

New Company to Handle Republic Trucks in Salem

Incorporated for \$20,000 the W. H. Hildebrandt & Co., enters the Salem automobile field next Monday morning handling a full line of Republic trucks, which are to be on display at their sales rooms, 279 North Commercial street.

The new company enters the field as a permanent organization, designed not only to sell Republic trucks but to be on hand to give service to the purchasers of those vehicles so long as they may be in use. A full stock of parts is to be kept on hand and the working force of the company will include mechanics skilled in the maintenance and repair of Republic.

On the floor for the opening day will be a line of Republic "Road Builder" trucks of 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 3 1/2 and 4-ton capacity, equipped with both solid and pneumatic tires.

That W. H. Hildebrandt, manager of the company, intends to make this city his permanent home is evidenced by his purchase of a home at 1828 Chestnut street and his announcement that he is a candidate for entrance into the various civic and commercial organizations in the city.

Long Refuses To Modify Former Testimony Today

Washington, April 2.—Captain Byron C. Long, former aide for operations on Rear Admiral Sims' staff at London, refused today to modify his previous testimony that Rear Admiral Sims' instructions that he formulate a safe doctrine for convoy operations. He was cross examined at length by counsel for Admiral Fletcher before

the naval board investigating Fletcher's removal from the fleet command.

Captain Long said a general doctrine of convoy operations was formulated at Queenstown for the destroyer force there as early as May 1917.

Success of Cycle Tournament Here In June Assured

With invitations accepted by motorcycle clubs of Portland, Newberg, Eugene, Corvallis and Albany to participate in the national gypsy-tour event, to be held in Salem June 19-20 under the auspices of the recently organized Salem Motorcycle club, the success of the event is assured.

Harry Scott, in charge of arrangements for the affair, estimates that between 200 and 400 riders will take part in the different events on the program, one of which will probably be a hill climbing race. The local club is now busy arranging for the entertainment of the visitors.

Interest is steadily gaining in the local club and many new members have been added to the 35 who signed up at the time of organization two weeks ago. The officers of the club are Reuel J. Smith, president; H. S. Walker, secretary; Allen Fraser, treasurer, and Hiram T. Smith, road captain.

Eddie Rickenbacher, American ace of aces, will in all probability, it is reported from Ogden, Utah, be the leader of the aviators for the proposed air line between Denver, Ogden, Elko and San Francisco. Rickenbacher, it is said, has been offered a large salary as superintendent of the 500 planes that have been purchased by the Denver corporation promoting the line.

"It is eighteen years since I last visited the Occident and I regret to find that in the meantime there have appeared some evidences of the decay of western civilization. I never expected to see such frivolity as that of London or New York"—Baron Goto, a Japanese governor.

Kolchak Forces Melted to Reds General States

New York, April 2.—How an army of 80,000 Kolchak troops "melted away" by desertion of the bolsheviks, following a speech made to prisoners of war by Leon Trotsky, in Omsk, Siberia, two days after that city's evacuation by the All-Russian general, was told today by Major General I. Thord-Gray, a former officer of the British, Canadian and All-Russian armies just returned from Vladivostok.

Trotsky, he said, addressing the prisoners as "comrades" said they would be welcomed by the red army if they cared to join. Captive officers, he said, who wanted to return to Kolchak would be given safe escort and 2,000 rubles each. A number of the prisoners accept the offer and, returning to their own lines, told what Trotsky had done. Within two weeks, General Thord-Gray said, Kolchak had practically no army and a few months later was executed.

General Thord-Gray went to Siberia with a Canadian expedition and was taken prisoner by the bolsheviks when they captured Vladivostok. Before leaving, two attempts, he said, were made to assassinate him.

Toward the last, he said, the bolshevik troops showed better morale than Kolchak's men. They also had one machine gun for every 20 men, he said, whereas the Kolchak army had only three with every battalion, almost 600 men. During the retreat of the Kolchak army, a 2,000 mile retirement, they were driven before machine guns but seldom before rifle fire. General Sakharoff, the All-Russian war minister and chief of staff, he said, "lost the army at Omsk without a fight."

Herbert Hoover has contributed toward the settlement of his partisan status so far as to say that he was not connected with the Democratic party before the war.

Invention Robs Fogs of Danger Officer Claims

San Francisco, April 2.—Fog will soon be robbed of its dangers to Pacific Coast shipping by means of radio, it was announced today by Lieutenant Commander Scott D. McCaughey, district communication officer of the twelfth naval district here. The opening of the naval radio compass stations on the Pacific coast is but a few weeks off, he announced. The first will be four stations at the entrance of San Francisco bay, at Point Montara; Bird Island near Point Benita; Point Reyes north of Point Reyes Lighthouse, and Farallon Islands.

The system was one of the most valuable aids to navigation developed by the allies during the war, and since has been in successful operation along the Atlantic coast.

The method of operation is based on determining the direction of radio waves. The vessel, concealed in fog, sends out radio signals. Each of the four radio stations intercept these signals, and by compass radio determines from which direction they come. Each station notifies the vessel the precise direction it is from the station, and these directions charted show by intersection of the lines the vessel's precise location.

Due to shortage of enlisted personnel, the opening of all stations cannot be expected at present, it was announced, but it is the intention to open at the earliest possible date one station, probably Bird Island, at the northern entrance of the Golden Gate as soon as personnel can be trained.

Ralph Martin, prominent young Polk county farmer, was a visitor in Salem Thursday evening.

The public service commission will go to Marshfield April 14 to hear the application of the Coos Bay Logging company for a franchise on Coos river.

Air Chief Dreams Of Future Combat Settled in Ozone

New York, April 2.—The first battle of the next war will be fought in the air, Brigadier General William Mitchell chief of the division of training and operations, Army Air service, declared in a statement here today, in which he visualized a decisive aerial conflict. The battle, he added, would also be the last one of the war because the losing nation would be helpless and unable to continue hostilities after its air fleet had been conquered.

The air service chief predicted that aviation will "completely drive" huge battle cruisers, battleships and other surface ships off the water in the next conflict. "A great air force can render surface craft incapable of operating and stop disembarkations from ships and attacks on shore establishments," he added.

Brigadier General Mitchell in his visualization of the great air struggle of the future described vividly the part he believes giant gun-bearing battle planes, bombers, rigid dirigible balloons and armored aircraft of various designs will play in the next war.

With the beginning of war he pictures a huge fleet of dirigible balloons soaring high above the ocean and, from nests on the tops of these, tiny airplanes are launched, locate the enemy fleet and return with the information. The chief air officer, working in contact with the army and navy, sends his air force against the enemy.

Daniels Requests Passage Of Navy Base Provisions

Washington, April 2.—Secretary Daniels announced today that he was forwarding a letter to Chairman Page of the senate naval committee, urging that provisions for a deep water

naval base on San Francisco bay below Mare Island navy yard; a submarine base at San Pedro, Cal.; a destroyer base at Port Angeles, Wash.,

and extensions of naval facilities at Hawaii, be passed by the house. These increased facilities have been urged by the secretary as necessary because of the enlargement of the Pacific fleet.

Anita Stewart Act Roll of Own Life In Picture Coming to The Liberty Sunday



ANITA STEWART

Anita Stewart is especially fitted for her part in "Mind the Paint Girl," a First National Picture which will be shown at the Liberty Theatre on next Sunday.

The story is almost entirely built around stage life and Miss Stewart has spent a large part of her life in a theatrical atmosphere. Consequently she knows it thoroughly. The part she takes in this picture is practically acting her own life.

Opening Announcement

REPUBLIC TRUCKS

"The yellow chassis that serves so well"

W. H. HILDEBRANDT & COMPANY have been appointed distributors of this high grade line of Trucks for Marion and Polk counties, effective April 3, 1920.

The policy of this firm at all times will "be real service to Republic owners", skilled mechanics and a stock of parts will facilitate this. An \$80,000 stock of parts and complete truck assemblies at the Portland parts depot is always at our

command thru long distance telephone and express. An average of three hours from order to delivery of any part can be maintained.

There are now over 1000 Republic Trucks in the territory adjacent to Portland and the 1920 allotment by the Republic factory for territory is 600 trucks, which will fall short of the demand.

Order yours early. We will be pleased to meet and become acquainted with present Republic owners.

Prices of Republican Trucks at Salem

1 Ton with Solid Tires	\$1885	1 Ton with Giant Cords	\$1985
1 1-2 Ton with Solid Tires	\$2495	1 1-2 Ton with Giant Cords	\$2795
2 1-2 Ton with Solid Tires	\$3135	2 1-2 Ton with Giant Cords	\$3470
3 1-2-4 Ton with Solid Tires	\$4320	3 1-2-4 Ton Dumbbody & Hoist	\$1990

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