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HOMES OPEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLK

Church Forces Are Joined in Annual Convention of State Association Now in Session Here

DELEGATES PRESENT FROM MANY COUNTIES

E. W. Halpenny, of International Note, Adds Zest to Meeting

There is in Salem today a closer alignment of religious forces, a higher degree of spiritual enthusiasm and a closer bond of inter-denominational fellowship than has been experienced in many a month, for the thirty-third annual convention of the Oregon State Sunday School association is in full swing.

Delegates from all parts of western Oregon began to arrive yesterday morning, coming from as far south as Ashland, and they are being cordially welcomed and cared for in the hospitable homes of the city. It is a question whether the guests or the hosts are deriving the greater pleasure from the peaceful invasion.

The sessions are being filled up with the usual instructive discussions as to means and methods, the veteran Sunday school worker, Rev. C. A. Phipps, being a prominent factor in directing thought. Probably no man in the northwest can bring to a convention a greater fund of experience and observation, as well as a keen insight, than Mr. Phipps.

Chicago Man Forefront

Some of the strongest and most inspiring addresses come from E. W. Halpenny, of Chicago, a man of international note. He is being heard with profound interest in his analyses of church and national problems. He alone is worth one's going a long way to hear.

As might be expected, the sessions are being enlivened with spirited music—solo, quartet, chorus and congregational, under the direction of Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, Carroll Roberts, and Miss Minnetta Maxera. Some of the best talent of the city is volunteering for the service.

The sessions, held in the First Methodist church, have been well attended from the beginning, while the meeting last night brought out a full house. The principal features were the formal welcome of the delegates to the city and the response; a reminiscent address on the pioneer work of the Sunday school by the veteran minister, Rev. Joseph Hoberg, of McMinnville, and the address on good citizenship by Rev. E. W. Halpenny. The hour was brightened by a women's quartet and a vocal solo, and pocketbooks were lightened by the collection.

Churchill Speaks Today

The luminous spots on the program today will be an address by Supt. J. A. Churchill on the subject, "Co-ordination of All Schools"; Mrs. Harwood Hall on "An Unrecognized Force"; Edwin Rowden on "A Big Job"; and Rev. Mr. Halpenny on

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AMENDMENT TO GO WITH BILL

Senate Passes Measure Calling for Registration of Young Men At Once

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The senate resolution providing for the registration for military service of young men who have reached the age of 21 since June 5 last, was adopted late today by the house, which incorporated an amendment by Representative Hull of Iowa, placing such men at the bottom of the lists in the classes to which they may be assigned. The bill now goes to conference.

The vote on the Hull amendment was 119 to 81. The house sustained the military committee in striking out a provision of the bill as it passed the senate which would exempt from registration those eligible who have entered medical or divinity schools since June 5 last.

Representative Kahn of California, ranking republican on the military committee, told the house the proposed new registration would place from 500,000 to 700,000 new registrants available for military service. In this connection he recalled that Germany recently called into service its class of 1919 consisting of approximately 550,000 men.

Chairman Dent of the military committee, opposed the amendment of Mr. Hull. Mr. Kahn also opposed the amendment and declared there are thousands of young men under 21 who volunteered at the beginning of the war and are now serving in France.

Income Taxes Will Bring in More Than Anticipated

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Income and excess profits taxes are now expected to bring about \$3,000,000,000 into the treasury in June, or a half billion dollars more than had been estimated before returns were filed. Secretary McAdoo announced this today, giving the first official information that receipts would exceed previous estimates of \$1,226,000,000 for excess profits and \$1,200,000,000 from incomes. The taxes are due June 15.

Admiral Farragut Safely on Way to Alaskan Port

SEATTLE, April 25.—Word received here tonight from Juneau, Alaska, said that the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer Admiral Farragut, which presumably struck an iceberg near Petersburg, Alaska, today, was on her way to Juneau, under her own steam, conveyed by the steamship Redondo, which took off the Farragut's passengers.

While the shock opened several seams in the vessel she is not believed to be seriously damaged, and probably will be able to return to Seattle under her own power. The 240 passengers aboard her are to be taken to their destinations by the Redondo.

Employees of St. Louis Electric Company Strike

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—Asserting that grievances left to a federal conciliator had never been adjusted, more than 1200 employees of the Wenger Electric company walked out today and declared their lead would be followed by hundreds of other employees at the various plants. The company is engaged on government contracts.

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DECISION NOT YET REACHED NEAR SOMME

Both French and British Forced into Slight Withdrawals but Hold Lines Firmly—German Gains Small

U. S. MEN EVIDENTLY SHARING IN BIG FIGHT

Unofficially Reported Six Enemy Divisions Hurdled at Ypres Sectors

(OFFICIAL SUMMARY)

The great double German drive, in the Somme and Armentieres sectors, which began Wednesday morning, has developed into a terrific struggle. The tide of battle has surged to and fro during the last two days, with the decision still in the balance. The British, having been forced back out of Villers-Bretonneux, launched a counter-attack and swept the Germans back almost to the lines which were held before the present fighting began. The French have been driven back out of Hangard-en-Santerre but are holding their positions close by, while on the line southwest of Ypres, the British have been compelled to withdraw slightly before the furious attacks along the Meteren-Bailleul-Wytschaete line.

Wounded Americans are arriving at a hospital behind the French lines in the Somme sector, showing that General Pershing's men are bearing their share of the burden of the great battle.

Hurl Back Assaults

Notwithstanding the frantic preparations made by the Germans for a continuance of their drive toward Amiens and the extreme violence of the fighting, their gains thus far in that region have been very small. Along the line from Albert south to Castel, except at Hangard-en-Santerre, the German assaults have been hurled back by the allied forces which are strongly posted on the higher ground to which they retired during the last days of the German drive in Picardy.

It is unofficially reported that four to six German divisions, or from 48,000 to 72,000 men have been hurled at the British and French lines near Ypres. The retirement of the British in this sector must have been small, for there are no great gains reported by Berlin so far. It was rumored Thursday that Mont Kemmel, a dominating height north of Wulverghem, had been taken by the enemy, but this has not been confirmed.

Allies Well Prepared

That only slight gains have been made anywhere along the two fronts which have been subjected to attack is proof that the allies are prepared to defend their positions. In the last three weeks the Germans have hurled up heavy cannon to the Somme battle ground and have marched many fresh divisions to the point where they have been held for the moment of attack. Their failure to do more than gain almost insignifi-

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Connecticut Aviator Downs His Eighteenth German War Machine

PARIS, April 25.—Major Raoul Lufberry of Wallingford, Conn., destroyed his eighteenth German airplane Tuesday. Lieutenant Paul Frank Baer of Mobile, Ala., brought down his fifth German machine the same day, thus becoming the latest American ace. Besides the machines he is officially reported to have destroyed, Lieutenant Baer is believed to have brought down two other German machines. His seven victories in the air have been scored within the last six weeks.

The semi-official count of victories won by American aviators in the French and American service now shows a total of forty during the last two months.

Police Uncover Method Used by Germans in Leaving U. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—With the arrest tonight of John Reinhardt, an unregistered enemy alien, federal and police authorities expressed the belief they had uncovered a method by which many enemy aliens have left this country since the war started.

Reinhardt was arrested on an Alaska-bound fishing schooner which he was said to have boarded after dark and after the naval authorities had examined those on board.

The consular officials apparently did not question the ownership of the card and failed to notice that Reinhardt in signing the certificate of nationality had misspelled the name of the man he was impersonating.

The alleged fraud was discovered when federal authorities, in a second inspection of the schooner, noticed the error in spelling. Siquard Melvar, a Norwegian sailor who introduced Reinhardt to the saloonkeeper, also was arrested.

Fresno Fruit Grower Will Work With Administration

FRESNO, Cal., April 25.—J. F. Niswander, vice president and general manager of the California Peach Growers, Inc., announced tonight that he had accepted a position as director of the dried fruit department of the national food administration. He will leave for Washington about May 1. This department will have supervision over raisins, evaporated apples and dried fruits of all kinds.

THREE ARE LOST WHEN STEAMER IS OVERTURNED

St. Paul Now Lying Partially Submerged in Harbor of Atlantic Port

AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 25.—The American line steamship St. Paul, a famous passenger liner, overturned and sank at her pier here today while being warped into a pier preparatory to loading for a trip to Europe. Three men probably lost their lives in the accident.

At the time the St. Paul was not under steam but was being brought by tugs from a drydock, where for the last week she had been undergoing repairs. On her at the time were several hundred men—a majority of them employees of the drydock, who had been sent with the vessel to complete their work while she was being loaded. The steamer now is lying on her port side with about ten feet of her hull amidships above the water, and is completely submerged both fore and aft.

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SAILORS OF HOLLAND TO RETURN HOME

Dutch Want Written Agreement That No Ships Will Be Seized—Grain Transportation Discussed

SIX VESSELS WILL BE KEPT IN SAME SERVICE

Negotiations With Germany Delayed—England Gives Signed Assurance

AMSTERDAM, April 25.—Dutch shipowners are reported to have held a meeting at The Hague today to discuss the sailing of ships to the United States to get grain. It is said the Nieuw Amsterdam will sail in a few weeks for New York to bring home the remaining Dutch sailors now at American ports.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS.

THE HAGUE, April 25.—Replying to questions from members of the first chamber of parliament, Jonkherr J. London, minister of foreign affairs, said today that no ship would sail from Holland before a written guarantee had been obtained that there would be no further seizure of vessels. He said that he had gathered from an interview with John W. Garrett, American minister, yesterday that the latter supposed that a written assurance had already been given.

"The intention was that six ships should constantly remain in the service," he said, "and I have reason to assume that that number will be extended and that Germany will put no obstacles in the way. I believe it can be assumed that the allied governments will observe their obligations regarding the rationing of Holland."

The negotiations regarding an economic agreement with Germany are delayed by difficulties. I am unable to give information at present as to the stage of the negotiations, but they are not progressing very smoothly, principally because Holland would be unable to export much more than she is at present."

The foreign minister added that he had a written guarantee from England that ships which had left the East Indies since March 23 or might leave in the future, would not be seized.

ELKS SERVED WITH BANQUET BY STUDENTS

Superintendent Todd Is Host to Members of Salem Lodge, No. 336

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OPPOSITION TO BILL RENEWED

New Amendment Authorizes President to Appoint Head of Aircraft Program

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Critics of the Overman bill renewed today their vigorous opposition to its proposed authority for the president to reorganize government agencies and many speeches for and against the measure prevented the expected vote on pending restrictive amendments. A surprise of the day was the introduction of a new amendment authorizing the president to appoint a single executive officer to control the aircraft program.

Senator Wadsworth of New York, Republican, offered the new proposal. Senators Thomas of Colorado, and Kirby of Arkansas, Democratic members of the military committee, promptly supported it, the former declaring it was necessary to clothe John D. Ryan, yesterday appointed director of aircraft production by the war department, with no powers to make his work effective.

During the day's debate under the agreement limiting speeches to half an hour, attacks on the bill were made by Senators Knox of Pennsylvania; Sherman of Illinois, and Brandegee of Connecticut, Republicans, while it was supported by Senator John D. Ryan, Republican, and Senators Shafroth of Colorado; Kirby of Arkansas; Overman of North Carolina and other Democrats.

Kaiser Visits Zebrugge, Viewing Damage From Raid

LONDON, April 25.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following telegram, received from Berlin:

"The Kaiser on Tuesday visited Zebrugge, the scene of the frustrated English raid. He boarded the mole, where he convinced himself that the damage caused by the blowing up of the railway bridge had already been temporarily repaired.

"He then proceeded to the canal lock, where two cement-laden cruisers lie. The Kaiser got a captured captain of marines who happened to be brought past, to explain the battle."

Wounded Americans Are Now Being Sent to Rear

PARIS, April 25.—American soldiers wounded in the great battle which now is being waged are already arriving at the rear. American wounded and sick to the number of 128 have reached hospital 25. They are from units engaged in fighting side by side with French and British in stemming the German advance.

Hospital 25 is one of the new institutions established behind the line as it stood after the allies stopped the recent German drive in Picardy.

Sixteen girl students of Smith college are working in day and night shifts at this point, and are operating a well arranged canteen at the railroad station for the soldiers coming through on the hospital trains.

Mrs. Clark, the Misses Justice, Brogan and Scott and M. L. Ralthis and E. W. Lowrey of the American Red Cross, have rendered notable service at the hospital.

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ALLIES AGAIN HOLD VILLAGE NEAR SOMME

Villers-Bretonneux Recaptured Through British Counter Attack—Over 600 Prisoners Taken in Battle

LINE ALMOST BACK AS FAR AS FORMER FRONT

Positions Improve—Fighting in Picardy Forerunner of New Thrust

LONDON, April 25.—Australian and English troops have recaptured Villers-Bretonneux and taken more than 600 prisoners in that region, Field Marshal Haig reports from headquarters tonight.

Further to the north on a line from Bailleul to Wytschaete there has been very heavy fighting and the allied troops were obliged to withdraw from their positions.

The statement says: "The French and British positions from north of Bailleul to east of Wytschaete have been heavily attacked all day. There is fighting of great severity on the whole of this front, particularly in the neighborhood of Dranoutre, Kemmel and Vierstraet."

Slight Withdrawal

"In the course of repeated attacks and counter-attacks the allied troops have been compelled to withdraw from the positions they held this morning and the fighting continues.

"South of the Somme several counter-attacks launched by Australian and English troops last night against the positions gained by the enemy yesterday in and around Villers-Bretonneux carried our line forward to within a short distance of our former front and resulted in the capture of more than 600 prisoners. The village now is in our hands.

"The enemy's attack yesterday morning on this front was made by at least four divisions and his objectives stated by prisoners to have included the village of Cuchy and the Cuchy-Fouiller road. These objectives were not reached at any point. The number of German dead found in the positions recaptured by our troops show that the enemy's losses were very heavy.

BATTLE IS LENGTHY

(By The Associated Press)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Wednesday, April 24.—Attacks by the Germans in Picardy today, if large forces engaged may be taken as an indication, were evidently intended as the forerunner of a new thrust toward Amiens. From dawn until night the enemy threw strong assaulting columns repeatedly at Hangard where the fighting was of the most desperate character. Toward evening some of the enemy detachments managed to obtain a footing in the Hangard wood, lying about a mile northward of the village, and also in the eastern outskirts of the town itself. Their hold, however, was precarious, for the French obstinately declined to give way.

A little further to the north the Germans attacked the British units holding Villers-Bretonneux. This ap-

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BEGIN SALVAGE WORK

Investigation Put Under Way by Federal and Company Officials

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"We had a special superstructure over the upper deck and three long gangways of 'brows' which were designed to take the men up to the level of the mole as soon as we got along side. Exactly according to the plan, we ran alongside the mole, approaching it on the port side, where we were equipped with especially built buffers of wood two feet wide. See Smashes Gangways.

"As there was nothing for us to tie up to we merely dropped anchor there while the Daffodil kept us against the mole with her nose against the opposite side of our ship. In the fairly heavy sea two of our 3 gangways were smashed but the third held and five hundred men swarmed up this on to the mole. This gangway was two feet wide and thirty feet long.

"The men who went up it included 300 marines and 150 storming seamen from the Vindictive, and 50 or so from the Daffodil. They swarmed up the steel gangway carrying hand grenades and Lewis guns. No Germans succeeded in approaching the gangway, but a hard hand to hand fight took place about 200 yards up the mole toward the shore.

"The Vindictive's bow was pointed toward the shore so the bridge got the full effect of enemy fire from the shore batteries. One shell exploded against the pilot house, killing nearly all of its ten occupants. Another burst in the fighting top, killing a lieutenant and eight men who were doing excellent work with two pom-poms and four machine guns.

"Big Guns 300 Yards Away.

"The battery of eleven-inch guns at the end of the mole was only 300 yards away and it kept trying to reach us. The shore batteries also were diligent. Only a few German shells hit our hull, because it was so well protected by the wall of the

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