

WILSON WITHDRAWS FROM MEETING AS SECRET TREATY CLAIM IS AGAIN PRESSED

ITALY HOLDS OUT IN TERRITORIAL CONVENTION BASED ON PACT OF LONDON WHICH AMERICA REGARDS NULLIFIED; CONCILIATION INDICATED TODAY

PARIS, April 21.—Postponement of a convention of the Italian parliament announced today in Rome, is regarded here as indicating a disposition on the part of Italian peace delegates to assume a more conciliatory attitude in pressing territorial claims. It is pointed out that if Orlando had been prepared to issue an ultimatum at today's session of the "big four" it would not have been necessary to delay the parliament meeting.

PARIS, April 21.—The "big four" met today to thrash out Italy's territorial claims with President Wilson absent. The president's withdrawal from the meeting was the result of Italy's basing her claims on the pact of London, consummated before America entered the war, which America regards as nullified, along with other secret treaties. The president is scheduled to meet other members of the "big four" at the conclusion of their morning session.

Yesterday's session brought the conference to near settlement, both sides staunchly maintaining their previous position—Wilson standing firmly against awarding Rome to Italy and the Italians holding out for complete possession of that report. The meeting today is expected to reach a climax.

RETURN DELAYED, ENEMY IS DEFIANT SETTLEMENT ENDS N. E. PHONE STRIKE

PARIS, April 21.—President Wilson has decided not to hold the George Washington at Brest, it is learned from an authoritative source today. The liner will be sent home loaded with troops. The president, impressed by the great number of soldiers anxious to get home, determined it best not to keep the great ship idle.

It now appears that May 20 is probably too early for the president's return. As a result, while no definite announcement has been made, it is held a forlorn conclusion that a call for an extra session of congress will be called some time in May with the president sailing between May 20 and June 1. From British sources it has been learned that the "big four" telegraphed the German government it must send delegates empowered to negotiate peace, not merely to let messengers in carrying the text of the treaty to Weimar.

BERLIN, April 21.—The German government is reported to have decided not to accept the peace treaty without waiting to learn the terms. Both the engine and foreign office are openly defiant, flouting the allies are in no position to retaliate.

NO RIVER CROSSINGS ON ROAD FROM RIETH TO ECHO, HOPED CONTRACTS MAY BE LET IN JUNE

Before the end of May the line of the Echo-Pendleton river road will have been surveyed so that contracts probably can be let for grading and construction at the June meeting of the State Highway Commission, M. O. Bennett, engineer in charge of the eastern Oregon district, said this morning. The locating party has completed between nine and ten miles this way from Echo and is speeding up in accordance with the wish of the commission.

The road along the river from Echo to Rieth takes advantage of the old railroad grade in several places and reconnaissance notes indicate that at least two river crossings will be eliminated, by following the northeast side of the river from Echo to Rieth. The crossing at Nolin and at Yamok, together with two railroad crossings, will be avoided by the present arrangement, which will entail considerable saving in the total cost of the road. There are now bridges across the Umatilla at both places but the engineers have to be replaced by more permanent structures for the main highway.

The survey enters Echo at the present grade crossing north of town and follows for one and one half miles on the west side of the railroad. There it crosses to the east side of the railroad and instead of crossing at Nolin as was first proposed, it will follow the northeast side of the river, rejoining the present road opposite Yamok. The route as planned by reconnaissance notes cuts out all river crossings between Echo and

WILHELM MUST LIVE IN EXILE, IS SAID DECISION

PARIS, April 21.—Ealle is reported to have been unanimously selected by the "big four" as punishment for Wilhelm. It is understood an effort will be made to bring the former kaiser before an international tribunal, where he will be tried for violation of Belgian neutrality rather than attempting to extradite him from Holland for criminal offenses committed against Belgium.

MRS. CELIA GURDANE DIES AT AGE OF 78

Mrs. Celia Gurdane, aged 78 years, died last night after a serious illness. She is survived by her husband, John F. Gurdane, and one son, Tom Gurdane, of this city. Douglas Gurdane, Mrs. Nettie Higgins, of Santa Barbara, and Mrs. Jane Rouse, whose home is in Missouri, are step-children.

HEPPNER WOMAN AND TWO LITTLE GIRLS DISAPPEAR

Mrs. Laura Streed, of Heppner, is missing with her two little daughters, aged five and three years, and information regarding their present whereabouts is desired by the sheriff at Heppner. She disappeared at Arlington about ten days ago and it is thought she may have come to Pendleton. Mrs. Streed wore a dark green suit and a plain black sailor hat and the little girls wore pink coats and pink bonnets. She is 23 years old, light complexioned, five feet six inches tall and of medium slender build.

HUNS HOPE TO WRECK ALLIED PEACE MACHINE

Reported German Delegates Plan to Tear up Terms, Then Make Counter Proposals.

DON'T THINK ALLIES WILL CALL BLUFF People Want Peace, Radicals Anticipate Chance for Control.

BERLIN, April 21.—The German peace delegation is going to Paris confidently expecting to wreck the allied peace machine. This is plainly evident from statements of the Berlin press, as well as the attitude of the foreign office. Some reports have been circulated that the government will hold a plebiscite to decide whether the allied terms will be accepted.

Oddly enough, the Germans plan to employ the same tactics which brought America into war. They believe the allies will not call Germany's bluff if the delegates announce their determination to refuse to sign. The new republic has entrusted its destinies to a group of diplomatists who have not changed in any way from those who directed Germany's policies before the revolution.

Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau is prepared to interpret Wilson's 14 points in an entirely different light from that of the allies and Wilson's viewpoint regarding Alsace Lorraine, the German colonies and other disputable questions. It is reported the Germans plan to tear up the peace terms and then make counter proposals according to German ideas, threatening to turn Germany over to the bolsheviks if the allies still stand fast. The foreign office is expected to make an interpretation.

RITNER AND STEIWER WILL TELL WAR TALES FOR "V" DRIVE START AT HAPPY CANYON THIS EVENING

MUSIC AND STORIES ARE FULL OF SNAP

DUTY IS STILL SPELLED D-U-T-Y

Have you been thinking that the signing of the armistice cancelled the obligations the war put upon us as an individual citizen? Did you think your part in digest world drama ended when the big guns were silenced? Are you one who will not see in this Victory Loan a personal duty?

Would you deny a debt of honor? Would you refuse to pay the price of victory? Would you break faith with those who have died? Are you unwilling to help get the boys back home? Are you unwilling to contribute to their support until they do come home? Would you repudiate the debts contracted that they might be victorians at a minimum sacrifice of blood?

Victory and Peace are with us. But so is Duty. Victory says, "Rejoice." Peace says, "Be Happy." Duty says, "Pay up."

Pendleton's first Victory Loan meeting will be held in Happy Canyon at 8 o'clock tonight, with two local men, Roy W. Ritner and Fred Steiwer, as principal speakers. District Chairman Geurg-A. Hartman will preside.

While the ultimate success of the Victory Loan is the chief motive behind this mass meeting of local citizens, the addresses of the two overseas veterans will deal with experiences in France and not with Victory Bonds. Pendleton is out to meet its quota by volunteer subscriptions and if urging is needed, that will come next week.

TOTAL SWELLS TO \$250,000 WITH \$60,000 LOANED TODAY

Oregon Quota \$26,798,400.
 County quota—\$1,230,075.
 Pendleton quota—\$846,525.
 Today's subscription—\$80,000.
 Total to date—\$250,000.

Sixty thousand dollars additional in subscriptions to the Victory Loan poured into Pendleton's two banks today, bringing the total to approximately \$250,000. The response for the first actual day of the campaign was brisk and more individual subscriptions, perhaps, were received than on previous days.

Every subscriber is being given a button and a poster, the button to be worn on his coat and the poster for his home or office window. The committee desires that every subscriber display prominently both these emblems.

Echo is over the top and still going. Such was the message phoned in by R. B. Stanfield, district chairman, at 2:30 today. Echo had a quota of \$30,350.

Heiler, with a quota of \$28,275, reported in Saturday night that it was over and for the second successive time took county honors for being the first community fully subscribed. Saturday night saw Pendleton with approximately \$187,000 subscribed, more than one-fifth of its total quota.

Senator Ritner, who was a captain in the Red Cross service, covered 100,000 miles of French territory in five and a half months and in thirty minutes he relates the most interesting of his experiences overseas that great interest wherever he has spoken.

Fred Steiwer, who was a lieutenant with the 6th artillery, saw actual service in the battle area, and has a store of anecdotes of the great war which has captured the imaginations in the week of speaking thus far. He is a tale of the appreciation felt by men as they were welcomed back to America is one of the most humanly interesting sidelights on the war and shows, incidentally, that the discharged men are with America and the final loss of the war.

Dr. Fred Llewellyn, captain in the medical corps overseas, will be unable to join the speakers tonight, owing to his having been subpoenaed as a witness in court in Portland today. His address was being banked on to complete the cycle of viewpoints.

The financial side of the Victory Loan will be handled by W. L. Thompson, county chairman, who will be the first speaker and briefly explain terms and conditions of the bonds.

A program of music has been arranged for Fletcher's Jazz Band has arranged to play a few selections during the evening. Miss Esther South has been obtained as one of the soloists.

Athena crowded its hall Saturday night in an enthusiastic meeting to hear Captain Ritner and Lieutenant Steiwer. The east end of the hall behind the loan and hopes to be among the first to report its quota met. S. R. Thompson took the party out and besides the speakers was accompanied by Dr. E. E. Boyden and Clell Brown, a marine, who was wounded in the fight at Chateau Thierry last July.

The Victory Loan committee wants everyone in Pendleton to turn out for tonight's meeting to hear the two local men's overseas stories. They want it understood that no admission is charged and that the meeting will be short and full of snap.

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY WILL YOU LEND YOUR DOLLARS?



Posed by Mary Pickford

UMAPINE FIGHTER SUBJECT CURIOUS ARGONNE MIXUP

Private Lewis H. Nelson, who saw hard fighting and was wounded while in France with the 91st, is safe and sound at his home in Umapine, having come back with a casual company. He forms a live sequel to the following story in today's Oregonian.

Lieutenant Collin Dymont, Red Cross searcher in France who saw the terrific battle of Epinonville and who is still puzzled in regard to Nelson:

"Two soldiers started off with their one-pound cannon. Close by were Private Barney Twerdale of rural route 1, Bow, Wash., Gunner De Soto, Private Gustaf W. Peterson of Emil, Mont., Private Bert Stevens of Norman, Wash., and Private Lewis H. Nelson, whose emergency address was the Odd Fellows lodge at Umapine, Oregon. Peterson and Stevens were 1-pound ammunition carriers, and all of the men were in headquarters company."

It was a third shell that got them Twerdale escaped, only to be killed in the Argonne fight. Barnes escaped with a wound in the leg and recovered, and that night escaped the dressing station shell. Davison was hurt in the legs, escaped the night shelling as he lay wounded, but died near Revinny, 40 miles south. Stevens and Peterson were blown to instant death, while Nelson became the subject of one of those curious Argonne mixups.

He was reported blown to pieces, and his name was turned in as dead to the division statistical office, which sent it to a central records office at Bourges. By and by a slip, apparently signed by him, came back to the company, giving his serial number and whereabouts. A correction was then sent to Bourges, but in January his name was standing as dead on the division records. The writer has sent to his lodge to see whether it has had news.

BOLSHEVIK SURRENDER REPORTED

LONDON, April 21.—A Vienna dispatch today reports the bolshevik army in the region of Hunset surrendered to the Ukrainian army. Great quantities of military materials are said to have been delivered to the soviet forces. There is no confirmation of the reports.

CITY ASKED TO HELP U.S. MERCHANT MARINE

Pendleton is requested by the United States shipping board to aid in whatever way possible the recruiting of able bodied young men for the government's merchant marine, in a letter received by the Pendleton Commercial Association today. The training station for the northwest district is located at West Seattle, Wash.

With present conditions of employment as they are, the scale of pay offered by the merchant marine stands very high. Oilers and water tenders receive \$50 a month, firemen \$75, coal passers \$85, able seamen \$75, ordinary seamen \$55, cooks \$50, 1st messmen \$60 and mess boys \$55. All these salaries are in addition to food and clothing, which is furnished without charge. The recruit may pick his branch of service, the engine room, the deck or the stewards department. The minimum weight for the engineers division is 140 pounds while 125 pounds is required for the deck and stewards departments.

Men with little or no knowledge of seamanship may learn some one of the branches in from four to eight weeks. Recruits are paid \$1 a day and furnished food and clothing during the training period. Upon acceptance for service, the recruit's railroad fare to Seattle is refunded, so the only chance he has of losing is upon his rejection, which is made necessary only where physical defects are such that he is unfit for active sea service. Men between 18 and 35 years of age are desired for the merchant marine.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Tuesday fair; heavy frost tonight.