

# BIG CELEBRATION TONIGHT

## Hospital Unit Arrives At Nine Thirty P. M.

### LID ON LA GRANDE TORN OFF FOR ALL NIGHT TO EVERYONE

#### PARADE OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES WILL BE THE GREAT FEATURE

## OUTLOOK REGARDED HOPEFUL

BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ITALY MAY BE REACHED THIS AFTERNOON.

## FORCES WILL ADVANCE IF GERMANY REJECTS

Draft of the German Plan For a League of Nations Has Been Handed to the League of Nations Commission of the Peace Conference—Ultra-Radicals Intimidated.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) Paris advices indicate brighter prospects for a solution of the Italian problem, which is a pressing one now that the peace conference is on the eve of receiving the Austrian delegates. It is believed that the basis of an understanding will be reached today. The Italians are reported to be evincing more of a willingness to make concessions.

The Austrian delegation is on the way to Paris, some members being already in France. It developed today that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau intended to ask permission to send the German delegates to receive the Austrian representatives. It had been previously announced that the allies intended to keep the two delegations wholly apart.

Although it is not believed that the Germans will refuse to sign the peace treaty, entente forces are prepared to advance into Germany if the Germans reject. Both Ebert and Scheidemann made statements denouncing the peace terms. However, they never went so far as to say that the government would not sign.

Scheidemann discussed the possibility of a new government taking office in Germany but declared that it was doubtful if the formation of a government which would sign the terms would be satisfactory to the allies. The implication was that such a government would be ultra-radical.

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## MAKE THREATS OVER TREATY

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, May 13.—The heads of two German democratic parties and parties of the Centrists are reported to have notified the chancellor that their parties will withdraw from the government if the cabinet decides to sign the peace treaty.

## MR. BOLLONS ENJOYS VISIT

O-W. Supt. and Mr. Bollo, enjoyed a brief visit last night with their son, Sergio A. J. Bollo, when he passed through La Grande on the special train of the 18th Engineers, bound for Camp Lewis and his discharge. Mr. Bollo had been twenty-two months in France and was a member of Company E of the 18th. The troop train arrived here at 10:30 this morning and a number of the boys who had awakened were served coffee and "nuts" at this point. A Red Cross canteen, which was manned by Mrs. Johnson, was also open, where parents were in to

Tonight the Hospital Unit will actually reach La Grande at not later than 9:30 o'clock. The whole county will be here to greet them and the celebration will last all night.

The program which was to have been held tomorrow will, because of the early arrival, be held tonight and everybody will dance and have a good time after greeting not only the Hospital Unit but all the service men. And let it be understood, that while this celebration is primarily for the boys who return in a body, it also includes every man who wore the uniform of his country.

The arrangements, as finally decided upon, are as follows:

All service men meet at the Elks' club at 7 o'clock this evening.

The Community chorus will meet at the Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock tonight the street program begins with a band concert which will last, along with selections by the Chorus, until the arrival of the special train.

Greeting the soldiers at the railroad station. Red Cross canteen will run in full force to care for the home boys and the several hundred who are on the special train going through.

The Elgin band and the O-W. band will head the march going through the business section, which will include all the returned soldiers, sailors and marines, and as nearly as possible the original parade as outlined yesterday. It is not thought possible to follow the former draft of parade, however, and the service men are asked to form in a line of march, that the crowd may see them and pay proper respect to every uniformed man.

Street dancing will continue as long as anyone wishes to dance, and music will fill the air.

The lid is to be torn off La Grande and thrown away—there will be no restraint on patriotism and good feeling. Everybody is at liberty to make all the noise he can and to show his appreciation of the returned troops.

Just when the Hospital Unit will leave for American Lake to be mustered out has not been determined, although the understanding is now that they may possibly stay here all day tomorrow.

So much uncertainty has followed every announcement however, that it is thought best by all interested to have the big celebration tonight, as there is a possibility of the boys leaving on the special train after three hours' stay with home folks.

Let all uncertainties now be banished and prepare to meet the train at not later than 10 o'clock tonight. Be there with all the cheerfulness you possess and don't overlook the fact the big show lasts all night, if so desired.

Leave your automobiles in the residence district, for no cars will be permitted in the business section between the Federal building and Fir street. This is imperative and no one must attempt to drive through the prescribed district.

Prof. A. C. Hampton, David Stoddard and C. M. Devere, the committee in charge of the procession, have issued the call to all returned service men, including soldiers, sailors and marines; all Spanish-American war veterans as well as all members of the G. A. R. to meet at the Elks' club at 7 o'clock this evening to take part in the processional features of the celebration which is designed for all service men. This is not only an invitation to those addressed but is an urgent request that every one who can will be present.

David Stoddard will have charge of the general arrangements for the procession.

## RAIDS ON THEIR FLOWER GARDENS ANGERS CITIZENS

The Observer this morning was informed by a prominent lady of the city that yesterday last night had her flower beds stealing choice specimens of her flowers, including up bulbs, etc. The foot prints left were those of children and she suggests that if the officials of the city would take action to see that the boys and girls are off the streets in decent time, at night, by enclosing the curfew regulations, much of this disgraceful work by youngsters would be avoided.

## AD. CLUB WILL SEND DELEGATES

MATTER AMONG THOSE DISCUSSED AT LUNCHEON

Resolution Adopted Dealing With Effort to Reduce Freight Rate on Chain Wood.

Nothing of a special nature in the way of a program greeted the Union County Ad Club members at their weekly luncheon at the "Y" today, excepting the newly organized Ad Club male quartette. The quartette, which was organized this week by Dr. Mosaman, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Ad Club, sang a patriotic piece, "The Flag Without a Stain," with pleasing success. The members, W. Landrum, C. Cooper, L. Bennett and George Blinnie, were introduced by the toastmaster, A. W. Nelson, when the luncheon, after singing the first verse of "America," had sat in at the table. The appreciation of the Club was conveyed to the quartette in the form of a motion to the effect that they be sent to Portland in June to represent the Union County Ad Club at the convention of northwestern Ad Clubs. A further motion that the members of the quartette also be the official delegates of the Ad Club at that convention was extended to include Bruce Dennis, were carried.

General matters which occupied the attention of the business men included reports from several committees. President Coolidge presented a resolution which had been introduced last week regarding a procedure on matters of new business, being the addition of another article to the by-laws of the organization, and the resolution was adopted. W. S. Parker read a communication from the State Chamber of Commerce, which is making a survey of the state with the idea of finding where the establishment of new industrial enterprises would be practicable. Mr. Parker stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be advised that there were possible openings here for a saw factory, a mattress factory, sash and door factory, fertilizing plant, dshydrating plant, casing factory and cannery.

C. R. Eberhard, chairman of the transportation committee, reported that the matter of the adjustment of the freight rate on chain wood from Perry to La Grande, Oregon, the rate has been fifty cents for every 160 cubic feet, until recently.

And, whereas, the shipment of such wood to La Grande and its sale in the markets has been a very valuable asset in the fuel supply of La Grande, and affords the residents of La Grande and surrounding territory an opportunity to obtain cheap fuel in adequate quantities.

Whereas, under an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the rate on car load shipments of loose chain wood from Perry, Oregon, to La Grande, Oregon, the rate has been fifty cents for every 160 cubic feet, until recently.

## MOTHER'S POEM ON DEATH OF HER SOLDIER SON.

(Today as we welcome home the Hospital Unit, there is one home circle that is broken; there is one vacant chair in the Andrews home; there is a voice in the family circle that will never more be heard. The mother of this brave boy has written the following lines.)

I went up to his room the other day,  
And spent a quiet hour among his things;  
His folks have kept it since he went away,  
Just as he left it—how his memory rings.

I touched his tennis racquet on the wall,  
And leaved the pages of his book a-bit;  
I lingered o'er his glove, his bat and ball  
And felt a sorry joy in doing it.

His cap and shoes and ties were strung about,  
As though he'd only gone an hour ago;  
It seemed that I could almost hear him shout  
A greeting from the landing down below.

His mother and his sweetheart, side by side,  
In picture, smiled as though they saw him there;  
His college pennants and his sweater vied  
To make me feel his presence everywhere.

But just a little while ago the light  
Of laughter left his eyes and in its place  
A new look came—it was the blessed light  
Of vision, such as God gives in His grace.

At war time, to see duty toward mankind  
And country, to inspire amid the fray—  
And knowing this, his room became a shrine  
Wherein we knelt and for him oft did pray.

To his fellow soldiers who are returning today, I wish  
to say that sorrow has overpowered me and I can be with  
you only in spirit today.

—Mother of Bert Andrews.

## NORTHWEST TROOPS REACH CAMP LEWIS

(By Associated Press to The Observer) TACOMA, May 13.—One hundred and sixteen men of the La Fayette division of aviators of the sixty-third regiment have reached Camp Lewis for discharge. They are mostly from Oregon. The 18th regiment engineers, composed of northwest men, will arrive tomorrow. There are 11 officers and 388 men in the party.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, May 13.—Oregon: Probably rain, warmer in east portion tonight; moderate southeasterly wind.

## DISCHARGED MEN OFFERED CHANCE TO VISIT FRANCE

Corporal Wingerd, who has charge of the local Marine recruiting office, has received instructions to make a very attractive offer to all discharged service men who are willing to go to France until fall. Corporal Wingerd's orders are to "get in touch with all discharged marines and soldiers with the view to ascertain if there are any and how many who will re-enlist in the Marine Corps for special limited service in France. They will be sent to France to relieve men now there and will remain until the fall, when all troops will be withdrawn. They will be discharged upon their return to the United States. They must be physically qualified and will be enlisted for four years, with notation on enlistment papers and service record book that they are for special limited service in France and will be discharged upon return to the United States. Transfer all these men direct to the Marine barracks at Quantico, Virginia.

## NORTH POWDER FOR THE PLAN

GOOD ROADS PEOPLE TURN OUT TO HEAR MESSAGE

Elegant Dinner Served and Everybody Favorable to Big Road Program

Unanimous approval of the Union County Highway plan was expressed last night at North Powder when the La Grande road workers appeared before a large crowd of North Powder citizens, following a community dinner, and laid before them the details of what is believed to be the most comprehensive plan of highway construction that has been offered to any county in Oregon.

G. L. Larison opened the meeting and outlined the two measures to be voted on in June. He was followed by Representative Albert Hunter, who told of the work of the legislature on the measures and asked that they be accepted. Fred J. Holmes then spoke on the raising of the limitation for bonded indebtedness to six per cent. Each speaker made clear his portion of the program and when the call was made for North Powder people to express themselves, every man who spoke told of the road sentiment in that part of the county and predicted an almost unanimous vote in June both for one-half mill road bill and raising the bonded indebtedness.

It was on meeting that a pleased ever road advocate and the entertainments provided by the North Powder people was superb. The dinner served carried everything from home grown chicken, cake, and cake, and was of exceptional quality. (Continued on Page 5)

## SAY THEY WILL NOT SIGN IT

GREAT DEMONSTRATION WHEN SCHEIDEMANN ANNOUNCED THE REJECTION.

## INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS URGE ACCEPTANCE

Party Newspaper Declares That There Remains No Choice But to Bow to Compulsion and Sign—A Refusal Means Economic Blockade, Hunger and Death.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) BERLIN, May 13.—The declaration by Chancellor Scheidemann of the national assembly yesterday, that the peace terms are "Unacceptable" brought the members of the assembly, spectators and those in the press gallery to their feet in a hurricane of cheers and applause.

The chancellor reached the climax of his speech ten minutes after he began when he thundered out the word which announced the government's rejection of the Versailles conditions. All factions except the independent socialists, led by Hugo Haxe, cheered vociferously. Leaders made speeches declaring they would be backed up by the government.

The chancellor said the treaty was a "dreadful and murderous document." He criticized President Wilson for deceiving the German people.

## ONE NEWSPAPER APPEALS

BERLIN, May 13.—The newspaper of the independent socialist party appeals for the signing of the peace terms, saying: "Even if important changes cannot be made by negotiations, there remains no choice but to bow to compulsion and sign the treaty. Not signing it means retention of our prisoners of war, occupation of our raw material districts, blockade, hunger and death."

## ALLIED ARE PREPARED FOR GERMANY'S REFUSAL

LONDON, May 13.—Reuter's limited learned that in the event of Germany not signing the peace treaty, which is regarded as unlikely, all military arrangements have been made for the allied armies to advance to exactly the same way as they would have done had Germany not accepted the armistice terms.

## MAY BUILD SHIPS FOR FOREIGN SERVICE

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, May 13.—American shipyards will be permitted to accept contracts for foreign account so far as that can be done without interference with the building of the American merchant marine, under a decision of Wilson, cabled to the white house.

## WILL WELCOME RICKENBACHER

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 13.—When Eddie Rickenbacker, famous American ace, returns some time in the month of June to Los Angeles, which he claims as his "hometown," the city will celebrate in his honor. Mayor F. Woodman has appointed a "Rickenbacker Day Executive Committee," composed of leaders of every branch of industry in Los Angeles.

## OBVIOUS WORK BY BOLSHEVIKI

LONDON, May 13.—Bolshevik are seeking to destroy religion by bringing it into contempt. A correspondent at Ekaterinodar states they conducted in the church with all ceremonial, a mock marriage between an aged priest and a mare. The choir was forced to sing "chants under threats of death. At Moscow a Soviet published an official parody on a funeral service supposed to be over the body of a dog. In North Caucasus, a bullet was thrust through an icon in such a way as to bore a hole in the mouth of Christ and a cigarette was put in the hole. Odious words were scabbled beneath.

## BAKER FAVORS GUARD PLAN

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, May 13.—Secretary of War Baker has informally approved approval of the reorganization of the national guard along the same lines as before the war.