

THOUSANDS CELEBRATING HERE

VETS HERE REMEMBER DAY IN 1918

Ex-Service Men Celebrated Signing of Armistice in Many Ways

McPHERSON WAS IN HUN PRISON

Dutton and Sanford Had Orders to Attack When Peace Came to War-Torn World.

The first Armistice day an occasion of revelry, unconfined of dancing and noise and the flowing bowl?

Well, not if the memories of the ex-service men serve them faithfully. It may have been gay for the boys lucky enough to be quartered close to Paris of some other lively town, but it looked like any other rainy day to the fellows on hospital duty or waiting in mud up to their knees far from the madding crowd.

"There wasn't any halt in the stream of wounded and exhausted that poured into the field hospital at Auth, 20 kilometers behind Sedan," recalls Roy Currys.

"We heard that an Armistice was expected, but we thought it was just another blizzard. The idea wasn't clinched in our minds until an ambulance came back from the front with a Paris edition of the New York Herald.

Worked All Night "But we worked all night. We couldn't have found a drink if we'd had time to look for one. The only difference I noticed was the lights. Every soldier who could get a candle to light up his billet, and the cars used lights where before they had been running in the dark.

"Happily sober" is the way Walter Palmer describes his celebration of the original Armistice day.

"I was driving a truck on the Meuse-Argonne front," Palmer remembers. "The mud was up to our ears. I had heard there was going to be an end of it all, but I didn't care much then whether school kept or not."

Airplanes dropping newspapers and bulletins brought the first authentic news on the day after Armistice day to Walter McManus, who he was walking clear at the apex of the Meuse-Argonne front, with other members of the 42d division, for orders to pull out for the rest area.

"We celebrated as much as we could the next day, but our real celebration came when we left for Paris on our first furlough in the two years we spent in France," said McManus.

There was nothing exciting about the first Armistice day as Major H. H. Huron remembers it. Word came to him as he was on the road with his men to Toul, headquarters of the second army, in command of General Bullard. Major Huron was a lieutenant then.

Ready to Attack Captain G. L. Dutton and A. V. Sanford were with the same regiment of the 52d Infantry that was

La Grande Has An Even Chance To Win Today

"I am not predicting victory," declared Coach G. L. Dutton today, when asked by a reporter as to La Grande's chances against Pendleton this afternoon in the annual high school classic of Eastern Oregon.

That sums the entire situation up. Pendleton has gotten the habit of kicking La Grande, regardless of odds, and a Buckaroo victory is just as apt to be chalked up as a Tiger win.

Because, if there ever was a team that could consistently twist the Tiger's tail, regardless of outcomes of other games, it is the Pendleton bunch. La Grande hasn't beaten Pendleton more than half a dozen times in 20 years.

The probable La Grande lineup follows: Zundel, left end; Hughes, left tackle; Landry, left guard; Challen, center; Smutz, right guard; Stroud, right tackle and captain; Larison, right end; Glass quarterback; Price, left half; McKennon, right half; Paak, fullback.

Team in the Pink The Tiger team this morning, however, is in the pink of condi-

Commander McQuigg



Commander John R. McQuigg of the American Legion who delivers a program for peace elsewhere in The Observer today.

Program For Peace Given By McQuigg

National Commander of American Legion Delivers Message to Country on Armistice Day.

(By John R. McQuigg) (National Commander, the American Legion)

At 11 o'clock in the morning seven years ago today the guns on the western front suddenly became silent. The greatest conflict of the ages was at an end. It seemed that the forces of death, destruction and desolation were exhausted. The cost in blood and treasure was staggering. The black clouds of war, receding, left behind a torn, dazed and bleeding world, but liberty and justice had triumphed, popular government was rendered more secure and modern civilization was preserved. The victory was worth the price.

America helped to bring about that victory and helped to pay that price. From Flanders to the Vosges thousands of Americans died with no other requiem than the crash of artillery, the chatter of machine guns. Other thousands began a period of pain and suffering that has not yet run its course. In so far as in us lies, we owe it to those who fell on Flanders Field and elsewhere, fell in a belief that they were fighting a war to end wars, to see to it that their dream and dreams for peace come true.

The American Legion believes that, to a great extent, this can be accomplished by: The maintenance of adequate forces for internal and external national defense;

The prompt enactment into law of the principle of the universal draft, thereby taking the profit out of war; and

The immediate adherence by the United States to a permanent court of international justice.

The American Legion, in the name of the untold suffering and sacrifice of comrades, offers this program for peace in the hope that through it the men and women who fought for peace may give some further service to America and to the world.

ARMY ALWAYS READY TO AID

(By Envoy Mrs. Barker)

Often we hear the question, "Why the Salvation Army?" For the benefit of those who might ask that question we are going to ask The Observer to publish this short answer.

There is always a valid cause for the existence of any organization that is making an attempt to make the community in which it functions better and more worth while. This is the real motive behind the Salvation Army. We seek at all times, both by example and expression to better the lives of people and conditions surrounding them. We carry religious services to the people as well as invite them to come to our hall through our meeting held on the street corner and also at the hall.

Ready at All Times The Salvation Army stands ready at all times to render prompt personal help to man, woman or child in need of temporary spiritual assistance. The Salvation Army is usually the first to which a needy family, the lost boy or the wayward girl turns when the way is hard, the meals few and far between and shelter hard to find.

As an example of this last statement we have now in our care at La Grande a 14-month-old baby, left by the mother and whose father we are trying to locate.

Boy Taken Care Of The Salvation Army barracks was the natural and logical place for this little bit of humanity to find a home until such time as other arrangements could be made.

A few days ago a small boy, perhaps 12 years of age, was after becoming tired of home surroundings ran away. He had his

Commissioners Will Not Meet Tonight

The regular Wednesday night meeting of the city commissioners of La Grande will be adjourned tonight until Friday evening at 7 o'clock, because of Armistice day observance here. It is announced by W. C. Crews, city manager.

PARADE IS FEATURE OF MORNING

Nearly 400 Make Up Line of March Ushering in Day's Program

SUNSHINE GREET VISITORS TO CITY

Indications Point, Late This Morning, to Most Successful Celebration in City's History.

Under blue skies, and with weather the keepest and brightest, the American Legion of four counties began its first joint celebration of Armistice day with a parade in which nearly 400 members of patriotic bodies from the Civil war to the present day marched in token of their respect to the boys who fought in khaki.

Patriotic airs that set the blood tingling and brought a mist of pride before the eyes set the measure for the marching, which started off from Zuber hall with half a hundred Oregon national guardsmen leading the procession in column platoon formation.

Captain Ely, Major R. R. Huron, Capt. Dutton, Lieut. W. A. Bean and Sergt. S. C. Anderson lent official dignity to the uniformed ranks.

The state's army trucks, loaded with equipment, followed on the heels of the national guards.

Martin Music La Grande's Municipal band, and nearby its brightly-colored members, the Grand Army of the Republic, proud to bring out its drum corps in honor of their World war soldier grandsons. Supporting the G. A. R. files, as they have done since the days of '61, the Women's Relief corps added its numbers to the procession.

The Spanish-American War veterans stepped off the count, with Sons of Veterans, the Salvation Army and the Salvation Army Boys' club behind them.

Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Mothers held a position of honor, guarded by Boy Scouts.

Finally came the heroes of the day—the boys to whom the world turned with tears of gratitude on the first Armistice day, Nov. 11, 1918. Their auxiliary rode behind them.

Through an aisle of stirred and respectful watchers, the parade proceeded down Adams avenue to Fourth street, up which it led the way to the high school grounds, where the military maneuvers will be celebrated. Lieut. Bean will act as commander of the guard, for the impressive formal guard mount consisting of Capt. Ely, as the old officer of the day, and Capt. Dutton, as the new, will inspect the guards.

The parade furnished the military splendor expressive of the day, but perhaps the most significant moment was that which followed taps, sounded by buglers on all the downtown corners, for a period of silent reverence in memory of the dead.

When the maneuvers are completed, the ex-service men and their wives will make strides for the old I. O. O. F. hall, where they will be served hot-dog sandwiches, pickles, poppikin pie and coffee—"all they can eat"—by Mrs. Hugh E. Brady and her committee of Legion Auxiliary members. Assisting her will be Mrs. James H. P. Nelson, Fred Kiddie, G. N. Thomas, Oscar Humphries, Emory Ward, L. L. Edwards, Earl Finster, Fred Hennings, R. C. Anderson, Edward Olson, Fritz Lottes, Dr. Margaret Ingrie, Misses Caroline Bauman and Ethel Hiesford. They will serve the food cafeteria style, with no decorations except those that garnish the inner man.

And then the La Granderes and the Pendletonians will lead the grand rush to the athletic field, where their respective teams will put on the big interscholastic gridiron show of the season. Just enough at stake to keep the rivalry steaming. And just about the whole population of each participating town plans to be there.

Interest in the championship wrestling match is growing by leaps. Oscar Scarberry of Seattle, present holder of the belt for the northwest, is announced as an American Legion member, enrolled in the Amateurs, Wash., post.

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LEGIONNAIRES REMEMBER DAY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Special to The Observer)—Armistice Day throughout the land the men of the American Legion are today celebrating the seventh anniversary of that immortal day of November 11, 1918, by observations ranging from the solemnity of silent prayer to the gaiety of parade and fete.

Legion posts are setting the kind and degree of celebration to their particular communities. Newspaper clippings of Legion Armistice Day celebration reveal the following:

John H. McQuigg, national commander, is the feature of the observance at Denver, Colo., today. He speaks at 11:30 a. m. and will visit Fitzsimons General Hospital, No. 21, where disabled veterans are being treated, some time today. His address is being broadcast by station KOA on a wave length of 22.4 meters.

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Pastor's Report Lauds U. S. Overseas Cemeteries

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Rev. Charles McFarland, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, who recently visited the war area as a commissioner of the general committee on army and navy chaplains, in a report made public here described the American overseas cemeteries as being now among the beauty spots of Europe.

Deploring the withdrawal of chaplains from the cemeteries, he said bodies of American soldiers, when found now where they were buried on the battlefields, "are given no religious service when they are reinterred in the great cemeteries."

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 11:45—Taps, Parade. 12 M.—Dinner for all ex-service men at I. O. O. F. hall on Adams. 2 P. M.—La Grande-Pendleton football game. 5 P. M.—Fireworks display from hill west of city. 7 P. M.—Sawberry - Pilling wrestling match at the Eagles' hall. 9 P. M.—Dancing at Zuber and Eagles, under Legion auspices.

MARION CLASS DWINDLE

SALEM, Ore.—Eric Brown and Smith class are being diminished in Marion county, according to the records in the office of the county clerk.

During the past year there were 15 deaths among the Browns and only four births. There were 13 deaths among the Smiths and 19 births. Two men by the name of Brown obtained marriage licenses here.

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CRISIS AVERTED. PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The ministerial crisis for the Poincare cabinet was averted, or at least postponed probably until next week, when the finance committee of the chamber of deputies adjourned today to allow the premier an opportunity to draw up a compromise plan which is expected to rally the support of the socialists.

SITUATION SERIOUS. PARIS (AP)—Late advices from Syria say that rebels and Druse tribesmen are so closely infesting Damascus that French forces are being placed so as to be able to cope with any eventualities. Apparently the rebels' purpose it to harass the French, bring about a general uprising with which it is thought the French, without receiving further reinforcements, would be unable to cope successfully. The situation is still extremely serious.

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP)—Presentation of testimony in the trial of Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer, who is charged with the murder of his 31-year-old daughter, Hazel, the "child woman" who never grew up, was concluded at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night and the case reached the stage for closing arguments by opposing counsel.

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University's Homecoming Plans Feature Welcome

(By Jeff Bean)

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—The whole attitude of Homecoming, November 12, 14, 15, this year is one of welcome, and not one of fighting the "Argies"—that will be done anyway—declared James Lenke, chairman of the directorate of Homecoming. "We want the alumni to come back to Oregon for the purpose of visiting their old home, and not primarily to see the game. There would be a Homecoming even if there were no game," he said.

The Homecoming committee gives assurance that the entertainment will be of a very high quality, interspersed with many clever and original features. The program outlines is as follows: Friday—The pajama party parade, 7 p. m.; Fresh bonfire, 7:30 p. m. Big Parade Planned.

The parade will start from Skinner's bluff proceeding up William

etc. street, through the usual number of theatres, restaurants, etc., and finishing at the bonfire where the "Beaver and Drum" ceremony will take place. From there the parade will lead to the rally at the Women's building. The rally is to be of the high level 15 years ago, with stunts, yells, speeches, etc. After the rally there will be a men's do in the men's gymnasium for the old-grads and undergrads.

Saturday—Alumni council meeting, 9:20 a. m.; general alumni meeting, 11 a. m. and campus luncheon, 12 m.

The luncheon will be held under the big trees on the old campus. Each free will bear a sign denoting what five classes are to do here together. In this way it is believed that a great number of old acquaintances will be renewed.

The football game, Oregon vs. O. (Continued on Page Five.)

PRESIDENT DECORATES VET'S TOMB

Coolidge Makes Annual Pilgrimage to Grave of "Unknown Soldier"

WORK SUSPENDED AT 11 O'CLOCK

Custom of Previous Year Largely Followed in Program of Official Armistice Day.

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press)—The custom of previous years is being largely followed in the program of official observance of the seventh anniversary of the world war armistice today.

Leading the nation in its tribute to those who fell in the struggle, President Coolidge has arranged to make a pilgrimage to Arlington cemetery to lay a wreath on the unknown soldier's tomb.

In accordance with the president's request, all governmental business was suspended for several minutes at 11 o'clock.

NATIONALIST WINNS. PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Young Nationalists, of Los Angeles, won a 19-round decision here last night from Abe Goldstein, former bantam-weight champion.

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