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G.O.P. WILL TAKE OWN TIME DECLARING PEACE WITH HUNS

PRESIDENT HAS NOT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO ANY
DEFINITE PROGRAM IN REGARD TO ACTION
OF THE NEXT CONGRESS.

President Will Probably Visit Congress in Person at Opening Date, and Will Render Views at That Time; Republicans Are Reported to Be Planning to Hold Measure Pending Outcome of Preliminary Work Which Is Now Being Done By President Harding.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5.—The President has not committed himself to any definite program with regard to the congressional action to declare the state of war with Germany at an end. He is understood to feel that there is no objection for a precipitation of action. The president's views are expected to be given Congress, which he may address in person when it convenes. The President and his advisors are growing more and more convinced that there is no practical way to consider the Versailles covenant.

KITCHEN IS BURNT OUT

An overheated stove resulted in damage of approximately \$700 and the death by suffocation of two canaries at 8:45 this morning when a kitchen at 1712 Sixth street was partly burned out. The fire was discovered by firemen in the fire department headquarters, almost directly across the street.

Four rooms were filled with smoke so that it was necessary for firemen without masks to crawl on their stomachs to reach the kitchen. The gas masks recently purchased by the city were also given a practical demonstration and worked successfully.

The kitchen is in an apartment occupied by the O. E. Gardner family. Mrs. Gardner had gone out about 10 minutes before calling on a neighbor. The walls are not plastered but were papered and it is believed that the pipe of the stove came red hot and ignited the paper and wooden walls underneath. A cupboard was badly scorched and the entire paper burned off the room; both ceilings and walls being damaged also.

The canaries were in the front room adjoining the kitchen and the doors being open were suffocated. The building is an old one which has been divided into housekeeping apartments. It is owned by George Ball, who lives in the residence adjoining.

ONLY EIGHT ARE MISSING

SEATTLE, Apr. 5.—The name of V. Brulena was stricken from the Governor missing list as a result of the discovery that "Brulena" was really C. Benz, a rescued passenger. This leaves only eight of the steamer Governor's passengers unaccounted for. The steamer Governor was sunk last week off Point Wilson.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Apr. 5.—The price of cattle was 25 to 50 cent slower, choice steers selling for \$6.70 and \$7.50; hogs 50 cents lower, prime light \$11 and \$11.50; sheep steady, eggs unsettled and butter steady.

Musical Gems on Program of Leiter Light Opera Co

On Saturday evening, April 9, the Leiter Light Opera company will appear in the high school auditorium under the auspices of the lyceum committee. This company, which is being brought here at popular prices in a special engagement, is known for its excellent repertoire and lovers of music will find selections of many of the old familiar songs from such old favorites as "The Mikado," "La Boheme," "Robin Hood," "H. Trovatore," as well as a number of others on the program.

Then there is the modern light opera "The Philosopher and the Lady," a timely, catchy little musical farce which was exclusively presented by the company during the past summer. The same careful attention to stage values, settings and musical appreciation that characterizes the old familiar operatic scenes will be noticed in this opera. All of the program will be presented in costume.

Although the resolution declaring a separate peace with Germany is to be reintroduced at the special session of congress, plans of Republican leaders as they shape up after many conferences include no provision for hurrying the measure to a roll call.

In some quarters close to the administration, it was believed Monday night that the peace declaration, vetoed by President Wilson, might rest on the calendar of deferred business for 90 days or more while President Harding tries out his preliminary ideas for establishment of an association of nations.

How far the president may have concurred in such a program was not revealed, but in some quarters it was pointed out that with the resolution hanging fire in Congress the administration might be able to exert large influence in securing acceptance of its peace plans by other nations. Technically, this government would still be at war with Germany, exercising full privileges of a belligerent, in the arrangement of a final peace, and still actually be associated with the allies.

Alternate Plans Suggested.

In such circumstances, it was suggested, the possibility of a separate peace might be used diplomatically along with the foreign loan situation as a leverage to secure acceptance of Mr. Harding's plans for his peace association.

It is known that the subject of peace declaration has occupied interest of administration officials recently and that several plans have been urged on the president. Saturday he conferred with Senator Knox, republican, author of the original separate peace measure, and Monday he talked with Senator Lodge, republican senate leader, and senators Watson of Indiana and Brandegee of Connecticut. Monday the British Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes also called at the White House, although it was said the visit was one of courtesy.

BERGDOLL IS DENIED WRIT

TOPEKA, Kan., Apr. 5.—Federal Judge Pollock has denied the writ of habeas corpus asked by Erwin R. Bergdoll, draft evader now in the Leavenworth prison.

Musical Gems on Program of Leiter Light Opera Co

The Leiter Company is a high grade musical organization. Hazel Huntley, contralto, is an artist of exceptional ability and for some years was soloist in the First Congregational Church of Evanston, Ill. Martha Cook, soprano, has a voice of remarkable purity and flexibility. She was presented in concert at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, recently and was instantaneous favor. Joseph Kendrick, tenor, has decided gifts in his artistry. For ten years he was soloist in Chicago's Woodlawn Park Presbyterian Church. He has a voice of rare beauty. The baritone, Mr. Clayton Quale, possesses a voice of rich quality, and like other vocalists, is an artist of rare accomplishment. Harrison Borch holds an enviable place among the younger American pianists. He is a thorough musician and has an ideal technique. Above the average in lyceum work. Reserved seats will be placed on sale at St. Stephen's Thursday.

JAPAN IS SWEEP BY A TERRIFIC STORM SUNDAY

TOKIO, Apr. 5.—Great property damage was done and thirty lives lost in a terrific storm which swept the southern coast of Japan Sunday night. Telephone and telegraph lines were prostrated. Tokio is still in darkness. A number of houses were destroyed here. The storm was especially severe in the harbor of Yokohama.

TRAPSHOOTERS ARE CHALLENGED

WALLOWA WANTS TO MEET LA
GRANDE MARKSMEN.

Should Prove Good Opponents as They
are Making Some Fine Records
At the Present Time.

The Wallowa county gun club is anxious to meet the local club at an early date in a competitive trap shoot. George Rogers, secretary of the Wallowa club has written Al Andrews, secretary of the local club, several times regarding the tournament recently.

Andrews stated today that as soon as the local club gets new traps, which are badly needed, the members expect to get out and practice so as to get into shape to meet the Wallowans. The Wallowa club has been holding tournaments regularly for the past several weeks and some of its members are in good shape. At a recent contest, 8 out of 23 shooters hit over 20 out of 25. The La Grande club, in the past, has always made an excellent record, but some of the mainstays of other years will not be seen at the traps this year, according to Andrews. Among the men who will probably shoot again here and who have done much towards making the reputation of La Grande in trapshooting are L. Rayburn and Claude Mackey.

COAST LEAGUE GAMES BEGIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 5.—The Pacific coast league begins their season today. Portland is playing at San Francisco, Oakland at Salt Lake, Vernon at Sacramento, and Seattle at Los Angeles.

Country Club Plans to Build Swimming Tank

At the annual meeting of the Country Club last evening in the city hall seven directors for the coming year were elected. They are: J. J. Carr, William Siegrist, Chase Bohnenkamp, William Priker, S. D. Crowe, Floyd McKennon and Fred Kiddle. The officers serving for the past year were reelected. They are: Earl Stoddard, president; J. J. Carr, vice-president; Chase Bohnenkamp, secretary; Norman Froese, treasurer. Several committees were also appointed. The audit committee which will audit the books of the club is composed of W. H. Talbot, George T. Cochran and W. G. Sawyer. A committee composed of Al Au-

HEAVY FROST ON PACIFIC COAST TODAY

NO GREAT DAMAGE IS REPORTED
TO HAVE BEEN DONE TO
FRUIT AND CROPS.

HEAVY SNOW CAUSES FIRST BASEBALL GAME POSTPONED

Idaho Falls Reports That the Worst
Blizzard of the Year Occurred Last
Evening When Over Two Feet of
Snow Were Piled Up—Severe Cold
Is Also Felt Locally.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 5.—Although heavy frosts are reported to day throughout the Pacific coast, no great damage to fruit and other crops was done, said the weather bureau.

Baseball Game Postponed.
SALT LAKE, Utah, Apr. 5.—With snow falling and two inches of snow on the outfield, the Salt Lake-Oakland game was postponed today.

Idaho Falls H.H.
IDAHO FALLS, Ida., Apr. 5.—The worst blizzard of the year last night piled over two feet of snow here.

Cold Felt Locally
The chilly cold of last evening and early this morning caused more than one person to hunt up the cast-off winter overcoat, sew the buttons on it, and come down town, even then shivering with the cold.

Bright days, days of snow, and rainy days, La Grande people have become accustomed to, but cold days rather get one at this time of the year. Just after the noon hour, a few flurries of snowflakes came dashing downward, but the storm was soon over, and the sun shining. No damage locally has thus far been reported to fruit or crops.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Wednesday fair. Fair and warmer in the eastern portion of the state, heavy frosts in the morning.

TURKS ROUTE GREEKS ALONG THE WHOLE OF THE NORTHERN SECTOR AND GREEKS ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING CITY OF BRUSA TO TURKS

PENDLETON AUTO MEN ATTEMPT TO CROSS MOUNTAIN

PENDLETON, Apr. 5.—A party of Pendleton auto men, headed by Bob Sinclair and Ed Schiller, left here this morning in an attempt to break through the pass in the Blue Mountains and open up the highway to La Grande. Five carloads of tourists are stranded just this side of the pass according to information received in Pendleton.

SAFETY PICTURES WILL SHOW AGAIN

RAILROAD COMPANY DESIRES A
LARGE ATTENDANCE.

School Children to See Films in Afternoon—Show at O.W. Club in Evening.

In order that more people may see and appreciate the lessons taught by the Safety First pictures, which were shown here several weeks ago by the railroad company at the club house, a return date has been arranged for April 6th.

On that day the pictures will be shown at 3:45 in the afternoon at the high school auditorium free to school children and the general public. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the pictures will be shown at the O.W. club house for railroad people and as many of the public as may desire to see the films.

It is pronounced a wonderful picture by those who saw it several weeks ago. The picture has been made at a great cost by the railroad companies of the country.

HIGHWAY OFFICES MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS TODAY

The state highway department this morning moved its offices from the city building to its new quarters in the La Grande National Bank building. The division offices were moved to La Grande from Pendleton last winter, and owing to the difficulty in securing office quarters, the rooms in the upper floor of the city building were placed at their disposal temporarily.

The offices vacated by the highway department will be occupied by Geo. Garrett, city manager and city engineer. He will use the new rooms for drafting rooms and immediately complete the plans for the Victory Way and other similar work, which has been handicapped during the past few weeks because of insufficient office quarters.

TURKISH NATIONALISTS ARE ENERGETICALLY ADVANCING UPON THE CITY HELD BY THE GREEK FORCES.

Over 4,000 Men Were Lost By the Greeks During the Last Ten Days of Fighting on the Eski-Shehr Front; Esmet Pasha Compares Eski-Shehr Battle to the Battle of the Marne and Adds That He Was a Student of Marshall Joffre During the Late World War.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Apr. 5.—The Greek forces in Northern Asia Minor seem in danger of losing Brusa, upon which city Turkish nationalists are advancing. The Greeks lost over 4,000 men in the last ten days on the Eski-Shehr front. Ismet Pasha, Turkish commander at Eski-Shehr, compares the Turkish victory to the battle of the Marne. He adds that he was a student of Marshall Joffre.

The Greek retreat is not confined to the northern sector, it was declared, but is general to the line held before the present offensive.

Would Aid Turkey.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 5.—Soviet Russia pledges military support to Turkey should the latter government be attacked by the allied powers or by Greece, according to a summary of the treaty concluded March 1, received in official circles Monday.

Turkey has promised to refrain from propaganda among the Mohammedans in territory under bolshevik control and each country has agreed to forbid passage of any forces hostile to the other through its territory. In recognizing abrogation of all former agreements between Russia and Turkey, Russia agreed to remit the Turkish debt to Russia, and both promise to abstain from alliances against the government of the other.

In the renunciation by Turkey of the province of Batumi, Russia agreed to make of it an autonomous province, but free transit is granted Turkish goods shipped through the province. Russia also recognized Turkish claims to Smyrna and Thrace and Turkey renounced her claim to Azerbaijan.

The freedom and independence of near eastern peoples and their right to determine independently their form of government were recognized. Provision was made that the capital of Turkey is to be regarded as Constantinople.

Meetings of the parent teachers' associations at the Greenwood and Central schools were also attended by Mrs. Catlin during the month, at both of which she made talks on her work which were well received. The interest in the social service work of the Red Cross was greatly stimulated at the Greenwood school, where much interest in general welfare work was shown, especially concerning the children of poor families and unsupervised children.

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STARS APPEAR THIS EVENING

ORGAN AND VOICE RECITAL AT
METHODIST CHURCH.

Mrs. Alice Price Moore and William Boone Have Arranged an Interesting Program.

"Glad to get back to my friends in Eastern Oregon," was the first remark of Mrs. Alice Price Moore when she arrived this morning from Padua, where she has become one of the scintillating musical stars since her departure for the metropolis from her home in Baker. She sings tonight at the Methodist church in connection with an organ and voice recital beginning at 8 o'clock. William Boone, who is making one of his first trips into this section of the state, is much elated over the crisp weather and the great out-of-doors in this part of the state. Both Mrs. Moore and Mr. Boone were guests of Attorney and Mrs. R. J. Green for luncheon today.

The program to be rendered this evening under auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the M. E. church, follows and will provide a splendid evening's entertainment of voice and pipe organ numbers:

- I.—(a) Marche Militaire, Schubert; (b) Meditation, Budeck; (c) A Song, "Mammy", Dett; (d) Overture to "Raymond", Thomas—Mr. Boone.
- II.—(a) Aria, "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own," Mendelssohn, (from "St. Paul"); (b) Aria, "O Don Patiale", Verdi, (from "Don Carlos")—Mrs. Moore.
- III.—(a) Morning Hymn, Henschel; (b) L'Après, Tosti; (c) The First Princess, Grieg; (d) Will o' the Wisp, Spross—Mrs. Moore.
- IV.—(a) Christus Resurrexit, Ravano; (b) Fountain Reverie, Fletcher; (c) Selection from Carmen, Bizet—Mr. Boone.
- V.—(a) Friend o' Mine, Sanderson; (b) Morning, Speaks; (c) Wake Up, Phillips; (d) Love Is the Wind, MacFadyen—Mrs. Moore.

The advance seat sale is larger than the most sanguine had anticipated.

MOOSE INSTALL TONIGHT

The 100th Order of Moose, No. 850, will install officers this evening in their usual meeting place, Eagles Hall.

SERVICE MEN GIVEN AID

LOCAL RED CROSS AIDS MANY
DURING MARCH.

Interest Shown in Social Welfare Work of Local Chapter—Civilian Families Are Helped.

A total of 75 cases were investigated and acted upon by Mrs. Fay Catlin, social worker of the local chapter of the Red Cross, during the month of March, according to her report for that month. Of these cases 53 were concerning discharged service men, 1 was that of a disabled service man who has not yet received his discharge, and 21 were cases involving civilian families.

Among the many other activities of her office during the month of March Mrs. Catlin considers the co-operation between school authorities, the circuit court and attorneys in a recent murder trial to prevent school children from attending the trial as the most important. A large number of high school students attended the trial on the opening day and Mrs. Catlin's interest in the matter is largely responsible for the barring of spectators under 21 years by Judge J. W. Knowles.

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NOTED MINSTREL DIES IN COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, O., April 5.—Alfred Griffin ("Al G.") died, premier of American minstrels, field, Sunday of Bright's disease. Born 72 years ago in Leesburg, Va., Mr. Griffin entered the theatrical business in 1886, organizing a minstrel show which has operated since.

The funeral was held Tuesday.

KING CHARLES LEAVES HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Apr. 6.—Ex-Emperor Charles left Steinauer at 10:35 today, on his way out of Hungary. Premier Teleky announced in the national assembly.

DR. PHY IN CITY.

Dr. W. T. Phy, who has made the Hot Lake sanitarium one of the most noted in the west, was in La Grande today for a short visit.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLMAN

Wanted to Identify It.
The widower, whose five wives lay beneath exactly similar tombstones each surmounted by a weeping lamb had "cut out" the town wag and stammerer. Riding to the house of the faithless maid, the dispossessed swain called her out:
"J-j-julia," he said, "I've lost re-que-quest to make."
"What is it?"
"W-w-when y-you d-die, have old Bill put a c-e-c-eat on your t-t-tombstone, so I can tell it from the other f-f-f-five."

