

PORTO RICO IS NOT PREPARED

People Are Not Sufficiently Equipped to Have Independent Government

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—That Porto Rico is not prepared for either statehood or independence was the opinion expressed by Senators Barbosa and Giorgetti in the course of a debate in the senate yesterday.

"I invite Dr. Barbosa to dissolve the Republican party," said Senator Giorgetti, "and I will do all I can to dissolve the Unionist party because we are wasting time. It must be understood that both statehood and independence are a long way off. Do you think we are prepared for either statehood or independence?" he asked.

"We are not," replied Dr. Barbosa. "A country which has the number of illiterates Porto Rico has, whose masses are without means of education and whose economic condition is deplorable, is not prepared to be either a republic or a state. We have to prepare our country and provide the means for its being politically, economically and educationally in a condition to enjoy its sovereignty. We are in the position today of a

student of medicine who has had two years of his course, who is diligent and ambitious and who wants to graduate as soon as he can, but whose professor has to say, 'continue your studies, you are not yet ready; when you get to your fourth or fifth years your labor will be rewarded.' Gentlemen, you know perfectly well that we are not economically prepared to be either a state or a republic."

"In this I agree with Dr. Barbosa," said Senator Giorgetti, "we are not prepared economically for statehood or to be an independent republic."

Senator Giorgetti asked Dr. Barbosa if he thought Porto Rico was prepared to govern itself. Dr. Barbosa replied that at the present moment it was not, because self-government signifies government of and by the people and for the people, while it would result in government by a part of the people only, because without preparation the people would be governed by the fortunate few.

BOMB DAMAGE IN ENGLAND

LONDON, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Fifty-one places of worship in London were struck by bombs during the various air raids by German Zeppelins and airplanes during the war. Among them were St. Paul's Cathedral, Southwark Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the City Temple, Chapel Royal, Choir House and the General Assembly Hall, Mile End.

The damage generally was limited to roofs or art glass windows.

State News

For the second time in 16 years the Umatilla county jail at Pendleton was empty Wednesday.

Fifteen cases are on the docket for the May session of the Oregon State Supreme Court which convenes Monday morning, May 5 in Pendleton.

Henry Lorenzen, wealthy Umatilla county farmer, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when his automobile, which he was driving in one of his fields, overturned.

Mrs. Mary McGuire, a pioneer of 1852, died at Salem a few days ago. Mrs. McGuire was married at Salem in 1853, and the legislature adjourned in order that the members might attend the wedding.

Joseph Kaster, of Floriston, Cal., has been named as general manager and superintendent of the paper mill which F. W. Leadbetter, of Portland, and other persons affiliated with the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company, of Salem, will establish at Salem.

Everett Stillwell, a prominent farmer and stockman of the Mayville section, fell to death from his plow Monday, while at work in the field, breaking his neck. No one witnessed the accident, but Stillwell was subject to epileptic fits, and it is thought that one of these caused the accident. He was a substantial and highly respected man.

Interior department officials advised Congressman Sigmund that on April 19 Secretary Lane had approved the order permitting the settlement of 509,860 acres in The Dalles district under the stock raising homestead act. This disposes of about 854 applications. Two hundred and forty-five thousand acres have been released on the Vale district and similar action is to be taken at once in the Burns, Lakeview and La Grande districts.

Harvey Hamby, an inmate of the

state hospital at Pendleton for more than a year, committed suicide Tuesday by throwing himself on the track in front of an O. W. coach. Orders for ties to the amount of \$25,000 have been placed with the mills of Lane county and vicinity according to O. H. Hill, secretary of the Western Oregon Tie & Lumber association. The order calls for 450,000 ties, approximating 18,000,000 feet of lumber. The price paid for the ties is \$21 per 1000 according to Mr. Hill.

KEPT HIS PROMISE

MONTÉVIDEO, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—One of the first acts of Dr. Balcanar Brum as assuming the presidency of Uruguay was to substitute a little street urchin for the brightly uniformed solitary guard that had been sent to his residence, in keeping with a custom of long standing. The boy used to sell lottery tickets and newspapers to Dr. Brum at the Central Railway station. Three years ago he told Dr. Brum "when you get to be president, I want to be your door keeper." Dr. Brum smiled at the prophecy and said if such a thing ever happened to him he would not forget the request. Just before his inauguration, Dr. Brum sent for the boy and kept his promise.

CUMMINS OPPOSES LEAGUE

Prefers to Be Citizen of United States Rather Than of World

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—"I am not willing to become a citizen of the world in lieu of being a citizen of the United States; neither am I willing that the seat of our government should be removed from Washington to Geneva," United States Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa declared in an address here before the city club Thursday on the league of nations. "When the peace terms are concluded," continued the senator, "middle Europe will be divided into 15 sovereignties. I think a world covenant designed to guarantee the political integrity of these nations will provoke war instead of quieting it."

AIRSHIP FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Hawley Predicts They Will Be as Common as Autos

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 2.—The airship will be as common as the automobile in 10 years, Alan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, said in opening the second Pan-American Aeronautic congress here Thursday. Mr. Hawley presided at the opening session which was attended by 500 delegates.

"We are all confident," he declared, "that the next pan-American convention at Atlantic City will see the delegates arriving from Europe in luxuriant air cruises and fast flying transports from South America. When the questions before this convention are solved, there will be still others of great magnitude undreamed of today, arising out of present achievements."

ITALY LANDS MATERIAL AND TROOPS ON ADRIATIC COAST

COPENHAGEN, May 2.—Italian troops and war material are being landed at Sebenico and Zara, on the eastern coast of the Adriatic, according to advices from Spalato. The troops are advancing eastward, and the Italians are bringing up reinforcements to the debarkation line.

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