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CELEBRATION ANNIVERSARY U. S. IN WAR

GRANTS PASS TO HAVE BIG PARADE TO COMMEMORATE ONE YEAR OF WAR

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE

Band, Patriotic Societies and All Patriotic Citizens Are Expected To Be On Hand at 1 Saturday

Saturday, April 6, will be the first anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the world war, and the anniversary will be celebrated all over the country. It is also the date for the opening of the third Liberty loan campaign. Grants Pass will not be behind in this celebration. It is proposed to have a big parade Saturday afternoon. Stores are asked to close at 12 o'clock, which will give everyone ample time to prepare for the parade, which is to start at 1 o'clock.

The parade will be headed by the band and followed by the Boy Scouts, G. A. R., W. R. C., Girl Scouts, Honor Guard, Red Cross, Junior Red Cross, citizens, automobiles bearing flags and appropriate banners.

It is hoped that at least 1,000 people from all parts of the county will be in line. It is asked that stores remain closed from 12 to 2 o'clock and that as far as possible everyone will be provided with a flag.

Other features will be announced later.

DOCUMENT FOUND SHOWING AN EXAMPLE OF HUN TACTICS

With the British Army in France, Apr. 4.—An interesting document relating to the German casualties has been found. The document records that on the second day of the offensive there were then in line only three officers, 15 non-commissioned officers and 94 men out of the 140th regiment. One of the most striking tributes to the bravery of the British was the compliment tendered by the enemy to the famous 51st division, which was holding a section of the line near Demincourt, near the Haupaune-Brai road, on the first day of the battle, when the Germans surged forward. The enemy attacked in a southeasterly direction under cover of the mists and outflanked the 51st in its initial rush.

HUNS LAND TROOPS ON COAST OF FINLAND

Amsterdam, Apr. 4.—A Berlin official communication reports the landing of troops in Finland. The statement says:

"Part of our naval forces this morning, after a difficult passage through the ice and mine fields, landed troops, destined to give help to Finland, at Hango."

FEDERAL WATCHMAN KILLED IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Apr. 4.—James King Knight, a watchman at the office of the committee on public information, was found dead this morning with a bullet hole in his head. It is thought he was murdered. His pistol showed that he tried to fire it, but it failed to explode. No valuable papers were kept there. Police do not believe that King killed himself, but that the act was committed by some one nearby. Papers, they have reported, were with whom he had conferred.

CAPTAIN POULSEN TO BE SENTENCED

When Captain of Steamer Maatian He Assisted in Transfer of Coal to German Cruiser Leipzig

San Francisco, Apr. 4.—Federal officials have recommended to Washington the immediate removal of Captain R. J. Poulsen, as deputy United States inspector of hulls and boilers at Seattle, as a result of testimony he gave at the trial of Hindus charged with conspiring against British rule in India. Poulsen was captain of the steamer Maatian, which it is alleged transferred coal to the German cruiser Leipzig at sea in 1914.

MEDFORD VOTERS ADOPT EXTENDED PAYMENT PLAN

Medford, Apr. 4.—The extended payment plan as presented by the city council was passed by the voters of the city at yesterday's special election by a majority of 131 votes. Every ward registered a vote in favor of the measure.

ALL NEW SHIPS ARE INCREASED IN SIZE

Washington, Apr. 4.—A general increase in the size of all ships built hereafter was ordered today by the shipping board. The tonnage of experimental concrete ships was increased to 7,500 tons and construction of three more at San Francisco was authorized.

Wooden ships hereafter will be 5,000 tons, instead of 3,500 tons. Steel ships, built on the Great Lakes, will be 5,500 tons, and construction of a 10,000 ton steel vessel on the lakes which would be brought through the Welland canal to the sea by cutting her in two and turning her over on her side is under consideration.

The more economical operation of large ships was the deciding factor in making the change.

NO CASES UP FOR APRIL TERM COURT

Circuit Court for Josephine county convenes in Grants Pass on Monday, and for the first time in many years there are no cases on the docket, and unless something develops before Monday there will be a very short session.

The jury list as drawn is as follows:

- A. E. Voorhies, Grants Pass, Ore.
- Sam C. Neas, Grants Pass, Ore.
- E. Badger, Provoit, Ore.
- J. W. Gilmore, Murphy, Ore.
- W. D. John, Williams, Ore.
- James Hogue, Kerby, Ore.
- Quincy Woodcock, Kerby, Ore.
- O. L. Moore, Waldo, Ore.
- George Maurer, Kerby, Ore.
- John W. Baird, Selma, Ore.
- P. G. Harmon, Dryden, Ore.
- W. A. Hogue, Selma, Ore.
- R. P. George, Kerby, Ore.
- Clyde E. Niles, Grants Pass, Ore.
- R. E. D. No. 2.
- C. A. Hervey, Kerby, Ore.
- H. M. Gorham, Grants Pass, Ore.
- John Dehison, Grants Pass, Ore.
- H. A. Dillingham, Grants Pass, Ore.
- J. E. Peterson, Grants Pass, Ore.
- C. C. Presley, Grants Pass, Ore.
- R. E. Randolph, Grants Pass, Ore.
- D. M. Langworthy, Grants Pass, Ore.
- W. C. Hilderbrandt, Kerby, Ore.
- Grover Gimmitt, Holland, Ore.
- Walter Evanson, Grants Pass, Ore.
- Glenn McKy, Grants Pass, Ore.
- J. W. Eggers, Waldo, Ore.
- Joseph Pardee, Grants Pass, Ore.
- M. M. Abaworth, Murphy, Ore.
- C. E. Woolfolk, Grants Pass, Ore.
- A. M. Horton, Grants Pass, Ore.

BOTH SIDES PREPARING FOR SUPREME EFFORT

German People Are Informed That Great Drive Was Halted By Bad Weather and Not By Allied Forces—Hun Sea Offensive Also Falls Flat

London, Apr. 4.—Germany's "peace" drive through Picardy enters the third week with both forces preparing for the resumption of heavy fighting. German newspapers declare the drive was halted by bad weather and not by the Franco-British defense. It is admitted, the Germans have a hard time bringing up guns and supplies, over the muddy Somme area.

Amiens is free from danger for the moment.

American troops in the Toul region have been subjected to a heavy gas

bombardment, but there was no great damage.

Germany's sea offensive, like that on land, fell flat last week. Only 16 ships of the entente were sunk. There were 27 the week before.

French and British took a few prisoners and guns in raids last night.

Paris, Apr. 4.—One thousand French civilians, 400 of them women, have been sent to Russia by Germans, for hard labor, according to information just received.

HUN CHAIN ROCKET DANGER TO AIRMEN

Behind the British Lines in France, Mar. 22.—(Correspondence).—One of the Germans' favorite devices for opposing British airmen on night raids or reconnaissance, is a barrage of the so-called "chain-rockets." These consist of long chains of brilliantly luminous balls, bright green in color, which are sent upwards like skyrockets in strings of 20 or 40, and which hang suspended in the sky for a considerable time, apparently for the purpose of catching the airplane and setting fire to it.

The rockets must be driven up with tremendous force, probably from a gun, for the rise to a height of 10,000 feet, and can be placed with great accuracy. The fireballs appear to be about a foot in diameter. As they rise they are often caught by wind, and assume beautiful curves. Sometimes the whole line topples and turns before it vanishes, floating for a few moments like a row of strange green Japanese lanterns. It is supposed that the balls are supported in the air by small parachutes.

Thousands of these chain-rockets are fired by the Germans on every occasion when the entente airmen attack a town or camp. They are part of the regular shrapnel barrage which is used to hamper the attackers, but they give a much more spectacular effect than the bursting shrapnel, which only gives a momentary flash in the sky and then is gone.

If a machine is caught by a searchlight, hundreds of the chain-rockets are straightway sent up towards it. They make a remarkable spectacle as they are seen climbing up the sky and passing one by one across the beams of light, and finally appearing in their appointed station in the upper darkness.

British airmen declare that the sensation of having these chain-rockets fired at them is rather pleasant than otherwise. It is difficult to believe that anything so fantastic, beautiful and fairy-like, can be really dangerous. On a cloudy night, it is said, nothing is pleasanter than to float over the rolling clouds and to watch the green chain-rockets pierce the mist here and there, casting a weird radiance over the mountains and valleys of cloud-land.

In the midst of a really vigorous barrage, the chain rockets thread the skies in scores of fiery chains, floating past the invading machine on every side, leaving behind them thin trains of scented smoke.

LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE TO MAY 4

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Liberty loan campaign will continue for four weeks, beginning Saturday next and ending with May 4.

THOMAS J. MOONEY TO BE SENTENCED

Date for His Execution Expired While Appeal Was Pending, So He Will Be Re-sentenced

San Francisco, Apr. 4.—Thomas J. Mooney will be re-sentenced to death April 13 on a charge of murder growing out of the preparedness parade bomb explosion. It has been decided by Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin, who presided at Mooney's trial.

The date for Mooney's execution expired while his appeal was pending before the state supreme court.

BRITISH WAR OFFICE COMPLIMENTS AMERICANS

London, Apr. 4.—The British war office pays a compliment to the American aviators in the official statement, issued tonight, on aerial operations.

"During the last fortnight of intense fighting in the air," say the statement, "the assistance rendered by the personnel of the American air service, attached to the Royal Air service, has been invaluable."

R. A. BOOTH HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Salem, Apr. 4.—Governor Withycombe today announced the appointment of R. A. Booth of Eugene to be a member of the state highway commission, succeeding E. J. Adams, also of Eugene, whose term expired last week.

WESTERN UNION CASHIER ARRESTED AS KIDNAPER

San Jose, Cal., Apr. 4.—F. A. Cross, formerly cashier of the Western Union at Portland, has been arrested with a woman, and it is alleged has confessed to taking company funds.

CZERNIN'S "LIE" IS GIVEN TO COUNSEL

Amsterdam, Apr. 4.—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, addressing a delegation from the Vienna city council, which waited on him Tuesday in connection with what the burgomaster termed "the aggravated distress of the population," which is closely connected with the general peace situation, said:

"God is my witness that we have tried everything possible to avoid a fresh offensive, but the entente would not have it thus. Some time before the western offensive began, M. Clemenceau addressed to me an inquiry whether and upon what basis I was prepared to negotiate. In agreement with Berlin, I immediately replied that I was prepared to negotiate and that, as far as France was concerned, the only obstacle I could see in the way of peace was the French desire for Alsace and Lorraine."

"The reply from Paris was that it was impossible to negotiate on this basis. Thereupon there was no choice left."

STATE GOVERNORS DEMAND LOYALTY

Washington, Apr. 4.—State governors, meeting with the council of national defense, have urged drastic action to stamp out disloyalty and curb the German language press which advocated preaching in German and teaching it in schools.

Washington, Apr. 4.—Congress has agreed on a bill providing severe penalties for the destruction of war materials and for sabotage. Penalties of 30 years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine are provided.

BOLSHEVIKI TO RAISE ARMY OF 1,500,000 MEN

THIS WILL BE FIRST STEP TOWARD ARMING WHOLE RUSSIAN NATION

SOUNDS LIKE LENINE NOT AIR

Ukrainian Rada, of Kiev, a Non-Bolshevik Organization, Proposes Peace to Radicals

Moscow, Apr. 4.—Russia will form an army of 1,500,000 men, and will not be inferior in power and equipment to Germans and Japanese, according to M. Podvoisky, assistant secretary of war, at a conference of military heads. This would be the first step in arming the whole Russian nation. He hopes to enlist the services of all old officers, giving citizens the right to object in any of them. He also said that enlistments were coming in fairly well.

Moscow, Apr. 4.—Peace has been proposed to the Bolshevik government by the Ukrainian Rada of Kiev, a non-Bolshevik organization. It is rumored here. Chances of peace are considered greater since Germany's reply regarding the territory of Ukraine, and offers ground for negotiations.

London, Apr. 4.—The Russian government is sending a delegation to the United States to negotiate Russia's orders with American firms and arrange for future trade relations.

WHEAT BILL UP BEFORE SENATE AND HOUSE

Washington, Apr. 4.—Senate and house conferees today began work on the agricultural appropriation bill with little prospect of an agreement to the senate amendment increasing the government price of wheat to \$2.50 a bushel. It was tentatively agreed to have the house managers report a disagreement on the amendment and if the house again rejects it, senate leaders thought the senate would recede, avoiding a deadlock on the measure.

GENERAL WOOD SAYS THIS IS NOT LAST WAR

Baltimore, Apr. 4.—Asserting that the present conflict is "not the last great war," and asserting that "unless America speeds" the next may be fought in this country, Major General Leonard Wood is an address here declared:

"If we want principle and freedom we must be ready at all times to fight for them. Inefficiency at this time is treason. Do not talk of this as the last great war. God will have to change human nature before we can discuss such a thing. There will be other wars and America, to keep them from her shores, must build up her strength, remaining tolerable but firm in her purpose. We must have forces to prevent war as well as to wage it. Indeed, if we do not speed this next great war may be fought here. We must be ready, but not intolerable."

JAPS SEIZE ELEVEN SHIPS FOR AMERICA

Seattle, Apr. 4.—Japanese steamship companies have been notified that the Japanese government has seized 11 vessels, to be turned over to the United States.