

ALLIES HOLDING A CONFERENCE IN PARIS

Some Peace Talk Effects the World Markets.

THE HAGUE, March 20.—A war conference of probable momentous importance is about to open in Paris, where military and political representatives of every one of the entente allies are gathering.

This taken in conjunction with rumors of peace which have prevailed for the last 24 hours, gives rise to all sorts of conjecture, and the forthcoming conference is being watched and awaited with extraordinary interest, especially by the advocates of peace.

Reports emanating from America today were that a cable message had been received at Galveston, Tex., from a London authority, which was said to be informed that "immediate peace is in sight," cancelling arrangements for a considerable amount of tonnage.

The peace reports are also said to have affected the stock markets at New York, London and the Bourse, where abrupt declines occurred.

Lieutenant-General Count Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, arrived in Paris today to take part in the military and political conference of the entente allies. Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia, is due there tomorrow with Premier Pachitch. He will be the guest of the French government.

Great Britain will be represented by Premier Asquith, several other members of the Cabinet and General Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British forces on the Continent. Premier de Broqueville will attend the conference for Belgium and General Glinzky, aide-de-camp to Emperor Nicholas, and the Russian Ambassador to France, A. P. Iswolsky for Russia. Premier Briand will preside.

REBEKAHS HOLD CONVENTION AT NYSSA

Lodges of District Well Represented.

The seventh annual convention of Dist. 26, convened in the L. O. O. F. hall at Nyssa, on Friday, March 17 at 10 a. m., with Mrs. Rose N. Palmer, of Baker, Ore., President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, in attendance.

The convention was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Hattie Draper, of Beatrice Rebekah Lodge No. 82, Ontario, Ore. On calling the roll the following lodges were found to be represented: Beatrice Rebekah Lodge No. 82, Ontario, Ore., 14 delegates; Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 212, Nyssa, Ore., 12 present; Golden Rule, No. 64, Vale, Ore., 2 delegates.

The morning session was devoted to business and instruction in the work of the lodge, by the President, Mrs. Wheeler of Golden Rule No. 64, gave a brief history of the lodge in Vale. Mrs. Closson, of Yellow Rose, No. 212 spoke in the interest of the lodge at Nyssa. Mrs. Pogue of Beatrice No. 82, spoke of the progress of the lodge at Ontario.

The afternoon session was devoted to work of interest to all the lodges. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Anna M. Wheeler of Vale, chairman; Mrs. Elliott, Nyssa, Vice chairman; Daisy Rutherford, Ontario, Secy.; Harriet Sears, Ontario, Marshal; Winnie Draper, Vale, conductor, Emma Duncan, Nyssa, I. G.; Hazel Rose, Vale, O. G.; Emily Pogue, Ontario, Chaplain. The next meeting of the convention will be held at Vale.

About 1 o'clock p. m. everybody was invited into the banquet room where a sumptuous dinner, prepared by the good sisters of Yellow Rose lodge No. 212, was spread, to which everyone did justice.

Anna M. Wheeler, Hattie Draper, Minnie Ross, Com.

Harry Cockrum, cashier of the First National bank, just bought the Harry Chapman modern six-room bungalow for \$3500.

STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER HERE

H. K. Donnelly, representing the State Highway commission, was here Tuesday conferring with the members of the Commercial Club regarding the highway from this place to the John Day valley and a connection with the Columbia Highway.

He stated that a good grade could be obtained and there was no question about it being the best route for a road across the state, being shorter and having a lower pass than any other suggested.

The grade on this route should not exceed six per cent, and the altitude is about five thousand feet, which insures an all year route across the state, which cannot be obtained by any other route.

Mr. Donnelly stated that it would be necessary for the people of this county to get busy if they wanted this improvement as other counties were fully awake to the importance of the road being located in their sections.

MOORE HOTEL HAS FIRE IN ENGINE ROOM

On Tuesday morning there was a call out by the Fire Department when a big smoke was discovered coming from the engine room of the Moore hotel.

It was found that the roof was on fire around the smoke stack and after a short attack by the chemical and the liberal drenching of the hose the blaze was extinguished with small damage.

SECRETARY BAKER



Photo © by Lawrence & Fleley. Newton D. Baker, newly appointed secretary of war in President Wilson's cabinet.

MALHEUR'S RICHEST PRODUCING MINE

Charles M. Long, who has been at the Rainbow mine in the Mormon Basin for several months returned to Ontario this week for a short visit.

Mr. Long says the Rainbow is still grinding out good pay ore and that there is plenty of ore in sight. He stated there were places in the mine where the pay ore run over a hundred dollars to the ton and that the ore was five feet wide, which reminds one of the big ore shoots found in Goldfield and others of the high grade camps. Most of the ore is coming from the two and three hundred foot levels. The vein is widening on the four hundred.

THE COLD STORAGE PLANT UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Cold Storage plant has been sold by Guy Fisher to J. A. Williams, who is now in possession. Mr. Williams says he is in the market for eggs.

He will carry artificial ice during the season.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS AN INTERESTING SESSION

Many Live Subjects Discussed--Good Prospects for Cannery and Roads.

The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club was held Monday evening and the usual interest was manifest and the attendance about normal.

The secretary read the minutes of the regular and two special meetings. There was a long memorial read regarding the Warm Springs project asking for government aid. This was presented by Mr. Mallett. Mr. Gallagher introduced a resolution endorsing the proposition and this was ordered sent to the Congressional delegation and secretary of the Interior.

Communications were read from several towns along the line of the proposed highway to the Columbia river, which were ordered filed.

The Portland Club called the attention of the local club to a meeting of the Women's Clubs in New York and asking to have delegates appointed. At the suggestion of Judge Wood, the president appointed all the members of the club as a committee to see if there are any women in New York at that time who can be induced to accept the appointment.

Astoria club sent a communication thanking the local club for their co-operation in the attempt to have a naval base established at Astoria.

Judge Wood reported the action of the members of his committee in getting interest started in the road to the Columbia highway, stating that it was endorsed by the highway commission and the state engineer and there was every evidence that a good year round road could be built at small expense, and that the distance to the Lower Columbia would be shortened at least a hundred miles over any present route. The county courts are to be asked to advance the funds to defray the preliminary survey.

Mr. Fraser made a motion that Mr.

Wood go before the county court and present the proposition and ask for their co-operation.

Judge Wood reported what had been done toward the establishing of a cannery here. It was found that the machinery could be bought for about \$750, this would give a plant sufficient to handle 2500 to 5000 cans a day. In addition to that there should be a liberal amount set aside to pay the operating expense until such time as the product could be disposed of. At present they have been unable to get in touch with anyone who would manage the business for them.

A communication was read from a man who wants to establish an evaporator here and that matter will be investigated.

Mr. Drain reported that the band was satisfied with the arrangements made and would soon be ready to give concerts in the park.

Mr. Fraser stated that the county court had made arrangements for a steel span for the Brown bridge and that the work should be completed in thirty to forty days.

President Trow made a report of his trip to the state meet at Salem where the matters of Rural Credits, drainage and irrigation were taken up. The Portland delegation was favorable to the adoption of all three measures but there was opposition among the Willamette Valley delegates and the matter was divided up into two measures, which will appear upon the ballot this fall.

Prof. Bailey invited the members to attend a lecture at the high school on Friday evening.

Joel Priest of the Short Line was present and gave the members a short talk that was full of good suggestions and commendations. Joel always has some pleasant words for the Ontario people.

THREE FEATURES FOR THE DREAMLAND

On Saturday evening, March 25th, the Dreamland will be the scene of an unusual combination photoplay, the popular story "Bootles Baby" and the famous play, "The Man on the Case." The two stories include every element of dramatic composition, ranging from delicious comedy to thrilling drama.

Monday evening, March 27, "From the Valley of the Missing" will be presented. This story is by Grace Miller White, author of "Tess of the Storm Country," and promises to be a rich treat for Ontario theatre goers.

"Betty in Search of a Thrill" will be the feature next Wednesday evening. Elsie Janis is here depicted in a comedy written by herself, and in her own vivacious manner drives home the pitfalls into which any inexperienced girl is apt to stray.

WHERE ARE THE SOLDIER BOYS?

There is a run of girl babies in this section and the Mayor is becoming alarmed over the prospects for young soldiers.

A girl arrived at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Swagler on the 16th.

A girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sheets on the 14th.

A girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kanady on the 20th.

A girl named Mary Ann, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson on the 22nd.

Speaking of the short skirts—but then we are too darned busy looking to even think of speaking.

PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Parent Teacher Association will meet at the high school auditorium on March 24th for an evening session. An instructive and entertaining program will be given as follows:

Instrumental solo by Mrs. C. I. Cox.

Vocal solo by Mrs. J. W. McCulloch.

Talk on Heredity and Eugenics, by Dr. Weese.

A talk on cooperation of the parents and teachers for the good of the child, by P. J. Gallagher.

All parents and teachers should be present and cooperate to make this a helpful and beneficial meeting to all.

Parents bringing children may have them cared for by a committee of high school girls appointed by Prof. E. G. Bailey.

POLICE AND CIRCUIT COURT CASES UP

Leland Swift, who was caught in California and returned here a few weeks ago, plead guilty to the charges of larceny and forgery and received sentences of from one to ten years on the larceny charge and from two to twenty on the forgery charge. He was given a hearing Monday at a special session of the Court.

On Wednesday Shorty Ray was arrested and his case set for Friday. The charge is giving liquor to minors.

Pat Williams who was charged with the larceny of the Billingsley sheep was bound over to the Grand Jury.

And will Mexico never end?

ALL SHEEP GOING TO SUMMER RANGE

O. N. Doubleday was here from Boise superintending the branding, docking and marking of his sheep at the lambing camp between here and Nyssa. Mr. Doubleday has fed 13,000 sheep in the county this winter. The lambing is practically finished, and the results have been very gratifying. All the ewes are young, mostly yearlings, and the increase of 80 per cent is said to be all that could be expected. The sheep are being divided into about ten bands, for turning out on range. Over 12,000 acres has been leased above Brogan from the Eastern Oregon Land company, and Mr. Doubleday hopes to have all the wools on their way to the range this week. Reports from all the lambing camps in the vicinity are uniformly satisfactory, and the feed yards will be empty in a few days.

The J. D. Billingsley sheep have been on the range a week and are doing well.

ONTARIO IS MOST PROSPEROUS OF ALL

T. H. Moore is back from Portland where he went for the rainy season. He stopped off at several of the towns between Portland and Ontario and found that business conditions are better here than at any of the other points. He reports that business conditions in Portland are materially improved and that the promises for the future are good. The building permits show a large increase over last year.

GENERAL PERSHING



General John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces hunting Villa in Mexico.

RAILROAD SUPPLIES GOING TO FRONT

Engineer Young was here a few days ago for supplies. He stated that supplies were now going in very fast and that the force of workmen was being increased daily, a car load of laborers going in Friday.

Several large steel girders for the big bridges have passed through here, these were larger than any used on the Short Line and indicate the permanent character of the work being done on the line.

The contracts now let call for the completion of the line to the Harney Valley, which they will reach this season.

THE ONTARIO MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINED WITH WACNER

The Ontario Music Club was entertained recently by Mr. Hill at the Hill Pharmacy. A fine program of Wagner music was rendered and ice cream and cake were served. The club members all appreciated Mr. Hill's kindness. The next regular meeting of the Music Club will be held Saturday, March 25, at the home of Mrs. Dorman.

THE DAIRY HERDS TO BE IMPROVED

Testing Association to Be Organized Here.

A meeting of the dairymen of this vicinity was held at Nyssa Saturday evening, March 18, for the purpose of electing a director to the Cow Testing Association. H. R. Sherwood was elected.

On Monday afternoon the directors of the different local organizations met at the Malheur County bank and formed a permanent organization under the name of the Canyon-Malheur Cow Testing association. H. R. Sherwood of Nyssa was elected president; H. R. Bloomer of New Plymouth, secretary. The above, with L. Stephens of Apple Valley, are the directors of the association. The territory included is New Plymouth, Fruitland, Apple Valley, Ontario and Nyssa. A competent man will be secured to test each cow once a month of every member of the association. The charge will be \$1.50 for each cow yearly.

An accurate test will be made of the milk and butter fat and a record made of the cost of feeding each cow. By this method it will be easy to determine which cows are paying and which are boarders. To County Agent Howard is largely due the credit for the formation of this association which will undoubtedly be the cause of maintaining better cows and securing larger profits to all the dairymen of this section. The association begins its work with over four hundred cows and a large increase is expected.

THE VOTERS SHOULD REGISTER AT ONCE

State, County and Precinct Books Are Short.

Salem, March 18.—Of a total of 103,398 voters registered in Oregon since January 1, 68,829 are Republicans, 26,336 Democrats, 635 Progressives, 2367 Prohibitionists, 2576 Socialists and 3147 miscellaneous, according to the secretary of state's weekly report.

The above indicates many who vote the democratic ticket are registering as republicans.

For this section the registering is very slow, so far, following showing the conditions to date:

	Ont. 1	Ont. 2	Ont. 3	Fair	Cairo
Dem.	18	43	45	9	18
Rep.	14	52	90	29	14
Prog.			1	2	4
Soc.	2	3	2		
Proh.	4	4	1	2	2
R'fus'd	1				
Total	39	103	139	42	39

Total Dem. 133; total Rep. 199; total Prog. 3; total Soc. 10; total Proh. 14; total Refused 3; sum total, 362.

Registrar Dearborn says "some people, while registering, want to show me how smart they consider themselves and when asked what party they belong to answer 'none of your business' and therein show their ignorance."

He has to explain many, many times that the primary is only a nominating convention held in election form and if no political party is designated when registering no vote is allowed at the primary.

There is some excuse for the ladies not knowing anything about the system but for the men there is none except in the case of the young man with his first vote.

NEW PUMP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT TRACTS

A. W. Trow, president of the Ontario Advancement company, is adding a new pump to the pumping station on the Snake river that furnishes water for irrigating all the Advancement tracts in the Ontario vicinity. The cost of installing the pump together with the foundation will be about \$2500. This additional pump will furnish a complete water supply for every acre of Advancement lands here.