

HIGH SEAS FLEET IS INTERNEED

Allied Navies Assemble and Accept Surrender of German Warships

U.S. SHIPS PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY

Great Historical Event Occurred at 9:30 this Morning

LONDON, Nov. 21.—U. P.—The German fleet has surrendered to the Grand Fleet, the admiralty announced. The American battle squadron, French cruisers and destroyers participated in the ceremony.

Four hundred allied vessels—the biggest fleet ever assembled—are reported to have met the Germans. Five American dreadnoughts were included.

The surrender, it is understood, occurred 60 miles off May Isle, just off the entrance of the Firth of Forth on the Scottish Coast.

The total number of U.S. ships participating in the ceremony is 10.

The admiralty announced: "The commander-in-chief of the grand fleet reported at 9:30 this morning that he had met the first and main installment of the German high seas fleet, which is surrendering for internment."

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 21.—All German warships to be surrendered to the allies have cleared their ports since Monday, it is reported.

As a result, Germany does not believe the allies will wish to occupy Heligoland.

Clarence Ross Home on Furlough from Navy

Clarence Ross, who is serving in the navy, was home on a furlough last week, it being his first visit home since his enlistment about a year ago. As his coming was unexpected it afforded a happy surprise for his folks. J. E. Ross, who is working in the shipyards of Portland, and Mrs. Justa Hewitt came up from Portland to be at the family reunion held at one of the sister's, Mrs. E. S. Dirrirt.

Clarence Ross is serving on the U. S. S. Illinois. He wears the gold stripe which indicates three months' service in the war zone. Clarence rates second class engineer and runs one of the 40-foot boats auxiliary to the U. S. S. Illinois, which does passenger work between the ship and shore while in port. The boat is also used in picket duty. The boat is being used in picket duty.

He had only a 16-day furlough, and having to cross the continent to reach home, had only a few days to spend here. He left Portland Tuesday night and is to report for duty the 24th.

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LINN COUNTY OVER TOP IN WAR DRIVE.

Chairman Young Announces This Morning that Quota Has Been Reached

Linn county has gone over the top in the United War Work drive, according to a statement given out this morning by Chairman P. A. Young. The same information was wired to headquarters at Portland.

The quota for this county was \$22,500 and it was at first believed that we would fall below two and three thousand dollars short of raising this sum. With practically complete returns from all districts in the county available, Chairman Young was able to state today, however, that this sum had been subscribed.

Y. SECRETARY TEACHES BASEBALL TO FRENCH

All American Game Appeals to French Troops and Real Talent Shown

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Twenty years from now, when there is a big parade and the veterans of the Great War swing down the avenue, one of the biggest divisions in the procession will be formed of the members of the society of "First Man to Teach French Baseball." Mile after mile, rank upon rank, this vast organization will flow past the reviewing stand. It will be even more numerous than that other organization which flourished just after the Spanish-American war, the "Amalgamated and Improved Order of the First Man up San Juan Hill."

Probably the real ownership of the title "First of all the First" in the instruction of the French in America's national game never will be determined to the satisfaction of all claimants. But F. M. Jack of Los Angeles, believe that he has a legitimate claim to being the first man ever officially detailed to perform this service.

He offers proof in the form of a copy of the order that directed him to give the Polius his assistance in developing whatever Cobbesque talents they might possess. As the order is dated earlier than the time when most of the other first men began to assert themselves, it looks as if Jack would have to be awarded the gold-handled umbrella.

Teaches Baseball

Jack was serving as a Y. M. C. A. physical director in a Mediterranean port when the United States army officer in charge of the Yankee troops in that district, complying with a request from the French military people, told him to go out and teach the game of baseball. Three soldiers were detailed to assist in the task. And task it was, for practically none of the Frenchmen in that region ever had so much as thrown a baseball and when they tried to throw, you couldn't tell whether they were putting the shot or tossing the cabot.

The Y. M. C. A. man interested that the best way to get the men decided was to pick out a big squad and try out the talent. He selected 200 likely-looking soldiers at random and set them to work throwing an indoor baseball, giving such advice and instruction as he could. Then he gave them batting practice, using an indoor bat. The 50 men that showed most promise were told to report the next day and the work was continued. After enough players had acquired some degree of skill, practice games were inaugurated and later there were formal contests every afternoon.

The men took to the game like buck private to mince pie. It wasn't very long before some of them were showing real ability in all departments of the sport and the "championship" games developed interesting competition and fast play. The original squad was constantly being supplemented by recruits who fell for the game after seeing others play it.

Uses Soft Ball

Like many physical directors of the Y. M. C. A. and the K. of C., Jack believes that the best way to teach baseball to Frenchies is to begin with the soft ball, which is big enough to be hit easily and not hard enough to injure anyone that is beamed. He says that when the game is started with the regulation hard ball, the men are always getting hurt and that they decide, before going far enough to appreciate the game's good points, that it is "trop dangereux."

Another advantage of the indoor game played out of doors, is that it requires less space than the regulation pattern. Open lots large enough

BAKER ASKS ABOUT U. S. PRISONERS

Pershing Directed to Wire Names of All Prisoners Released by Huns

STATEMENT OF THEIR CONDITION IS ASKED

Reported that English Prisoners Have Been Improperly Treated

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—U. P.—The war department cabled General Pershing to send quickly the names of all incoming prisoners, with a statement of their condition.

It was first reported that both legs had been broken and that amputation of both limbs would be necessary. This report proved to be unfounded, however, for the boy suffered but one fracture and some rather bad bruises.

Mass Meeting at Club Rooms Tonight

A mass meeting has been called at the Commercial club rooms at 7:30 this evening to receive the report of the committee appointed to make a report on the proposed merger of the local telephone companies.

At the suggestion of the committee J. M. Hawkins went down to Portland yesterday and conferred with Oswald West, receiver for the Home company, and the result of such conference will be made known this evening.

Home Guard Dance Is Huge Success

One of the most successful jitney dances ever staged in Albany was held last night at the armory under the auspices of the Albany Home Guard. The music was furnished by the Heister-Woods orchestra and there were a large number of people from Lebanon and Corvallis in attendance.

According to Chairman Goettling of the dance committee, 1282 dance tickets were sold and the sum of approximately \$45 will be cleared over and above the expenses.

Judge Interposes on Behalf of Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—U. P.—SAN FRANCISCO, before whom Tom Mooney was convicted, has written to Governor Stephens asking a conditional pardon, it is learned. This would insure a new trial for the man convicted of murder in connection with the preparation day parade bombing in July, 1916.

Griffin refused to comment on the letter except to say that it was written on Tuesday.

President Wilson has interceded several times on behalf of Mooney.

Labor leaders declare that a strike which will stop "every wheel in the country" will go into effect if Tom Mooney be executed.

Two Hundred Killed in Cologne Explosion

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 21.—U. P.—Two hundred persons were killed by an explosion in a Cologne factory, following the revolutionaries' failure to induce the workmen to strike.

The Tagliche Rundschau describes the explosion.

Here From Seattle—

Zell A. Tatum and Lawrence Fee of the U. S. naval training camp at Seattle were in Albany this morning on their way to their homes in Lebanon on a five-day furlough. The boys in the camp will all receive a five-day furlough between now and the second of December.

for a game of ball are very hard to find in and around French cities, because almost all of the land in France is being used for building or cultivation purposes. Most of the athletic fields are privately owned, so the general public cannot have access to them and the number of persons that can

BOY HURT YESTERDAY LEAVES THE HOSPITAL.

Eldon Kauffman Suffers Bad Fracture when 2-Ton Truck Runs Over Leg

Eldon Kauffman, who suffered a compound fracture yesterday afternoon when a two-ton truck passed over his leg, was removed this morning from St. Mary's hospital to his home at 1696 Santiam Road, and is reported by his physician to be getting along in splendid shape.

The boy was returning from school when he joined several other youngsters in an effort to climb on to a two-ton motor truck which was carrying a 4,500-pound gas tractor. In their efforts to get aboard, the Kauffman boy fell, and the back wheel of the truck passed over his leg below the knee. The boys were repeatedly cautioned by Driver E. S. Geer to get off the car, and this request was also made by Rev. Williams, who was also sitting in the driver's seat. The accident happened on Santiam Road just in front of Henry Lyons' residence.

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Michigan Election Contest Is Killed in the Senate

MICHIGAN ELECTION.—U. P.—WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—U. P.—The proposed investigation of the election of Truman Newberry, of Michigan, to the senate was killed by the senate elections committee today, six to five.

FLUE VERSE SETS IN; IS RAPIDLY CONTAGIOUS

ST. PAUL, Nov. 21.—Minnesotans are fighting flu poetry today. An official ban upon it is expected.

The chief gem, as shown by publication so far, is this touching couplet: Protect your schoolmates from disease; Use your hanky when you sneeze.

CITY NEWS

Transacting Business—

C. E. Lanktree of Lebanon was in Albany this morning transacting business.

At Eugene—

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cusick spent yesterday visiting friends in Eugene.

Spending Winter Here—

Mrs. W. M. Fleming and son Robert of Seattle have arrived in Albany and will make their home during the winter months with Mrs. Fleming's brother, President Wallace Howe Lee of Albany college. Robert will attend the Albany public schools.

Weather Report—

Yesterday's temperature ranged from 35 to 42 degrees. The rainfall was .02 inch and the river at 2.6 feet.

Takes Cattle to Roseburg—

Leigh Anderson left last night with a car of show cattle for Roseburg. He will be gone a few days.

On Business Trip—

Mack Monteth went to Independence this morning on business. He will go to Dallas before returning home.

To See Grandson—

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor went to Portland this morning to visit their daughter, Mrs. Robert McMurray, and see their new grandson.

TOWNS DECORATED AS YANKS ENTER

American Troops Now Upon Soil of Four Different Countries

BELGIANS RAPIDLY RECLAIM TERRITORY

Allied Troops Advance Into Germany in Accordance Armistice Terms

By Ernest C. Miller

WITH THE AMERICANS, Nov. 21.—The American army of occupation is now standing on the soil of four countries—France, Belgium, Luxembourg and German Lorraine.

Yesterday's advance resulted in the occupation of scores of villages. American outposts are only a few miles from the city of Luxembourg, which—gaily decorated—is awaiting the Yankees' entry.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Belgians, rapidly executing the reoccupation of their country, advanced more than 50 miles from the lines held when the armistice was signed.

The Americans and British have advanced 30 miles. The French have penetrated 50 miles, reaching German territory.

SLAVS STRIVE TO SAVE PARIES FROM FAMINE

ROME, Nov. 21.—Forty thousand babies from Austria's famine stricken provinces of Bohemia, Dalmatia, Herzegovina and Istria are being fed and cared for by the two more fortunate sister Slav provinces of Croatia and Slavonia.

Details of this latest effort to sustain each other until allied victory insures national independence, have just been received by Dr. Ante Trumbic, who, representing the Slav provinces of Austria, signed at Corfu on July 2, the pact with Serbia providing for a single united Southern Slav nation following the war.

Croatia and Slavonia rank as two of the most fertile provinces of Austria, and despite the ever increasing scarcity of food that exists through the dual monarchy, these provinces continue to produce more than they need. Thru their local diet they proposed to Austria-Hungary that they be allowed to succor the other Slav provinces of Bohemia, Dalmatia, Herzegovina and Istria. The only condition they demanded was that in recognition of this they be exempted from military requisition of their food products.

They were turned down, whereupon the two more fortunate provinces of Croatia and Slavonia began immediately gathering all the babies and little children from the other provinces. No distinction was made either on religious or racial grounds. The children were distributed amongst families of Croatia and Slavonia without religious or other distinction. Catholic children often were taken into orthodox families and vice versa. All are now being fed and educated towards the common end of saving the greatest number possible of the Southern Slav race, which has had the most disproportionate losses in the present war.

Mrs. Sam Hilliard Dies in Portland

Mrs. Helen Hilliard, wife of Sam Hilliard of this city, died in Portland yesterday morning following an attack of pneumonia following Spanish influenza. The deceased was under treatment at a hospital in Portland at the time of her death.

Mrs. Hilliard was 21 years of age and leaves three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle E. Preston, of Vancouver, B. C., and Miss Juanetta Gilmore of Hoquiam, Wash.; also two brothers, Claude Gilmore of Portland, and Monroe Miller, Dunkirk, France.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard moved to Portland some weeks ago and Sam has been working in the shipyards. He was in Albany on a visit when he received word of his wife's death.

FRANK RIDDERS COLLECTS REWARD

Stolen Auto Is Located for Portland Owner by Local Man Wednesday

Frank Ridders, who operated a filling station on the Independence Road ten miles north of Albany, is \$50 richer because he took the precaution to take the number of a big touring car which was driven to his station by two boys.

The youngsters ordered a gallon of gasoline and explained that they wanted to go to Albany. Ridders told them that it would require more than a gallon to make the trip to Albany and the boys admitted that they did not have enough money in their possession to buy more. Ridders took the number of the car and was surprised when he reached the approach to the steel bridge yesterday to find the same car standing by the roadside. He looked up the name of the owner as given in the state registration books and phoned to a Portland woman that a car with her number attached had been located in Albany. The woman promptly sent him down \$30 as a reward for his service and a man to drive the car back to Portland.

ALBANY RED CROSS MAKES FINE RECORD

Linn Chapter Is Placed Upon Honor Roll of North- western Division

Rev. G. H. Young announced last night at the R. C. executive meeting, that the departments of knitting and surgical dressings in the Linn county chapter had been put upon the honor roll in the Northwestern division. A neat certificate has been received and will be displayed on the wall of the secretary's office. Much credit is due to the supervisors, Mrs. Alex Ross and Mrs. T. D. Leigh, for their splendid work in these departments. Shipments from chapters enlisted on the honor roll are sent right to the distributing points without further inspection.

Senator Lewis Asks for Government Ownership

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—U. P.—Senator Lewis, democratic whip, introduced a resolution committing the senate to government ownership of all public utilities and "natural agencies for the production of fuel."

Congress today agreed to adjourn at 5 o'clock this evening, by a vote of 41 to 18.

Priority Rating Rule Cancelled by War Board

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—U. P.—All priority ratings except for the naval emergency fleet corporation, the railroads, telegraph and telephone companies, have been cancelled, the war industries board announced.

Geo. Wilhelm Buys a 600 - Acre Farm

One of the largest real estate transactions in this neighborhood this fall was closed Wednesday evening when the M. Montgomery farm of 600 acres was transferred to Geo. J. Wilhelm by its owner, who is now serving as station agent at Medford. This fine, large and well improved grain and stock farm is located west of Harrisburg between Junction City and Medford. Mr. Wilhelm considers that he got a bargain, but the consideration is not announced.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

COL. MEYERS' MESSAGE IS QUITE OUT OF DATE

PARIS, Nov. 21.—An American officer near Fer-en-Tardenois in the Vesle fighting bagged traitors.

In a woodland northward he captured a German messenger pigeon that had deserted, mated with a traitor French pigeon and was busily engaged in rearing a family. The German bird still had the message it had started out with. Rolled up in a metal tube on the bird's leg was a message signed "Col. Meyers." It was dated "9:30 a. m. July 19" and the message was merely, "The situation is unchanged in the past hour."

On July 19 the Germs were in possession of this wood. At the time of discovery there were three eggs on the way towards hatching the nudiggous young flyers. Both the traitors and their family will get the punishment usually meted out to traitors.

"After removing the message," said the captor, "I let the pair loose to finish rearing the family. As soon as the squabs are old enough, we're going to have some executions—and potpie."

Fire Department Elects New Officers

The following is a list of the new officers of the local fire department: W. A. Eastburn, chief; L. B. Hixson, assistant chief; Olin Nebergall, foreman; John French, president; Fred Woods, vice-president; Roy Nutting, secretary; L. B. Hixson, treasurer. Board of control, John Neeley, Ed Horsky and F. L. Snyder.

Light Vote at School Election

When the Democrat went to press this afternoon, a very light vote had been polled at the local school election and unless a larger number of voters turn out and vote for the proposed increase in the tax levy, the district will be left in a very embarrassing position when it comes to meeting the current expenses of the first of this year. The polls will remain open until 7 o'clock this evening.