

PLANS TO WELCOME RETURNING TROOPS RAPIDLY FORMING

Mayor Baker Replies to Message of Greeting With Promise of Hearty Reception for Men.

LIBERTY WAY TO BE TRIMMED

Meeting of Representative Organizations Next Monday Evening Will Perfect Plans.

With information from Oregon congressmen and from the war department, practically making certain the routing of the 65th coast artillery through Portland...

A telegram from Lieutenant Ray Deburgh was received by Mayor Baker this morning. The message said: "Portland and Oregon contingents of the 65th coast artillery just arrived from France..."

The Rotary club, which has undertaken to decorate the interior of Liberty Temple, will start work immediately. Liberal donations of flags, bunting, flowers and material have already been offered.

Definite plans for decorating Liberty Way will be made this afternoon when representatives of the Institute of Architects will meet the Liberty Way committee at the United States National bank.

Frank H. Hilton, secretary of the soldiers, sailors' and marines reception and welfare committee will leave for Camp Lewis tonight to visit Oregon men now at that camp.

Spartacans Give Up Wilhelmshaven Hold After Street Fight

Berlin, Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—The Spartacans, after completely dominating Wilhelmshaven for several days, have completely surrendered, according to advices received here today.

Governor Lister Slightly Improved

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—While no official bulletin was issued on Governor Lister's condition this morning, it is known that he has shown a slight improvement since yesterday. The governor has heretofore refused to leave the state on account of ill health and reiterates his intention now to stay in Olympia.



Final Clearance Every Winter Hat remaining in stock has gone to the third floor for quick clearance at \$2.50

Not one hat excepted. Dress hats. Street hats. Among them are Gage Bros.' velours. Every Velvet Shape \$2.00

EMPORIUM Z. SWETCO 124-128 Sixth St. Just off Washington

NAVY ELECTRICIAN DIES ON BIRTHDAY



Henry Leo O'Shea, electrician, first class general, U. S. naval reserve force, was drowned on his birthday anniversary, January 4, in New York harbor, while attached to the U. S. S. Western Star.

O'Shea was born in Portland and lived here all his life, residing at 243 Ivy street. After finishing school he followed the electrical business with unusual success.

Miss Mary Isom, Late of Central Library, Very Active Overseas

Miss Mary Isom, librarian of Central library, who left Portland last summer to take up library work in France, is now organizing library work at base hospital No. 119 at Nevers, France.

Bolsheviki Termed Unworthy of Trust In a Peace Meeting

Vladivostok, via Tokio, Jan. 20.—(Delayed.)—(U. P.)—General Hovarth, manager of the Chinese-Eastern railway, declared today the proposed conference of all Russian factions on the Princes Islands, sea of Marmora, is impracticable.

PAVING EXPERTS IN BIG POW WOW OVER COST ITEMS

Free-for-All Battle in Legislative Controversy on Paving Costs and Efficiency of State Work.

RESULT IS STILL IN DOUBT

State Highway Commission Denies Charges That Its Endeavors Have Been Unsuccessful.

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ment just as good for half the money. Then came the highway commission and its figures in refutation. They contended that the facts alleged did not square with comparative conditions, that the county could build roads as cheap as any contractor, if not cheaper, and he believed this could be done because the county had done it.

John R. Penland, city engineer of Albany, said Albany had paid \$1.15 per pavement in Albany, while the construction cost was 65 cents, not including the overhead five-inch pavement. Part of a three-inch base and two-inch top and the rest on a three and a half inch base and one and a half inch top. It was all bitulithic asphalt.

Senator Dimick followed Dunn. He had the original figures of the Clackamas county road work as furnished by the roadmaster of the county, he said. In 1916 the county laid the Milwaukee-Sellwood road, 18 feet wide from 2 to 8 inches thick, for 55 cents per yard. The plans for road laid for 45 cents, also 18 feet wide.

In 1917, a road was laid for 98 cents per yard. The total cost, including grading and material, was \$1.52 per yard. Dimick gave the figures from various jobs showing the costs ranging about 98 cents to \$1.05 per yard, with an average thickness of about 4 inches.

In 1918 the county laid road for \$1.115 per yard, he said. The average cost was \$1.18 per yard, including all grading and other costs. Another road was laid for \$1.175 per yard. Another cost \$1.24 per yard. The county had \$10,000 tied up in its paving plant and 8 per cent was added by taxation and 8 per cent for maintenance.

Dunn said Dimick had apparently made an effort to discredit the statements he had made by not reading paid of the figures his roadmaster had given him. The figures showed the average cost of pavement was \$1.50 a yard. The cost including sub-grading was \$1.195 per yard.

Dennis said that until the engineers could get together and compare construction conditions comparisons could not get the committee anywhere. R. E. Spence, superintendent of the Portland paving plant, was the next speaker. The Terwilliger boulevard was laid at a cost of 65 cents per yard, including grading charges.

1918 Costs Are Cited During 1918 the total cost of pavement was about 98 cents per yard. The pavement was 3 1/2 inches thick. The road was 15 feet wide, he said. The average cost of the material at the yard was \$1.32. The county did not own its machinery and paid a rental charge, but did not figure wear and tear or depreciation in answer to a question by Hurler. Culver said he had no previous experience in laying pavement and that his salary was \$175 a month. The road was not completed and their cost was not included in the cost figures given. The average distance of haul for material was two miles.

Official estimates today of the strength of the Bolshevik army on various fronts was 250,000, with reserves of over 1,000,000.

Spence went into the cost of overhead on the paving companies. They had high paid officers, high paid attorneys. They must pay dividends and were working for profit. There were patents and suits and advertising. They maintain a corps of paving promoters with which all the counties had paid experience. They maintained expensive offices. They maintain an expensive lobby at the legislature. They finance promoting schemes in cities. They entertain prospective customers with banquets and have idle periods when high priced experts are kept on the payrolls. The only way to avoid these overhead expenses was for the commission to do the work itself.

Hurler asked if Spence was opposed to the paving program two years ago. Spence said he had opposed the special road program but he was not opposed to good roads. He had always favored direct taxation for roads. Two years ago Clackamas county asked the legislature to levy 9 mills road tax. The county would have given more than the six per cent limitation. A permit had it been possible. It was unfair to say that he was opposed to good roads because he was opposed to the bonding program. Every farmer

The contractor was entitled to a reasonable profit. The profit on the Salem-Aurora job was more than \$1,000 a mile and the contractors will make an estimated profit of \$108,000 for the 90 miles to be paved this year. "Interest on equipment needed by the commission would reach approximately \$184,000 for the same work. No contractor had made money and many had gone broke.

The state of Oregon would not accept the improvement made by the city on the Terwilliger boulevard. It was not the same kind of pavement laid by the state. "If you men have got the nerve to pass this \$10,000,000 bonding act and put the emergency clause on it to keep just such men as Spence from putting the referendum on it, the people will back you up," Thompson said in closing.

I. N. Day said that the charge made against the commission and its operations was a base slander upon the commission, that they were high minded men. He said Archambeau did not give a correct statement about paving specifications.

R. A. Booth closed the discussion. He said the commission was acting only by a desire to give the best roads possible for the least money, that it was trying to do-it-for-the-public, that he did not like to see it used, but that he did not intend to be run over either by grafting contractors or by politicians.

NEW Victor Records ON SALE SATURDAY MORNING Some Splendid Ones COME EARLY G.F. JOHNSON PIANO CO. 149 SIXTH VICTROLAS-RECORDS-PIANOS

OFFER OF \$270,000 FOR P. & E. RAILROAD UNDER CONSIDERATION

Medford Men Would Buy Short Line in Receiver's Hands; Timber Owners' Aid Sought.

An offer of \$270,000 has been made by A. L. Hill and other business men of Medford for the purchase of the Pacific & Eastern railroad property. The offer is now under consideration by the bondholders, according to W. F. Turner, receiver for the company.

The road was offered for sale for \$200,000 some months ago. Proposals have also been received for the purchase of the rails and other portions of the equipment and, unless local people purchasing the line, the receiver will be compelled to accept offers made by scrap dealers. One attractive offer comes from interests about to establish a line in the Orient.

Operation of the road was suspended Thursday night by order of the federal court. All employees of the line with the exception of George W. Neilson, general superintendent, have been paid off. The Pacific & Eastern is 33 miles in length, extending from Medford to Butte Falls. Advances received from the federal court and the local committee of bankers in charge of the proposed purchase of the line expect assistance from timber owners in the Butte Falls territory.

President Wilson will leave France on February 15 and return to America in order to be present at the closing of congress on March 4. It was learned from an authoritative source Thursday night. President Wilson will stay in the United States a few days only, after which he will return to France. His absence from Paris will not exceed three weeks.

During the absence of the president, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Orlando will doubtless go to England and Italy, respectively, where their duties as heads of those governments claim them. The work of the conference will continue during the absence of the three leaders. Most of the committees have now been appointed and are ready to commence examination of the various problems assigned for their consideration.

Late Thursday afternoon Coroner Smith's automobile was found on Macadam road by the police. The car was near the Riverview cemetery. It was returned to the owner. The ignition system had been put out of commission. Eight other automobiles have been stolen Thursday night, according to police records, three of which had been found Friday morning. The owners are D. S. Robinson, 82 Glenview street; E. C. O'Reilly, 705 Davis street; Ralph W. Hoyt, 722 Main street; D. W. Altan, 305 Corbett street; A. Brix, 863 Main street; John Enghel, Clyde hotel; L. L. McKenna, 509 Oregonian building, and D. Newbegin, 400 Holladay avenue.

The thief suspects are caught in act of ransacking house. When Mrs. W. E. Coovert arrived at her home at 590 Maiden avenue Thursday evening she found intruders inside, but before she could catch sight of them they had escaped. She found her house turned topsy turvy, but so far nothing has been reported missing.

Peter Kikes, operating a restaurant at 126 North Sixth street, reported larceny of \$40 from his place of business Thursday. The home of Mrs. Linda Topham, 1735 East Front street, was entered by a thief Thursday. A gold bracelet was stolen.

New York City Gets Big; Would Be Free. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—Making the city of New York a separate state of the union, to be named Liberty, is proposed in a bill introduced in the senate today.

Retaliation Against Britain Not to Come. Washington, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—No retaliatory measures against Great Britain will be taken by the war trade board because of recent import restrictions against American goods, it was announced today.

DANCING DE MONEY'S BEAUTIFUL ACADEMY TWENTY-THIRD AND WASHINGTON NEW CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS start Friday evening, January 31, and Monday evening, February 5. Advanced class starts next Tuesday evening. All popular and latest ballroom dances correctly taught in 5 lessons. LADIES \$2.50, GENTLEMEN \$3. To all joining these classes this week. Take one or four lessons a week. Tickets are good until used. The only school teaching from 8 to 11. Plenty of practice. No embarrassment. Separate step-room and extra teachers for backward pupils. A thorough printed description of all dances free for pupils. Join these new classes. No more boring lessons. Dancers where you will meet refined people and enjoy yourself. Private session. Call after 6:00 p.m. or evening. Phone Main 1655.

Reformed Gambler To Make Talk on 'Better Citizenship'

It is to give to the public of Portland his message on good citizenship and the brotherhood of mankind that "Three-Fingered Jack" Godwin, reformed gambler, and evangelist, will deliver a series of three addresses in the public auditorium, Saturday night, at 3 p. m. Sunday and Sunday evening. His subjects will be "Bridging the Chasm," "Better Citizenship" and "Justice to All."

"Three-Fingered Jack" has lived under every law on earth, has traveled around the globe five times, was arrested 56 times, shot 11 times, and conducted 17 saloons and 11 gambling halls at one time. In 1908 he was converted in Tacoma, since which time he has striven to redeem mankind.

Since America entered the war he has voluntarily visited 757 logging camps, sawmills, mining camps and other industries, far into the wilds, wherever he could find groups of laboring men where the seeds of discord were being sown by the radical element, to preach the gospel of good citizenship.

Daylight Holdup Nets \$1700. Chicago, Jan. 31.—(U. N. S.)—Three masked bandits entered the office of the Bosch Magneto company shortly after noon today, covered the cashier with revolvers, took the payroll, totaling \$1700, then escaped in an automobile. Values Hand at \$10,000. Declaring that his hand was badly crushed while handling a case of coffee,

George H. Martin began suit for \$10,000 damages in the circuit court Thursday against Lars & Co. his employer, charging negligence. The alleged accident occurred September 11 last.

"In-Betweens" at the Hazelwood offer the added enjoyment of attractive surroundings and the refreshing comfort of restfulness. Hot Chocolate French Pastry Frozen Specials Fountain Drinks Just a bite, but very satisfying—served in the Hazelwood way.

The Jazz Band \$6—a New Spring Hat in green and English brown BEN SELLING Leading Hatter Morrison at Fourth

Boys' Two-Knicker Suits Reduced! An opportunity is presented to buy good suits for boys at a genuine reduction from their normal prices. Every Suit From Regular Stock In Ages 8 to 18 Years

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Tomorrow—The Last Day on which you can buy an Apex Electric Washing Machine and Simplex Electric Ironer at our Special 10% Discount and at our Special Low Initial Payment of only \$15.00

The remainder on Easy Monthly Payments—like paying for laundry. This is an exceptional opportunity, and one that you should investigate before the time is past.

Illustration of a woman washing clothes in a machine.

Illustration of a woman ironing clothes.

Illustration of a woman standing next to a washing machine.

Illustration of a woman sitting at a desk.

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