

ALLIES IN READINESS ON RHINE

FORCES ARE BEING HELD THERE
PENDING GERMANY'S ACTION
ON THE PEACE TREATY.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN COMMANDERS CONFER

News From Petrograd Indicates That
Bolsheviks There Are Failing—Wilson
Said to Have Stated That the
United States Does Not Want Man-
datory of Turkish Possessions.

Germany's series of notes protest-
ing against sections of the peace
treaty apparently have had little ef-
fect on the purpose of the Allies and
associated governments to have the
German delegates sign or refuse to
sign the treaty virtually as presented.

Paris reports are that the only
changes of moment made in the treaty
have been in phraseology and detail.
Several notes, however, remain un-
answered.

It is indicated in reports from Ger-
many that the attitude of the Berlin
government is changing, some ob-
servers expressing the opinion that it
will order the delegates at Versailles
to sign the treaty. Count von Brock-
dorff-Rantzau is again at Versailles—
After conferring Friday at Spa with
Premier Schiedemann and other lead-
ers. What transpired there has not
been disclosed nor have the German
delegates sent any further communi-
cation to the peace conference.

Meanwhile the allied troops are be-
ing held in readiness along the Rhine.
General Robertson, the British com-
mander, had a conference at Coblenz
Friday with Lieutenant-General Liggett,
the commander of the American
brigadehead, in regard to their plan,
should the Germans decline to sign.

President Wilson, it is said in Paris,
has let it be known that the United
States will probably not be able to
take a mandate in Constantinople or
other parts of the former Turkish em-
pire. It has been suggested, then,
that Constantinople either be placed
under joint control of the great pow-
ers or that Greece be given mandate
for the Turkish capital, with the sup-
port of the powers.

Further reports indicate that the
position of the Bolsheviks in Petro-
grad is growing worse. The advan-
tage of the Finns and Estonian forces
continues and loud explosions and
great fires are reported to have oc-
curred in the city, indicating that the
Bolsheviks were destroying ammunition.
Other reports say that the in-
habitants of Petrograd have arisen
against the Bolsheviks and that there
has been machine gun firing.

FLIGHT AGAIN DELAYED.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—The
weather is still unfavorable for the
flight of the NC-4. A message from
Punta Delgada to the Navy department
said that the start for Lisbon will not
be made today.

TWO MILLION FROM JOHN D.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES LIBERAL LY FOR MISSION WORK.

Baptist Church Convention Rejects
Proposal for Organized Union
Evangelical Churches.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
DENVER, May 24.—Rejection of
proposals for an organized union of
Evangelical churches, acceptance of the
Interchurch world movement and the
gift of two million dollars by John D.
Rockefeller for mission work, were
the outstanding features of today's
session of the Northern Baptist Con-
vention.

The Rockefeller gift, contingent
upon the people of the United States
donating a dollar each, was said to be
the largest individual gift ever made to
missionary work in any denomination.
Five million, the hundred thousand
dollars has already been raised. The
Rockefeller gift was in addition to
\$750,000 already contributed.

HUNS ESCAPED DEADLY POISON

"LEWISITE" ANOTHER BIG SE- CRET OF THE WAR.

Planes Carrying Terrible Preparation
Could Have Entirely Depopu-
lated German Cities.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—Guarded
day and night and far out of reach
on a pedestal at the Interior Depart-
ment Exposition here is a tiny vial.
It contains a specimen of the deadliest
poison known. It is "Lewisite," pro-
duct of an American scientist. It is
what Germany escaped by signing the
armistice when she did.

Aeroplane carrying the "Lewisite"
would have wiped out vestige of life
in Berlin. A single day's output
would snuff out the four million lives
on Manhattan. A single drop poured
in the palm of the hand would pen-
etrate to the blood, reach the heart and
kill the victim in the greatest agony.
What was coming to Germany may be
imagined by the fact that it was being
made last November at the rate of
10,000 tons a day, and 300,000 tons
would have been ready March 1.

"Lewisite" is another big secret of
the war just leaking out. It was de-
veloped in the bureau of mines by
Prof. W. Lee Lewis, of Northwestern
University, Evanston, Ill., who took a
commission as captain in the army.
It was manufactured in a special plant
near Cleveland, called the "Mouse
trap," because every person went in
an agreement not to leave the 11-acre
space until the war was won. This
was to protect the secret.

STEAMER BURNED; PASSENGERS SAFE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
NORFOLK, Va., May 24.—The
steamer Virginia burned early today.
All the passengers were saved, but it
is believed that three firemen were
lost.

WILL ATTEMPT FLIGHT.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, May 24.—Lieutenant Rogel,
a French aviator, started today on a
flight from Paris to Morocco, whence
he plans to attempt a flight across
the Atlantic to Brazil.

WILL VOGEL TO RUN THE FOLEY

POPULAR UNION MAN SELECTED BY NEW OWNERS OF HOTEL.

Well Known Home of Public to Change
Management on the First
of Next Month.

The glad hand of Billy Vogel, which
has been extended for a number of
years to all Union visitors, will reach
across the hotel desk at the Foley
hotel after June 1 and welcome the
traveling public.

This announcement was made yester-
day and when the new company,
which recently bought the building and
business, takes possession on June 1
the smiling face of Mr. Vogel will be
on the job.

La Grande extends a cordial wel-
come to Mr. and Mrs. Vogel for they
are among the best people in Union
county. For many years, Mr. Vogel
successfully operated the Townley
store in Union. He is prominent
worker in all public affairs and noth-
ing is too hard for Billy to do for his
friends or the general public.

VON MINDENBURG WANTS TO RESIDE IN SWITZERLAND

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
GENEVA, Switz., May 24.—Field
Marshal von Hindenburg formerly ap-
pealed to the Swiss government yester-
day asking permission to reside in
Switzerland as a single citizen. The
field marshal, who bought a villa on
the shore of Lake Constant, admits
he had only a few days' holidays since
the war.
The Swiss authorities, an ambas-
sador in Bern is known that the
field marshal may use this country as a base
for further intrigues. It is learned,
however, that when sufficient guaran-
tees are given, permission for his re-
sidence will be granted. The German
conqueror has anti-United propaganda
in Switzerland.

WINNIPEG IS HOPEFUL OF SETTLEMENT

STRIKE IN WESTERN CANADIAN CITY NARROWED DOWN TO FEW DETAILS.

ULTIMATUM SERVED ON POSTAL CLERKS' UNION

Saturday Was Anniversary of Birth of
Queen Victoria, But Celebration of
the Day Was Unusually Quiet.
Firemen Out and Use of Fireworks
in City Prohibited.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WINNIPEG, Man., May 24.—So far
as surface indications were concerned
tonight, settlement of the general
strike of Union labor in Winnipeg has
narrowed down to a few details which
the conciliation committee of eight
is attempting to iron out.

"I am hopeful of an early settle-
ment of the disagreement," said Gu-
don Robertson, federal minister of labor.
Robertson yesterday delivered an
ultimatum to the local postal clerks' union to either return to work
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clerks' union to either return to work
or tomorrow to consider themselves
dismissed from the service.

This was the anniversary of Queen
Victoria's birthday, but the celebra-
tion was very quiet outwardly. Fire-
crackers and fireworks were prohib-
ited because the city firemen are on
strike and volunteers are on duty.

Adding from the discussion which
took place in front of various union
halls this afternoon, there was no ab-
sence of pyrotechnics at inter-meet-
ings. The speech made last night at
the city hall conference by R. B. Rus-
sell, one of the five local labor leaders,
seemingly caused widespread discus-
sion. Russell declared at the confer-
ence that he "favored the overthrow
of the present feudal system of capi-
talistic government." Shortly after-
ward he stated, while sitting at the
conference table, that lack of intelli-
gence among large numbers of union
men made it difficult for the labor
forces to concentrate their "power"
to successful achievements of social
ideals.

These statements were broadly and
vigorously disclaimed by the union
masses today.

FAILING WILL UPHOLD.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, May 24.—The will of
the late Xarifa Jane Failing was up-
held today in a decision by Judge
Tazewell of the circuit court. The late
W. Tyler Smith, of Sheridan, con-
tested the will as a cousin of the testator,
alleging undue influence by C. Lewis
Mead and Thomas N. Strong, chief
beneficiaries under the will. The es-
tate is valued at \$500,000. All but
\$27,000 goes to Mead and Strong.

GRAPE GROWERS WIN APPEAL

GET POPULAR VOTE ON PROHI- BITION RATIFICATION.

Writ of Mandate Yesterday Granted
California Association by Wash-
ington Supreme Court.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
OLYMPIA, Wash., May 24.—Voters
of Washington will decide by referen-
dum whether or not they will uphold
the ratification by the last legislature
of the national prohibition amendment,
the state supreme court having today
granted a mandate asked by the Cali-
fornia Grape Growers' association.

The writ was asked to compel the
secretary of state to file a petition for
a referendum, and the effect of the
court decision is to suspend Washing-
ton's ratification of the amendment
until after the popular vote has been
taken.

The court's decision was close, the
vote being five to four. Chief Justice
F. C. Chadwick wrote the decision.
As more than the necessary two-thirds
of the states have ratified the amend-
ment nullification of Washington's
ratification would not change the na-
tional situation.

INSPECTION OF SYSTEM BEGINS

COLLIER AND ENGINEER KEL- SEY ARE AT THE INTAKE

City Water System to be Gone Over
Thoroughly by Engineer and
Experts

To inspect the city water system
to endeavor to lay out feasible and
practical plans where-by the city wa-
ter supply may be increased, and to
provide for any emergency that may
arise during the dry, hot season is
the mission of City Manager
John Collier and Engineer L. C.
Kelsey, who left yesterday morning
for the intake in the mountains and
from there will work their way
down over every inch of the city's
water system.

Mr. Collier believes he has plans
to turn more water into the pipe-
line at very little cost comparatively
and this will be placed before the
engineer for his approval and he
will run his own line and get his
own ideas on the water supply.
When the trip will have been finish-
ed to a summing up of the possible
ities will be made and laid before
the city commission who will check
up the different plans and arrive at
a conclusion as to what is to be done.

DELEGATES RETURN FROM SPA.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
VERSAILLES, May 24.—Count von
Brockdorff-Rantzau and other German
peace delegates who went to Spa
Thursday returned today.

HINES ASKS GREAT SUM FOR ROADS

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROADS GOES TO CONGRESS FOR \$1,200,000,000.

GOVERNMENT'S LOSS IS \$486,000,000 TO DATE

Appropriation Sought Is In Addition
to the \$500,000,000 Appropriated by
the Last Congress—More May Be
Sought If Government Continues to
Lose Money in Operations.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—To fi-
nance the railroads for the balance of
this year and to pay the government
operating loss for 16 months up to
this month, appropriation of \$1,200,-
000,000 was asked of congress today
by Director-General Hines. More may
be sought later if the government con-
tinues to lose heavily in operations.

The \$1,200,000,000 is in addition to
the \$500,000,000 appropriated by the
last congress and includes the \$750,-
000,000 which failed of appropriation
when the session ended in a filibuster.

Out of this appropriation, which
congress will be asked to expedite,
the railroads will be paid the sum due
them months ago as standard com-
pensation and for which they had ac-
cepted the railroad administration's
certificate of indebtedness. On securi-
ty of these certificates they have bor-
rowed from banks and the War Fi-
nance corporation to meet their cur-
rent corporate obligations in recent
months. This temporary system of
financing will be eliminated as soon
as congress provides funds.

Approximately \$486,000,000 repre-
sents the government's loss in opera-
tion of the roads from January 1, 1918,
when private control ended, to May 1.
This is the difference between the
sum which the government is obligat-
ed to pay the roads on contract and
the net actual operating income from
operations.

TWO KILLED AND TWO INJURED.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SEATTLE, May 24.—When two au-
tomobiles collided early this morning
near here, Louis Cook, a city fireman,
and Miss Francis Hayward were kill-
ed. Carl Chibberg, son of J. E. Chil-
berg, president of the Scandinavian
bank, was badly injured, and Mrs.
Lydia Hayward was less seriously in-
jured.

LARGE CROWD AT FESTIVAL.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
ROSEBURG, Or., May 24.—Large
crowds were present at the second
day of the Douglas county strawberry
carnival. The event is proving a big
success.

LA GRANDE WILL AID GIRLS' HOME

\$100,000 HOME FOR OREGON GIRLS WILL BE SUPPORTED

J. H. Pearce and Local Committee
Will Assist in Handling
the Project

The Jeanne D'Arc Home, which
is now being promoted for the girls
of Oregon who go to Portland to
work, will be supported by La
Grande people. This was made
positive today when Mrs. J. P.
O'Brien, of Portland, asked that a
local committee be made up in this
city for the work and J. H. Pearce
along with others undertook the
work of assisting the Portland peo-
ple and those in other parts of the
state, in the worthy enterprise.
The home is to be a hundred
thousand dollar structure and will
be devoted entirely to the girls who
enter the city and have no homes.
It will be a home for young ladies,
properly officered and under the
discipline which is always needed
for the young.

All over the state the highest
praise is given the movement and it
is of great benefit to the people of
the country because it is the girls
from these districts who benefit
most when they go to the city.

"This is another movement for
the benefit of mankind," said Mr.
Pearce yesterday, "wherein Union
county will not be found wanting.
She will do her part in this great
work."

DARING AVIATOR CHANGES MOUNTS BY ROPE LADDER

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 24.—
Lieutenant Omar Locklear, formerly
with the air service of the army, today
gave a demonstration said to be the
first of the annals of flying, of catch-
ing a dangling rope ladder from a
second airplane and climbing into the
craft from which it swung. The feat
was done at an altitude of 2500 feet.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Oregon—Sunday, probably rain in
west, fair in east, and cooler.

A. W. NELSON GETS OFFICE

IS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF NEW ASSOCIATION.

La Grande's Organization For Good
Roads Campaign Strongly Com-
mended at The Dalles.

A. W. Nelson returned yesterday
morning from attending the con-
vention of secretaries of Commer-
cial Club and Ad Clubs at the
Dalles with the official title of sec-
retary-treasurer of the Oregon As-
sociation of Commercial secretaries.
Mr. Nelson reports a splendid meet-
ing. The sessions of the conven-
tion were held Thursday and Fri-
day and W. B. D. Jackson, secre-
tary of the Portland Chamber of
Commerce, was also president of the
association; T. E. McCroskey, sec-
retary of the Salem Chamber of Com-
merce vice-president; and Mr.
Burr, of Astoria, Mr. Applegate,
of Klamath Falls, and Mr. Robinson,
of Vale, were appointed as the ad-
ditional directors. Important ad-
dresses at the meetings were given
by Jay Upton, president of the
Oregon Irrigation Congress, and S.
F. Pier, president of the Roosevelt
Highway Association.

Mr. Nelson returned highly pleas-
ed with the good words spoken for
La Grande at the convention. Men-
tioning the fact that the La Grande
organization was the only one in the
state that had been declared to be the
most admirable good roads program that
has yet been prepared in the state of
Oregon.

ROOSE PLEADS GUILTY

Abolish Murder of Chief of Police at
The Dalles Recently?

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
THE DALLES, May 24.—Edward
Primrose, who killed Chief of Police
Joseph Glavin, after participating
in the robbery of the Washington
bank, pleaded guilty to murder today,
and was sentenced to the imprison-
ment. Dolph Lewis, who was arrest-
ed with Primrose, entered a plea of
not guilty.

THE OREGON OBSERVING

Promoter J. E. Robinson, announces
that he is completing arrangements
to bring together two of the high class
heavyweight wrestling of the country
to La Grande probably on July 4.

GOOD ROADS MEETING AT CITY PARK

EVERY VOTER IN UNION COUNTY WANTED TO BE HERE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

CARS WILL CARRY CROWD FROM TOWN TO PARK

Band Concert Will Be Given at Park
at 7:30 O'Clock and Afterward Ad-
dresses on the Good Roads Measures
in Which Whole County Is Inter-
ested, Will Be Given.

G. I. Larison's ambitious plans for
spreading the news of the fact that
there is going to be a special election
on good roads measures on June 3
would not be complete without a rous-
ing meeting in his own home town. As
chairman of the good roads commit-
tee of the Union County Ad. Club, he
has arranged and held many meetings
around the county during the past
couple of weeks and so good has been
his success that he is going to have
the gospel preached right here at
home as it has never been preached at
any other place.

What he has on his mind now is
precisely this; to hold a great meeting
Wednesday evening at the La Grande
city park and to do his best and to
have every other good roads worker
in the county to do his best to see that
every voter in the county learns of
this meeting and, if possible, get a
chance to come to La Grande to attend
it. Mr. Larison got up a program
worth while when he first became
possessed of the notion to go after
good roads, and everyone may come
assured Wednesday evening that he
and his equally hard-working co-work-
ers, F. J. Holmes and Albert Hunter,
will give them a meeting very much
worth while.

Good Roads a Big Thing.
Mr. Larison and the other good
roads workers are proceeding under
the belief that good roads for Union
county are about the biggest thing
there ever has been or ever will be
in the life of this county. They believe
confidently that the tax payers and
the voters of the county are far-sight-
ed enough to see the immense value
they will be in the development that
must take place within the next few
years. Mr. Larison has speakers lined
up to present facts and figures for the
information of everyone and he will
have them tell all about the program
that has been declared to be the most
admirable good roads program that
has yet been prepared in the state of
Oregon.

Band Will Start Things.

Music by the O.W. band will start
the show Wednesday night, and from
that hour, 7:30 o'clock, the show will
go on until every voter present has
been convinced that he wants and is
going to have a good road right in
into his barnyard. The band music
will continue for an hour and then the
speakers on the various measures will
take the center of the stage.

Every voter in the county should
make it his business to attend this
meeting, in order that the issue may
be thoroughly explained to him. The
election at which the measures will
be submitted to the voters of the
state will be held June 3, and it is
vitaly important that they should be-
fore that date become acquainted with
the good roads program for this county
and for the state.

Free transportation from La Grande
to the park will be provided for those
who have no car or who have no other
way of going.

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