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Revolutions Start In Germany With Big Strikes In Berlin

Transcending in interest the great victory of the Italians over the Austrians is the political and economic situation in Germany. Here, apparently, a large part of the country is in the throes of a great labor upheaval, due to dissatisfaction by the working classes over the progress of the peace negotiations and over internal political condition generally.

Throughout the country thousands upon thousands of the working classes, both men and women, have struck and many of the great manufacturing are affected. In Berlin alone nearly half a million persons are reported on strike and hourly more are quitting. Likewise in Kiel, the great shipyard center, at the Hamburg iron works and in the Rhenish Westphalian mine regions men have thrown down their tools.

Advices received by way of Switzerland are to the effect that the socialists have delivered an ultimatum to the government demanding the conclusion of a general peace without

indemnities or annexations, participation by the workmen in peace discussions, amelioration of the food situation, the right of public assembly, the release of political prisoners, and the introduction of equal electoral suffrage by direct secret ballot.

News concerning internal conditions in Austria still is scant.

In Finland the trouble between the government forces and revolutionists continues to extend. The revolutionists are declared to have formed a government of their own. All southern Finland is said to be in the hands of the Red Guard.

The Italian successes against the Austrians in the mountain region of northern Italy has been extended by the capture of Monte di Val Valla, a dominating height on the Asiago plateau. An intensive artillery duel is now in progress along the entire front, the Austrians bombarding the Italians in their new positions, and the Italians pouring an avalanche of shells into the enemy lines.

Home Guard Holds Drill Monday Night

Monday evening at the regular weekly meeting of the Ashland Home Guard at the armory several matters of importance were before the members. After an hour's lively drill with Bert Freeman as drillmaster, a business meeting, presided over by Second Lieutenant D. D. Edwards, in the captain's room, was held. Owing to the fact that the band meets Monday evenings, a vote was taken to change the drill night to Tuesday, which was voted to commence Tuesday, February 5, thereby giving the band boys an opportunity to attend drill. A sergeant-at-arms was elected in the person of Elmer Morrison, to have charge of the building.

Owing to the absence from town of First Lieutenant Roy Anderson, Bert Freeman was nominated and elected first lieutenant, upon the declination of Second Lieutenant Edwards to accept the nomination. Bert Freeman then took charge of the meeting and outlined a plan for drill. An application for leave of absence by Lieutenant Edwards was granted on account of church duties. It was decided to begin drill promptly at 8 o'clock and drill for one hour, as much variety as possible being given to each drill.

A very brisk drill was indulged in Monday evening, there being two squads present. Each movement was explained in detail and particular attention was given to the manner of giving orders, as the ability of the men to execute the commands promptly largely depends upon them being properly given. The two squads present gave their undivided attention to the drill, which lasted one hour, and a marked improvement was noted in their drill at the end of that time.

It is hoped and requested that everyone that can will join the Home Guards, as the drill can be made more interesting with a larger number. A lack of interest is apparent about town in what is going on at the armory on drill nights. A drill lasting one hour is not tiresome if variety and snap are given to it. After drill, basketball, indoor baseball, boxing and other athletics may be indulged in, some of which will be of interest to everyone. A feature of the drill in the future will be wall-scaling, a no mean feat for the average person until after a great deal of practice.

Again an appeal is made to everyone who is able to come to the armory next Tuesday evening and see what is going on, and if you do not care to join, spectators are welcome.

Recorder Wimer Called to Colors

Recorder John D. Wimer left Sunday for Portland, where he passed the examination for clerk in the quartermaster's corps of the aviation branch. He will go to Vancouver, Wash., to get his assignment. It is not known yet in Ashland where Mr. Wimer will be located, but he does not expect to return here before he is stationed at some camp.

M. C. Lininger is home from Klamath Falls, where he has been looking after business interests for the past month.

Hoag Oil Engine Is New Invention

J. D. Hoag of this city recently received information of the manufacture of an oil engine which has been created and patented by his brother, Henry P. Hoag of Brantford, Ontario, and which promises to be the greatest step forward since the invention of the internal combustion engine. This machine starts with kerosene oil, and has no carburetors, no pre-heating, no batteries, no spark plug, no magnet and no wires. Weather conditions do not affect the Hoag oil engine, as combustion is by heat generated within the cylinder. These engines are now being manufactured in Brantford, Ontario, under the firm name of Henry P. Hoag & Co.

Mr. Hoag, the inventor of this engine, has been purchasing agent for the British government for about two years, and is a machinist of much prominence in Canada.

Clerk Appointed Recorder Pro Tem

At the regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening Miss Gertrude Biede was appointed and confirmed recorder pro tem., pending the resignation of Recorder John B. Wimer, who has gone to Vancouver, where he has entered the quartermaster's corps. Miss Biede has been a clerk in the recorder's office for the past ten or twelve years, and is capable of filling the position with efficiency.

Among other important transactions at this session final action was taken on the bonding ordinance that has been before the council for some time. The ordinance makes formal award of the bonds to the Lumberman's Trust Company of Portland at 5 1/2 per cent and a premium of \$120.

Estes Fined and Given Jail Sentence

Rankin Estes, who was arrested in Medford last week on the charge of hooliganing, was convicted of the charge at a trial before Judge Taylor and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve a year in jail. In consideration of Estes' wife and seven children who depend upon him for support, the sentence was suspended for six weeks to allow Estes time to undergo an operation which will fit him to leave town and secure employment.

Revenue Officer To Be In Ashland

Next week from February 4 to 8 inclusive, J. P. Mead, a representative of the internal revenue service, will be in Ashland to instruct the people of this city in making out the blanks for the income taxes. Mr. Mead will have his headquarters in the city hall during those four days, his office hours being from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m. His presence here will be of great assistance to those who require information concerning income taxes.

Pledges Help to Secure Irrigation

Passage by congress of the Chamberlain bill, proposing government guaranty of interest on bonds issued by irrigation districts, would, in the opinion of Senator McNary, enable the farmers of Rogue River valley to put through their bond issue, recently voted, as a means of financing a project for the irrigation of some 16,000 acres of land at a cost of about \$600,000. Senator McNary is a member of the committee on irrigation, before which the Chamberlain bill is pending, and he has written C. M. Thomas of Medford promising to use his influence to get the bill reported in the senate at an early day.

In response to a letter from Mr. Thomas Senator McNary stated that as he is a member of the committee on irrigation and reclamation of arid lands to which this bill has been referred, he will make a determined effort to have it favorably reported by the committee at an early date. While the effort may not be characterized at once by achievement, as precedence is allowed strictly to war measures, the senator will labor to bring this bill to the attention of congress at as early a date as possible.

Old Clothes Wanted For Needy Belgians

In order to procure clothing for the needy Belgian children, several women of Ashland have interested themselves in this worthy cause and are sending an appeal to the residents of the city, asking for donations of old and discarded clothing which can be utilized to supply the needs of these destitute children. Skirts, coats, trousers or any articles that nearly every housewife has been reluctantly giving house room, and which in all probability will be better appreciated by their absence, will be most gratefully accepted by these women, who will utilize them for wearing apparel for the children of Belgium. Even old hose are accepted, as they may be made over into small socks for children. All having old clothing to donate for this purpose may leave them at the residence of Mrs. E. T. Merrill, 570 Boulevard, or call phone 62, and she will see that they are placed in the proper channel to be made up into children's apparel.

"Little American" Coming to Vining

"The Little American," Mary Pickford's patriotic photoplay which has proved so popular all over the country, will be shown at the Vining Friday and Saturday. This is undoubtedly the most gripping and thrilling photodrama in which the "nation's sweetheart" has ever appeared.

A vital story by Cecil B. DeMille and Jeanie Macpherson and produced under the personal direction of Mr. DeMille, whose many creations have made him one of the foremost masters of photoplay technique, this film offers a particularly timely subject of patriotic theme.

The story deals with the present great war and offers various surprises that, when seen on the stage, will disclose remarkable effects. As the little American girl marooned in a French chateau while the battle surges around her, "Little Mary" is given an opportunity to display the wonderful dramatic ability with which she is gifted. Although the story deals with the war, it is not of the same type as the ordinary war drama, as it deals more with the intimate than with the general.

In addition to "The Little American" a real funny Sidney Drew comedy has been added to the program.

Spies Put to Death In United States

C. S. Thompson, chairman of the press committee of the American Defense Society, declares that the society has been informed that the United States has executed fourteen spies since the beginning of the war with Germany. He also adds that enemy aliens in this country "should be apprised of these facts as evidence of America's determination to protect herself."

Insignia Denotes Rank of Wearer

A visit to the local railroad station any day is quite an education to those who are not familiar with the various ranks and branches of service of the soldiers uniformed for the war. Every train sees a number of Samuels en route to some encampment, and as all trains stop in Ashland anywhere from twenty minutes to an hour, the chance civilian has an opportunity to observe the many departments of the army to which the soldiers belong.

At present many enlisted and drafted privates are going through over the railroad to the different cantonments along the coast, and scarcely a day passes but one sees a number on the trains. While all are uniformed alike, the only distinguishing touch is in the hat cord, which denotes the branch of service each private has entered. Of these, light blue signifies infantry; scarlet, artillery; yellow, cavalry; scarlet and white, engineers' corps; orange and white, signal corps; scarlet and black, ordnance; black and white, field clerk; maroon, medical corps; black and gold, officers; silver and black, adjutant general's clerk; green, instructor home guards; green and white, home guards. These cords are worn only on service hats.

Cadet aviators wear as hat bands inch and a half white ribbons and on coat collars insignia representing the aviation branch of the signal corps, propeller blades.

The rank of commissioned officers of the United States army is shown by insignia on the shoulder loops.

The shoulder loops of a general bear the coat of arms of the United States and two silver stars; lieutenant general, one large and two small silver stars; major general, two silver stars; brigadier general, one silver star; colonel, silver leaf; major, gold leaf; captain, two silver bars; first lieutenant, one silver bar; second lieutenant, no loop insignia.

The shoulder loop of a chaplain bears a Latin cross.

Posting Machine Causes Interest

Ashland people are much interested in the demonstration of the Burroughs posting machine which has been on exhibition at the First National Bank. It has rightly been called "the bookkeeper with brains of steel." It is an adding machine with attachments for adding deposits and subtracting checks and carrying out extensions. The machine works automatically in making proofs of the ledger and changes from adding to subtracting, giving proof at the bottom of the list without other computation. One interesting feature is that it refuses to print an overdraft. The machine automatically locks and it is necessary to touch a lever to show an overdraft. Dates are automatically shown in statements and are only changed once each day.

It is estimated the ordinary work in a bank can be done with this machine in about one-half the time that is consumed in posting and balancing with the old method.

Roseburg Boy Held On Vagrancy Charge

A 14-year-old boy who gave his name as Donald Pearce of Roseburg was detained in Ashland by the local police one day last week on the charge of vagrancy. The boy claimed he had been living with his uncle in Roseburg and was en route to California points, where his father was expecting him. Chief of Police Hatcher held the boy until he communicated with the Roseburg authorities in an effort to find out whether or not the lad had run away from his home, as he was within the school age. As no trace of the boy's relatives could be found he was allowed to go on the promise to return to his home.

A prominent editor of the country is out with a long editorial purporting to be an analysis of the female nature. That editor is either a fraud or the most foolhardy man alive. We contend that the female nature can't be analyzed. But if it can, and this editor has succeeded, then he will be a hunted man the balance of his days for telling on the women.

Normal School Bill Beginning To Attract Attention of Voters

With the revival of political gossip and activities, a movement to remind the people of the state of the measure to be voted upon at the general election in November, which is of prime importance to the people of southern and eastern Oregon, and in only slightly lesser degree to the people of the rest of the state—the normal school bill—has been started.

Several meetings have been held in Ashland of late, a large and thoroughly representative committee appointed to further the measure, and means have been taken to sound the sentiment of other sections. Results have been all that the most enthusiastic friends of the proposal could have asked.

The forthcoming normal school vote will be upon a single measure put on the ballot through the efforts of Ben Sheldon of this county at the last legislature, which provides for a school at Ashland and one in eastern Oregon at a city to be selected by the normal school board of regents after the adoption of the bill by the people in November. This Sheldon plan unites in one effort the ambitions of the two sections of the state, both of which are conceded by all who have ever a cursory understanding of the state's educational problems, as badly needed.

Mr. Sheldon, Superintendent Briscoe and other southern Oregonians during recent trips to the northern part of the state have taken occasion to inquire as to the feeling on this measure, and while the interest among the general populace is not as keen or widespread as that upon

other political contests, such as the governorship and U. S. senatorship, the feeling is decidedly favorable to the plan, and the political wisecracks are predicting that, under the Sheldon plan, the measure will be adopted. Several factors are working to that end: the fact that a large number of communities are feeling a direct interest, due to the fact that several eastern Oregon cities are hopeful that one of the schools will be located in their communities; the fact that several parts of the state, notably Portland and eastern Oregon, are experiencing a prosperity not known before in many years; the fact that, through war drives and the like, the people throughout the state are becoming accustomed to think in terms of large figures, and an expenditure of so small a sum as these schools will require, once thought formidable, seems a small item now. The determination displayed by these two sections of the state to provide themselves with these needed institutions has impressed the rest of the state with the actual need that exists, shoving aside the feelings, heretofore quite prevalent, that the normal school campaigns were evidences of local booster moves.

Members of the local committees, with Mr. Sheldon, are working constantly on plans for the coming normal campaign, starting with the slogan, "Now is the accepted time." With a reasonable support from the people of this section, as good, in fact, as will apparently be given the measure by the people of eastern Oregon, its success is assured.

Gives Credit to Ashland Schools

Prof. G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of the Ashland public schools, is in receipt of a letter from Claude Warren, a former pupil of the local schools, in which he tells of receiving the appointment to an excellent position in Oakland, Cal., which he secured through a competitive examination, and in which he gives credit to the work done in the Ashland high school that enabled him to secure it. The letter is in part as follows:

"The other day I was notified that the Hall Scott Gas Engine Company was going to give a competitive examination for electrical inspector. This company is making aeroplanes for the government and is practically under government control, so thought I would try it. I went down and took the examination along with four other young men. I passed with a grade of perfect and got the place. This goes to show that the work done by the Ashland high school is superior to the work done in most other high schools. I consider that it was the help that I received in the high school at Ashland that helped me to make a showing for Ashland high. It certainly surprised me that they would give me such a grade.

"I think that any young man that has any intention of quitting school before finishing high school at least had better think again before doing it. I have not seen a school since I left Ashland that is anything to compare with your high school."

National Thrift Day February 3

February 3 has been set aside as National Thrift Day, the object of which is to look back over what we have accomplished in the way of self-betterment, thus far, and to resolve to continue and to improve upon the good work. If a whole year has slipped by and nothing has been accomplished in the way of self-betterment, it is time to read ourselves a lecture and to heed it. This year, when the whole United States is concerned with thrift—when food, wool, steel, time, money, everything really that we have as a nation—must be saved for the sake of the boys in the field, it is every one's business to do his part. As February 3 comes on Sunday this year, the observance will take place on Monday, February 4. It is not probable that the day will be specially observed in Ashland, as all days are "thrift days" at the present time.

Following are some of the questions to be considered concerning the observance of National Thrift Day:

What have you done during the past year that makes you better off than you were last third day?

Are your habits better?

Are you stronger in health?

Have you found profitable employment for your spare time?

Have you been systematically reading good books?

Have you been learning something which will help you to live better, work better, accomplish more?

Have you saved any money?

Have you learned where you were wasting money, time or the country's resources, and have you stopped the waste?

If you have done these things, or any of them, you have something to celebrate on February 3.

Police Report Less Than Last Year

A report of the police department for 1917 was read at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, which showed a material saving in that department over the previous year. In 1916 the city paid \$3,145 for the services of policemen, \$67.11 for supplies, \$13.20 for meals for prisoners and \$381.53 for police and jail expenses, a total of \$3,606.84. In 1917 the police were paid \$2,389.31, the police auto and license cost \$805, supplies and labor for police auto cost \$126.45, police department supplies \$89.23, board of prisoners \$22.30, police matron \$92.45, or a total of \$3,504.74. As compared with 1916, the police department cost the city \$102.10 less the past year, despite the purchase and upkeep of the auto and the employment of a matron during a part of the summer, which is a very creditable showing. Fines for 1916 were \$89.39, and for 1917 \$499.80. Most of the fines during the past year were paid by violators of the bone-dry law.

Mrs. Tibbetts Buried Tuesday

The body of Mrs. M. J. Tibbetts, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Della Keeney, in Eugene, last Sunday morning, was brought to Ashland for burial Tuesday morning. The remains were taken from the train to Mountain View cemetery, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Mellinger of the Christian church. Mrs. Tibbetts was a former resident of Ashland and had many friends here. She is survived by four sons and one daughter, all of whom, with the exception of one son, who is laid up with a broken leg, attended the funeral. Mrs. Keeney was accompanied by her husband, Lieutenant Keeney of Fort Stevens.

Phone news items to the Tidings.