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Oregon: Tuesday rain; fresh to southerly shifting to southwesterly gale along the coast.

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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1919

PRICE FIVE CENTS

MAY ABANDON BATTLE TYPE CRUISER PLAN

Entirely New Type of Cruiser Battleship May Be Favored by Secretary of Navy Daniels in the Future.

SUSPENSION OF WORK HAS BEEN ORDERED

Information for Proposed Changes Will Be Gathered on European Trip

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Possibility that the whole battle cruiser program of the navy, involving an expenditure of nearly half a billion dollars, will be abandoned in favor of a new type of cruiser battleship was indicated today by an announcement that Secretary Daniels had ordered suspension of work on the six 35-knot cruisers already authorized until a decision as to the future type of capital ship could be reached.

There is a wide difference of opinion among American naval officers as to whether the slow battleship and the fast cruiser would not give way in the future to a ship combining the power of the one and nearly the speed of the other and because of this fact congressional committees have deferred action on six additional cruisers until a full report on new types can be made by the department.

It is to gather information for this report that Secretary Daniels and his three chief technical advisers will sail Saturday for Europe. They will be met overseas by Admiral Benson, chief of operations and Vice Admiral Sims and upon their return some weeks before congress meets in extra session probably in the early summer a special conference will be held at which a majority opinion of experienced officers will be worked out as to what types of capital ships should be built.

The navy has not had a similar controversy of ship designs for ten years. In this case the navy general board, charged with deciding upon the military characteristics of new ships, disagrees with the opinion of the high officers who have had experience overseas in the present war.

On the board are two former commanders of the Atlantic fleet, Rear Admirals Badger and Fletcher. They believe that the construction of both dreadnaughts and battle cruisers should continue.

The difference of opinion began last year when the British admiralty proposed to alter the plans for the battleship Hood to make her a composite battleship and battle cruiser. In effect, the decision was to build a very high speed battleship, sacrificing gun power to some extent for speed, but retaining the armor and armor of a ship of the line. The Hood will carry eight 15-inch rifles, full battleship armor and have a speed of a little more than 30 knots an hour. Her displacement is in excess of 40,000 tons.

Examining the Hood design, some officers said that the gun power of this huge vessel was of little more than half of the broadside weight of the new American dreadnaughts carrying twelve 16-inch guns. Some officers estimated that to get such gun power in a ship that would approach a 30 knot speed and at the same time carry full battleship protection would require a 55,000 ton ship of about 900 foot length, the cost of which would be not less than \$40,000,000.

One effect, it was said, of the adoption of the cruiser battleship program would be to render obsolete all German battleships. The speed of these new type vessels would be useless in individual ships, officers said, and to construct an entire fleet of them would present a stupendous cost.

In conference with the British, French and Italian admiralty officials, Secretary Daniels and his aides will seek full light upon every lesson taught by the naval engagements of the great war that had bearing on ship design.

Contracts for battle cruisers were awarded in March 1917, but in the case of most plants it was necessary to build new ships for their construction. Before these were completed, available shipbuilding facilities were concluded on destroyers and merchant ships and work on capital warships held up. However, much material for the ships has been assembled and some work has been done on the engines. Eastern yards held the contracts.

BROWN GAINS DECISION.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 10. Frankie Brown of New York gained the popular decision over Johnny Kibane, featherweight champion, in their six round fight here tonight. In the third round Brown knocked the champion down.

GREET OREGON BOYS AT HOME

Two Hundred and Sixty More Relieved from Service in the Army

PORTLAND, Or., March 10.—Colonel John N. May, commander, and 260 men of the 162nd infantry, formerly of the Third Oregon arrived here today, following their discharge at Camp Lewis after service in France. Thousands of people turned out to welcome them, and they marched up town from the depot escorted by a band and headed by the city commissioners and other officials. After a brief welcoming reception the officers and men dispersed for their homes.

CHAMBERLAIN IS BITTER AGAINST COURTS MARTIAL

Declares Sentences Make "Bolsheviki of Our Young Men," in the Army

INJUSTICES ARE CITED

Flagrant Cases of Abuses of Powers Are Pointed Out by Oregon Man

NEW YORK, March 10.—Describing certain court martial sentences in the American army as "things that bolsheviki of our young men," United States Senator George E. Chamberlain, chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, sharply criticized courts martial procedure in an address before the United States Waste League of America here today. Referring to long sentences which had been imposed for slight infractions of the rules, Senator Chamberlain said that "these boys know that an injustice has been done them and it will not increase their respect for the government."

"I have found boys of 17 and 18, not yet mature," he continued, "sent away for long terms in prison, some of them because they were absent without leave—homesick youths who left to say good-bye to their mothers or perhaps a last word with their sweethearts. Five days away led one of them to be sentenced for forty years."

Senator Chamberlain urged a better treatment of the returning soldier and asked every business to re-employ men who gave up their positions to enter the service, if they were physically capable of doing their work. The question of unemployment, he asserted, was largely up to the business man for settlement.

Senator Chamberlain severely criticized what he described as American unpreparedness in the war and said post-war unpreparedness against the menace of radical labor and bolshevism was not going to be allowed to continue.

"There is no place in this country," the senator said, "for the bolshevist, the anarchist or the hyphenated American. Out west we put them on a train every once in a while and hint none to gently that they may seek a more congenial clime elsewhere and I think this treatment would apply in New York as well as in the west."

Mayor George S. Baker, of Portland, Ore., another speaker, also warned against the spread of bolshevism and other extremely radical doctrines.

"In the west we have always felt secure that a state of true democracy existed," he said, "but there has crept in an organization that is trying to undermine the constitution and freedom of democracy."

He said that the mayors attending the Washington conference last week agreed that there was a serious underground current in motion to get control of interests which would jeopardize every dollar invested in business in the country.

"These men," he continued, "are working secretly in small groups and unless the country wakes up and meets labor with cards on the table they will gradually mix with the radical elements and create a situation that can scarcely be overestimated."

FEARS FOR GOVERNMENT ARE SOUNDED

Solicitor Lamar of Postoffice Department Asserts Bolsheviki Are Dangerous to Country.

COMMON CAUSE OF RADICALS FOUND

Raymond Robins Takes Stand to Tell of Connections With Ambassador

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Mail matter seized since the signing of the armistice has disclosed that the I. W. W. anarchists, radical socialists and others are "perfecting an amalgamation" which has for its object the overthrow of the American government through "a bloody revolution," and the establishment of a bolsheviki republic, according to a memorandum sent to the senate propaganda committee by Solicitor Lamar of the postoffice department.

This memorandum was made public today by the committee and Chairman Overman said it would be read into the record tomorrow.

Declaring that in Bolshevism the radical elements of the country had for the first time "found a common cause upon which they can unite," Mr. Lamar said his information showed that propaganda against the government was being conducted with great regularity and that its magnitude could be measured by the "bold and outspoken statements" found in the literature. Accompanying his memorandum were several hundred excerpts from mail matter showing the trend of the propaganda. These will be made public later.

Particular reference was made by the solicitor to the activity of the dissatisfied foreign element in the country, but he said perhaps the I. W. W. was the most active in the dissemination of the propaganda because it "has at its command a large field force known as recruiting agents, subscription agents, etc., who work unceasingly in the furtherance of the cause."

Mr. Lamar's memorandum was attached a list of newspapers printed in English and foreign languages, alleged to be regularly conducted and published by the I. W. W. Among them was the Industrial Unionist, a Seattle weekly.

The information furnished by Mr. Lamar coincides to an extent with the statements reiterated today by Raymond Robins, former head of the American Red Cross mission in Russia, when he again appeared before the committee, primarily to answer statements concerning him made Saturday by David R. Francis, American ambassador to Russia.

Mr. Robins insisted that it was the desire of the bolsheviki to overthrow all the governments of the world and in their place set up terroristic governments similar to those in Russia. He said he did not know of his own knowledge that bolshevists from Russia actually were engaged in trying to accomplish this purpose in the United States, but that he was convinced certain people here were engaged in propagating bolshevist ideas.

The I. W. W., he added, "has been doing it for twenty years."

Turning to Ambassador Francis's testimony last Saturday, Mr. Robins denied that he had gone to the headquarters of the bolshevists in Petrograd; asked about their principles and indicated his approval of them. He also denied that he had ever pretended to represent the American government in Russia. Ambassador Francis told the committee he had heard Mr. Robins spoken of in Moscow as the mouthpiece of the American government and as a consequence the board appointments to be made by Governor Olcott.

LIPTON TO AWARD CUP.
BOSTON, March 10.—Sir Thomas Lipton cabled today to the Corinthian Yacht club of Marblehead that he would award a cup to the winner of races to be conducted by the club this year for yachts in Class P.

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SHERIFF UNABLE TO FIND CLEWS

Robbers Steal from Safety Deposit Boxes in Mount Angel Bank

Sheriff Needham is without any tangible clue that promises to lead to capture or identification of robbers who entered the Bank of Mount Angel some time Saturday night and made way with liberty bonds and other valuable papers.

Entrance was effected through a rear door which was "jimmied," and two men are believed to have done the job. A hole large enough to admit the body of a small man was drilled through the brick wall of the vault with tools stolen from a nearby section house. In gaining entrance to the vault it was necessary for the robbers to cut through a thickness of six bricks. The full amount of loot has not yet been made known to the sheriff. Several safety deposit boxes were pried open by the robbers. One box that contained \$200 in papers was left untouched while boxes on each side of it were rifled.

BERLIN CAUGHT IN THROES OF BLOODY RIOTS

Murder, Fighting and Plunder Continue Throughout the Day Sunday

EXECUTIONS ARE STAGED

Three Looters Are Included in Number Paying Price for Thievery

BERLIN, March 10.—(By The Associated Press)—Murders, fighting and plundering continued throughout Sunday in various parts of the city. There was much sniping from the roofs. Many spartanics were made prisoners during the forenoon and summary executions began this afternoon, following the appearance of the order of Herr Noske, secretary of military affairs.

Three looters caught in the act were the first to be executed. The government soldiers were so embittered by their opponents' atrocities that Herr Noske's decree was welcomed.

An instance of communist treachery was noted in the Kaiser Strasse where a sailor approached a small body of government troops, holding up his hands and crying "don't shoot." The troops advanced to meet him and were quickly surrounded by a band of insurgents who disarmed them.

The incident had been observed, however, and a force of government soldiers quickly appeared on the scene and arrested the spartanics. The soldier proved to be a laborer in a marine uniform, was summarily shot.

More than 250 persons were taken to various hospitals Sunday, including many women and children. Bodies of dead also were taken to the morgue. The spartanics removed a large number of their own victims.

Mines and Geology Board Appointed by Mr. Olcott

Governor Olcott yesterday reappointed to membership on the state bureau of mines and geology H. N. LaFrie, Portland; W. C. Fellows, Sumpter; R. M. Betts, Cornucopia and W. B. Dennis, Carlton. There are the first board appointments to be made by Governor Olcott.

ASTORIA YARDS ARE SHUT DOWN

Shipyards of George Rodgers of Salem Closes in General Order

ASTORIA, Or., March 10.—Construction work was practically suspended today in the three Astoria shipyards in accordance with orders received from Washington. The McEachern yard closed down at noon today. At the Wilson yard work was suspended on two hulls and a similar order was made effective at the Rodgers yard.

DEATH HITS AND STRIKE STILL RAGES

Havana Labor Troubles About Cleared Up When Shooting of Police Officer Stirs Up Difficulties.

CLASHES RESUMED AND FORMER ASPECT SHOWN

Many Wild Rumors of the Marines Landing and Guns Fired, Prove Untrue

HAVANA, March 10.—The general strike, which it was thought had been ended early today when the strike committee voted to accept the terms offered by President Menocal, continued throughout the day and resulted in the first fatality which has occurred in three recent general strikes throughout which the country has passed. The man killed was a police officer, who was shot while driving an automobile. He was dressed as a civilian.

The news that the strike was at an end spread during the early morning hours and a number of street cars and taxicabs made their appearance on the streets. When, however, labor committeemen who had voted against the terms of arbitration, proposed by Senor Menocal advised their followers not to return to work, clashes between the police and workmen began and the situation resumed its former aspects.

Labor leaders in favor of ending the strike, including representatives of the stevedores and tobacco workers, are endeavoring to reconvene the directing committee so as to bring forth a manifesto declaring the strike at an end and induce the men to return to their posts.

There were many wild rumors today including a report of a clash between the police and strike sympathizers in which the number of persons killed ranged as high as sixteen. It also was rumored that American marines had been landed from gunboats which dropped anchor in the harbor last night. All these reports proved untrue.

The American gunboat Eagle joined the cruiser Cincinnati and the gunboat DuBoque tonight.

Today's edition of El Heraldo, the organ of the liberal party, was seized by the police, owing to an editorial objectionable to the authorities.

DENVER, Colo., March 10.—Striking carpenters who failed to report for work following refusal of their demands for \$7 a day will return to work tomorrow on eighteen of the jobs affected, it was said tonight at a meeting of the union. Their demands have been met on these jobs, it was said.

Only 200 of the 800 carpenters in Denver are involved in the strike, Robert Currie, secretary of the union, announced tonight.

THIRTY MILLION FOR THIS STATE

Even More May Be Expected to Be Taken Up in Victory Loan Drive

PORTLAND, Or., March 10.—Oregon's quota of the victory loan is expected to be between \$30,000,000 and \$36,000,000 and the state's quota for the 1919 war savings stamps and certificates, \$10,000,000. Edward Cookingham of the Portland campaign committee, declared today. The drive for the loan will begin April 21 and continue three weeks while the war savings drive will last throughout the year.

CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS IS ON

New State Chamber of Commerce Launches Move in Number of Cities

PORTLAND, Or., March 10.—The Oregon state chamber of commerce launched today its statewide campaign for new members. Twenty prominent men making up a "flying squadron" were to make speeches in as many cities tonight. They are working in connection with the county and city managers and will place before the business men of the state the need of support in the state chamber in order to bring about the harmonious development of Oregon resources and to all in the reconstruction campaign.

SOLDIERS PRY INTO THEATER

Make Sure That No German Make Sure That on German New York City

NEW YORK, March 10.—Despite announcement by the management of the Lexington theatre, at the request of Mayor Hylan and Police Commissioner Enright, had indefinitely postponed its advertised season of opera in the German language nearly 500 soldiers, sailors and marines in military formation, headed by a naval petty officer, marched on Lexington avenue early this evening to see that the theatre was really "dark."

On being informed by the police that no performance would be given, the men marched away in orderly fashion and later disbanded.

ADVANCE OF COMPANY M HOME AGAIN

Eugene and Whitney Gill Arrive Last Night, With Birch of Company L

SPAULDING COMES HOME

Lieutenant Banta Here and Others Looked for Early During Week

Relatives—it is presumed they were relatives, though it might have been embarrassing to ask—were at the Southern Pacific depot last night when the 10:03 train came in to greet the advance guard of the old Companies M and L who returned from overseas. There were just three of them, two of old Company M and one former member of Company L, but if the town extends a greeting to the boys when they begin to arrive in big bunches proportionate to that by a few friends last night, then Salem will be foremost among the cities that make their welcome to the returning soldiers as warm as was their good-byes when the boys were off and away to the war.

Those who returned last night were Eugene and Whitney Gill, both of whom live in Salem and who were members of old company M when that contingent left Salem, and Fred R. Birch of West Salem who left Oregon as a member of Company L of Dallas. The Gill boys were transferred to headquarters company of the 162nd United States infantry about Christmas time and Birch was transferred from Company L to the second division of the regular United States army. The 162nd infantry comprised the former Third Oregon infantry, the change in designation having been made before the troops left the northwest.

The boys who returned last night look as if they enjoyed the jaunt to France. All are in good health. They arrived at Camp Lewis a few days ago and received their discharges at that place.

Among the other Salem soldiers who have returned are Lieutenant Walter Spaulding and Lieutenant F. J. Banta who arrived Sunday night directly from Camp Dix where they received their discharges. Lieutenant Spaulding was in France 14 months, having gone overseas with the 162nd. After several months abroad he was attached to the courier service and later to the general headquarters staff. His arrival in France was in December, 1917, and he sailed for home last month. He reports that Captain Neer, who was commander of Company M, is still in France with the 35th division and may be ordered home at an early date. Lieutenant Paul Wallace, who left this country with Company M, but who was transferred to Company L, has arrived in the United States and will return to Salem after several weeks in the eastern states.

Other members of Companies M and L are expected to arrive in Salem this week, most of them having arrived in Portland Saturday night and left early Sunday morning for Camp Lewis, expecting to be discharged during the week.

ANSWEL TO ANSWER

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Lieutenant Colonel Samuel T. Ansell, former acting judge advocate general, announced tonight that he was preparing a statement "in reply to and refutation of" the letter of Major General Enoch H. Crowder on the administration of military justice which was made public yesterday by the war department. Colonel Ansell said the statement would be completed tomorrow and that the secretary of war would be asked to give it "the same publicity that was given to the statement of the judge advocate general."

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Secretary Glass, acting under authority conferred by the victory liberty loan act, today issued an order reappointing to holders of converted bonds of the first liberty loan the privilege of having their bonds converted into 4 1/2 per cent bonds now bear interest at 4 per cent.

MORE OREGON MEN COMING.
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The transport Venezia has departed from France with 27 casual companies, including men from Oregon, the war department announced today.

SMALL ARMY TO BE GIVEN TO GERMANY

Armament of Only 100,000 Men for the Next 12 Years Is Decision Reached by the Peace Conference.

QUESTION OF SMALL POWERS IS SETTLED

Increased Representation Will Be Selected by the Council Itself

PARIS, March 10.—(By The Associated Press)—The supreme war council today finally adopted the military terms of German disarmament. They provide for an army of 100,000 men, enlisted for 12 years.

PARIS, March 10.—(By The Associated Press)—The supreme council today settled the disputed question of representation of the small powers on the economic and financial commissions of the peace conference by deciding to name their representatives itself, thus eliminating all contention between the European and Latin-American countries as proportionate representation.

This decision was reached on a report of M. Fignon, the French foreign minister, which recommended that nations like Brazil, Panama and Cuba, which had special interests involved in the action of these commissions, or which had taken some part in the war, should in any case be represented. The small nations had asked that their representation to seven members on each commission be selected by the council itself.

ON BOARD THE U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, March 10.—(By The Associated Press)—President Wilson this afternoon appeared to have entirely recovered from the cold from which he had been suffering. He walked about the ship and played shuffle board on deck with Mrs. Wilson.

President Wilson received several messages today from Colonel E. M. House regarding the developments of the peace conference and the program which has been arranged after the president's arrival in France.

He also received a wireless dispatch from the mayor of Brest expressing a desire to extend him a welcome on the arrival of the George Washington. President Wilson sent an acceptance, but asked that the ceremonies be as brief and informal as possible, saying he desired to proceed immediately to Paris.

The George Washington is maintaining good speed and is expected to arrive at Brest between 3 and 5 p. m. Thursday.

NAVAL MEN ON WAY TO COAST

Portland Receives Word of Coming Visit of Congressional Committee

PORTLAND, Or., March 10.—Congressmen Padgett, Oliver, Riordan, Kelly, Hicks, Vincent, Browning, Britton and Bittner, hold-over members of the naval affairs committee of the house are enroute to the Pacific coast to inspect navy yards and proposed site for naval bases to be established, according to a telegram received today by the executive secretary of the chamber of commerce here.

The delegation will arrive in Portland March 25 and will remain here, and in Astoria inspecting the Willamette and Columbia rivers and the proposed site for a naval base near the mouth of the Columbia.

Congressman McArthur will join the party in Portland. Entertainment is being arranged for the party while they are here.

Will Be Given New Chance to Convert Old Loan Bonds

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