

CITIZENS MAKE NIGHT RING LARGE CROWD WELCOMES SOLDIERS

AUSTRIAN DELEGATES EXPECTED

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POLAND CLAIMS SHARE OF CAPTURED SHIPS

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(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Several additional notes from the German peace delegation are now being considered by the allied powers. The subject of German ships, both mercantile and naval, is again being pressed upon the attention of the peace makers. Poland is claiming some of the war ships which Germany has surrendered. The British delegation is renewing efforts to have them distributed in accordance with the tonnage losses by the various nations. This would throw the ships interned in America into a pool instead of being retained by the United States.

The Austrian delegation is expected to arrive at St. Germain today. Karl Redder, chief of the delegation, said that he would do his best to get good terms, but that "vanquished people could expect but little."

It is announced that the Bolshevik government in Russia has rejected the offer made through Dr. Fridtjof Nansen to feed the Russian people if the soviets would cease hostilities against the other Russian factions.

Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in England, said that the allies contemplated no attack on Petrograd at that moment. It is reported that the Poles and Ukrainians have arranged a truce and may join forces against the Bolsheviks.

CUMMINS IS THE FAVORITE

ELECTED PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts
Is Re-elected Party Leader—Con-
troversy Matter Postponed

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who was favored by the progressives, was chosen unanimously for president pro tempore of the senate at the organization conference of the Republican senators today.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, was re-elected party leader. Discussion of the controversy over committee chairmanships for Senators Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Senator Warren, of Wyoming, was postponed.

WARNED NOT TO INVADE COSTA RICA

WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Chamorro, of Nicaragua, has been warned by the American government against attempting an invasion of Costa Rica. This became known Monday, after publication of press dispatches from San Jose, Costa Rica, that General Estrada had crossed the Costa Rican border from Nicaragua. Officials said, however, that the American government was not in a position to prevent such an invasion.

REPLY SENT AS TO PRISONERS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, May 14.—The council of four has sent an answer to the German notes on the prisoners of war and on the labor subject. The Austrian peace delegation has arrived at St. Germain.

BOXING FANS ORGANIZE

TACOMA, Wash., May 14.—Lovers of boxing here have organized with a view of protecting this sport in the future from the disrepute which often attaches to it as a result of questionable actions by both promoters and boxers.

Under the title of the "Western Washington Association for the Government of Boxing" an association of sportsmen was formed with Daniel Salt of Seattle as President. The United States service boxing rules will govern. Just what control the organization will exercise has not been determined.

GERMAN NOTES ARE SENT IN

PRINCIPLES OF REPARATION ARE PROTESTED

Although It Is Reported Germany
Is Prepared to Subscribe
to the Terms

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, May 14.—Three German notes were delivered to the council of four yesterday. They are reported to deal with the following subjects: The effect of the peace terms upon Germany's economic situation; manner in which Wilson's fourteen points are applied, which are protested against; the principles of the reparation demands, which are also protested, although it is reported that Germany is prepared to subscribe to them.

SERVICE MEN ENTERTAINED

EL PASO, Tex., May 14.—Old Don Porfirio and his mate were forced to surrender their private pool in San Jacinto plaza for entertainment of the Arizona and New Mexico soldiers from overseas. Porfirio is the ancient alligator who lives in the plaza. His home was commandeered as the foundation for a cabaret stage upon which was given a society cabaret by the girls of El Paso during the al fresco supper served by the Red Cross for the returning soldiers.

Japanese lanterns were hung from the trees in the plaza and the stage surrounded by an immense floral Liberty Bell, crack and all. The tables were set in two immense circles surrounding the alligator pool and the supper served by Red Cross nurses, Salvation Army lasses and society girls while the cabaret program was given.

MILTON BOY KILLED

Cecil Irwin Electrocuted in Sub-
Station of Electric Company

Swinging on a trapeze in the sub-station of the Pacific Power & Light Co. at Milton, at midnight Monday night, Cecil Irwin, night man at the Freewater sub-station, came into contact with a 25,000 volt wire and was electrocuted. The unusual accident that caused his death was witnessed by a friend, Basil Hudson, who had come to the sub-station to talk to Irwin, who was 18 years of age.

According to the story as related by Hudson, the youthful night man at the station was performing on the trapeze when he struck the high voltage wire with one foot. He was terribly burned through coming into contact with the current and died quickly.

The dead man was the son of Fred Irwin, freight agent for the traction company at Walla Walla.

UNION TO HAVE GREAT PICNIC

FARMERS ORGANIZATION TO MEET AT IMBLER

Prominent Speakers of State and
Nation to be on Program for
the Event

On May 24th the farmers of Eastern Oregon will meet at Imbler in a grand, big picnic to enjoy the social life which the Farmer's Union fosters and encourages, and also to hear the issues of the day discussed by men high up in the council of the organization.

Among the speakers who will be present are A. V. Swift, vice president of the National Farmers Union, J. D. Brown, state president of the Farmer's Union, W. W. Harrah, of Pendleton, who is a member of the Tri-state board, and Walter M. Pierce, of Union county, who is a prominent worker in the Union.

The Union county organization has the event in charge and it is expected that a large attendance will greet the speakers. Mrs. H. McGoldrick is secretary of the union in this county, and she is arranging a program in conjunction with the program committee, which will furnish entertainment at intervals throughout the day.

One of the chief features, which is always important, is the big farmers' dinner promptly at noon when picnic style will prevail and the guests will eat as one big family.

All members of the Farmers Union are invited to be present for this is strictly a farmers day. The questions to be taken up for discussion affect the farming industry and considerable benefit will be derived from the speeches delivered.

ASK INCREASE ON LUMBER RATES

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads have filed with the interstate commerce commission applications for increases in rates on lumber and other forest products from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana to Canadian destinations.

ITALIAN TROOPS ON DALMATIAN COAST

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, May 14.—The Italians are landing large military forces at Zara and Sebenico and the Dalmatian coast, according to dispatch from Belgrade, capital of Serbia. Troops are being moved eastward and are fortifying ridges and passes.

REWARD FOR RING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 14.—The offer of an unusually large reward made through the police for the return of a simple gold band ring, reveals the fact that it has been in the possession of the owner's family for more than two and a half centuries. Chusaku Sakada describes it as a small circle for the little finger on which is engraved in Japanese characters an entire poem whose theme is that the wearing of the ring will bring luck to the owner but disaster will follow the one who steals it.

OVER SEA TRIP IS POSTPONED

WEATHER CONDITIONS OVER ATLANTIC UNFAVORABLE

The N C-4 Has Resumed the Jour-
ney From Chatham—Dirigible
May Follow Planes

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHATHAM, Mass., May 14.—The N C-4 left for Trepassey, and was to go to Halifax today. Dirigible C-5 passed here today following the course of N C-4, going to St. Johns, and may also attempt the transatlantic flight.

Start Is Postponed

TREPASSEY, May 14.—The weather conditions over the Atlantic are not so propitious as was expected, and the start of the seaplanes has been postponed until tomorrow.

N C-4 Reaches Halifax

HALIFAX, May 14.—The N C-4 has arrived from Chatham, Mass., covering the 340 miles in three hours and fifty-one minutes. The start to Trepassey will be made tomorrow.

Formal Address of Welcome By Rev. Charles A. Edwards, Followed Pleasing Entertainment of Band and Chorus Music.

The late hour at which things started to happen was no deterrent to the vigor and enthusiasm of La Grande's and Union county's welcome to their soldier sons last night. Not certain that the Hospital Unit would be allowed to stay over today in the city, the reception committee decided yesterday afternoon to go ahead with the evening celebration, and when the hour came they found that the crowd was with them. Adams avenue and Depot street were packed with a mass of folks from the city and from county points who gathered early in the evening and stayed until the midnight hour found them tired out and ready to go home. The crowd would undoubtedly have been much larger had there been a day-time celebration, but as it was there were estimated to be between four and five thousand people on the streets.

Parade Pleasing Success.

While the arrival of the Hospital Unit's train was awaited, the O-W. and the Elgin bands and the Community Chorus entertained the crowd for over an hour. All three organizations performed most creditably. When the train arrived at 9:40 the crowd waited up-town and let the parents and relatives of the boys on the train have full opportunity to get in their greetings, the anticipation of which had thrilled them for so long.

CHEAPER BREAD IS EXPECTED

REDUCTION MAY BE IMMEDIATE SAYS BARNES

Conclusion Is Reached After Con-
ference With Representatives in
the Grain Trade

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, May 14.—An immediate reduction in the price of wheat reaching down the line from producer to baker, is believed to be assured, according to Julius Barnes, wheat director, after a conference with representatives of the grain industry, including grain handlers, jobbers and bakers.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, May 14.—For Oregon, showers, cooler Thursday, moderate southerly winds.

MILLION IN BONDS TO BE SOLD

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL RECEIVE BIDS ON JUNE TENTH

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION ALSO TO BE RECEIVED

Among the latter is included the
Umatilla County Proposal for
the Grading of the Road Along
the Old Oregon Trail From the
Cabbage Hill to Kamela.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, May 14.—The Oregon state highway commission at Portland on June 10 will receive bids for the sale of one million dollars worth of four per cent. Oregon highway bonds.

At the same time bids will be received for construction projects including the following:

Douglas county—Pacific, grading and macadam, Leon to Drain; Yoncola section, seven miles; Oakland to Wilbur; Roseburg to Wilbur; Roseburg to Dillard; Jacques place to John's place.

Polk county—Westside Highway, paving to Benton county line.

Umatilla county—Old Oregon Trail, grading from Cabbage Hill to Kamela.

BIG DANCE FOR SERVICE MEN

All soldiers, sailors and marines who happen to be in La Grande this evening or who may find it possible to get here, will be made welcome at a big dance to be given in their honor at Rex hall. All the lady friends of the men will be made welcome with them, and while the general public will be allowed to look on from the gallery, only men in uniform may have access to the dancing floor. The dance is being given by the O-W. band and the music will be supplied by the O-W. orchestra.

Dancing will commence at 8:30 and will continue until midnight, at which time the men of the hospital unit will have to assemble and make ready to continue their journey to Camp Lewis.

Every soldier who enjoys dancing and congenial company is cordially invited by the committee to attend this event. There will be no charge to anyone. The committee in charge is composed of Messrs. J. F. Corbett, C. D. Roberts, Bruce, Dennis and T. J. Scroggin, with four members of the band.

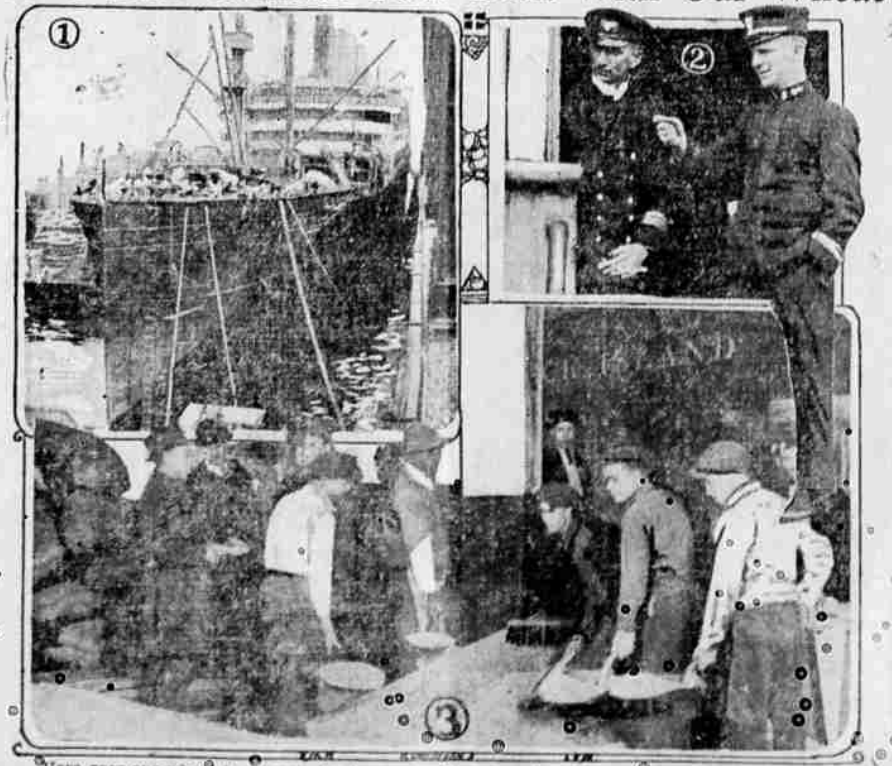
HOLLAND DENIES FORMER REPORT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
THE HAGUE, May 14.—The Dutch government denies that it has decided to surrender the former emperor Wilhelm. It contends that the question at present concerns only Germany and the entente.

ORIGINAL DECORATIONS BY CHRISTIE'S VARIETY STORE

Christie's Variety store found their new idea of practice use the week when it came to designing decorations in honor of the homecoming of the men of the hospital unit and the celebration for soldiers of Union county. The rainbow color scheme was utilized in the design and the men of the Rainbow division and other very attractive window decorations were arranged.

Send First German Boat Back With Our Wheat



Here goes our wheat to appease the hunger in Germany. It will cross the waters in the first German boat turned over to the United States by Germany under the terms of the armistice. It is the U.S.S. Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. The big liner has been converted into a transport to carry food supplies and is now ready for its first trip. No. 2 shows the big boat at the New York dock. No. 3 shows Commander Dost and Lieut. Elms supervising the work. No. 2 shows a load of wheat from our wheat belt, being loaded on the boat. The German crew is still on the boat, giving such information and help as U. S. naval officers can charge desire.