

AUSTRIA REPORTED NEGOTIATING WITH RUSSIA FOR PEACE

ROME, April 9.—The questions whether an understanding between Italy and Austria still is possible and whether a separate Austro-Russian peace treaty is probable are discussed from different points of view by the press of the capital. The papers agree that the two questions are closely related since it is Russia with the permission of her allies, obtains what she desires and comes to terms with Vienna, it is impossible to imagine that Austria would be willing to make territorial concessions to Italy.

It is regarded as probable by the newspapers that reports of peace negotiations will be tangled in official quarters until some definite agreement is reached. The position of Austria, it is contended, is becoming daily more grave because of the Russian invasion and the threat of Italian intervention.

The Idea Nazionale says Austria has but little chance of regaining what she has lost and that the probabilities are she will lose more if she continues to fight, while by making peace with Russia she would avoid a further Muscovite invasion and might prevent a Serbian advance as well as the intervention of Italy and Rumania. The paper says Austria may even hope to obtain moral and material revenge by a victorious war against Italy alone.

PRESBYTERIANS OF ASHLAND MEET

ASHLAND, April 9.—The Presbyterians had a veritable love feast Wednesday evening this week, with a great variety of edibles on the banquet table. The occasion was the annual meeting and supper of church and congregation. After one of the most substantial meals served in the history of these annual reunions, reports of church activities were submitted and officers elected.

Rev. H. A. Carnahan, pastor, presided as moderator. He reported having made 550 pastoral calls during the past year, also officiating at six weddings and five funerals. Admitted to church fellowship, 22. This number was about offset by deaths and removals. Present membership, 200. Frank J. Shinn was elected clerk, and he will also continue to serve as Sunday school superintendent until a successor is chosen. Treasurer, J. R. Robertson. Mrs. Ella Garrett and F. J. Shinn, trustees. Elders, C. B. Lankin, I. Miksch, George Carpenter and W. W. Caldwell. Receipts and expenditures for the year will just about break even on a \$2275 budget. The women's auxiliaries came in for a good share of credit in financing various measures, notably the Wednesday Afternoon club, which leads in all church enterprises.

REV. SHIELDS GETS CALL TO KLAMATH

(Klamath Northwestern)
By a large majority the congregation of the Presbyterian church at a meeting Tuesday evening voted to offer to Rev. Weston F. Shields of Medford the pastorate of the church. Rev. Shields has been notified of the honor conferred on him and the church here is awaiting his answer. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Klamath Falls about twelve years ago and was well liked by both members of the church and all who knew him.

RUSSIAN RESERVISTS LEAVING FOR HOME

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—In response to the recent order promulgated by the Russian consul general here, Russian reservists from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Alaska are hurrying home on every steamer sailing from Seattle and Vancouver, B. C. Fifty Russian reservists departed today for Vladivostok on the Japanese liner Awa Maru and hundreds of others are booking passage on every vessel scheduled to sail for the Orient during the next six weeks. It is expected that before the movement ends several thousand Russians will have responded to the call to the colors.

TWOHY'S ENGINEERS GO OVER ROUTE OF PROPOSED RAILROAD

(Grants Pass Courier.)
Messrs. J. D. MacVicar and A. E. Hammond, civil engineers and experts in railroad construction, arrived in the city Wednesday from Seattle. The gentlemen are representatives of Twohy Brothers, who have assumed the contract for the construction of the railroad to the coast, and are making a careful investigation of the engineering problems that the builders will meet. They have already been over the municipal unit of railway to Wilderville, going in company with Dr. Reddy and Engineer Harmon. Today they are walking from the end of the road over the right of way to Selma, inspecting every foot of the way and every grade stake. It is over this portion of the line that the builders will find the heaviest and most expensive construction between Grants Pass and Waldo. The route over Hays hill will undoubtedly be one that does not require the building of a tunnel, though the earlier plans provided for the making of a 1700-foot tunnel through the hill. By laying a little more track a route has been surveyed that will eliminate the tunnel, though there is some expensive construction. Engineer Harmon has estimated the cost at \$100,000 per mile for the piece of building over the hill, and Twohy's engineers are today making a detailed examination of this route. Upon their report will undoubtedly be determined whether a tunnel or the slightly longer route will be the most advantageous manner of negotiating Hays hill. The Seattle gentlemen are accompanied in their investigation by Engineer Harmon. Messrs. MacVicar and Hammond will continue their examination of the right of way and will also investigate the ore bodies and the timber that will be made available by the construction of the line.

TWELVE MILES IN 14 MINUTES

ASHLAND, April 9.—A motorcycle record of fourteen minutes between Ashland and Medford was established early Tuesday morning by Verl G. Barnhouse, call boy for the Southern Pacific at this station. A stranger on No. 14 got left here on that morning and when his plight was discovered the train had been twelve minutes out of Ashland. Barnhouse agreed to deliver the man f. o. b. Medford in time to join the train there. The offer was accepted and the race was to the swift, sure enough. From the summit of Farnham hill to beyond Jackson's hot springs no speed limit was recognized, the telephone poles being passed so fast that they appeared like teeth in a fine comb. At Phoenix the race was practically won, the trainmen seeing that the jig was up. Here Barnhouse slowed down to about 50 miles per hour and landed his man on the Medford depot platform in time to eat a lunch while waiting for No. 14 to catch up. The stranger paid Barnhouse \$5 for the feat. The regular railroad fare is 40 cents.

PAU STILL THINKS ALLIES WILL WIN

ROME, April 9.—General Pau of the French army, who stopped here on his way to Paris after a trip to Russia and the Balkan states, has been besieged by interviewers. He said Bucharest and Rome, more than any other capitals he had visited, had greeted him "fraternally." He refused to make any statement concerning his mission except to reiterate confidence in the final triumph of the allies.

AMERICAN DOCTOR FALLS VICTIM TO SERB TYPHUS

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Dr. Ernest P. Magruder of this city, one of the physicians at the head of the American Red Cross unit in Serbia, has fallen a victim to typhus fever. His death was reported today from Belgrade to Red Cross headquarters here.

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DRAMATIC DUEL IN AIR ENDS IN FRENCH VICTORY

FURNES, Belgium, April 9.—A dramatic duel in the air in which a German aircraft was brought down by Roland G. Garros, a famous French aviator, inside the allied lines, was described last night by Major Raoul Pontus, son of the former Belgian minister of war, who witnessed the combat. The German at first succeeded in rising above Garros' machine, but the latter by a clever twist escaped and then flew atop the German.

"From this moment the German's position became critical," said Major Pontus, "for Garros overtook him rapidly. Presently the crackling of a quick-firer showed the Frenchman judged himself sufficiently near to take the offensive. Could the German escape? It seemed difficult for Garros shot forward in greater bounds, getting nearer and nearer, but the German observer used his carbine freely and it seemed that a bullet might strike the Frenchman.

"Suddenly a long jet of white smoke gushed from the German machine and then a flame which in an instant enveloped the whole aeroplane. Notwithstanding the extreme peril the pilot took to flight, but his effort to escape soon was converted into a horrifying downward plunge. The aeroplane, a mass of flames, struck the ground a score of yards from me and a column of black smoke mingled with sheets of fire poured from the fallen machine.

"I ran to the aeroplane, which had fallen close to a ditch, and put out the fire. The aviator, horribly burned, were dead when I reached them. The gasoline tank contained two bullet holes. The machine was marked No. 2, fortieth flotilla. The fire had scorched instruments and military documents in thick leather cases. This interesting booty was taken to general headquarters."

ALLIES AGAIN ASK BULGARIA TO ACT

PARIS, April 9, 5:50 a. m.—The allies are considering the advisability of opening fresh pour parlers with the Bulgarian government to learn definitely what position that country intends to take in the European crisis, says the Petit Parisien's Rome correspondent, who adds that these negotiations are desired by the pro-Russian elements in Bulgaria, who wish to act in co-operation with the triple entente.

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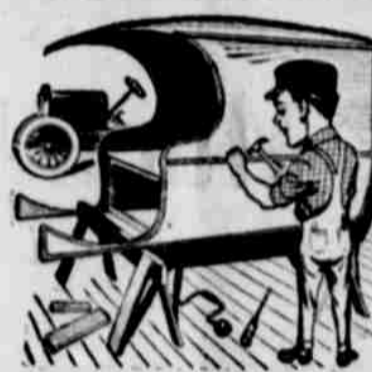
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