

## RHINE IS NATURAL BARRIER

### MARSHAL FOCH SAYS THE RIV ER IS THE ONLY GOOD LINE OF DEFENSE

### HONOR FOR VICTORY BELONGS TO SOLDIERS

Armistice Was Assented to in Face of the Fact the German Armies Would Be Certainly Crushed—Lives Saved and at Same Time the French Assured of Victory.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, March 21.—Marshal Foch made the following statement in an interview today:

"The Rhine is our only good line of defense. I do not demand annexation, but if we do not secure that military frontier we will have fought in vain. The allied commander also said: 'It was the wonderful soldiers who gave us victory. My only merit was in having faith and never despairing. We signed the armistice despite the certainty of crushing the German armies, to avoid killing more men and because it gave everything necessary to insure a French victory.'"

## SENATOR DIMMICK DIED LAST NIGHT

(By Associated Press to The Observer) OREGON CITY, March 21.—State Senator Walter A. Dimmick died last night, aged 39. A breakdown believed to be due to overwork during the legislature is assigned as the cause of death.

Mr. Dimmick, who was born August 30, 1879, at Hubbard, Ore., was the son of George W. Dimmick, well-known Marion county pioneer. Mr. Dimmick was educated in the public schools of Hubbard and graduated from Pacific university at Forest Grove in 1902. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1904, he coming associated with his cousin, Judge George B. Dimmick, at Oregon City.

## REPORT REVOLUTION AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

LONDON, March 21.—There are unconfirmed reports that a revolution of the Menshevik, or moderate element of the Social Democratic party, against the soviet government, has broken out in Petrograd, according to a German government wireless dispatch received Wednesday night.

PAN-AMERICAN SOCIALISTS MONTEVIDEO, March 20.—Announcement was made here yesterday that a Pan-American Socialist conference will be held in Montevideo in April.

## HARRY FRAWLEY DIED AT HOSPITAL

Harry, the only son of County Treasurer and Mrs. John Frawley, passed away at the Grande Ronde hospital at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. He was taken to the hospital yesterday morning. He has been in poor health for a long period. Funeral arrangements will probably be announced tomorrow.

## SAY WILL NOT DELIVER SHIPS

### GERMAN SEAMEN REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE

Ground of Objection is That Germany Has No Guarantee of Continuous Food Supply.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) HAMBURG, March 21.—Seamen at a mass meeting passed a resolution refusing to participate in the delivery of the German merchant ships demanded by the entente declaring it the duty of all seamen and workers to refuse to carry out the work on these ships on the ground that there has been no guarantee that Germany will receive food except the initial delivery.

## 'SOLID SOUTH' BREAKS

Reduction in Liberty and Increase in Taxes Sift Former Senator.

NEWARK, N. J., March 21.—Asserting that the Democratic party has ceased to support Democratic principles, former United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas declared in an address here Thursday night that he would never again vote for the candidate of any party which constantly reduces our liberty and unnecessarily increases our taxes.

## SENATE WILL NOT RATIFY WORLD LEAGUE SAYS REED

(By Associated Press to The Observer) ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—United States Senator James A. Reed Thursday, in commenting on the action of 50 Democratic members of the Missouri house of representatives, who Wednesday adopted a resolution calling on him to resign and run for re-election, as a means of determining public sentiment on his views, said he had no objection to the members passing the resolution, but he did object to their saying he spoke disrespectfully of President Wilson, and the text of the speech would show it.

## PLAN FIGHT ON PROHIBITION

### MOVE WILL NOT BE MADE TILL AFTER PEACE

Claimed That Referendum is Necessary to Several States Including Oregon.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The committee of distillers of the United States, representing the entire distilling industry, announced Thursday night that steps were being taken to attack the constitutionality of the federal prohibition amendment and the war time prohibition act.

Levy Mayor of Chicago, counsel for the organization, was instructed to arrange for a suit to test the emergency prohibition law after the treaty of peace had been signed. Action to bring about a judicial review of the eighteenth amendment, it was stated, would await the outcome of referendum elections in 13 states where petitions calling for a popular vote on the "bone dry" enactment have been filed or are in circulation.

Mr. Mayor advised the committee that in states having referendum laws and whose legislatures have ratified the amendment, the ratification would have no effect unless a majority of the votes cast in the elections favored the amendment.

To Test Legality of Act. The attorney also gave an opinion that if the war time prohibition act is unconstitutional manufacture of distilled spirits, forbidden by the president under the food conservation laws, could be lawfully resumed.

In their discussion of measures to nullify the federal amendment, the distillers named California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Maine and Nebraska as states where referendum petitions have been circulated. As 45 state legislatures ratified the amendment, nine more than the necessary three-fourths, the distillers' announced plan of action would not be carried out if the people of more than four states approved the decisions of their legislative bodies.

The distillers' attack on the war time prohibition act follows the lines laid down by counsel for the brewers in their long suit filed here Wednesday, alleging that the law, having been enacted after the signing of the armistice, went beyond the power of congress to adopt measures for the national security and defense.

Awaiting Signing of Peace. Members of the distillers' committee declared the decision to withhold their litigation until the completion of peace negotiations was based on a desire to proceed only after the war emergency was formally declared a matter of history. It was said the suit would be brought against the collector of internal revenue and the federal district attorney "in some appropriate district."

While no distilled beverages have been manufactured since July 1, 1917, under the food conservation regulations, no ban has been placed on marketing of stocks except that in the wartime prohibition act which forbids sale and all withdrawal from bond except for export purposes after June 30 next, until the demobilization of the war time military force.

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## RED RUPERT ON THE WAY TO MEXICO

### FUGITIVE WAS LAST SEEN BOARDING A TRAIN AT GA- ZELLE, CALIF.

### BELEIVED HE HAS HELP IN THE FLIGHT

Escaped Man Would Have Had Hearing Before the Parole Board in a Month, but Fear of Federal Charge Presumed to Spur Him to Leave the Country.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SALEM, March 21.—Warden Stevens has received word that Red Rupert was seen boarding a train at Gazelle, Cal., Tuesday, after buying some clothes from the fireman. It is believed he had pre-arranged help in escaping and will probably go to Mexico or South America to escape the federal charge lodged against him for the theft of Liberty bonds. He could have gone before the parole board this month, but did not owing to the federal charge impending.

## REPLY COMES FROM M'NARY

### HOSPITAL UNIT ROUTING DE FOIRE WAR DEPARTMENT

Big Celebration Set to Take Place When La Grande Sees Her Soldier Sons Again

Stating that he had placed the wishes of the people of La Grande, regarding the routing of the La Grande Hospital Unit, before the war department, U. S. Senator Chas. L. McNary this morning replied as follows to the wire sent him yesterday by T. J. Scroggins and Geo. Cochran: "Matter of routing of Field Hospital Hundred Sixty-Seven Sanitary Train Hundred and Seventeen before war department. No action can be taken before arrival in this country. Will keep you advised."

Mr. Scroggins is writing Senator McNary today, giving him full particulars regarding the hospital unit, and he is quite confident that through the Senator the war department can be influenced to agree to the request.

"And when the boys get here," says Mr. Scroggins, "there will be one of the most enthusiastic celebrations La Grande has ever seen. We will see two or three thousand dollars from the county, and another thousand from the city, and we'll spend it all showing the boys just how glad we are to have them back."

## RESTRICTION NOT SO SEVERE

### RESTRICTION FIVE HED LESS STRINGENT RULES OF USE OF CABLE.

It Is Understood That the Censorship Will Cease Altogether in Another Month.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) LONDON, March 21.—Cable censors say with extreme pleasure that the rights of government departments to priority in the use of cables is to be immediately drastically reduced. Government and non-government messages will be sent at alternate half hours. Previously the government of ten occupied the cables for twenty hours out of the twenty-four. It is also understood the censorship will cease within a month.

## GREAT ANNIVERSARY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Today, March 21, is the first anniversary of the date when the German army was at the peak of its power. It is the day when the German hordes poured down on the British in Picardy with the boastful intent of winning an overwhelming victory before the Americans should arrive in France in force.

Today Germany does not exist as a military power.

## BAN ON INDIANS HAS BEEN RAISED

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 21.—The ban which has been placed upon all Indian gatherings, potlaches and other meetings by Governor Thomas Hines, Jr., in connection with the quarantine against Spanish influenza has been raised.

## STEEL PRICES ARE REDUCED

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, March 21.—Agreement upon a new schedule of steel prices providing a reduction in the present quotations for the commodity was reached late Thursday night by representatives of the steel industry and the industrial board of the department of commerce. The new prices are for the year 1919 and are effective at once.

A partial list of the new prices was made public as follows: Basic pig iron reduced to \$25.75 a gross ton; four-inch billets \$38.50 a gross ton; two-inch billets \$42 a gross ton; merchant bars, \$23.50 a hundred pounds; plates, \$26.50 a hundred pounds, and structural steel \$24.50 a hundred pounds.

## ITALY ABSOLUTELY DEMANDS PART OF THE HUNGARIAN TERRITORY

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, March 21.—The Italian delegation to the peace conference has unanimously decided to withdraw from the conference unless Fiume is assigned to Italy contemporaneously with the conclusion of peace. Colonel House has promised Premier Orlando to present a project in a few days concerning the Italian Jugo-Slavo frontier which he hopes will satisfactorily settle the dispute.

The Italian delegation's decision apparently brings to a head the bitter controversy between Italy and the Jugo-Slavs over the disposition of land along the Adriatic.

## DUDLEY STORRS IS IN CUSTODY

### NO CHARGE HAS YET BEEN MADE AGAINST HIM.

Husband of Poisoned Woman Says He Wants to Help Out Girl Who Did the Work.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SEATTLE, March 21.—The police today held in custody Dudley M. Storrs, the automobile mechanic for whose love Ruth Garrison confessed that she gave poison to his wife. No charge has been placed against him. He denied that he knew of the girl's intention to kill his wife. He said he did not even know they intended to meet.

He said she came to see him in Okanogan, but that he did not ask her to come.

"I want to help that little girl out of this," he told the police.

## OIL COMPANY FILES SUIT.

### U. S. Government Defendant in Action for \$2,193,251.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—The Atlantic Refining company today entered suit in the United States court here against the government for \$2,193,251, alleged to be due for fuel oil furnished to the navy. The oil company claims compensation on the basis of war prices charged for its products, while Secretary Daniels acted at the lower rate fixed by President Wilson.

Other concerns, it is stated, will enter suit for large sums in the event of the government losing in the present controversy.

Mustering in of a national guard company took place at Marshfield Wednesday night. Bids for the construction of an armory will be called for immediately.

## TO REBUILD IN BURNT DISTRICT

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 21.—Fairbanks will rebuild the section of the city recently wiped out by fire, according to Representative E. B. Collins of Fairbanks, who arrived here to attend the legislative session. Collins says some rebuilding has already begun but that the majority of the people will wait until spring before starting construction.

## HOME LETTERS FOR THE BOYS

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK ESTABLISHED

All Letters for Returning Soldiers Will Be Delivered by Committee When Men Land.

In order that all returning Oregon soldiers may find letters from the home folks in their morning mail as soon as they land on the Atlantic coast, arrangements have been made by the state of Oregon for the establishment of an Oregon reception committee in New York City. All mail sent to returning soldiers in care of the Oregon Reception committee, Hotel McAlpin, New York City, will be delivered to the soldiers as soon as his home lands, whether he arrives at New York or at New Port News.

There are many soldiers overseas who because of the fact that they have been moving around considerably the last few weeks, have not received any word from home. It will be a great pleasure to such men to find letters awaiting them when they arrive on this side of the Atlantic again, and the Oregon Reception Committee will likely be given plenty of work to do. The state will cover the expense of maintaining the committee in New York City.

## REPORTED ROUTING OF VILLA BAND

### MEXICAN OUTLAWS ARE PUT TO FLIGHT BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS UNDER ZUAZUA

### MANY OF THE BAND ARE REPORTED SLAIN

Included in the List of Killed is Martin Lopez, Leader of the Villistas, and Felipe Martinez, Famous Villa General, and Ramon Vega—Battle Took Place Wednesday.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) JUAREZ, March 21.—Government troops under General Zuazua routed Villa forces under Martin Lopez, on Wednesday, seventy miles south of here, General Zuazua has reported.

Lopez, Felipe Martinez, another famous Villa general, Ramon Vega and forty-four others are among the slain.

## PLAN AMERICAN MEMORIAL AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

LONDON, March 21.—A memorial service for American soldiers and sailors who fell in the war is to be held in Westminster abbey, April 4.

## DANISH PREMIER HAS WITHDRAWN RESIGNATION

COPENHAGEN, March 20.—The Danish cabinet, headed by Premier Zahle, at the request of the king, has withdrawn its resignation. Negotiations between political leaders during the last fortnight have failed to solve the ministerial crisis by the formation of a coalition government or otherwise and the king asked the cabinet to remain in office.

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAY IS OFF

### PERFORMANCE OF "MR. BOB" IS POSTPONED FOR WEEK.

One of Principal Members of Cast Called to Portland Makes Showing Impossible.

There is a superstition among professional actors that a good dress rehearsal means trouble for the final production of a play. Miss Williamson, coach of the senior play, says that she isn't superstitious, but that the final rehearsal of the play last night was too good to be true. One of the principal actors has been called to Portland, and the play must be postponed.

Mrs. Tom Walsinger received a message in the night that her sister's son in Portland had been injured, probably fatally. Mrs. Walsinger was unable to go to Portland, and it seemed imperative to send her son, Harold.

Harold is one of the principal actors in the play, "Mr. Bob," and no one in school could take his place, even though there were time for readjustment.

Definite announcement of the time of the play cannot be made at the present, but Thursday and Friday of next week are being considered as the probable dates. Full particulars will be given.

## DR. PHY MANAGER AT SANATORIUM

### Item Taken From Portland Paper Misleading in One Essential Particular.

An item taken from a Portland paper and published in the Observer yesterday has led to a wrong impression in regard to the management of the Hot Lake Sanatorium. Dr. W. T. Phy is the head of the institution, the same as he has been and will continue to be. Dr. Phy has been engaged by Dr. Phy as an assistant in the hotel department of the sanatorium and not as "manager" as the report from the Portland paper indicated.

## WANT BAN ON FOREIGN SHIP CONTRACTS LIFTED

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The shipping board was asked Thursday by the Senate committee of the newly organized National Merchant Marine association to remove the prohibition against American shipyards accepting orders for foreign account. The association announced that Senator Coudell of Louisiana had been elected permanent president.

