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MILLION MEN TAKEN HOME ON VESSELS

Secretary Baker Says Movement of Troops from France Has Been Extremely Satisfactory.

300,000 PER MONTH MARK SOON REACHED

Condition at Brest Now "Simply Idea," According to Returned Official

NEW YORK, May 5.—The one millionth man of the American expeditionary force will embark for home next week. Secretary of War Baker said today on his arrival here from France aboard the transport George Washington. The homeward movement of troops, Mr. Baker said, is progressing in a most satisfactory manner and he added that the 200,000 a month mark would be reached in June.

Secretary Baker left here April 7, accompanied by Warren Pershing, General Pershing's only son. He visited various points in France, where American troops are quartered, going also to the German line, where he reviewed the third army. Speaking briefly of his visit Secretary Baker said:

"The American army abroad is in splendid condition. The third army, which I inspected on the German frontier, is beyond doubt the best equipped army in the world. It is everything that an army should be in all its departments.

"The men are anxious to get home and we are moving them as rapidly as possible. I expect to see the 300,000 a month mark reached in June, and the one millionth man will embark for home next week."

Two Indictments Are Found Against Mann

PORTLAND, May 5.—Two indictments were returned today by the federal grand jury against Jerome S. Mann, former cashier of the First National bank of Linnton, a Portland suburb. One charge that Mann made false returns to the controller of the currency and the other jointly indicts him with J. A. Pattison, a former director of the bank on a charge of misappropriating funds of the institution. Both men were arrested some time ago and are at large on bail. The alleged transactions charged in the indictments concern making loans to Pattison on bills of lading for labor which the government claims to have been forged.

Relatives of Dead Man Refuse to Accept Body

FOOD RIVER, Or., May 5.—Coroner Anderson today received a telegram from the city marshal of Rossville, Ind., former home of William H. Fisher who was killed by a train here yesterday, announcing that the dead man's relatives disclaimed him. The body will be buried at county expense. While witnesses expressed a belief that the man had intended suicide, a coroner's jury returned a verdict that he had met accidental death.

Jugo-Slavs and Czechoslovaks Are Recognized

PARIS, May 5.—(By The Associated Press)—The fact that the credentials of the Jugo-Slav and Czechoslovak delegations were turned over to the Germans along with those of other nations is accepted in conference circles as a recognition of those new states.

Recognition Is Extended to Finland by Ministers

PARIS, May 5.—(By The Associated Press)—The council of foreign ministers today decided that recognition would be extended to the government of Finland under certain conditions which have not been disclosed.

ROSS VISITS CAMP

BREMERTON, Wash., May 5.—Rear Admiral Albert Ross, general inspector of training camps, arrived here today to inspect the camp at the Puget Sound Navy yard.

Train Smashes Auto, Cars Pass Over Two, Not a Soul Injured

SANTA ROSA, Cal., May 5.—A large automobile in which Robert Cain, a rancher, his three children and two neighbor boys were returning to their home from a circus here late today, was struck by a Northern Western Pacific passenger train and ground to bits but though two of the boys were thrown under the train not a member of the party was seriously injured.

R. O. THOMAS DIES AT HOME EARLY SUNDAY

Active Life Closes for Man Who Was S. P. Agent at Turner Over 40 Years

IMPORTANT POSTS HELD

Postmaster of Marion County Town 30 Years—Funeral at Turner Today

PORTLAND, Or., May 5.—(Special to The Statesman)—Royal O. Thomas, an old-time resident of Turner, Marion county, and known as a prominent Mason, a railroad man of wide experience and one of the best known men in Marion county for nearly a half century, died in Portland at the family home, No. 746 East Twenty-fifth street, North, early yesterday, after a short illness, of heart failure, aged past 70 years. Death was peaceful and painless. He just fell asleep. A week ago he visited Turner, and on Saturday he was down town in this city.

Mr. Thomas, known for a half century in the southern half of Marion county, and in Masonic and railroad circles throughout western Oregon, as "R. O." was a native of Illinois, and came to Oregon in the later part of the 60s, having before his arrival here assisted in the construction of the Union Pacific railroad through Wyoming, where he imbued his love for railroad work. Soon after his arrival here he was made station agent at Turner, when the old Oregon & California railroad was being built through Western Oregon from Portland to the California line, by Old Ben Holiday. Soon after that he was commissioned an agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., and a short time later was made postmaster of Turner. For over 40 years he held down the agency of the Turner station, and the agency of Wells, Fargo & Co. Soon after becoming express agent he was made postmaster of Turner for 30 years. He held the postoffice at that place, surrendering the latter only when the postoffice department decided to install the rural mail delivery, one of the first points in the United States where the new system of mail delivery was introduced. When Mr. Thomas decided it could not well be operated from the railway station, and he resigned.

Mr. Thomas was an enthusiastic Free Mason. He was one of the founders of Pearl Lodge No. 66, A. F. & M. of Turner, one of its first worshipful masters, and one of its most influential members, and the moving spirit in the construction of the Masonic building in Turner, which was erected on a lot alongside his own domicile, just across the way from the Southern Pacific station. He was a member of the Royal Arch chapter and a Knight Templar.

Early in his residence at Turner Mr. Thomas married Miss Mary H. Conser, the daughter of a pioneer family of Jefferson, a sister of the famous Southern Pacific passenger conductor, "Shan" Conser, and the fruits of that union are Miss Ada P. Thomas, a prominent nurse of Portland; Miss Hallie Thomas, a teacher in the Kenton school of Portland and who is noted as a teacher from Oregon to Massachusetts; and Clifford Thomas, a prominent traction man of Seattle, who learned railroad work under his father's tuition at Turner when a mere boy, and whose telegraph call was "R. O.", his father's initials, for the many years that he served at the key.

Mr. Thomas was the adviser and friend of almost every man, woman and child in the village of Turner, which place he saw grow up from a wayside station to its present environs, and when the place was incorporated he became its mayor, serving in that capacity for years until he decided to withdraw from active public life. His wide knowledge of life and his kindness made him a general favorite and he was deservedly popular.

A half dozen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, after the former had retired from railroading, moved to Portland, to be near their daughters, and they established a pleasant home on East Twenty-fifth Street North, where they kept open house for their old-time friends. There the former Central Willamette people often gathered, and always found a warm welcome and spent many cheerful hours under the Thomas roof.

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AVIATORS TO BEGIN FLIGHT AT DAYBREAK

Three Giant Navy Hydroplanes Will Attempt to Reach Newfoundland in Next 24 Hours.

MACHINE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY FLAMES

Aeronauts Prepare for Big Jump-off for Azores to Occur in Middle of May

pick up aviators

NEW YORK, May 5.—A score of naval aviators—youths in the twenties and early thirties, yet experts in flying, navigation and motor mechanics, were ready tonight for a start soon after daybreak tomorrow in their attempt to drive three giant hydroplanes of the American navy across the Atlantic.

With favorable weather officially predicted, both in the vicinity of the home station at Rockaway Point, Long Island and along the coast to New Foundland, terminus of the journey's first "leg", the aviators expected to launch at least two and possibly all three planes scheduled to make the cruise.

The NC-1, whose starboard wings were destroyed early today in a fire which also slightly damaged the NC-4, was nearly fit for flight again when darkness fell on a small army of mechanics who had worked on the craft for more than 18 hours. The NC-4 had been completely restored by midafternoon.

There was a possibility that the NC-1 might be delayed in her "jump off" a few hours, or even a day or more, if necessity of unexpected adjustments of the new wings developed at the last minute, but the NC-3 and NC-4 were scheduled to take the air sometime between dawn and 7 a. m.

Should the NC-1 be delayed, Commander John H. Towers, chief of the expedition said, then it would follow the other two craft to Trepassey, arriving in ample time for the big jump to the Azores, scheduled for about the middle of May.

Commander Towers declared that the navy and civilian mechanics had done "wonderful work" in preparing the damaged NC-1 for the flight. The fire started at 2:10 o'clock this morning when an overheated electric pump which was emptying her hull of bilge water, ignited a can of oil nearby. The plane's fuel tanks were being filled nearby and the flash spread quickly.

Within 20 minutes of the accident the repair crews were at work. Scaffolding was erected and the original starboard wings of the NC-1 the craft had been fitted with the NC-2's wings after her own had been damaged in a windstorm—were attached.

The trans-oceanic crews remained on the ground today and their craft were not taken out of the hangars. Commander Towers and his assistants bid farewell to their families late today. They planned to rise at daylight for the cruise to Halifax, the overnight halting place scheduled on the way to Newfoundland. The Commander-Towers will head one of the crews—that of the NC-3. Lieutenant Commander Reed will direct the flight of the NC-4 and Lieutenant Commander P. N. L. Belinger the NC-1. In addition to the commanders, each of the planes—huge craft of 126 feet wing spread, with liberty motors of 1600 horsepower—will carry a navigator, two pilots and a radio officer. A reserve pilot will aboard each. For the cruise to Newfoundland, in addition to Lieutenant Commander Byrd will go to Trepassey as a passenger on the NC-3 and Chief Machinist's Mate Roads on the NC14.

Famous Garrison Case Comes Up in Court

SEATTLE, May 5.—Two women are included in the jury of twelve, which late today was completed and sworn in to decide the fate of pretty Ruth Garrison, 18, charged by the state with having poisoned Mrs. Grace Glatz Storrs, wife of D. M. Storrs, for whose love Miss Garrison confessed she lured Mrs. Storrs to luncheon at a department store to partake there of a poisoned fruit cocktail. Both women jurors are housewives.

Heat Prostrations and Palm Beach Suits Put in Appearance in East

NEW YORK, May 5.—New York experienced the first real-summer weather of 1919 today when official thermometers at the United States weather bureau touch 56 degrees and four heat prostrations were reported. Hundreds of straw hats and palm beach suits appeared on the street, to emphasize the summery nature of what the weather bureau reported was the hottest May 5 in history of the city.

DURBIN PLACE BRINGS \$26,500

William Roth Purchaser of 165 Acre Farm Near Pratum

For a consideration of \$26,500 William Roth has bought the Charles B. Durbin place near Pratum. The property consists of 165 acres of highly improved land. The stock is not included in the purchase price which is for the land and buildings only.

WOODS SCoured FOR THREE MEN

Youths Who Held Up Band Being Searched for by Sheriff's Poses

WASHOUGAL, Wash., May 5.—Ten miles from Washougal, in thick brush and heavy timber, three young men, between 16 and 27 years old, were tonight dodging two possees, one in command of Sheriff Johnson of Clarke county and the other under the leadership of Skamania county officials. The three men robbed the Clarke county bank at Washougal this morning of \$7000 and then fled northwest up the Washougal river road for seven miles, where their machine became stuck in the mud and was abandoned. Before pursuing possees got on their trail, the robbers had advanced three miles further in their flight.

Deputy Sheriff Sanford drove the robbers' abandoned car to Vancouver, Wash. From Portland police it was learned that the license for it had been obtained in the name of R. Y. Cahoun of Portland. Investigation of the car showed it to have under the seat another Oregon license No. 66393. Portland police have no record of such a license. The engine of the car was numbered 234,964 and the serial number of the machine was 225,306.

Miners Decide to Leave Their Work in Morning

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 5.—Three hundreds miners of Park City and surrounding districts met here tonight and decided to walk out of the mines, mills and smelters at eight o'clock tomorrow morning unless the following demands are complied with:

"A six-hour day, \$5.70 per day, two men on all drilling machines. It was agreed in the future that any discrimination against any member of any organization will not be tolerated and that the men will walk off the job without notice if any member is discharged for belonging to any organization.

Portland to View Its First Hospital Train

PORTLAND, Or., May 5.—Portland will get its first view of the backwash of the war tomorrow night. Fathos as well as novelty is expected to be borne to this city or a hospital train of eight cars containing 164 wounded veterans of the world war. Accommodations for nurses and attendants are included on the train, which provides for the wounded all possible comforts of modern hospital equipment.

Woman's Body Found in Pudding River Identified

CERVAIS, Or., May 5.—The body of a woman found today in the Pudding river near here was identified as that of Mrs. Rosa Adelman who disappeared from her home on the night of April 23 last. There were no indications of foul play, the coroner said and his opinion was that Mrs. Adelman had committed a suicide. She was 64 years old.

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CHIEF MEETS ARGUMENT OF HIS CRITICS

Is Ordered to Let Out One of His Officers, But Enters Protest That He Has No Charges to Make.

TRIP TO CALIFORNIA BRINGS DOWN CENSURE

Vandevort Comes to Defense and Bitter Argument Is Precipitated

Ordered to discharge one of his policemen, the officer to be selected by himself, and protesting that he has no right to do so because he has no charges to make against any, Chief of Police Percy M. Varney suddenly finds himself in an unusual situation as a result of last night's regular meeting of the city council.

The decision of the aldermen was the outgrowth of a request made by the chief that Lee Morelock be retained on the force in the capacity of speed cop until the first of the year. The communication was first referred to the police committee, but as Morelock's present period of employment expires before the next meeting, the matter was brought up again before adjournment. The chief in his request stated that in the time Morelock had been employed his arrests had brought the city \$95 in fines and therefore he had been no extra expense. The necessity of watching automobile traffic has increased with warm weather, and the need for someone to fill in while regular officers are on their vacations was also mentioned.

By request of members of the council, Chief Varney had earlier in the meeting submitted a report on his recent trip to San Diego to apprehend a man on an old warrant. The reasons for his trip he explained in detail, tracing the history of the case and telling how the warrant had come to him.

Alderman Fred J. Smith precipitated discussion by declaring that warrant over to the constable or the sheriff for service and remained at home if his police force were in need of additional men.

"When the chief comes in and asks for a new speed cop," he said, "yet goes off and takes pleasure trips, it's a matter for the council to look into."

Mr. Smith then quoted two passages from the chief's report, which he maintained were particularly objectionable. He presented the first sentence which began as follows:

"In compliance with the request of this honorable body, procured at the instigation of those not necessarily away on the side of good government, to report my recent absence to California."

The speaker also denied the truth of the assertion that "the sheriff and his deputies were busy attending to the rush always present at taxpaying time, and consequently no one from his office was available to go. The constable for Salem district would not go."

Councilman Ralph Thompson at this time objected to further discussion claiming he was "getting tired over poor-works over janitor and police."

Otto J. Wilson chimed in with, "I'm in favor of dropping one of the men we have in now and keeping this one. Several on the force at present might as well be dropped."

Thirsty Americans to See British Consume Whiskey from States

LONDON, May 5.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today concerning the shortage of whiskey, Sir Auckland Geddes, minister for national service and reconstruction said he had decided that the importation of Canadian whiskey might be freely permitted and also American whiskey, if it had been paid for before the beginning of 1919.

LEWIS ASSERTS DIVERSITY BASE OF PROSPERITY

Professor at Club Lunch Calls Salem Horticultural Capital

PRUNE NOW PLUTOCRAT

Possibilities of All Crops Is Touched on in Short Forceful Address

Prof. C. J. Lewis of Oregon Agricultural college at the Commercial club luncheon at the Marion hotel yesterday said:

Salem is the horticultural capital of Oregon as well as being the capital city.

The once lowly prune has become a leading crop of the breakfast table. Berries can be grown here in greater variety and to greater perfection than anywhere else.

Only one other place in the United States, a small area in the Chesapeake valley can approach this section in sweet cherry possibilities. Apples, which have been through a trying period, are again coming into their own and many of the best paying orchards in Marion county this year will be of this fruit.

English walnuts are one of the greatest assets of this section. People have been hesitant up to now about growing them. This has ended.

Filberts are destined to be a leading crop and Oregon will be ahead of all others in this nut. Lack of stock is the chief hindrance at present.

The vegetable output is to become an enormous proposition and will be one of the most profitable crops. Diversified developments is the hope of the Willamette valley and Marion county in particular. It is the most solid business base. Other sections which depend on one crop will have their bad times. A diversified district will not.

We need much more advertising, much more education, many more steamships for direct transportation to Europe, the Orient and the Atlantic coast.

SELF RULE GRANTED TO FIUME

Italian Government Consents to Let Port Remain Autonomous for Two Years Before It Is Assigned to Southern Country.

DELEGATES START FOR CONFERENCE AT PARIS

Almost Complete Unanimity of Policy Exists Now Among Allies—Orlando and Sonnino to Sign Treaty.

LONDON, May 5.—According to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Paris, the question regarding Fiume has been settled in full agreement with the Italian government on the basis that Fiume shall remain an autonomous port for two years, when it shall be assigned to Italy.

PREMIER ON WAY

ROME, May 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino of Italy started for Paris today.

(By The Associated Press) TREATY IN READINESS

The peace treaty formulated by the allied and associated powers is to be handed to the German delegates at Versailles Wednesday afternoon, definite announcement of this effect being made today.

Signor Orlando, Italian premier, and his foreign minister, Baron Sonnino, are returning to Paris from Rome, where they have been since they quit the peace conference and there now seems to be good basis for belief that the differences between Italy and the United States, Great Britain and France will be settled.

With the Italian question settled, almost complete unanimity of sentiment would prevail in the peace conference. The obstacle presented by the protests of the Belgians has been accounted for by the Belgian crown council having decided unanimously to sign the treaty, it having been pointed out by the head of the Belgian delegation that the document gave honorable and satisfactory terms to Belgium.

China's protest against the award of Kalo-Chau to Japan and a number of smaller items are yet under discussion. The council of three at Monday afternoon in an endeavor to settle the minor ones.

A plenary session of the peace conference is to be held Tuesday afternoon at which the peace treaty is to be presented to the smaller powers.

SPEED IS WANTED

LONDON, May 5.—A dispatch to the Central News from Copenhagen quotes a Berlin newspaper as saying that the German peace delegation yesterday sent an ultimatum to the entente allies, demanding a reply by 5 o'clock Monday afternoon in which it was declared that the Germans would be obliged to return to Berlin in the event of a further postponement in the submission of the peace terms.

BELGIUM STILL BALKS

BRUSSELS, May 5.—Le Soir says the crown council share the opinion that if the final peace treaty does not contain the necessary conditions for speedy restoration of Belgium by financial measures and assurances of diplomatic support for demands vital to Belgium's security it will be the duty of the government to recommend to parliament that it reject the treaty.

Babes Tossed Out of Windows to Firemen

COLUMBUS, O., May 5.—Between seven and ten persons perished, a dozen others are in hospitals in a serious condition and a score more were badly hurt in a spectacular fire in an apartment building in the heart of downtown Columbus at midnight tonight. The several killed and the most of those injured jumped from the upper floors of the seven story building. Half a dozen babes in arms were tossed to firemen with life nets. The fire trapped most of the occupants of upper stories. How many were burned to death is not known.

DUTCH MINISTER DIES

PARIS, May 5.—(Havas)—Dr. A. L. E. De Sturs, Dutch minister at Paris since 1885, died today. He was 78 years of age.

SURRENDER UNCONDITIONAL

HASLE, May 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Confirmation of the unconditional surrender of the Hungarian government has been received in a dispatch from Vienna.

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