

PENITENCE EXPRESSED BY GERMANY

ADMIT THAT THE POWER OF THE GERMAN ARMS HAS BEEN BROKEN

BUT CLAIM THEY ARE NOT ALONE GUILTY

Peace Documents Will Be Examined With Good Will and in the Hope That the Final Result Will Be That It May Be Subscribed to by All Parties Concerned

VERSAILLES, May 8.—After receiving the treaty of peace from the hands of George Clemenceau, president of the peace congress, and in reply to Mr. Clemenceau's speech, Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German delegation, speaking in German, said:

"Gentlemen: We are deeply impressed with the sublime task which has brought us hither to give a durable peace to the world. We are under no illusion as to the extent of our defeat and the degree of our want of power. We know that the power of the German arms is broken. We know the power of the hatred which we encounter here, and we have heard the passionate demand that the vanquishers make us pay as the vanquished, and shall punish those who are worthy of being punished.

Germany Not Alone Guilty

"It is demanded from us that we shall confess ourselves to be the only ones guilty of the war. Such a confession in my mouth would be a lie. We are far from declining any responsibility that this great war of the world has come to pass and that it was made in the way in which it was made. The attitude of the former German government at The Hague peace conference, its actions and omissions in the tragic 12 days of July have certainly contributed to the disaster. But we energetically deny that Germany and her people, who were convinced that they were making a war of defence, were alone guilty.

"Nobody will want to contend that the disaster took its course only in the disastrous moment when the successor to the throne of Austria-Hungary fell the victim of murderous hands. In the last 50 years the imperialism of all the European states has chronically poisoned the international situation. The policy of retaliation and the policy of expansion and the disregard of the rights of peoples to determine their own destiny have contributed to the illness of Europe, which saw its crisis in the world war.

Germany to Accept Burden

"The German people in their hearts are ready to take upon themselves their heavy lot. If the bases of peace which have been established are not any more shaken.

"The peace which may not be done in the name of right before the world always call for the new resistance against it. No body will be capable of subscribing to it with good conscience, for it will not be possible of fulfillment. Nobody could be able to take upon himself the guarantee of its execution which ought to lie in its signature. We shall examine the document handed to us with good will and in the hope that the final result of our interview may be subscribed to by all of us."

ONE BANDIT IS AT LARGE

THREE OTHERS ARRESTED IN THE ROBBERY CASE

Max Lewis, in Hiding, is Believed to Be Wounded, and Perhaps Helped by Friends

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Wash., May 8.—With Ed. Primrose, Dobs Lewis and Alex Johnson arrested at The Dalles, in connection with the bank robbery and the murder of Chief of Police Gibbons, interest centers in the hunt for Max Lewis, who is believed to be wounded and hiding some where near Cape Horn. It is believed friends are shielding him.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, May 8.—For Oregon, fair, moderate, westerly wind.

ALIENISTS ON STAND IN GARRISON CASE

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SEATTLE, May 8.—Alienists are testifying in regard to Ruth Garrison's sanity. There are some of each side.

WOODMAN MAY COME BACK

Los Angeles Mayor Wins Nomination at City Primaries

LOS ANGELES, May 8.—Returns from the Los Angeles municipal primaries, available at 8 o'clock last night, an hour after the polls had closed, indicated Mayor F. T. Woodman, acquitted last Friday of a charge of bribery, would be one of the two nominees for mayor at the city election next month.

Three of his opponents, Sylvester L. Weaver, G. Williams and Meredith Snyder, former mayor, were running so close that it was simply a matter of waiting to learn who would make the race with Woodman.

LIQUOR DEALERS ARE HOPEFUL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 8.—Confidence that the nation will remain wet for at least one year after January 16 next, exists among the delegates who Tuesday began the 26th annual conference of the National Retail Liquor Dealers' association.

The organization is formed of from one to three delegates from each of the wet states. They claim to speak for the entire retail trade, but not for the distillers and the wholesalers.

CONDUCT WAS INTOLERANT

GERMAN DELEGATES REPORTED AS AGGRESSIVE

Believed That Three Members Will Return to Germany to Report to Their Government

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, May 8.—It is believed that three members of the German delegation will return to Germany to consult their government. The treaty was sent last night.

Some officials said the attitude of the German delegates at Versailles during the session yesterday was an intolerable insult to the conference. Clemenceau spoke standing, but von Brockdorff-Rantzau kept his seat while he replied. Some said that the Germans were impudent and aggressive.

GOOD MEETING HELD AT ALICEL

GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS ENCOURAGED BY RECEPTION

La Grande Ladies Spring Surprise on Hubbies and Get In on Fine Supper Also

A fine reception was given the La Grande good roads boosters when they visited Alicel last night, and if the other towns in the county all show the same spirit and enthusiasm which the Alicel people display the chief advocates of the good roads legislation have little fear of the failure of their two measures to get a big vote in this county. The program was much the same as at the Imbler meeting the night before. Everybody had a fine supper—the best that the country afforded—and the way that G. L. Larson and Fred Holmes and a few more of the crowd ate was just as good as saying that if they were young and single once more they would stay right there and hoe corn for any Alicel farmer who had a daughter able to prepare such dishes as they surrounded last night.

There was a somewhat better attendance of local farmers than was seen at Imbler Tuesday evening and at the meeting held in the church after the dinner there was no one spoke unless he had a good word for the cause. There may have been objectors present, but they did not advertise the fact, and this encourages the boosters to believe that a little missionary work will swing all the voters over to the right side of the fence.

As at Imbler the map of the county showing the proposed paved roads was exhibited by G. L. Larson, with a detailed statement of the proposition upon which the

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ALLIES OF ENEMY TO COME NEXT

PEACE SETTLEMENTS TO BE MADE WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND BULGARIA

TIME THUS GIVEN GERMANY TO STUDY THE TREATY

It is Indicated That Germany Will Prepare Some Objections to the Proposed Peace Terms Regarding the Financial Responsibilities of the Vanquished War Power.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

The Paris conference is now turning its attention to making peace with the other Central powers, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria. It is probable that a settlement with German-Austria will be first reached.

Representatives are due in France early next week. German-Austria will be asked to pay a portion of the enemy indemnity, estimated at 5,000,000,000 crowns.

Meanwhile the German government is expected to begin consideration of the terms of a peace which will reduce the German empire to a minor power. They can accept, reject or submit the terms to a plebiscite.

The speech of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau indicated that Germany would prepare objections to some features of the treaty, notably regarding their financial responsibilities and their economic position.

Serious disorders are reported from Peking as a result of a protest over the treaty.

AWARD CAPTURED

GERMAN CANNON

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—Four German cannon, captured in action by American troops, will be awarded as Victory Liberty Loan prizes in the twelfth federal reserve bank district, according to advices from the treasury department received Tuesday night by loan publicity headquarters.

"It will be absolutely impossible to obtain any more cannon for you under any circumstances," the message read. The distribution of the cannon will be decided by district loan officials. It was announced, and the plan of distribution will be decided upon Wednesday and announced immediately.

After serving as a rural mail carrier out of Oregon City for 15 years, Fank Whitman, has been discharged by the government, charged with placing literature of a Bolshevist nature in the mail boxes.

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Idaho Life Insurance Co. Buys Victory Bonds in Union County This Time

The Idaho Life Insurance company purchased \$2500 worth of Victory bonds in Union county yesterday and the amount will be credited to the Union county apportionment.

Recently the Idaho Life has been doing a lot of business in this county and its representative, W. L. Weeks, thought it proper for the company to buy some of its bonds in this county. It was through the efforts of Mr. Weeks that Edward S. Chadwick, the company's manager, was convinced that the deal for bonds should be made here where the heavy business for the company was being done.

SOLDIERS GIVEN MOTOR DRIVES

81st DIVISION VETERANS GET CORDIAL RECEPTION

Red Cross and Salvation Army Did Their Usual Splendid Part When Troops Arrived

La Grande gave a real reception, though an impromptu one, to the four hundred odd men of the 81st division who passed through the city last evening on their way to Camp Lewis from overseas. The fact that the welcome had been arranged in a hurry made it all the more welcome to the men, because it was informal and everyone was intent on giving them a good time during the hour they stopped here. If they were willing to accept the hospitality offered.

The train did not arrive here until almost 6 o'clock. When the men stepped out of the coaches they found the Salvation Army at one end of the depot platform with their ice cream and other refreshments and at the other end the ladies of the Red Cross cautions, with ample supplies of coffee and sandwiches. The sight of some eighty automobiles waiting for the men to pile in to them almost put a damper on the work of these two splendid bodies of women for a while, as the men simply moved across the depot grounds in mass formation until they had filled all the automobiles available and gone for a spin around the country. Their hour's stop here gave a good opportunity to have a look around. The machines had been arranged for by an Ad Club committee, headed by T. J. Scroggin and this part of the welcome was certainly appreciated by the soldiers. They returned to the cautions and the Army stand later, however, and practically cleaned up what had been prepared for them.

Those who did not care to ride crowded around the O-W band and enjoyed the first music that had greeted them since they left New York. The band received many

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THE LAST DANCE



OVER SEA FLIGHT IS UNDER WAY

THREE NAVY AIRPLANES LEFT ROCKAWAY BEACH EARLY THIS MORNING

ENGINE TROUBLE IS REPORTED ON ONE PLANE

Aircraft Are Due at Halifax, a Distance of Five Hundred and Forty Miles, By This Evening—L. L. Barin a Portland Man, is One of the Pilots On the N. C-1.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, May 8.—The first trans-Atlantic flight was begun when three N. C. Navy-Curtis hydro airplanes left the government air station at Rockaway Beach, for Halifax, 540 miles away. The NC-3 took the air first, then the NC-4 and NC-1. They should reach Halifax by night. L. L. Barin, of Portland, Oregon, was one of the pilots of the NC-1.

One Has Engine Trouble. WASHINGTON, May 8.—It is reported that the NC-4 is delayed by engine trouble. The other planes are proceeding successfully.

BRITISH ARMY AVIATORS ON FLIGHT TO MADRID

MARTGATE, England, May 8.—Major Darley, of the British army, with two lieutenants and three mechanics, started from here at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning on a flight to Madrid in a four-engined Handley-Page airplane. The fliers expected to reach the Spanish capital at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

CLEMENCY GRANTED TO FIFTY MEN

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Wilson has granted clemency to fifty men convicted of espionage, who have served one year. The list includes Theodore Olson, Henry Jones and Anton Jacobson, all of Oregon.

ASK CONGRESS TO ENACT ANTI-LYNCHING LAWS

CLEVELAND, May 8.—A resolution petitioning congress to enact a federal anti-lynching law was unanimously adopted by the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America at the opening of the three-day convention Tuesday.

The Christian Reform Church in North America and the Church of God in the United States were elected to the council.

THIS COUNTRY MAY BECOME MANDATORY

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, May 8.—It is expected that the United States will be asked to become mandatory for Armenia. It is probable that President Wilson will submit the matter to congress.

ESTABLISH AIR MAIL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Air mail service between Chicago and Cleveland will be established May 15 with trips daily except Sunday. The post-office department said the service would be extended to New York as soon as sufficient machines were obtained.

BRITISH CELEBRATE JULY 18.

LONDON, May 7.—With a pageantry and music London is planning to honor the war work of the British mercantile marine on July 19. There is to be a procession on the Thames, from Blackfriars to Chelsea bridge, of hundreds of merchant ships' lifeboats decorated with the colors of the various lines represented and manned by sailors who risked their lives during the war. A newly-formed League for National and Civic Ceremony is arranging the celebration. The Thames Embankment is to be elaborately decorated for the occasion.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE WILL RETIRE FROM CANADIAN JOB

LONDON, May 8.—It is understood that the Duke of Devonshire will shortly retire as governor-general of Canada and the Mail says the office will be offered the Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mary.

CROP OUTLOOK IS FAVORABLE

WHEAT CONDITION IS 100.5 PER CENT NORMAL

Increase in Estimate Output is Sixty Million Bushels, for the Month of April

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—The winter wheat production will be 899,215,000 bushels, according to the Department of Agriculture forecast today on May first conditions, which was one hundred and five tenths per cent normal. The area to be harvested is 48,933,000 acres. The rye production forecast is 122,946,000 bushels, or ninety-five per cent of normal. The wheat increase during April was 60,000,000 bushels.

CITY ASKS RENT FROM COUNTY

\$1000 A YEAR WANTED FOR COURT BUILDING

Matter Was Among Those Discussed Last Night at Meeting of Board of City Commissioners

Two resolutions, one for laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Adams avenue to the city limits, and one for increasing the flow of water in an irrigation ditch were passed last night by the city commissioners at their weekly meeting. The sidewalk on Adams now runs to Spruce street. For the other matter the enlarging of a culvert on Jefferson will be necessary. This was asked for by several farmers whom the ditch serves, who claim that the culvert was not large enough to let a sufficient flow of water through.

County Judge Pfy made the city a proposition regarding the renting of the court house for a term of two years after their present lease expires next February. The county has been getting the use of the court house ever since it was moved here for the rental of \$1.00 a year, and the city some time ago decided that the county should either buy the building or pay a higher rent. \$3000 a year was the rental asked, and Judge Pfy last night made the commission an offer of \$2000 yearly rental. It is then the idea to have the county tax payers vote three years from this summer on the matter of either purchasing the court house or of building a new one. While the matter was not decided last night, the city officials were not inclined to lower their price very, fearing that with the expense of keeping the building repaired \$2000 a year would not be all of a high figure. A delegation of two citizens waited on the board with a request for

AMERICAN LEGION IN SESSION

ORGANIZATION OF MEN IN MILITARY AND NAVY SERVICE DURING THE WAR

LIEUT. COL. ROOSEVELT IS PRESIDING OFFICER

Strong Effort is Made By National Guardsmen to Exclude the Regular Army Men From Legion, Though Preliminary Vote Admits All Men and Women Who Saw Service.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—The American Legion, composed of men in the military and naval service during the war, opened its session with over a thousand delegates. Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt presided. Indications of the caucus are not entirely peaceful. A strong effort is being made by the national guardsmen to exclude the regular army men from the Legion, although the temporary executive committee voted to open the membership to all men and women who saw service.

WAR DEPARTMENT SELLS TRAINING CAMP EQUIPMENT

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Sale of eight national guard and four miscellaneous camps for a total of \$548,000 was announced Tuesday by the war department. The bidders assumed all damage claims against the government.

The sites of the camps were rented or leased and consequently no transfer of land was involved. The war department retained the hospital and principal storage facilities at each of the camps.

The city of Montgomery, Ala., secured Camp Sheridan, Ala., and the state of North Carolina will take over Camp Polk, N. C. The other camps went to individuals and firms, except Camp Kendrick, N. J., which was withdrawn from the auction and is to be retained for the navy, and Camp Sevier, S. C., for which no reasonable bid was received.

MEAT EATING INCREASING

DENVER, May 8.—Americans are becoming bigger meat eaters, according to figures compiled by a local packing and provision company. In spite of the war, the consumption of meat per person in 1918 was 17.5 pounds more than the year previous. Each person on the average, ate 193.5 pounds of meat last year, as compared with 176 pounds in 1917. The figures include dressed beef, veal, pork, mutton and goat and extra edible parts, such as livers, kidneys, hearts and lard.

CLERKS TO GIVE DANCE THE 9TH

Tomorrow night at Rex hall the Retail Clerks' Association, of La Grande, will give the dance which they postponed about three weeks ago. Music will be furnished by the O-W orchestra and all dancers may feel assured of a thoroughly good time. There are a sociable and fine bunch of young people among the clerks and they know how to put real enjoyment into an evening, as they demonstrated at their first dance this spring, celebrating the first anniversary of their organization. Though disappointed because their dance had to be postponed after it had been advertised for a date some three weeks back, the clerks do not anticipate that their friends will now be any less anxious to put on their gliding shoes, and they expect a big turnout tomorrow night.

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