

British Force Occupies Great Russian Oil Center

BRITISH AT BAKU, BIG OIL CENTER

British Expedition Arrives at Russian City After Long Overland March of Over 500 Miles

ARRIVAL DRAMATIC INCIDENT OF WAR

Allies Closing in on Bolshevik; Interest Shifts to Russian Fronts

LONDON, Aug. 16.—U. P.—While continued progress by the allies in Picardy is reported, directly threatening the fall of Albert, Lassigny and Roye, the west front was temporarily overshadowed by events on the "east front," which is scattering in widely-separated sectors, over much of European and Asiatic Russia, some 1,000 miles apart.

The arrival of the British expedition in Baku, the great Russian oil center, following a 700-mile journey from Bagdad by land and water, is regarded as one of the war's most dramatic episodes.

No previous announcements were made that such a move was even contemplated. The expedition marched 500 miles overland through difficult country and made the remainder of the journey by steamer.

Meanwhile the allies are apparently closing in on the Bolshevik army in northern Russia from three sides. The Bolsheviks are offering determined resistance, but have withdrawn to Oboreskaya which is 100 miles south on the railway to Valogda.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 16.—The Bolshevik claim to have defeated the allies near Omega, 100 miles southwest of Archangel. Other successes against the Czechoslovaks are claimed in the Moscow statement, which said the enemy had abandoned his positions after valiant fighting.

The Bolsheviks are determined to defend Moscow as long as possible. Kremlin has been strengthened and guns planted in all entrances. Bombardments have also been dug.

MANY ALBANY PEOPLE TO ATTEND G. A. R.

Big National Convention Attracts Veterans and their Wives

Unless all signs fail, Albany will be well-represented at the annual convention of the G. A. R., which convenes in Portland Monday for an all-week session. C. H. Walker, who has charge of the arrangements for the local post, stated today that many of the comrades would make the trip included in the plans for the reception of the delegates will be a trip up the Columbia Highway Friday afternoon and a journey to Astoria on Saturday.

Comrades of McPherson Post No. 5, G. A. R. of Albany, who are listed to attend the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, at its meeting in Portland August 19 to 24: C. M. Westbrook, Edward Washburn, R. S. Richardson, J. L. McCauley, T. L. Dugger, Cyrus H. Walker, J. M. Carnine, Frank B. Hastings, Mrs. Edward Washburn, E. Dow, Thomas Glaze, W. P. Small, Wm. Olmstead, John Catlin, E. F. Sax and wife, A. A. Smith, C. F. Smith, R. E. Harniman, J. T. Stewart, Dr. Joseph Meyer, Geo. W. Carrel, John Salvage, Wm. McLoughlin and wife, W. S. Linn, John Bray, C. J. Lawson, Lewis R. Wilson.

Ladies of Fair Oaks Circle No. 1, G. A. R. of Albany, listed to attend the encampment: Mrs. C. M. Westbrook, Mrs. R. S. Richardson, Mrs. Etta Coebel, Mrs. Mary Swisher, Mrs. A. D. Wheeler, Mrs. Candis McChesney, Mrs. Melie Perry, Mrs. Nancy Handford, Mrs. Mary Fish, Mrs. Ida Morris, Mrs. Isabel Boeson, Mrs. Rebecca Small, Mrs. John Catlin, Mrs. Anna Parker, Mrs. Jennie Small, Mrs. Jennie Curry, Mrs. Ella Bell, Mrs. Cora Leonard, Mrs. J. R. Rice, Mrs. C. J. Lawson, Mrs. Ella N. J. Wiberg, Mrs. Alveena Cady, Mrs. Kate S. Worrell, Mrs. Amanda M. Price, Mrs. Eva Carnevia, Mrs. Mamie Kristines, Mrs. Sarah Denny, Mrs. Jennie Brown-Carnine, Mrs. Carrie Lillard.

"DUCK" IRVINE GETS TWO-PRONG BUCK

County Commissioner Holds Belt for First Buck in 1917 and 1918

"Duck" Irvine has earned the title of champion deer hunter of Linn county and possibly of the entire state. In 1917 he got his buck at 5 o'clock in the morning of the date the season opened. Yesterday morning he dropped a two-prong buck at 6 o'clock. As yesterday was the first day of the season and it is reasonable to presume that no other hunter killed a deer before 6 a. m., it is safe to say that the Linn county commissioner killed the first deer of the season.

The buck was killed on the Gordon range.

Drive to Newport—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Minton and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilbert left early this morning for Newport for a two weeks vacation. The trip was made in Mr. Minton's car.

Will Visit Sister—Mrs. N. D. Conn left this afternoon for Albee, Oregon, to visit her sister, and she will also visit her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Crutcher, in Portland before returning.

Went to Newport—Mrs. John Strain and daughter Margaret went to Newport yesterday to spend a few weeks.

PETERS DENIES MARK CHARGE

Leader of Sect in Albany Says No Marks Were Made by Members

That the members of the Apostolic Faith are not responsible for the mysterious marks on the doorcasings of Oregon homes is the claim of Ubbe Peters, leader of the faith in Linn county.

Asked as to the truth of the report that the members of his sect had placed the marks on the Albany homes Mr. Peters said: "If the members of my faith had made any such marks I would surely know of it. I have made none myself and am certain that none of my brethren have done so. There is no mark on my own door."

It is possible, however, that some other religious sect is responsible for the mysterious markings. A special dispatch from Cottage Grove to the Morning Oregonian is of interest in this connection. The dispatch follows: COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 15.—Special.—A plausible explanation of the peculiar markings which have appeared upon houses in nearly all cities of the valley is made by Mrs. F. C. Ralston, of this city.

Some of the houses here bear the letter G, but most of them bear the letter C, with embellishments that form a cross, while a few bear a letter S enclosed in parentheses and still others bear the letter and figures S30.

Mrs. Ralston's explanation is that the G stands for God, that the C with the cross stands for "the coming of Christ" and that the marking "S30" means September 30, the date of his coming.

Mrs. Ralston says that there has been a recent convention of a sect in Portland and that the delegates have had time since their return home to the cities of the valley to put these markings upon the houses.

The peculiar markings were not generally noted here until Tuesday morning, although a number of women report having seen the markings on their houses several weeks ago. Others are positive that the markings have been put on recently and others are certain they were put on Monday night.

A number of women were somewhat frightened when they first noted the markings, but when it was found they were general over the city they were immediately laid to some religious fanatic or canvasser.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. CONVENTION IS ON

Delegates From Many Sections of County Attend All-Day Session

NEW OFFICERS
President, Mrs. Beattie Edgar.
Vice-President, Mrs. Emma Archibald.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Francis Archibald.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ida Brasfield.
Treasurer, Mrs. Cecil Wilhelm.
Y. H. B. & L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. Lena Swank.
Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Emma Archibald.

With delegates here from nearly every town in Linn county, the county convention of the W. C. T. U. convened at the public library at 9:30 this morning and was still in session at the hour of going to press. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected late this afternoon.

The following is a list of those who are in attendance: County President Mrs. Madge J. Meares, Shedd; Secretary Mrs. Alice Fletcher; Treasurer Mrs. Frank Howe; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. B. Edgar. Harrisburg—Mrs. Nedra Scott, Mrs. G. W. Wilhelm, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Mrs. D. G. Clark, Mrs. Josephine Thacker.

Plainview—Mrs. Adella Wheelton, Mrs. S. E. Nichols, Mrs. A. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Archibald.
Shedd—Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. May C. Porter, Miss Lillian Porter, Mrs. Madge Meares, Mrs. H. L. Stenberry, Mrs. I. M. Saxton, Mrs. Lizzie Springer.

Brownsville—Mrs. S. G. Childs.
Shelburn—Mrs. E. H. Edgar.
Albany—Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. E. H. W. Fox, Mrs. A. M. Hammer, Mrs. J. M. Marks, Mrs. Lillian French, Mrs. L. E. Blain.
Pierle—Mrs. Sanner.
Oakville—Mrs. F. Archibald, Miss Mabel Shearer.

ADMINISTRATOR TO KEEP TAB ON SUGAR
Albany Merchants Start Today Keeping Record of Every Pound Sold

Beginning with today the retail merchants in Albany and throughout Linn county are required to keep careful record of all sugar sold to their customers, no matter what purpose it was purchased for. The federal food administration provided special cards for this purpose, and the record of every household purchasing sugar is kept on this card by the merchant.

At the end of the month these cards are all turned in by the merchants to the county food administrator, where the cards are tallied up and a record of every household for the month is set down in plain figures. This is done for everyone purchasing sugar in Linn county, whether they live in Linn county or in an adjoining county.

NEW REVENUE BILL HITS HARD

Luxuries and Inheritances Will Pay Bulk of Money to Help Defeat Hun

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—U. P.—Practically the complete draft of the \$2,000,000,000 revenue measure was published today, showing that some income taxes are doubled and others tripled.

Exceptions of \$1,000 for single and \$2,000 for married men with 200 additional for each child under 18, stand. Inheritance taxes were boosted more than 50 per cent.

Luxury taxes hit practically everything except a necessary minimum of food and clothing. The gasoline taxes are two cents per gallon.

CARD PARTY WILL HELP SUGAR FUND
Albany People Invited to Attend Event at Elks Hall Next Tuesday Eve

For the purpose of raising funds to purchase sugar for the canning kitchen, the National Defense League of Albany will stage a card party at the Elks hall next Tuesday night under the direction of Mrs. Percy R. Kelly.

Captains have been appointed to extend invitations but anyone who has been overlooked should communicate with Mrs. Kelly who will be pleased to extend invitations to anyone who has not been invited by the invitation committee.

The admission will be 25 cents and the money raised will be used to defray the expenses of canning fruit, which will be sent to the soldiers' hospitals.

Ship Submerged; Crew Reaches Port
A ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 16.—U. P.—The captain and 22 members of the crew of the Brazilian motorship Nadrugda, which was shelled and sunk by a U-boat near Winler Quarter shoals, off Virginia, were brought in to port today. They were rescued by a steamer.

BRITISH FORCES CLOSE IN ON ALBERT; HAIG'S MEN HAVE CROSSED ANGRE ON WIDE FRONT; FURTHER PROGRESS

French Advance to a Point Within One and a Half Miles of Lassigny After Desperate Fighting; High Pressure Maintained

LONDON, Aug. 16.—U. P.—General Haig's report indicated that the British are slowly encircling Albert. They are already menacing the city from the west and south. The British have crossed the Ancre on a wide front to the northward. They also reported further progress south of Albert.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Gen. Humbert now holds the entire plateau below Lassigny, dominating the whole southwestern battlefield corner. The French are within a mile and a half of Lassigny. The enemy's positions from Bray to Lassigny are unfavorable. His railways are unavailable and his transports are congested.

Chaulnes is under a heavy British fire.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The communique announced further progress towards Roye.

Income From Linn Farms Good, Says Murphy
"Despite the short crops, the income from the Linn county farms this year will be larger than during any of the bumper crop years of pre-war times."

The above statement was made this morning by Bob Murphy of Murphy's Seed Store.

Mr. Murphy says the war prices are so high that even with the short crops this will be a bumper income year although it cannot properly be called a bumper crop.

STATE CONFERENCE OF CHURCH OF BRETHREN AT ALBANY AUGUST 17-22
The state conference of the church of the Brethren will convene in Albany Saturday, August 17, and continue till Thursday, August 22. The sessions of the conference will be held in the Evangelical church, corner of First and Pine streets.

Schedule of Services
Saturday, August 17.—Opening session of conference, 8:30 p. m. Bible study conducted by Elder M. M. Eshelman.
Sunday, Aug. 18.—Sunday School convention, 9:30 a. m. Missionary service, 7 p. m.
Monday, Aug. 19.—Christian Workers' convention, 9:30 a. m. Aid Society and mothers' meeting, 1:30 p. m. Bible study by M. M. Eshelman, 8 p. m.
Tuesday, Aug. 20.—Ministerial meeting, 9:30 a. m. Temperance meeting, 7 p. m.
Wednesday, Aug. 21.—District meeting, business session 9 a. m. Bible study 8 p. m.
Thursday, Aug. 22.—District meeting, business session, 9 a. m. Bible study 8 p. m.
Prominent ministers from over the state will be present and take part in the meetings.
The people of Albany are invited to any or all of the services.

Blue Ribbon Beer President Gets Fine
PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—U. P.—Federal Judge Bean fined Alexander Davison, president of the Blue Ribbon Beer company of San Francisco, \$10,000 on the charge of conspiring to violate the Reed bootlegging amendment. Davison made no appeal and will pay.

WASHINGTON FUEL ADMINISTRATOR NAMED
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—U. P.—The fuel administrator announced that D. C. Botting had been named coal production manager for Washington state.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Secretary Baker announced 43 casualties today.

ALBANY SOLDIERS ARE GOOD LETTER WRITERS
Over 500 Received at Local Postoffice Since Last of July
Over 500 letters from overseas have been received at the local postoffice since July 29th, according to a statement made today by Postmaster C. H. Stewart.

More than 7,000,000 were received during the same period in the United States.
Railway mail clerks worked up 80 per cent of this mail at ports in France for cities and railroad routes in this country. The other 20 per cent arrived at the ports in France too late to be worked and was shipped to save time and worked at the New York postoffice.
On August 2 there were received on one ship 2,823,000 letters, and on the same day a transport brought in 300,000 at another port. On August 5 there arrived on one ship 2,031,000 letters.
This entire mail was immediately dispatched, the last of it leaving before the expiration of 24 hours of the arrival of the ships in port.

Yesterday Last Day for Loan Payments
Local bankers were busy all day yesterday receiving final payments on the Third Liberty Loan installments. For the most part all who subscribed have completed their contracts and accepted delivery of their bonds but there are a few who have failed to make their last payments.