UNITY OF ACTION IS PLEDGED BY ALLIES

Paris Conference Says Economic Solidarity Is Assured for War.

FREIGHTS ARE STUDIED

Nations to Work Together in Securing Diplomatic Action to Prevent Revictualing of Enemy, Says Statement.

PARIS, March 28.—The conference of the entente allies, which ended today, adopted the following resolutions just prior to adjournment:

"The representatives of the allied governments in conference at Paris March 27 and 28, 1916, affirm the complete community of views and solidarity of the allies. They confirm all the measures taken to realize unity of action and unity of front.

"They understood by that at the same time unity of military action, assured by the entente concluded between the general staffs, unity of economic action, the organization of which the present conference has regulated, and unity of diplomatic action, which is guaranteed by their unshaken will to continue the struggle to victory for the common cause.

"The allied governments decide to put into practice in the economic domain their solidarity of views and interests. They charge the economic conference which is to be held shortly at Paris to propose for them appropriate measures for the realization of this solidarity.

"With a view to strengthen, co-ordinate and unify the diplomatic action to be exercised to prevent the revictualing of the enemy, the conference has decided to establish at Paris a permanent committee, in which all the allies will be represented.

"The conference has decided: First, to continue the organization already begun at London, of an international central bureau of freights; second, to proceed in common and with the briefest delay to seek practical means to apportion equitably between the allied nations the charges for maritime transportation and check the rise in freight rates."

ELOPEMENT IS SUSPECTED

Girl Leaves Note Implying Suicide, but Mother Has Warrant Issued.

Aliene Munkers, 19 years old, left her home at 805 Halsey street yesterday, leaving a note implying that she was about to kill herself. Both the girl's parents and the police believe that she has eloped with Lawrence Davenport, a young man who has been attentive to her.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Miss Munkers and Mr. Lawrence on charges of disorderly conduct.

The following is a part of the note left by the girl: "Darling Mother: I have worried you enough. You will find me some day in the realm of glory with God. And mother, dear, don't worry or grieve over the loss of me, but forget and forgive. Now, mother, by the time you get this I will be no more. Don't hunt for me or worry. Your daughter."

The girl's mother, Mrs. N. F. Munkers, 805 Halsey street, reported the girl's disappearance to the police last night. Miss Munkers is about five feet two inches tall and has gray eyes and brown hair.

Tuesday's War Moves

ANOTHER determined effort by the Germans to break through the French lines northwest of Verdun has resulted in failure and with heavy losses to the Germans.

After days of intense artillery preparation for another effort to lessen the six miles intervening them and the Paris-Verdun railway and the nine miles still between them and Verdun, the Germans launched a great infantry attack on the Haucourt-Bethincourt sector. In successive waves, the Germans were thrown into the fray, but all of their attempts were put down by the fire of the French guns and fire of the French infantry.

There still is an intermittent bombardment going on northeast of Verdun and in the Woevre region. In the Argonne the French are giving the German lines no rest, while in the Vosges the artillery action has been marked on both sides.

On the British front, in the St. Eloi sector, the Germans opened a heavy artillery fire on the British forces holding the ground gained by them Monday. The British artillery replied effectively, and, according to the British official statement, these positions are still in the hands of the British.

In the Postavy region of the Russian front Berlin reports that the onslaughts of the Russians against the German lines have been withstood, and that the attacking forces have suffered heavy casualties.

A semi-official dispatch from Berlin says that the Russians have attacked in their offensive with 69 divisions over a front of 120 Kilometers, and that their losses have been not less than 80,000 men.

Heavy Italian bombardments of Austrian positions on the Doberdo Heights and along the Isonzo continue.

A German air squadron has dropped bombs on the harbor works at Saloniki and the entente allies encamped north of Saloniki.

A German torpedo-boat destroyer was rammed and sunk by the British light cruiser Cleopatra in the recent engagement off the German coast. There were no German survivors.

Two more steamers have been sent to the bottom, the Eagle Point, a British vessel, presumably by a torpedo, and the Harriet, a Danish vessel, by a mine. The crews of both vessels were saved.

GIRL CONFESSES ARSON

FEAR OF FATE OF WHITE SLAVE GIVEN AS CAUSE.

Waitress Says She Tried to Kill Herself by Opening Gas Jets—Two Dead, 18 Injured.

CLEVELAND, March 28.—As a result of the confession of Bessie Reimers, 19 years old, a waitress, that because she feared she would be forced into white slavery she set fire to her apartment this morning, causing the death of two persons and injury to 18, the girl was arrested today on the charge of manslaughter and arson.

George D. Hanson, a waiter, and George Bauman were also arrested on the charge of being suspicious persons, pending a further investigation.

In her signed confession the girl said she was being driven to desperation by Hanson and his associates, who, she said, wanted her to become a white slave. As a result of a police raid on the Foster Apartments last week in which she was innocently involved, she lost her position as waitress and in her confession she declared she sought death as a means of evading Hanson and his temptations.

The girl admitted that in an effort to commit suicide she turned on two gas jets without lighting them, bound her ankles and gagged herself and then waited for death. A small stove ignited the gas and started the fatal fire, she said.

FLOODS ARE SUBSIDING

MICHIGAN AND OHIO TOWNS NO LONGER IN DANGER.

Damage, However, Is Heavy. Bridges Over Rivers and Creeks Having Been Swept From Foundations.

DETROIT, March 28.—Reassuring reports that cities and towns in the flood region of Lower Michigan were no longer seriously threatened by high waters continued to reach Detroit late today. These reports, however, increased the toll of damage. Bridges which spanned rivers and creeks in the Saginaw, Bay City and Flint districts were swept from their foundations.

Saginaw and Flint were the only important points which reported rising rivers. Washouts made it impossible to run trains on the Detroit & Mackinac Railway to Alpena from Bay City. Rescue parties from Bay City went to Bangor Township to assist families reported marooned.

One death, seven injuries and many narrow escapes due to flood conditions have been reported. Miss Pearl Savage, 17 years old, was drowned in Pine River, near Standish. She was with her father and brother in a buggy which was swept away when they attempted to cross the river. Savage and his son were rescued.

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Flood waters in rivers throughout Ohio were receding rapidly tonight, according to Weather Bureau officials.

Portsmouth reported today that the lowlands about the city were flooded, but that no homes had been abandoned. The situation in the Muskingum Valley became critical today when the river was within a foot of the danger mark, threatening Coshocton, Zanesville, McConnellsville and Marietta, but reports from those cities tonight were that the water was slowly falling.

SUTHERLIN HAS BEET SEED

Planting of 5000 Acres Expected in Effort to Get Factory.

SUTHERLIN, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—Two and one-half tons of sugar beet seed, sufficient to plant more than 400 acres of land, and eight beet planting machines were received at Sutherlin today from the headquarters of the Oregon-Utah Sugar Company at Grants Pass. A second shipment of at least three tons of beet seed will arrive within the next week.

Little difficulty is expected in signing up 5000 acres here for beet growing next year, which is the amount of acreage required to insure a sugar factory being built at Sutherlin.

AUTOMOBILISTS ATTENTION

Watch the Northwest Auto Co.'s ad Sunday for sensational announcement, which will interest all automobile owners and prospective buyers.—Adv.

Santiam Supervisor Transferred.

ALBANY, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—F. H. Brundage, supervisor of the Santiam National Forest with headquarters in this city, today was transferred to Portland, where he will be supervisor of the Columbia National Forest, which has its headquarters in that city. Mr. Brundage has been stationed here for 3½ years, and during that period marked improvements have been made in the Santiam National Forest. He left for Portland today to take up his new duties.

Johnson Proposes Military Road.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 28.—Representative Johnson, of Washington, today introduced a bill appropriating $2,000,000 for the construction of a 60-foot highway from Vancouver Barracks down the Columbia River to Forts Columbia and Canby. The bill stipulates that the road shall run through Woodland, Martins Bluff, Kalama, Carrols, Kelso, Stella, Oak Point, Cathlamet, Skamokawa, Chinook and Ilwaco.

ROSE FESTIVAL PLAN OUTLINE IS MADE

Children's Parade, Opening Day Feature, Will Be Held on West Side This Year.

CENTER TO OPEN JUNE 6

Broadway Will Be Illuminated as Court of Honor and Grand Promenade—Rose Fountain Will Be Unique Feature.

The annual children's parade, opening-day feature of the Rose Festival, will be held on the west side of the river this year. This is the decision of the board of governors of the 1916 Festival as outlined in the tentative programme adopted at last night's meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

For several years the parade has been staged on Grand avenue, but it is believed a great many more people can see the pageant if it is held on the West Side. The question of changing the parade from the East to the West Side has received serious consideration and unless the programme for the 1916 show is changed the great pageant will move through the down-town business section the morning of June 7.

With the decision of the changing of the children's parade from the East to the West Side, comes the definite plan to open the festival center the night of June 6.

In addition to the crowning ceremony, opening of the floral center with its gorgeous beds of bloom and the first presentation in the United States of a rose fountain, will come the illumination of Broadway, to be the court of honor and grand promenade. Band concerts at the festival center will conclude the night programme June 6.

The children's parade will move promptly at 9:45 A. M., June 7. This will be followed at 2 P. M. by the National dedication of the Columbia River Highway, the event to be staged at Multnomah Falls. The Festival Queen with those to take part in the ceremony will proceed to the highway after leading the children's parade.

Committees are at work arranging the details of the dedication of the great roadway.

The second day will bring the floral pageant and the last day the fraternal, military and civic parade.

A regatta on the river will be a feature of this year's Festival. Fast hydroplane races will be staged, the course to follow under the bridges. This will serve to accommodate thousands of people along the waterfront, on the steamships at the wharves and along the bridges.

Efforts are being made to bring boats from Seattle to take part in the races. A river pageant will be included in the programme.

Another feature that is attracting attention is the annual roller-skating marathon to be staged by the sporting department of The Oregonian. The route will be over the downtown streets and several hundred boys will take part in the contest.

Events at the Golf Club and the annual Rose Festival shoot by the Portland Gun Club are features already arranged.

GERMAN WARCRAFT SUNK

DESTROYER RAMMED BY BRITISH CRUISER, NONE SAVED.

London Confirms Loss of Medusa, but Says Crew Was Rescued by Another Vessel of Fleet.

LONDON, March 28.—Official announcement was made today that in the recent engagement off the German coast a British light cruiser rammed and sank a German destroyer.

"All the ships employed in the operations off the German coast have now returned to their ports except the Medusa, which ship, as was feared, was sunk after all her crew had been taken off in bad weather by the destroyer Lassoc without any casualty, a fine piece of seamanship.

"Our destroyers, while dealing with enemy patrol vessels, were themselves attacked by enemy aircraft. They received no damage of any kind.

"The following passengers were rescued from the enemy patrol trawlers which were previously reported sunk by our ships, viz: Four from the trawler Otto Rudolf, 16 from the trawler Braunschweig.

"On Saturday night a division of German destroyers was encountered by our light cruisers. One of these destroyers was rammed and sunk by H. M. S. Cleopatra. None of her crew was saved."

CIDER WITH KICK SEIZED

Officers Allege Drink Contained 8 Per Cent of Alcohol.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—Another alleged seller of hard cider was arrested today. George P. McKinnis, of the Clackamas Heights district, was arrested at his home by Constable Frost and Sheriff Wilson, and two jugs of cider, which are said to contain 8 per cent alcohol, are held as evidence against him. He entered a plea of not guilty.

McKinnis made cider on his farm and mixed with it pure alcohol until it had the proper strength, it is said. Then, the officers charge, he dispensed it to the neighbors.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY HALF

Senate Makes Full Co-operation a Condition of Building Road.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 28.—The Senate today, in adopting the provision of the Indian appropriation bill authorizing the construction of two bridges across Umatilla River on the Umatilla Indian reservation to cost $28,000, accepted an amendment proposed by Senator Lane requiring Umatilla County or the state of Oregon to defray half the cost.

As the bill passed the House, the Federal Government was bound to pay two-thirds of the cost.

The Senate also adopted an amendment increasing the approprriation for the Salem Indian school for $119,000 to $135,500, the increase to be applied to repairs. It appropriated $3000 for a bridge across Williams River, on the Klamath reservation. The following amendments were made affecting Washington appropriations: One hundred thousand dollars in part payment to the Yakima Indians for water rights on Yakima River; $95,000 for water rights for allotted Indian lands in the West Okanogan Valley irrigation district; opening the mineral lands of the Spokane reservation to mineral development under leases.

CANOE VICTIM IS FOUND

BODY OF CHARLES KIRKPATRICK RECOVERED AT LINNTON.

Companion of First National Bank Employe, Drowned Last February, Still Missing.

The body of Charles Kirkpatrick, 660 East Madison street, 22-year-old clerk in the clearance department at the First National Bank, who with Harry Gammie, paying teller in the Ladd & Tilton Bank, was drowned in a canoe accident in the Willamette River off Rock Island five miles south of Oregon City Saturday, February 12, was found floating in the river off Postoffice bar about two miles below Linnton yesterday.

The body was brought up the river to Portland by the harbor patrol launch and was taken to J. P. Finley & Sons undertaking parlors, and later will be sent to relatives in Los Angeles.

The body was found yesterday morning by workmen employed upon the dredge Willamette, which is operating off Postoffice bar.

The body was identified as that of Kirkpatrick by A. J. Farmer, 660 East Madison street, an uncle of the young man.

Kirkpatrick lost his life during the freshet of February. He and Gammie were with a party of the Portland Rowing Club, canoeing down the Willamette from Salem. The canoe occupied by the two young men turned over when they were off Rock Island.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the Multnomah Club and the Rowing Club and was well known as a canoeist and athlete. He was also a member of the Naval Militia.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's mother and two sisters live in Los Angeles.

CREDITS HELD CONTRABAND

Britain Explains Seizure of Securities on Dutch Ship.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Great Britain's reply to an inquiry by the United States regarding the removal of $12,000,000 in securities from Dutch steamers en route from Rotterdam to New York and touching at English ports, was transmitted to the State Department today by Ambassador Page. In substance, it said that such securities as were of German ownership and were being sent to America to establish a credit here, were held on the ground that they were as much contraband as would be a shipment of an equivalent amount of specie.

The British government explained, however, that careful examination had been made of the seized securities; that only such of them as were clearly German owned had been detained, and that the remainder already had been forwarded to the consignees in this country.

96 SHIPS LOST BY NORWAY

Sweden's Loss Due to War Is 40 Vessels; Many Subjects Killed.

COPENHAGEN, via London, March 28.—Ninety-six Norwegian ships have been lost during the war through submarines or mines, according to a newspaper statement published here. It has been established that 20 Norwegian steamers have been destroyed by German submarines, 77 Norwegian subjects thereby losing their lives.

The total Norwegian tonnage lost amounts to 125,000, valued at 28,000,000 kroner, while the cargoes were valued at 90,000,000 kroner.

In addition, German prize courts have seized a large number of Norwegian vessels.

Sweden in the same way has lost 40 vessels of a tonnage of 50,000, valued at 10,000,000 kroner. One hundred and twenty-eight Swedes have lost their lives.

GERMAN PLANES ARE BEST

British Airman Says Losses Are Due to Poor Machines.

LONDON, March 28.—Noel Pemberton-Billing, formerly of the Royal Naval air service, who was elected to the House of Commons recently on a platform calling for the improvement of the country's aerial fighting forces, said in the House of Commons today that a series of casualties with a total of 150 dead, 150 wounded and 105 missing, was due to the sending up of British aviators in aeroplanes which were outclassed hopelessly by German machines.

Mr. Pemberton-Billing asserted German aeroplanes were immensely superior to British machines, notwithstanding the fact that within 20 miles of London there could be obtained engines better than those used by the Germans.

Villa Reward Being Raised.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 28.—American and Mexican business men at Monterey are endeavoring to raise $50,000 in gold as a reward for the capture of Villa, dead or alive, it was said here today by Americans returning from there. It is planned to have the reward go either to the captors or to a charitable institution.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

HUMORIST IS VISITOR

John Kendrick Bangs Insists United States Is O. K.

CULTURE GAINING, HE SAYS

Lecturer Leaves Audience With Glowing Opinion of America and Americans, Whom He Has Been Meeting for Years.

John Kendrick Bangs, who has such a natural way of establishing himself in the normal American heart that yesterday, on his second visit to Portland within a year, it is probable nine-tenths of his former hearers regarded themselves as justified in calling him by his first name at least and treating him like one of the "home folks," told his friends confidentially at the Lincoln High School last night what he thinks about these, our glorious United States.

In the telling of his opinion, which he has based upon the most exhaustive method of research possible—ten years mingling with Americans on the highways and byways of the lecture circuit which leads via all the typically national institutions—John Kendrick Bangs quietly deepened the niche which he made indirectly for himself last year among the "salubrities" of the world. Mr. Bangs was not lecturing upon famous "salubrities"—which is a word he Gellette Burgessed into the vocabulary himself—but he was discussing the real American character which one encounters outside the boulevards and the peacock alleys, along the ways in which the great procession of the American people move.

He loves the American people the better he knows them, and he knows them well, and his kindly talk about the American people as he does know them is a great thing to restore one's confidence in the United States, if it has been shaken by the criticism that has been flying this way and that way.

The opinions of distinguished foreigners who pass through America by way of the finest hotels in the biggest cities he discredits as they deserve, and all the assertions of various of our own writers to the effect that the United States is lacking in the elements of literary culture, or humor, or chivalry or what not, John Kendrick Bangs denies point blank—and in the past ten years of going to and fro in the land he has encompassed himself with a comfortingly large cloud to testify to the soundness of his position.

Mr. Bangs was entertained yesterday afternoon with an automobile trip to some of the scenic points about the city. He will be the guest of the Ad Club at noon today, at which time W. E. Conklin will be chairman of the day and recognition will be given to the fact that Mr. Bangs' lecture under the auspices of the Portland Education Association brought in a substantial contribution to the Vista House fund for the Oregon pioneer memorial at Crown Point.

Milwaukie to Buy Meters.

MILWAUKIE, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the Council has been called for Wednesday night to make an appropriation and call for bids for water meters and lead connections. Milwaukie will receive water from Portland through a big meter, and the city has decided to meter each consumer. The cost will be about $5000. The city will provide lead connections to prevent breakage and leakage of water.