



Austria and Bulgaria Send Out "Peace Feelers"

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BULGARIAN LEGATION IS CONVINCED OF TRUTH

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Austria and Bulgaria have launched informal "peace feelers" in Switzerland, the United Press learned. The Bulgarian legation here admitted the report is probably true. The present overtures, the Bulgarian legation believes, are wholly informal, designed to ascertain the terms the central powers must make before a formal move is made. The report is strengthened by a great number of rumors. Allied diplomats attribute the rumors to the discontented classes who are wearying of war. The belief is expressed, if Bulgaria sees for peace that Turkey will follow.

STATE TREASURER SUED BY SISTER

Mrs. Fannie Kay Bishop Asks For Accounting of Income from Father's Estate Valued at \$40,000. SALEM, April 12.—State Treasurer Thomas Kay has been sued by his sister, Mrs. Fannie Kay Bishop for an accounting of the income from their father's estate, valued at forty thousand dollars, from nineteen hundred to nineteen fifteen. The action was the outgrowth of long standing family differences.

SPOT WHEAT IS \$2 IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, April 12.—Spot wheat sold at two dollars this afternoon, establishing a new record. Flour is expected to advance further. Eggs, cotton seed oil and practically all other foodstuffs are rising steadily. Hogs reached fifteen dollars per hundred in the Portland union yards and cattle and sheep advanced. All are making new records. Sugar manufacturers are refusing orders and prices are going up.

CHICAGO, April 12.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of wheat prices today: Open, High, Low, Close. May \$1.19 1/2 \$1.25 \$1.12 1/2 \$1.21 1/4. July \$1.85 1/2 \$1.94 1/2 \$1.87 \$1.93 1/2.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(Special)—Club is quoted today at \$1.31 and highest at \$1.95. Ryne's Estate \$11,000. H. L. Frazier, G. A. Cow and F. E. Cocksborn, appraisers of the estate of the late Edward Ryne, have made their report fixing the value of the estate at \$11,150.

GOVERNMENT HAS SUFFICIENT WOOL FOR PRESENT; GROWERS UNEASINESS MUCH ALLAYED

Allaying the uneasiness which woolgrowers have felt since the declaration of war is a telegram received this morning by J. N. Burgess prominent local grower and member of the executive board of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, from Dr. S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers. The message reads: "Hazenbath (president of national association) writes me that government has sufficient wool for the present."

RED CROSS TO EQUIP A FULL NAVAL UNIT

The Umatilla County Red Cross chapter has made its ambition the equipping of a full naval unit which means procuring enough hospital supplies to furnish completely 200 beds. The cost is approximately \$5000 for raw materials. The National Red Cross asks that the membership unit for every chapter be 10 per cent of the population of the district. This will require the local chapter to have a membership of 2500. Enrollment is now close to the 1000 mark and all are urged to make an earnest effort to bring it to the required strength.

EDITORS MEET HERE IN JULY

12, 14 AND 15 CHOSEN AS DATES FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION; LARGE NUMBER EXPECTED. The Oregon State Editorial Association will hold its annual convention in Pendleton on July 12, 14 and 15. Word to this effect has been received from E. E. Brodie, president of the state association who in conjunction with Secretary Phil H. Bates selected the dates. At the convention at Medford last year over 100 publishers and their wives were in attendance. It is anticipated that there will be a good attendance at the Pendleton meeting with the result the city will be in position to make the visitors in touch with local activities including the Round-Up. Extensive plans for entertaining the convention are being made by the entertainment committee of the Commercial Association, J. F. Robinson, chairman.

SUGAR NOT ONLY HIGH BUT SCARCE

WHOLESALE INSTRUCT LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS TO LIMIT RETAIL PURCHASES. Sugar is not only soaring in price but is getting to be such a scarce commodity that Pendland Bros, local distributors or the wholesalers, have received instructions to limit the amount which any one retailer can secure at a time to five sacks. So far the retailers have not felt obliged to limit the amount which the consumers may purchase. Local grocers state there is a scarcity of refined sugar though they are unable to furnish a reason. The best reports obtainable give no shortage in cane production. One grocer states one wholesaler with whom he does business agrees to furnish all the sugar ordered. Sugar purchases are not all that are affected by the situation resulting from the war. The canned milk industry is probably the most serious, according to local grocers. The future is so uncertain that the factories will not take any orders for futures on a contract price. Buyers may order subject to prices which prevail at the time of delivery. Catsup is another commodity affected. One factory refuses to take any orders for fall delivery greater than those given at this time last year.

NO SUBMARINES NEAR CUBA SAY AUTHORITIES

Sinking of British Windjammer Proofless; Passengers Stories Ridiculed. HAVANA, Cuba, April 12.—Cuban authorities denied the reports of German submarines on both sides of Cuba. The story of the sinking of a British windjammer off Cienfuegos was declared proofless. Stories that passengers on a steamer between Key West and Havana sighted a submarine were ridiculed.

Divorce Is Granted

Judge Phelps has granted a divorce to the plaintiff in the case of Elizabeth C. Kreuger vs. Leo E. Kreuger and her maiden name, Wetstein, has been restored to her.

Makes Office Improvements

Dr. L. D. Jideman has made extensive improvements to his dental office in the Beltz block. He has put in hardwood floors, installed new equipment and made other changes to make his office thoroughly modern and attractive.

PLANS TO MAKE SEIZED AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN SHIPS PART OF U. S. MERCHANT MARINE ARE DISCUSSED

Three Different Methods Under Consideration; Bill Giving the President Power to Take Over All Railroads, Telegraph and Telephone Companies in War Time and to Draft Employees is Approved.

ENLARGES I. C. C. TO 11

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Congress is studying war measures chairman Adamson of the house interstate committee, introduced a bill giving the president power to seize all railroads, telegraph and telephone companies in time of war, and to draft employees of the companies for military service. The president approved the bill. The measure enlarges the interstate commerce commission to eleven. A heavy penalty is named for interference with United States mails or interstate commerce in war time. House Discusses Bond Issue. The house is spending the day discussing the seven billion dollar bond issue bill. It is expected to pass tomorrow. The debate is unrestricted. The committee on distillers propose a voluntary restriction of liquor manufacture during the war.

AUSTRIA BREAKS OFF WITH BRAZIL

(ROBERTSON.) RIO DE JANEIRO, April 12.—The Austrian minister has formally requested his passport, stating his government's intention of supporting her ally, Germany, in the Brazilian break. The people's demand for war with Germany is undiminished. Disorders are reported in several cities because of the government's delay in declaring war. A mob literally pelted to pieces the building which a German newspaper occupied. San Paulo dispatches report serious outbreaks and anti-German demonstrations. Invasion Is Reported. A visit the Dutch minister paid the foreign minister, Muller, caused a report that the envoy showed him a government cable that all inhabitants were ordered to leave northern Holland, presumably because of a threat of German invasion. It is formally admitted that Brazilians have been ordered to leave Germany.

CHARGED WITH SHIPPING ARMS INTO MEXICO

EL PASO, April 12.—The federal grand jury returned indictments charging conspiracy to ship munitions into Mexico against Vincent B. Oulphre, a wealthy cattleman and former stockholder, a prominent businessman. It is alleged the two conspired to ship a hundred thousand rounds of ammunition into Mexico. Both were arrested.

PATTEN, "PATRIOT," QUITS SPECULATION

It Must Stop, Says Chicago Wheat Man, in Present Crisis—Others Follow. CHICAGO, April 12.—James A. Patten, who announced five years ago that he had retired from the field of speculation, is retiring again. This time for "patriotic reasons." Accompanying him are Arthur Critten, Charles Lewis and other big traders on the board of trade. The wild session of Saturday, when wheat soared 10 to 12 cents a bushel, may have something to do with it. At the same time, commission firms demanded from other speculators 20 to 25 cents a bushel margin on wheat and 12 cents on corn. Instead of the customary 2 to 5 cents. Patten was the first to quit the pit. "I believe speculation must cease in this critical situation and that cash demand alone governs all commodity markets," he said. "The supply of wheat seems near exhausted. I am against the government fixing maximum prices for commodities, as has been suggested, because high prices are the best incentive for the farmer to intensify production."

TO BECOME MEMBER OF NEW ECONOMY BOARD

JOSEPH P. GRIFFEN. Joseph P. Griffen, president of the Board of Trade of Chicago, who is expected to be named a member of the new Commission of Economy appointed by the National Council of Defense, for the purpose of mobilizing the commercial interests of the nation for effective and economical distribution of commodities during the war.

TWO HOSPITAL VESSELS LOST

LONDON, April 12.—The British hospital ship Gloucester Castle was submerged unharmed in the channel March thirtieth. The hospital ship Salta struck a mine and sank April tenth. Fifty two perished the admiralty announced.

FOX TROT? 'JOIN NAVY,' IT'S GIRLS' RECRUIT IDEA

'Frisco Dance for Patriotic Youth Managed by Pretty Maids to Aid Army. SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Uncle Sam's most unique recruiting station opened here with a dance. All the recruiting officers are pretty girls. They invite patriotic boys throughout the city to the dances. Admission is free, but here is the price list of the different steps: Fox trot—Join the navy. Rag—Join the army. Three step—Enlist in the home guards. Waltz—Enlist in the marines. Moonlight waltz—Sign up with the Fifth regiment. Canter waltz—Join the cavalry.

BUT 2 BOYS LEFT IN SENIOR CLASS

WAR SITUATION TAKES TOLL IN GUARDS AND ENLISTMENTS. After today there will be but two boys left in the senior class of the high school because of the war situation. Those who have not gone out as guards for railroad or other property have enlisted in various branches of the army or navy. Their absence will not interfere with their graduation inasmuch as the school board has decided to take their present grades as their final standing. Dewey George, high school correspondent for the East Oregonian, and Ralph Hargett spent their last day at the school today, both intending to enlist tomorrow in the navy.

JUST WAIT UNTIL HE GETS AN AEROPLANE!

Then John Dickson Will Show Officer John Brown Who's Who. Many years ago when John Dickson was a small boy and when bicycling was quite as popular as an automobile now is, John Brown was an officer of the Pendleton police force. One day he detected John riding his new bicycle on the sidewalks contrary to the ordinances of the city and he took him in custody. The other day John purchased a new Chevrolet and last night he went out for his first drive. On his return he stopped in front of The Peoples Warehouse and, while he was inside, he let his motor run. He had been so directed, he said, in order to tune his self-starter. Anyway Officer John Brown, who is back on the force, saw the driverless car with the motor running contrary to the ordinance of the city. Therefore it became his duty to arrest the owner. A five dollar fine in police court was the result this morning. Having run about Officer Brown with his bicycle and auto, John says he will fly high and wide of him when he gets his aeroplane.

TIGER MINSTRELS IS BIG SUCCESS

Colored Actors Display Real Talent and Program Is Much Enjoyed. Genuine darktown melody, dancing and wit entertained a big audience last evening at the Alta theater when the Tiger Minstrel company, Minstrels assisted by the colored quartet, presented a varied program for the benefit of the Colored Tigers. The colored actors numbered some real clever talent among their number and their program was thoroughly enjoyed. Perhaps the favorite of the evening was Charles Jones who has an unusually good voice and whose work and monologue in the olio displayed originality and cleverness. However, Bob Nixon, Ben Hickman and W. Crawford, the other endmen, shared honors with him, while Sidie Crawford as interlocutor, was exceedingly good. Songs were introduced by the endmen and interlocutor and also by Willis Miles. The entertainment ended with a comic skit, "The Burglar Alarm," and plantation scenes introducing dancing and singing.

MILITIAMAN IS SHOT GUARDING A TUNNEL

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—While guarding a railroad tunnel in the Sierras, Private Murphy a California militiaman, was shot from ambush according to a message the Western Pacific received. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 12.—Militiamen fired upon an aeroplane. Navy yard officials were unable to learn whose machine or where it was going.

BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINES NORTH OF VIMY

Mile of Hindenburg Line is Captured; Nivelle Resumes Heavy Offensive Movement North and South of St. Quentin; Northern Drive Begins on a New Front.

BRITISH ARMEN SWEEP THE SKY CLEAR OF GERMANS

360 ACRES BRING PRICE OF \$50,000. PARIS, April 12.—A section of sixteen American ambulance corps went to the front today. (PERRY ARNOLD.) NEW YORK, April 12.—Allied forces are keeping the Germans busy on a fifty mile front. A mile of the Hindenburg line is captured. Official reports showed that Haig is still advancing north and east of Vimy. He struck a sudden and vigorous blow below Cambrai. Nivelle resumed a heavy offensive movement north and south of St. Quentin. The northern drive is on a new front. New Center of Fighting. Haig reported advances. The Paris statement indicated initial success. Haig's report indicated a new center of fighting a considerable distance north of Vimy near Loos. The combat is apparently between raiding parties. It may indicate an extension of the offensive movement. Germans Are Desperate. Desperation stalks behind the German lines. Prisoners are forced to dig trenches. Reinforcements are immediately sought. British armored sweep the sky clear of Germans. Bavarian prisoners bitterly denounce the Germans. German chiefs are scrapping all possible means together to oppose the allies. British Sweep Air. A swarm of British airmen patrolled the air. Fantastic battles occurred hourly. Many Russian prisoners escaped. They told they were forced to dig trenches at the point of German bayonets. Orders were given along the line of Haig's smash to "hold at any cost." Four army divisions are coming to reinforce. It is learned the Germans were preparing to complete the destruction of Arras with fifty-two centimeter Howitzers when the British "push" began. Around Metz the British average a mile gain on a front of five miles, including Gommestrie in the sweep. Canadian troops are steadily advancing along Vimy ridge. They occupied trenches in such forest on the eastern slope of the ridge. A hundred and ten were taken prisoners. Nine machine guns and one trench gun were captured.

County Has Money to Loan

County Treasurer Grace A. Gilliam announces that there is now \$16,750 in a school sinking fund which is available for loans on realty. The money, raised in bonded districts is retired the bonds when they mature, is handled by a special board consisting of the county judge, county treasurer and county superintendent.

Fred Peters in Auto Accident

Fred Peters, former Pendleton high school boy and son of H. F. Peters of the city, was injured recently in an automobile accident at Fresno, California, according to a letter received last night by his father. He had been out fishing with a party and the car skidded, throwing the occupants out. Young Peters struck against a tree with his head, the blow producing a concussion. However, it is not believed the injury will prove serious.

Big Loss of Calves

There has been a big loss of calves in the John Day country during the winter, according to L. E. Conger who is in from his Long Creek ranch. He confirms other reports that the loss of other stock has been but normal. However, the calves were born weak and were unable to withstand the winter weather, he reports.

Associated Charities Meeting

A meeting of the Associated Charities will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the council room of the city hall. 6 YEARS TO GET ARMY AT THE PRESENT RATE. WASHINGTON, April 12.—It would take six years to raise an army of a million if recruiting continues at the present pace. Ten days after the war declaration four thousand three hundred and fifty five enlisted. Previously the average recruiting was two hundred and twenty-five daily.