

## POSSIBLE DELAY IN MEETING

### ENEMY DELEGATES HAND OVER THEIR CREDENTIALS TO ALLIED COMMITTEE

### CHINA AND JAPAN AFFAIR IS SETTLED

Indications Are That Fiume Matter May Be Settled and Italian Delegates Again Return to the Conference—Conflicting Reports in Regard to Munich.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) Following is the Associated Press summary of the European situation: A possible delay in handing the peace terms to the German delegates is indicated in late advices from Paris. This may go over to next week, while the questions as to the powers of the enemy's representatives will be looked into. The Germans are to hand over their credentials at a meeting this afternoon with a committee from the allies.

Kiao Chiau is to be given to Japan, which will engage to hand the Shantung peninsula back to China. The relations between China and Japan and the future integrity of China is to be under control of the League of Nations. German rights in Shantung are to be held by Japan. All Japanese military forces are to be withdrawn from Kiao Chiau as soon as possible. The railway will be guarded by special police forces. Japan is given the right to establish a settlement at Tsing Tao, a strategic base in the Shantung peninsula seized by the Germans after the Boxer rebellions. It is understood that China is not entirely satisfied, but it is probable that the conference will not recede.

Reports seem to indicate that an understanding may be reached in the Fiume question and the Italian delegates may return to the conference. Some reports say that the soviet government at Munich has been overthrown. Others deny this report.

### LABOR STRIKE ON IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 1.—A great part of France is tied up in a twenty-four hour strike for better working conditions. There are no disorders.

### ITALIANS HOPE POWERS WILL CONCEDE CLAIMS

Satisfactory Settlement Will Prevent Complete Rupture and Avoid Serious Consequences.

ROME, May 1.—The excitement throughout Italy has abated after the vote in the chamber of deputies Tuesday, expressing confidence in Premier Orlando and the government. Everybody is awaiting the effect the vote will have on the attitude of President Wilson and the allied powers and hope is generally expressed that the peace conference will see the necessity of a satisfactory settlement of the Italian claims, thus avoiding a complete rupture, which, it is pointed out in certain quarters, might lead to grave consequences.

The Popolo Romano sums up this idea, saying: "The world is now confronted with the following dilemma: Either the five great powers must agree on the Italian question or Italy will be obliged to act independently of the others." The Italian newspapers are less vehement in their attack on President Wilson, though the Tempo speaks of "President Wilson's obstinate sagacity."

### ALBANIAN REVOLT SPREADS

SALONIKI, May 1.—The revolt in Albania against the Italian troops of occupation is spreading, according to Greek newspaper advices. The rebel commander is said to have a force of 4000 men. Several hundred Albanians, it is added, have sent a message to the peace conference, denouncing Italian acts in Albania and affirming confidence in Woodrow Wilson.

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## EVERY AGENCY TRYING TO TRACE TERRORIST CONSPIRACY

(By Associated Press to The Observer) NEW YORK, May 1.—Every federal agency is attempting to trace the authors of the terrorist conspiracy and guard against the "Reds" boast of a country-wide surprise on May day. A bomb squad of police are watching the radicals, and many may be deported.

It is understood that officials have decided to end leniency toward the anarchists. Thirty-six bombs have been delivered or intercepted in various cities. Three more were remailed at Gimbel's department store. They were innocently returned there by the post-office authorities for additional postage. They are said to have been addressed to United States senators.

The bombs were apparently mailed to reach the addresses about May first. One to Senator Overman. WASHINGTON, May 1.—The postmaster at Salisbury, N. C., telegraphed the postoffice department that a package containing a bomb similar to those found in New York, was received there addressed to Senator Overman, who, as acting chairman of the senate judiciary committee, had charge of the espionage act and other measures dealing with law enforcement during the war. The package is being held.

## LEAGUE IS NOT PARTY ISSUE

### OPPOSITION TO CALLING REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE

Progressive Group of Senators Do Not Favor Meeting to Consider the Covenant. (By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, May 1.—Several Republican senators of the progressive group announced that they are opposed to having the League of Nations covenant considered at a Republican conference to determine the party's attitude. Johnson of California, Jones of Washington, McNary of Oregon and Borah of Idaho declared that the league could not be made a party question.

### SEVEN HURT IN ACCIDENT

Caproni Airplane Turns Over in Landing; Officers Severely Injured. CLEVELAND, May 1.—Major Norman E. Booth, commanding officer at the Selfridge aviation field near Detroit, sustained a fractured arm, severe sprains and possible internal injuries, and six others, including four officers, were less seriously injured here late Wednesday, when a huge Caproni airplane turned over.

The accident was said to have been caused by misunderstanding of landing instructions. PORTLAND, May 1.—There is still some complaint throughout the state of shortage of farm labor, according to the weather bureau's weekly summary of Oregon crop conditions, just issued. The weather of the past week was generally favorable for farm work and for the growth of crops. The temperature averaged slightly above normal but there were several cold nights and some frost. There was considerable cloudiness, particularly in western counties, and some rain fell, but the soil was general in better condition to be worked than at any previous time this season and farm work made rapid progress. Farming operations are still backward over most of Western Oregon, the summary said, but are fairly well up to date in the central and eastern counties.

## DESERTING PETROGRAD

(By Associated Press to The Observer) HELSINGFORS, May 1.—Petrograd is being evacuated by the Bolsheviks, it is reliably reported. Many of the inhabitants are being sent away.

### FAMOUS "BOWERY" BURNED

Fire at Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Causes Loss of \$1,000,000. NEW YORK, May 1.—With a loss estimated at \$1,000,000, the famous "Bowery" at Brighton Beach, Coney Island, was wiped out Wednesday night. Starting in the big Brighton bath structure, the flames quickly ate their way into the pleasure resorts of the eastern section of Brighton Beach, flaring high in the air in a tower of light which was seen miles out, as well as from all over Brooklyn and many parts of Manhattan. The burned area, covered between twelve and fifteen acres.

### BRING CZECHO-SLOVAK WOUNDED TO AMERICA

1000 From Siberia Will Come to United States and Ports of British Columbia. SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—An agreement whereby approximately 4000 wounded and ill Czecho-Slovak soldiers will be brought from Siberia to San Francisco and Victoria, B. C., for treatment has been effected by British, American and Czecho-Slovak officials. It was announced here Wednesday night by officials of the United States shipping board. Under the contemplated plan, it was stated, 2000 soldiers would be brought here and the remainder to the British Columbia ports. It was said measures would be undertaken to overcome shipping shortage conditions, the only bar to the immediate transportation of the men.

### ARTHUR GOLDEN RETURNS

Arthur Golden, son of Mrs. Wattle Golden, has arrived home after service for a long period with Uncle Sam's men overseas. The young man's many friends in LaGrande are pleased to know of his safe return.

## O.-W. MEN TALK SAFETY MATTERS

### REGIONAL DIRECTOR BELL, OF CHICAGO, VISITOR

Discussion of Protection Measures With Regard to Trespassers Large Part of Program. The regular monthly meeting of the Safety First committee of the O.-W. employees here was held this morning at the O.-W. Club rooms, with a good attendance. Special interest was attached to the meeting through the presence of H. J. Bell, of Chicago, who is regional supervisor of safety work for the northwestern division under the United States Railroad administration. There were also present G. F. Grodzki, of Portland, general safety agent; G. T. Blythe, assistant safety agent and A. W. Perley, special mechanical representative, also of Portland. The chair was occupied, in the absence of Supt. Bollons, by Mr. Grodzki.

Mr. Grodzki presented the report from his department for the month of March, and for the first three months of this year, showing that very satisfactory progress in the reduction of accidents throughout the railway system is resulting from such activities as are carried on through the safety committee. During the first three months of the year, he said, the number of serious injuries was thirty-two per cent lower than for the first three months of last year; and last year in turn the number was thirty per cent below that of the same period the year before. Part of the report stated that not one accident occurring among the employees was due to defective equipment. The chairman read over the list of accidents which were of such nature that they had to be reported to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and there followed discussion of the probable causes of these and ways in which they might be avoided.

The discussion of safety first measures brought out the fact that the railways are not so anxiously concerned at present with the accidents which occur among their employees—as they are about the accidents which occur to outsiders—people who are trespassing on the railway property. Mr. Bell, speaking in regard to trespassing, said that the railways of the nation have killed on an average of fourteen persons per day for a number of years. The number of deaths from this cause was somewhat reduced last year, he said, but at that time were about 4,500 people killed and nearly an equal number injured. These persons were not passengers on the trains, he said, but were walking on the tracks or passing over them in rigs or automobiles.

The automobile is the railway official's greatest concern these days, said Mr. Bell, and machines are being built so heavy these days that it is not a matter only of protecting the lives of the motorists but the lives of the trainmen as well. One instance was cited where an engine was derailed by a collision with a heavy machine and the engineer killed. In this instance the engineer's widow was awarded damages against the driver of the car.

One grievance against the public valued in this respect is the disregard shown by people crossing rail way tracks of the "stop" signs displayed by the crossing waterman. It was suggested that the watchman be given police authority to deal with all persons who offend in this respect and the city manager, John Collier, who was present, assured the meeting that he would take this matter up locally with the city commissioners at their next meeting.

Mr. Collier spoke briefly before the meeting, assuring the committee of the sympathy he felt for their work and that of the work being done by the city repairing streets and sidewalks to prevent the possibility of accidents. Another point of grave concern brought up is the practice of many children of the Riverside school, and teachers also, some of whom, of crossing the tracks before the viaduct, instead of observing the rules of caution and passing over the viaduct which was built there for the safety of the public. Though citizens and others have been remonstrated with for this practice, the suggestions of the safety first men that they use the viaduct have not been at all graciously received, according to all members speech.

### AVERT TONG OUTBREAK

SALLEN, Ore., May 1.—Serious threats of a tong outbreak in Sallen were quieted Wednesday when tong peace delegates from Portland arrived in the city and patched up differences existing between local Chinese factions.

The trouble started several days ago when a 14-year-old son of Mrs. I King, an influential Chinese woman, was accused of burning a lamp owned by a rival tongman. He was also accused of being a gunman for the Suen Sing tong. Mrs. King's child injured a policeman who was sent to catch the warlike tong.

The tong peace delegates announced that the Sallen tong have been adjusted.

## BIDDING SOMEWHAT LISTLESS AT SHORTHORN SALE TODAY

Union county's first livestock sale under the auspices of the North Western Shorthorn Breeders' Association is in progress at the old La Grande fair grounds this afternoon, with a rather disappointing attendance and low bidding. There is a lot of good stock on the sale at prices that do not nearly represent the value of the animals, but it is a genuine sale and the owners are taking what is offered and letting their thoroughbreds go. The sale is being conducted by Frank Brown, of Carlton, Ore., and Col. Harry C. Cranke, of Nex Perce, Idaho, is the auctioneer. There were perhaps a hundred and fifty people gathered around the auction ring this afternoon, but only a few of them were bidding and Col. Cranke was having a hard time drawing from the crowd what he thought was a decent price for what he was offering.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the selling of the females was just about concluded. The highest price paid until this time was \$450, which S. E. Hempey, of Union, put up for The Rushees Mudd, an eighteen-months old roan heifer bred by W. J. Townley and owned by G. W. DeLay, Hot Lake. Frank Brown, of Carlton, manager of the sale, paid the next highest price, \$440, for Scotch Jess, a roan cow four and a half years old, owned by Hutchinson and Sherman, of Union. The other sales which had been made were: Ida Pride, 748041, owned by Walter Hoover and sold to G. G. Taal for \$340; Josie Brampton, owned by W. J. Green, of Union and sold to J. W. Barger, of North Powder, for \$250; Cathene Mals, 240427, owned by W. E. Green, of Union, and sold to Sam Morris, of Imbler, for \$230; Lydia Lind, 190690, owned by W. E. Green, of Union, and sold to Archie Couley, of Cove, for \$325; Tiger Lily, 621886, owned by G. W. DeLay and sold to W. A. Payton, of Baker, for \$295; Sweet Mary 177th, 200019, owned by G. W. DeLay and sold to W. A. Payton, of Baker, for \$190; White Queen, 628257, owned by G. W. DeLay and sold to J. W. Barger, of North Powder, for \$395.

## TWO OFFICERS AND 14 MEN DROWN

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, May 1.—Two officers and fourteen of the crew of the naval tug Gypsum Queen were drowned when the tug hit a rock and sank off the coast of France.

## BASE HOSPITAL 46 RETURNED

### WAS ORGANIZED BY ELKS OF OREGON

Has Been Under Command of Lieutenant Colonel Yenny of Portland. (By Associated Press to The Observer) NEW YORK, May 1.—Ten officers and a hundred and forty-four men of Base hospital No. 46, organized by Oregon Elks, and in command of Lieutenant Colonel Yenny of Portland, arrived from St. Nazaire on the steamer Finland today.

The visiting stockman will be the guests of the Union County Ad Club at a luncheon in the Foley this evening at 7 o'clock. Seventy-five plates have been reserved and the guests will have a chance to get together and talk over the future of the Shorthorn industry in Union county and in this part of the state in general and make their plans for the next sale which will be held in La Grande.

## BOLSHEVIKI PRESSED BACK

(By Associated Press to The Observer) LONDON, May 1.—Along the Murmansk railway, the Bolsheviki troops under allied pressure have withdrawn to new positions thirty miles back on the western bank of Lake Onega.

### CHILD DIES OF BURNS

Pocatello Little One Falls Into Fire While Playing and Succumbs Later. POCATELLO, May 1.—Chrisoula Duderick, 3-year-old daughter of Mike Duderick, died Tuesday night at a local hospital as the result of burns received while playing with other children in the afternoon.

The children were playing around a fire built of rubbish and papers. In some way the child fell into the fire and was badly burned when rescued by the mother, who also was severely burned about the face and hands.

### GREEKS TAKE ISLANDS CLAIMED BY ITALY

ATHENS, May 1.—A proclamation has been issued in the Dodecanese island declaring the islands have become united with Greece. Italy has laid claim to these islands.

### PROBABLY RAIN

PORTLAND, May 1.—For Oregon: Probably rain tonight in the north and fair in the south portion. Friday fair, moderate southerly winds.

### MRS. BENSON'S FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Oscar C. Benson, who died yesterday morning, was held from the Bohemian chapel this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The deceased was 24 years of age and leaves a husband and three-months-old babe. The family are but recent arrivals in this country, having come here from the east in the hope of benefiting Mrs. Benson's health. All the relatives are residents of the east.

### WILL DISCUSS NEW BUILDING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

A luncheon of local representatives men and women will be held at the Foley at noon tomorrow, to meet O. C. Bostman of Portland, state campaign manager of the Salvation Army. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the erection of a new hall for the accommodation of the local Salvation Army corps. Those who will be present at the meeting will be Messrs. E. J. Holmes, E. R. Kildie, A. W. Nelson, Captain Smith, T. J. Servey, Ed. Conledge, Sam Burgunder, Mrs. T. G. Schike, Mrs. Albert Hunter, Messrs. J. A. Russell, J. G. Snodgrass, William Miller, C. S. Parker, A. T. Hill and H. G. McPike. Mr. McPike is representative of the Oregon manager for the four counties of Walla, Union, Umatilla and Morrow.

## RIOT IN A SOCIALIST GATHERING

### MAN WITH RED FLAG IN PARADE WAS ATTACKED BY A RETURNED SOLDIER

### NEAR TROUBLE IN A NEW YORK MEETING

Soldiers and Sailors Insist That Participants in a May Day Demonstration Sing the Star-Spangled Banner—One Reported Shot in Trouble in Boston. (By Associated Press to The Observer) CLEVELAND, May 1.—A riot broke out during a Socialist parade when a red flag carried by a marcher in soldier's uniform was knocked down by a returned soldier, who took the flag away. Scores of soldiers and civilians battled with the marchers. Over forty were injured, including many women.

Soldiers and Sailors Interfere. NEW YORK, May 1.—A hundred and fifty soldiers and sailors stormed the entrance to Madison Square garden, where a May day labor demonstration was being held. They said they wanted to make the crowd sing the "Star-Spangled Banner." The police persuaded them to disperse.

### One Reported Shot.

BOSTON, May 1.—One man was reported shot in a riot during a Socialist parade in Boston today.

## BOARD MEETING WAS TRANQUIL

### ROUTINE BUSINESS ONLY CONFRONTED COMMISSIONERS

Suggestion Regarding Children's Playgrounds Received but Action Upon it Deferred. With only matters of routine business, and few of them, awaiting their attention when they assembled for their weekly meeting last night, the Board of City Commissioners cleaned up the calendar and were on their way home again almost inside an hour. A request for the transferring of the license of the Depot pool hall from J. A. Rice to Targart & Pryor was received and granted, and a resolution for the cancelling of street improvement costs against F. L. Mesora was passed. This was in respect to a walk which the city had laid across an alley and later torn up when cement walks were laid. As the costs of the new walks were assessed against the property, the commissioners were willing that the other amount should not be held against the property.

One rather important matter which came up and was not settled was the providing and financing of a city playground for the children to use this summer. This was brought forward through the city manager by A. C. Hampton, superintendent of city schools, following the presentation of a petition from the Ad Club and from the Neighborhood Club a few days ago to the city school board, asking that the use of the school grounds in the city be allowed for this purpose this summer. The part which concerned the city was the suggestion in this connection that the physical director of the Y. M. C. A. be engaged for three months during the summer, when he is not needed at the "Y," to act as instructor at the playgrounds during the summer and his salary to be paid one-third each by the city, the school board and the Y. M. C. A. This matter was left over until another meeting.

### ATTENDS YOUNG FUNERAL

Mrs. Fischer, of the Fischer Conservatory of Music of Walla Walla, arrived in La Grande last night to attend the funeral of Miss Hazel Young, who was held from the family home at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased young lady was a former pupil of Mrs. Fischer.