

WILSON DEFINES POSITION OF U.S.

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SOUTH AMERICA ASSURED OF OUR FRIENDSHIP

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the Same Pledge.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—“The United States will in no case be the aggressor either against the political or territorial integrity of any other nation,” President Wilson declared in a letter he allowed to be published today.

“At the same time, she is proposing on insisting on similar pledges from all nations of the world who have to associate themselves for the maintenance of that peace. The very strength of her appeal in this direction comes from the fact that she is willing to bind herself and give pledges of the utmost solemnity for her own faith and disinterestedness.”

The letter was addressed to Roy Howard, president of the United Press Association, on the eve of his departure from South America, replying to Howard's letter calling attention to the fact that German propaganda in South America are still making an effort to misinterpret the President's purpose of urging other republics to join in making the world safe for democracy.

OFFICERS INSTALLED SAT. BY TANGENT GRANGE

TANGENT, Jan. 28.—(Special to the Democrat)—On Saturday, Jan. 26, Tangent Grange held its regular monthly meeting. The day was pleasant and the attendance was good.

After the usual opening exercises, preparations were made for conducting of the third and fourth degrees, when a class of two were duly instructed in the work. This occupied the time until the dinner hour arrived, when a recess was taken and all gathered around the table and a regular lighted dinner was partaken of. After an hour spent in eating and visiting, all again assembled for the afternoon work.

Some matters of business were attended to and the election of Miss Lucy Ashton to fill the position of secretary, the installation of officers for the ensuing year was taken up.

Walter S. Hense, master of Western Star Grange, acted as installing officer, assisted by H. Freckner of Oak Plain Grange and Mrs. Lottie Hense of Western Star.

Tangent Grange unanimously endorsed the resolution which was passed by the Benton county granges, exonerating President Hense of the O. A. C. of charges which were preferred against him by a meeting held in Salem a short time ago, charging him with using improper means to secure a raise in his salary.

Visitors were present from Oak Plain and Western Star granges. The next meeting will be held on the fourth Saturday of February at 10 a. m. Visitors are always welcome.

S. S. TRAIN IS OLDEST GRANGER

S. S. Train of this city holds the record for being the oldest granger in the state of Oregon. Mr. Train joined the grange in the year 1867 and has been an active member ever since that date.

Mrs. Train was at one time secretary of the Oregon State Grange.

GOVERNMENT PROPERTY DESTROYED IN MICHIGAN

MARQUETTE, Mich., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—A mysterious explosion of an alcohol tank of the Cleveland-Cliff Iron Works, wrecked the plant and disabled the city water system. The plant was one of the largest producing alcohol and other products for the government.

Two workmen were injured. The plant is burning.

CROWDER SAYS TWO MILLION MEN AVAILABLE

Passage of New Registration
Law Will Place Two Mil-
lion in First Class.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Crowder told the senate military affairs committee that 2,000,000 men will be available in Class One if congress enacts the bill which authorizes registering men of age since registration day. He is opposed to exempting men past 31 since June 5th.

WILL DANCE FRIDAY FOR RED CROSS BENEFIT

Friday night in the Elks Hall, the finance committee of the Red Cross will give another of their enjoyable dancing parties. The members of the finance committee are Mrs. J. J. Landgren, Mrs. R. F. Mason, Mrs. C. H. Wender. Hostess's second piece orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion and the admission will be \$1. It is pointed out that it is the patriotic duty of every one to attend these parties, the entire proceeds of which go to the Red Cross. A fine time is also predicted.

EXEMPTION BOARD IS BUSY WITH REGISTRANTS

These are busy days with the local exemption board. Over 20 men are examined each day and Dr. W. H. Davis, Sheriff D. H. Bodine and County Clerk R. M. Russell have their hands full. Henry F. Merrill is acting as clerk of the board for the present, helping the registrants to fill out their examination blanks.

Not only is the local board examining the men in this county, but they are taking all that come along. Last night one from Summit, Benton county, was examined. A man from Corvallis appeared this afternoon. Men from any part of the county who are sent Albany are sent in for examination. The local board feels that the Benton county board is sending them more cases than they should, for several subjects who could have been examined in that county have been sent here.

CITY NEWS

Moche Died Sunday—D. O. Woodworth, yesterday received word of the death of his mother, Mrs. S. J. Woodworth, at her home in Canby, Cal., New York. She was 76 years old.

Leave for California—Two Hinder and family will leave tonight for California, where they will spend the next month or two enjoying the winter climate of the southland, and in looking over the various cities of the Southwest. They will visit in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach and other places of interest.

Summit Men Here—Walter and Victor Morgan, who reside near Summit, were in the city over night, registered at the St. Francis. Walter Morgan came down upon order of the local board of Douglas county to be examined for the draft.

From Other Towns—Among those registered at the Hotel St. Francis are Hon. W. P. Elmore, of Brownsville; G. A. Spencer, of Gates; J. H. Hawkins, of Elk City; Ray Roberts, of Detroit, and R. Y. McCune of Corvallis.

Here From Portland—Miss Nellie Snyder, formerly of this city but now of Portland, is in the city today for a short visit with friends.

Out-of-Town People—Registered at the Hotel Albany today are the following who are known in Albany: Frances Holloway, of Brownsville; E. B. Hall Jr., and Frank L. Price, of Summit; Lucy Gardner, of Harrisburg; Geo. H. Randall, of Lebanon; and A. C. Bornstedt of Salem.

On Business Trip—G. McClellan of the Oregon Power Co., went to Harrisburg this morning on business.

Lee McLagan Ill—Lee McLagan, son of R. A. McLagan of Tangent, is ill with pneumonia in the military hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. His condition was reported as serious and his father started for his bedside but returned when he reached Redding, Cal., and received a telegram from the hospital that his son was improving and would recover if no setbacks are encountered. He is in the hands of the Odd Fellows of San Antonio, who are doing much in his behalf. Mr. McLagan is a member of the non-flying section of the aviation branch of the army, enlisting as a mechanic.

HOOVER ASKS FOR MORE LEGISLATION

“Passes Buck” to Congress in
Matter of Forcing Food
Conservation Issue

DEFINITE PROGRAM IS PRESENTED TO LEADERS

Asks for the Power to Enforce
Meatless and Wheatless Days
and Curtail Waste.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Hoover warned congress in a letter to the head of the house agriculture committee that congress alone is responsible if it is not empowered to enforce the food conservation. He said that voluntary conservation results are wonderful, but the unpatriotic minority must be forced into line.

He asks power to prohibit the use of foodstuffs in non-food products; limitation of foods served in public eating houses, weekly wheatless and meatless days, control of distribution of food so all classes and localities would share alike, and preventing unnecessary consumption; control of commodities necessary for the preservation of foodstuffs to prevent great losses and military sacrifices, and to eliminate the less essential food manufactures.

He wants to conserve ammonia for refrigeration purposes.

TWO ESCAPES AND HOBO TAKEN IN LAST NIGHT

Fred Stunkard and Walter Molden, 16 year old youths who escaped from the Oregon State Training school Sunday, were captured last night by Officer Dick Rodgers as the pair alighted from a southbound train. They will be returned to the institution today.

James Hadley, a tourist de luxe, dismounted from a hobo special last night, wet and cold from riding in an open car, and was given the hospitality of the city jail. This morning he was given the customary blessing by Chief Catlin and sent on his way toward his destination, Marysville, Cal., in the same luxurious manner in which he arrived.

WOMANHOOD IS SPECTACULAR INTERESTING PLAY ON WAR

“Womanhood, the Glory of a Nation,” opened with a packed house at the Elks last night and all that the previous estimates have rated it. In rich reels, this well-stirring, gripping appeal to the patriotism of the spectators, flashes on the screen enough evidence of why this country is at war to warm the marrow of the bones of the most pacifist or the most unpatriotic person.

Based on the mythical European country, Kuritania, the play really depicts the German war machine, and shows how unprepared this country really was in case an invader had attempted a conquest a year or more ago. New York and the principal part of the east coast are captured in a war begun without notice. Millions are made homeless and it is some time before America gets organized into action. Of course, when once ready, patriotic America casts out the invader and triumphs.

J. Stuart Blackton, president of the Vitaphone company, took great interest in the preparedness question early and “Womanhood” and “The Battle of Peace” did much towards bringing about a sentiment in favor of war preparation.

Alice Joyce and Harry Morey are excellent in the leading parts. Naomi Childers, impersonating the spirit of Joan of Arc and Peggy Hyland, as Strong's sister, are also excellent. It is one of the best pictures seen here in years.

The last episode of the official British war pictures of the battle of Arras are also shown. The same bill comes to a close tonight.

FARMERS USING CREDIT WITH FEDERAL FARM BANK

That the farmers of this county are taking advantage of the rural credit offered by the Federal Farm Loan bank is shown by the fact that there are 11 mortgages in favor of that institution on file with the county recorder.

ALBANY MAN SLATED FOR SARGENT'S PLACE

Chas. H. Stewart Is Recommended
by Sargent; Olcott Will
Back Him in Fight.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Bank Superintendent Sargent, who resigned yesterday, stated today that he will recommend Chas. H. Stewart, assistant bank superintendent, as his successor. “He has been with the department four years and is better qualified for the post than any other available man in the state, and is familiar with all details of the banking department.”

It is unknown who Withycombe and Kay will favor, but Olcott will follow Sargent's recommendation.

Mr. Stewart is a son of Postmaster C. H. Stewart of this city and his appointment would be exceptionally well received among his wide circle of friends in Albany.

BEEF SHORTAGE COULD BE AVOIDED SAYS BUYER

In the opinion of E. C. Smith, buyer for H. Broders meat market, the shortage of the beef supply could be relieved in a very simple manner. According to Mr. Smith, if a ruling of the food administration were made which would prohibit the killing of all calves before they are two years old, the beef supply could be kept up. All calves should be saved, he says, and dairymen should be held to account for each calf born.

Mr. Smith estimates that 15,000 calves are either killed shortly after birth or are butchered for veal at a tender age in Tillamook county alone. In the past three or four years he has personally shipped nearly 600 calves from that section and was the first man to start the shipment of calves from that part of the state.

Tillamook county is a great dairy and cheese country. The dairymen find it more profitable to dispose of the calves and sell all the milk and feed all of the feed to the mature cows. Thousands are slaughtered annually there alone. Dairymen generally find it more profitable to sell the milk than to butcher with the calves. The high price of feed also has something to do with it.

But, thinks this buyer, a ruling that would save the young animals until they are big enough for beef, would make meatless days unnecessary in a year's time and add a vast supply of beef to the stock of the world.

TANGENT FARMERS ENJOY UNPRECEDENTED WEATHER

TANGENT, Jan. 29.—(Special to the Democrat)—M. F. Wood, principal of the South Corvallis public school, his wife and two daughters, were in Tangent Saturday attending a meeting of the Grange.

Mrs. Lizzie Sharp is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. H. Moses, at Philomath.

L. B. Marsters is building an addition to his store on Second street.

J. E. Jenks Sr. has moved from the farm which he recently sold to the farm which was bought of Mrs. Shrader in West Tangent.

Antoists have a good road from Tangent to Albany now, which is in fine condition.

All kinds of farm work is now suspended until the weather dries up; however, they are resting easy as they have a large acreage of fall grain coming in.

The old settlers of the Willamette Valley can not say that they ever saw—at this time of the year—such a growth of all kinds of grain as there is at this time. Volunteer grain in the fields is a foot or more in height and still growing. A cold snap would probably injure the growing crops, as everything is so young and tender that it would not take very cold weather to do a lot of harm.

Early trees and plants are showing entirely too much growth for this time of the year.

Grass in the pastures is short, and has not made much growth during the winter. All kinds of stock have to be fed and there is not likely to be much grass for the next three months. The roads are fearfully muddy in places and are getting worse all the time. Automobiles find it takes power to pull their machines through the mud.

ALBANY MAN ARRIVES AT EUROPEAN PORT

James P. Giebler, formerly employed at the local forestry office, has arrived in France. This information was conveyed on a postal card which was received today by Miss Rhea Bevier. Giebler enlisted in Albany some months ago and is attached to the forest service contingent.

GERMAN RAIDER IS DOWNED IN FLAMES

Two Air Raids Over London
Made by Fleet of Fifteen
German Aircraft

BOMBS DROPPED ON CIVILIAN POPULATION

Forty-Seven Are Killed; Many
of Them Women and Child-
ren Says Lord French.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Lord French reported that 15 enemy machines participated in last night's raids.

In the first attack four or five reached London and dropped bombs. In the second attack, one dropped bombs. Members of the Royal Flying Corps engaged the enemy and two of them fought a raider 10,000 feet above Essex, it falling in flames. The crew of three were burned. One raider escaped after battling the home defenders above London.

“Forty-seven men, 17 women and 16 children were killed, mostly in London. The property damage is slight.”

COMMITTEE WOULD LIMIT CONTROL OF RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The senate interstate commerce committee voted to limit government control of railroads to one year after the war. This conflicts with McAdoo's plan for indefinite control.

SUNG AND PICTURES AT GLOBE TONIGHT

Music and pictures hold sway on the bill at the Globe theatre this evening. Alaska Blalock, noted author, lecturer and traveler, will appear with a wonderful moving picture on the land of the frozen north, the cream of a 9,000 mile journey through this great country. The narrow details, the recaptured mountains, the blizzards, passes and wild, raging seas are shown. Hundreds of scenes are shown bringing before the spectator the grandeur, the romance, the glitter and drawbacks of Uncle Sam's northern domain. All are explained in Blalock in person.

With the pictures will be given a musical program. It has been two years since Miss Gladys Johann delighted Globe audiences with her clever cello playing, and many who heard her remember her exquisite touch and the beautiful melody which she coaxed from the large violin. Myrtle Johann, prima donna of lyric song, will also be heard. The local Honor Guard girls will benefit from the program.

OREGON MAN IS ON ROLL OF HONOR

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The Canadian casualty lists say that S. W. Dugdale, of Hubbard, Oregon, died of wounds received in action.

BRUCE EVANS SPEAKS AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH TONIGHT

Bruce Evans, well known evangelist, will deliver one of his interesting addresses at the Christian church before a union meeting at 7:30 o'clock this evening. A large crowd is expected to be present and a fine address is in store for the audience. Evans held a series of meetings here two years ago and made many friends, who will be on hand to give him a welcome. He is a live-wire, forceful speaker, and his talks always carry a message worth while.

PROBATE COURT CASES FILED FOR HEARING

The following cases have been presented before County Judge D. B. McKnight in the probate court:

Petition has been filed by L. M. Palmer, asking that C. J. Shedd be appointed guardian of the estate of W. F. Crawford, incompetent, valued at \$4,000. The date for hearing was set for February 11 at 10 a. m.

The estate of Sarah J. Brown, deceased, has been appraised at \$24,760. The final account in the estate of Chas. L. Thrasher, deceased, has been filed by the administratrix.

FORMER ALBANY GIRL DIED IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Doris McLain Smith Pass-
es Away in Hospital; Well
Known in Albany.

Mrs. Doris McLain Smith, formerly of this city, died at 11:35 o'clock last night at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. The body was brought to this city today and the funeral will be held Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist church. Dr. D. H. Leach, of Corvallis, former pastor of the local church, will preach the sermon and the body will be buried in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was well known in Albany, having served for a number of years in the S. E. Young store as cashier. She was born in Paxton, Nebraska, April 15, 1885. Her parents came to Oregon in 1903 and she followed the next year. On July 12, 1914, she was married to Harry G. Smith at Loma, Mont. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been making their home in Portland.

Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClain of Salem, she is survived by three brothers, Leonard and Deo McClain of Albany; Arthur McClain, a student at O. A. C., and a sister, Miss Oral McClain of Wasco.

SPY SCARE VISITS ALBANY SUNDAY EVENING

Albany had a little German spy scare Sunday. Two men appeared at the Standard Oil tanks south of the S. P. depot and began taking pictures. A little girl, the daughter of Mr. Robertson, who is a car repairer at the roundhouse, saw the men and reported the matter to her father. Chief of Police Catlin was notified and a search of the premises and of all that part of the city near the tanks was made. Then Motorcycle Officer Charles Brown was sent half way to Tangent to look along the railroad for suspects. Homer Speer, of Tangent, was notified, and had a crowd out waiting for the supposed spies to appear.

But nothing was found of them, and it later developed that the photographers were two of the local employees of the company, making pictures for their own collection.

CITY NEWS

Attended Evangelistic Meeting—Rev. D. L. Morgan returned this morning from Eugene where he attended the evangelistic meeting last night, one of a series being conducted by Rev. A. L. Crim. The Roses, evangelistic workers of note, are assisting in the meetings.

To Recover Money—Suit to collect \$300 was begun today by L. D. Porter against W. M. Brown, administrator of the estate of Francis M. McCoy, et al.

Killed a Bobcat—Ivan Ayers, of Lacombe, today collected \$2 bounty on a bobcat.

Went to Shelburn—Verne Smith went to Shelburn last night, to visit his grandfather, who is sick.

Returned to Rainier—Mrs. Wm. Rader and daughter returned to their home at Rainier this morning after a visit here with Mrs. Rader's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crawford.

Leave for California—Frank Combs and Glenn Combs will leave tonight for their homes in Oakland and Stockton, California, after a several weeks' visit here with their sister, Mrs. N. D. Conn, and other relatives.

Printer Visits in Albany—H. M. Lehnert, wife and son visited in Albany over the week-end. Mr. Lehnert is foreman of the Corvallis Gazette-Times linotype battery.

Transacted Business—A. E. Sommer of Thomas transacted business in Albany today.

Shedd Man Here—T. B. Sprenger of Shedd was in town today on business.

Reply Is Filed—A reply to defendants' answer has been filed by plaintiff in the case of Mary Jacobs vs. John Jacobs.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 37 to 48 degrees. Rainfall was .24 inches. The river is 6.6 feet.

To Visit Uncle—Miss Carrie Wolfe went to Portland this afternoon for a week's visit at the home of her uncle, Dr. Sternberg.

Return to Brownsville—Mrs. Linn Brown and daughter Betty Ann returned to their home at Brownsville this noon after a visit here with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Clara McCoy.

ITALIANS ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT

Berlin Reports Violent Fighting
Along Entire Line Between
Asiago and Brente

BRITISH DRIVE GER- MANS FROM POSITIONS

Deliberate Plot to Sink Ameri-
can Vessel on Way to France
by Opening Seacocks.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The Italians assumed the offensive in the Asiago basin. The first news is the Berlin admission that Germany was forced to relinquish ground. Berlin says the Italians gained a foothold at Monie di Valbella but failed to gain their objectives near Coldebrosio.

The front Berlin describes as six miles long, so observers say it is a concerted attack to out-smash the Teutons.

ROME, Jan. 29.—It is announced that 1500 were made prisoners in the Asiago basin. The Italians are breaking through the stubborn defense on the heights of east Basin.

The allied and Italian artillery is cooperating and dispersed the Teuton reinforcements in the Nos Camopulo Valleys.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—There is violent fighting from Asiago to Brente, the Italians attacking on a wide front, according to late advices from the Italian front.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The British drove German raiders from their positions in Alsace-Engichelle. Hostile artillery is especially active at Monchy le Preux.

A British patrol north and east of Ypres failed to return yesterday.

HALIFAX, Jan. 29.—A deliberate plot to sink a steamer carrying supplies from America to an allied port by opening the seacocks during a storm at sea, was revealed when it reached here today in time to prevent foundering.

The boat was several hundred miles out when the attempt was made.

MEN ASKED TO ENROLL FOR WORK WITH GOVERNMENT

Following a proclamation by James Wilson, secretary of labor, setting aside the two weeks from Jan. 28 to Feb. 9 for registration of workmen under that branch of the government, Franklin T. Griffith, of Portland, director for Oregon of the U. S. public service reserve, has appealed to the State Council of Defense in assisting to accomplish this task.

Chairman P. D. Gilbert, of the Linn county council of defense, this morning received a letter asking that he register on the cards sent him every man who will appear and get his name enrolled. Men are especially wanted in shipbuilding shops, and any man with experience in any branch of this industry is requested to give his name to Mr. Gilbert. Men with experience in any line of work are requested to register. This is in the form of a public employment bureau, and is an effort to get men classified in various occupations so that they may be called upon when needed. Mr. Gilbert can be found at Gilbert Bros' store on Lyon street.

NEW CLASSIFIED

“GOING SOME”—Oregon Cash Grocery stock moving swiftly. Up to you if you wish any. Stock and fixtures must go. We are doing our part. Help us to a quick finish. Second and Ferry streets. [2931]
FOR EXCHANGE—1 1/2 acre with buildings, near Albany, to exchange for house and lot in Albany. Call W. E. Parwer & Co., 334 Lyon street, Albany. [2912]
FOR SALE—2 dozen Ancona pullets 10 months old, good laying strain; \$1 each. Clyde Williamson, Albany State bank. [2931]
TO RENT—Furnished house, modern, convenient; paved street, close in; Bell 510-J; 421 E. 5th Ave. [2931]