

ATTACK BY NEGROES ON GERMANS DENIED

French Declare Women Not Bothered by Troops.

PROPAGANDA IS SCENTED

Statement Issued to Prevent Any Possible Loss of Friendship of America.

PARIS, June 5.—(Special.)—Love letters found on the French black soldiers in the Rhineland, bouquets of flowers brought by German women folk at Mainz and Woerms, when the negro battalions were about to be relieved by white troops and reinforced guards posted at the barracks gates in Frankfurt to keep off the German girls who flocked thither to have a peep at the dusky Senegalese—these were among the hints given Friday by a high Quai d'Orsay official to show that the presence of black troops in the French zone of occupation on the Rhine has not interfered with the normal life of the population there to the extent indicated by the German government.

French officialdom is gradually awakening to the danger of a possible revolution of feeling against France in America and neutral countries as a result of the sustained propaganda campaign to the effect that daily atrocities are being committed by the black troops in the Saar valley and throughout the Meuse bridgehead zone.

Reports Held Ridiculous.
When in a recent Reichstag speech the German foreign minister declared that there were still 45,000 French black troops in the occupied region, the French officials' denial received but scant notice in the French press because an earlier foreign office leaflet, Germany's attempts to make herself out a terrorized and martyred country are regarded in France as ridiculous. More power were more than 23,000 black troops in the French zone. The number is now reduced to 16,000, the correspondent was officially assured, counting white officers and white non-commissioned officers.

While the Germans have already laid hundreds of charges of assault on white women at the door of the black soldiers, French military authorities have so far found only 13 authentic instances of mistreatment and none of complaints investigated have come from the local population. Two of 13 black soldiers tried by French court-martial have been acquitted, while 11 have been severely punished.

Eleven Blacks Convicted.
The authenticated cases of attacks on white women by negro troops during 18 months, are a total which might have occurred under ordinary circumstances, French officials think. Besides the hope of winning the sympathy of neutral countries and America, there are reasons of internal politics, it is held here, which actuate the Germans in continuing the propaganda against the phantom danger of the black troops in the moral security of white women.

It is feared in Berlin, according to foreign official information, that unless the German government displays a deeper interest in the population of the French occupied zone, the Rheinisch Spartan movement will develop into a tangible peril to Prussianism.

GRESHAM EXERCISES HELD

Standing Room at Premium at Union High School Commencement.
GRESHAM, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—Standing room was at a premium in Masonic hall last night when the commencement exercises of Union high school were held.
The address to the graduates was delivered by Professor Morris of the University of Oregon.
After the presentation of the class by Principal Goodwin, the diplomas were awarded by Judge George W. Stapleton, chairman of the board of education.

Scholarships were awarded to Marie Lacheron and Olga Noren from Willamette university. To Gertrude Dowsett fell the Whitman college scholarship. Whitehead Chase received the Oregon conference scholarship with a choice of attending Albany college, McMinnville, or Pacific university, Pacific college or Philomath college.

BUTLER SCORES PRIMARY

Fraud, Says New York Presidential Candidate.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, presidential candidate, who arrived today, issued a statement on presidential primaries and the league of nations.
"The presidential primary," he said, "is a fraud on the American people. It is participated in by a very small minority of republicans and by numerous bodies of socialists, communists and a few democrats who want to make trouble for us. I am in favor of sending untruncated delegations to conventions."
"I will not uphold President Wilson's stand for the league of nations. I shall do my utmost to compel the republicans to uphold the constitution of the party for constructive measures instead of confining itself to mere destructive criticism."

HONOR SOCIETY FORMED

Willamette to Have Association Based on Scholarship.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—A senior honorary society has been established at Willamette as a result of recent faculty action. A constitution for the new organization was adopted by the professors, and a Greek letter name will be chosen soon.
Provision is made in the constitution for the membership of alumni, calling for the election of approximately 15 per cent of the enrollment of former graduating classes. Elections to membership will be made upon the basis of scholarship as evidenced by semester grades and productions of scholarly value.

COMMENCEMENT DAY NEAR

Final Examinations Completed at Willamette University.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, June 5.—(Special.)—Final examinations for the seniors were completed yesterday afternoon, and the

commencement week will start Sunday, June 13, with the baccalaureate sermon delivered by President Carl Gregg Doney. On Sunday afternoon the Christian associations will hold their farewell meeting.

The annual senior breakfast will take place Monday morning June 14, and the president's reception to seniors, faculty, alumni and friends will be held Monday evening in Eaton hall. Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to class day exercises.

Commencement exercises proper will be held in the Methodist church Wednesday morning. President Campbell of the University of Oregon will deliver the address to the class, and degrees will be conferred by President Doney.

FUEL DECISION SOON DUE

POSSIBLE SHORTAGE IN OIL MAY CAUSE CONVERSION.

Portland Petroleum Users to Meet Tomorrow to Discuss Exigencies of Situation.

Within a week fuel oil users in Portland will probably determine if they will hazard a chance on the expected fuel oil shortage next fall or play safe by converting oil burners into coal or wood burners.
As yet, so far as is known, no fuel oil users have determined what is to be done. Some buildings equipped with heating plants operated by fuel oil burners will be handicapped seriously by being shut off from the normal supply of petroleum, but a great many of the downtown buildings are supplied with setam furnished by the Northwestern Electric company. This company, incidentally, uses fuel oil, but officials are not worried for the present, as all essential industries and public utilities have been assured of an adequate supply of fuel oil this fall.

Apartment houses in Portland using oil are almost certain to be hit by the lack of fuel oil, but in the majority of cases apartment houses are equipped to use wood or coal, and conversion from oil can be accomplished easily.
Meetings of building owners and fuel users has been called tomorrow afternoon in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss what shall be done.

107 GRADUATE AT EUGENE

Largest Class in History of High School Receive Diplomas.

EUGENE, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—One hundred and seven seniors of the Eugene high school received their diplomas at the graduating exercises at the Methodist church last night. This is the largest class in the history of the school.
Apartment houses of the state supreme court, delivered the address, choosing for his subject "Success." The speaker was Mr. J. H. Smith, one of the honor students, while special honorable mention was given to Ethel Ralston, Marion Linn, Helen Enoch, Cecile Johnson, H. Eugene Bowen, Mark McCulloch, Frank Shontz, Reuben Young and Jane Campbell.

THOMAS J. BERNARD DEAD

Whereabouts of Relatives of Noted Mining Engineer Dead.

Any person who knows the whereabouts of relatives of the late Thomas James Bernard, noted British mining engineer, is asked to communicate with Loyal H. McCarthy, in the Northwestern Bank building.
Mr. McCarthy yesterday received a cablegram from London asking for advice as to what to do with the body of Mr. Bernard, who has just died in London. Mr. Bernard was interested in mining operations in Oregon and British Columbia and is thought to have relatives in this part of the country.

Baker's Chinatown Burns

BAKER, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—Baker's historical "landmark" was nearly wiped out Thursday night. The blaze started in one of the narrow streets and swept rapidly to the next shop. The light wind fanned the flames against another shack which was used as a dwelling or bunkhouse. But the firefighters played a stream of water on the crackling kindling while the terrified Chinese gazed helplessly at the ruins.

Jersey Breeders Have Picnic

SALEM, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—Oregon Duroc-Jersey breeders from all sections of Marion county gathered here today for the annual picnic of the organization. Governor Otis gave the address of welcome. Other speakers included Grant Dimick of Oregon, L. H. Roberts of Salem, L. H. Sheard of Dayton and J. W. Fruit of Brooks.

Honey Adulteration Denied

H. J. Jones pleaded not guilty to the charge of selling adulterated honey before District Judge Jones yesterday. Trial was set for next Saturday morning. Rosa Smith pleaded guilty to the theft of a waist from the Meier & Frank store before District Judge Hawkins and will be sentenced Monday. Edna Edwards forfeited \$25 bail. She also was charged with larceny in

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58TH COMMENCEMENT AT FOREST GROVE SATURDAY.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday to Be Preached by Dr. Charles R. Burton of New York.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—

The 58th annual commencement exercises opened Saturday night with a violin recital by pupils of William Wallace Graham. The baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning is to be preached by Dr. Charles R. Burton of New York. Dr. Matthews of Seattle will be the speaker at the vesper service of the Christian associations.

Class day exercises will be Monday afternoon. The class history is being written by Miss Greta McIntyre of Athens. In a "Person Garden" will be given. Mrs. Virginia Spencer Hutchinson, Miss Goldie Peterson, John Clair, Monteith and John Muir are the soloists.

The literary societies will give a garden party under the campus oaks Tuesday afternoon. In the evening the senior play will be presented. Miss Anna E. Bagstad is coaching the play which is one of Oscar Wilde's "The Ideal Husband."

The board of trustees holds its annual meeting Wednesday morning. At 3 o'clock the commencement exercises take place. The address is to be given by Dr. McElven of Portland. The 6 o'clock alumni banquet is the closing event.

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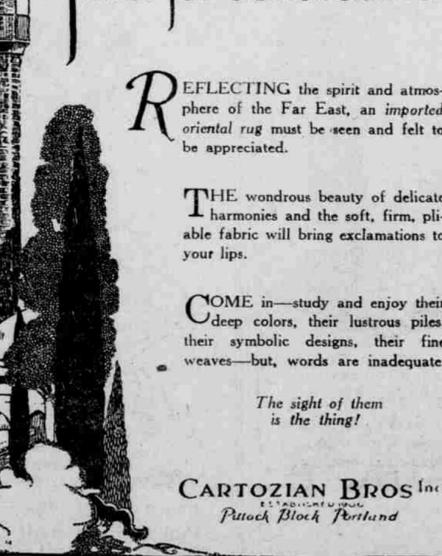
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