

Allied Ultimatum Handed Germany

HEATED ARGUMENTS OVER MEDICAL SPRINGS ROAD

GERMANY IS TO ANSWER BY MAY 12TH.

WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER SHE WILL OR WILL NOT FULFILL OBLIGATIONS

IF ANSWER IS "NO" WILL OCCUPY THE RUHR

Allies, in the meantime, will proceed with all of the necessary preliminary measures for the occupation of the Ruhr; German Cabinet Resigns.

Text of Ultimatum. Allies will proceed with all necessary preliminary measures for the occupation of the Ruhr valley. Allies will invite reparations commission to notify German government of time and methods for paying of debt.

LONDON, May 5.—The allied ultimatum to Germany, signed today, summons her to reply categorically by May 12 at the latest, whether she will perform her unfulfilled obligations under the treaty. Should Germany fail, the allies gave notice that they will proceed on May 12 with the occupation of the Ruhr valley and will undertake all other military and naval measures. The text begins by reciting that the allied powers have decided a.—to proceed with all necessary preliminary measures for the occupation of the Ruhr valley; b.—to invite the allied reparations commission to notify the German government of the time and methods for the discharge by Germany of her debt.

Germany is required, as security for the reparations, to issue three series of bonds aggregating \$132,000,000 marks, yielding five per cent, secured by the whole assets of the German empire, to be delivered to the reparations commission. Until the redemption of the bonds, Germany will be required to pay yearly two billion gold marks and twenty-six per cent of the value of exports, with alternate conditions to be determined by the reparations commission.

Invitation Cabled. A formal invitation to appoint representatives to the Supreme Allied Council of ambassadors and the allied reparations commission, was cabled to the American state department by the supreme council last night.

German Cabinet Resigns. BERLIN, May 5.—The cabinet of Chancellor Fehrenbach, which last night tendered its resignation, continued functioning today in compliance with the President's request that it remain in office until the new ministry has been organized.

MARINE WORKERS FAIL TO MEET

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The marine workers' representatives failed to meet Secretary Davis today for the continuing of the conference, with a view to ending the strike. The government officers apparently have abandoned hope of settling the controversy at this time.

Weather Forecast. Tonight and Friday fair. Colder. Bright in the eastern portion of the state. Light to heavy rains.

TAX INCREASE ONE-FIFTH FOR STATE IN YEAR

OREGON'S TOTAL TAX IS INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT

In Addition to Regular Total on Assessment Roll Is Fire Patrol Levy of Over \$66,500

SALEM, May 5.—(Special)—Oregon's total tax for this year is an increase of more than 20 per cent over last year. Records of the state tax commission show that the total tax for the year, which is the assessment on the rolls of 1920, is \$41,117,567.71, while the total for last year, the levy on the rolls of 1919, was \$32,596,695.03. The increase is \$8,520,872.68.

In addition to the regular total is an addition of \$66,583.61 for fire patrol in many counties.

An assessment for this service is levied on those timber land owners who do not provide patrol for their lands. The assessment is made by the county court on the basis of data furnished by the state department of forestry.

Ten Counties High. Ten counties now have assessments of more than \$1,000,000. Of this number, three counties, Jackson, Linn and Washington, have

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TO PUBLISH SLACKER LISTS

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The house has ordered the slacker lists of the war department published in the Congressional Record.

AD CLUB PLANS A BIG TIME

WILL GO IN A BODY TO THE COUNTRY CLUB.

Surprises in Store for Members Attending Next Week's Meeting As Country Club Guests.

All members of the Ad Club who wish to attend the regular meeting of the Ad Club, to be held at the Country Club, Tuesday evening at 6:30, should phone to Secretary C. B. Miller and make reservation for their plates as no extra plates will be furnished.

This meeting promises to be one of the most interesting meetings of the year. Members who have autos will call at the Foley Hotel to take members who have no way of getting to the Club.

The trip will start at 6:15 and proceed towards the Club in close formation, and at the railroad crossing this side of the club will be taken by Great Ruler Mossman to his dungeon for further orders. All members will be robed in the dungeon and lined up for the terrific march to the palatial tables in the castle. The Great Ruler will be heavily gowned in sparkling robes and will be guarded along the terrible trail by his assistant great dubs Coolidge, Larson, Short and Miller. Following the great dubs will be the great ruler's imperial buffers, Williams, Miller, Stoddard, Avery, Cox, Snodgrass, Stoddard, O'Brien, Eberhard, Hunter, Hopkins, Bragg, Emahiser, Nelson, Hampton, Kiddle, Landis, Dixon and Murphy. The imperial buffers will be followed by the Royal Go-Its. The entire march will be made under severe difficulties—robed, chained, gagged and bound together in one single unit, keeping step to the songs of Union County, led by Stoddard. Before being seated to the table the Great Ruler will turn the gaff over to Royal Go-It Mr. Stoddard, who will conduct the Fast in his masterly fashion.

If the members expect to attend this great feast they will phone and order their plates now.

Gloom is buried, he can't be there. Pete is coming. Confidence has already arrived. Unification and cooperation have been here for two years.

Take-Your-Time will not be invited.

Get-There has replied favorably to the invitation.

SERVICE MEN HOLD BONUS BILL BOOSTER

FIRST BIG GET-TOGETHER OF UNION CO. SERVICE MEN HELD LAST NIGHT

SPEAKERS EXPLAIN BONUS BILL ON JUNE ELECTION

Moose Lodge Send Word that They Will Back the Bill; Snappy Program, With Snicker and Eats, Completes American Legion Meeting; Many Visitors Present

The first big meeting of Service men held in La Grande since the "boys came home" was the one held last evening in Eagles hall, when about 250 men who had upheld the colors gathered from all parts of the county to enjoy a smoker, hear talks on the Soldiers' bill to be voted on at the June special election and partake of a mess of "slim" provided by the entertainment committee.

Post Commander Roy Curry presided and when he called the meeting to order he stated its purpose, at the same time introducing Colonel R. Eberhard, senior senator from this district, who analyzed the Soldiers bill for which the special election is being held, pointing out the main features, thus giving every service man an understanding of the measure.

Boxing Causes Cheers. Two boxing contests followed the first speaker and the main act was exemplified in its every phase before the veterans, who chose their favorites and rooted for them in a cheerful manner. Roy Curry and "Fuzz" McGinnis, "French" French and Abe Johnson were the men taking part. R. J. Caldwell acted as referee and Edwin Pratt as timekeeper.

Another speaker called to talk on the Soldiers measure was Bruce Dennis, of the Observer, who reviewed the legislative history of the bill and urged a comprehensive unity of purpose backed by an organization of the service men in order to pass the bill at the coming special election. He claimed that money could never pay a soldier for anything done in defending his country, no more than a boy could pay his mother in money for bringing him into the world and nursing him to manhood; that the debt owing the soldier was not to be measured in money but in

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Secession May Result Should Katherine Creek Road Be Built

Judge Westcott Knew Bergdoll Gold Story

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Edward S. Bailey, law partner of Samuel T. Ansell, corroborated before a house investigating committee Wednesday Ansell's testimony that former Judge John W. Westcott of New Jersey knew all about the story of "the pot of gold" before Grover Bergdoll, draft evader, escaped.

He was questioned as to this phase because of the emphatic declaration by Judge Westcott Tuesday that the first he heard of the buried treasure was after Bergdoll had skipped. Mr. Bailey also corroborated the Ansell testimony, denied by Westcott, that the judge went to the war department to see the secretary in the prisoner's behalf and remained some time without seeing him.

Testifying after Mr. Ansell had been subjected to a severe cross examination by Representative Johnson, Democrat, Kentucky, Bailey related the gist of a conversation as to plans by which the lawyers hoped to obtain the release under guard of Bergdoll for to recover his hidden fortune, and in which the late D. Clarence

Giboney and Judge Westcott took part.

"While Giboney was explaining how Bergdoll had come to Washington with Judge Romig his friend, and had obtained \$150,000 in gold, from the treasury department," said Mr. Bailey, "Judge Westcott said little. But certainly the impressions made on me was that the judge knew everything about it prior to our conference."

Responsibility for changing military plans, by which Bergdoll was permitted to stop over in Philadelphia to visit his mother, fell properly upon the shoulders of Mr. Giboney, Mr. Bailey declared. It was from his mother's house that Bergdoll escaped.

Mr. Bailey told the committee of a talk he had with Bergdoll at the Governor's Island prison, of the latter's tale of the gold, and of the military plan for a speedy trip to find it. Mr. Bailey declared Giboney took a personal interest in the prisoner and promised, in the event of his acquittal, to take him to Philadelphia and try and make a man of him.

BOYS TO HEAR TALK ON AFRICA

Lester Stoddard, who returned from a several years' trip to Africa recently, will lecture to boys this evening at the Y. M. C. A. All boys of the community are invited, whether members of that organization or not. Mr. Stoddard's lecture promises to be one of those lectures which boys are always anxious to hear. There will be an exhibit of trophies and souvenirs of the kind every boy would like to possess—leopard skins and other evidences that Stoddard saw some of those things of dark Africa that boys yearn for. Pictures will also be shown.

The lecture will begin at 7:30 p. m.

WILL ACCEPT CUT IN WAGES.

PORTLAND, May 5.—Peace in the building trades has been forecast by the action of the contractors formally agreeing to the arbitrator's award of a ten per cent wage cut for the employees.

LOCAL MEN GET CONTRACT

That American labor isn't afraid of work of any kind is being shown by a group of seven men who took a "stated" contract under Rajotte-Winters, the contractors having the contract on the grading of the state highway to Hilgard. These men signed their contract this week and the men who were instrumental in getting this group together stated that they could secure enough Americans to take all the station contracts on the road in less than a day's time.

The contract signed by these men is a small one and they will not be paid until the work is finished. However, the contractors have stated that they will be willing to let them draw a portion of the contract price at the end of thirty days, a concession not made to foreign labor. In the case of this particular contract the money would arrive about the time the work was over.

RESIDENTS OF UNION MAKE PLEA FOR TRANSFER OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR MEDICAL SPRINGS-TELOCASET ROAD LAST YEAR; COUNTY COURT CONSIDERING MATTER.

Steamer, On Fire, Races For Shore

Flames Were Discovered While Passengers Were Asleep; No Alarm Was Given

FALMOUTH, England, May 5.—The Harrison line steamer, the Ingoma, after rushing into Falmouth today after a one hundred mile race to save the lives of eighty-eight passengers and crew. The fire was discovered while the passengers were asleep, 100 miles off Falmouth, while enroute to the West Indies. The captain kept the passengers in ignorance of their danger, having prepared the boats for launching.

EARLY PIONEER PASSES AWAY

R. W. CROSS PASSES TO BEYOND

Saw Much Active Service During Famous Struggle—Wounded in Action Several Times

Funeral services for R. W. Cross, civil war veteran and for many years a resident of La Grande, will be held at the Henry chapel Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Cross was just past 89 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred last night, and had been in feeble health for the past year. He celebrated his 89th birthday last Friday.

Mr. Cross was born at Charlotte Center, Chautauque county, New York, on April 29, 1832. His first enlistment in the Union army was in Company I, 19th Ohio Infantry. He enlisted in this company in April, 1861, being discharged in August, 1861. In September of the same year he enlisted at Jefferson, Ohio, and served with honor during the three remaining years of the historic struggle between the North and the South.

Saw Much Service. During his second enlistment he was attached to Company C, 29th Regiment O. V. I., Third Brigade, 12th Corps. He served under Generals McClellan, Stocum, Green and others. Mr. Cross rendered conspicuous service in the battle at Rich Mountain, Virginia, and at Winchester, Chancellorville, Snickers Gap, Gettysburg, Fort Republic and a number of other important engagements. When Breckenridge attempted to capture Washington, D. C., he was at Fort Reno, near the capitol. He also took part in many other skirmishes.

Twice during the war Mr. Cross was offered a commission with the rank of captain, but, believing the interests of his country would be better served by remaining in the ranks as a private, he respectfully declined.

In Libby Prison. He was taken prisoner at Fort Republic with over 150 of his brave and devoted comrades. From Fort Republic he was taken to Belle Isle, later being transferred to historic Libby Prison.

At the battle of Fort Republic a rifle ball hit his canteen, demolishing the canteen but saving Mr. Cross' life. At the battle of Gettysburg a rifle ball broke his breast bone, the ball glancing, without doing any serious injury. At another time he received a flesh wound in his head, the ball of his cap being cut away as the bullet passed the flesh. Two comrades, one on each side, were killed at another occasion, Mr. Cross being spared. He was taken ill and was in the Cumberland hospital for some time. He received his discharge at the close of the war, Albany, New York, on the 26th day of September, 1864.

Whether the county will this year build a road from Telocaset to Medical Springs, \$26,000 for which was appropriated from the market road fund last December, or whether the county court will transfer this fund for the purpose of building a market road from Union to Medical Springs along the Katherine Creek route, now rests with the county court. After hearing lengthy arguments in favor of both sides of the controversy the court took the matter under advisement and will make a decision within the next few weeks, it is expected.

Secession May Result

The residents of Medical Springs and Telocaset have intimated that if the road is not built as decided by the old county court, they will secede from Union county and go over to Baker county. All of those speaking, however, pleaded their loyalty to Union county but the inconvenience of making a 50 mile detour to reach the county seat and many of those here yesterday met the county officials in office now for the first time.

The county court room in the court house was packed to overflowing yesterday afternoon with residents of Union and the Big Creek valley, who presented various phases of the road controversy that has resulted in threats of portions of Union county seceding recently.

Hon. Dunham Wright, since 1863 a resident of the southern part of Union county, and for the past 63 years living in the same house at Medical Springs, was the chief spokesman for the Medical Springs-Telocaset delegation. Mr. Wright pointed out that only an old Indian trail leads to his home now and that he has paid taxes for many years and that he and his neighbors have never reaped benefits from the taxes they paid.

Money Appropriated.

He pointed out that last year the amount of \$26,000 was appropriated by the county court for the purpose of building a market road from Medical Springs to Telocaset. Although the contract had been let for this road, the Union people were now asking that this money be transferred to the Katherine Creek route.

At present it is necessary to go to Baker in order to reach the county seat, necessitating 50 miles additional traveling. By building the road already contracted for this section will have an outlet for their products that is closer and it will be easy to come to La Grande at all times of the year.

Wealthy Farming Section.

The products now hauled into Baker county by Medical Springs residents include grain, fruit, vegetables, hogs and other livestock. During the fall all trucks and wagons doing a commercial business are busy continually hauling produce to market. Mr. Wright presented a petition signed by over 80 legal voters and one signed by 50 business men of North Powder asking for the building of this road instead of granting the request of Union to transfer this fund. In closing he said, "We ask for nothing but justice."

Following Mr. Wright's talk, Judge T. H. Crawford addressed the court and the delegations from the two sections fighting for the road fund. He said at the start that he came as a friend of all sections of Union county and in the interest of harmony, conciliation and justice, pointing out that selfishness must be put right of at

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Her Highness The Queen of May

