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The Italian Soldiers Evacuate Silesian City

DE VALERA TRIED TO INDUCE SIR JAMES CRAIG TO FAVOR REPUBLIC FOR WHOLE OF IRELAND

MEETING HAS RESULTED IN AN "IMPASSE"

SIR JAMES REPLIED THAT NO NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCH A BASIS COULD OCCUR.

BIG CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS WEEK-END

Departure of Viscount Fitzalan, Governor-General of Ireland, for London, is supposed to have a bearing on the Peace Negotiations; Greatest Interest Created.

DUBLIN, May 6.—The conversation between Sir James Craig and DeValera yesterday is said in well informed quarters to have reached an "impasse" over the question of a republic for Ireland. De Valera is reported to have tried to win over Sir James to the idea for a republic for the whole of Ireland. Sir James replied that no negotiations on such a basis could occur and the interview terminated there.

The departure of Viscount Fitzalan, governor, general of Ireland, for London is supposed to have a bearing on peace negotiations.

The announcement that Sir James had interviews with both Viceroy Fitzalan and De Valera has created greatest interest. They are being especially connected with the reports of the Earl of Derby's interview with De Valera and Sir James call for a special meeting of the Unionist party in Belfast Friday.

Conference This Week-End.

LONDON, May 6.—The Evening Standard says a momentous Irish conference will be held in London during the week-end. Distinguished Irish prelates, Eamon DeValera and other leading Sinn Feiners are expected to be present, the newspaper adds.

SETTLERS PLAN TO COME HERE

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ACT AS HOST.

Expected That Many Will Stay Here; Much Land Available for Settlers in Grande Ronde.

The Union County Ad Club, through its secretary, C. B. Miller, has been asked for specific information regarding the land available to settlers. The request comes from the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. This information is being sought by the state chamber as a part of its campaign to bring thousands of settlers to Oregon this summer. Already plans are being formulated for bringing a trainload of prospective settlers to Eastern Oregon. According to these plans, the party will detain somewhere in Eastern Oregon, probably La Grande, and go to the coast in automobiles. Mr. Miller believes that the attractions of the Grande Ronde country are so great that many will never reach the coast.

In his reply to the request for specific information regarding available land, Mr. Miller states that there are several thousand acres open to settlers, both good farm land and considerable timber land. The timber land, he states, can be bought for \$50 per acre. The wheat on this land, when cleared off, will yield around \$40 per acre. There are also large farms available which can be cut up into small tracts.

In closing, Mr. Miller says: "Small farms can be acquired with small cash payments and long time terms, but large farms cannot be bought on such small payments. Any good man can make a success with small capital, if he works and not buy too much land."

HARDING'S SPECIAL ARRIVES AT MANILA

MANILA, May 6.—Major General Wood and W. Cameron Forbes, former governor here, President Harding's special mission to investigate conditions in the Philippine Islands, settled down to work immediately upon their arrival here. They will give hearings four hours a day. One of the first matters brought before the commission was the petition for independence.

SPOKANE CO. WILL ENTER IN BUSINESS HERE

COMMERCIAL CREAMERY BUYS PRODUCE COMPANY HERE.

Many Eastern Oregon Stations Included in the Purchase, Which Has Just Been Made.

After a complete survey of this section of the state the Commercial Creamery Company of Spokane has consummated a deal which gives it possession of the entire string of milk and milk products stations formerly operated by the Hemmingsen Produce Company. La Grande is the central station and business of the company will radiate from this headquarters.

Included in the stations purchased are the ones at Cove, Baker, Joseph, Enterprise, Lostine, Elgin, Sumner, and the creamery plant at Walla Walla.

The Commercial Creamery company also operates the condensary at Haines, the buying station at North Powder and the one at Union.

With La Grande as the central point for this large institution, it is quite probable that in the near future a centralizing plant for the manufacture of products from milk will be established in this city.

County Court Rents Machinery to Builders

The county court has rented three rock crushers, two tractors and a scarifier and grader to the Security Construction company for the road work to be done between Hot Lake and Union. A contract which the company has secured.

The crushers are rented at a rate of ten cents per yard of gravel that goes through each machine, the two tractors rent for \$150 a month each, while the scarifier and grader rentals are in proportion to the above.

One rock crusher is now in Deschutes county, having been rented to a construction company for a short period of time which ends July 1st.

A special meeting of the local American Legion Post, No. 43, will be held Saturday evening at eight o'clock in Eagles' Hall. This meeting will take the place of the regular monthly meeting, which was to have been held Monday, May 9.

A government official will be here on Saturday to take up matters of compensation claims against the government and all service men, whether members of the Legion or not, are asked to attend the meeting if they have undischarged claims.

Another matter that will be taken up will be that of medal distribution. To look after this part of the work a government representative will be on hand. E. J. Iverson, state adjutant of the American Legion for Oregon, is also to be in attendance. He will have a message of importance to all former soldiers.

TWO MILITARY FUNERALS SOON

Two military funerals in honor of La Grande boys who died in France will be held here in the near future. The heroes to be honored are Joseph Brill and Albert Andrews, both well known local boys who paid the supreme sacrifice during the war. Word has reached here that the body of the former will arrive here about May seventh, while the body of the latter is also on its way. The American Legion is making preparations.

EXCEPTION IS TAKEN TO FEW STATEMENTS

VISCOUNT MAKINO DOES NOT APPROVE OF LANSING'S WAY OF EXPRESSING PEACE

MAKINO DECLARES LANSING NOT PRESENT ALL THE TIME

Says That No Delegation Actually Made Threats at the Peace Conference and Hints of No Possible Rupture Between Japan and the United States Were Ever Made.

TOKIO, May 6.—(By Correspondence, Associated Press.)—Viscount Makino, Japanese delegate to the Peace Conference, takes exception to statements of former Secretary of State Lansing, made in the ex-secretary's recent book concerning the attitude of Japan at the conference.

As quoted in the Asahi Shimbun, Viscount Makino, commenting on cabled resumes of the book, says that Japan did not force President Wilson's hand, regarding armament, by threatening to bolt the conference, as did Italy. "There were wild rumors abroad in Paris to that effect at the time," he says, "these threats being to the effect that Japan would not join the League of Nations, but these were more rumors and Japan's real actions had nothing to do with them."

Mr. Lansing's statements that Japan attempted to force the adoption of the racial equality clause by announcing a decision to refuse to sign the peace treaty is also denied by

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UNSCIENTIFIC MARKETING CAUSES FLUCTUATION

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Fluctuations in the livestock market are largely due to the unscientific marketing by the producers, and the real trouble at the base of the question is not so much the packer's problem as the producer's problem, Thomas E. Wilson, president of the Institute of American Meat Packers told the home committee on agriculture in opposing the Norris-McLaughlin bill to control the packing industry.

AUGUST STANGE IS TO LIVE HERE IN THE FUTURE

WILL MAKE LA GRANDE HIS HOME AFTER AUGUST.

Former Resident's Decision Is Welcomed By Old Friends—Representing Large Lumber Interests

Word was received today from August Stange at Merrill, Wisconsin, stating that in August of this year he will remove his family to La Grande and become a permanent resident of this city.

Everyone who had heard the news this afternoon was more than delighted over the decision of Mr. Stange to remove to this city. He lived here a few years ago and was very popular with the entire community. His family have many friends who are greatly pleased at the decision.

Mr. Stange represented the large lumber interests of Wisconsin which purchased the standing timber in the Grande Ronde basin when here before and he will probably develop some lumber and timber propositions after he locates in La Grande to live. This, however, is a matter upon which nothing has been given out and is mere conjecture at the present time.

As a public spirited citizen, La Grande has never had a better booster and more forceful character than Mr. Stange. The growth of this city which is gradual but permanent, will be aided materially by such men as Mr. Stange locating here.

MAIL PLANE CRASHED TO GROUND, AVIATOR BURNED TO DEATH

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., May 6.—Walter M. Bunting, mail aviator, was burned to death when his airplane crashed to the ground early yesterday while taking off to Cheyenne with mail.

IOWA LEADS IN GROWTH OF CORN, OATS

NORTH DAKOTA AND WASHINGTON ARE DISPLACED AS LEADERS IN PRODUCTION

KANSAS LEADS IN GROWING OF WHEAT

State of Oregon Is Not Classed Among First Five Leading States For Any Article of Produce; Washington Grows Much Spring Wheat According to Report.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—States leading in production in various crops maintained their places last year except North Dakota, which was displaced by Michigan as the largest rye producing state, and Washington lost its place as largest apple producing state to New York. Statistics just announced by the Department of Agriculture give the five leading states in production of each of the important crops with the percentage of the country's total crop produced in each state, as follows:

Corn—Iowa, 14.7 per cent; Illinois, 9.1; Nebraska, 7.9; Missouri, 6.2; Indiana, 5.7.

Winter wheat—Kansas, 23.7 per cent; Nebraska, 10.0; Oklahoma, 5.0; Illinois, 6.2; Missouri, 5.6.

Spring wheat—North Dakota, 32.7; Minnesota, 13.3; South Dakota, 12.9; Washington, 8.5; Montana, 8.6.

All wheat—17.4; North Dakota, 8.7; Nebraska, 7.7; Oklahoma, 5.9; Illinois, 5.2.

Oats—Iowa, 15.1; Illinois, 10.6; Minnesota, 8.3; Wisconsin, 7.1; Nebraska, 6.4.

Barley—California, 14.2; South Dakota, 13.3; Minnesota, 12.4; North Dakota, 11.2; Kansas, 10.5.

Rye—Michigan, 14.0; North Dakota, 13.5; Minnesota, 11.8; Wisconsin, 11.1; Indiana, 6.3.

Buckwheat—New York, 32.1; Pennsylvania, 30.3; West Virginia, 5.7; Michigan, 4.4; Ohio, 3.9.

Flaxseed—North Dakota, 35.5; Minnesota, 27.7; South Dakota, 20.0; Montana, 12.3; Kansas, 1.4.

Rice—Louisiana, 46.9; California, 18.1; Texas, 17.8; Arkansas, 16.6; South Carolina, 0.2.

Potatoes—New York, 10.7; Pennsylvania, 8.5; Michigan, 8.3; Wisconsin, 7.7; Minnesota, 6.5.

Sweet potatoes—Alabama, 15.5; Georgia, 12.2; Mississippi, 10.1; North Carolina, 9.4; Texas, 8.3.

Tobacco—Kentucky, 31.0; North Carolina, 25.5; Virginia, 11.8; Tennessee, 5.7; South Carolina, 4.4.

Hay—New York, 6.0; California, 5.5; Wisconsin, 5.3; Iowa, 4.8; Ohio, 4.7.

Cotton—Texas, 32.3; South Carol-

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U.S. Accepts Bid To Big Conference

Decision Is Announced After All-Day Meeting of Cabinet, and General Discussion.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The administration has decided to accept the invitation to send an un-official representative to the Supreme Council and the council of the ambassadors. This decision was reached after President Harding and the cabinet had devoted virtually all of today's meeting to the discussion of the subject. The decision carried with it the determination to have the United States represented on the reparations commission.

STUNT SHOW TONIGHT TO BE STUNNER

HIGH SCHOOL VAUDEVILLENS PROMISE GOOD TIME

Historic Talent, Including Lots of Pretty Girls, and Dazzling Minstrels Promise Many Laughs

Judging from the dress rehearsal of the La Grande High School Merry-makings for the stunt show tonight, the only regrets of those attending this evening will be that there wasn't more of it. The dress rehearsal of the ten skits specially prepared for the show was marked by lots of snafus and the indications are that the audience will get more laughs for their money this evening than for many a month. That the public of La Grande is well aware that something unusual is going to be presented this evening is shown by the seat sale. This has been very good and but very few seats will remain unsold this evening, according to present indications. The acts are good and lively, there are lots of pretty girls, all La Grande with some of the road companies in ability, and numerous other acts, some of which will be a surprise, no publicity being permitted on them in advance excepting that they will produce their quota of laughs.

The show will start promptly at 8:15 and the only persons asked to stay away are those expecting to find dull moments during the evening, for there simply are to be no dull moments.

The doors will open at 7:45.

BOYS HEAR OF AFRICA

Y. M. C. A. WAS LECTURE WELL ATTENDED.

Lester Stoddard Holds Lads Spell-bound As He Tells of Strange Peoples.

Over one hundred boys were spell-bound last evening at the Y. M. C. A. when Lester Stoddard told them of Africa. The boys attending ranged in years from six or seven to seventeen or eighteen, and nothing better can be said about Mr. Stoddard's talk than that he held the attention of every boy during the entire hour of his lecture—a feat that is hard to accomplish when the audience is composed of lads of so many ages, that it is usually a safe bet that some are of a restless disposition.

Mr. Stoddard told the boys of the people of Africa, of their government, of the native races, their customs, the geography of the country and those many other things boys are interested in when hearing of strange lands and strange peoples.

The great Victoria Falls, Mr. Stoddard told the boys, are so huge that when he saw Niagara again on his way home, the latter seemed like toy falls compared with Victoria. While in Africa Mr. Stoddard collected curios and trophies of many kinds. These he showed the boys while he was talking to them, explaining what they were, how some were made and how he came into possession of others. There were war tusks, spears, war-like instruments of many sorts and many other unique trophies. One of the most interesting of this large collection of curios was a robe made of 21 jackal skins. This was made by a native and presented to Mr. Stoddard.

TOWN UNDER POLISH FIRE LAST EVENING

BRITISH COMMANDER ASKS FOR MORE SOLDIERS, BUT FRENCH CANNOT ANSWER REQUEST

MALES, EVEN TO GERMANS ARE FORCED INTO SERVICE

Poles Are Reported To Be In Possession of the Entire Eastern Section of Silesia; Former Polish Plebiscite Commander, Adalbert Kurfanty, Reported Arrested.

UPPER SILESIA, May 6.—Two hundred Italian soldiers, commanded by Colonel Bond of the British army, evacuated Gross Strehlitz, twenty miles southeast of here, last night while the town was under artillery fire from the Polish insurgents. Colonel Bond urged the allied commission here to send reinforcements, but the French officials here are unable to furnish more soldiers, being short of men in the plebiscite zone.

The Poles are reported to be in possession of the entire eastern section of Silesia, as far north as Rosenberg. Fighting is still going on at Rybnik, in Southern Silesia. The organization of 3,000 upper Silesia Germans as a civilian police to reinforce the entente troops, is contemplated.

Allow Troops to Remain.

OPPELN, May 6.—One French soldier was killed and two wounded and several Italians wounded in the fighting at Gross Strehlitz. The Poles after entering the city agreed to permit the entente and local troops to remain in their barracks. The inter-allied representative is expected to arrive here today to negotiate with the insurgents. The insurgents are reported to be forcibly recruiting the males, including the Germans.

Kurfanty Is Arrested. WARSAW, May 6.—Unconfirmed reports from Zamoscwie say that Adalbert Kurfanty, former Polish plebiscite commander in Upper Silesia, who proclaimed himself leader of the Polish insurgents, has been arrested by the inter-allied plebiscite commission, together with his entire staff.

NEW BADGE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—Everybody may wear the same kind of a Mother's Day Badge this year as Anna Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day, which this year is on Sunday, May 8, has designed one to take the place of flowers worn in the past.

The new badge has a white carnation on it, and the name "Mother's Day International Association of Philadelphia."

President Jarvis has issued the following warning:

"Not any person or society will be authorized to solicit funds for any cause in connection with the name or celebration of Mother's Day."

"Any person or organization using the name of Mother's Day or its celebration on printed or manufactured goods, and endeavoring to obtain money for charities or anything else through them, should be discontinued by the public, and reported to the proper authorities."

EX-SERVICE MAN SUICIDES

The son of Fred Kamesa blew the top of his head off late this afternoon at the home of his parents on Fourth street. The young man took a gun which was being packed in the box and with a warning held it to his head and pulled the trigger. He was a soldier in the late war and well known to many people in the community.

The Port of Missing Men

