

SOLDIERS TELL OF DEEDS IN THE TRENCHES

UNION COUNTY GIVES VISITING OFFICERS A GREAT RECEPTION

UNITY AT HOME WILL HELP WIN THE WAR

Home Guards, High School Cadets and Elks Band Form Escort—Officers Plead for United Effort to Back Up Our Soldiers.

Union county gave a splendid reception to Lieutenant-Colonel Macmillan, Major F. B. Edwards and Captain E. J. Gook, the Canadian officers touring the state under the auspices of the State Council of Defense.

From the time the officers got off the train at their return from Enterprise and Joseph, they were met with attention. First they were escorted to the Foley hotel for supper; then they were met by a large reception committee, consisting of the Union County Council of Defense and other prominent citizens of the county.

When the parade arrived at the L. D. S. Tabernacle, the whole town was there. It was a great gathering. All of the seats, except those reserved for the Home Guards, had been filled and there was standing room only.

Chairman Scroggin of the Union County Council of Defense presided and the program was immediately begun. The musical program during the evening was arranged by Mrs. J. J. Carr and was especially enjoyable, the opening number being the "Marseillaise" by the L. D. S. Choir.

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Blue Mountain Grange Helps Tobacco Fund

The Blue Mountain Grange turned in to The Observer's Tobacco Fund \$5.50 and hope to be able to give more. The committee states that it was pretty hard sledding at first, but that all the members are now eager to give.

GOLD RESERVE IN FRANCE IS LARGE

PARIS, Dec. 28. (By Mail.)—When the moment comes for settling accounts, whatever trumps Germany may hold, France is sure of holding the Ace of trumps—the greatest gold reserve of any country in Europe.

Table with 2 columns: Country, Millions of Francs. Includes France (5,326), England (1,499), Italy (825), Russia (3,453), Rumania (493), Germany (3,005), Denmark (267), Spain (1,949), Holland (1,419), Sweden (286), Switzerland (349).

Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey do not figure in the list, for the simple reason that since the war began these states have published no information regarding their financial status.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—The U. S. weather forecast: "Generally Fair."

President Fights to Save Mooney's Life

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Wilson today began an open fight for the life of Thomas Mooney, convicted of the San Francisco bomb plot, following the report of his investigating commission.

AUSTRIA IS READY TO TREAT WITH RUSSIA

WILL ACCEPT FULL TERMS EXCEPT SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE

LONDON, Jan. 26.—An Exchange telegraph report from Petrograd says Austria declares its readiness to conclude a separate peace with Russia without Germany, accepting her full terms except the self determination of people.

GERMANY MAY LOSE HER LAST FRIEND

Scheidemann Criticises Chancellor Hertling's Speech in Reichstag.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—Scheidemann, asking peace before Spring to save bloodshed, addressed the German Reichstag, criticizing the speech of Chancellor Hertling.

Recalling that the Kaiser was insulted in the streets of Vienna he said: "Conservatives opposing the Austrian peace efforts seek to make us lose our last friend."

Deadly Germs Found In Red Cross Bundle

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, Jan. 26.—The Red Cross received a cotton roll prepared for use in France, with tetanus and anthrax germs on a piece of German newspaper in the center. It killed guinea pigs in five hours. Federal agents are investigating.

Sergant Wslls Endorsed by Canadians

One of the results of the Canadian officers visit to nail the lie that Sergant "Doc" Wells was an impostor and had been arrested as a German spy. This story was put out in La Grande on the eve of the visit of the Canadian officers and was rapidly spread through the medium of the children of the city.

SOLDIER COLONIES THIS MAN'S WORK



The returned soldier problem is the chief concern of Thomas Nixon Carver, United States adviser in agricultural economics, who is working out with Senator Curtis of Kansas and Sheppard of Texas a plan for colonizing United States soldiers after the war.

BUSY AS BEES



PRESIDENT WARNED OF ASS'N PLOT

MYSTERIOUS NOTE SAYS PLAN IS TO BURN WAR PLANTS AND DOCKS TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A mysterious letter warning President Wilson of a national plot to destroy docks and war plants is being used in connection with an investigation of today's fires. The letter, which was considered at a cabinet meeting January 15, said the plots would be effective Tuesday. This caused guarding of plants and docks everywhere.

Camp Lewis Has Low Mortality Rate

CAMP LEWIS, American Lake, Wash., Jan. 26.—Governor Burnquist of Minnesota is here investigating complaints of unhealthy western army camps. He says this camp's mortality rate is the lowest in the west.

PRESIDENT WRITES GOVERNOR

Urges Consideration of Mooney Petition for a New Trial.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—In accordance with the report of his special investigating commission that the governor and the people of California be appealed to if the Supreme Court overrules Mooney's appeal for a re-trial, the President has written the governor of California urging a favorable consideration of the case.

TROOPS FIRE ON STRIKERS

Inner City of Buda-Pest Is Protected By Machine Guns.

URGES USE OF LESS WHEAT

President to Issue Proclamation Tonight Urging Less Consumption.

Americans and Mexicans Meet In Fierce Battle

EL PASO, Jan. 26.—The military authorities are rigidly investigating the battle between United States and Carranzista troops, lasting over an hour, this morning near here. Over five hundred shots were fired; one American was wounded.

SOLDIER BOY WARM IN MILITARY CAMP

Camp Merritt, N. J., Jan. 26, 1918. Dear Aunt and Uncle:— I wrote you a little note shortly before I left Waco but my address has changed since that time so will write again. We do not get any mail now until we get across the pond so if you have already written to me I will not get it over there.

British Take Prisoners

LONDON, Jan. 26.—At South Cambrai the British took prisoners in patrol encounters. Hostile artillery is active at Scarpe.

RYAN MAY SUCCEED WILLARD

PORTLAND MARKET LETTER



President John D. Ryan of the Anaconda Copper Co., and a prominent figure in the country's financial circles, is mentioned as the man who will succeed Daniel Willard as head of the War Industries Board.

CLEMENCAU TO BE ALLIES' SPOKESMAN

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Premier Clemenceau of France will probably be the Allied spokesman in the reply to Germany and Austria. Moreover he will likely voice the joint restatement of the Allies' war aims. It is authoritatively learned he is framing a joint list of war aims, which is the principal problem before the forthcoming Allied conference in Paris.

Rain and Snow at Enterprise.

ENTERPRISE, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—A rain storm here yesterday and last night made it look as though all the snow in this part of the country would be gone by this morning but later in the night it turned cooler and snowed instead of raining. It is cooler today although it is still thawing and the weather seems more like Spring than mid-winter.

Clerk Decamps With \$4,500.

DENVER, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—James R. Benson, auditor and night clerk at the Savoy hotel, and \$4,500 from the hotel's safe disappeared yesterday. The money had been deposited by guests, including many stockmen here for stockshow week.

Joseph Drug Store Broken Into by Thieves

JOSEPH, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The Joseph Drug Store was robbed after midnight last night. The thieves got \$2.50 in cash and about twenty dollars worth of merchandise, cigars, candies, gum, a \$5 safety razor, etc. The thieves broke in through the back window.

BIG FIRE ON WATER FRONT IN NEW YORK

MUNICIPAL DOCKS AND ARMY QUARTERMASTER'S WAREHOUSES BURN

FIREBOAT SAVES YARDS BUILDING SUBMARINES

Secret Service Men Rush to Scene—Oil on Ice Catches Fire—Soldiers Fire to Keep Back Crowds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Seven United States depot quartermaster warehouses and a mile of municipal docks in New York and several oil barges were burned this morning. The storehouses were empty.

SUSPICIOUS FIRE AT WESTINGHOUSE PLANT

BUFFALO, Jan. 26.—A suspicious fire destroyed the local Westinghouse factory, making signal corps equipment. The loss was \$200,000.

FIRE DISCOVERED IN HOLD OF STEAMER

ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 26.—Fire was discovered in the hold of a large British steamer. It was soon controlled. A spy plot is rumored.

FIRE DOES MILLION DAMAGE AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—The state government is co-operating in investigating the early fires destroying the Cells mills and Smith Drydock company plants, both working on war contracts. Incendiarism is indicated. The damage is nearly a million.

AMERICAN STEAMER LOADING GRAIN, CATCHES FIRE

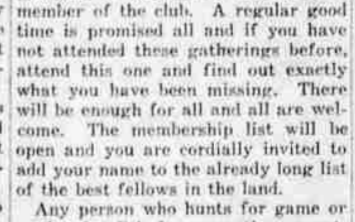
BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—The American steamer Deepwater, loading grain for Italy, caught fire. The entire crew was aboard when the fire was discovered. Several hundred barrels of benzine and glycerine found on board are believed to be part of a sabotage program.

Sportsmen to Have Clam Feed Monday

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Will Have Annual Event at Foley Hotel Monday Evening

A clam feed will be given by the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Monday evening, January 28, at 6:30. The place for this great sportsmen's gathering is the Foley grill. Every man who fishes or hunts should be there regardless of whether or not he is a member of the club.

SHIPPING CHIEF OF THE PACIFIC COAST



Arthur B. Swezey of Upper Montclair, N. J., a member of the Shipping Board of Trade has been appointed manager of the shipping line of the Cunard, and Donaldson Lines, at New York. Swezey will have command of the Pacific Coast in his new position but his duties will be rather those of a shipping agent, to arrange for cargo goes from the west, for ships traversing the Atlantic. He was for years manager of the Mediterranean union department of the Cunard line, in New York.

RUSSIA MAY REPUDIATE ALL OF ITS DEBTS

ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS OF SOVIETS RECOMMENDS ACTION TO BOLSHIEVIKI

By JOSEPH SHAPLEN PETROGRAD, Jan. 26.—The Bolshevik newspapers report Soviet organizations have been formed by Vienna, Budapest and Warsaw workmen "for revolutionary purposes. The all-Russian Congress of Soviets, designated by the Bolsheviks as lawmakers, approved of the repudiation of all Russia's debts. The Bolsheviks has not accepted the approval yet. The Bolsheviks are overwhelming in control of the sessions. The Russian people through the network of city and provincial councils are working out Russia's problems and do not appear to be apparently ruled now from the boat.

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David B. Brewer, aged 78, of Saxon, Pa., is shown in this picture about to leave for Montana to take control of the gold mine he discovered back in 1864. At that time a band of Indians came whooping down and chased him. Now he has relocated the mine, he says, and expects that he will be permitted to work it in peace.