

UNION COUNTY OVER THE TOP ON THE VICTORY LOAN DRIVE--FIRST ONE OVER

Returning from Portland today E. E. Kiddle, county manager for the Victory Liberty Loan, announces that Union county is the first county in Oregon to go over the top in the present loan. This was accomplished by Mr. Kiddle, with the financial institutions of the county, guaranteeing the full quota of Union county in this drive. Mr. Kiddle's written guarantee is on file with the state headquarters pledging union county's entire subscription to the loan, the amount being \$244,025.00.

REPORT OF MURDERS NOT CONFIRMED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, April 15.—Copenhagen dispatches say that Berlin newspapers print reports received from travelers to the effect that communists at Budapest have executed Archduke Joseph, Dr. Alexander Wekerle, former premier, and Baron Joseph Seteprenyi, minister of commerce. The report is not confirmed.

NEW YORKERS VIEW ARMADA

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SHIPS IN FLEET

More Than Ten Thousand Men Released by Admiral Mayo for Twenty-Four Hour Shore Leave

NEW YORK, April 15.—More than 100 ships of America's "Victory fleet" steamed proudly into New York harbor Monday beneath a great escort of air seaplanes, bringing 30,000 officers and men to their first home shore leave many have enjoyed in more than a year. The armada—greatest in point of numbers ever seen in an American port—rode through the din of an enthusiastic welcome in the harbor to anchorages in the Hudson river, and within a few hours Admiral Henry T. Mayo, fleet commander, had released more than 10,000 of the men for 24-hour shore leave.

No Official Reception
No parade or official reception will be held, Admiral Mayo asserting that the men of the fleet were "born to review New York and not to have New York review us."

The fleet will remain until April 30, when it will be split up and sections sent to the various Atlantic stations. In the meantime, Admiral Mayo said, the men will be given as much shore leave as possible. The mighty fleet arrived from Guantanamo bay, where it has been holding its regular winter maneuvers, 24 hours ahead of the schedule.

JAP AMBASSADOR TO RETURN HOME

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Viscount Ishii, Japanese ambassador, is to leave next month for Tokyo for a conference with his government.

DEPORTED GREEKS ARE STARVING BY THOUSANDS

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Thousands of Greeks deported from Macedonia during the Bulgarian occupation have died from starvation and mistreatment and survivors are in a desperate condition due to a lack of food and disease, said a report just received here by the American Red Cross there.

O. C. LEITER IS HERE ON VISIT

Former La Grande Man Arrives From New York today to Spend Few Days in State.

Arriving from New York City this morning O. C. Leiter, formerly editor of the Observer and well known throughout the state, will spend a few days in La Grande visiting his family and friends. From here he will go to Portland to see his father and brother. Mr. Leiter has been in New York for some time and has been active in the work of welcoming home the Oregon boys who have been overseas.

RUSS SITUATION IS SATISFACTORY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, April 15.—Brigadier General Richardson, the new commander of the American forces in Russia, reported today that the military situation is satisfactory.

CAPERTON WILL RETIRE

Will Give Work of Fleet in War for Navy Record.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Admiral William B. Caperton, in command of the Pacific fleet since May, 1917, will be relieved from that duty on April 30, and pending his retirement June 30 will be assigned to prepare a detailed memorandum of his service for the historical section of the navy. He arrived at New York this week on his flagship, the Pittsburg.

While on duty with the Pacific fleet, in conjunction with British and French forces, Admiral Caperton cleared the south Atlantic of German raiders and operated the naval patrol of the east coast of South America. On the Pittsburg he made courtesy visits to South American republics.

MORE TROOPS DISEMBARKED

THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED OF THE 91ST DIVISION

Will Be Sent to the Army Camps Nearest Their Homes for Final Demobilization.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
NEW YORK, April 15.—Nearly thirty-five hundred troops of the 91st division, which arrived yesterday, disembarked and went today to the army camps around New York preparatory to being sent to camps nearer home for demobilization. They are mostly the 361st and 362nd infantry.

Among the 91st division troops disembarking today were headquarters second and third battalions machine gun company, and companies D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L and M of the 361st infantry.

PAY FOR AMERICAN LIVES

Japan Settles for Tien Tsin Casualties With \$270,000, Report Says

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—A cablegram received Monday by the Chinese world, a local newspaper, from its Shanghai correspondent, said the Japanese government has settled with the United States government for the killing of two American soldiers by Japanese soldiers in the recent disturbances in the French concession at Tien Tsin by the payment of \$270,000.

The disturbance evidently referred to took place in the French concession at Tien Tsin March 13, when, it was said, the Americans took exception to certain activities of the Japanese police. No reports, however, were published in the United States that two American soldiers had been killed. It was reported two Americans had been severely wounded.

HEARING IS TO BE POSTPONED

GAME COMMISSIONER SUDDENLY CALLED EAST.

Investigation of Complaint of Sportsmen's League and Others to Come Later.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, April 15.—Because Frank M. Warren, a member of the state fish and game commission which has been under fire by the Sportsmen's league and the Multnomah Anglers' club, has been called east unexpectedly, hearing of the charges against the commission, which Governor Olcott had set for next Friday, has been indefinitely postponed. It will be held in a few weeks on Warren's return.

AUSTRALIA'S LOSSES IN THE WAR TOTAL 307,300

MELBOURNE, Australia, April 14.—Australia's total casualties during the war, with the figures brought up to February 8 of the current year to total 307,300, according to a statement made public Friday by the government of the country, is as follows: The total forces of Australia raised by voluntary enlistment numbered 400,000 out of a total population of less than 5,000,000. The casualties are divided as follows: Deaths, 50,000; missing, 100; prisoners, 2,000; wounded, 150,000; sick, 82,400; unspecified, 210.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, April 15.—For the day: Lightly cloudy, with occasional showers and drizzle. Temperature: 40 to 50.

MR. MADDOO UNEXPECTED VISITOR HERE

STOPPED OFF HERE AND GAVE TALK ON VICTORY LOAN THIS MORNING

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SAN DIEGO, April 15.—Four of the ten men injured in yesterday's explosion aboard the submarine chaser, including E. J. Gagner of Portland, Ore., are in a serious condition, and are probably fatally injured.

O-W. EMPLOYEES IN FULL FORCE GREET EX-BOSS

Visit of Former Federal Director of Railroads Arranged on Brief Notice By Local Loan Boosters Who Met Him on Train—Big Crowd Comes Out and Hears Fine Address

La Grande was very unexpectedly surprised and very much pleased this morning when a telegram came in announcing that Hon. W. G. Maddoo, former federal director of railways, would stop off No. 6 here long enough to make a speech on the Victory Loan. Mr. Maddoo was going through from Portland on his way east, with the good roads delegation from this city also on the train. J. F. Corbett, assistant superintendent of the O-W, got the two parties together. Chairman E. J. Kiddle, county manager of the Victory Loan, was one of the good roads men, but good roads became a side issue then and when an address at La Grande was proposed, Mr. Maddoo gladly accepted the invitation.

The news of his visit was received but little more than an hour before train time, but that was sufficient to get the jaws around and to have a crowd of several hundred people on the station grounds when the train arrived. All the railway employees from the shops and offices, were on hand, to greet their former "big boss," and Mr. Maddoo quite evidently took great pleasure in seeing them there. F. J. Holmes, who was one of the party to meet him on the train, introduced him to the crowd. Standing on a baggage

OREGON MAN WAS KILLED BY TRACTOR

WOODBURN, April 15.—Dan Hurt, driver of a tractor on a farm near here, was killed when the tractor fell over on him when it ran into a ditch.

ALLIES DEFEAT SOVIET

LONDON, April 14.—War office reports from Murmansk say that with a view to forestalling a Bolshevik attack, General Maynard, commanding the allied troops, successfully attacked with small forces Urozero, 20 miles south of Segoi, on April 11.

The allies took prisoners and captured three guns and other material, including 7000 shells. Fifty of the enemy were killed and the allied loss totalled one killed and two wounded.

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PROSPECTS FOR PEACE HAVE BECOME BRIGHTER

GERMAN DELEGATES WILL BE INVITED INTO CONFERENCE WITH ALLIES APRIL 25

Terms of Peace Includes Payment of One Hundred Billion Gold Marks and Withdrawal From the Twenty-Mile Zone Along Right Bank of Rhine River.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
The prospects of peace have suddenly become brighter as the result of the agreement reached by the council of four. The indications are that within a short time the war-torn world will begin to return to something like normal conditions.

On April 25, one hundred and sixty-five days after the last gun was fired, allied and German delegates will gather at Versailles to discuss the treaty.

President Wilson has indicated that the treaty with Germany will be completed in a very short time; meanwhile the conflicting claims of Italy and Jugo-Slavia will be given preferential consideration.

Probably Germany's allies will be called to Versailles almost immediately after the German delegates have passed on the allied terms.

Germany, by the terms of the treaty, must have one hundred billion gold marks, equivalent to \$23,820,000,000 at the pre-war rates of exchange. It is reported that the Germans must withdraw all troops from a zone twenty miles wide on the right bank of the Rhine. It is indicated that France and England are to receive the major portion of the indemnity, about eighty-five per cent. The smaller powers are to get their share of the remainder and are expected to be dissatisfied.

Riotous disorders continue in Germany and the situation in India is disquieting.

Wilson to Return Soon

PARIS, April 15.—The Echo de Paris says that President Wilson intends to sail for the United States April 25th or 26th, after being present at the opening meeting of the Versailles conference. Colonel House will then sail for the United States.

COMPREHENSIVE ROAD PLAN FOR UNION COUNTY GIVEN OUT BY STATE COMMISSION

PORTLAND MAN AMONG THE INJURED

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DEBS ON WAY TO PRISON

Surrenders to Cleveland Authorities and Is Started for Moundsville

CLEVELAND, April 14.—Eugene V. Debs, many times candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, gave himself up to the federal authorities here Sunday morning and a few hours later started for the federal prison at Moundsville, W. Va., in charge of a United States marshal to begin serving his 10-year sentence for violation of the espionage act.

Debs was found guilty by a federal court jury here on charges of violating the espionage act by making utterances against the government in a speech at Canton, O.

POLICEMEN IN TROUBLE

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF \$30,000 WORTH OF LIQUOR

Claimed That Two Seattle Officers Carried Away 3000 Quarts in a Truck.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SEATTLE, April 15.—Two Seattle policemen, Sergeant Gus Hasselblad and Patrolman W. F. Patton, have been arrested by federal officers and charged with the theft of \$30,000 worth of liquor stolen from the federal customs appraisers' stores on March 31. It is alleged they carried away three thousand quarts in a truck.

NAVY AVIATORS OVERDUE

Havana Has No Word of Fliers Expected There Sunday

HAVANA, April 15.—Although of fliers have been on the alert, no word has been received of the fate of the two American navy aviators, Lieut. Otto and Parker, who with Meehanjian Hornby, started from Bluefields, Nicaragua, Sunday on the second lap of a flight from the Colon navy station to Key West, expecting to make a landing at Havana.

So far no effort has been made to organize a search for them.

RELIEF STEAMER WAS PILLAGED

PARIS, April 15.—An American steamer laden with food for Poland was pillaged at Samburg by Germans, Warsaw dispatches say.

SAXONS BECOME INFECTED

That Believed Next Section of Germany to Proclaim Soviet Rule

WEIMAR, April 14.—It is considered probable that Saxony will be the next section of Germany to proclaim a soviet government. The independent are known to be planning such a move, though parliamentary circles do not believe the danger is acute.

A general strike has been called in the coal sections of Zwicken and Lusatia.

HOOVERIZED GROCERY HAS GREAT HOUSE WARMING

The house warming and grand opening of the Hooverized Grocery in their new home in the Huntington block last night was successful from every viewpoint. A huge crowd visited the store in the afternoon and everyone was served with refreshments, but the evening was held in reserve for the big occasion and about 8 o'clock the O-W band began its concert in front of the new store.

The crowd was dense and developed into greater numbers as the evening progressed. A stream of people swarmed in and out of the store looking for a look at the different departments and admiring the new interior which Mr. Harris has arranged. The store was as clean and pretty as could be imagined and on every side the grocery store was piled to the ceiling. The new departmental arrangement of the store as did the new exterior.

Staircase which Mr. Harris has installed is a considerable improvement to the old staircase and the new air of the store is a great improvement.

Mr. E. E. Schiffer left on the evening train for Walla Walla to visit relatives and friends for a few days. Mr. Schiffer is a well known La Grande man and has been in the city for some time.

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