

DEFINITE STATEMENT OF REFUSAL

ALLIES EXPECT TO SOON RECEIVE THE GERMAN IDEA REGARDING PEACE.

EXTENSION OF TIME HAS BEEN REQUESTED

German Cabinet Says the Peace Terms Mean Economic Destruction, Political Dishonor and Moral Degradation for the Present and Future Generations in Germany.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

A definite statement that Germany will not sign the peace terms in the present form has been made by the German cabinet through the Associated Press. The statement is along somewhat similar lines as that by President Ebert, Premier Schiedemann and other Germans in high places heretofore given out. Another note was sent yesterday by the German mission at Versailles to the secretariat of the peace congress.

Today or tomorrow the German representatives are expected to transmit to the Allies a comprehensive statement of Germany's attitude toward the treaty, specifying the points they accept and those they desire modified. The fifteen-day time limit for them expires Thursday, but an extension has been asked by the Germans. Premier Orlando has gone to Rome for a "conference on certain frontier and foreign questions." It is probable that peace terms will not be presented to the Austrians before Friday. It is assumed that Orlando's trip indicates some new developments in the work of adjusting the Fiume and Dalmatian questions, before the terms are given to the Austrians. Apparently Orlando will remain in Rome only a few hours.

SAY TERMS ARE RUINOUS.

BERLIN, May 21.—The cabinet statement says that Germany declines to sign the terms laid before it because they "spell the economic destruction, the political dishonor and the moral degradation of the entire German nation not only for the present but also for still unborn generations."

90TH DIVISION TO COME HOME SOON

COBLENZ, May 21.—The 90th division, comprised of national army men from Texas and Oklahoma and several thousand replacements, chiefly from New England, began moving from the area of occupation Saturday for home, preparatory to sailing for home. The territory being vacated by the 90th and other divisions, listed to start for France before June 1 is being taken over by military police, who keep an eye on conditions generally, as a precautionary move against any military movement by the Germans.

URGES SOCIAL HYGIENE STUDY IN U. S. COLLEGES

CHICAGO, May 21.—Dr. Bent Sand, professor of social and industrial medicine in the University of Illinois, Belgium, urged the establishment of a department for the study of social hygiene in American universities as a means of lessening crime in an address delivered Tuesday at the congress on child welfare standards.

LIMIT IMPORTS OF GERMAN DYESTUFFS

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The importation of German dyes will be prohibited except to the extent that they are needed in the United States, the war trade board announced Tuesday. To determine the extent German dyes are needed, the war trade board has appointed an advisory committee of eight.

U. S. STEAMER SUNK BY MINE; ALL SAVED

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 21.—The American steamer Lake Placid struck a submerged mine near the island of Vinga, near here, Monday and sank in five minutes. All on board were rescued.

BILL PROPOSES LEGAL BOOST FOR U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Investigation of the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation, with a view to legislation to promote the merchant marine, was proposed in a resolution Tuesday by Representative Greene of Massachusetts, chairman of the merchant marine committee.

MAJ. GEN. HOLBROOK IS ORDERED TO FRANCE

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Maj. Gen. W. A. Holbrook was relieved of command of Camp Grant, Ill., Tuesday, and ordered to report to General Pershing for duty in France. He will be relieved by Maj. Gen. George Bell, Jr.

N-C 4 MAKE NEW FLIGHT

EXPECTS TO GET AWAY TOMORROW AT DAYBREAK.

Start Today Was Delayed On Account of Repairs to Engine—No Trace of Missing Airmen.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The resumption of the trans-Atlantic flight by the seaplane NC-4 was again delayed. A message to the navy department from Admiral Jackson said one of the engines developed trouble and the start for Lisbon will not be made today. The condition of the weather was not mentioned.

Will Start at Daybreak.

Later dispatches indicated that the NC-4 expected to get away at daybreak tomorrow. Commander Towers recommended that the NC-1, which sank at sea, be stricken from the navy list and that the NC-3 be placed out of commission for rebuilding when it arrives at New York. It is now being taken apart and will be shipped home.

NO HOPE FOR MISSING MEN.

ST. JOHNS, May 21.—Hope for Aviator Hawker and Lieutenant-Commander Grieve is virtually abandoned.

RETURNED FROM FRANCE

Harry Lavey, a popular former O-W. engineer, returned to La Grande yesterday after a year's service with the 31st Railway Engineers in France. He has seen a lot of strange territory but he has found nothing as good as the home land, he says. He will return to his former position with the O-W. for he declares he is highly pleased with the way the company has treated him.

FROM COUNT'S LODGINGS TO GUARDHOUSE

LEMANS, France. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—From silk pajamas tinged with lace to concrete floors of a guard house typifies the transition of a number of United States army casualties who were captured in the front. The belongings of a French count here, while the latter had left his captives for the front. The wholesale appropriation of the count's belongings by the captives was made known to the military police by the count who had returned for a short furlough. The army restored all the appropriated articles while the men who enjoyed the luxuries of them are lodged in the guard house.

MRS. JARVIS IS PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SALEM, May 21.—Mrs. Jessie Jarvis of Portland, has been elected president of the Reelak state assembly, according to Mrs. Jeanie Buck, of Grants Pass.

PREDICTED PROHIBITION LAW WILL STAND

PROBABLE ALL REPEAL MEASURES WILL WAIT UNTIL AFTER JULY 1.

PROHIBITION LEADERS PLAN NEW LEGISLATION

Laws Wanted For Enforcement of War Time Prohibition Act and For the Constitutional Amendment—Confident of Passage Before the First of July.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Notwithstanding Wilson's recommendation for repeal of war time prohibition, insofar as it relates to wines and beers, the opinion seemed to gain ground that all repeal measures would be kept in committee until after July 1. In the meantime prohibition leaders here planned to enact legislation for the enforcement of the war time prohibition act and the constitutional amendment. Senator Sheppard, author of the war time act, is confident that legislation will be passed before the first of July.

SEEKING PEACE BASIS

Want One to Meet Demands and Which Germany Can Bear

COPENHAGEN, May 21.—The conference of German political leaders and German peace delegates at Spa on Sunday agreed that the peace terms were unacceptable, according to a German semi-official statement and that Germany will leave no stone unturned in an attempt "to find a practicable basis of peace which takes into account our opponents' justifiable demands and those capable of being borne and carried out by the German people."

TAFT ASSURES PROTECTION PROVIDED

BOSTON, May 21.—Former President Taft told the council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in an address here Tuesday, that he had information from a most authoritative source that religious discrimination in Poland and Rumania would not be tolerated under the terms of peace, and that there would be adopted provisions which would "prevent the recurrence of such heartbreaking occurrences as known in the past." His declaration was received with applause.

ADVANCE MADE BY THE POLES

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WARSAW, May 21.—Dobobycz, Boryslaw and Mikolajow have been captured by the Poles in the Galicia campaign, an official statement says. The Poles have crossed the Dniester river near Rozwadow. The statement says, "The prisoners taken were not yet counted. The enemy is fleeing in a panic."

MRS. CLARA SEARLES, AGED 76, DEAD

Mrs. Clara Searles, for many years a resident of La Grande, died yesterday, aged 76 years, 5 months and 21 days. Her husband, the late A. J. Searles, died about 10 years ago and there are no survivors left in the family. The funeral will be from the Holy Undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

GENERAL STRIKE THIS UP NOVA SCOTIA IN DISTRICT

AMHERST, N. S., May 21.—A general strike called here Tuesday for the introduction of a new tariff on Nova Scotia industrial plants in the city is also being a consequence of the tariff measure.

ROAD BOOSTER FROM ASTORIA IN CITY TODAY

Benjamin S. Worsley, of Astoria, is in town today in the interests of good roads generally and of the Roosevelt Highway project in particular. Mr. Worsley's chief hobby is good roads propaganda, and he will disseminate some tonight in the local theatres. He was one of the hardest working men in the state for the six million dollar good roads bonding issue put over two years ago and he is still at the same as hard as ever. Mr. Worsley is president of the state horticultural society and is working in the interests of that organization also, as he visits the various parts of the state.

NATIONAL BUDGET SYSTEM PROPOSED

Would Hold President Responsible for Compilation and Give Congress Voice in Expenditures

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Creation of a national budget system, with the president responsible for compilation of estimates of appropriations needed by the various government departments and with congress given a voice in the expenditure of the appropriations, is provided in a bill introduced in the house Tuesday by Representative Good of Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee.

The measure would create an accounting department to be under the control of the comptroller general of the United States, who would be answerable only to congress and would perform the duties now discharged by the comptroller of the treasury and auditors of the several government departments.

TRANSPORTS SAIL WITH 20,000 MEN

BREST, May 21.—The steamers Rotterdam, Finland, Mobile and New Jersey sailed for the United States Tuesday from this port, carrying more than 20,000 troops. This completes the embarkation of the 80th division and begins that of the 36th division, Texas and Oklahoma troops.

PENDLETON BOYS ON WAY

TROOP D LEAVES THE OCCUPIED ZONE

It is Now Believed That There Are No Other Units From the State of Oregon in France.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Washington dispatches say that the 148th field artillery, comprising three Portland troops and Troop D of Pendleton, former national guard companies, are now on the way home from the army of occupation. It is believed as Oregon units are now left in France.

LOCAL MATERIAL IS WANTED FOR RECORD OF WAR

Miss Corneilia Marvin, state historian is collecting material for historical war records which are to be filed in the state library at Salem. Copies of diaries, poems, letters and photographs are especially requested. Also patriotic sermons and addresses. All of which may be sent direct to Miss Marvin, Salem, Oregon, or to Miss Olive Stator, 1194 Penn. Ave., La Grande.

MINISTER WAS BROWND

Rev. J. Cronenberg Meets Death At Attempting to Swim Willamette.

COEVALLE, May 21.—Rev. J. Cronenberg, pastor of the First Christian church, was drowned yesterday while attempting to swim across the Willamette river in celebrating his forty-fifth birthday. The body has not been recovered.

CONGRESSMAN DIES IN WASHINGTON

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HIGH PRICE IS PAID FOR DOUGHNUTS

SOCIETY WOMEN MAKE SALES ON WALL STREET AT ONE DOLLAR EACH.

MRS. ASTOR'S HOME BECOMES A BAKERY

Volunteer Recruits in New York City Do a Rushing Business in Aid of the Drive That is On in Behalf of the Salvation Army Campaign to Raise Funds.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, May 21.—Society leaders at this city, after spending most of the night cooking doughnuts in Mrs. Vincent Astor's Fifth avenue home, peddled them on Broadway, as volunteer recruits in the Salvation Army drive for funds. The women sold the doughnuts on Wall street at a dollar apiece.

FINANCIAL EXPERTS DISCUSS SUPPLIES

VERSAILLES, May 21.—American financial experts are continuing their exchanges with German representatives here chiefly respecting food supplies and methods of payment.

DUTCH PLAN CREDIT OFFER TO FRANCE FOR REBUILDING

PARIS, May 21.—The Dutch government, according to a dispatch from The Hague, in order to cooperate in the reconstruction of northern France, has submitted to the state council a measure granting France a credit of 25,000,000 florins for five years. France will spend the money in Holland for supplies of various kinds.

ARE GRATEFUL TO JAPAN

TOKYO, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Russian authorities in Siberia have expressed gratitude for the gift from the Japanese Commission for Economic Relief in Siberia, consisting of 1,200 cases of medicinal, surgical and other supplies for relieving the sick and destitute.

LEAVE FOR DALLAS

A. W. Nelson leaves this evening for The Dalles, to attend a convention of the secretaries of Commercial and Ad Clubs. He will remain over Thursday and Friday, the days on which the convention is to be held.

HOUSE VOTES FOR SUFFRAGE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

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FRENCH TAKING OVER BRIDGEHEAD

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WANTS U. S. TO BUY MEXICAN TERRITORY

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Pacheco of Lower California and also back of northern Sonora has proposed to sell to the United States the territory of Arizona, which was refused without action to the foreign relations committee.

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MYSTERY FIRE DOES BIG DAMAGE TO UTAH TOWN

HELPER, Utah, May 21.—Fire, said to have been of mysterious origin, which started in the rear of a bakery in the business section of Helper early Tuesday, caused damage estimated at \$100,000. The blaze was not placed under control until the fire department from Price, seven miles away, and that of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad here came to the assistance of the local department. The flames spread to a rooming house shortly after being discovered, but all guests escaped unharmed.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, May 21.—For Oregon, Fair, gentle northerly winds.

BAND FINANCES RUNNING LOW

GIVING DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT TO HELP OUT

O-W. Organization Under Heavy Expense and Has Had Little Coming in So Far

J. T. Ridenour, manager of the O-W. band, is quite frank in declaring that the band has arranged the big dance it is advertising for Friday night just as much because it absolutely needs the money as for the purpose of giving a good time to the local folk who enjoy sleeping out of an evening. The band is under a rather heavy expense for hall rent, music, etc., and as it has not had an opportunity to late of earning any money the treasury is running a little lower than the manager likes to see. The services the band has rendered since its organization have been mostly gratuitous, meant to show their appreciation of the support of the citizens and business men of the town in outfitting them with uniforms. They feel that they can keep ahead of the game for a short time.



You Cannot Afford to Lose Happiness

It's the most valuable thing in the world. Every day you live in a rented house is a day of lost comfort and contentment. If the world owes you a living, as you say it does, it also owes you a happy-worth-living-in-home. It's coming to you—you ought to have it, and you can at a very modest cost.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Co.

LOG DRIVE ON MINAM IS STARTED

FOUR AND A HALF MILLION FEET TO FEED A NEW SAW MILL

HIGH STAGE IN RIVER PERMITS EARLY DRIVE

Minam Lumber Company Has a New Mill in Course of Construction that Will Be Ready Within a Short Time—Local Men Interested in the Enterprise

The Minam Lumber Company started their spring log drive down the Minam river yesterday and there is excitement a plenty for any who have the time to make the trip. The drive is somewhat earlier this year than in ordinary seasons, the warm sun having released the snow from the high places in the mountains in sufficient quantity to send a good flow of water down the river. The company has four and a half million feet of lumber to drive down to the fallroad at the river mouth and they estimate that about three weeks' time will be required to get it all there. The logs travel down stream at the rate of about ten miles an hour. The Minam Lumber Company, which is largely composed of local men, is prospering rapidly and the shareholders are looking for big dividends on their money. A new mill which will cost about \$16,000 is being erected this spring at the mouth of the Minam. A. T. Hill is president of the company and S. D. Crowe, secretary.

New Train Affords Better Service From La Grande to Spokane

A fact in connection with the new train which has been placed on the run from Baker to Umatilla, of which the traveling public seems not generally aware, is that leaving here in the evening one can connect

attackers of the mountain and ironclad, Kuki Moritaka was killed by Eoyasu, during the winter siege of Osaka, castle in 1614, to build four "blind boats" to stop the "skensky firing from a turret which was annoying his army considerably. Kuki, thereupon constructed some "blind boats," manned them with his soldiers, advanced therewith submerged in one of them, and crushed the turret with his cannon. Toense was made known how to build a "blind boat" as it had originally been invented by Lord Kuki. This is the evidence of an anonymous writer of the year 1780, or thereabouts.

for the ironclad, its existence in Japanese waters in the seventeenth century is vouched for by Captain John Saris, who says in his "Journal of the Voyage to Japan in 1613": "About eight or tenne leagues on this side the straits of Senaga-Segoe (Skimon-keki) we found a vessel, when they lay in a cove of a junk of 800 or 1000 tonnes burthen, sheated all with iron, with a guard appointed to keep her from being or trophary. She was in a very homely fashion, much like that which I described Noah's ark into us. The naturalists say that she served to transport soldiers into any of the islands of rebellion or war should happen."

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Governor Ghent has appointed Mrs. John G. Baldwin of Portland, Mrs. Charles Castle of Hood River, and Mrs. W. S. Daney of Salem, as the advisory board for the state industrial girls.

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