

HUNDREDS KILLED IN A TORNADO

THREE TOWNS IN ALABAMA, EU-
FAULA, POLLARD AND FLO-
MANTON ARE SWEEPED.

LOSS OF LIFE ESTIMATED
AT OVER FOUR HUNDRED

Property Loss Is Estimated at a Mil-
lion Dollars—In One Town Every
Residence Was Damaged and Many
of the Business Buildings Were De-
stroyed.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
EUFULA, Ala., March 6.—The
tornado which swept over a portion
of Alabama yesterday killed four
hundred persons, it is estimated, and
inflicted a property damage of a mil-
lion dollars.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
MOBILE, Ala., March 6.—At least
three towns in southern Alabama were
swept last yesterday by the tornado.
Great property damage and loss of
life have been reported. The towns
struck were Eufula, Pollard and Flo-
mant.

At Eufula, a town of about 6000,
E. J. Seary was killed by falling de-
bris and three other men are reported
to have been caught beneath a falling
building. The property loss at Eu-
fula was estimated in early reports
at \$500,000. Practically every resi-
dence was said to have been damaged
and a number of business houses de-
stroyed.

Several business buildings were
destroyed at Pollard. A heavy rain
which accompanied the tornado did
considerable damage in the vicinity of
Pollard. The property loss at Flo-
mant is not believed to be large.

ALBERS TO HAVE A NEW TRIAL

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 6.—The case
of Henry Albers, convicted of viola-
tion of the espionage act, comes up
in the federal court for a new trial,
which will be held tomorrow.

WALLA WALLA MASONS PLAN BUILDING TEMPLE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March
6.—The Masonic bodies of Walla,
at a mass meeting of the members of
the various lodges held Thursday
night, voted to build a new Masonic
temple. A ways and means com-
mittee, consisting of H. H. Marshall,
president of the Peoples State bank;
A. L. King, cashier of the Farmers'
Savings bank; F. S. Dement, of
Dement Brothers company, grain
dealers; J. M. Crawford, of the
Whitehouse-Crawford Lumber com-
pany, and K. Kalkenberg, president
of the commercial club, was named
to investigate sites and formulate
plans and report back to the lodges.

D. L. WYLDE ANSWERS CALL

D. L. Wyld, who has been a resi-
dent of La Grande the past three
years, died at his home, 1702 Walnut
street, yesterday afternoon. He has
been in a serious condition for sev-
eral days past and his death was not
unexpected. The deceased is the
father of Frank Wyld of this city.
The remains are at the Bahnenkamp
chapel. The funeral arrangements
have not yet been announced.

CHARGED WITH GRAVE THREAT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PRINEVILLE, Ore., March 6.—Re-
naldo Zentta, an Italian rancher of
this locality, is held by the federal
authorities on the charge of threaten-
ing the life of President Wilson. It is
alleged that the threat was made af-
ter the immigration authorities had
denied the admission of Zentta's
wife to the United States.

COUNCIL OF GREAT POWERS TO DISCUSS THE FINAL TERMS

PARIS, March 6.—The arrival of
the British prime minister, David
Lloyd George, in Paris last night is
the prelude to the discussion of the
main question of the peace treaty by
the council of great powers, which
will begin today and continue dur-
ing President Wilson's stay.
The question to be determined re-
lates to the military and naval terms
of the enemy disarmament, as framed
by Marshall Foch and the joint
military and naval advisers. These
were originally framed as terms of
the armistice, but are now changed
so as to be part of the perma-
nent peace treaty.
Premier Lloyd George and Col.
House will have lunch together, at
which the British and American posi-
tions will doubtless be co-ordinat-
ed, as President Wilson's views on
the subject are understood to have
been made known by cable and wire-
less.

DEPOT LIGHTING RILES GRANDY

COMMISSIONER OBJECTS TO CITY
BEARING EXPENSE

Favorable Opinions on Proposed New
Parking Plan Received by
City Commissioners.

There was a full complement of
members present last night at the
regular meeting of the board of city
commissioners, Commissioner Grandy
having returned from his journey to
Colorado. Quite a few matters of
routine business were attended to
and there was the usual list of
monthly bills against the city to be
settled upon. The session was pos-
sibly somewhat warmer than it
would have been had Mr. Grandy
been absent for another week, as
he had expected to be. The new
commissioner was inclined to put his
foot down hard upon a couple of
propositions the board considered at
its last meeting.

SOVIETS WANT LOAN FROM YANKEES

STOCKHOLM, March 6.—The
soviet government of Russia hopes to
arrange a big loan in America and
is prepared to offer in exchange im-
portant mining and railroad conces-
sions according to Petrograd advices.
Reports show that the internal
war in Russia has cost 4,000,000,
000 roubles during the past two
months and an extra levy of 10,
000,000,000 roubles has been inau-
thorized to cover the total deficit of
the soviet government. It is said
that the Bolshevik treasury is hardly
able to raise 450,000,000 roubles.

WAS MEMBER OF CLEVELAND CABINET

TAMPA, Fla., March 6.—Hilary
Herbert, secretary of the navy under
President Cleveland's second adminis-
tration, died here today at the age
of 85 years.

FRENCH WOMEN WANT RUSSIAN WOMEN SAVED

PARIS, March 6.—Madame Jules
Siegfried, president of the National
Council of Women of France, has ad-
dressed a letter to Premier Clemenceau,
as president of the peace conference,
asking him to use his influence
to have measures taken to "save
thousands of innocent victims in Rus-
sia from the suffering and shame
awaiting them through the socializa-
tion by the Bolsheviks of all women
between the ages of 18 and 25 years."
"In the name of the mothers of
women," the letter adds, "we ask the
conference to interfere in this matter."
The union of Russian women in
Switzerland has sent Premier Clemenceau
a telegram in the same sense.

DIRECT PRIMARY IN IDAHO IS REPEALED

BOISE, Ida., March 6.—Governor
Davis Monday signed the new election
law. In a communication to the senate
the chief executive merely an-
nounced that he had signed the mea-
sure which had previously passed both
house and senate by a strict party
vote.

The new law repeals the direct pri-
mary, which was adopted in 1909. The
convention system will be revived un-
der the new statute.

G. CARROLL TODD RESIGNS

NEW YORK, March 6.—G. Carroll
Todd has resigned as United States
assistant attorney general, it became
known here Wednesday prior to the
departure of President Wilson for Eu-
ropa.
Mr. Todd had charge of prosecutions
under the Sherman anti-trust law and
had been mentioned as a possible suc-
cessor to Attorney General Thomas
W. Gregory, whose resignation be-
came effective Wednesday.
A recess appointment for A. Mitchell
Palmer, former attorney general, was
announced by the president's secre-
tary, and the commission was taken
immediately to Washington by a United
States marshal.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING IN BERLIN

CONFLICTS AT POLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS, WHICH ARE HELD
BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS

BOTH SIDES LOST MANY
IN THE FIGHT YESTERDAY

Concession Made to the Soldiers and
Workmen's Council—Parts of Or-
ganizations Heretofore With the
Government Have Gone Over to the
Spartan.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BERLIN, March 6.—Considerable
artillery fighting has taken place in
the vicinity of the police headquarters
which is held by the government
forces.

The leader of the Majority Social-
ists told the Associated Press that so
far the general strike is a failure.
Wherever the strikers are billeted
secretly the opposition to the strike is
overwhelming.

The employees of the telegraph com-
panies, the postoffice and the big
stores in Berlin have joined in a resolu-
tion of protest against a general
strike. The railways personnel an-
nounced that they would not partici-
pate.

It is reported that both the Spart-
an and the government forces lost
many killed in the fighting yesterday
before the police headquarters at
Alexander Platz. The fighting was
finally ended by negotiations.

Situation Painted Black.

BERLIN, March 6.—The military
situation on the eastern front is paint-
ed in the blackest colors by Von Hin-
denburg, who declares that unless the
population rallies to the defense of
their homes and families, it will be
impossible to ward off the attacks of
the hordes of Bolsheviks.

Concessions Proposed.

COPENHAGEN, March 6.—Negotia-
tions at Weimar resulted in the Ger-
man government proposing that the
soldiers and workmen's council be
made an organic part of the govern-
mental system under the new constitu-
tion it is reported.

Deserted the Government.

BERLIN, March 6.—The volunteer
marine division and a portion of the
republican militia, which has been
supporting the government have gone
over to the Spartans.

CHINESE COOK DRAWS \$10,000

BANDON, Ore., March 6.—Chin
Wing, cook at the Prosper Mill com-
pany's plant, has received word from
the war department that he will re-
ceive \$10,000, having been named the
beneficiary of his son, the latter an
American-born Chinaman who was
killed in action with the A. E. F.
Young Wing entered the service at
Pocatello, Ida. He was an infantry-
man who performed noble services at
the battle of Argonne wood.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, March 6.—Rain, mod-
erate western winds.

VICTORY STAMPS ARE NOW READY

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Victory
postage stamps, a new 1-cent
issue, to commemorate the success-
ful conclusion of the war, will be on
sale shortly throughout the coun-
try. In announcing the large the
postoffice department said the sup-
ply would not be sufficiently large
to replace the regular 4-cent stamp,
and postmasters would sell Victory
stamps only on request.
The new stamp bears the figure of
Liberty victorious, disarmed, and
with sword in one hand and scales
in the other. The whole design ap-
pears upon a shaded panel, with
American, British, French, Belgian
and Italian flags upon the back-
ground.

AMERICA WARNS ITALY OF DELAY IN RELIEF SUPPLIES

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 6.—Italy
has been warned by the American
government that unless she puts an
end to delays in the movements of re-
lief supplies to the newly established
Jugo-Slavic and Czech-Slavic states,
steps will be taken to cut off the flow
of American foodstuffs to Italy.

Food Blockade Denounced.

PARIS, March 6.—The British and
French delegates have been bitterly
outspoken in the supreme war council
in criticism of the food blockade the
Italian government is maintaining
against Dalmatia, Bosnia, Herzego-
vina, Croatia and Slovenia. These
democracies, built from the old Aus-
trian empire, are relied upon by the
entente as a protection against the
Bolshevik wave and the food short-
age is creating chaos there.

Many Present at Obsequies

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, March 6.—The body of
Governor James Withycombe was laid
away in the mausoleum at City View
cemetery this afternoon. The services
at the mausoleum were private.
Hundreds attended the funeral at
the church. Officers of the regiment
of the Oregon Agricultural college
carried the body and served as a
bodyguard near the casket.
People from all parts of the valley
arrived today for the funeral.

OVER 400 BILLS BECOME LAWS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, March 6.—Of the 821 bills
introduced at the recent session of
the Oregon legislature 436 were pas-
sed by both houses. This is the small-
est number of bills that have been in-
troduced since the session of 1911.

UMATILLA RAILROAD YARDS ARE REPAIRED

UMATILLA, Ore., March 6.—
Railroad carpenters are now in
Umatilla making general repairs on
all the railroad buildings. The coal
bunkers have been repaired and the
men are now building new store
houses along the right track which are
replacing the old ones that have
been torn down. Repair work will

ORDERS SOLDIERS RETIRED

Courtmarshals Set Aside for Negroes
Convicted of Heinous Crime.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—An-
nouncing Wednesday that President
Wilson had set aside courtmarshals
sentences and ordered new trials in
the case of 9 negro soldiers tried at
Camp Grant, Ills., in connection with
an attack upon a woman, Secretary
Baker said the judge advocate gen-
eral had found undue haste in try-
ing the men on the eve of their di-
vision's departure for France had
deprived the accused of fundamental
rights.

Eight of the men were sentenced
to death, five sentenced to life im-
prisonment, one found insane and
five acquitted.

STAGE ALL SET FOR THE OLD FOLKS' CONCERT

It will be a splendid entertain-
ment known as the Old Folks con-
cert, presented in quaint old-fashion-
ed costumes in sweet melodrama
songs of other days.

Among points of the interesting
rehearsal on the occasion will be a
\$500 hand embroidered Spanish
silk shawl, 150 years old, as well as
some other unique and attractive
robes by ladies and knights of colonial
days.
Southern darkey characters in an
old plantation song; a volume of
melodious and harmonious in old-
fashioned songs in solos, duets, quartets,
etc., by some of the best voices in
La Grande, and a noted non-resistant
solo. The musical direction is un-
der the able management of Dr. S.
H. Roe who is proving himself quite
an apt instructor.

The scene is a visit by Boston re-
latives, Aunt Sophia, Cousin Jedediah
and Hezekiah to their old home
town. Mrs. R. H. Coker, an accom-
plished elocutionist, as Aunt Sophia,
will give an interesting reading en-
titled "Green Grow the Rushes-O."
Another very pleasing number will
be a duet by Mrs. Kitchin and Miss
Jeanette Woodard, "Love's Old
Sweet Song."

On the whole this water-tight
will more than please and interest
you, and is well worth more than
the price charged, 25c for adults
and 15c for children.
The Christian church's object in
giving this entertainment is to se-
cure funds to buy 100 or more much
needed work books for its service.
Don't forget the night and don't
fail to come. Tickets are on sale at
Sweet's drug store.

DRAFTSMEN RESUME JOB AT SEATTLE

PORTION OF METAL TRADE
WORKERS HAVE VOTED TO
RETURN TO SHipyARDS

VOTE OF OTHER UNIONS
NOT YET ANNOUNCED

Believed That Plants May Open Mon-
day at the Former Scale Pending
the Outcome of a Conference to Be
Held at Washington, D. C. in the
Near Future.

JOHN MOSES ESCAPES FROM ES- PIONAGE CHARGE.

BOISE, March 6.—John Moses of
Idaho is in the list of those fifty-
three who have been given clemency
from espionage convictions.

John Moses, a rancher of Newport,
Ida., was sentenced at the north Ida-
ho term of the United States district
court on June 11, 1918, to eighteen
months' imprisonment on McNeil's is-
land, for violation of the espionage
act. Indictment was brought against
Moses on two counts, one for claiming
soldiers of the army were never ben-
efited from Red Cross contributions,
and the other that he asserted the war
was waged for the rich.

CZECHOS FIGHT THE BOLSHEVIKIS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
VIENNA, March 6.—It is reported
that engagements have taken place
between Czech soldiers and the Bol-
sheviki in Germany.

HOG RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Re-
moval of pork and pork products
from the export conservation list
was announced Wednesday night by
the war trade board, effective Thurs-
day. The board rescinded regula-
tions by which all applications for
licenses to export these commodities
to European destinations were re-
quired to bear a certificate showing
the food administration had approved
the sale price.

The food administration in an an-
nouncement simultaneously, said
this action would destroy its ability
to further stabilize the price of
live hogs and that it probably would
result in the price of hogs and pork
increasing beyond the stabilized
prices which the administration had
desired to continue to March 3.

MEN OF 46TH C. A. C. RETURNING HOME

Several men of the 46th Coast
Artillery have returned to their homes
in this part of the state the last
couple of days, and among them are
a couple of La Grande men. Scott
Lamb and Roy Peesler, of this city,
arrived last night, as did also Fred
Murray, of Perry. Two Elgin men
with them were Chas. Gross and
David McCartney, and Imnaha was
represented by Roy M. Thompson,
who was met by friends here. This
morning on No. 6 Ralph Hutchinson,
of Union, and Archie Malcolm, of
Elko, who also were with the 46th,
arrived. These men had been over-
seas about four months, having
landed in France just a day ahead of
the 46th C. A. C., which went
through this place Tuesday evening.
Their unit was not engaged in any
fighting, the war having terminated
just when they had completed their
training and were ready for the
front.

MORE RETURNING SOLDIERS TO PASS THROUGH HERE TOMORROW

La Grande will have another op-
portunity to greet a body of return-
ing soldiers tomorrow morning, when
a train of six coaches, carrying
240 men, will pass through this
place on their way to Portland and
Camp Lewis where they will await
demobilization. Information avail-
able this afternoon indicated that
the train will pass through here
about 11:00 o'clock. It is not
known exactly what unit these
men belong to, but it is thought that
they come from various units.
Arrangements are being made to
accord these soldiers a welcome that
will embody the best of the com-
munity's hospitality, and committees of
the different organizations whose
pride it is to cheer the returning
men along their way are making
every arrangement for holding
these and giving them a com-
moral so of time during the short time they
will stop here.