever, the brunt of the war following a period of financial expansion being borne successfully by the reserve system. Better results are forecast for 1918. Loans and discounts to November 17 were nine and a half billions.

Alien Plotters Are Carefully Watched

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—This is "Der Tag" on which alien plotters planned to begin a wholesale destruction of shipping at Pacific and Atlantic ports. Federal agents announced that all Pacific ports had been guarded for several days. Passes are necessary to enter plants and docks.

Auto Missing; Party Seen

Galloway-Rees Co. have been making an active search for their Overland roadster which was stolen last night. Clues point to a certain party who is requested to either take it back or phone where it is to avoid precaution.

Chance for Sheepmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. (By Mail.)—An excellent opportunity to greatly extend the sheep raising industry in Eastern Oregon is offered to local sheepmen by the Extension Service, which proposes a term of ten years or more in Moronties. lands zing, gri-cultural wn ed from ed in Townships 2 to 3 North, ranges 22 to 28 East, Willamette Meridian, and are included in areas reserved for the future development of the Umatilla and John Day irrigation projects. Proposals will be received until 2 p. m., February 9, at the office of the United States Reclamation Service, Hermiston, Oregon. Full particulars concerning terms of lease, location, etc., may be obtained upon request of the project manager.

Regular freight and passenger service on the Siletz railro line between La Grande and Vi-

sets starts.

SON IN HOSPITAL CORPS

ELGIN, Or., Jan. 21.—Editor of the Evening Observer: I have a son in the La Grande Hospital Corps. His address is "William G. Ryder, Field Hospital 167, 117 Sanitary Train, A. E. F., France." Yours truly, L. E. RYDER.