

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS IS GRATIFYING

DELAY IN AVIATION PROGRAM
IS TO BE INVESTIGATED
BY GOVERNMENT

FULL UNDERSTANDING
ON WAR MOVEMENTS

House as Well as Senate Military
Committees and Officials to
Have Joint Meetings

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 15.—The accelerated movement of troops to France is momentarily the brightest spot in the American war work. Delay in the aviation program is the most discouraging, but between the two there has been satisfactory progress in all lines. These facts stand out as the main revelation at the first joint session of the war committee and the senate military committee, which was held today. It is learned that the government is making an investigation as to the causes of delay in the aviation program.

The confidential information which was given to the senate military committee today will also be given to the house military committee through bi-weekly sessions at which Pershing's cables will be read and other confidential information reaching the war department will be fully explained.

BI-MONTHLY CASUALTY REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—American casualty lists may soon be issued once or twice each month, with the addresses of the victims. Acting Secretary Crowell is to confer with General March over the plan which is suggested by President Wilson.

British Repel Raids.
LONDON, March 15.—Hostile raids at Passendale and Poelcapelle were repelled, and a British raid west of Villersguislain succeeded. There is mutual artillery fire at Cambrai, Armentieres, Messines and Menin sectors.

Two Women Killed in Wreck.
HARRISBURG, Pa., March 15.—Two women were killed and forty others were injured when a huge boulder rolled in a deep cut and derailed two Pullmans on the Pennsylvania train today.

MORE MONEY ASKED.
To Be Used For Emergency War Work During Coming Year.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—For emergency war work next year Representative Houston has asked congress for an appropriation of \$25,000,000. This is asked to be used in educating farmers for the increasing of adequate farm labor and for the increasing of food production.

Former Senator Dead.
MARINETTE, Wis., March 15.—Former United States Senator Isaac Stephenson died here today after a long illness.

The Weather
PORTLAND, March 15.—Weather forecast: "Probably rain."

FRENCH SAILORS MAN THIS DREADNOUGHT ON WHEELS



Weapons of dreadnought size are rarely seen on wheels, but here's a whole train of them. French sailors, used to handling the monster guns, man this armored train which operates on the western front.

Pan-Soviets Favor Peace

PETROGRAD, March 15.—Overwhelming acceptance of the German peace terms by the Pan-Soviet congress at Moscow today is predicted. Bolshevik members of the congress, at a meeting, voted unanimously for acceptance, following which all trades union representatives quit the party. Trotsky has appointed a war commissary. Prince Lvoff has been arrested for an alleged plan to establish a government in Siberia with Jaap.

Fierce Conflict in Turkestan
PETROGRAD, March 15.—Twenty thousand are dead as the result of civil war in Turkestan between soviet and natives. Fierce battles continue.

Berlin Reports Eastern Progress
BERLIN, March 15.—The Germans have occupied Hachmatoch in Ukraine.

THREATENED BY FIRE.
Mysterious Origin Around St. Louis Arsenal Results in Heavy Guards.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—It is learned that four fires of mysterious origin threatened the United States arsenal here. The arsenal contains vast supplies. It is found out that boxes had been piled around apparently to delay fire fighter. The plant is now heavily armed.

Freight Increase Granted.
WASHINGTON, March 15.—The interstate commerce commission has granted a fifteen per cent increase in rate over all eastern interstate roads on coal, livestock, bricks and meat.

NEW STRIKE UNDER WAY IN AUSTRIA

COPENHAGEN, March 15.—It is learned that a new strike is under way in Austria. The Berlin Anzeiger declares that the employees on several of the Austrian railroads have struck and that the movement is growing. Many of the principal factories of Floridsdorf are closing and the strikers have refused to obey military orders to return to work. Floridsdorf is four miles from Vienna.

Ludendorff Makes Threats

AMSTERDAM, March 15.—"If the enemy does not want peace they must fight the most tremendous battle of the war on the western front," Ludendorff is quoted in the Cologne Volks Zeitung.
"The west front situation are the most favorable to us. We are stronger than the enemy in men, material, aircraft and tanks, he said. Hindenburg, in the same paper, says that the Russian frontier states and the Balkans need protection and must seek German support.

L. D. S. Conference Begins Tomorrow

The regular quarterly conference of the L. D. S. church will begin at the Tabernacle at 10 o'clock tomorrow. There will be special services tomorrow afternoon and on Sunday, both morning, afternoon and evening.
It is expected that prominent members of the L. D. S. church from Salt Lake will be present during the sessions of the conference. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

SAMMIES GET BEST OF MEATS

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON, March 15.—American fighting men are receiving the finest, the freshest, and the purest meats that America can supply.
Sammies can sink their teeth into every good red chunk with assurance it's as good—and better—than the folks back home are getting. It reaches him ten-fold inspected and "certified" by the most perfect national meat inspection service in the world.
Only selected meat from healthy steers—not bulls or heifers—is allowed to go to the troops.
It is shipped by the most direct routes that it may arrive fresh.
From the steer on the hoof, to the time the meat drops into the mess-pot at the front, it is subject to a constant inspection by trained United States meat experts.

RUMANIA LOSES PRINCIPAL SEAPORT



Rumania loses all her Dobruja seacoast, where the seaport of Constantza is located, through the acceptance of Germany's demands. If the German announcement of the settlement is true. Instead she is given Bessarabia, former Russian province adjoining Rumania, with a strip of seacoast that is almost useless. The coast land is low and there are no good seaports. Dobruja, Germany has awarded to Bulgaria.

BISHOP O'REILLY TO LEAVE BAKER

HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO
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Announcement from Oakland Says He
Will Accept—Vacancy Remains
to Be Filled

BAKER, March 15.—An important announcement was made here yesterday which will bring both pleasure and regret to the people of this community, that of the appointment of Rt. Rev. Bishop Charles J. O'Reilly as bishop of the Catholic diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska. Simultaneously with the announcement of the appointment, it was stated that a message had been received by Rev. Father Loeser, assistant to the bishop here, from Bishop O'Reilly, now in Oakland, California, giving word of his acceptance of the appointment.

The appointment of Bishop O'Reilly as head of the Lincoln diocese was made by His Eminence Archbishop Bonzano of Washington, D. C., and he will succeed Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tiehn, who has been appointed as the bishop of the Denver, Colorado, diocese of the Catholic church.

The Lincoln diocese comprises all that portion of the state of Nebraska south of the Platte river, with a Catholic population of 31,138.

Bishop O'Reilly, who for several months in addition to his own work had charge of the affairs of the Boise diocese, following the death of Bishop Glorieux, has not been in the best of health and has been undergoing treatment at Oakland recently, being much improved, according to latest advices.

His work in this diocese needs no commendation to the people of Eastern Oregon for it speaks for itself. He was ordained at Montreal, June 29, 1890, and consecrated bishop of the Baker City diocese August 25, 1903. He was previously for many years in charge of St. Mary's church, Williams avenue, Portland, and also was editor of the Catholic Sentinel.

It is understood that the church authorities considering the matter have tentatively selected Bishop O'Reilly's successor, but no definite announcement has as yet been made.

Farmers Meet at Telocaset

(Special.)
TELOCASET, March 12.—County Agriculturist Paul Spillman spoke to the farmers of this vicinity last Saturday at the Brooks' Hall. Some interesting topics were discussed. Lola Wulf was taken to the Grande Ronde Hospital last week by Doctor Lamb and operated on for appendicitis. Late reports state she is improving rapidly.
L. B. Hyatt made a business trip to La Grande Friday to see his cousin, Hugh Hulse, who left that same evening for Texas. Mr. Hulse joined the Ambulance Corps. I. L. Haller was operated on at Hot Lake last week for internal trouble and is doing nicely.
Dick Hill was a business visitor at the County seat Thursday.
Mrs. Will Burns visited her father I. L. Haller Saturday at Hot Lake.

Farmers Get Big Loans

During the month of January, \$11,787,517 were paid out to farmers of the United States by the Federal land banks on long-time first-mortgage loans, according to a statement by the Federal Farm Loan board.
On February 1 the total amount of money paid out to farmers since the establishment of the Federal land banks was \$50,782,432, covering 24,020 loans closed. The total amount of loans applied for up to February 1 was \$269,556,981, representing 112,146 applicants.

Dry Forces Will Protest.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The dry federation announced that it will send delegates to Washington to appear before Secretary of the Navy Daniels Monday and ask for the closing of six thousand saloons in Chicago under the law prohibiting sales of liquor within five miles of a naval training station.

Mr. Eberhard Makes Filing.

SALEM, March 15.—Colon R. Eberhard, of La Grande, today made his filing for the republican nomination for joint senator for the nineteenth senatorial district, embracing the counties of Morrow, Umatilla and Union.

DEMAND FOR CATTLE IS UNABATED

ALL CLASSES ARE FROM 25 TO
50 CENTS ABOVE LAST
WEEK

Supply of Hogs Is Stimulated by
Prevailing Figures, But the
Quality Declines

PORTLAND, March 15.—The cattle market can be characterized by but two words "top-notch." All classes of cattle are from 25c to 50c higher than they were this time last week with the demand unabated. The supply has not been adequate this week. The week's receipts up to date have been about 1600 head. Best steers are selling strong up to 11.50. Medium to choice steers are bringing 9.50 to 10.50, while common to good steers will bring from 9.00 to 10.00. The choicest cows and heifers will go at 8.50 to 9.75, the highest prices that have been realized for this class this year. Common cows from canners up will go at 4.25 to 8.50. Bulls are bringing most any price from 5.00 to 9.00 and are in demand. Good vealers will sell as high as 12.00.

Hog receipts today are 1000 head, with about 2500 in the market this week previously. The quality of hogs is not nearly as good this week as last week, indicating that shippers are anxious to get in on the good high price to the detriment of a finish. Demand is very good and the selling has been snappy. Quotations are: Prime lights 16.85 to 17.00; prime heavies 16.50 to 16.85; pigs 14.00 to 15.25; and the bulk 16.85 to 16.90.

Sheep receipts have been but nominal all week. The market, however, is held to a fully steady basis on mutton stock. Ewes are quoted at 9.00 to 12.00; wethers 12.50 to 13.00; and lambs, while quoted steady, have a good strong feeling at 15.00 to 15.50 for Western stock and slightly lower for Willamette Valley offerings.

FEDERAL SALARIES RAISED.

Ten Dollars Per Month Increase for
Those Receiving Under \$2,000.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The house has passed the executive, judicial and legislative appropriation bills, including a provision that the salaries of federal employees receiving under two thousand dollars yearly to be increased ten dollars monthly. The bill was increased seventy-five million to meet the proposed salary increase. The bill now goes to the senate.

AMERICANS DECORATED.

Colonel And Eight Enlisted Men
Get Cross For Gallantry.

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 15.—Col. Douglas McArthur in the airplane service and eight enlisted Americans have been decorated with the French cross for gallantry.

Sniping is increasing wherever possible on the American front. Germans evacuate their positions whenever they believe that Americans are ready to make a raid.

NINE MEN ARE TO BE CALLED FOR QUOTA

WILL BE SELECTED FROM A
LIST OF FIFTEEN
NAMES

LOCAL BOARD HAS
FURNISHED LIST

Men Selected by the Board Are to Go
to Camp Lewis Within a
Short Time

The following list of registrants from Union county were handed to The Observer by the local board today, from which nine will be selected by the board to be sent to Camp Lewis.

Sam Kakoures, Portland.
J. C. McAnish, Sunnyside, Wash.
Athol J. Meyer, Lockwood, Mo.
Frank A. Turner, La Grande.
Jim Green Gooch, Wichita, Kan.
Marion Wm. Anthony, North Powder.

Alfred Owen Lindsey, Salt Lake.
Walter Elmer Baker, Summerville.
Claude Leland Busick, Union.
Harry L. West, Union.
Peter Karas, Portland.
Orville Roberts, La Grande.
Fred Albert Warner, La Grande.
Fred Elden Williams, La Grande.
Lester Allen Wilson, La Grande.
Chas. H. Pike, La Grande.

The nine who are selected are the ones to make up Union county's quota to fill the last increment of the first draft and will be credited in the next call.

SOURCE OF TRENCH FEVER.

Elimination Of Same Will Be Aid
To Allies' Man Power.

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 15.—The research made by American and British doctors show that the "trench fever" prevalent on the west front is communicated by the body louse. The germ has not yet been isolated. Seventy-two American soldiers have volunteered as subjects, permitting all varieties of trench vermin to bite them. Elimination of the trench fever will be an effective aid to the allied man power.

MORE OVER THE TOP.

Reports Of Late Additions To
Rainbow Division.

County School Superintendent Ivanhoe reports nine more school children who have scaled the top and become qualified for the Rainbow Division. They are Russell McKennon, of District No. 78, Imbler, who has sold \$50 worth of stamps; and from District No. 11, Imbler, are Elmer Squire, \$100; Ralph McKinnis, Irene Wagner and Harry Cleaver, with \$82.50 each. There are four who have qualified in the Island City School, who have made sales of fifty dollars each in stamps. They are Fern and Maule Alderman, Virginia Bryant and Kenneth Thompson. All the pupils of the Island City school have enrolled in the Junior Red Cross and recently sent \$18 to the general fund.

"I AM AN I. W. W. SAYS" PAT DENNY IN JAIL TODAY

When the branch line train pulled in last evening city officers took off two men. Those men were Pat Denny and his pal. The pal was of little consequence because he was just traveling on and had no interest in the game that Pat plays. Denny was asked if he was a member of the I. W. W. and he replied he once was but not lately. He is a fine-looking old chap and one of the most pleasant talkers. He is very convincing and it is plainly visible that he is just the fellow who would be selected by the I. W. W. organization to enter a logging camp and talk to men.

When Pat was asked to remove his shoes he expressed surprise and then when his I. W. W. credentials fell from under his sock leg he laughed and said: "Come now, of course I am an I. W. W. It is the only way that capital can be brought to understand its duty to labor," and then Pat squared himself and delivered an address that would make Mr. Gompers hustle to beat. He reviewed history's pages and talked of great events that the world has been interested in. Bidding matters down to date he hit upon the old story of the I. W. W. relative to logging camp conditions for men some time ago. But Pat admitted that things had changed and the camps were much better now. He offered one or two suggestions regarding the bettering of conditions in Eastern Oregon camps but in the main he said they were good and the food is good. He did object to the eight hour day applying from the time the loggers hit the woods, for he contends the time should begin from the moment the logger leaves his bunkhouse. Just what will be done with old Pat is a matter for the officials to decide, but whatever is done will not worry him much. He is a veteran of many years of turbulent life; his face shows the weather beaten lines, but indicates extremely good health. In fact, he is another character for the Velvet Joe tobacco to grab before they have all passed away.

\$5.00 A PINT FOR BOOZE IS THE LATEST QUOTATION

"It's my whiskey, all right, but I don't get you why I am up against this court game. I bought the booze from a guy on the train coming from Perry and I gave him \$20 in good hard money for four pints." Thus spoke "Brookie" Le Page when he was arraigned this morning in police court on the charge of having liquor on his person. "Brookie" has traveled the Eastern Oregon country for many years and he is no spring chicken. He said today: "I have lived sixty-five years, never was near a jail door until now. Fine old man, eh? How much did you say the fine was? Fifty bucks? Why, I was not selling any booze. I was merely trying to get a little to drink. Don't class me with the bootlegger, for I am none of that." When told that the ordinance governing liquor in La Grande made no distinction as to buyer, seller, vendor or vendee but that possession of the snaky liquid was all the evidence necessary to make a man part with the minimum fine of \$50, Brookie drew a deep breath and remarked: "Here's that fifty bones, but let me say that the fellows who drew such a city ordinance should meet and revise it if they want to be classed as fair men for I am here to say to you there is a vast difference between the person who may take a drink of liquor and the one who stoops so low as to sell it contrary to the state laws." Then came William Bourne, who alleged that he had carried the pint of booze which the chief grabbed on him to prevent a friend of his from getting drunk. Apparently he was telling the truth, but again the rigidity of the law came into action and there was nothing to do but impose the fine for the statute is plain and unyielding.