

PRESIDENT AGAIN AT HIS WORK

SIX BILLION DOLLAR REVENUE
BILL WAS SIGNED ON
THE TRAIN.

RENEWES EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN LEAGUE

Will Meet at Dinner Tomorrow
Night With the Senate and House
Foreign Relations Committee to
Discuss the Plans Now Before the
Paris Conference.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson arrived at Washington from Boston early today. A cheering crowd was assembled at the station to greet the returning executive. Among those in waiting were groups of soldiers who stood at attention as President Wilson passed.

Signed Revenue Bill.
President Wilson announced that he had signed the six billion dollar revenue bill while abroad the special train last night.

The bill carries a rider making the District of Columbia bone dry.

Again Expresses Confidence.
President Wilson today sent a telegram to Theo. Burton, of Cleveland, president of the League of Nations Union, in which he reiterated his confidence that the people of the United States will support the plan for the league of nations.

The president will preside at a cabinet meeting today. Tomorrow night he has a dinner engagement with the senate and house foreign affairs committees to discuss the proposed constitution for the league of nations.

FLOATED OVER THE NORTH POLE

VOYAGE MADE ON BOARD A
MOVING ICE PACK.

Exploring Party Safely Landed on
November 7.—No Details
Received.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Alaskan natives state that Storck Storker and five explorers who boarded a floating ice pack last May to float across the North Pole landed safely on November 7. Positive assurance is made of the safe landing of the party but no details have been available of their strange adventure.

COMMISSIONER GRANDY AWAY.
W. D. Grandy, city commissioner, is one of the party of local men who left a few days ago with a shipment of live stock for the eastern markets. Mr. Grandy shipped two carloads of horses and goes with them to Sterling, Colo. He expects to be absent for two or three weeks. He informed the board of commissioners at their meeting last week that he would not be with them at the next couple of meetings.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE BARRED.
REDDING, Feb. 25.—Considerable excitement prevailed in the superior court here in the case of H. E. Rollins against the Anderson Farms, in which \$125 was asked by Rollins as the value of a horse which disappeared after he had left it in their pasture. While the case was in progress the foreman found the carcass of the horse in the one hundred acre pasture and brought the remains by automobile to the court house here, making of the stairs and inflicting the court he had found material evidence. The court declined to admit the evidence.

WORD OF SISTER DEATH.
G. L. Larson, manager of the La Grande Cream company, received word yesterday of the death at Green Valley, Ore. of his sister, Mrs. Phil Vohel. Informant of the death was made at that place this morning.

AGED PREMIER CONVALESCENT

WILL SOON BE ABLE TO RESUME
HIS DUTIES.

Others in Paris Suspected of Communist Leanings Are Taken in Custody.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, Feb. 25.—Premier Clemenceau's progress is such that he is now classed as convalescent. He will soon be able to return to work, the attending physicians announce.

Several arrests have been made of those disclosing inclinations similar to those of Emile Cottin, the man who made the murderous assault on the aged premier.

GOOD WEATHER IS FORECAST

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—Fair and warmer in the eastern portion tonight; south winds in the interior; fresh southern gales on the coast.

WILSON WILL HEAD PARADE

TO MARCH AT HEAD OF SOLDIERS IN WASHINGTON.

President Is Very Anxious to Have
Conference With Governors
On Internal Problems.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson has accepted an invitation to march on foot at the head of the parade of the District of Columbia troops Thursday, for the home-coming soldiers.

The President is said not to have made up his mind about the appointment of an attorney general to succeed Gregory, who wants to retire on March 4, or about calling an extra session of congress.

The President is very anxious to meet the governors of the various states for a discussion of the labor situation and unemployment, before returning to Europe.

AGREEMENT BY POLES AND UKRAINIANS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WARSAW, Nov. 25.—The Polish foreign office has received a telegram from Lemberg, saying that an agreement was reached Sunday for cessation of hostilities between the Poles and Ukrainians, beginning next Monday evening. The agreement can be renewed by either party on twelve hours' notice.

GEN. LUDENDORFF LEAVES SWEDEN

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, Feb. 25.—General Ludendorff left Sweden for Germany last Sunday night, when his permit to stay in Sweden had expired.

DON SARGENT HOME

Don Sargent, just home from France, is receiving the welcoming hand shakes of La Grande friends today. He arrived on No. 6 from Portland this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Sargent. Mr. Sargent arrived in Tacoma, Wash., from overseas on the 11th inst., and he was met there by his wife, who had been spending the winter in San Francisco and who had come to Tacoma to meet him. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent spent a few days in Portland and then came on home to La Grande. Mr. Sargent will return to the position which he held with the O. W. in this city before he left for the war.

Frank Wilhelm, who has been in the army and stationed at Camp Lewis for some time past, arrived in La Grande this morning to spend a short visit with friends. Mr. Wilhelm, who was formerly head tailor with Andrews Bros. in this city, is on his way east to take the three months' course in tailoring at the military academy at Pendleton on his way from camp.

OFFICIALS OF IDAHO CENSURED

CRIMINAL LIABILITY CHARGED
BY COMMITTEE OF THE
LEGISLATURE.

MADE JUNKETING TRIPS AT EXPENSE OF STATE

Taking Advantage of the War Status.
Serious Accusations are Laid at the Door of C. S. Moody, ex-Governor
Alexander and State Board of Examiners, for Illegal Expenditures.

BOISE, Feb. 25.—Mentioning adversely members of the former state board of examiners and former Auditor C. Van Dusen, as well as Charles S. Moody, former adjutant general, the special legislative committee appointed to investigate Moody's administration as adjutant general in 1917-1918 filed a report with the legislature Monday afternoon recommending an investigation by the attorney general and the Ada county prosecuting attorney "to the end that those responsible for waste, illegal and criminal use of funds in the adjutant general's office may be brought to trial."

Summarizing their report the committee says:
"We feel, from a fair consideration of the whole record, that there has been a gross, wanton and criminal disregard of the sanctity of the public funds of the state; that Mr. Moody and former Governor Moses Alexander took advantage of war conditions upon the ground, apparently, that the people would sanction any extravagant and illegal expenditure of the public funds upon their statements of military necessity."

"That the funds appropriated to the adjutant general's office were largely expended to serve the political, selfish and personal purposes of Mr. Moody and former Governor Alexander."

"We feel it incumbent upon us in order to create a proper regard for public funds of the state to recommend that a thorough and searching investigation be made by the attorney general and the prosecuting attorney of Ada county to the end that those responsible for waste, illegal and criminal use of the funds in the adjutant general's office may be brought to trial."

BIG SEA PLANE HAS BEEN LOST

CARRIED THREE ENSIGNS AND
TWO MACHINISTS.

Was Last Seen by Radio Operator,
When It Plunged Into the Water
and Then Disappeared.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The navy department has announced the loss of the big seaplane No. 3425, with three ensigns of the naval reserve and two machinists, off the Virginia coast.

The seaplane started on a flight from Norfolk last Sunday and failed to return. A radio operator reported that he saw the seaplane plunge into the water and disappear. No trace has been found.

AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE EQUAL TO CHILD OF 13

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 25.—The intelligence of the average citizen is equal to that of a 13-year-old child. At least so claimed Earl Barnes, educator and lecturer, in an address before the Kindergarten Teachers' association.

"The claim is based upon government records," asserted Barnes, "after tests had been taken of the men in the army and navy. The figures also state that one out of every twelve men can't read or write. I consider these tests of the average intelligence of the people one of the saddest in our nation taken for many years."

HOSPITAL BOYS ARE DUE IN APRIL

RAINBOW DIVISION IS BOOKED
FOR RETURN

Local Hospital Unit Is Attached to the Forty-Second Division Now in Germany.

A Washington report says that the 32d division and the 42d, or "Rainbow," division will leave for home about April 15, and the 83th and 90th divisions of the national army in June.

According to the plan, the places of the departing divisions will be taken by three regular army divisions. The force of occupation will then consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th divisions of regulars.

The boys of the hospital unit are attached to the "Rainbow" division, now a part of the army of occupation.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN BOHEMIA

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.—There was severe fighting Saturday in Prague, the capital of Bohemia, in which the national guards and students decided to drive the government communists from the public buildings which they had occupied, according to Berlin newspapers.

ALASKAN LANDS CUT OUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Conferees on the oil leasing bill eliminated from the measure today provisions extending the bill to include both the leasing and sale of Alaskan coal lands.

The measure will be reported back to both houses without delay in the hope of securing final enactment at this session.

STATE SENATE IS VERY BUSY

NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MEASURES
ACTED UPON

Two and a Half Million Bonding Bill
For Roosevelt Highway Is
Approved.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, Feb. 25.—The senate today passed the two and a half million dollar bonding bill for a Roosevelt highway along the coast. The measure is to be referred to the people.

The senate passed the house bill preventing salting for fish in Kogon river except with certain kinds of nets.

The senate also today passed the bill appropriating \$5000 for reception of returning Oregon soldiers in New York City.

The oleomargarine bill is put on the senate calendar for tomorrow, instead of killing the bill. The main provision of the bill is to place a heavy tax on oleomargarine in order to protect the dairy interests.

HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR VALE TYROS

Latest reports from the brigands who made the journey into the desert regions of Malheur county Saturday, as recounted in The Observer last evening, are that all are feeling fine and fit again after their big celebration and ceremonial. They entertained feelings of high regard for their brethren of Vale and none has been heard to voice regret that he made the trip. Without exception, they seem to have been deeply impressed by the hospitality handed out to them at Vale, and hope that it will not be long until another class of tyros will give them opportunity to make another southward trek.

ARMY OF 538,498 PLANNED

Senate Committee Approves War Department Project.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Provisions for a temporary army of 538,498 officers and men after next July, as recommended by the war department, was inserted in the billion-dollar appropriation measure today by the senate military committee.

The provision was eliminated in the house. It approved an army of only 175,000 men, the maximum fixed in the national defense act of 1916.

BELIEVED SHIPYARDS WILL OPEN

METAL TRADES WORKERS MAY
RETURN TO PREPARE FOR
COAST-WIDE STRIKE.

REFERENDUM VOTE TO BE TAKEN IN APRIL

While It Is Expected That the Metal
Workers Will Return to the Yards
Next Monday, There Is No Official
Announcement Yet Made That This
Is a Certainty.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—It is believed that the Seattle and Tacoma shipyards will open next Monday, in view of the need on the part of the metal trades workers to prepare for a coast-wide strike on April 1, on which date a referendum vote is to be taken. It is expected they will return to work, but this is not yet officially announced.

URGE CEMETERY FOR SOLDIERS

Senate Passes Bill Providing Burial Ground in France.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A bill by Senator Spencer, of Missouri, authorizing the secretary of war to acquire land in France for the burial of the Americans who lost their lives in the war, was passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

The French government already has offered to provide the site, which will be known as "The American Field of Honor."

THOUGHT IT WAS SERVED.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Despite the numerous claims of disgusted breakfast patrons, the oldest egg still survives consumption. Charles Roberts, of Palmyra, N. J., is the proud possessor of the ancient egg and had it on exhibition here at the First Annual Poultry show, now in session here. The egg was laid, he claims, at Easton, Pa., in 1566. The oval was dyed and inscribed with the name of Mr. Roberts' father many years ago, and has been in the possession of the family as a souvenir ever since.

BANQUET WILL START DRIVE

METHODISTS' FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN IS DUE SOON

Pastor Wants to See \$3,500 of
Church Indebtedness Wiped Out
—Asks All to Help.

The financial drive which the members of the First M. E. church are planning to put on is to be a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together, according to the pastor, Rev. N. Sherman Hawk. "It is long in grip and tug, and in severe-up spirit until the objective is attained," he says.

"It is strong because of belief in it," Mr. Hawk declares, "in knowledge that we are endeavoring to do, and where we wish to go, and in using every ounce of prayerful and resourceful energy to get there. An uphill pull must always be a strong pull."

"It is a pull all together. This is stimulating because it implies partnership, brotherhood, and creates an atmosphere of anti-individualism, and is a panacea against indifference, faint praise, perfunctory falling into line, and all the rest of the production nothing army."

CHINESE ARE VERY GRATEFUL

APPRECIATE THE HELP
EXTENDED AT PARIS.

Oriental Government Will Soon Publish All Secret Agreements Made During War.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PEKING, Feb. 25.—Premier Chin Nuan Siun, of China, announces that he is "very grateful to President Wilson and to the United States delegates to the peace conference for the help they extended our delegates in Paris. The whole Chinese nation wishes to thank the United States, through the Associated Press." China intends to publish all secret agreements made during the war.

HOT LAKE IS THE FIRST OVER

Hot Lake is the first district in Union county reporting one hundred per cent. in the membership drive for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. Dr. W. T. Phyl was appointed as the chairman for the Hot Lake district.

DISEASE CLAIMS MORE THAN GUNS

DEATHS DURING WAR HAVE
BEEN COMPILED

Report Shows That There Were
More Than 5000 Deaths Above
Number from Battle.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Deaths during the war with the American expeditionary forces and among troops in the United States from all causes, the war department announced yesterday numbered 107,444.

In the expeditionary forces total was 72,351. Of these 20,829 resulted from disease, 48,768 from injuries received in battle and 3554 from all other causes.

Deaths from disease among the troops in the United States totaled 42,737 and from other causes 1,756 giving a total for the troops in this country of 34,493.

The figures for the American expeditionary forces cover the period from April 1, 1917, to February 16, 1919; those for the troops in the United States from April, 1917, to February 14, 1919.

The figure show that the total deaths from disease exceeded the total battle casualties by more than 5000.

DIED AT THE SANATORIUM

John Bartlett of Greenhorn died at the Hot Lake Sanatorium Sunday. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and has lived for six years at Greenhorn. The deceased was 53 years old and leaves two sisters in the east.

WITNESS HAS POOR MEMORY

Employee of Henningsen Produce Co.
Tells Very Little.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 25.—L. P. Bidle, field agent for the Henningsen Produce company, was the main witness on the stand in the federal court today. He testified for the government in its case against the company and other co-defendants in detail for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. He admitted that he had been instructed by his company "to get enough money for the company, no matter what the cost."

The government attempted to draw more specific information from the witness, but Bidle said he could not remember, and when pressed for answers finally decided to judge for himself for protection, as he suffered from "acute forgetfulness."

Plan to hold on to the cable that you may assist in this great pull for God and humanity.
Rev. Mr. Hawk will have more to say about this drive later on Monday.

GOOD ROAD DINNER A BIG ONE

TWO HUNDRED MEN FROM UNION COUNTY HEAR PLANS FOR GOOD ROAD ROADS

THIS COUNTY MUST ACT TO GET STATE AID MONEY

Dinner Had Full Program with Don E. Shelton and Don Sargent, Late Returned Overseas Soldiers as Speakers—Sargent Says Roads of France Will Convey Anyone to Better Highways.

Today's luncheon was a Billy Sunday revival—a rip-roaring gathering of business men of Union county who talked good roads, listened to two of Uncle Sam's returned soldiers tell of European conditions and attended to other matters of local interest.

Chairman F. L. Meyers presided and after calling attention to the long period of time without the useful Tuesday luncheon he announced that this occasion was one when time was valuable and it was necessary to talk and eat at the same time. He then called upon George Cochran, who with Judge Phyl, had been appointed to collect state concerning road building and what it would cost to build a system of permanent highways in Union county.

Mr. Cochran was loaded above the guards. He had the data that is so essential and gave it to the audience in a concise and understandable manner. Union county, according to her taxable property, can under the law raise \$500,000 by bond issue for roads. This Mr. Cochran figured would be matched by the state and federal government giving sufficient funds to make permanent the road from La Grande to Lower Cove and to Cove, carrying the trunk line through Island City to Allec, Imbler, Elgin and on to the Wallawa county line. The different costs of construction were gone into by Mr. Cochran and it was his judgment that \$15,000 a mile for Grande Ronde valley construction would be a heavy estimate owing to the fact that little grading is needed and the general construction is what is generally known as reasonable.

He was followed by other speakers who took the stand that the time

O. W. OFFICIALS ON INSPECTION TRIP

Supt. Bollens, of the O. W., and the local end of the system in general, received a visit today from three of the most prominent officials of the road. J. P. O'Brien, federal superintendent; F. N. Finch, assistant general superintendent, and J. F. Graham, superintendent of motors, all of Portland, spent the day in La Grande. They are on a general tour of inspection and will leave tonight to visit other points west of here.

WEATHER MAN AN OPTIMIST

The man who furnished the official weather report for this part of the state is a born optimist. Yesterday he said it would be "fair" and the same forecast is reiterated for tonight. If a change does not take place soon the weather man will have earned a place with Mr. G. Hogg, who has also proved to be a misleader.

In contrast with the official forecasts, there has been almost continuous snow and enough wind to make things appear like real winter. The condition is not serious unless it is protracted over an unusual length of time.

NOW LIVING IN BAKER

Mrs. Earl Rosenbaum, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Chas. Playle near La Grande, for a few days, returned this morning to her home in Baker. The Rosenbaums have made their home in Baker since about a month ago, when Mr. Rosenbaum received his release from the service.

HOME FROM WALLA WALLA

Miss Pauline Ledevie returned last evening from Walla Walla, where she had visited friends over the weekend.