

SPARTACAN PROGRESS IS CHECKED

GOVERNMENT TROOPS DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS IN BERLIN'S SUBURBS.

ARTILLERY AND MINE THROWERS ARE USED

Terrorizing Methods of Spartacans Cause Revulsion of Feeling—Traffic Has Been Resumed Everywhere Except on Street Railways, in which Industry Employees Demand More Pay.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 11.—The government troops in Berlin have made further progress in demolishing the Spartacan strongholds in the northern and eastern sections of the city. Artillery and mine throwers were used.

MORE OREGON TROOPS LAND

CASUAL COMPANIES ON STEAMER MOUNT VERNON

Famous New York Guards of the 27th Division Also Reach Home From France Today.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
NEW YORK, March 11.—The steamship Mount Vernon arrived in New York harbor today with former New York national guard troops which became the famous 27th division which made the drive on Mt. Kemmel on August 21st.

FORTY SECOND ORDERED HOME

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—General Pershing enabled the war department yesterday that he had issued orders for the 42d, the Rainbow division, to prepare for embarkation.

The sailing time is supposed to be from the 1st to the 15th of April. The Rainbow division includes many boys from Union county and other points in Eastern Oregon, the hospital unit being among the number.

LOCAL MAN TRANSFERRED TO BRANCH AT BAKER

Going to Baker, to act in the capacity of retail manager of the Grande Ronde Meat Company's newly established branch business in that city, Harry Mohr left La Grande this morning on No. 6. Mr. Mohr has been with the Grande Ronde people in this city for the past nine years, and for some time past has been head meat cutter in the store here. Mr. Mohr has become thoroughly familiar with the meat business, and his transfer to Baker is a distinct step towards his future. He will remain in La Grande until the end of the school term.

E. W. Cox, who is also being transferred to the new Baker branch, expects to leave for that city within the next few days.

GERMAN MILITARISM SQUELCHED ACCORDING TO THE PEACE PLANS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 11.—Military Germany will go out of existence as a result of the adoption of the military terms as they go into the peace treaty as framed by the supreme council.

MASSACHUSETTS TOWNS VOTE WET

EIGHT OUT OF ELEVEN FAVOR ISSUING LICENSE

Wets Say It's a Slap at National Prohibition; Drys Claim That It Was Result of Apathy.

BOSTON, March 11.—Of the eleven towns voting yesterday on issuing liquor licenses, eight voted to change from dry to wet. The "wets" claim that this is a protest against the national prohibition amendment. The "drys" say that the apparent victory for their opponents was due to apathy of the prohibition forces, and consequent failure to register a full vote.

BRITISH WILL NOT MAKE PROTEST

LONDON, March 11.—It is announced that the British government will not protest against the Irish resolution adopted by the American congress.

FEDERAL WARRANTS FOR RAILROADS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Director General Hines announced today that the railroad administration will probably issue federal warrants for the amounts due the railroad corporations to meet the present situation.

WAR GAS CANNOT BE USED.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Poison gas developed in war cannot be used to clear American farms of insects and rodents pests, Secretary Lane has decided after investigation. Experiments showed that, while pests were killed, there is danger of the gas spreading and destroying live stock and persons living near-by, in case the wind should carry the fumes.

MAY BE SIGNED BY END OF MARCH

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 11.—The Evening News says that Lloyd George has sent word that the peace conference has nearly completed its work. The draft of the peace treaty is finished. It will probably be signed by the end of March.

POCATELLO COUPLE SHOT

POCATELLO, March 11.—Because of jealousy, Mrs. E. B. Martinez, a half-breed Indian, is seriously wounded in a hospital and D. C. Brown, white, is wounded in the hand as a result of shooting by E. E. Pindexter, colored.

U. S. MARSHAL SEIZES

NEW YORK, March 11.—United States Marshal McCarthy was directed by Federal Judge Knox Monday to seize \$4,000,000 in railroad stocks and bonds held in trust here for the Munich Reinsurance company of Munich, Bavaria. The order was issued on application of the alien property custodian.

RECLAMATION MEN CONFERENCE

POCATELLO, Idaho, March 11.—The executive committee of the Idaho Reclamation association met Monday and fixed the budget for the year at \$14,000, to be raised by the twenty-six counties along the Snake river and its tributaries.

CHILEAN AMBASSADOR CLIMBED TO POST



Sticking to the bush, even in diplomatic ranks is not without its rewards. Thirty years ago Senor don Beltran Mattheu of Chile, South America, was secretary to the ambassador to America. He is now the ambassador.

AMELIA BARR DIED TODAY

NOTED AMERICAN AUTHORESS PASSES AWAY IN NEW YORK

Had a Struggling Career Which Was Crowned With Success Through Unremitting Efforts.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
NEW YORK, March 11.—Amelia E. Barr, noted American authoress, died at her home in New York today.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr passed the first half of her life in comparative obscurity. She ventured upon her first novel when she was 50 years of age. During the following 33 years she produced her books at the rate of about two a year, stories, poems and magazine articles. For 15 consecutive years she supplied an average of a poem and a short story a week to one publication.

"The first time I tried my hand at literature," she said, "was when I was 6 years old. I amused myself by putting one of the Psalms into verse. The reward for my first literary adventure was a sound whipping. That kept me quiet until I was 12. At that age I perpetrated a crude and twisted tragedy on the life of Seneca. It is the only tragedy I have written." (Continued on page 2.)

REQUEST FOR TRAIL DENIED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Indian Commissioner Sells has denied the application of the Central Oregon Woolgrowers' association of a trail across the Warm Springs reservation, due to the fact that the proposed trail crosses tracts of lands allotted to the Indians individually. It is impossible to get the consent of all the Indians affected. The trail would save sixty miles of travel for 25,000 head of sheep which now go by way of Bend.

HOLDS FILM PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, March 11.—Exhibition of a banquet scene in a photograph which depicts Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the former German ambassador to the United States, as an accessory to a murder plot hatched by her husband, was postponed for three days by Justice Cobden in supreme court here Monday.

ORGANIZED EFFORT FOR OVERTHROW

WIDE-SPREAD BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA IS PLACED BEFORE COMMITTEE.

EVIDENCE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

One Poster Seized in the Mails Says "Every Strike Is a Small Revolution and a Dress Rehearsal for a Larger One"—Propaganda is of the Most Radical Type and Calculated to Stir Up Discord.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Evidence brought by the department of justice showing a country-wide propaganda urging the overthrow of the United States government and setting up Bolshevism was put in the records of the senate propaganda investigating committee today.

One of the posters which is a part of the evidence declared:

"Every strike is a small revolution and a dress rehearsal for the big one."

CO-OPERATION KEYNOTE AT BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON

As Elmer Stoddard, who was chairman at the weekly luncheon of the La Grande Commercial Club held at the Foley during the noon hour today, remarked during the course of the proceedings, things are going all right in the business world when employer and employee sit side by side at the same dinner table, as did W. M. Nichols, of the Palmer Lumber Company, and Chas. Watkins, the employees' representative from the Palmer Mills. Mr. Nichols was the chief speaker at the luncheon today. The congenial spirit that usually marks the occasions when La Grande's business men get together around the dinner table was particularly emphasized by the program at today's gathering.

Reorganization of Club

The consideration of the business of the meeting was started almost immediately after the blessing of the Divine upon the occasion had been invoked by J. L. Cramer, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., haste being necessary in order to get through as nearly within the hour as possible. The first matter taken up was the report of Wm. Miller, who was appointed last week at the head of a committee to look into the matter of reorganization of the Commercial Club. On receipt of Mr. Miller's report a motion was passed authorizing the reorganization of the Club and the appointment of a committee to take up the matter of amendment of its bylaws.

New Member Introduced

Following this the chairman announced the presence at the meeting of a new member, H. H. O'Brien, of the firm of Holmes and O'Brien, successors to the Island City M. & M. Company. Mr. Stoddard stated that he was pleased to welcome Mr. O'Brien to the midst of the business men of this city, and Mr. O'Brien, speaking briefly, declared that he reciprocated the feeling in all sincerity.

Mr. Nichols Speaks

W. M. Nichols, of the Palmer Lumber Company, was then introduced, as the chief speaker of the meeting. He gave a fine talk on the relationship of the lumber business of the northwest to the industrial life of the nation, and though his talk was necessarily short, it was full of information and of good sense. He spoke in particular of the spirit of cooperation which has been developed during the recent months between the employers and the employees in the lumbering game, and he spoke in high praise of the organization known as the Four L's, the association of Loggers and Lumbermen. The best thing he could say for this body of men, Mr. Nichols declared, was that the I. W. W. have declared their intention of wiping out of existence on May 1st every Four L's camp in the country. Nothing the I. W. W. was afraid, said Mr. Nichols, he was for with all his heart. The speaker sat on the

ARRIVAL OF TROOP TRAIN EXPECTED AT 6:20 TONIGHT

Latest news of casual company No. 234, which is being hustled westward by special train for demobilization, indicates that it will arrive in La Grande at 6:20 this evening, and all La Grande is preparing accordingly to do the boys honor while they stop here. At first expected here at 1:30 this afternoon, the time was later changed to 7:30, and then advanced again this afternoon to 6:30.

STALKING PROFITEERS RITTER'S JOB



Getting prices down is this man's job. It is W. M. Ritter, chairman of the price conference committee, whose task it is to recommend to the government what prices shall be paid for principal commodities during the readjustment period.

TO EXPLAIN NEW ORGANIZATION

MEETING IN BEHALF OF STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Wm. Stiltz of Portland, to Meet District Chairmen at City Hall This Evening.

A meeting of all the district chairmen in the membership drive for individual members to the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, and members of the La Grande Commercial club will meet at the city hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

Mr. William Stiltz, of Portland, will be present to explain the workings of the new organization and answer any questions in regard to the membership drive.

This Chamber of Commerce is a creation of the various commercial bodies of Oregon. Its fortunes, attitude and character will be determined by the desires of its constituent bodies and membership.

POPE ASKS FOR SPEEDY PEACE

SO SAYS A REPORT WHICH COMES FROM BERLIN

Situation Declared to Be Very Grave and Fears Entertained for Bolshevik State in Germany.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BERLIN, March 11.—Pope Benedict has addressed an appeal to the powers, emphasizing the urgency of a speedy conclusion of peace with Germany, it became known here today.

MONDELL TO BE FLOOR LEADER

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Representative Frank Mondell of Wyoming has been chosen the Republican floor leader for the next house after March 11th and declined to accept.

CENSORATE TO BE LESS EXACTING

AGREEMENT TO ABOLISH DOUBLE CENSORSHIP OF CABLE COMMUNICATIONS

RESTRICTIONS APPLIED TO PLACE OF ORIGIN

United States Expects to Abolish the System Altogether, but Must Comply With the Rules of Safety Advised by the European Allies for the Present—Censorship Where the Message Originates Is Plan.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—An agreement between the United States and England abolishes the double censorship. The two countries agree that hereafter the cable communications through territory from either country will be subject only to the censorship of the country where the message originates.

The United States desires to discontinue censorship entirely as soon as possible, the announcement says; but "as long as the allies consider it necessary to continue the blockade, it will be necessary to continue the censorship."

RENEWED PLANS FOR ENGLISH CHANNEL

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 11.—Revival of the proposal to construct a tunnel under the English channel to connect England and France as one of the means of furnishing employment to soldiers, brings out the estimate that five years would be required in the construction of the sub-way. The estimated cost is 20,000,000 pounds.

EMPLOYEES ARE AGAIN AT WORK

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SEATTLE, March 11.—Thousands of the shipyard employees are back at work here and at Tacoma and Aberdeen. It will possibly be a week before full forces can be employed again. The same wages are paid as before the strike.

POLICEMAN WAS KILLED

HAVANA, March 11.—One policeman was killed and several workmen were wounded, two seriously in a clash Monday at union headquarters where workmen had gathered to protest against the settlement of the general strike reached by their leaders earlier in the day. The fight started when policemen attempted to disperse the workmen. Many shops were exchanged by both sides.

WEATHER FORECAST.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 11.—For Oregon: Rain, fresh southerly winds.

WRESTLING MATCH SEEMS ASSURED

The challenge to a wrestling match issued by Ad. Gustavo, the Argentine, middleweight champion, in the last Sunday Morning Observer, has been accepted by Eddie O'Connell, according to information received today by The Observer.