

SEATTLE SHIPYARDS WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY

Men Will Be Engaged to Work as They Apply at the Gate—Closed Shop Policy to Be Maintained—Wages Offered the Same as on January 21.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—Seattle's shipyards will resume operations Wednesday morning. Shipyard owners today officially admitted their plan to reopen their plants. The wages offered will be the same as on January 21st when the 25,000 metal tradesmen struck.

In an announcement issued by six steel ship building concerns it was declared that "We emphatically deny that we will operate open shops and we wish to advise our employees as well as the public that the steel ship builders intend to abide by the agreement between the government and the international presidents of the union as expressed by the president of the United States."

ARE TO ELECT A PRESIDENT

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE AT BERLIN.

Law Under Which German Chancellor is Prussian Premier Becomes Abrogated.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Prussian national assembly will convene here on March 4th for the purpose of electing a Prussian president and thereby abolishing the law under which the German chancellor is premier of Prussia.

TWO AMERICANS ARE HONORED

LONDON, Feb. 17.—At an investiture held at Buckingham palace Saturday, when a number of British soldiers were decorated, King George awarded the military cross to Lieut. Arthur I. Haskell of the American medical service and Lieut. James E. MacGuire of the American tank corps.

Wallowa County Men Go to Hear Ex-Pres. Taft and Party at Peace Confab

Jay Dobbins, Daniel Boyd, Billy Holmes, Charles Zerker and G. W. Hiett, all of Wallowa county, passed through La Grande yesterday on their way to Portland to attend the peace conference and hear ex-President Taft and Henry Van Dyke.

LATE ARRIVAL OF 65TH DISAPPOINTED THIS CITY

La Grande was grievously disappointed that the celebration for the men of the returning 65th division, which had been looked forward to with such keen anticipation, could not be held when the troop trains bearing those men finally passed through this city on their way to Portland and to camp Lewis for demobilization. It was in the early hours of the morning when the trains reached La Grande, and beyond a number of relatives of some of the boys from this part of the state who were there to greet their sons as they passed through the city, there was no real excitement. The boys who expected to see father and mother, or wife or sweetheart, here, were the only ones awake in the long line of coaches as they slid in out of the darkness in the morning and for a brief time minutes here. To see, or to hear, or to see the youth, getting ready for the big game which they looked forward to on reaching Portland this afternoon.

All day yesterday La Grande people waited for news of the train.

OPPOSITION IS IN EVIDENCE

MADE DENIAL OF FRENCH CLAIM TO VALLEY OF SAAR.

Memoranda for German Delegates to Versailles Prepared by Count Bernstorff.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17.—Memoranda prepared for the use of the German delegates at the Versailles peace conference by Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, denies all claim of France to the valley of the Saar in Lorraine.

LA GRANDE MEN LEASE RANCH

LARGE McCALL FARM WILL BE HANDLED BY A. T. HILL.

W. R. Parker, Ed. Coolidge and Mr. Hill Join in Project.

With his feet itching to get back to nature and a burning desire to get up early in the morning, A. T. Hill has associated W. R. Parker and Ed. Coolidge with him in leasing the McCall ranch of 780 acres between La Grande and Hot Lake. Mr. Hill will be the active manager.

WILL TAKE UP SPECIAL WORK

DR. RALSTON GOES TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.

After Several Months in Surgery Will Return to La Grande and Resume His Practice Here.

Dr. Frank Ralston who has been visiting in La Grande for a few days leaves tonight to devote several months to specializing in surgery. He was invited by Dr. Aiken, bone specialist, in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, to assist him, an offer too attractive to let slip.

RELATES HUN ATROCITY

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Feb. 17.—Lucien Danche, 15-year-old Belgian boy, adopted by an army officer, told here a story of how he saw his mother crucified by the German troops during the early part of the invasion of Belgium. The boy said the German first cut his mother's hands off and then nailed her to the door of the village church.

2,300 STARS IN FLAG

NORMAN, Okla., Feb. 17.—Twenty-three hundred stars, representing that number of University of Oklahoma faculty members, graduates and undergraduates in military or naval service at the time of the signing of the armistice, were in the flag today. The flag was announced by the university.

SHAKEN TO TREMBLE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—An earthquake shock lasting almost a minute was felt at 8:45 o'clock today in southern California. No damage has been reported from any section.

LABOR UNIONS IN AN APPEAL

ASK AID OF COMRADES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Appeal Is Cabled to Samuel Gompers, President of the A. F. of L., in Paris.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Organized labor today called upon their comrades in all European countries for aid in the nation-wide strike here of the Building Trades workers against the Building Trades Employers' association.

SENTENCED FOR WHITE SLAVING

JURY IN WEIGLEIN CASE FINDS WOMAN GUILTY.

Hodges Sent to Pen and Hill and May Weiglein Each Fined Sum of \$120.00.

After deliberating until almost 10 o'clock Saturday night, the jury in the case of State vs. May Weiglein finally reported to the court a verdict in favor of the prosecution, thus convicting the woman on the charge of white slavery on which she had been jointly indicted with Grover ("Dutch") Hodges and Robert ("Red") Hill, both of whom had previously been found guilty. All three were sentenced by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles Saturday night.

Hodges was sentenced to serve from one to five years in the state penitentiary at Salem, without limitation of time, and Hill and the Weiglein woman were fined \$120 each.

In passing sentence Judge Knowles stated that he was taking into consideration the fact that the prisoners had already spent over three months in jail. Hodges was given the heaviest sentence because it was brought out that he was largely responsible for the whole affair. Hill and the Weiglein woman were instigated by Hodges to take part in the journey to Baker, but by their acts in enticing the girl and influencing her to consent to go to Baker as a member of the party were held to be guilty under the charge laid against them.

May Weiglein's fine was paid Saturday night and she was released from custody, but Hill has been unable to pay his and will have to remain in jail for sixty days as an alternative.

This marks the conclusion of a case that has been sensational in many respects, and unfortunate in all, excepting in the conviction of the parties who tried to influence the 16-year-old girl, who was the prosecution's chief witness, to embark upon a career of immorality.

John S. Hodgins, prosecuting attorney, throughout the trial of both cases was bitter and severe in his denunciation of the activities of the white slavers, scoring mercilessly the men and women who engage in the infamous practice of seducing young girls and placing them in situations where their lives and their very souls are ruined.

Margaret Fugit, the young girl concerned in the case, has been taken to the Louise Home, an institution for unfortunate girls which is kept up at Portland by the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society.

HIDES IN GARBAGE CAN

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—To freedom by Hoover's "arch enemy"—the garbage can—is the way James Madison, a Kansas City negro, made his escape from the state penitentiary here. Madison hid in a can of garbage in the prison garbage wagon while the guard's back was turned. He was not discovered until the wagon reached the dump, where he was caught and returned.

SAYS PURSE SAVED LIFE

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Justice of the Peace Joseph H. Elright believes that a fat pocketbook saved his life the other day. A heavy truck skidded and struck him. The wallet caught the impact and instead of suffering from at least a fracture of the hip, Justice received bruises only.

GAS EXPERT DIES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 17.—David J. Ver Holbrook, aged 47, authority on natural gas problems in America, died early Sunday morning of acute indigestion.

ARMISTICE TERMS ARE ACCEPTED

ERZBERGER HAD ASKED FOR A DELAY OF A DAY IN AFFIXING SIGNATURES

REQUEST WAS DENIED BY MARSHAL FOCH

In answer to the German Commissioner's Counter Demands the Allied General Staff That the Renewed Terms Had Been Fixed by Associated Governments and Could Not Be Changed.

TREVES, Feb. 17.—The renewed armistice was signed at 6:30 o'clock last night in the salon of Marshal Foch's private car.

Replying to a request by Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission for a delay in the signing of the armistice terms until Monday noon, Marshal Foch declared that the armistice expired at 5 o'clock Monday morning and that the last hour for signing would be 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in order to be able to issue the necessary orders to the troops. If not signed then, Marshal Foch said he would be obliged to leave Treves and the armistice would no longer be in force.

Answering Erzberger's counter demands, Marshal Foch said the new armistice terms had been fixed by the advice of the associated governments and that he was unable to alter them.

COOLIDGE BACK IN OLD PLACE

WILL DEVOTE HIS TIME TO LA GRANDE NATIONAL

Changes in Interior Made to Give More Room in Front.

Ed Coolidge is back in the banking business. For a number of years he was with the United States National bank and then sold his interests there and joined the La Grande National bank forces. When war broke out he gave all of his time to war work and tried hard to enter the military service.

Today he announced that in the future he would be at his desk as assistant cashier of the La Grande National and will devote his entire time to the institution.

FUSSERAND COMING BACK

BREST, Feb. 17.—M. Jussierand, the French ambassador to the United States, Madame Jussierand, David R. Francis, former American ambassador to Russia, and his son and daughter, were among the presidential party which sailed on the George Washington Saturday.

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BIG STATION FOR CHICAGO

WORK HAS BEGUN ON STRUCTURE TO COST \$6,000,000.

Two Years Time Will Be Required to Complete the Building, According to Estimates.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Actual work on Chicago's six-million-dollar new union station was begun today when 100 workmen started working on the foundation. It will require two years to complete the structure, according to H. A. Hammond, chief engineer of the Union Station company.

WILMINGTON HAS BIG FIRE LOSS

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 17.—Twenty horses were suffocated, and fifty vehicles destroyed in a fire which swept the plant of the Crane Lumber company, ice and coal firm here today. The loss was \$700,000.

SUIT IS FILED FOR \$10,000,000

INVENTOR CLAIMS INFRINGEMENT OF TRACTOR PATENT

Controversy Involves the Caterpillar Machine Made Famous by the World War.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 17.—Charging infringement of invention Charles Paridy of Belleville today filed a suit in the federal court here for ten million dollars against the Holt manufacturing company of Peoria. Paridy claims to be the inventor of the caterpillar tractor manufactured by the Holt company and made famous in the world war through their conversion into tanks.

EGGS CAUSE RIOT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17.—A case of eggs dropped from a farmer's wagon in Broadway here caused a riot call to the police station. Best citizens scrambled over the first eggs that "came down" and the golden find precipitated a fight that brought reserves. Police arrived in time to find a stream of yellow smeared over the street and the ragged remnants of the wooden case. The farmer fled to the excitement, believing he had broken a city ordinance.

BELLHOP, LATER CAPTAIN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17.—Oliver H. Pochl, a Los Angeles bellhop, who rose to the rank of captain with the One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Division, has signified his intention of returning to this city and starting work again as a "bellhop."

POCHL ENLISTED AS A PRIVATE

while at Camp Kearny, San Diego, taught French to the soldiers scheduled to sail overseas. This service earned him his promotion.

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FUNDS FOR RAILROAD OPERATION

BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED BY APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE OF HOUSE.

M'ADOO FIVE YEAR PLAN LAID ON THE TABLE

The Appropriation of \$750,000,000 Recommended by the Committee Is in Addition to the \$500,000,000 Revolving Fund for the Operation of the Railways Under Government Control.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

—A bill appropriating \$750,000,000 in addition to the present \$500,000,000 revolving fund for the operation of the country's railroad system under government control was favorably reported to the house this afternoon by Chairman Sherley of the house appropriation committee.

Almost simultaneously the house interstate commerce committee unanimously decided to table the McAdoo bill providing for the extension of government railroad control for a period of five years.

McAdoo Plan Dropped.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—That the house interstate commerce committee will take no action during this session of congress on the McAdoo plan for the five-year extension of government railroad control was definitely decided this afternoon when the committee tabled the plan.

OFFICER FOUND DEAD

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