

ALFALFA AND FRUIT DEMAND QUICK ACTION

GREEN FIELDS TURNED TO DOLLARS WHILE FRUIT THINNING IS ORDER OF DAY

CROPS WITHOUT WATER SUFFER

County Agent Thompson Gives General Crop Review in Josephine. Codlin Moth is Here

Crops in general in Rogue River valley are looking very good at this time. Fall sown grain looks much better than at this time last year.

Rye, the old stand by, is looking fine and much of it has been made into hay already.

A good many farmers have tried sowing spring barley in thin alfalfa fields. This is giving a considerable increased return in hay from the first cutting and at the same time has kept the weeds down to a great extent.

Crops grown without irrigation are needing rain very badly just now. In fact so badly that if rain does not come in a few days it means crop failure in many cases.

Strawberry harvest is in full blast and the crop is good. Apples, pears and peaches are a good crop, generally. Thinning is in the order of the day and is going to be a big job.

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FIGHT FOR ESTATE OF JANE FAILING

Portland, Ore., May 24.—The will of the late Xarfla Jane Failing was upheld today by Judge Tazwell of the circuit court.

RAZING PARIS WALL PERMITS EXPANSION

Paris, May 24.—By authorizing the demolition of the wall of Paris and the cessation of the site and the military zone outside the wall for city improvements, the French parliament has just removed the principal obstacle to a "Greater Paris."

WAR GOES MERRILY ON NORTH EUROPE

Poles Capture City and 2,000 Prisoners—Estonians Beating Back the Bolsheviks

London, May 24.—Polish troops have captured the important town of Lutsk, northeast of Lemberg, from the Ukrainians. A Central News dispatch from Berlin says the Poles took 2,000 prisoners.

London, May 24.—Great fires and loud explosions have occurred in and around Petrograd, according to reports from the Daily Mails correspondent, under date of Thursday. It is believed that the bolsheviks, pressed by the Estonian advance, are destroying munitions.

PASSENGERS SAVED FROM BURNING SHIP

Norfolk, Va., May 24. The steamer Virginia burned early today. All passengers were saved, but it is believed that three firemen lost their lives.

ROSEBURG CARNIVAL DRAWING BIG CROWDS

Roseburg, Ore., May 24.—Large crowds were present the second day of the Douglas county strawberry carnival. The event is proving a big success.

Paris, May 24.—Lieutenant Rogel, French aviator, started today on a flight from Paris to Morocco, from whence he plans a flight across the Atlantic to Brazil.

ALL BUT REGULARS OUT OF FRANCE BY JUNE 12

Washington, May 24.—Revised plans for the return of overseas forces provide for the sailing from France of all troops except the regulars by June 12, General March, chief of staff, announced today. Demobilization has now returned more than 60 per cent of officers and men to civil life General March announced.

NAPA CAL., PEOPLE ENJOY CHAUTAUQUA

The Napa, Cal., Register has the following to say of Chautauqua and of Judge Alden, who lectures on Thursday:

"Those who attended Chautauqua on Tuesday evening enjoyed the finest entertainment provided so far.

"It was well worth the price of the whole season ticket—worth twice the sum and then some.

"Judge Alden is an eloquent man. He is also a comedian of great versatility and he so blended the heavier thoughts of his theme with strains of a lighter vein as to produce an altogether pleasing mixture that it was easy to take. According to Judge Alden the greatest need of the hour is a return from the pursuit of graft and greed to the ideals of Christianity. He declared that the trend of modern times was away from the worship of God and toward the worship of gold. He asked for more Bible reading in the homes, more honesty in the petty dealings between men, more modesty in the dress and conduct of the members of the gentler sex. It does not make any difference what church a man may belong to as long as he carries the teaching of true Christianity into actual performance in his every day life. He paid tributes to boyhood, to girlhood, to motherhood and to fatherhood that were most eloquent."

ALLIES LOITER WHILE GERMANS PICK FLAWS

Peace Terms Handed Austria Tuesday—Will Strip That Country of Navy and Reduce Army to 15,000 Men—Conflicting Views of Allies a Worry

London, May 24.—There is an appreciable pause in developments at Paris and Versailles so far as making peace with Germany is concerned. The peace conferees have been devoting much time to the shaping of the treaty to be presented to the Austrian delegation. As a result, it is announced that the treaty with Austria will be laid before the allied representatives Tuesday and handed the Austrian representatives the following day.

Dispatches from Paris indicate that following the signing of treaties with the central powers, the work of adjusting conflicting views among the allies will occupy the peace conference for a considerable time.

Washington, May 24.—The peace treaty with its league of nations covenant was debated for three hours in the senate late yesterday and at the adjournment the resolution which furnished the vehicle for the discussion went over as unfinished business to come up again when the senate reconvenes Monday.

The resolution merely calls on the state department to furnish the senate with the complete text of the treaty, but as the debate progressed discussion shifted to the merits of the league and treaty themselves. A dozen senators, including the leaders of both sides, were drawn into the discussion and sharp exchanges presaged the bitterness of the fight that is to come when the treaty actually come up for ratification.

PRIMROSE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

The Dalles, Ore., May 24.—Edward Primrose, who killed Chief of Police Ralph Gibbons here after participation in the robbery of the Washougal bank, pleaded guilty of murder today and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Dolph Lewis, arrested with Primrose, pleaded not guilty.

RAILROAD DEFICIT IS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

Washington, May 24.—An appropriation of \$1,200,000,000 in addition to the \$500,000,000 already provided for the railroad administration was requested today by Director General Hines. An estimate revealed an operating deficit for the first four months this year of \$250,000,000.

GENERAL MARCH DENIES THAT YANKS WERE SACRIFICED AFTER ARMISTICE

Washington, May 24.—American soldiers were not needlessly sacrificed on the morning of November 11, 1918, the day of the armistice in the European war, according to General March, chief of staff of the army, who based his statements on the subject on a report from General Pershing.

The senate committee on military affairs has been planning an investigation of reports that American soldiers were slaughtered needlessly on the day the armistice was signed. Previous to this decision, Harvey's Weekly instituted an inquiry into such reports and appealed to Senator Chamberlain, then chairman of the committee, in an open letter.

Senator Chamberlain consulted with General March on the subject and has received from him a reply to a series of questions as follows:

(a) Were any United States soldiers killed in fighting in France after order to cease firing at 11 o'clock November 11, when armistice went into effect?"

Conclusions: No cases are known of any United States soldiers who were killed in fighting in France after order to cease firing at 11 a. m. November 11, when armistice went into effect. Probably there were no such casualties. In any event, they could have occurred in very isolated cases only.

(b) Was there any firing at any place along the American line in France after 11 o'clock November 11?"

Conclusions: Firing was generally stopped on the American front in France at 11 a. m. November 11. In the case of an isolated organization, which did not receive notification until 11:10 a. m., November 11, 1918, firing was continued until 11:30 a. m. November 11.

(c) Did the firing along the American line continue in full force up to 11 o'clock November 11?"

Conclusions: Firing along the American line continued in full force up to 11 o'clock November 11. In the case of the two American divisions serving with the French army in Belgium, different conditions existed and the firing was not continued in full force due to the fact that no opposition was encountered to the continued advance.

(d) Is the report true that officers in command of British and French forces ordered firing stopped as soon as they learned that the armistice was to go into effect at 11 o'clock November 11, 1918, that is, several hours before 11 o'clock on this date?"

Conclusions: There was no authorization for officers in command of French and British forces to order firing stopped as soon as they learned that the armistice was to go into effect. There is a possibility that such orders were given without authority by French commanders of small isolated bodies. No definite cases of the issuance of such unauthorized orders are, however, known.

(e) Were there military reasons for continuing the firing up to the very hour the armistice went into effect?"

Conclusions: There were military reasons for continuing the firing up to the very hour the armistice went into effect and orders were issued from these headquarters to insure such action. These orders were dictated by the necessity for taking every opportunity to render certain the complete acceptance by enemy of the armistice and were undoubtedly concurred in by the allied commander in chief, who himself issued orders to the same effect.

With reference to question (e) General Pershing's reply included a quotation of the orders of Marshal Foch directing that the pressure be maintained along the whole front up to the last moment.

INDIAN WINS LOVE OF SOLDIERS' WIFE

While Hubby is Serving Uncle Sam, Wife and Two Children Choose New Protector

He was only a big buck Indian, but he looked good to Mrs. Paul Winton, who came in with him on the Crescent City stage last night. Mrs. Winton never stopped to pack up the household goods, but hurried her two children into the automobile stage and "beat it." Evidently she intends to hang on to them, even if her husband and the children's father is with the army of occupation in Germany.

When the four arrived in Grants Pass they did not tarry, but took the southbound train last night, possibly for Sunny Southern California. The Indian's name is Roy Grimes and he is said to be quite good looking.

A letter was received at Sheriff Lewis' office this morning, notifying the officers to look out for, and arrest the Indian and white woman, but the notice came too late. The matter is a case for the federal authorities and they are probably busy on the trail at this hour.

NC-4 NOT TAKING DESPERATE CHANCES

Washington, May 24.—The weather is still unfavorable for the flight of the NC-4. A message from Ponta del Gada to the navy department said the start for Lisbon would not be attempted today.

MAN WHO SERVED IN RUSSIA WILL SPEAK

Ex-Rabbi Goldman has returned to this city after having spent several days in Medford in conference with Jewish people there. He will speak to adult classes in the Christian Bible school tomorrow morning on "Hebrew Life and Customs." At the 11 o'clock service he will speak on the "Home Coming of Israel." He plans to sail from San Francisco the 15th of June en route to the Holy Land, where a great reunion of Jewish people will take place.

In the evening at the same church Mr. Goldman will give a lecture on "The Inner Life of Russia." Because of having served in Russia as a Rabbi when persecution was severe he understands the situation there as do few men in the United States.

WILL SEARCH FOR OIL IN STATE OF OREGON

Dallas, Ore., May 24.—According to advices received from Senator Charles McNary at Washington, the United States government is considering sending out experts to Polk county and other places in the state to explore the oil fields which are supposed to be located here.

In a well drilled on the Whiteaker place, east of Dallas, several years ago, a considerable amount of oil was obtained and it has always been the opinion of the promoters that the driller spoiled the well by driving the drill too far down. Gas was obtained in large quantities in the same hole.

Eugene, Ore., May 24.—Development of any territory in Oregon and Washington that shows a favorable prospect for oil is the aim of a conference of oil men to be held in San Francisco soon, which will be attended by Dr. E. L. Packard, professor of geology in the university. Dr. Packard left yesterday for San Francisco.

At the close of college next month Dr. Packard will leave for a four months' field trip in Oregon and Washington in the interest of California oil companies.

DEMOCRATS SKIRMISH FOR PARTY LEADER

A FEW SUGGEST PERSHING IF WOOD HEADS NATIONAL REPUBLICAN TICKET

EXPECT MUCH FROM SLOGAN

Would Fight Republican Military Nominee With Cry of "Down With Militarism"

Washington, May 24.—It will not be surprising if the presidential campaign next year is pitched upon much the same issues as those upon which the battle was fought out in 1916.

With strong indications that General Leonard Wood will be the republican nominee, the democrats are preparing to set up issues rather than to spend time looking for a candidate. In 1916 the democratic victory was won on the issue of pacifism as defined in the slogan, "he kept us out of war," which swept the west and scored the votes necessary to re-elect Woodrow Wilson by bare majority.

There is a tendency among many of the democratic leaders to assume that General Wood will be the republican candidate and that the republican platform will place the party squarely on record for universal military training and opposed to bolshevism, I. W. W.ism, pacifism and all other bids to revolution and terror. The democratic leaders are simply awaiting the republican move and preparing their answer.

Democratic party opinion, however, is not in perfect accord as to what the democratic answer should be. A few democrats suggest the nomination of General Pershing, in the event that Wood is the republican nominee, with an appeal to the Americanism of the country to outdo the republican bid to the patriotic impulses of the voters. But this class of democrats is in an almost helpless minority.

The weight of democratic opinion and particularly among those democrats who follow Woodrow Wilson, right or wrong, is that, with a military chieftain as the republican nominee, the democrats should select a civilian. The democratic campaign then would be a cry against "militarism," denouncing universal service as identical with what the kaiser practiced as a means for building up a military machine. An appeal, if this element had its way, would then be made to radicals of every shade, and Woodrow Wilson would be chosen to lead the fight as more nearly than anyone else typifying the pacifist and radical school of thought.

There is little doubt, if the democratic fight is pitched on these lines that the Mooney case would at once become an issue, and the San Francisco dynamiter would be paraded before the country as a martyr to "social justice" and what not. President Wilson already having made two or three appeals in behalf of Mooney, it would not be going to further extremes to use the case as a campaign issue.

TWO KILLED WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE NEAR SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., May 24.—When two automobiles collided early this morning near here Louis Cook, city fireman and Miss Frances Hayward were killed, and Carl Childberg, son of J. E. Childberg, president of the Scandinavian bank, was badly injured, and Mrs. Lydia Hayward less seriously hurt.