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ITALY WILL SIGN, OR ABIDE.

Italy in her fuming is shortsighted; she hints at an alliance with Germany, understanding well that a ninety-horse-power executive like Herbert Hoover (to say nothing of a man with the clairvoyant vision of Mr. Wilson) knows this is a preposterous bluff. Napoleon said armies travel on their stomachs; Hoover, from his last two or three years of European experience, knows that nations have the attributes of civilization or chaos, according as they have food. For Italy to talk of an alliance with Germany, or even a separate peace with Germany, and Germany shoeless and foodless, would be to suggest piling Poverty upon Anarchy and crying: "Hail, Horror! Behold my work!"

It can't be done.

Italy's backsets in the war until American food and American raw material came to her aid are tragedies of too recent occurrence to pass unnoticed when the retinue of Premier Orlando hints of separate peace with Germany—Germany saddled with Bolshevism, still blockaded. Before this happy aid from across the seas Italy's legions, brave as they were, were in flight.

Premier Orlando's statement, given out in Paris before his departure for Rome, is an admirable, diplomatic communication as judged by standards set by a bygone generation of diplomats who used language to conceal thought; but when opposed to President Wilson's statement of the day before it is as chaff before the wind. Moral forces rule nations' destinies today and over every creaking drawbridge of Europe today mouldy warders supinely step aside as Uncle Sam, the greatest champion of human rights the world ever has produced, sweeps by, shattering all king-set precedents.

Itayl will sign the Treaty of Versailles, along with all the other Allied nations. There is no escape for her.

The above are the concluding paragraphs of a long article in the Los Angeles Times, covering the history of Italy's claims to Fiume.

Italy will sign the Treaty of Versailles, along with all the other terms of that document, which will give Fiume, or at least free entry to the Adriatic at that port, to the Jugo Slovaks, or Greater Serbia.

Italy's armies now hold Fiume. They may even remain there for a long time. But they are there without warrant, and they will remain there against the will of the outside world.

And the fact that they are there is doing injury to Italy's good name and her best interests; and the longer they remain the greater loss and disgrace Italy herself will finally feel.

Ex-President Taft is covering the country in his advocacy of the League of Nations. He is an ideal ex-President. Some one said of Mr. Taft after 1912 that he was the best-liked, most-abused and worst-licked of all American Presidents. There has been much about the rise of public respect and admiration for him that shows that he deserved better and that the people know it. The fact that his position as to the League of Nations is not approved by many of the leading men in his party seems to make no difference with Mr. Taft.

The official coming of peace will be sixty days after the formal signing of the peace pact by the signatory powers. That is the day we long have sought and mourned because we found it not, to recall an old-fashioned Methodist hymn.

Plant; that's the dope.

Plant vegetables and fruits.

As soon as Salem is ready, the work will begin on the paper mill—the best paper mill in the world.

Italy, on account of its geographical shape, is called the "Boot of Europe." But it now seems to be on the other foot.

Corn is down in Chicago, and also pork. This will be a continuous story, all down the line. The world is going to get back to normal.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Roper wants legislation by Congress to make possible the enforcement of the war prohibition. If John Barleycorn is to be tied hand and foot there is no better man than a Roper to do it.

There seems to be a movement on foot, headed by the esteemed New York World, the national Wilson organ, to take some of the "burley" out of Albert Sidney Burleson.—Exchange.

American cables are to be returned to their owners forthwith, and the telegraph and telephone lines as soon as legislation therefor can be enacted. That is well. There was never any good excuse for taking over the telegraph and telephone lines, and the taking over of the cable lines was worse than inexcusable. It was a boner of a bonehead.

HELP YOURSELF

Lenine says the presses of Russia are running overtime printing rouble notes of his government. He admits that these notes have a buying power that is shrinking to nothing, but says that is the lesson that Bolshevism teaches: That money has no value. In his republic there will be no money or wealth. When a man wants anything he will take it, and if some other man wants it at the same moment the one with the strongest arm or the most plausible argument will get it. This is a beautiful theory on which to rear a nation of more than a hundred million souls. A nation without property, money or wealth may exist in isolation for a time, but it certainly can have no communion or companionship with the rest of the world.

GASSING THE PESTS

It was thought that peace and civilization could find no possible use for the poison gas with which the Germans achieved a world's record for barbarism, but some of the scientists are now toning the stuff down and using it to the utter mortification of certain destructive insects.

When there is a plague, of caterpillars, locusts, weavils, codling moths or other wild beasts the afflicted farmer may have an expert drop in and crack open a few gas shells. If the wind is right the vermin will curl up and croak without much harm being done otherwise. At any rate, the idea is being worked out along these lines.

QUITE A JOB

Returned soldiers have been used in giving Chicago a spring municipal cleaning. The boys got in the habit of cleaning up their camps, after which they cleaned the Germans out of France and Belgium, so that even the job of cleaning up Chicago holds no terrors for them now.

TIME TO BUILD

It is possible that the future may show some slight reduction in the cost of steel or some grades of lumber, but all the experts and authorities agree that there is no warrant whatever in the withholding of any building or construction enterprise in the hope of any substantial cheapening of the cost of material. It will be at least two years before an ordinary residence can be built for less money than at this moment, and there is no real assurance that the cost may not advance. Therefore if any man has a building project in mind he may as well hop to it.—Los Angeles Times.

LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart,
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Real spring sunshine.

The farmers are the busy men.

They are getting ahead with their work in a manner that is encouraging.

Some of the round robin senators are trying to save their faces. And some of them are not worth saving.

The world is ready for the peace treaty, and the peace treaty is about ready for the world.

Air express service is announced. It was sure to come, and it will be sure to grow.

Salem will celebrate.

And it will be done jopously and patriotically, not to say noisily.

Salem is to start out by having the best paper mill in the world, and she is likely to end up by having one of the biggest in the world. The great question is raw materials—and they are within reach, in superabundance. Leave that to Charley Spaulding. Getting raw materials is his second nature and middle name.

This is the anniversary of the Louisiana purchase; it was from France, for $15,000,000 made April 30, 1803.

FUTURE DATES.

April 27 to May 3—"Buy in Salem" week.
May, dates to be fixed—Oregon Jersey jubilee.
May 1, Thursday—Luxury taxes effective.
May 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday—Junior Week-end at Willamette.
May 3, Saturday—Track meet at Willamette university and baseball game with Chemawa Indians.
May 3, Saturday—76th anniversary celebration at Champoeg.
May 3, Saturday—Last day allowed by law for registering for special election.
May 4, Sunday—Employment Sunday.
May 6, Tuesday—Meeting in Salem for amalgamation of commercial clubs of Marion county.
May 6, Tuesday—Willamette university get together meeting at First Methodist church, Portland.
May 17, Saturday—Conference track meet at Willamette university.
May 19 to 23—Odd Fellows grand lodge and State Rebekah assembly meet in Salem.
May 30, Friday—Memorial Day.
June 3, Tuesday—Special election in Oregon.
June (dates to be selected)—State encampment Spanish war veterans.
June 29 to July 12—Methodist Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio.
August 14, 15, and 16.—Elks state convention at Klamath Falls.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By DORRIS LEAH SIKES

MAY Day at Willamette University is one of the most enjoyable and elaborate events of the whole year. For the first time since the festival was inaugurated men will appear in some of the dances. The first event of the week-end is the luncheon Friday noon when students, alumni, and prospective students will enjoy a picnic lunch on the campus.

The luncheon is followed in the afternoon by the freshmen green cap stunt, the sophomore-freshman tug-of-war over the mill stream, and a baseball game with Chemawa. At night the junior play, "The Arrival of Kitty," will be presented under the direction of James R. Mott.

May morning breakfast will open the events of Saturday and the remainder of the time until noon will be filled with tennis tournaments.

In the afternoon will be the big feature of the May Day, the coronation of Queen Margarette I, and the annual festivites attendant upon this. The junior prom at 8 o'clock will close the day's activities.

The chairmen of the various committes are: Queen's throne and court, Robbin Fisher; student feed, Fay Peringer; work on the campus, Harold Dimick; junior prom, Bernice Knuths.

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A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Vancouver Avenue Methodist church in Portland last Wednesday, when Miss Edith Cecilia Jones became the bride of David C. Hassel, former student at the Kimball college of Theology, and later a member of Company M. The bride was given in marriage by her father, her only attendant being Miss Hildur Allen. Miss Blanche McKalson played the wedding march and the bridegroom's father was best man.

Following the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. C. J. Rynning, pastor of the church, a wedding party was held in the church parlors. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Hassel will be at home to their friends at 928 Vancouver avenue in Portland.

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Music students of Sacred Heart Academy will be presented in two recitals at St. Joseph's hall this week, one tonight at 8:30 and the other Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to atend both of the programs.

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Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Spencer, of Roseburg, are visiting with friends in Salem for a few days. Mr. Spencer, who was former pastor of Leslie Methodist church, will return home today, but his wife will remain until Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kooreman and other friends. The death of Mrs. Kightlinger brought Mr. and Mrs. Spence to Salem at this time.

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Judge and Mrs. W. M. Bushey and County Commissioner and Mrs. J. T. Hunt and daughter, Helen, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Ex-Commissioner J. T. Beckwith, of Sidney.

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Estella Mary is to be the name of the baby daughter who arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnel J. Smith last Wednesday. Mrs. Smith was Miss Jessie Buell before her marriage.

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One of the pleasant informal social events of the past week was the surprise party on Friday evening at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clarke, 443 North 24th street. The guests gathered at the home of Presiding Elder S. S. Mumey of the United Evangelical church and went from there to the home of the honor guests. Rev. G. L. Lovell, pastor of the church, expressed the sentiments of those present and Rev. Mumey led a short devotional. The women of the Home and Foreign Missionary societies then presented the Clarkes with a fern and jardinere, after which the entire party were entertained for an hour at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Mumey.

Mrs. Clarke will be remembered as Mrs. Dorsey, Salem police matron, who was married a few months ago. Since their marriage the couple have made their home on a fruit ranch near Turner.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Mumey, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. P. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Beers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Remington, Mr. and Mrs. Rassmussens, Mrs. G. N. Thompson, Mrs. Ruth Bair and baby, Dorothy Marie, Mrs. Aspinwall, Miss Pauline Remington, Freddie Remington, C. Newton Mumey, Dow Lovell, Mrs. W. H. Clark, Mrs. Frank Shedeck, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bushner of Portland, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark.

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Freshmen of Willamette university were the guests Friday night of the sophomore class at a picnic in Bush's pasture. The feature of the evening was a baseball game between the girls of the two classes, in which the freshmen were victorious. A huge bonfire furnished the center of attraction for the remainder of the evening, a box supper being served around it and late marshmallows were toasted. The singing of Willamette songs concluded the entertainment.

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Because of the large number of requests for a dinner dance at the Illahee Country club, the entertainment committee has decided to hold one on May 14 for members and out-of-town guests. Members have been requested to make reservations for tables from Mrs. O. C. Locke, Mrs. T. A. Livesley, Mrs. H. H. Olinger, Mrs. E. C. Gillingham or Mrs. John J. Roberts.

The date of the next dance has been changed from May 6 to Wednesday, May 7. This will be for members only.

SITES LECTURE WELL RECEIVED

Enlightening Program Given in Auditorium of Public Library

The lecture-recital on French music given last night in the Salem public library auditorium by Prof. John R. Sites, was well received by the large audience before which the program was presented.

"The Development of the French Opera" was the subject of Dr. Sites' lecture and he brought out first the general development of the opera, then took up examples of the best works produced by French composers. Dr. Sites concluded the program with a cello solo "Berceuse" (from "Jocelyn") by Benjamin Godard to which he replied in encore with a vocal selection from "Elaine" and "The Marsellaise."

Assisting Dr. Sites were students from the music department of Willamete university who gave the following numbers:

Amour, que veux tu de moi.....
.....Jean Baptiste Lulli
Miss Venita McKinney
Mazurka.....Camile Saint-Saens
Scarfe dance, Mme. Cecil Chaminadi
Miss Lucile Ross
Open thy blue eyes—Jules Massinet
Miss Kate Chatburn
Babillage.....Francois Thome
Valse Mignonne...Edouard Schuett
Miss Florence Shirley
Serenade.....Charles Gounod
Miss Marguerite Wible
Tas des amphores.....
.....Mm. Cecil Chaminade
Miss Mabel Stanford