

# The Oregon Statesman

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THE WEATHER  
Oregon: Friday showers west, fair east portion; light to heavy frost in the early morning except near coast; moderate south to west winds.

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## GENEVA GETS PREFERENCE OF COUNCIL

### Future Meetings of League of Nations to Be in Swiss Capital—Meeting Today Attracts Interest.

### LABOR REPORT TO BE TAKEN UP BY DELEGATES

### Incomplete Publication of Proceedings in Paris Held Unsatisfactory

PARIS, April 11.—Geneva, Switzerland, has been chosen as the seat of the league of nations, according to announcement here.

At a meeting of the commission on a league of nations, ten sections of the covenant were considered and passed. The Japanese amendment was not reached and the actual text of the section exempting the Monroe doctrine from the provisions of the covenant of the league of nations is not yet available.

American commissioners state, however, that the doctrine was definitely named in the provision guaranteeing that it will not be affected by the terms of the covenant. Another meeting will be held tonight when it is hoped that the work will be completed.

The adoption of the section exempting the Monroe doctrine was the only real exemption made during the meeting last night. President Wilson offered the amendment and made a plea for it, saying that he believed the doctrine was protected under the terms of the covenant as they stood, but because of the demands for specific exemption, he felt it imperative that the amendment should be added. There was some adverse argument, but the amendment was adopted without prolonged opposition.

PARIS, April 10.—(By The Associated Press)—The plenary session of the peace conference tomorrow for the consideration of the labor report is awaited with much interest because of the dissatisfaction exist-

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## Y. M. Workers Captured by Bolsheviks Are Safe

NEW YORK, April 10.—Bryant R. Ryall of Bloomfield, N. J., and Malcolm V. Arnold of London, Ohio, Young Men's Christian Association workers, recently captured by the Bolsheviks, are "safe and well treated," according to a telegram received here today by the Y. M. C. A. war work council from Acting Secretary of State Polk, quoting a dispatch from Arecbangal. Ryall's mother lives in Gladstone, Oregon, and Arnold's family in Polk, Neb.

## INTERFERENCE BY PRESIDENT WILL BE ASKED

### Director General Hines Positively Refuses to Accept Steel Prices

### RATES HELD TOO HIGH

### Chairman Peek of Industrial Commerce Board Denounces Administration

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Wilson will be appealed to immediately by cable to take a hand in the controversy between the railroad administration and the department of commerce's industrial board which was brought to a head last today by the definite and final refusal of Director General Hines to accept the new steel price schedule approved by the board after conferences with the steel industry. This announcement was made in a statement issued for the industrial board by its chairman, George N. Peek, after the director general had made public his final decision. The opening break between the two government agencies came after Mr. Hines and Chairman Peek had conferred for about an hour.

Mr. Hines based his refusal to accept the prices on the grounds that the industrial board had no power to impose its schedule on the railroad administration, and that the restoration of industry to a peace basis "would be retarded" if a governmental agency were bound by the board's recommendations.

In a statement denouncing the attitude of the railroad administration by which it was asserted "the government is exhibited as setting up an industrial policy with one hand and destroying it with another."

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## SOLDIERS IN NORTH STAGE NEAR MUTINY

### Company of American Infantry Refuse to Entrain for Siberian Front Until Urged by Colonel.

### ASSURANCE OF EARLY WITHDRAWAL DEMAND

### Bolshevik Propagandists Probably Can Be Held Responsible for Act

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The war department issued tonight an official statement confirming Associated Press advices from Archangel that what amounted to a mutiny occurred among the American troops there on March 30. A company of infantry, the message stated, refused to entrain for the front until personally urged to do so by Colonel George E. Stewart, commanding the American contingent. Open threats were made of general mutiny unless definite statement from Washington insuring early withdrawal was forthcoming.

The text of the paraphrase of the code message dated March 31, follows, the department having eliminated only the identification of the company and certain military information not bearing on the incident. The war department's paraphrase of the message follows:

"Yesterday morning, March 30, a company of infantry having received orders to go to the railroad front, was ordered out of barracks for the purpose of packing sleds for the trip across the river to the railroad station. Non Coms balked. The non-commissioned officer who was in charge of the packing soon reported to the officers that the men refused to obey. At this, some of the officers took charge and all except one man began reluctantly to pack after a considerable delay. The soldier who continued to refuse was placed in confinement. Colonel Stewart, having been sent for arrived and had the men assembled to talk with them.

"Upon the condition that the prisoner above mentioned was released the men agreed to go. This was done and the company then proceeded to the railway station and entrained there for the front. That they would not go to the front line positions was openly stated by the men, however, and they would only go to Oboberskaya. They also stated that general mutiny would soon come if there was not some definite statement forthcoming from Washington with regard to the removal of American troops from Russia at the earliest possible date."

The department has called for more information. From the message received today, officials were unable to ascertain whether a combination of mutiny had in fact developed in the past few days. Pending fuller advices, no comment was forthcoming as to the course to be pursued. Presumably it was said Colonel Stewart already had been advised directly that it was the purpose of the supreme war council, in charge of the policy governing the movement, to withdraw the entire force from northern Russia when the ice blocking the harbors goes out. The British relief expedition originally scheduled to be 2,400 strong, has sailed as have the two companies of American railway engineers sent at the request of the British authorities to keep open the railroad south of Murmansk.

The dispatch today did not show to what extent Bolshevik propagandists could be held responsible for the behavior of the troops, nor has any information reached the department leading to show the extent to which the rebellious attitude may have spread through the whole American contingent.

Punishment May Be Mild. The 339th infantry of the 85th division forms the bulk of the American contingent in the Archangel region. The unit is almost wholly composed of selective service men from Michigan. It is commanded by Colonel George E. Stewart of the regular army, who served in some of the most northerly posts in Alaska and became thoroughly familiar with weather conditions such as those in Archangel.

While the action of the company at Archangel undoubtedly is mutinous under any interpretation of the military code and would render the men liable to severe disciplinary action, under ordinary circumstances, war department officials did not believe such action would result. It was pointed out that the men apparently obeyed their orders subsequently when the situation had been made clear to them. Only in the event of a refusal which jeopardized

the movement to form an association in Salem of the men who saw service during the world war, Governor Olcott and other state officials will be interviewed today, by those who are backing the organization.

Plans for the society are being formulated and great expectations are held by the backers for a large meeting when the society is organized, at a meeting to be held in the armory Tuesday, April 15. The governor is to be asked to preside at the meeting until a chairman can be chosen.

To gain the benefit of their experience, the commanders of the various other veterans' organizations in Salem will be asked to be present and give suggestions as to procedure. No formal program has been arranged, it being the wish of those behind the movement to have a free and spontaneous discussion of the ways and means which will tend to organize the veterans in the quickest and most permanent manner.

It is held almost certain that such officers as may be chosen will be in office temporarily because of the lack of information as to the organization tables of the American Legion, with which the Salem society is to be affiliated.

Men behind the movement were asked frequently yesterday if the organization was for overseas men only. One of the most prominent of the bankers has issued the statement that this is not the case. "The idea is to have a society of all men who served in the war, regardless of rank, capacity, location or arm of service," he said. "We want all men, be they of the army, navy, or marine corps, and all branches of the three services, to be in with us. The organization is strictly not a sectional or half-way affair—it is for everyone who was in the service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918."

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## Liberty Species Again Appears; This Time It Is a Patriotic Lizard

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 10.—The latest "liberty animal" to be discovered in this vicinity is a "liberty lizard," for which J. H. Friedrich, vice-president of the Hood River County game protective association stands sponsor. He claims that while fishing up Hood River he saw a lizard about one foot long, with a blue tail and a red and white striped body, which he was unable to catch. Farmers in this vicinity recently reported finding a "liberty" robin with red, white and blue plumage.

## SIXTY GUESTS ARE EXPECTED AT CONFERENCE

### Willamette University Y. W. C. A. to Entertain Valley Delegates

### TEN SCHOOLS INVITED

### Dean Richards to Make Opening Address at Lunch; Reception on Campus

The Y. W. C. A. of Willamette university will have as guests for tonight, tomorrow, and Sunday about 60 young women representing similar organizations in the different colleges in Oregon. Delegates will come from the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural college, McMinnville college, Phiomath, Oregon State Normal school, Albany college, Pacific college, Pacific university, and Chemawa Indian school.

The conference will open tonight with a lunch and meeting of the delegates, the opening address being made by Dean Frances M. Richards. At 8 o'clock Eaton hall will be thrown open for an informal reception in honor of the visitors. Every student is invited to participate in this.

Saturday will be the real day of the conference, technical meetings of the local visiting cabinets being held both in the morning and afternoon. At noon there will be a luncheon and at night the Seabeck rally banquet at the First Methodist church. At this banquet plans will be made for the annual Seabeck conference, which will be held by all of the colleges of the northwest just before the opening of school next fall. Immediately following this banquet there will be an important meeting along the line of social problems in the

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## OLCOTT TO BE ASKED TO AID

### Backers of Veterans' Association to Interview State Officials Today

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## WINDS BLOW DEAD STOCK OVER STATES

### Total List of Casualties from Storm Reaches 92—At Least 300 Seriously Injured Last Tuesday.

### ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS NEAR \$1,000,000

### Relief Parties Clearing Away Debris—Wood County Suffers Most

DALLAS, Tex., April 10.—Ninety-two persons were killed, approximately 300, more or less, seriously injured and property damage estimated at nearly \$1,000,000 was the toll exacted by Tuesday night's storm that swept a portion of Arkansas, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma, according to revised and virtually complete reports here. Of the dead, 75 persons were killed in Texas, 14 in Oklahoma, and three in Arkansas. Previous reports that eight lives were lost at Ravenna, Texas, proved unfounded by the latest information here.

In response to appeals for aid, the stricken section of North Texas, where about 1000 persons are reported homeless, tents and food supplies are being sent from many points in the state. Hundreds of farm houses were blown away and farming machinery destroyed, while growing crops of all kinds were reported seriously damaged, and in some instances destroyed.

Hundreds of carcasses of hogs, cows and mules are scattered over the devastated area and fallen trees, telegraph and telephone poles block the country roads. Relief parties, however, are rapidly clearing away the debris. Wood county, Texas, was the worst sufferers. Thirty-one lives were lost there and the property damage was estimated at nearly \$200,000. Twenty-two persons were killed in Fannin county, 13 in Van Zandt county, seven in Collins county and two near Texarkana, in Oklahoma 11 lives were lost at Durant, one at Jesse, one at Pontotoc, and one at Walter. Three negroes were killed at Ogden, Ark.

DENVER, Colo., April 10.—Train service into Denver from the east, badly demoralized by the snow and sleet storms of the past few days, tonight was returning to normal, according to railroad officials. With the exception of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, all the roads are open. Improvement in the telegraph and telephone service was reported tonight.

## DEATH SUMMONS MRS. C. A. DUNN

### Wife of Assistant Highway Engineer Passes Before Arrival of Husband

Mrs. C. A. Dunn, wife of Assistant State Highway Engineer Dunn, died about 10 o'clock last night at the Salem hospital. Mrs. Dunn became ill with appendicitis about a week ago and was taken to the hospital for surgical treatment. Her progress until early yesterday was favorable, so much so that her husband went on state business to Tillamook, and although informed yesterday of Mrs. Dunn's critical condition was unable to reach Salem before her death. Mrs. Dunn became suddenly worse yesterday morning. She was 29 years old.

## BEN SELLING OF PORTLAND GIVES \$100,000 TO RELIEVE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF THE NEAR EAST

Salem and Marion county have been somewhat slow in raising their quota of the fund for the relief of the Armenians and kindred peoples of the Near East who are facing starvation, but they have a share in the check that Ben Selling, state treasurer of the Armenia-Syrian quota, sent to national headquarters last week. The facsimile given below shows the very gratifying amount of this check. Local Chairman H. N. Aldrich states that funds are still coming in and if continued this locality may yet go over the top.

## New Ministry Formed by Egyptian Provinces

LONDON, April 10.—The official press bureau tonight issued the following statement: "General Allenby reports that a new ministry in Egypt was formed yesterday with Hussein Ruchdipasha as president of the council. "The provinces are quiet but demonstrations by the peasantry have occurred at some places. There were disturbances in parts of Cairo April 9, the feature being hostility toward Armenians by parties of roughs."

## JERSEY JUBILEE WILL CELEBRATE OREGON RECORDS

### Cattle Men Plan Four Days in Jubilation in Honor of Cows of State

### C. N. McARTHUR SPEAKER

### Club at Meeting Protests Raise in Official Test Requirements

A Jersey jubilee in which Oregon breeders of Jersey cattle will celebrate the achievements of the famous cow "Vive la France" and other champions of the breed which are owned in this state will be held in Portland and the Willamette valley for four days between May 15 and May 25. The decision was reached at a called meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club which was held in the Commercial club rooms yesterday.

One day of the four will be devoted to a meeting of all the breeders in Portland and the other three days will be given to a tour of the Willamette valley as far south as Eugene, during which all breeders of high class Jersey cattle will be visited. The breeders present at the meeting yesterday were exuberant over the records attained by Oregon cows and throughout yesterday's meeting the spirit of jubilation ran high.

Congressman C. N. McArthur, a Jersey breeder and fancier of experience and achievement and a member of the firm of McArthur & Stauff owning a cattle farm in Polk county, was called on for a speech and told the breeders that they are overlooking an exceptional opportunity by their failure to advertise their stock. He declared that western Oregon is the best country in the world for the proper development of Jersey cattle and that the Oregon club must be permanently developed to one of the largest and most influential organizations in its line.

Mr. McArthur assisted frequently during the meeting in formulating plans and making business arrangements. A resolution protesting against the proposed raise in the standard for gold medal requirements in official test cows, was unanimously adopted by the club. It is held that the raising of the requirements to more than 700 pounds butterfat will eliminate all but exceptional cows and will work against numerous herds composed of excellent cows and that it will practically eliminate the small breeder who cannot handle a large herd in an effort to develop a few exceptional butterfat producers.

The club will work for the present requirements which are held to be sufficiently high to maintain the standards of the breed. It was further resolved that the American Jersey cattle club be requested to arrange its publicity service of Register of Merit records made in a reasonable time after completion of the records and thus eliminate the practice of the publication of unofficial records.

The meeting yesterday was well attended. President W. K. Taylor of Corvallis, presided and Robert L. Burkhart of Albany was in the secretary's chair. An address of welcome, in which he praised the work of the breeders for their efforts along industrial and agricultural development, was made by Theodore Roth.

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## DOCTRINE IS UNAFFECTED BY COVENANT

### League of Nations Commission Adopts Section Specifically Providing for Monroe Principles.

### WILSON'S ATTENTION IS FOCUSED AT HOME

### Congressional Session Likely to Be in Working Order by June 1

PARIS, April 10.—(By The Associated Press)—The league of nations commission adopted tonight a new section to the covenant specifically providing the Monroe doctrine is not to be affected by the provisions of the covenant.

The Monroe doctrine amendment was prepared by Colonel Edward M. House. It was expected that the Japanese amendment also would be brought up again at tonight's meeting. The president's call on Baron Makino, head of the Japanese delegation, today had a bearing on this amendment.

Situation Watched. PARIS, April 10.—(By The Associated Press)—While the session of the council of four are occupying the chief attention of President Wilson, yet those close to the president who have seen him in recent days say he is giving serious consideration to the condition of public affairs in the United States, particularly the situation created by the failure of appropriation bills and the necessity for calling an extra session of congress.

It is known that some of the president's advisers are of the opinion that a call should be issued at a very early date so as to permit the new congress to assemble in perfect organization by June 1, and complete the appropriation bills before the end of the fiscal year. Should this prevail, it would require an early call in order to permit the usual period for assembling, but it is not known that it will prevail, for while the president is listening to these counsels, he has given no intimation of the course he intends to pursue.

Several new factors have recently entered into the consideration of this subject here. One is the departure of the military committee of the new congress to Europe and it is foreseen that the committee, which is chiefly interested in the appropriation bills, cannot make the visit and get back much before June.

New Bills Needed. Another phase is the conclusion that the usual method of extending appropriations beyond June 30 by concurrent resolution of congress would not suffice in the present case, as conditions are so entirely changed from a war to a peace basis that the former appropriations are not applicable to the present conditions. This, it is believed, will make necessary entirely new appropriation bills, requiring considerable time for their detailed elaboration.

The fact that the United States transport George Washington has been ordered to proceed to Brest has given rise to the suggestion that it was the situation at home, rather than in Europe, which might require the early return of President Wilson to America. But, according to the view of those in the confidence of the president, his physical presence in Washington is not essential to the meeting of congress, or until the end of June, when the appropriation bills would be ready for his signature. It is contended that the call for an extra session can be issued here and the work of the new congress.

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## Skinner's Dress Satins

A new lot of these plain colored Satins has just arrived. These are among the most popular of all Silks this season.

By the way, Skinner's is the one manufactory where the standard of perfection in Silk weaving was maintained at all times. No disappointing flaws or imperfections in Skinner's.

Our stock is fresh, our assortment is large and varied, including the better of the new shades. This is one big advantage in making your selection of Skinner's Silks and Satins here. That your purchases of Skinner's products, at our prices, will represent greater value for the money expended, than any other Silks, is an unmistakable certainty.

## Cotton Goods For Spring Dresses

A whole counter loaded down with them. We put them there so you could make your choice easily and at will. There is such a variety of patterns, you know.

- Lawns, a pretty lot of them, at yard ..... 20c
- Flaxons and Voiles, pleasing patterns, at yard ..... 25c
- Woven Tissues and Voiles, dainty stripes, yard ..... 30c
- Foulards, Voiles and Flaxons as you like them, yard ..... 35c