

TROOP D' HEROES WELCOMED HOME

Pendleton Folk Claim Men After Two Long Years.

SOLDIERS ARE ALL BRONZED

Parade Breaks Up When Relatives Kidnap Fighters.

SET PROGRAMME IGNORED

Mothers and Sweethearts Take Men Home; Others of 148th Get Swim, Banquet.

Pendleton, Or., June 25.—(Special.)—Pendleton took the boys of old "troop D" to her arm this evening with even more of a demonstration than she sent them away two long years ago.

WHEAT DIRECTOR IS TO STABILIZE PRICES

AUTHORITY TO REGULATE BY LICENSE GRANTED.

Tremendous Gain in Grain Stocks on Hand Shown by Food Department Bulletin.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Julius Barnes, United States wheat director, made public tonight a proclamation by President Wilson granting him full authority to regulate by license the exportation and importation of wheat and wheat flour for the purposes of stabilizing prices.

Mr. Barnes said that the regulations he would put into effect were similar to those which have been enforced by the war trade board, which heretofore has exercised the functions delegated to him.

PORTLAND DEPOSITS GAIN

Federal Report Shows Rose City Heads District.

Portland leads all cities of the 12th federal reserve district for increase in deposits since May 10, 1918, according to a report issued recently by the federal reserve bank in San Francisco.

For the period from March 4, 1918, to May 12, the gain in deposits of Portland banks also leads, this being 15.543 per cent, as compared with 12.749 for Seattle and 11.666 per cent for San Francisco.

LABOR CONDITIONS GOOD

Coast Unemployed Less Than in Other Sections.

OREGONIAN PRESS BUREAU, Washington, June 25.—Labor conditions on the Pacific coast are far better than in any other section of the country, according to the weekly report of the department of labor issued today.

Miss Betty Gram of Portland, Or., was elected an officer of the woman's liberty drive campaign organized in Boston today to raise money to press for ratification of the woman's suffrage amendment in other states.

\$65,000 HOP DEAL CLOSED

35 Cents Paid for 1917 Crop of Klaber Yard Near Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 25.—(Special.)—Approximately \$65,000 for his 1917 crop of hops is the price reported paid here today to H. A. Kaufman of the Klaber Hop company.

GERMANS CHARGE MURDER

American Lieutenant Under Arrest as Result of Shooting Affray.

COBLENZ, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lieutenant John Beggs, 23d infantry, of Kansas City, Mo., is under arrest facing a charge of murder in connection with a shooting affray at Seeburg, a village in the neutral zone opposite the American area of occupation.

WOOL SELLS AT 58 CENTS

Umatilla Clip Meets Ready Demand in Eastern Markets.

PENDLETON, Or., June 25.—(Special.)—Fifty-eight cents for half blood wool was the price received by the J. E. Smith Livestock company, according to word received from Boston by A. J. Smith, manager of the concern.

BOSTON HOPES FOR BEER

Saloonkeepers Plan to Sell 2 1/2 Per Cent Alcohol Drink.

BOSTON, June 25.—Boston saloonkeepers plan to sell 2 1/2 per cent beer after July 1, Secretary John J. Galvin of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association announced today.

COMMITTEE BACKS WARTIME DRY BILL

Enforcement Measure to Be Reported Out Today.

EARLY ENACTMENT FORECAST

Passage by Congress Expected Before July 1.

AMENDMENT IS REJECTED

Constitutional Prohibition Legislation Separated to Assure Action Before End of the Month.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—A straight, clear-cut bill for enforcement of wartime prohibition will be reported out tomorrow by the house judiciary committee.

Decision to separate the wartime enforcement measure, said to be the most drastic liquor bill ever presented to congress, was reported after an all-day session. A proposal that two distinct bills be drafted was rejected yesterday, but it was brought up again today by Representative Walsh, republican of Massachusetts, and was pending when a motion to adjourn abruptly ended the discussion.

BILL TO BE REPORTED OUT TODAY.

There was no indication as to how the committee would have voted, but several of the leading prohibition members agreed tonight that in view of the manifest differences between the two issues and the possibility that the sale of beer and light wines might be permitted until January by presidential proclamation the wisest thing to do was to report out the wartime bill the first thing tomorrow and the constitutional bill later in the day.

AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED.

An amendment by Representative Steel, democrat of Pennsylvania, which nullified the entire law, got through by a vote of 9 to 8 subsequent to which the amendment was defeated, 10 to 7. The amendment stipulated that provisions of the enforcement act, except as they relate to interstate and foreign commerce, should not be effective in any state until ratified by the people. It was said tonight that one or two members voted for the amendment as a "joke."

When the committee adjourned without acting on the Walsh motion for separate enforcement bills, Representative Gard, democrat of Ohio, returned (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

HIGH FOOD PRICES WILL STAY AWHILE

RETAIL GROCERS EXPECT NO REDUCTIONS SOON.

Two or Three Harvests Must Be Passed Before World Supply Gets Back to Normal.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 25.—Food prices will not be lower for some time, according to John A. Green, former secretary of the National Retail Grocers' association, who addressed the annual convention of the organization here today.

"It will take two, probably three, harvests to restore the world to its normal food state," Mr. Green declared. "Meanwhile," he continued, "the retailers must do business upon as substantial a foundation as they can."

Mr. Green warned the delegates against being too cautious and declared that the cost of selling must come down, but that there could not be any reduction in the wages of employees at the present time.

ALARM PROTECTS VAULT

Ashland Crackman Frightened by Electrical Device.

ASHLAND, Or., June 25.—(Special.)—A little terror belonging to people in apartments over the Citizen's bank of Ashland started barking furiously about 10:30 last night. He was hardly quieted when the changing of the bank's electrical burglar alarm drew a large crowd.

Investigation brought to light an open window at the rear and numerous footprints and fingermarks. Apparently an amateur crackman had sought to break into the bank vault, but had escaped when he ran afoul of the electrical protective device.

MARRIED WOMEN BARRED

Tacoma Civil Service Rules Put Ban on Matrimony.

TACOMA, Wash., June 25.—Married women will be excluded from employment by the city if the new rules governing municipal civil service as adopted by the civil service board become effective.

The new rules, prepared by a committee after a year's work, were submitted to the city council for approval today. Action was deferred.

The new rules further provide that girls in the city's service who get married will automatically be eliminated from their jobs. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

PACIFIC FLEET TO SAIL WEST IN JULY

Daniels May Be Passenger on Inspection Trip.

SECRETARY TO VISIT YARDS

Changes at Panama Required by New Arrangement.

ORIGINAL PLANS ALTERED

Ships Under Admiral Rodman to Visit San Diego, Los Angeles and Puget Sound Region.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The recently created Pacific fleet, now being organized from vessels heretofore forming a part of the Atlantic forces, will sail from Hampton Roads for the west coast between July 15 and 20, Secretary Daniels announced today.

The superdreadnought New Mexico will fly Admiral Hugh Rodman's flag as flagship of the Pacific fleet and the Pennsylvania will remain the flagship of the Atlantic fleet. The composition of the two fleets, Secretary Daniels announced, will be made public within a few days.

COAST PORTS TO BE VISITED.

The Pacific fleet upon reaching the western coast will visit San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and probably will make the last stop at Puget sound. Secretary Daniels, if able to make the trip, will visit the Pacific coast naval yards and establishments with a view to making recommendations to congress next December for necessary changes.

In announcing the date of departure of the Pacific fleet from Hampton Roads, which is about a month earlier than previously contemplated, Secretary Daniels said he had planned on visiting the Pacific coast in August and that he, therefore, would make every effort to go with the fleet in order to study the scope of contemplated improvements of naval facilities at the Panama canal.

CANAL CHANGES NECESSARY.

It was learned at the navy department that extensive changes would be necessary in the naval establishment at the canal zone, especially on the Pacific side, to take care of the greatly augmented Pacific fleet.

When it was first decided to make the Atlantic and Pacific fleets of equal size and strength, the plan was to send all of the oil-burning ships to the west coast and to keep the coal-burning vessels in the Atlantic, due to the geographical disposition of the nation's fuel resources. This plan has been abandoned. It was announced today. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

BIG THREE DISCUSS SCAPA FLOW SINKING

COUNCIL EXAMINES FULLY ALL FACTS AT HAND.

American Denial Made That President Favored Internment Instead of Surrender.

PARIS, June 25.—The council of three, composed of Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George and President Wilson, at its meeting today, discussed the scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, according to the Paris office of Reuters, Limited. The council examined fully the facts relative to what took place with regard to the ships at the time the armistice was signed.

The following statement, the news agency says, may be regarded as an official explanation: "At the time of the signing of the armistice the British admiralty and the British government strongly urged that the German ships should be surrendered. The French military authorities, however, put forward the view that for the purpose of the armistice the surrender of the German ships was not absolutely essential. They were most anxious that the armistice should be concluded, having regard for the very serious loss of life daily on the western front. Insistence upon surrender of the fleet, they felt, might delay the signing for which, despite rumors to the contrary, Marshal Foch was as desirous as anyone."

French, therefore, suggested that the German ships be interned in neutral ports. This view was supported by Admiral Benson, American naval representative in Paris. Ultimately a compromise was reached providing for the internment of the ships in a British port.

An authorized denial was made in a high American source today that there was any truth in an intimation made in the British house of commons yesterday by Horatio Bottomley, independent member from South Hackney, respecting the disposition of the German war fleet. Mr. Bottomley's intimation was that President Wilson had overruled the plan of Premier Lloyd George that the German ships should be surrendered instead of interned.

COXEY PLAN IS TOO "DEEP"

House Committee Men End Hearing Suddenly: "Revolution" Talked.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Jacob S. Coxe, of Massillon, O., who, in 1891, led his famous "army" of unemployed to the capital, appeared before the house banking and currency committee today to advocate legislation which he said would end unemployment, but after he had distributed copies of a pamphlet to members, the committee adjourned suddenly.

The publication discussed various proposals for correcting conditions of unemployment and contained this final passage: "Or, falling in this peaceful and desirable mode, then revolution. Think it over, is there anything else left for us to do?"

Coxey told the committee "revolution" in the generally accepted sense was not meant, but he refused to explain just what he did mean.

METHODISTS ARE JUBILANT

How to Spend \$160,000,000 Centenary Fund Topic of Conference.

COLUMBUS, O., June 25.—Methodists celebrated southern day at the centenary celebration here today. A special train arrived early this morning from Cleveland, bringing with it a number of bishops and district superintendents, who have been in conference over the way in which the \$160,000,000 centenary fund should be expended.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE RATIFIED

Massachusetts Goes on Record as Favoring Federal Constitution.

BOSTON, June 25.—Massachusetts today completed ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 79 degrees; minimum, 59 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; gentle westerly winds.

WILHELM REPORTED SHOCKED

Former Kaiser Hears of His Abdication by German Leaders.

AMERONGEN, Tuesday, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—News of Germany's decision to accept the peace terms, including the clause providing for the delivery of the former German emperor to the allies, reached the castle late yesterday evening. Exactly how the former emperor was affected by the tidings cannot be ascertained, but the attitude of members of his party gives rise to the belief that the news was a shock.

HUN LEADERS COUNSEL FAITH

Treaty Must Be Carried Out as Far as Possible, Says Order.

LONDON, June 25.—President Ebert of Germany, Premier Bauer and all the ministers have issued a proclamation (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)



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