

YANK PRISONERS FREED BY GERMANS

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U. S. DEMOBILIZATION ORDERS ARE ISSUED

Home Army Will Lose 200,000 Troops During Next 2 Weeks

By Webb Miller
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, France, Nov. 16.—Hundreds of American prisoners, released by the Germans, are pouring across our lines. Many walked for 24 hours, in freezing weather, with little food. They said the Germans evacuated, leaving them to their own resources. The arrivals include some Washington troops. Some, who wore the German uniform, had been working in sawmills and on farms.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Demobilization orders already have been issued which provide for the discharge of 200,000 soldiers in the United States within the next two weeks. As the machinery develops, the army can discharge 30,000 daily. This announcement was made by Chief of Staff March at a press conference.

NO MORE TROOPS FOR FRANCE, SAYS MARCH

Sick and Wounded to Be Sent Home First; Demobilization to Be Rapid

By Carl D. Groatt
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Chief of Staff March announced today that no more troops will be sent overseas. He has ordered Gen. Pershing to return to America the moment that transports are available, all convalescent, sick and wounded, before the steady flow of larger bodies begins. Demobilization orders contemplate demobilizing in this country in the following order: development battalions, conscientious objectors not under sentence, spruce divisions, officers at central training schools, the United States Guard, railroad troops, depot brigades, men in replacement camps, combat divisions.

March announced that 1,700,000 men in the United States are under arms, and it will take some time to muster them out. The men will be offered an opportunity to reenlist. The war department will ask congress to give every monthly pay. The soldiers will be allowed to wear their uniforms for three months after being out of the service.

False Alarm
Owing to a defect in the wires a false fire alarm was sounded shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Railroad Commission Here on Halsey Case

W. P. Ellis, examiner for the public service commission, arrived in Albany last night and attended the Malson crossing hearing which was held this morning at 10:45 o'clock. The county is seeking to force a crossing across the Southern Pacific tracks near the Malson farm. Chairman Frank J. Miller of the public service commission, conducted the hearing at the courthouse, and this afternoon will view the crossing and vicinity.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO FILE INJUNCTION

Proposed Increase in Rates by Bell Company to Be Fought by State

SALEM, Nov. 16.—Injunction against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will be sought by Attorney-General Brown in the circuit court of Multnomah county, to prevent the collection of the higher rates recently announced as effective today, according to a statement issued by Mr. Brown today.

The three public service commissioners have asked the attorney-general to take such steps as he deems proper to prevent the company from imposing a greater local exchange service than that provided for in the old schedule.

The commission holds that the company, in filing its proposed schedule, has not taken the legal procedure necessary to make such rates effective.

The attorney-general said: "The commission has been proceeding upon the supposition that it is unlawful for any public utility within this state to demand, collect or receive a greater charge for any service than the compensation fixed by the lowest schedule of rates for the same service on the first day of January, 1911, unless a change in rates is ordered by the commission, as provided in section 77 of the public utilities law.

"It is my purpose to treat the provisions of section 77 of the public utilities law as meaning what they say, and this office will respond to the request contained in the letter of the public service commission by filing a suit in the circuit court of Multnomah county, in which we will undertake to enjoin the company from collecting rates that we believe to be unlawful."

Company's Side Is Given

W. J. Phillips, division commercial superintendent of the company in Portland, in presenting the company's side of the controversy, issued the following statement to the Oregonian:

"The postmaster-general has directed the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to place in effect beginning November 15 the new rates filed with the public service commission on November 4. No attempt has been made by the company to impose a schedule of rates upon the public without proper authority. "The schedule of rates filed with the public service commission on November 4 was first submitted to and considered and approved by the postmaster-general before being filed as a temporary schedule pending the standardization of telephone rates throughout the country.

"The necessity for increased rates was made apparent at the investigation held by the public service commission on November 6 as to the reason for the unsatisfactory telephone service furnished in this city. The city of Portland was represented at this hearing. The new rates then on file with the commission were explained and it was understood that they would become effective on November 15.

Lebanon Pioneer Dies in Harney County

LEBANON, Nov. 16.—Henry Harrison Jackson, a pioneer of 1852, having crossed the plains with his sons in that year and settled on a donation land claim adjoining Lebanon, passed away November 8 at his recent home in Harney county, Oregon. He was born in 1840 and never married. He leaves Mrs. Rose Tucker of Lebanon, a niece, besides many other relatives to mourn his death.

World's Tornado Record Made in Oklahoma

PRAGUE, Oklahoma, Nov. 16.—U. P.—The world's tornado record is believed to have been established here yesterday, when three twisters struck within an hour. One woman was killed and 13 persons injured. Many buildings were demolished.

Walter Hurd Brings in Fine Potatoes

Three potatoes of unusual size were brought to Albany yesterday by Walter Hurd. The tubers were grown on the Santiam bottom and one of them weighed four pounds. They were exceptionally smooth, and attracted a good deal of attention at the First National bank, where they were placed on display.

NORRIS OPENS FIGHT IN SENATE

Resolution Aimed at "Old Guard" Republicans Is Introduced Today

CHAIRMAN LIMITED TO ONE COMMITTEE

Middle West Republicans in Fight With Old Line Conservatives

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—U. P.—The time-honored seniority rule is going to have the fight of its life.

Senators and representatives from the Middle West claim that despite the fact that their states made the return to power of the republicans possible, the fruits of the victory are going to the East in the form of floor leadership in both houses, as well as important committee chairmanships, unless the seniority rule is changed.

Senator Norris has introduced a resolution prohibiting the chairmen of important committees from serving on other committees. Norris would prevent a few men from controlling the entire senate business.

This resolution is the first gun of the progressive element in its revolt for recognition of the regular republicans. The progressives always fought against the seniority rule. Now many of the old liners are showing signs of opposing it also.

WOUNDED AIRMAN ACTS AS BALANCE ON PLANE

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A royal air force report relates that a British two-seater, on patrol, sighted a number of Fokker biplanes which were immediately engaged. Dashing into the German formation, the British pilot succeeded in sending one Fokker spinning time recovered from their surprise, and made a concerted attack upon the daring British plane, pouring in a perfect hail. Though the British pilot maneuvered very swiftly to throw the enemy gunners off their mark, one unlucky burst severed the left aileron wires of his machine, so that it fell in a sheer side-slip for 2,000 feet. The observer, who wounded, clearly and coolly realized the danger, climbed out to the bottom plane, and by manipulation of his own weight, restored the balance of the machine. By remaining out on the plane during the whole flight this wounded observer enabled his pilot to bring back and safely land the machine behind the British lines.

TERRE HAUTE HEROES WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Many a Yank soldier, charging into No Man's Land, at the zero hour, may thank some boy back in Terre Haute, Ind., for the steel helmet he is wearing.

The department of labor has high school boys spent their summer vacation in a big manufacturing plant, making helmets. They are all members of the United States Boys' Working Reserve.

Kaiser Made Defendant at Halsey Trial

HALSEY, Nov. 16.—A feature of the peace celebration in this town this week was a mock trial in which a dummy kaiser was condemned by a jury to an ignominious death. The court, which was held about a big bonfire in the city park, was presided over by H. C. Davis. Mayor L. E. Walton acted as clerk. Colonel Ben Suddell and Postmaster D. A. McWilliams appeared as counsel for the prosecution and Dr. H. Garsjohat and James McWilliams as counsel for the defense. The jury consisted of Mesdames Manrose, Robnett, Corcoran, Robinson, Tindell, Clark, Falk, Miller, Laubner and Hayes. Several eloquent speeches were made, particularly that of Colonel Suddell; and the Kaiser was burned while the assembly sang patriotic songs.

PEACE CONFERENCE AT VERSAILLES SOON

President Wilson Expected to Attend, Says Newspaper Today

LONDON, Nov. 16.—That President Wilson will attend the peace conference is a practical certainty, the News declares, attributing its information to Col. House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—U. P.—Preliminary sessions of the peace conference will begin at Versailles or Paris late this month, French cables reported.

Regulations to govern the deliberations around the peace table, and questions of representation and general parliamentary problems must be considered at this session, it is stated. It is also suggested that an inter-allied thrashing-out of problems be decided at the preliminary deliberations.

CHURCH NOTICES

Christian Science
Corner Fourth and Ferry streets. Sunday service 11 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Mortals and Immortals." Sunday school in church parlour 9:44 and 11. Wednesday, evening meeting at 8. A reading room is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the church parlour, from 2 to 4:30 p. m. All are welcome.

United Presbyterian
W. P. White, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. People who get discouraged with their present circumstances and surroundings, are specially invited to the morning service. The evening sermon will be an exposition of the Book of Acts. Immediately after the morning service, the congregation will be asked to vote on the merger proposed by the unanimous agreement of the joint committee appointed by the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian congregations. Bible school and Christian Endeavor at the usual hours.

Grace Church
Sunday will be a jubilee day at Grace church, devoted to a religious celebration of approaching peace, to the anniversary of the rededication of the church a year ago, and to the close of the period of embargo. The minister's morning text will be, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." A unique service will be held in recognition of Geo. H. Crowell, superintendent of the Sunday school, who left last week for overseas service in the Y. M. C. A. In the Sunday school hour, all teachers above the primary who use the graded lessons will begin where they left off a month ago. The evening church hour will have the subject, "Some Old Prophecies that Are Being Fulfilled Before Our Eyes." All the people of East Albany need not elsewhere will find a welcome in this community church. A. M. Williams, minister.

Evangelical Church
Corner First and Pine streets. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Pleading at 11 a. m. Young People's Alliance at 6:30 p. m. followed by evening sermon at 7:30 p. m. A place in these services for every member of the family. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord." C. L. Schuster, pastor.

St. Mary's Church
Sunday services will be held at 8 and 10:30 a. m. The pastor will speak from the text: "Behold the works of the Lord, making us to cease even to the end of the earth," 45th Psalm. Prayers will be offered in thanksgiving for peace and the Te Deum will be sung at the close of the service. An afternoon service will be held at 4 o'clock instead of the evening service.

First Baptist Church
"Thanksgiving for Victory," 11. Bible school, 10. E. Y. P. U. 6:30. "The Fall of the Three False Gods," 7:30. A full chorus choir will render appropriate music. A big welcome awaits you. Don't miss these services.

Christian Church
Sunday, November 17. All services as usual. 10 a. m. Bible school, 11 a. m. communion and sermon. Subject, "Peace to the Troubled Waters," 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7:30 p. m. song service and sermon. Subject, "Growing Like a Tree or a Bush," S. Earl Childers, pastor.

First Presbyterian Church
At 10:30 a short service will be held followed by an adjourned congregational meeting to consider the question of church union. Sabbath school at the usual time. No evening service.

GERMANY IS NO WORRY TO HOOVER

Americans Won't Have to Deprive Themselves to Feed Germany

'LITTLE ALLIES' WILL NEED HELP FIRST

Germany Wants to Send Delegation to America to Present Problems

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Americans won't have to deprive themselves of a mouthful of food to feed Germany, said Herbert Hoover today before sailing Europeward.

"We are not worried about Germany; she can take care of herself. What we are worrying about is the 'little allies' who have been under the German yoke. They are facing famine. We must give them help, losing no time in doing so."

The national food administrator declared that Germany is not facing starvation. As soon as the water-tight blockade is lifted she can get all the food needed.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Germany wants to send a delegation to the United States to plead for food, according to a Berlin wireless despatch. Foreign Secretary Solf, in another wireless to Sec. Lansing, asks Wilson's permission to send such commission immediately Americanward to present the German famine conditions and the necessity of taking steps for the purchase of foodstuffs.

Solf also emphasizes his anxiety for an immediate conference at The Hague.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—By U. P.—Belgian outposts entered Brussels this morning.

CITY NEWS

Baby Girl Born
A baby girl was born on November 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harnish at their home near Dever. Mrs. Harnish was formerly Miss Dale Willis.

In Corvallis Yesterday
W. W. Crawford went to Corvallis yesterday and brought home a new Fordson tractor for H. G. Pugh of Shedd.

Returned to Portland
Miss Clayton Barrows, who has been the houseguest at the home of Dr. Davis this week, returned to her home in Portland last night.

No More Flu
Dr. Myers stated this morning that no more cases of flu have been reported.

Went to Portland
V. E. Looney went to Portland this morning to see his wife's sister, Mrs. Edger Hudson, who was operated on in Portland Monday.

Returned to Vancouver
Albert Nanny, who has been here visiting, returned to Vancouver this morning to attend school.

School Opens Monday
The public schools will open in Albany again Monday morning at the usual time.

Transferred to Virginia
Elmer Williamson has been transferred from Goat Island, San Francisco, to Norfolk, Virginia.

Methodist Episcopal
Third and Ellsworth. George H. Bennett, pastor. The gospel has not failed. Truth marches on. A new and better era dawns. The pastor will speak at 11 a. m. on the subject "Onward Toward Perfection." Sunday school meets at 10. Epworth League 6:30. At 7:30 a fine lantern travelogue "Our South American Neighbors" will be a feature. Hereafter morning and evening services will be one hour only.

FRUIT PIT CAMPAIGN COMES TO END

Xmas Labels Received at Local Red Cross Headquarters; Boys Need Cheer

Mrs. Mason reports that word was received from headquarters to cease the collection of fruit pits and nut shells. Those collected and not already sent in will be held for a time until plans for the proper disposal of them can be completed.

The Linn county chapter of the R. C. yesterday received ten Christmas labels for boys without friends or relatives. These labels were taken almost immediately by women anxious to do something for the orphan boys of the A. E. F.

One of the latest activities of the A. E. C. in France has been to establish a dairy from which fresh milk for 20,000 patients is furnished daily. The dairy being near the hospital affords a healthful occupation for many of the convalescents taking their minds off the scenes of the battle and thus helping to restore their nerves. The R. C. has been furnishing magazines for some time for the hospitals and is now busy putting in libraries. These volumes in English will be a great comfort to the boys who heretofore have had only French books, if any.

450 Secretaries Abroad for Knights of Columbus

Work of the Knights of Columbus, one of the seven organizations concerned in the United War Work Campaign, is set forth in a special article by William J. Mulligan, chairman of the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities.

He says: "The war work of the Knights of Columbus, originally intended to be an enlargement of the Order's service as conducted for the benefit of the American troops at the Mexican border in 1916-1917, rapidly grew to be an important part of the entire fabric of war relief machinery constructed under the government's authorization.

Limiting their means of support, at the outset, to their own membership and to the Catholic people of the country, although the benefits of the K. of C. work were always open to all the fighting men, without any kind of limitation, the K. of C. found so great and pressing a demand for their services that they were compelled to quadruple the amount of their budget for the first year of war work.

Soldiers and sailors of all denominations have, from the very first, shown their appreciation of the Knights' endeavors in their behalf by patronizing the buildings and making use of the facilities for recreation to the fullest extent.

In the encampments and at the front abroad the Knights of Columbus have approximately 450 secretaries and 44 huts—distributed in practically all points where American troops are located, and at all dismemberment ports. Club headquarters are maintained in London and Paris. Besides the numerous and well equipped buildings in France, huts are maintained at strategic points in England for the benefit of our boys in training there, and plans are being put into operation for the extension of the K. of C. work in Italy—the Knights have determined to follow the flag wherever it may lead.

Special effort had been, and will continue to be expended to reach men in battle zones, for this is obviously the most effective sort of service.

At home the work of the K. of C. has grown so that it embraces the entire nation, every camp in the country has its K. of C. buildings, many of them having from two to four buildings. Approximately 550 secretaries are in the service of this country and their number, like that of the secretaries abroad, is being augmented every day. No section of the nation is without representation in the ranks of the K. of C. workers.

In maintaining abroad a corps of 30 chaplains the Knights of Columbus has met a spiritual need in many thousands of the boys fighting and dying for their country. Like the K. of C. secretaries these chaplains have gone with the men every where, from transports to front line trenches. Their record is a brilliant one.

To spend Week-End—Mrs. Viola Franklin went to Salem this morning to spend the week-end with friends.

STERNBERG SELL ROLFE THEAT

Pioneer in Picture Business in Albany Disposes of Interests Here

ROLFE TO BE OPEN TWICE A WEEK

Good Shows Booked for Yester Closing Deal Today

Al Sternberg, one of the pioneer picture-show business in Albany is out of the theater game, his interests in the Rolfe Theater having passed to the hands of C. F. Hill and associates of Seattle, who purchased the Rolfe Theater some months ago. Mr. Hill has been in Albany yesterday and closed the deal for Sternberg interests this morning. Asked as to the plans for the future, Mr. Hill said: "We will make a full announcement of our plans in the very near future but in the meantime you are at liberty to state that our firm will operate the Globe and Rolfe theaters. A couple on the best shows that are available in both playhouses and you rest assured that the attractions booked for Albany this winter will be of high order. We will operate the Rolfe Theater two days a week but the Globe will be open every night."

BROWNSVILLE BOY PROUD OF WORK THE R. C. D.

Leighton Templeton of Brownsville in Red Cross service overseas, writes: "I am proud of the Red Cross. I have served 700 gallons of coffee and 150 gallons of cocoa, with 12 collis, within two hours today. I gave a large number of socks, towels, etc., to a sick man. I only wish every one who gave a dollar to the R. C. could have seen the way these things were received and heard the remarks made by the boys. They would give ten times as much next time." "We used 148 cans of cream, 125 pounds of sugar. We have a store full of these things but ever G. C. worker gets only the amount of war we can buy from the retailers (ounces per week.) We cannot cream. Have four meat meals week."

Walter W. Hall of Lebanon Passes Av

LEBANON, Nov. 16.—Walter Hall, a native of Linn county, born 1833, died at his home at Sweethearts near this city, November 8. He left a wife and four children, his father Abner Hall, and sister, Mrs. S. Small, being residents of Lebanon. Funeral services were conducted Rev. C. S. Treadwell of the Baptist church and interment made in the local cemetery.

Geo. H. Ray Asks for Divorce

Geo. H. Ray today filed a complaint against his wife, Anna Ray, asking a decree of divorce. In his complaint the plaintiff alleges that he was married to defendant in June, 1916, and that on following year defendant deserted. There were no children born as a result of the marriage.

Lebanon Pastor Moves to Gladst

LEBANON, Nov. 16.—Rev. Will Geo., who has been pastor of the local Christian church for some time has resigned and gone to Gladst where he will take charge of the church at that place and also Oregon. Rev. Mr. Geo.'s family accompanied him.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the designated as City Treasurer of Albany, Oregon, has funds on hand and will pay General Fund Warrants, Nos. 330 to 492 inc., of the issue 1917. Interest will cease with date of this notice, Nov. 15, 1918.

H. B. CUSICK City Treasurer

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