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SEA PLANE FLIGHT OF 1250 MILES

DISTANCE IS TWO-THIRDS OF LENGTH OF TRIP ACROSS ATLANTIC.

PERFORMANCE AUGURS WELL FOR OCEAN FLIGHT

Plane Made Twenty-four Hour Flight at Hampton Roads—Machine Is One of Smaller Type, Carrying Two Liberty Motors—Four Men Comprised the Crew.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A naval seaplane attached to the Hampton Roads base has just completed a 24-hour flight, in which it covered a distance of 1250 miles, the navy department was advised late today by the commandant at Norfolk. This distance is about two-thirds of that which the N. C. sea squadron must cover of the proposed trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland. This is the longest flight ever made by a naval seaplane, and as the craft is smaller than those which Commander John H. Powers will take overseas, naval officers believe its performance augurs well for the success of the trans-Atlantic flight.

The seaplane which made the flight was of the F5 type, fitted with two liberty motors of 200 horsepower each. A half gale of from twenty to thirty miles an hour was blowing throughout the voyage, but in spite of it the machine was able to maintain an average speed of more than sixty miles an hour.

The plane carried a crew of four men, with Lieutenant Commander N. F. Grow in command. With him were two ensigns.

TURNING OUT FIELD MAPS

PARIS, March 24—(By Mail)—The Twenty-ninth engineers of the American expeditionary force are conducting some interesting experiments in map making and reproducing in the field. With a five-ton truck as a prnting and lithographic establishment they have succeeded in turning out 10,000 copies of field maps an hour. Furthermore a railway train is limited in operation to available trackage, while there virtually is no limitation to the mobility of the truck.

In some operatons of this war every man in a trench raid party has been furnished with a map of the sector involved so the importance of quick map making is very great. The quick development and prompt reproduction in quantity of air photographs is also a phase of these experiments.

RUSSIAN MINISTER OF SUPPLIES

OMSK, Siberia, March 25.—(By Mail)—One of the younger men attached to the Omsk government is N. Zefiroff, the new minister of supplies, who was born near Simbirsk, the son of the village school master. In 1906 he completed his studies at the Academy of Simbirsk and entered the Polytechnic Institute of Petrograd, receiving his degree of doctor of political economy. As a young man Zefiroff took an active interest in the work of the zemstvos and in municipal politics generally.

At the election of the last constituent assembly Zefiroff was the candidate of the Nationalist party. He is an active worker and an ardent champion of the rights of the people.

ARRANGE PAN-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, April 25—Announcement was made here Thursday by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, that the Pan-American commercial conference will be held in Washington from June 2 to 5. Representatives from 21 American republics are expected to attend.

WILL ALLOCATE ENEMY SHIPPING

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The allied maritime transport council at Paris has determined to allocate enemy shipping among the associated governments, "according to the ability of the respective governments to bring the vessels into speedy use and in the case of passenger tonnage according to respective needs."

GERMAN DELEGATES INSISTING ON HAVING GREATER LIBERTY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, April 26.—The afternoon newspapers devoted much space today to the German peace delegation at Versailles, describing how they went to bed at 10 o'clock last night and breakfasted this morning on coffee, grape and apricot jam and fresh butter. The delegates have expressed the opinion that the rooms which have been reserved in the hotels Vatel and Des Reservoirs would be insufficient for the number of Grmans arriving, so it has been determined to requisition, in addition, the hotel Fuisse.

Baron von Lerfner, formerly secretary of the German embassy at Washington, and one of the prominent members of the German delegation, has insisted that greater liberty be allowed the party, showing a letter from General Mudant, representative of Marshal Foch at Spa, which promised the Germans that their delegates would be given entire freedom.

GOMPERS GOES FOR BURLESON

ASSAILS PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF WIRE SERVICE.

Declares Postmaster General Is Autocratic and Dictatorial to the Last Degree.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, April 26.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, assailed the administration of Postmaster General Burleson in a statement issued here today, declaring that he must "walk the plank sooner or later."

Mr. Gompers charged Postmaster Burleson with carrying out "archaic autocratic politics in the conduct of the Postal Telegraph and Telephone service of the United States," and said "he needs only a wider field and a wider opportunity to fit him for succession to some of the world's best known but unlamented ex-dictators."

BRITISH POST OFFICE GAIN

LONDON, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The British post-office, in spite of wartime conditions, reports a profit in 1918 of $33,241,000. Its operation of the telephone service showed a profit of $1,600,000 but it lost over $2,600,000 in operating the telegraphs. It has never been able to make the telegraph system pay, although up until 1917 the annual loss had been steadily reduced.

Thousands of postal employes who were called into military service have been demobilized, and the movement of mail, as well as the conduct of telephone and telegraph systems is beginning to show some improvement.

An automatic telephone service for London to cost $35,000,000 is planned.

IS CLASSED AS A RENEGADE

LONDON, April 2.—(By Mail)—The prominence given to Count Karolyi, the Hungarian premier, who is credited here with turning the government of that country over to the Bolsheviki, has recalled to one of his London acquaintances that he is a "millionaire racing man, never weary of reminding Europe that one of his ancestors was executed by Francis Joseph as a rebel in 1849 for having taken up arms against Austria in the name of Magyar liberty."

"The present Count Karolyi," continues the correspondent, writing to a newspaper, "is always careful to conceal the fact that he has always been at one with the other Magyar magnates on one point, namely, the keeping under of the subject peoples by the Magyars. He has often paraded his friendship for the entente, but as a hussar officer he fought eagerly against the Russian, Serbian, Rumanian and Italian.

"With the duplicity of a Tisza, Karolyi has not even the excuse of fanatical conviction, whether political or religious. He is a time-server, always playing to the gallery for his own end, which may be summed up in the phrase, 'Popularity at any cost.' To secure the plaudits of the mob for his racing colors, is his prime political consideration. So now he comes out as the super-patriot and Socialist."

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS IS COMPLETED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, April 26.—The council of three, composed of Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and President Wilson, today completed consideration of the reports of waterways and reports of the financial commission. All of the reports were approved. The Italian situation, it was said, was not discussed.

STATEMENT ON ITALIAN CLAIMS MAY BE ISSUED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, April 26.—In high quarters the question is being considered of issuing some form of a joint statement bringing out the fact that Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau are in agreement with President Wilson on the Fiume and other phases of the Italian problem.

BRITISH MAKE GREAT CLAIMS

LONDON, April 1.—(By Mail)—The British press generally asserts that the commercial development of the airplane is much further advanced in Great Britain than in any other country. According to the American chamber of commerce in London a mail service from Cairo to India is to be inaugurated. The air route already has been surveyed and a route from Cairo to the Cape of Good Hope is being laid out.

Aerodromes are to be established at suitable spots in the British Isles and British possessions and equipped with sound and light signals, balloons, aerial buoys and wireless telegraph and telephone outfits.

"Already cargo airplanes are in sight," the chamber of commerce announces. "A huge British seaplane of novel type equipped with five motors has been flown carrying six tons at 100 miles an hour. Experiments are being made with another having a carrying capacity of nine tons.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, April 26.—For Oregon: Fair; light frosts in the last period; moderate westerly winds.

For Idaho: Cloudy, with light frosts.

BASEBALL SCORES.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Coast League.

Oakland 3; Seattle 5.
Sacramento 5; San Francisco 3.
Vernon 4; Portland 2 (15 innings).

American League.

Chicago 9; St. Louis 4.
Cleveland 3; Detroit 1.
Boston and New York, cold.

National League.

St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 5.
Pittsburg 6; Chicago 5.
Brooklyn and Boston, cold.
New York and Philadelphia, cold.

American Association.

Minneapolis 10; Toledo 2.
Milwaukee 0; Louisville 5.
Kansas City 4; Columbus 7.
St. Paul 6; Indianapolis 1.

AMERICAN DELEGATES DISTURBED

FEAR THAT SPIRIT OF ITALIANS MAY LEAD TO EXORBITANT DEMANDS

ATTENTION IN PARIS IS FOCUSED ON ROME

Report Is Disputed That Lloyd George and Clemenceau Have Issued Statement With President Wilson in His Declaration Regarding the Adriatic Situation.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Following is the Associated Press summary of European affairs:

Premier Orlando reached Rome Saturday to take up with the Italian government and the Italian parliament the situation brought about by the statement of President Wilson that Italy

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CAPTAIN KELLEY TO SPEAK FOR LAST TIME HERE TODAY

Today Father Francis E. Kelley, who has done so much to inform the people of La Grande on actual conditions during the war, will close his stay in this city, so far as addressing the public goes.

He will celebrate early mass at 8 o'clock, a. m. and at 10:30 mass he will preach to the Catholic congregation. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock he will deliver his final sermon in La Grande at the Catholic church. Monday he will rest and on Tuesday he will take his departure.

Father Kelley has endeared himself greatly to the people of this community. He has brought a message of the war that was genuine and his delivery of it was the delivery of an honest American citizen who was anxious for his fellow countrymen to know how the war was fought and the great problems that confronted the world during the time the Germans were apparently in the ascendancy. Any time Father Kelley returns to Eastern Oregon every latch string will hang out to welcome him.

MANY LIVES LOST IN SINKING OF STEAMERS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

VALPARAISO, Chile, April 26.—Heavy loss of life has been reported in the sinking of the steamers Magdalena (Chilean) and Alfonso.

The Magdalena went down in a storm five miles off Corral and the Alfonso was sunk in collision with the steamer Fortuna.

THINKS WILSON OUGHT TO KEEP HIS HANDS OFF

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senator Poindexter of Washington, Republican, in a statement issued through his office here today, said the Italian situation was a typical case in which the League of Nations would require America to intervene to enforce peace.

"If President Wilson would keep his hands off and devote his attention to American affairs a just peace would be arranged in Paris in a week," the senator said.

THEY'RE ON THE WAY TO HOME AND MOTHER

These last two days have been great ones for La Grande and Union county. The hospital unit, composed of some of the best young men the world ever did or ever will produce, has landed in New York from overseas after months and months of war.

After months and months of anxiety on the part of the mothers and fathers; after weeks and weeks of wondering, now the war is over, when will the boys be back?—the word came today in an official manner that they are in an American harbor.

Why should not La Grande rejoice today? Why should not every home be made as brilliant and cheerful as can be, for Providence has brought back to the home and mother that bunch of young men who did an important part in the world tragedy.

The Observer will not attempt now to tell of the great work done by the unit, but suffice to say, the records of the war department tell the story of absolute faithfulness and perfect loyalty—no higher tribute is possible.

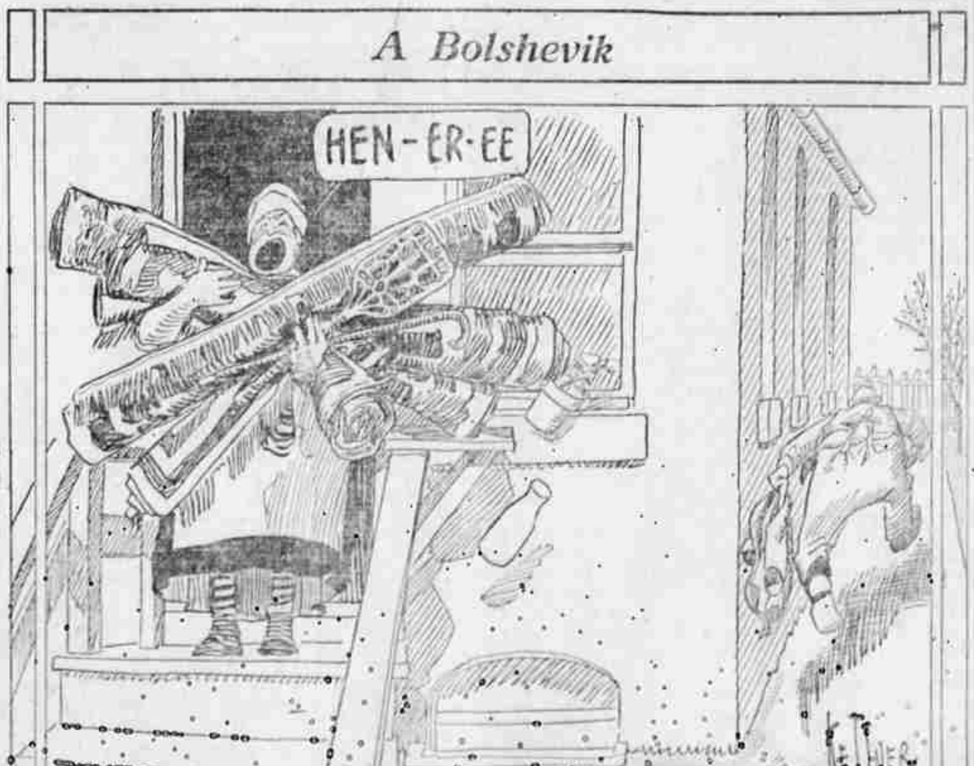
Many will be the prayers today of thankfulness. It would be highly appropriate for every church service in the city to devote at least a portion of the time to prayers of thanks to God for delivering so many of the Union county boys home safely.

No plans for a celebration of their return to La Grande can be made big enough. Their return is the biggest event in the city's history.

And, as the boys rest in New York tonight enjoying fully the joy of being on American soil once more; as they ponder and reflect on the horrible tragedy through which they have just passed—let us home folks plan a welcome that will make the very hills around the Grande Ronde valley reverberate; a welcome that will make Mt. Emily totter; a welcome that, greatest of all, will convince those boys we are proud of them.

Let every blessing rest upon them and bring them safely back to home and mother.

A Bolshevik



WILSON CONFERS WITH DELEGATES

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, April 26.—President Wilson held a conference lasting three-quarters of an hour with the full American delegation this afternoon. The discussion was confined to the details of the treaty and there was no mention of the Italian situation, which stands without change.

No official information has been received from the United States embassy at Rome regarding the situation there.

Upon President Wilson's return to his residence, he conferred with the American financial group.

AMUSEMENT TAX IN BERLIN

BERLIN, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—German pleasure seekers will be called upon to pay a considerable part of the cost of the war through a special amusement tax which will form an important part of the government's new financial policy. The tax will apply to admissions to theaters, concerts, the movies and dances. Starting at ten per cent on the cheaper tickets it rises to thirty per cent on the price of better seats.

The passion for amusement after long years of war is so great that the tax is not expected to discourage attendance at theatres.

Gambling is in great favor in Germany just now, and the playing card tax which in ordinary times would be considered prohibitive is expected to have practically no effect on sales of cards.

SUPPLYING CRIPPLES

BELGRADE, March 21.—(By Mail)—The numerous crippled soldiers of Serbia are to be provided with American made artificial limbs, according to an arrangement made by the American Red Cross mission to the Balkans. A plant for the manufacture of artificial limbs established by the American Red Cross is now operating in Belgrade.

TOY VENDER FINED

KREFELD, Germany, March 28 (by Mail)—Belgian military authorities in this part of occupied Germany recently fined the German manager of a Krefeld department store 10,000 marks for selling to German civilians a set of tin soldiers in German "field gray" uniforms overpowering toy soldiers representing troops of the allies.

LIQUOR SUPPLY LIMITED

HAVANA, April 12.—(By Mail)—The captain of the port of Havana has notified firms which furnish supplies for fishing vessels that watch will be kept over such shipping and that visits of inspection will be made to see that they carry no more food and liquor supplies when leaving port than is necessary for their own use. This measure is due to information received by the port official that several fishing vessels have taken quantities of rum and other liquors aboard to be exchanged in American jurisdictional waters for other merchandise.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Germans storm Kemmel Hill, [illegible] to Ypres.

[illegible] waves outflank Canadian defense of Messines ridge.

Only the stoutest defense saves the Ypres salient for the Allies.

[illegible] fighting [illegible] the British farther back in Flanders.

[illegible] American aid to the Allies moving by small [illegible]

[illegible] now in the Victory Liberty bonds what you would have paid for victory then.

GOOD PART OF LOAN IS SUBSCRIBED

PERCENTAGE OF QUOTA LARGER THAN AT SAME PERIOD IN FOURTH.

ST. LOUIS HEADS LIST WITH 30 PERCENT IN

New York Has the Largest Volume of Sales, with $180,000,000 in Last Evening—Figures Include Only a Small Part of Subscriptions Which Were Made Yesterday.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The nation's total of Victory Liberty Loan subscriptions tonight stood at $705,623,100, the officially recognized results of five days of campaigning. Little of today's business has been included in the figure given out here tonight.

At the close of the first week of the Fourth Liberty loan campaign at the time corresponding to tonight in the Victory loan campaign $855,135,000 had been rolled up—$150,000,000 more than has been subscribed this week. Since the Fourth loan was larger than the current issue the percentage at the end of its first week was 14.25, whereas 16.55 per cent of the Victory issue has been subscribed.

The St. Louis district came first in the percentage column with 30 per cent of its quota already subscribed. The Chicago district ranks second and Boston third. In volume of sales New York has $180,000,000, the largest, while Chicago has $128,355,000.

It developed today that several government agencies, including the federal trade commission and the treasury department have taken steps looking to investigation of reports that "Liberty bond scalpers" are doing a thriving business by buying up bonds of previous issues.

In some cases amateur brokers have paid as little as $70 and $80 for $100 bonds, although the market prices for all past issues are above $90.

The investigation has been undertaken to ascertain whether buyers of these bonds have misrepresented the market value in an effort to lower the buying price.

INFLUENZA IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The city of Sydney has spent nearly $100,000 since the beginning of the Spanish influenza epidemic in dealing with the distress due to unemployment because of the disease.

Sixty-four depots have been established throughout the metropolitan district with officials at their head authorized to extend rent relief provide lodgings and board to those made homeless or penniless through the disease.

Up to date 16,083 persons have received relief through the agency of these depots.

BAY RUM BANNED

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 25. (By Mail)—The sale of bay rum in West Virginia, except when denatured, is in violation of the state prohibition law, according to notification sent to all druggists by State Tax Commissioner W. S. Hallaman.

The commissioner states that he has not been disposed to interfere with the sale of bay rum for legitimate medicinal purposes, but in view of continued complaints that are made regarding the sale of the preparation, he is forced to place it under a ban. Bay rum may be sold, said Mr. Hallaman, when it has been denatured so as to make it absolutely impossible as a beverage.

POSSE SEEKING MOSCOW MAN

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MOSCOW, Ida., April 26.—Sheriff Woody, with a posse, was searching the timber near Boville, Ida., today for Victor Brown, charged with assaulting John Hoge yesterday with a club.

Hoge is not expected to live through the day, it was stated. Brown was captured yesterday by a posse, but escaped.

Details of the alleged assault are lacking.