BY HEARTLESS HOAX

Report of Armistice Signing Is Absolutely False.

WAR STILL IN PROGRESS

Associated Press Not Involved to Slightest Degree, but Faithfully Sets Forth Actual Facts.

(Continued From First Page.) hour and a half after the German commands had been expected the troops still were fighting their way

This dispatch said clearly that the American Army was consolidating its positions and preparing for a further

Advance.

When it was 6:30 o'clock tonight in London the Foreign Office prenounced unfounded the rumors that the armistice had been signed, and at that hour no word had been received in the British capital that the German delegation had crossed the French lines. It should be borne in mind that it was then four hours and a half after the hour reported as set for the cessation of hostilities and more than seven hours after the hour reported as the signing after the hour reported as the signing of the armistice

London in Close Touch,

Government telegraph lines connect London and the British headquarters not far from the place fixed for the meeting of the German commissioners with Marshal Foch, and London, therefore, is certain to receive prompt reports when a truce is arranged.

Tonight as the clocks in France were turning toward midnight there still was no word that the German commissioners had appeared at Marshal Foch's headquarters and much less affixed

headquarters and much less affixed their signatures to an armistice. The heax recalled to the public mind others which had fooled the counmind others which had fooled the country if not the world. One was the alleged discovery of human beings on the moon and the other was Dr. Cook's claim of discovery of the North Pole.

A news hoax, however, more closely paralleling today's was the one perpetrated on the country at the death of Pope Pius X.

It was announced by the United Press some hours before it occurred, but as the dispatch did not specify the hour and minute a great achievement in giving the news to the world was claimed.

In the present instance, however, there will be abundant official evidence to guide the public. The armistice, being a historic document, will bear hour and minute at which signitures are set upon it and the hours at which hostilities are to end likewise will be officially recorded and announced to the world.

No one, of course, can say with cer-tainty when the armistice will be signed or when the fighting will stop. Official proof, however, and the hours rolling steadily onward are ample evidence that it was not signed at 11 o'clock this morning and that the lighting did not stop at 2 o'clock this

Moreover, it never has been expected that the terms of armistice on the western front might be accepted at one brief meeting. Many questions are now involved which were not involved when armistices were granted to Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

One of the principal points concerns the disposition of the German flest, so vital to England.

Fleet Problem Solved.

Now that the fleet is in the hands of the revolutionaries, it is probable that the German plentpotentiaries may not at once be enabled to give the assur-ances the allies will demand.

It should be recalled within this point that Great Britain insisted on having one of her Admirals present with Mar-

one of her Admirals present with Marshal Foch at the meeting with the commissioners.

So far as is known tonight the erroneous report was published in only two cities in Europe—in London and in Brest, France. The London newspaper later withdrew its edition and printed a retraction. The publication in Brest was by a newspaper which received the report from the United Press.

A question being asked tonight by many is why the naval censors passed the dispatch for publication if it was not true. The answer is that censors do not pass upon the truth or faisity of dispatches; they are only concerned with whether they contain information likely to be of value to an enemy, or damaging to the entente military forces.

Sophisticated New Tork became de-

Sophisticated New York became de-lifious with Joy today ever the false report that Germany had agreed to ar-mistice terms, which meant uncondi-tional surrender.

Tragic Side Seen.

The celebration seemed a combina-tion of Fourth of July, election night, New Year's eve, Thanksgiving day and

While thousands went to pray other

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hibition gloom which has shrouded cafes and saloons was dispelled and they were filled with revelers.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Chicago shrieked with joy today in a premature celebration of peace.

The false report of the end of the world war, flashed over the city by bells and whistles, was started by a newspaper dispatch which was not carried by the Associated Press.

Later dispatches from Washington and London officially announcing that the armistice had not yet been signed failed to halt the crowds surging through streets white with tons of scrap paper thrown from office buildings.

Chicago Crowds Disorderly. All departments of the City Hall, courts, stores, offices, munition plants and factories closed and their workers urned the downtown section into

and several persons were injured. Pearing that conditions might become worse after nightfall police reserves were called into the downtown district.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7 .- Independ ing point for a premature peace cele-bration in this city and vicinity. Nothing like the demonstration of joy has been witnessed here in many years.

Liberty Bell Rung. Accepting the false report which the Associated Press did not carry, Mayor Smith officially ordered a celebration in accordance with a pre-arranged pro-

The Independence Hall bell was rung and a great crowd of people gathered brushing aside the influence ban as sround the building and gave vent to though it never had been and sumtheir feelings. Firebells were runs, moning epochal crowds of wildly whistles blown, the schools were closed cheering patriots to the downtown and parades were started on the principal streets,

At Cramp's Shipyards, where nearly 15,000 are employed on war work, everybody quit and an enthusiastic cel-

chration began.
At the Hog Island Shippard the of-ficials and many employes, headed by the yard brass band and girls carrying American flags, paralled over the miles of roadway in the plant.

Pence Parades Halted.

At the Schuylkill and Frankfort ar enals, where Government munitions are made, work ceased and preparations or peace parades were under way when the denial of the report came from Washington and stopped them.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 7.—Hundreds of factory whistles in Pittsburg shricked and church bells were rung this afternoon following publication of the false reports that an armistice had been signed with Germany. The Stock Exchange closed and the City Council. which was in session, adjourned its meeting until receipt of Associated Press dispatches from Washington of Secretary Lansing's denial, after which the session was resumed.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—Boston and many other New England cities held im-promptu celebrations today when a false report that Germany had signed

an armistice became current.

Even when it was learned that the report was not credited in official circles parades were not abandoned and bells and whistles continued their

One of the largest processions was composed of workers from the Army supply base being erected in South

Industries Close Down.

In manufacturing centers workers were released and joined in the dem-onstrations, while in many communi-ties school children were marched from their classrooms to salute the colors. At Quincy 10,000 shippard workers went wild with joy and officials made no effort to restrain them. The gates of the shippards were thrown open and the men, carrying picks, shovels and other tools, marched through the

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 7.—There was an uproar for a short time here this afternoon after false reports had spread that the war was at an end. In other cities of Connecticut there were short-lived celebrations.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 7 .- All Ohio went wild today over the false report that Germany had signed the armistice terms. Street parades were held in many cities, factories were closed and business generally was suspended, regardless of the fact that Secretary

Celebrations End Abruptly.

The celebration seemed a combination of Fourth of July, election night. New Year's eve, Thatksgiving day and Christmas.

The excitement which seized the city's millions at the word "Peace" was picturesque and ear-splitting, but as realization grew that it was prema-ture, its tragic side came forward.

Not all the celebrators had Joined in the hilatious flag-waying, horn-blowing impromptu parasies. Thousands of fathers, mothers, wives and sisters went into every church with open deors to offer prayers of gratitude because they thought fighting had ceased.

While thousands went to gray other while thousands went to pray other

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 7.—Iowa burst into a delirium of Joy today when the false report of an armistice was spread broadcast over the state on other than Associated Press wires. Business houses closed in many citles and cheering thousands paraded.

Various towns telephoned for information to papers of the Associated Press, which did not carry the false report, and expressed disappointment.

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LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 7.—Today's unconfirmed report that Germany had
signed armistice terms resulted in
pence demonstrations here and in other
cities in Nebraska.

The Associated Press did not carry
over its wires the story that the armistice was signed. Many persons called
the local office of the Associated Press
to confirm the report, to learn that the
armistice had not been signed.

OMAHA, Nov. 7 .- Whistles blew con-

LOUISVILLE, Ky, Nov. 7.—False reports that came over brokers' wires and through news agencies other than the Associated Press that the Germans that signed armistice terms thrilled Kentucky today and resulted in demonstrations that bordered on the hysterical. News from other important Kentucky points indicated similar conditions.

Australia has extensive forests, but owing to lack of sufficient railways and shipping facilities, a comparatively small amount of the timber has thus

Police and Mayor Helpless to Control Street Crowds.

EPIDEMIC BAN CAST ASIDE

At many points the police were forced buse their clubs to control the crowds and several persons were injured. Founded Rumor as Criminal. Workers Join in Parade.

yesterday afternoon to the accompan-

Public interest in the sease negotia-ions, spurred on by false reports that in armistic had been concluded on he western front, rose with a rush to un armistic had been concluded on the western frost, rose with a rush to its zenith early in the afternoon though it never had been and sum-moning epochal crowds of wildly cheering patriots to the downtown

"Peace has been declared! Germany as surrendered!" The canard ran from lip to lip with The canard ran from lip to lip with the speed of wildfire, while hundreds of whistles and bells tooled and changed the message to distant parts of the city. Through the streets, that have been comparatively deserted since the influenza epidemic struck the city, suddenly flowed streams of citizens covered passing the reasing of citizens, eagerly passing the gossip of impending victory and rumored peace. In a trice the city was transformed. Workmen to the number of several thousands, from the shipyards and other industrial plants, heard the tidother industrial plants, heard the tid-ings and called it a day. Casting aside their tools, they flocked forth in an impromptu parade that stretched for blocks, with flags waving, bands play-ing and banners proclaiming victory. They bore the Kaiser in effigy, swing-ing from his gibbet.

Blueconts Are Outwitted.

At police headquarters the puzzled luccoats sized up the situation as beyond precedent and control. Chief of Police Johnson and Captain Moore dis-patched motorcycle patrolmen, with in-structions to stem the hilarious advance of the parading shippard work-

The chaps who have been building America's bridge pranced past the pa-trolmen with never an ear for the plea to "lay off'n this parade," and carried the downtown district almost by storm. Influenza restrictions were literally Influence restrictions were literally scraps of paper when big news seemed to the fore, and the police department admitted its baffled plight. admitted its baffled plight.

It was then that Mayor Baker, in conference with Chief Johnson, coined his epigram about the futility of restraining the eagle when it wants to

Din Grows in Volume.

The din grew in volume, for every The din grew in volume, for every passing auto—and they raced about in unending processions — squawked or tooted its compliments to the Kaiser and the anticipated end of war. Many a minister blistered his hands with the vigor of his attack on the belirope.

Crouched like cowboys on the hoods of swooping autos were happy individuals who tooted tin horns. Children went by in solemn-faced squads, with went by in solemn-faced squads, with more horns and more clangor. Confettl rained as at the festivals before the war, and a trio of enthusiasts from their windows in the Hotel Portland ripped pillows wide open—with never a thought of the reckoning—and cast

Street Scenes Illuminating.

the floating feathers at the crowd be-

Not a few of the autos ran their erratic courses with streamers of empty petroleum cans clanging and banging and bumping most unmelodiously in their respective wakes, while it was more than a cinch that many an ancient cowbell had been hunted to its haunts for similar use.

Eighteen pools tee drive last night pledged \$225.50 toward the \$6600 allotment of the University.

All subscriptions made on Volunteer day will be put on a special record. The two teams for the women will have as captains Ella Dews, of Klamath Falls, and Adelaids Lake, of Eugene.

cowbell had been hunted to its haunts for similar use.

As a demonstration of how the war sits in the hearts of Portland people, the sireet scenes were more than illuminating. For the casual stranger slapped his fellow pedestrian on the back, shook hands with great heartiness, and opined in gleefully stentorian tones that there never had been tones that there never had been a blanked bit of doubt about it from the moment that the Yanka set foot in

dows in office buildings paper streamors were floating.

SIOUN FALLS, S. D., Nov. 7.—This section of the Northwest celebrated for a short while today as the result of wild and baseless rumors spread broad-cast that Germany had accepted the allied terms.

It was rallying call as well for the street hawker, whose retirement dates back to the last Rose Festival, and he answered in force with flaming streamoff the country today.

The commit waiting for verify the wild and baseless rumors spread broadcast that Germany had accepted the allied terms.

Lack of confirmation from official sources at first impelled the authori-ties, who feared a harmful reaction in the influenza situation, to attempt to stem the popular outburst. But the fires of patriotism were not so easily doused, and the crowds decried all

Mrs. Courtney Tells How She Was Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Oskalossa, Iowa.—"For years I was simply in misery from a weakness and awful pains—and nothing seemed to



do me any good. A friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-table Compound. I

statements to the effect that if was well to "go easy" or to "wait a bit."

Ban Placed on Soldlers. As the celebration grew in volume, nd an occasional soldier joined in the emonstration, local military authori-ies signified the lack of official conties signified the lack of official confirmation by issuing an order prohibiting officers and men from taking part. Wherever the chance-met patriots held forums, in streetears and on corners, there was a similarity of comment that must have made Bill Hohenzollern's ears tingle, whether he housed himself in far Berlin or in the baronial eastles of the Lake of Zug.

"Of course we want peace," one would say, "but I'd like to see the boys so through to Berlin, leaving their trail for every German to know at sight."

"Treat 'Em Rough" Is Cry. "The Kaiser ought to pay at the end of a rope," would supplement another. "We ought to take every U-boat out in the sea and sink it!" declared this

'And I don't want to see peace if "You can't put down pairiotism with the police," observed Mayor Baker yesterday afternoon to the accompan-

westerday afternoon to the accompaniment of scenes and tumult that are
without parallel in the history of the
city.

A half dozen large industrial plants
pleaded with Mayor Baker and Chief
Johnson for leave to let their men
join in the demonstration. When this

Police and Mayor Helpless.

"It would be an error and a shame to call the pelice to put down patriot-ism," declared Mayor Baker. "We have choice but to let the demonstration

take its course

take its course.

"It is no less than criminal that a report such as this should be permitted to get out for publication. It has aroused the sentiments of Portland to a degree that hurts in the intensity of untimely rejoicing.

"A dozen times this morning men and women have grabbed me by the hand, their eyes shining. 'Oh, my boy is coming home!' was the exclamation of mothers who called on me for confirmation of the report. It's a hard job to tell these folks that they must job to tell these folks that they must wait a while for actual peace, even though it be but a few hours or a few

Influenza Ban Disregarded. "We have called upon the people of Pertland to join with the authorities for the benefit of the public health, and to aid in banishing the influenza peril. If they disregard the rules of the game, if they don't want to play it accordingly the situation is unfortunate. cordingly, the situation is unfortunate. We will be lucky as a city if this ill-timed demonstration does not react unfavorably upon the influenza situa-

'I feel certain that victory is to be "I feel certain that victory is to be the ultimate outcome within a short time, but it is a great pity that the people were prematurely aroused. As soon as we get something authentic on the armistice we will endeaver to see that Portland has an opportunity to re-joice at our deliverance and triumph."

Night Celebration Notay. Launched shortly before noon, and carried throughout the city by every means of communication, the word of peace negotiations wrought powerfully upon the Pertiand public, and the demonstration which followed did not relax for an instant until late last with

night.

But the key and the crux of the whole business, the secret wish that ripped the city wide open, ban or no ban, was expressed by many a mother, as it was sternly repressed by many

dad.
"My boy is coming home!" shouted Portland,

VOLUNTEER DAY OBSERVED United War Work Drive at Univer-

sity Begins Today. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Volunteer day on the campus for the United War Work drive will be observed tomorrow. Each student and faculty member will be given an opportunity to sign a pledge card specifying the amount of his sub-

acription for the fund.

Eighteen people at a general committee meeting of the drive last night pledged \$225.50 toward the \$6600 allot-

WALLA WALLA NOT HASTY

Celebration Committee Insists of Associated Press Verification.

WALLA WALLA, Wash, Nov. 7 .-Walla Walla was one of the few cities of the country which did not celebrate

The committee in charge insisted on

waiting for the Associated Press to verify the wild rumors which reached

MARINE ENGINEER ENTHUSED OVER IT

"Tanlac Acted Like It Was Made Especially for Me, Says Hanbers.

"Positively, if Tanlac had been made especially for my case it couldn't have helped me more than it has since I started on it." said A. W. Hanbers, a marine engineer employed with the Pacific Marine Iron Works and living at 919 South Edison street, Portland, the other day.

"For the past three years." he continued, "I have been troubled off and on with my stomach and about every

tinued. "I have been troubled off and on with my stomach and about every two weeks I would have terrible attacks of blinding headaches. No matter how I deted myself or what medicine I took to keep them off, they would always come on anyhow, and I would get so dizzy I could hardly see. These spells would make me awfully nervous and I would get so sick at the stomach that I couldn't even bear the smell of any kind of food. I would often have a dull, heavy feeling in my side that I thought was caused by a sluggish liver. My nerves were very much upset and Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so and got retable Compound. I did so and got retable compound. I can certainly recommend this valuable medicine to other women who suffer, for it has done such good work for me and I know it will help others if they will give it a fair trial.

—Mrs. Lizzie Courtney, 108 8th Ave., West, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

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