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200,000
IMMEDIATELYMOBILIZATION ORDER HAS
ALREADY BEEN ISSUED,
SAYS MARCH.ORDER INCLUDES MEN
WHO ARE IN UNITED STATES

Chief of Staff March Outlines Procedure of Demobilization at the Press Conference Today—Can Discharge 30,000 Men Daily With the Present Machinery.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(United Press.)—A demobilization order has already been issued which provides for the discharge of two hundred thousand soldiers in the United States within the next few weeks. As the machinery develops which is now available in the War Department, the army can discharge thirty thousand men daily. This announcement was made by Chief of Staff March at the press conference today.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in by relatives of the boys in France. A few days ago a rumor was afloat that the boys who are overseas will be sent home and the soldiers trained in this country will be sent to Europe to do duty until the final peace negotiations have been completed and the European countries made safe from anarchy. Further news on this phase of the army program is awaited with great interest. In the dispatches which referred to the bringing home of the men mention was made that the Rainbow Division would be on the ocean homeward bound by Christmas. This news was refreshing to La Grande and Union county and its verification is awaited.

March announced that no more troops will be sent overseas. He has ordered General Pershing to return as soon as transports are available, all convalescent, sick and wounded before the steady flow of the larger bodies of troops begins.

Demobilization orders contemplate demobilizing in this country in this order:

Development battalions and conscientious objectors not under sentence.

Spruce Division.
Officers at Training Schools.
United States Guard.
Railroad Troops.
Depot Brigades.
Men in Replacement Camps.
Combat Divisions.

March announced there are a million seven hundred thousand men in the United States and that it will take some time to muster this number out. All men will be offered an opportunity to reenlist. The war department will ask congress to give every properly discharged man a bonus of a month's pay. All soldiers will be allowed to wear uniforms three months after the date they leave the service.

REAL SWEET CORN

J. B. Stoddard Raises Crop of Cereal Under Peculiar Conditions. Among the agricultural freak stunts of this district it appears that that of raising sweet corn in November is one. At least several well filled ears of the cereal have been exhibited in town this week by J. B. Stoddard, owner of a prospering truck ranch of the Fruitdale district.

WILSON WILL ATTEND

LONDON, Nov. 16.—That President Wilson will attend the peace conference is practically a certainty, according to the London News which paper declares that Colonel House is authority for the information.

VERNER KNUTZEN KILLED IN WAR

Stacked Brothers of Cove have received word from Theodore Knutzen of Richmond, Virginia, stating that his son, Verner was killed in battle in France on October 6th.

Verner came to Oregon from Richmond in 1915. He was not yet 19 years old, but he came to regain failing health. He stayed

MME. MARGUERITE WRIST



This is Mme. Marguerite Wrist, who is seventy-eight years old and of French birth. This old lady has nicknamed herself the "Godmother of all American soldiers" and has assumed a motherly attitude toward all Yankee boys, whom she loves almost as dearly as her fallen sons of France.

HINDENBURG
STILL CHIEF

THE GERMAN FIELD MARSHAL HEADS ARMY

Has Issued Orders for Soldiers to Proceed Home in an Orderly Manner.

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has issued a proclamation to the German army, saying in substance: "The ever growing number of our enemies, the exhaustion of our allies and the urgent crisis in the provisioning of our country have forced us to accept the hard conditions of the armistice. By the terms of the armistice we are obliged to rapidly return to the fatherland, which is a heavy task. You will never be abandoned by your field marshal in the struggle. He will ever be confident in you."

ISSUES ORDERS TO ARMY

LONDON, Nov. 15.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg remains as head of the supreme German army command, according to a German wireless message received here, which gives the text of the message he has sent to army commanders ordering them to lead their troops home in order and discipline.

The order of the field marshal reads: "To all, and especially the army group under Field Marshal Mackensen (in Rumania), I remain, as hitherto, the head of the supreme army command, in order to lead the troops home in order and discipline. I expect the command, staffs, officers, non-commissioned officers and men to continue to do their duty. This is to be made known to all the troops."

NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 15.—The new German government has been organized with the following cabinet members:

Premier and interior and military affairs—Friedrich Ebert.
Foreign affairs—Hugo Haase.
Finance and colonies—Philip Scheidemann.
Demobilization, transport, justice and health—Wilhelm Dittman.
Publicity, art and literature—Herr Landsberg.
Social policy—Richard Barth.

Mrs. George A. Bardwell, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe for a few days left this morning for her home in San Francisco. Mrs. Bardwell has been visiting with her son, who is manager of the Dollar Shipping Lumber Company at Sing Tau, for the past year.

Elks to Hold '49 Event in
a Bigger Way Than Ever

"Hey, Rube," at the country circus never attracted as much attention and caused as much furor as will the "Days of Forty-nine," to be held by the La Grande Elks on November 20-23, inclusive. You see the date is not far away and that means that all socially inclined and those who have never been socially inclined, begin to prepare to celebrate.

It will be a period when out goes the lights every few minutes and the whirl of the roulette wheel, the tinkle of the bogus coin, the ejaculation of those who woo the lady Lou, along with many other wild west features, will combine to take the lid off, open up the dreamy past and cause the pioneer to grease his boots with bacon rind and dance until the small hours of the dawn.

The most rip-roaring hilarious event ever staged is now due very soon. It

is a show for the public, by the people who love a good time. The old characters that Joe Wood, pioneer stage driver, used to meet at every wayside inn will be present. Jake's dance hall in Goldfield and Klondike will be revived, gambling machine which have long been stored in dusty corners will be oiled and placed in action, while the red "likker" will flow to the tune of the "fiddle."

Keep the dates in mind, November 20 to 23, and don't let a thing get between you and the good time which is assured. There will be money by the bale to do business on, and the bank of Monte Carlo never saw such prosperity as will the banks behind the roulette and twenty-one games. Experienced dealers will deal and the frontiersmen will see that a square deal is given to every tenfoot who wishes to take a hand.

GERMANY IS
NOT STARVING
SAYS HOOVER

AMERICA MUST SEND FOOD TO SMALL COUNTRIES.

"WE ARE NOT WORRYING ABOUT GERMANY," HE SAYS

People Who Have Been Unable German Yoke are the Ones Starving—Help Must be Given Without Delay or Starvation Will Claim Multitudes of the Oppressed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—"Americans will not have to deprive themselves of a mouthful of food to feed Germany," said Herbert Hoover before sailing for Europe. "We are not worrying about Germany. She can take care of herself. What we are worrying about is the little allies of Germany who have been under the German yoke. They are actually facing famine. We must give them help and lose no time in so doing."

Mr. Hoover declared Germany is not facing a famine nor anything like a famine. His belief is that as soon as the water right blockade is lifted Germany will get all the food she needs.

GERMANY PLEADS FOR FOOD

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Germany wants to send a delegation to the United States to plead for food, according to Berlin wireless dispatches. Foreign Secretary Solf, in a wireless message to Lansing, asks President Wilson's permission to send such a commission to this country immediately to present the German famine conditions and put forth the necessity of taking steps for foodstuffs purchase. Solf also emphasized his anxiety for an immediate conference at The Hague.

ARMY AND NAVY AUXILIARY

CALL MEETING FOR MONDAY

There will be a call meeting of Union County Army and Navy auxiliary at City Hall Monday evening at 7:30.

MRS. C. M. PALMER, Pres.

WILL HOLD
PRELIMINARY
PEACE MEET

EITHER VERSAILLES OR PARIS WILL BE THE POINT

ALLIES TO DISCUSS THINGS BEFORE FINAL MEETING

All Inter-Allied Problems Will be Threshed Out Before the Gathering Around the Peace Table Comes an Actual Peace Gathering—Question of Representation an Important One.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(By United Press)—Preliminary sessions of the peace conference will begin at Versailles or Paris late this month, according to French cables reported here today. Regulations will be discussed to govern the deliberations around the peace table, questions of representation and general parliamentary problems are also to be considered according to the statement made today. It is also suggested that all inter-Allied problems be threshed out and decided at the preliminary deliberations.

BRUSSELS ENTERED TODAY

PARIS, Nov. 16.—(By United Press)—Belgian outposts entered Brussels this morning.

CHORUS MEETING CALLED

Dr. Mossman Asks All to Join in Practice For Big Event.

Dr. E. P. Mossman today requested the Observer to announce a meeting of the Community Chorus for Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the library. This meeting will be the first held for some time and it is hoped the attendance will be an overflow meeting. No one is barred, whether having ever sung with the chorus or not, and everyone who will sing is more than welcome. The desire is to have the biggest community sing on Thanksgiving ever staged in a small city, and to this end all citizens are invited to the rehearsal Monday evening, in order to prepare for the big occasion.

SENIORITY
RULE THE
CONTENTION

SENATOR NORRIS OF NEBRASKA SEEKS TO BREAK CUSTOM.

OLDTIME ROW SAID TO BE SHOWING UP IN CONGRESS

According to Norris Resolution No. Chairman of Important Committee Can Hold a Place on any Other Committee—This is Looked Upon as the First Gun in Congressional Scrap.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The time-honored seniority rule is going to have a hard fight for its life so the senators and representatives from the middle west claim.

Despite the fact their states made the return of Republicans to power possible the fruits of the victory are said to be slated to go to the east in the form of floor leadership in both houses as well as all important committee chairmanships unless the seniority rule changes.

Senator Norris of Nebraska has introduced a resolution providing that a chairman of an important committee cannot serve on any other committees. Senator Norris would prevent a few men controlling the senate business. This resolution is looked upon as the first gun of the progressive element in its revolt for reorganization from the regular Republicans.

The Progressives have always fought seniority rule. Now, it is claimed, many of the "old-liners" show signs of opposing.

MAKE FINAL
CLEAN-UP ON
WAR CHEST

IMBIL, LAST, STARTED, FINISHING WORK WITH EASE.

ONE THOUSAND OF QUOTA RAISED IN THE DISTRICT

Pay Day Helps Finish Collections—THE Public Gives Cheerfully and Freely.

On the enthusiastic reports coming into War Chest headquarters today is that of Imbil. Several days late in getting under way, Imbil has gotten splendid headway. Out of her quota of \$1700, fully \$1000 has been subscribed and the work is still going along at top speed.

Many other sections of the valley (Continued on Page 4.)

MAJ. GEN. W. H. HAY



Brig. Gen. William H. Hay has been promoted to major general by the president. He is now commanding the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth infantry brigade, Ninety-second division, in France.

SCHOOLS TO
OPEN MONDAY
FOR WORK

TIME LOST BY "FLU" WILL BE MADE UP, IS ANNOUNCEMENT

SATURDAY FORENOON WILL BE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

Board of Education Decides It is Best to Use Saturday For Half Day Than to Lengthen Each School Day—Christmas Vacation Will Not Be Changed From Former Custom.

Admittedly no community runs smoothly until the public schools are in session. Beginning Monday morning La Grande schools will resume work and thereafter the time of the influenza disorganizing influence will be hard to find.

In order to make up the work lost by the pupils through this enforced vacation the board has decided that it is better to hold school on Saturday afternoons than it is to lengthen the regular school day. So it has been decided to run the schools each day and on Saturday forenoon in order that the grades may be met and that pupils will not be forced to lose six months of school work.

The official announcement regarding the opening of school follows: "The public schools of La Grande will re-open Monday morning, November 18, after having been closed for five weeks on account of the influenza, thus retarding the pupils twenty-five days."

There are certain essentials in each of the various subjects that must be mastered by each pupil before he can advance, hence it will be necessary to make up the work, or retard the pupils a half year.

The Board of Education was confronted with one of two alternatives, that is of lengthening the school day or providing the necessary instruction on Saturday. After serious consideration they have decided that it would be best for all concerned to hold school on Saturday forenoons until the time lost by the pupils is made up, for the reason that by such an arrangement the children would not be held too long at one session.

The Board and teachers are especially anxious that no boy or girl shall be compelled to repeat a half year's work on account of the time they were compelled to lose, and they therefore earnestly urge the hearty co-operation of both parents and pupils in carrying out the new plan. The parents especially are urged to keep the boys and girls in school at every session, thus giving the teachers an opportunity to make up the work. The schools will spare no effort in providing the instruction necessary for the boys and girls to make their respective grades and with the co-operation of the parents and pupils they feel that no pupil will necessarily be retarded because of the unavoidable loss of time.

The schools will, until further notice, be opened for instruction each Saturday morning.

A. C. HAMPTON, Supt.

PRISONERS RELEASED

WITH AMERICAN PRISONERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 16.—Hundreds of American prisoners have been released by the Germans and are pouring across our lines. Many walked twenty-four hours in freezing weather with little food. They said when the Germans evacuated they left them to their own resources. Some of the prisoners wore German uniforms and many had been working in saw mills and on farms.

Optimistic Thought.

A man may be voted to be a general, but only true bravery can make him one.

OKLAHOMA HAS FEARFUL TORNADO

SPRAGUE, OKLAHOMA, Nov. 16.—The world's tornado record is believed to have been established here yesterday when three twisters struck this section within one hour.

One woman was killed and thirteen were injured. Many buildings were demolished and other property was damaged. This marks the opening of the tornado season in Oklahoma as for some time past this section had been apparently free from the dreaded destructive machine of nature.



American Red Cross nurses arriving at Evacuation hospital No. 110, which was erected in seven days, near the fighting front in France.