

FORMAL REPLY IS EXPECTED THIS EVENING

Germans and Russians Are Conferring Today at Genoa

REPARATIONS BODY IS INVESTIGATING

Treaty Between Germany and Russia May Become a Boomerang if Versailles Pact is Violated Thereby.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 19.—Dr. Rathenau, the German foreign minister, conferred with Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Russia today regarding barring the Germans from the Russian commission of the conference. The Germans will probably submit a formal reply tonight to the allied note on this subject.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Apr. 19.—The reparations commission is to be asked whether the Russian-German treaty violates the Versailles treaty regarding German-owned property in Russia. This property, under the Versailles pact, is pledged to the commission for payment of reparations.

MUCH HAY IS SHIPPED NOW

(Special to The Observer)
RONDOVA, Ore., Apr. 19.—Turning out sheep on the range is now a tender subject for everyone owning sheep as they anxiously watch the grass with the hope that every day will be the time when the heavy feeding bills can be stopped.

About 7,000 tons of hay have been shipped into Walla Walla county from Haines and North Powder because the season has held on so long.

NEW STATION TO BE BUILT

(Special to The Observer)
UNION, Ore., Apr. 18.—Land was purchased here yesterday by the Standard Oil company for the erection of a station and work be started at once upon the buildings.

Permits Necessary For Burning of Rubbish in City

Permits must be secured for burning rubbish within the city limits, according to a city ordinance. These permits may be secured at any time from the fire chief. Rubbish may be burned between the hours of 7 o'clock in the morning until seven at night. Rubbish must not be burned on pavement or roads where cars park.

Presbyterian Society Holds Annual Meeting

The Grande Ronde Presbyterian Society met yesterday at Union in their annual meeting. Quite a number of delegates from Baker, La Grande and Union were present.

The morning session was called to order in the Union Presbyterian church by Mrs. George Scribner, president during the past year, at 9:00 o'clock. The morning was spent in attending mainly to the routine matters.

Immediately following the morning meeting the Union Presbyterian Society served a delicious banquet at the L. O. O. F. Hall. A short program accompanied the dinner.

The afternoon meeting was begun with the election of officers. Mrs. C. M. Humphreys, of La Grande, was elected president; Mrs. Alvah Durren, of La Grande, vice-president; Mrs. L. B. Moe, of La Grande, corresponding

Political Scouts Train Their Eyes On Eastern Oregon

JOHN MCCORMACK



World famous tenor who has been critically ill with a throat infection.

UNION MEETS INVITATION WITH WHOOP

(Special to The Observer)
UNION, Ore., Apr. 19.—With a whoop that resounded through the Grande Ronde valley Union people met the invitation of Baker to attend the Old Oregon Trail and Pioneer Pageant extended by the Baker delegation of business men who spent last evening in the city and together with people from Union and La Grande, enjoyed one of Patsy Clarke's dinners at the Union hotel.

L. A. Wright opened the meeting and later President Frank Connors of the Commercial Club arrived and took his position. The Oregon Trail history was reviewed and general approval given to the Baker plan of memorializing the trail which later has blossomed into the highway connecting the east and northwest.

Those making speeches after dinner were: Walter E. Meckham, W. H. Ellis, Judge Crawford, George Baird, Judge William Duly, L. B. Bowen, Jr., K. L. Burke, C. L. Caldwell, Roy Conklin, A. W. Nelson and S. H. Weimer. Irvin Hess moved that Union accept the Baker invitation and attend the Fourth of July event. A. W. Nelson suggested that instead of each town in the valley making individual effort that there be a combination of effort on the part of all and the caravan journey to Baker under the name of the Grande Ronde valley.

Galloway Files His Declaration For Primary Candidacy

Cord A. Galloway filed this morning, the last day of the filing of declarations for candidates for county offices, his intentions of becoming a candidate for the office of county commissioner. He is the incumbent. Mr. Galloway is a resident of Elgin and a member of the republican party.

Following the business meeting Miss Harriet Elliott, community worker of Neahvay, Washington; Mrs. Fletcher Linn, syndical president of Portland; and Mrs. C. W. Williams district secretary of Portland, all gave very interesting talks. Mrs. Fletcher Linn sang a solo which was applauded until she furnished an encore. Those in attendance state that she has a very wonderful voice.

A free o'clock luncheon was served at the L. O. O. F. Hall and the evening program began at 7:00. A short play was rendered by the Union Missionary society and Miss Elliott and Mrs. Williams furnished very interesting talks as a finale.

Gubernatorial Candidates Expected to Engage in Hot Campaign; County Offices Promise Lively Contest.

The political bee is buzzing around and emissaries from the different gubernatorial camps are hitting into Eastern Oregon to see how the land lies.

Most of the gubernatorial candidates have had their scouts out for several days and echoes from the lower country all go to indicate that this is to be a rib-breaking campaign as each candidate is out to win.

Walter Pierce returned from Portland Tuesday stepping high and feeling fine. Milt Miller did not file for the democratic nomination and this leaves Walter in a fight with Starkweather with the odds a hundred to one that Walter will win in the primaries and once more head the party of Jefferson in its fight for state honors in Oregon.

Jim Gwynn, of Pendleton, who is running against Nick Sinnott for congress, has finished a trip around to the larger towns of the district and has returned home satisfied that "everything is going fine."

In Union county there are but two offices to fill, that of commissioner and county treasurer which election is caused by the resignation of John Frawley who held the office for half a year.

The contest on treasurer is between Hugh McCall, a Union county boy and former cashier of the bank of Cove, and J. E. Reynolds, a retired farmer who has been active in public and political life of the county for many years.

The commissioner's job is able to develop a scrap. John Wells of Alice and Mr. Hess of North Powder are out for the democratic nomination and so far only Cecil Gallo-way, the present incumbent, has expressed intention of running on the republican ticket.

Kitchin Speaks at Perry.
PERRY, Ore., Apr. 19. (Special)—At the close of the local branch meeting of the Four L organization here last evening R. J. Kitchin, candidate for state senator talked on political issues and reviewed the 1921 legislative session.

The speaker expressed severe criticism on the alleged extravagance of the session as a whole and then took up the record of members of the state senate. He claimed that Senator Eberhard, whom he seeks to displace, voted for increased salaries for 129 state and county officials and that the senator voted for the special election on the Portland exposition, admitting that Senator Eberhard voted with the "Faithful Fourteen" on two of the measures but claiming he failed to vote with the fourteen on the final (Continued on Page Five)

Preachers Sign Is Burned By Unknown Parties During Revival Meeting At Elgin

Tchitcherine on Way to Genoa



First photograph to reach this country of Russian delegates on the way to the Genoa conference. This was taken at the Berlin station. The man with the high hat is Malzahn. On his right, Tchitcherine, the firebrand who made Lloyd George sit up and take notice.

Grappling For Bowker's Body

Russell Hecker Last Night Declared Body Was In River.

(By Associated Press)
ALBANY, Apr. 19.—Grappling for the body of Frank Bowker was resumed today in the Calapooia river near here at a bridge where Russell Hecker late yesterday indicated to the police he threw the body Sunday night, tied in a hop sack weighted with stones.

VETERAN HOTEL MAN AT UNION

(Special to The Observer)
UNION, Ore., Apr. 19.—A. G. Lambie, one of the veteran hotel men of the nation, has accepted a position with Patsy Clarke of the Union hotel as head clerk. Mr. Lambie has operated hotels from Massachusetts to the coast, has spent many years in Portland and is well acquainted with the traveling public.

GOING, GOING



NORTH POWDER HAY IS NOW IN DEMAND

(By Associated Press)
NORTH POWDER, Apr. 19.—While a few months ago hay was a drug on the market here it is now sought for and bought at round prices.

The Eagle Valley stock to a great extent has been driven here to feed and so have a great many head from Baker county. Yesterday five carloads of cattle were shipped in to be fed until grass comes.

Hay went begging at four dollars a ton here early in the season and it is now bringing eight and ten dollars in the stack. Buyers from La Grande were here yesterday and paid \$18 a ton for baled hay to be shipped to that city.

URGENT APPEAL

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 19.—An urgent appeal to the federal government for an emergency appropriation for fighting floods in the Mississippi valley was telegraphed today by Governor McCray.

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, Ore., Apr. 19.—What is believed to have been personal animosity caused the burning of a large advertising banner on a vacant lot here last evening.

When the fire was detected the fire alarm was turned in and the entire community hastened to the scene of the conflagration.

As the flames shot skyward the Reverend T. H. Osborne, evangelist minister who has been holding a series of meetings here and for whom the advertisement was erected, mounted a box and preached a sermon to the gathering of people in the open air.

He spoke of the incident which had called the community together indicating that his sermons had been hitting some people and therefore the sign was burned, according to the minister, by those who did not like his manner of preaching.

The minister is said to have remarked, "In Elgin I have encountered a personal devil."

Converses on Many Subjects

Lady Astor Arrived in New York Today, Extremely Talkative.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 19.—Vivacious Lady Astor arrived from England today on her way to Baltimore where she is to address the Pan-American conference of women. She gave reporters flashing comments on all manner of things, Lloyd George, flappers, Margot Asquith, the labor situation, the Genoa conference, the servant problem and her own children, six in number.

Large Audience At Lecture by Spokane University Head

Aborigines of South Sea Island are Subject of Second Lecture; Last Lecture Tonight.

A. McKenzie Meldrum, president of Spokane University, gave his second lecture at the Christian church last evening to a large and appreciative audience. He talked of the natives he met during his travels among the South Sea Islands. Those natives are the lowest conception of human being and are living as the aborigines of the stone age.

Professor Meldrum told of their habits and customs and also their religious ideas. His lecture was illustrated with views showing these people as he found them, thus making it doubly interesting. Professor Meldrum will speak tonight at the Christian church on the "World's Scenic Masterpiece," and those who have not heard him will be given the opportunity to do so.

WILL RECHECK VOTE.
(By Associated Press)
SEATTLE, Apr. 19.—An official re-check will be made Friday to determine whether Dr. E. J. Brown, dentist, or Walter S. Meier, corporation counsel, was nominated at yesterday's primary to oppose Daniel Landon, state senator, for the election on May 2nd.

TO QUIT CAMP.
(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 19.—Plans for the abandonment of Camp Lewis, Washington, except for summer training purposes, and distribution of 6,000 troops now there among permanent posts are being made by the war department.

Activity of Red Cross in March Breaks Record

The monthly report of the local Red Cross shows that the past month has found more families handled than ever before in a corresponding time. The amount expended in relief was \$350.27 while re-imbursements amounted to \$282.28, leaving a deficit in the revolving fund of \$67.99.

Two hundred and fifty-seven families were handled and 211 visits were made. Telephone calls amounting to 204 were answered and 664 visitors were received in the office. Ten telegrams and 278 letters were sent out.

Practically all of the cases handled during the current month have been growing steadily in the past few months, thus accounting for the large number handled. City agencies figure that one worker can handle 25 cases in one month so it is easily seen how busy the Red Cross has been here.

During the current month it has become necessary to close the Red Cross headquarters during the afternoon on account of the large amount of clerical work that must be handled. Unless time is taken to attend to this it would be impossible to continue efficient service.

PRESIDENT IS IN FAVOR OF MCNARY BILL

Tells Delegation That He Wants to See Bill Pass.

WOULD PROVIDE A LARGE FUND

Reclamation and Drainage Projects in West and South Provided For; Appropriation Large.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—The president has assured a congressional delegation that he approves the McNary bill providing \$350,000,000 for a revolving fund for the development of western and southern reclamation and drainage projects.

The president was told that there was strong support for the passage of the McNary bill at the present session and that its enactment would provide homes for thousands of people.

J. F. LOGUE IS CALLED BY DEATH

Word was received here today that J. F. (Shorty) Logue had died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland this morning.

He was one of the oldest engineers on the O.-W. and had lived in La Grande many years. He was known to all the people here and had many friends. For some time he has been ill but his condition was not considered serious.

The remains will be shipped from Portland to Hoboken, N. J., for burial.

GIVE UP TRIP.
(By Associated Press)
RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 10.—The Portuguese aviators attempting a flight from Corcovat to Brazil will be unable to proceed in their hydroplane from St. Paul Rocks, a few hundred miles short of their goal, on the American continent, where they landed last night because of damage to their machine, says a Havas dispatch from Pernambuco.

A NEW PROPOSAL
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—The president was represented today by white house callers as favoring a suggestion that the soldier bonus revenue raising provision be inserted in the tariff bill now before the senate.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
OLYMPIA, Apr. 19.—Six girls escaped from the state school for girls at Grand Mount last night. At noon today they had not been captured.

(By Associated Press)
TACOMA, Apr. 19.—A. W. Fawcett, former mayor, was elected mayor at yesterday's primaries by receiving a majority over a field of 11 other candidates.

(By Associated Press)
MEREDOSIA, Apr. 19.—The eleven here broke today, flooding 8,000 acres of what land and the homes of over 50 families who were residents of the drainage district. They escaped with their livestock.



Tonight and Thursday, fair.