

EBERT IS BITTER ON THE TREATY

SAYS GERMANY HAS UNFOLDED NEW BANNER WHICH WILSON HAS DESERTED.

TREATY IS CALLED MONSTROUS DOCUMENT

President of German Government Declares That History Holds No Precedent for Such a Determination to Annihilate a Completely Vanquished Nation of People.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BERLIN, May 12.—President Ebert said to the Associated Press today: "Germany has seized and unfurled a new banner on which are inscribed President Wilson's fourteen points, which the President apparently has deserted."

President Ebert called the peace treaty a "monstrous document." He declared history holds no precedent for such a determination to annihilate a completely vanquished people.

SIX GERMANS GO HOME

Expected to Direct Treaty Discussions With Government

VERSAILLES, May 12.—Six members of the German peace mission left Versailles Saturday night for Berlin. They include the labor leader, Carl Legien, head of the German trades union confederation; Privy Councillor Eberbach, representative of the ministry of railroads; and Herr Schmidt of the foreign office, who rank as commissioners next in importance to the plenipotentiaries. They undoubtedly have been charged with carrying on direct discussions of the situation with the German government.

Report Rumanians Beaten
LONDON, May 12.—The Hungarian war office reports a repulse of the Rumanians near Szolnok, on the Theiss river, says a Vienna dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. A Rumanian retreat is declared to have been compelled.

CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVES

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senators Borah and Johnson have called a conference to discuss the Progressive opposition to the election of Penrose and Warren, of Wyoming, to senate chairmanships. They have invited McNary, Jones, of Washington, Kenyon, Cummings, McCormick and Morris to meet in conference.

RAILROAD HEADS TO MEET

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A call was issued Saturday for a convention of officers of short line railroads here June 3-5 for a general discussion of legislation congress will be urged to enact looking to the protection of transportation properties with their return to private control.

YOUNG ITALIAN, FOUR TIMES HIT, IS HOME AGAIN

Frank Galsore, an Italian youth who served for seven months in France and was four times wounded, was in La Grande over last night on his way to his home in Baker. Before embarking he worked with the Palmer Lumber Company here and he went out this morning to visit his uncle at the Palmer camp. Galsore, who overcame the captivity of the German with the 31st division. One occasion on which he narrowly escaped death was when a bullet passed through his ear. His other wounds were in his side, foot and in one hand.

BURNING STEAMER REACHES PORT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
VICTORIA, B. C., May 12.—With a fire smoldering in her hold, the Japanese liner Manila Maru arrived with 298 passengers today, from Yokohama. Officers and crew of the vessel had been fighting the fire for a week.

MOVE EDITH CAVELL'S BODY

Remains of Martyred Englishwoman to Rest in Home Soil.

BRUSSELS, via Montreal, May 12.—The removal of the body of Edith Cavell for interment in England will take place tomorrow. Edith Cavell was the English nurse who was executed summarily by the Germans in 1915, charged with aiding prisoners to cross the frontier into Holland. Her body was exhumed at Brussels on March 17 and conveyed to the Tintern. Military honors will be rendered during the journey. Interment will be at Norwich.

KOREANS WANT INDEPENDENCE

PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Ask Liberation From Japan and the Annulment of the Treaty of August, 1910.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, May 12.—A petition from the Korean people and nation, asking for liberation from Japan, was submitted to the peace conference by representatives of Korea. The petition also asks recognition of Korea as an independent state and for the nullification of the treaty of August, 1910.

BRITISH WILL PAY A BIG SUM

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary of War Baker announced that complete and comprehensive settlement of all claims between the United States and Great Britain growing out of military operations has been reached. The British government will pay to the United States \$35,500,000.

ALLIED FORCES IN RUSSIA PUSH THE BOLSHEVIKI BACK

ARCHANGEL, May 12.—A column of the Murmansk force operating west of the railroad has cleared the villages along Lake Sego of Bolsheviki, while another column is now only 15 miles from Povenetz, at the headwaters of Lake Onega.

The Bolsheviki have withdrawn on the railway to a point 17 versts south of Meselskaya, while the American railway troops have repaired the line as far as Meselskaya.

Artillery and patrol activity with the assistance of British gunboats, continues on the Dvina and Vaga rivers.

SMALLPOX BAD AROUND ELGIN

MANY PROMINENT CITIZENS AFFLICTED

Commencement Exercises and All Other Gatherings are Placed Under Ban by Officials

Away goes the Flu and in comes Mr. Smallpox to demand the attention of the people. Elgin is the first town that is hard hit by the disease, and it is claimed that people there are having it in a pretty bad form. Several of the most prominent citizens have been hit by the epidemic, among them Prof. E. G. Bailey, head of the city schools. Commencement was to have been held in Elgin Thursday night and all graduates had preparations made even unto their wardrobes, but the city officials, believing there should be no chance taken, have ordered the commencement exercises, canceled as well as all other gatherings.

ITALIAN QUESTION UNSETTLED

GERMAN DELEGATES ATTEMPT TO PRECIPITATE AN ORAL DISCUSSION.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATION IS EXPECTED VERY SOON

Allied Forces Reported to Be Preparing For Attack on Petrograd, With Force of Fifty Thousand—French Cruisers Off Helsinki Ready to Participate in Engagement.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
Peace conference leaders have renewed the effort to reach an understanding on the Italian question, in view of the imminence of the arrival of the Austrian delegates in France. Consultations have begun between Sonnino and Colonel House.

Meanwhile the German delegation at Versailles is attempting to draw representatives of the associated and allied governments into oral discussions of the treaty. A note was sent by Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, as a propaganda. This note advances a counter project as to international labor legislation, which the French claim is intended to convince the Socialists and laboring classes of the allied countries in general that the present German government is working in their favor.

The German national assembly will meet today. The Austrian delegation is expected to reach St. Germain on Wednesday. The Hungarian peace mission is also expected soon. It will be quartered in the same town, but not allowed to communicate with the Austrians.

Allied forces are reported to be preparing for an attack on Petrograd. It is reported that fifty thousand men will be engaged, and French cruisers are lying before Helsinki, presumably ready to participate.

WILSON MAY COME IN JUNE

PARIS, May 12.—Among those close to President Wilson, the Temps says, it is believed that the president will be back in the United States about June 15.

PLANES CARRY CREWS OF SIX

TREPASSEY, May 12.—American navy hydro airplanes will start the transatlantic flight carrying if possible with crews of six instead of five, and with extra propellers aboard so arranged that repairs can be made in mid air, the mechanic wearing belts.

COVE YOUNGSTER SHOTS BROTHER

FOUR-YEAR-OLD ROGER GOLAY KILLED THIS MORNING

Discharge of Shotgun, Held by Eight-Year-Old Brother, Lovo, Responsible for Death

COVE, Ore., May 12.—(Special)
The family of George Golay is in mourning here today for their four-year-old son, Roger, who was accidentally shot and killed about 9 o'clock this morning by his brother, Lovo, four years his senior. The boys were playing with a shotgun unknown to their parents, and the gun had a charge in one of the barrels. The contents of the gun was discharged into the head of the little lad, killing him instantly. The parents of the children are pained with grief, and the sympathy of the people of the whole community is theirs.

The lad, Lovo, picked up the gun when his father laid it down on the bed called to the telephone.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE RUSSIA

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
ACHANGEL, May 12.—Tentative arrangements are being made for withdrawal of the American forces in the Russian area, beginning early in June. The Americans have not been engaged on any large scale in the fighting of the past month.

LATEST NEWS OF THE BOYS

The Hospital Unit left Cheyenne this morning. It will reach Green River tonight at 8 o'clock and be in La Grande, according to schedules on the train at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow night. This may vary slightly, but it is not believed it will vary much.

Another feature that disrupts the big celebration for the time being at least, is the military orders, which read that the boys will be ordered out of La Grande at 8:20 o'clock Wednesday morning for American Lake.

When these messages arrived today, Chief Dispatcher Roberts began wiring the commander of the train to change the program so that Wednesday's celebration will not have to be postponed. As the Observer goes to press there is nothing to indicate there will be a change in train, and so far as the Observer can report, the boys will arrive here Tuesday night about 9:30 o'clock, and be ordered out to American Lake on Wednesday. Their time of leaving, it is believed will be changed, but nothing definite about the matter can now be stated.

The whole situation is chaotic, to say the least, and La Grande may or may not have a celebration on Wednesday.

AMERICA FIERCELY ATTACKED

JOURNALIST OF BRAZIL MAKES ACCUSATIONS AGAINST UNITED STATES.

CONSIDERS BRAZIL AS A FUTURE COLONY

Charges That Uncle Sam Is Fomenting Revolution in Mexico and Further Declares That This Country Is to Be Considered Incontestably the Prussia of Tomorrow.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
RIO DE JANEIRO, May 12.—Machado de Albuquerque, generally considered one of the leading journalists of Brazil, just arrived from the United States, bitterly attacked the United States in an interview. He accuses this country of fomenting revolutions in Mexico. He says it considers Brazil only as a possible future colony. He declares that the "United States is incontestably the Prussia of tomorrow."

NOTE ON LABOR IS REFERRED

PARIS, May 12.—The Council Four decided to refer the German note on labor and war prisoners to experts for consideration instead of answering them at once.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS OCCUPY LEIPSIK

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BERLIN, May 12.—German government troops have occupied Leipzig. A number of Spartan leaders are said to have been arrested.

CALL PEACE TERMS CRIME

Dutch Newspaper Comments Unfavorably on Versailles Treaty

Amsterdam, May 12.—The comment of Dutch newspapers on the peace treaty is generally unfavorable. The Handelsblad calling it "a crime against humanity." The Nieuw Rotterdamsche Courant says: "The treaty does not end the war; it continues it forever." The Telegraaf, on the other hand, has this comment: "Germany is treated with terrible severity, but really did not deserve a better fate."

IMPRISONMENT IS CONFIRMED

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS THE HERMAN SENTENCE

Defendant Was Secretary Treasurer of Washington States Socialists—Meads Case Also Affirmed

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Federal court appeals has upheld the sentence of Emil Herman, of Everett, Washington, secretary-treasurer of state Socialist organization, to ten years imprisonment at McNeil Island for violation of the espionage act. He exhibited a circular urging resistance to enlistment. The court also affirmed the five year sentence of W. E. Meads, of Seattle, in a similar offense.

ALLIES DEMAND EX-KAISER

PARIS, May 12.—The Temps publishes a note from the Dutch legation at Paris declaring that the demand for the extradition of the former emperor has reached Holland.

FOCH TO RETURN TO FRONT

LONDON, May 12.—Marshal Foch will return to the front tomorrow, according to a dispatch from Paris.

15 MILLION BOND BUYERS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Fifteen million Americans bought victory liberty notes in the campaign which ended Saturday night, according to estimates received by the treasury from federal reserve banks. This compares with about 21,000,000 purchasers in the fourth loan, 17,000,000 in the third, 9,400,000 in the second and 4,000,000 in the first.

The treasury announced today that the official total probably would not be known before May 26. The total as compiled still stood at \$1,849,000,000, but later reports emphasized earlier indications that the loan had been heavily oversubscribed.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, May 12.—For Oregon, fair weather, light to heavy frost on Tuesday morning, gentle westerly winds.

LADD CANYON IS A GOOD ROAD

CARS NOW SHOOT THROUGH CANYON AND SAVE TIME

New Route Shortens Distance to North Powder by About Ten Miles, It is Claimed.

Just before the last rain Ladd Canyon highway came into its own and presented a fine road for the automobile to travel. People coming from La Grande to North Powder and Baker find it shortens the trip about ten miles and has begun to use the road early. The road is in good condition for travel and it is believed during the summer months the traffic will be kept busy.

SIX KILLED IN SOUTH CAROLINA RACE RIOTING

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 12.—Two whites and four negroes are reported to have been killed and several persons injured, eight severely, in a race riot which broke out late last Saturday night and continued until early Sunday morning.

The trouble was said to have grown out of the shooting of a sailor by a negro in a downtown pool room. Soon afterwards from the naval training station and civilians joined in the fight, and it was over four hours before the rioting was quelled.

PLANS OF COMMITTEE COMPLETED

CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF RETURNED MEN OF COUNTY TO BE ALL DAY AFFAIR.

HOSPITAL UNIT EXPECTED EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING

All Business Places in Town to Be Closed All Day, With Exception of Couple of Hours After Parade and Welcome in Morning—Ball Game and Street Dance in Afternoon.

A telegram received this morning by T. J. Scroggin located the La Grande hospital unit at Omaha, Neb., at 5:33 o'clock Sunday afternoon, at which time the telegram was filed. The message was from Capt. Rohrer and stated that the unit would probably arrive in La Grande Wednesday morning.

The committee on the reception that is to be tendered the men of the unit and the other service men of Union county on the day of the unit's arrival here met this morning and made final plans for the program of welcome and entertainment Wednesday. Intimation of the exact time of the unit's arrival has not been received, but it is considered most likely that they will come in on No. 17 at 8 o'clock and remain over here until evening, leaving again on the new train at 7:30.

Word has been received that the Elgin band will be here to help along with the celebration and the order of the parade has accordingly been slightly rearranged, so as to include them. The various units forming the parade, as it has finally been decided by the committee is as follows:

- O-W Band.
 - Hospital Unit.
 - Returned Service Men of County.
 - Elgin Band.
 - Spanish-American War Veterans.
 - G. A. R. Veterans, in autos.
 - Red Cross Canteen Workers.
 - Salvation Army.
 - Island City Band.
- There has also been a change made regarding the closing of business (Continued on Page 2)

RAINS HELP THE VALLEY CROPS

DOWNPOUR WAS NEEDED FOR WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS

Yesterday's Precipitation was Worth Thousands of Dollars to Ranchers in this Valley

Strange as it may seem to some the Grande Ronde valley was almost overtaken by drought, even though it is early in the season. Ranchers in all parts of the valley, including the Sandridge had begun to worry a little over the condition. The north-west winds had dried things out until it was surprising how dismal the future looked. Wheat planted this spring was in the ground unproven and it received itself into question of more moisture or no spring wheat.

But the rain came yesterday to spoil the picnic party and make big crop. Today the heavens are heavy with moisture and it is thought before this cold, rainy spell ceases the valley will be soaked to a point where all danger of drought will be obliterated.

NOTICE

The Neighborhood Club has postponed its entertainment for Monday evening on account of the celebration for the soldiers, and it will be held Thursday night.

