

CONGRESS MAY MEET NEXT MAY

AN EARLY SESSION NECESSARY
ON ACCOUNT OF DEPLETED
CASH CONDITION.

WAR RISK BUREAU IS RUNNING LOW ON FUNDS

Secretary of the Treasury and Other
Cabinet Members Have Cabled to
the President the Necessity of an
Extra Session to Take Care of the
Government's Finances.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—An
extra session of congress before June
first is considered a certainty by the
government officials. Some of the
members of congress and some of the
cabinet officials expect it to begin in
May.

President is Advised.
Secretary Glass has asked President
Wilson to set aside more than \$30,
000,000 from the presidential war
emergency fund to cover the cost of
continued operation of the war risk
insurance bureau for the next few
months until congress can remedy its
recent failure to appropriate funds for
the bureau. The president has not
yet given an answer, and if he does
not make the money available, the
activities of the war risk bureau may be
greatly curtailed.

Secretary Glass explained Monday
that although he has not specifically
recommended early convening of con-
gress to deal with this situation, he
has presented "certain facts" in re-
gard to the government's financial
situation from which the president
may make his own deductions. In
this connection it was learned that
other cabinet members have cabled
the president reports of serious con-
ditions in their respective departments
caused by failure of congress to appro-
priate funds.

INCREASE CENSORSHIP

Strick Rules Apply Between Occu-
pied Zone and Balance of
Germany.

COBLENZ, March 18.—Business
in the German postal, telegraph and
telephone services under American
censorship in the occupied area has
increased to such an extent that re-
cently thirty-five additional soldiers
were added to the force of censors.
That gives Coblenz about sixty and
Trier forty in the censorship de-
partment. These two cities handle
virtually all the mail, telegrams and
telephone calls from the occupied
zone to other parts of Germany.

The long distance telephone calls
are confined, chiefly to business.
Personal calls, excepting where it is
shown that they are important as
in cases of sickness, are not per-
mitted. All telephone conversations
are recorded. A German-speaking
American soldier taking such notes
as he believes will be of interest to
the intelligence section of the army
of which the censorship is a part.

Letters, telephone calls and tele-
grams from one point to another in
the American area are not censored.

PAY RANSOM DEMANDED VILLA STILL HOLDS CAPTIVES

EL PASO, Tex., March 18.—A
telegram was received at district
military headquarters Monday from
Col. Padesell, commander of the 12th
cavalry, at Hacienda, N. M., stating
that "Bunk" Spencer, the American
ranch foreman, and nine Mex-
ican families continued to be held
by Villa's men at Chihuahua. The
\$500 ransom demanded for their
release.

No Villa activities were reported
near the border Monday.

RAID ON HUNTER RANCH

EL PASO, Tex., March 18.—A
Villa band raided the Santa Anna
ranch owned by Mr. F. H. Hunter
of Berkeley, Cal. last week killed
a number of cattle for food and
drove off 200 head toward Rubio,
according to reports who warned
here Monday. The ranch is near
the border and the band was be-
lieved to have been led by the
same band that stole a sheep at
Berkeley and January 1, 1919, was
as prisoners.

TO CONSIDER PEACE TREATY

ALL PHASES OF THE PLAN TO
BE GONE OVER.

President Wilson and Premiers of the
Allied Powers Have Met To-
gether in Conference.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 18.—President Wil-
son and Premiers Clemenceau of
France, Orlando of Italy and Lloyd
George of Great Britain conferred to-
day on the matter of securing accord
between the powers of all phases of
the peace treaty and its early presen-
tation to the Germans.

The question of including the league
of nations plan in the treaty is also
expected to be agreed upon by the re-
presentatives in conference.

MEXICAN POLICE AFTER RADICALS

MEXICO CITY, March 18.—Twen-
ty-four police agents have been as-
signed to the task of investigating
the activities of various Bolshevik
agents who are reported to be plant-
ing the seed of radicalism in various
centers of labor throughout Mexico.
Three suspicious characters already
have been arrested at Saltillo, one in
Vera Cruz, and another in Merida.

RIOTING IN LOWER EGYPT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 18.—In recent
rioting in Cairo, Egypt, believed to be
due to nationalist agitation, six were
killed and thirty-one wounded. At
Tanta, on the Nile, eleven were killed
and fifty-one wounded. Troops were
able to cope with the situation and or-
der has been restored.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL TRIES CONCRETE FREIGHT CAR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
CHICAGO, March 18.—The first re-
inforced concrete freight car ever
built was delivered Monday to the Il-
linois Central railroad for operation
in its coal service.
The car was designed when the war
made steel for commercial uses al-
most unobtainable.
The car is light, its walls being one
and a half inches thick and the floor
two and a half inches thick. It has
been tested for a capacity of 100,000
pounds.

BAR ASSOCIATION TO PROBE COURT MARTIAL LAW STATUS

NEW YORK, March 18.—Secre-
tary of War Baker has been advised
of the appointment of a committee of
five members of the American Bar
association "to investigate the status
of the present military law relating
to courts martial." This was an-
nounced by the association here
Monday, with the statement that
"the committee expects to commence
its work at a very early date."
The committee was appointed in
accordance with resolutions adopted
by the executive committee, to which
it will report the results of its in-
vestigation, together with recom-
mendations.

TRANSPORT SINKS QUICKLY

American Boat Goes Down in Seven
Minutes After Hitting Mine.

LONDON, March 17.—The Ameri-
can naval transport Yael Haven, which
struck a mine early Friday morning,
was at the time forty miles northwest
of Hartlepool. The survivors say that
after the first explosion a second blew
away the steamer's stern and the ves-
sel sank in seven minutes. The sur-
vivors, of whom there were thirty-
five, were afloat for several hours be-
fore they were picked up. Four were
sent to the hospital.

An earlier report on the sinking of
the Yael Haven placed the possible
number of casualties at nine sailors
drowned. The Yael Haven was bound
from Baltimore for Copenhagen.

AID RETURNED SOLDIERS

Australia to Provide \$7,000,000 for
Aid to Giving Employment.
MELBOURNE, Australia, March
18.—The commonwealth government
is providing \$7,000,000 pounds for use by
local governing bodies throughout
Australia on works which will give im-
mediate employment to returned sol-
diers.

HELIGOLAND FORTS TO BE DESTROYED

KIEL CANAL TO BE OPENED TO
ALL NATIONS ON EQUAL
TERMS.

THIS IS DECISION OF SUPREME COUNCIL

Germany Will Be Required to Surren-
der Title to Her Warships, but Dis-
position of the Same Is to Be De-
cided Later—Cable Question Also to
Wait.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 18.—The fortifica-
tions on the island of Heligoland, the
Germans' formidable North sea base,
must be dismantled, the supreme war
council has decided. The Kiel canal
is to be internationalized and made
available to the ships of all nations
on even terms.

Disposition of the German warships
is not likely to be included in the peace
treaty, the American delegates think.
Germany will be required to surren-
der title to the ships and the ultimate
ownership will be decided later.
The British delegation has consented
to refer to the supreme council the
question of the future ownership of
the German cables to America.

GERMAN REHABILITATION PROPOSED AS RAPID

PARIS, March 18.—The German
empire will be rehabilitated more
rapidly than most people think, Dr.
Richard Von Kuehlmann, former
German foreign minister, declared in
a letter quoted by the Echo de
Paris. According to the letter von
Kuehlmann says that the former
ruling classes of Germany are still
hopeful of retaining power.
Under favorable conditions, von
Kuehlmann is quoted as saying, the
Germans will be in Paris before
1925.

METHODIST BISHOP DEAD

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Bishop
James W. Bapford, prominent for
many years in the Methodist Epis-
copal church, died today after a long
illness.

ALBERS IS TO TAKE APPEAL

ATTORNEYS PREPARE FOR HIGH-
ER COURT REVIEW.

McGon for a New Trial Was Denied
Yesterday and Sentence of Fine
and Imprisonment Passed.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 18.—Henry Al-
bers' attorneys are preparing today
for an appeal. A motion for a new
trial was denied yesterday before Al-
bers was sentenced to three years im-
prisonment on McNeil's island and to
pay a fine of \$10,000.

VETERANS WILL ORGANIZE

Meeting to Be Called in This Country
Next Month to Form Association.
NEW YORK, March 18.—On receipt
of word from Paris that 500
members of the American expedition-
ary forces had taken the first step
toward organization of a world
veterans association, Lieutenant
Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, announced
Sunday night that a meeting would
be called in this country "about the end
of April" for the same purpose. He
added that organization would not be
completed until most of the American
troops return from overseas.

He said that on February 15th a
representative group of members of
the national guard and national army
overseas held a preliminary confer-
ence in Paris to consider plans for
the organization of an association simi-
lar to the Grand Army of the Republic
with the purpose of promoting com-
radeship and serving the nation by
keeping alive the spirit which caused
American citizens to make such great
sacrifices.

POLICE ARE FIRED UPON

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LAWRENCE, Mass., March 18.—
When the police were trying to break
up a party of textile workers on strike
shots were fired from tenement houses
and the officers were stoned. Persons
in the crowd were clubbed. Many ar-
rests have been made. It is the most
violent disturbance since the strike
began six weeks ago.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH NEAR PORTLAND

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 18.—Authori-
ties are being puzzled to solve the
mystery connected with the death of
Alfred Mills, aged 40 and found with
a bullet hole through his head in a
lonely shack a mile from Linneman
Junction on the outskirts of the city.
No weapon was found. He had a hun-
dred dollars in his pockets. He had
been in the asylum at Salem for some
time.

MAY ORGANIZE CENTRAL BOARD

UNION CO. LIVE STOCK MEN FA-
VOR CENTRAL BODY.

Representatives of Range Associa-
tions Here Yesterday to Dis-
cuss Co-operative Move.

A meeting of representatives of the
range associations of Union county,
called by County Agent Spillman, was
held in the city hall in this city yester-
day afternoon to consider the ad-
visability of forming a central live
stock board, such as has just been
perfected in Wallowa county. Three
of the five range associations were
represented at the meeting, and all
the delegates favored the organiza-
tion of the board.

This central board, as planned, is
to consist of two representatives of
the advisory board of each range as-
sociation in the county. The object
of the organization is to facilitate co-
operation among the range associa-
tions of the county in the purchase of
supplies, purchase and exchange of
bulls, location and advertising of es-
trays and numerous other matters of
interest to the users of the forest
ranges of the county.

The delegates who were present at
the meeting were the following: Jas.
Woodell, president of the Summerville
association; C. E. Lawson, president
of the Cove Association; and W. J.
Townley, member of the advisory
board of the North Powder associa-
tion. All were favorable to the for-
mation of a central live stock board
and they will present the proposition
to their respective local associations.
The representatives of the Elgin and
Starkey associations were unable to
be present at yesterday's meeting,
but it is understood that they have
expressed themselves as also being
in favor of the move.

BASEBALL MAN COMING HOME

CHICAGO CLUB NOTIFIED OF
ALEXANDER'S RETURN

Man Who Threw Up \$15,000 Job to
Go to War Released From Ser-
vice Says General Pershing

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
CHICAGO, March 18.—General
Pershing has cabled to the Chicago
Nationalists that Grover Alexander
has left for home.
Grover Alexander is the base ball
phenomenon formerly with the Phila-
delphia team, and with his catcher
was sold to the Chicago Nationalists
for \$10,000, and in this transaction
Alexander would have received \$15,
000 to last year's work. This he
declined in order to enter the ser-
vice of his country in France.

POSSE IS IN PURSUIT OF RUPERT

JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RAILROAD POLICE JOIN
IN THE SEARCH.

WHEN LAST SEEN THE FUGITIVE WAS NORTH

Believed That He Is Hidden in Hills
West of Gold Hill—Rupert Was a
Well-Known Athlete of Northwest
and Was Sent Up Three Years on
Conviction of Bond Theft.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
GOLD HILL, March 18.—A posse
consisting of the Jackson county au-
thorities, railroad police and state
prison guards, with bloodhounds and
headed by Buck Phillips, head keeper
at the penitentiary, are looking for
"Red" Rupert and Jack Hardy, who
escaped from the state farm camp. It
is reported that Rupert was seen twenty
miles north of here, but it is be-
lieved he will likely be found in the
hills west of here. The posse is heav-
ily armed.

Clyde Rupert, one of the fugitives,
is well known throughout the north-
west as an athlete. He was convicted
of the theft of \$20,000 in Liberty
bonds from the Northwestern Nation-
al bank in Portland a year ago, being
at the time employed with the bank
concern as a house detective. He was
serving a sentence of three years.

PRUSSIAN HAVE BEGUN GENERAL HOUSECLEANING

BERLIN, March 18.—The Prus-
sian government has begun a gen-
eral housecleaning among the higher
bureaucrats left over from the former
regime, who are charged with in-
fidelity in a policy of obstruction
and even outspoken hostility to the
measures of the present govern-
ment.

A start was made this week with
Herr Lobell, former Prussian min-
ister of the interior and George
Michaelis, former chancellor. The
official axe is hanging over the polit-
ical necks of scores of privy coun-
cillors and department directors, who
fancied themselves indispensable in
the bureaucratic regime.

TO SAY WHAT IS NEAR BEER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS TO
DECIDE QUESTION.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper
Has Asked for an Opinion
Covering the Case.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Whether
the internal revenue bureau has author-
ity to enforce the rule against the
sale of beer containing one-half of one
percent or more of alcohol, will be
put up to the department of justice.
Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper
has asked for an opinion.

ACTION COLLIDE

Two automobiles being driven at a
pretty fair speed crashed together at
the corner of Depot street and Wash-
ington Saturday evening, with the
result that Mrs. Emil Calchiana's car,
which was the lighter of the two, is
aid up for repairs to a bent front
axle. Mrs. Calchiana was driving east
on Washington and reached the cor-
ner at Elk's Club just as Mr. Myers
car, which was travelling north on
Depot street, arrived at a good
speed. Myers' car had the right
of way and did not slow down, it is
said, and neither did the driver of the
other car. When the cars met, My-
ers' machine veered off at right an-
gles down Washington toward the
fire hall, while Mrs. Calchiana's did a
complete right about face around the
guide post in the center of the street.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 18.—For Ore-
gon, Rain. Moderate southerly wind.

W. M. PEARE IS TO CONTINUE

WILL BE RENAMED ON BOARD
OF OPTOMETRISTS.

Appointment Is Effective on June 1st
When Date of Present Appoint-
ment Expires.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, March 18.—Governor Ol-
cott has appointed Dr. Floyd B. Day-
ton of Portland a member of the state
board of optometry, succeeding Dr. W.
J. Curtis of Corvallis. He announced
that he would reappoint W. M. Peare
of La Grande a member of the board
when his term expires. Both appoint-
ments are effective June 1st under a
law of the last legislature.

NEARLY HALF MILLION HOME

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—A to-
tal of 470,736 officers and men of the
American expeditionary forces had
sailed for home on March 13th. This
represented 24 per cent of the strength
of Pershing's forces on November 11,
1918. A total of 1,475,580 was still
left in France March 13th.

WOMEN TO BE RESINSTATED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The
women employed as street car conduc-
tors for the Cleveland Railway com-
pany who were discharged from the
service of the company on March 1st,
must be restored to work. This is ac-
cording to a decision of the war labor
board made by Taft and Manly, mem-
bers of the board. Sixty-four women
who were employed in Cleveland as
street railway conductors are affected
by the order promulgated by the war
labor board.

SETTLE MONOCACY ISSUE

China Pays Indemnity as Proposed
By United States

PEKIN, March 18.—The Chinese
government has accepted the sugges-
tions made by the American govern-
ment in its note of March 6 for the
settlement of the Monocacy incident.
The accident occurred January 11
of last year, when the American gun-
boat Monocacy was steaming up the
Yangtze River and was fired on
by Chinese troops without warn-
ing. D. L. O'Brien, chief yeoman
received wounds from which he died
within an hour, and Seaman For-
gan and W. M. Donnell were slightly
injured. Under the settlement the
widow of Chief Yeoman O'Brien re-
ceives an indemnity of \$25,000 gold.
While Seaman Ferguson and Donnell
receive \$500 each.
The firing on the gunboat is re-
tributed here to the Chinese troops
becoming panic-stricken at the ap-
pearance of the war vessel.

CANADA'S FAMOUS FIGHTING TROOPS WELCOMED HOME

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
HALIFAX, N. S., March 18.—The
famous "Princess Pats," Canada's first
troops to fight on French soil, returned
home Monday, arriving here on the
steamer Carmania from England.
While nominally it was the "Prin-
cess Pats" regiment which returned,
only thirty-two of the arrivals were
among the original unit which went
overseas in 1914. The other home-
comers are replacements that were
necessary to keep the regiment up to
normal strength, the fierce fighting in
Flanders the notable engagements of
the war playing havoc with this Cana-
dian unit.

Yipes, Polyzog wood, Vinny ridge,
Lena, Cambria and ten other places
where the British forces fought val-
iantly, knew the presence of the
"Princess Pats," and during its ser-
vice the regiment had been command-
ed by officers, who saw their unit twice
nearly wiped out. Two command-
ers were killed. Eighty-two of the dis-
tinguished service order.

Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Gault,
who defrayed half the expenses when
the regiment was organized, returned
Monday with the men, coming home
with only one leg. Lieutenant Colonel
Adamson, who for a time commanded
them in the field, also returned Mon-
day, with his right leg affected by gas.

WALLOWA IS STRONG FOR GOOD ROADS

GREAT RESOURCES THERE
WHICH SHOULD BE TURN-
ED THIS WAY.

COUNTY AGENT HOKE WAS SPEAKER AT LUNCHEON

Shows That Idaho City Is Drawing
Fast Trade From Districts That
Would Come Westward but for
Lack of Easy Facilities of Travel
—Hoke Knows Whereof He Speaks

Wallowa county surely has a good
booster in her county agent, Max
Hoke, who was the speaker today at
the business men's luncheon. Mr.
Hoke came fully primed on all the
good points about that garden spot
of the state of Oregon, and if Wal-
lowa county has any drawbacks, it
was not evident from Mr. Hoke's
speech. He might, if he had had
time, have mentioned a few things in
which Wallowa is inferior to Union
county, but he had so many good
things to tell the people here that it
was time for them to go back to
their work before he could fully elu-
cidate them all. Even at that, it
was a most interesting talk Mr. Hoke
gave and he undoubtedly convinced
his hearers that it is very much to
the interests of the farmers and the
business men of Union county to get
lured up with their Wallowa neigh-
bors on the good roads proposition.

Chairman Is Also Booster.
S. D. Crowe was chairman at the
luncheon today. He admitted that
he had a very high opinion of the
qualities of Wallowa county and her
people, and for that reason, he said,
he had asked Mr. Hoke to be the
speaker of the day. Mr. Crowe laid
great emphasis upon the fact that by
reason of the very poor facilities for
travel and for transportation between
Wallowa county and La Grande
the city of Lewiston, Idaho, is getting
a great deal of patronage and busi-
ness which this section of the state
of Oregon is justly entitled to. This
was a strong argument advanced by
Mr. Crowe and later supported by
Mr. Hoke for the building of good
roads through Union county that
would join up with the better high-
ways which are looked forward to in
Wallowa county.

Wallowa County's Future.
Mr. Hoke was highly enthusiastic
about the rosy future he could see
for Wallowa county in her vast re-
sources of lumber, live stock and
agricultural lands. There are five
billion feet of lumber remaining un-
developed in the county, he said.
With present facilities it will take
fifty years to get that lumber out and
at present prices of \$25 per thousand
feet it is worth \$125,000,000. Half
of that amount of money, he said,
will go for the labor that will be re-
quired to market the lumber, which
he thought something to be consid-
ered. The mill at Enterprise alone,
he stated, has a pay roll of \$25,000 a
month and handles 100,000 feet of
lumber a day. He went on to give
other interesting figures in respect
to this great resource of his county,
and then went into the outlook for
agriculture.

Agricultural Resources.
Wallowa people, said Mr. Hoke, re-
gard their agricultural lands as their
most permanent asset. Last year
the county was fourth in the produc-
tion of wheat and the total value of
its grain crops was over \$2,000,000.
The county's farming activities are
well balanced and successful. There
are 10,000 acres of irrigated lands in
the county and 125,000 acres of dry
farming land, of which 100,000 acres
is under cultivation. Land there, said
Mr. Hoke, is irrigated at an annual
cost of twenty-five cents per acre,
while in irrigation districts in Idaho
and in other places in the west the
costs are as high as \$1.50 and \$2.00
per acre. Where other irrigation dis-
tricts have one inch of water for
every three acres, Wallowa county
has two inches for every acre. The
possibilities in development of the
water power of the county to secure
electrical power for the farmers was
mentioned by the speaker as some-
thing which would be realized be-
fore long. There is ample water
power going to waste there, he
said, and the resources are vast.

Will Solve Problem.
The farms of Wallowa county pro-

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