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Union County Stockmen Start Big Show

Pacific International Gets Kick-Off at a Meeting Today

O. M. PLUMMER EXPLAINS GREAT EXPOSITION BUILDING NEEDED AND THE UNION COUNTY LIVE STOCK GROWERS RAISE COUNTY QUOTA IN FIVE MINUTES

BUILDING TO COST $250,000, COVERING OVER SEVEN ACRES

Live Stock Industry of Western States Behind Project and Union County—the Best Breeding County in Oregon—Starts Big Fund With the First $5000.

MEN WHO PLEDGED THE MONEY.

W. J. Townley
Tom Johnson
Fred J. Holmes
Blokland Bros., by A. Blokland.
G. W. DeLay
James Hutchinson
A. T. Hill
Charles Playle
W. R. Ledbetter
Ed Reynolds.

The above ten men have the credit of kicking off the big show of the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition and giving it a start in the northwest.

Today when O. M. Plummer, the promoter of the project, met Union county live stock men and many merchants of La Grande at the city hall he went into detail and explained how it is necessary to raise $250,000 in order to house this exposition and put it on its feet to stay. But Mr. Plummer, keen as he is, overlooked his hand for he should not have wasted any strength at the meeting today. All he had to do was to state to the live stock men that they were needed to start the great work of holding the Pacific Live Stock exposition and the money would have come just as easily.

But, be it said to Mr. Plummer's credit, he is abundantly fair and believes in giving value received, so he went into the matter at length. He explained that Union county being the best breeding county in the state had been assessed $5000 and he suggested that some way be adopted at the meeting for raising this amount. This, of course, followed the complete history of the effort and the progress that had been made, yard putting on the show.

W. J. Townley was chairman of the meeting and when he began talking it was quite evident the money was raised right then and there. Fred J. Holmes was called upon by the chairman and if there had rested a shadow of a doubt about Union county setting the pace for the work, Mr. Holmes' remarks would have dispelled that feeling instantly. Talks by T. J. Scroggin, F. L. Meyers and others only added the assurance of the needed show and indicated that twice the sum asked for would be raised if desired.

Mr. Plummer saw it was over and that he had plucked the first feathers from the tail of that bird known as Success. He saw that Union county was the place to start the show and his judgment had not failed him. Naturally he was very happy when the ten gentlemen mentioned above walked to the chairman's desk and subscribed their names to a guarantee of the $5000 for the county. This does not mean that each of the ten men is to take $500 of this amount for himself, but it does mean that each man is responsible for the sale of the amount pledged and he will ask his friends and neighbors to assist in smaller subscriptions, so be ready if you are called upon to make a modest subscription to the fund.

LIBERTY LOAN NOT ABANDONED

PREVIOUS REPORT RESULTED IN WRONG IMPRESSION.

It Is Expected That the Campaign Will Begin April 21 and May Be at Earlier Date.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Scores of telegrams reaching the treasury today indicate existence of a wide misapprehension that the Victory Liberty loan had been abandoned or modified materially by decision of the house ways and means committee to authorize issuance of notes instead of bonds. This prompted Secretary Glass to reiterate that the campaign would be held as planned, that it would begin April 21 or possibly earlier, and that it would be popular in nature, with the expectation of selling the securities to millions of Americans of small means.

The secretary further expressed strong confidence that the loan would be over-subscribed.

Mr. Glass said the treasury had not determined the denominations of the securities to be issued, but he intimated they would be as small as $50, as in past loans. The notes would carry no coupons and would mature within five years.

WEATHER FORECAST

Feb. 21.—Fair tonight and Saturday.

PUPILS OBSERVE THE HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PROPERLY CELEBRATED IN CITY

Walnut Seeds from Mt. Vernon Planted by Mr. Plummer at Schools.

Today the schools of La Grande observed Washington's birthday, which falls on tomorrow from the fact that tomorrow is not a school day. The high school gathered at 9 o'clock this morning in the auditorium and had suitable exercises commemorating the nation's great leader, chief of which was the musical program furnished by the high school orchestra, which has become a very fine organization and handles an excellent grade of music.

In the afternoon very proper exercises were held while Mr. Plummer, well known Portland school man, planted nuts from the Walnut trees at Mt. Vernon, the old home of George Washington. Mr. Plummer gathered the nuts when he was back recently and has been awaiting the opportunity to plant them in some school yard of Oregon. La Grande was the fortunate place as he was here today on business connected with the Pacific International Live Stock exposition and took the opportunity to plant the walnuts at the Central school building's grounds amid the great satisfaction and applause of the school children of the city.

UTAH DENIES BURLESON

Telephone Rates Declared Contrary to State Laws.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 21.—The public utilities commission of Utah today issued an order to all telephone companies that the rates and charges of service as stipulated by Postmaster General Burleson should not be recognized here.

The commission declared that the postmaster general's order was contrary to the laws of Utah.

BORAH IN AN ATTACK ON LEAGUE

IDAHO SENATOR SAYS IT IS THE GREATEST TRYOUT IN PAST THREE CENTURIES

DOCUMENT WAS WRITTEN BY BRITISH GENERAL

The Numerous Principalities of Great Britain Will Have Equal Voice with the United States Founded on the "Toil and Pain of Our Forefathers."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—"The league of nations constitution is the greatest diplomatic tryout of three centuries for Great Britain," Senator Borah of Idaho declared in the senate this afternoon.

"The constitution as approved is lifted almost entirely from that written in January by General Smuts, one of the leading statesmen of the British empire," Borah declared. He said that the recognition of the British dominions as separate nations is a fact of enormous importance.

"What does it mean?" he asked. "It means that when this league of nations is down to work England will have one vote, Canada one vote, New Zealand one vote, Australia one vote, South Africa one vote, and America, founded by the toil and pain of our forefathers, in a system preserved through a hundred years, will have one vote."

WHEAT OUTPUT MAY BE SHORT

GOVERNMENT FIXED PRICE MAY NOT BE ABOVE NORMAL

World Is Facing a Shortage of Bread Ration, According to Opinion of Minnesota Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The world is facing a serious wheat crop shortage, Representative Anderson of Minnesota declared in the house this afternoon.

It is by no means certain that the turn-out of our own crop and that of other wheat countries during the crop year 1918 and 1919 will justify a price for consumption much below the price represented by the guaranteed price of $2.26 a bushel.

Observer to Add Associated Press Service and Will Also Issue Sunday Morning Paper

Plans that have long been under way culminated today when The Evening Observer was elected a member of the Associated Press. Beginning next Monday, February 24th, The Observer will be served regularly by the Associated Press news service and on Sunday morning, March 1st, The Observer will begin the issue of a Sunday morning newspaper, dropping the Saturday evening issue of The Observer. All society and week-end news resume of the local field and Associated Press report will appear in the Sunday morning issue.

This has long been contemplated and it is with considerable pleasure The Observer is able to make the announcement today of the success of the plans.

INSANITY IS COTTIN'S PLEA

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF CLEMENCEAU IRRESPONSIBLE ACT

Claimed That Cottin's Relatives Died in Madhouse—Claim Will Be Opposed.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Insanity will likely be the defense of Emile Cottin, the man who tried to assassinate Premier Clemenceau. It was learned today from Cottin's mother that his great grandfather and a cousin both died in a madhouse.

Any such plea, however, will be vigorously opposed by the government on the ground that the would-be assassin is a self-confessed disciple of Bolshevik principles.

QUITS RACE FOR SPEAKERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Representative Fess of Ohio, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, Thursday night announced his withdrawal from the Republican contest for the speakership of the house in the next congress. His action left the race between Representatives Mann of Illinois and Gillett of Massachusetts.

HEART TROUBLE ENDS CAREER

MONSIGNOR FLETCHER, CATHOLIC DIGNITARY, IS DEAD

For Past Twenty-four Years Was an Associate of Cardinal Gibbons in Church Affairs.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21.—Monsignor Fletcher, a notable dignitary in the Catholic church of America is dead here today, from an attack of heart trouble. He was stricken with heart failure last September and never fully recovered from its effects. He has been a member of the priest-hood for ninety-nine years, twenty-four of which he has spent as an associate of Cardinal Gibbons in the Cathedral household.

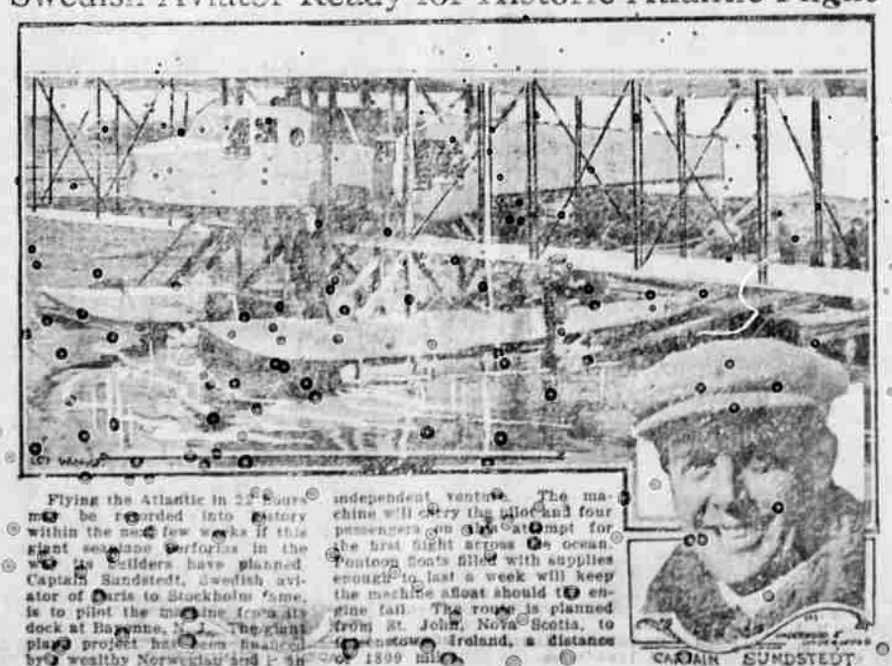
AMERICAN TROOPS ARE IN BERLIN

LONDON, Feb. 21.—American troops have arrived in Berlin and been quartered in different hotels, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen, quoting the Abendblatt Berlin correspondent. The troops are said to belong to the 139th New York regiment, and their duty will be the protection of expected transports of food.

SOLCIALIST PREMIER OF BAVARIA ASSASSINATED AT MUNICH TODAY

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—Kurt Eisner, Socialist premier of Bavaria, was shot and killed in Munich today. Eisner was assassinated by an officer who was later shot by a guard. The assassin in reported to be dying. Eisner was a newspaper owner before entering public life. He was a Socialist leader in south Germany when the exkaiser fled and the German states began to declare their independence. A republic was established in Bavaria with Eisner as prime minister. He opposed Bolshevism in Germany.

Swedish Aviator Ready for Historic Atlantic Flight



CAPTAIN SUNDSTEDT

Flying the Atlantic in 22 hours may be recorded into history within the next few weeks if this giant seaplane performs in the way its builders have planned. Captain Sundstedt, Swedish aviator of Paris to Stockholm fame, is to pilot the machine from its dock at Bayonne, N. J. The giant plane project has been financed by a wealthy Norwegian and is an independent venture. The machine will carry the pilot and four passengers on an attempt for the first flight across the ocean. Pontoon boats filled with supplies enough to last a week will keep the machine afloat should the engine fail. The route is planned from St. John, Nova Scotia, to Queenstown, Ireland, a distance of 1899 miles.

WILSON IS TO MAKE A SHORT STAY

PRESIDENT IS TO SAIL ON RETURN TRIP TO FRANCE ABOUT THE FIFTH OF MARCH.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TO BE HELD IN READINESS

Presidential Party Is Expected to Arrive in Boston on Monday at Noon and Executive Plans to Be at Work in Washington on the Following Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—President Wilson will sail on his return trip to France about March 5, it was announced at the navy department today. In a wireless to the department McCaulley, of the George Washington, stated that the president has given orders that the vessel be held in readiness for his return, sailing from New York on or about that time. The George Washington will arive not later than noon on Monday, he added.

The president, it was stated, would leave Boston Monday and be at work in his executive offices here the following morning.

TO RESUME TRADE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Immediate resumption of trade between the United States and the colonial possessions held by Germany on August 1, 1914, is permitted under an order issued Thursday by the war trade board.

SOLDIER WAS KNOWN HERE

MEMORY REVIVED OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CO. M.

Vernon and Dwight Kloster Were Together Through the War Till One Met Death.

With the landing Thursday of old Company M, famous Third Oregon, many La Granders, and a host of Salem and Portland people, are reminded of recent distressing news from France that Vernon Kloster, 19 year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Kloster, of Woodlawn, Portland suburb, was instantly killed while in action in France. Kloster and his elder brother Dwight, both of whom were students at Willimette University, joined up with M company at the outbreak of the war and were among those sent to La Grande in 1917 for the protracted guard duty. While here the Kloster boys became extremely popular with business folks and citizens generally. Mrs. A. W. Nelson of this city has known the family since childhood. Ruth Winters of Alicel, was his college mate at Willamette.

Vernon was especially jovial, genial and affable. The two boys went to France together and when Company M became a displacement troop, the two brothers drew the same platoon in a new company of infantry. They went over the top together, and neither was harmed. Soon after they went over again and both were hurt, similarly, and both went to the hospital together and in due time were discharged together. By this time the splendid spirit of brotherhood between the two youngsters, had developed into something that only such hazards can envelop. Vernon's chum, writing of the tragedy, says that the little fellow was instantly killed by a sniper while they were on out post duty. The writer of the news says he avenged as far as he could. Vernon's death. With utter disregard for his own safety Vernon is reported by his own chum as passing up ammunition to the gunners like a true munition to the gunners like a true soldier.

Dwight was in the thick of it, out in No Man's Land, at the hour the armistice was signed.

MILITARY TERMS FOR GERMANY

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON SUBJECT OF LIMITATIONS WILL SOON BE READY

PRINCIPAL POWERS ARE AGREED ON PROPOSITION

England and the United States Will Keep in Readiness with Men Under Arms to Secure the Safety of France—Occupation of West Bank of Rhein Is Contemplated.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The council of the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Italy and Japan resumed their labors today, having temoprarily adjourned by the attempt upon Premier Clemenceau's life. A report upon the new military and naval terms for Germany will be made to the big five within a few days by Marshal Foch. These conditions it was felt sure today would include the question of occupying the western bank of the Rhein by an international army.

It is understood there are no real differences of opinion between America, England and France upon this matter. The British are said to be relying upon the disarmament of Germany to guarantee France's safety. But England and probably the United States will be ready to keep men under arms to secure the safety of France and to be ready for any emergency.

MILLIONS IN SILVER

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 20.—The United States mint here have made a shipment of 13,300,000 worth of silver recently to India. The shipment represented bullion obtained from melting silver dollars and was the third of its kind to be sent this month. The January shipments to date aggregate $16,300,000 and the total shipments from here since the melting process began were $102,550,000.

ASSASSIN GIVEN OFFICE.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Dr. Friedrich Adler, who assassinated Premier Stuergkh at Vienna in 1916, has been proclaimed president of the German-Austrian republic by the defense troops outside the town hall, according to reports from Vienna received by the Exchange Telegraph company.

OREGON ASKS BATTLESHIP.

Navy Department Requested to Loan Vessel Bearing State's Name.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—In a joint memorial adopted in the senate the navy department is requested to loan the battleship Oregon to this state for use by the Oregon naval militia.

The resolution sets forth the record of Oregon in all patriotic affairs and urges that the famed battleship which bears the name of the state be sent here as an inspiration to the young men of the state naval forces. The resolution was introduced by Senator Moser.

STOCKMEN HELD SESSION TODAY

REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION CAUSES MEET.

Pacific International Live Stock Exposition Is Endorsed by Breeders of Union County.

This afternoon in the city hall the Pure Bred Live Stock Breeders of Union county are in session transacting regular business that comes before the organization and listening to the plans of the Oregon Agricultural college, which has a representative here, to formulate boys' and girls' pig, calf and sheep clubs throughout the county.