

# 14,600 TROOPS ARRIVE SAFELY FROM OVERSEAS

### Most of Home Comina Troops, Including 2,400 Wounded, of National Guard Regiments — Manchuria Brings 4900 Soldiers and Battalions Land Western Boys.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Fourteen thousand, six hundred troops of the American Expeditionary forces more than 2,400 of these convalescing from wounds and sickness, arrived here today from France on the cruisers North Carolina and Montana and the steamships Manchuria, Matsonia and Antigone. For the most part the home coming soldiers were of former national guard units of Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

The cruiser North Carolina arrived from Brest with 1,471 troops. Units included the 139th aero squadron, three officers and 168 men, and casual companies numbers 970, Washington state, and 710, Nebraska.

The cruiser Montana, also from Brest, brought 1,477 troops, including casual companies numbers 737 Texas, and 738 California, and 732 New York.

The Manchuria arrived from St. Nazaire with 4,990 troops. Units included the 36th, 89th, 142nd, 148th, 182nd and 341st aero squadrons; 373rd aero pursuit squadron; 336th aero supply squadron; supply and medical detachments and companies A, B and C of the 312th field signal battalion and casual companies number 105, Washington (state). There were 53 officers and 973 sick and wounded.

### At Newport News

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 24.—The battleships Vermont, Connecticut and New Hampshire and the transport Kroonland, bearing a total of 6,801 officers and men, including parts of the old Ohio and Texas national guard, arrived here today from France.

On the Kroonland, which sailed from St. Nazaire March 12 were 2943 officers and men including the 132nd field artillery complete, a part of the Texas guard, which will demobilize at Camp Bowie.

### 40th Division Units

NEW YORK, March 24.—More than 2,400 troops of the 40th division, comprising former national guard units of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, arrived here today on the steamship Matsonia from Bordeaux.

The arrivals comprised 53 officers and 1518 men of the 160th infantry—field and staff, machine gun battalion, headquarters company, supply company, medical detachment and companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L and M—for 12 camps throughout the country; and former detachments of the 159th infantry, totalling 12 officers and 823 men—for Camps Upton, Grant, Lewis and Sherman.

Also on the Matsonia were seven officers and 416 men comprising six detachments of the 26th engineers, 2or Camps Kearney, Pike, Devens, Grant, Lewis, and Meade; and a number of casuals. Six officers and 171 men returned sick or wounded.

The steamship Antigonie also from Bordeaux, brought home 2,814 troops of whom 102 officers and 2,323 men were sick or wounded. The others were casuals including casual company number 52, Iowa, and a company of marines.

In addition to the Texas troops, the Kroonland brought home base hospital unit number 43; a detachment of the 48th coast artillery corps; casual companies from California and Iowa; 2 casual officers; four civilians and 392 sick and wounded men.

# GERMANY TO STUDY RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

PARIS, Mar. 24.—(By Associated Press.) Count von Brockdorf Rantzau, German foreign minister, has sent Carl Kautsky, one of the under secretaries in the foreign ministry, to Moscow to see the chiefs of the soviet government and furnish an accurate report on the situation which will allow the foreign minister to study methods as to bringing about of closer political and economic relations with the Russian Bolshevik government, says a Zurich dispatch to the Matin.

# UKRAINIANS CONFER WITH BOLSHIEVIKI

VIENNA, Mar. 24.—It is learned from the Ukraine that negotiations have begun between Ukraine and Russian Bolshevik delegates for the settlement of differences. Bolshevik Leader Radowsky has arrived at Ukrainian headquarters, it is reported.

# BEESON HELPED RED RUPERT TO MAKE GET-AWAY

Elton Beeson of Talent, not only unknowingly aided Red Rupert, the Portland convict, to make sure his escape from the convict camp at Gold Hill last Monday, but slept with Red, still ignorant of his identity that night.

Beeson was about to ship a load of cattle to Gazelle, Cal., Monday morning, when Rupert, following his escape, approached him and asked if he did not want help to care for the cattle enroute. Beeson did, and so Rupert was hired and got aboard with Beeson and the cattle. They slept together in the hotel at Gazelle that night, and next afternoon Rupert boarded a train to the south and to further liberty.

Beeson did not learn until his return home of Rupert's escape and when he read his published description at once recognized the erstwhile cattle helper as Rupert, and so notified the authorities.

The following dispatch from Salem tells of Red Rupert's escape, except the Medford part of it:

### Story of Escape

Clyde J. (Red) Rupert, who escaped from the convict camp at Gold Hill Sunday, took a south bound train at Gazelle at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, evidently bent on reaching the Mexican border or a South American port before he can be recaptured and made to answer to the federal indictment which hangs over him as the result of his theft of a package of Liberty bonds while employed as watchman for the Northwest National bank in Portland.

This is the information which has been obtained by Warden Stevens of the state penitentiary, who returned Thursday afternoon from the southern part of the state, where a man hunt for Rupert has been on.

Warden Stevens, William Bryon, government secret service agent, Chief Special Agent Catouri of the Southern Pacific and others who have been on Rupert's trail, have obtained evidence which convinces them that an outside man was waiting for Rupert with an automobile, when Rupert made his get-away Sunday evening, and carried the fleeing convict toward the California boundary. Rupert stopped at Gazelle, 100 miles from Gold Hill and near the California line, where he was positively recognized, according to the information obtained by Warden Stevens.

### Bought Stove-Pipe Hat

At Gazelle he purchased a new suit, soft black hat, a pair of second-hand overalls from the railroad fireman and a gray flannel shirt, and took train No. 15 Tuesday morning, going south. As it will be necessary for Rupert to obtain a passport to get to Mexico or South America thru ordinary channels, all avenues along that line are being closely watched. It is thought, however, he may endeavor to reach the Mexican border and then find a way to sneak into Mexico without a passport.

Warden Stevens is convinced that the motive behind Rupert's escape is his desire to evade the federal charge hanging over him, as his minimum sentence under the state charge was up this month and he was eligible for parole. He made it known that he did not want the parole board to recommend a parole for him at this time as he wanted to have the federal charge dismissed or satisfied in some way before he was released from the state prison.

# COPPER MARKET SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

NEW YORK, Mar. 24.—A decided improvement was reported in the copper market today. The buying movement which started Saturday continued and it was estimated at noon today that sales made since the beginning of business on Saturday amounted to fully 35,000,000 pounds with some of the leading producers inclined to place the business at still higher figures. Quotations were generally higher, ranging from about 14 1/4 to 14 3/4 cents New York and 15 1/4 to 15 1/2 cents for electrolytic delivered.

# INCUBATOR FIRE DESTROYS HENNERY

A fire which destroyed a small poultry house at the home of D. E. Phipps on North Riverside last night at 9:45 o'clock caused much excitement in that neighborhood. The frame structure was set on fire thru an incubator lamp and the building was a mass of flames when the fire was discovered.

The burning poultry house was only fifteen or twenty feet from the corner of the Phipps dwelling and the intense heat set fire to the corner of the house, scorching it, but it was extinguished by the firemen before any damage had been done. The poultry house was totally destroyed.

With Medford trade is Medford made

# MEDFORDITES WELCOME ISAACS MOST ROYALLY

Not for weeks has there been so much excitement created in Medford, the enthusiastic and innocent cause of which was Prof. H. Isaacs, Y. M. C. A. song leader at the Camp Lewis demobilizations, and former instructor in music of the Medford schools, who passed through the city Saturday afternoon with 300 soldiers bound from Camp Lewis to San Francisco to be discharged.

An hour or so before the train arrived Mrs. F. W. Mears, as head of the local Red Cross chapter, received the following message from Prof. Isaacs: "Five hundred soldiers on train 53. Would like the Red Cross to meet us at the train. Ask editor of paper to send us 500 of latest edition. Tell the boys we are coming."

Not knowing but that the soldiers' coming was something important Mrs. Mears summoned as many Red Cross workers as possible to be at the depot, and notified George Collins, the official local vel leader at soldiers' welcomes, of the telegram. The usually dignified wholesale grocer became properly excited, and frantically but unsuccessfully tried to get out the high school band. Then, knowing it was up to him to raise some kind of noise in lieu of a band, and in the hope of getting a crowd out to the depot to welcome—no one knew just what, except that a lot of soldiers were coming—he instructed Chief Lawton to blow the fire siren as frantically as he could, about 20 minutes before train time.

Mr. Collins proved to be one our best little hoppers in the city, for no sooner had the siren tore off a yard or so of discord, than people began to flock down town from all parts of Medford. Everybody remembered that the siren was to blow that very when the 65th artillery boys came some, and naturally associated the prolonged shrieking of the whistle in some way with soldiers. Many excited individuals thought the war had broken out again. Naturally everybody congregated at the depot.

Well the train finally arrived with the proper multitude assembled to greet Prof. Isaacs and the soldiers. The several hundred astonished soldiers, as they saw the crowd, thought Medford a very hospitable city and grinned their appreciation. Those from overseas, and those from home camps, had never encountered such an unlooked for welcome from a strange city as this.

Radiantly happy, Prof. Isaacs stood by the platform of his car and greeted friends, while hundreds of people mobbed the soldiers with questions about their service in France, etc. Many of the soldiers who had not been outside of Camp Lewis during the war, where a number of them served as clerks, had to politely answer "search me." In the rear coaches of the train were said to be a small number of convalescent wounded overseas veterans.

The train pulled out with the professor waving and shouting farewells—and with the requested papers.

# COSSACKS TO SUPPLY FOOD TO PETROGRAD

LONDON, March 24.—The Cossacks of the Orenburg region have decided to supply Petrograd and Moscow with foodstuffs in large quantities and "to observe loyally all the decrees regarding food supplies," says a wireless report from Russia.

This decision was made at a formal conference at which the delegates agreed to recognize soviets in all localities and to take steps against any attempts at a counter revolution.

An elaborate program for the "socialist organization of agriculture" was laid before the conference. A series of agricultural communes have been formed in the various districts and provinces. The council of the people's commissaries, the report stated has assigned a credit of one billion rubles for the betterment of agriculture. The peasants are to be trained in scientific farming.

In order to supply the peasants with farming materials, the commissary has already organized construction and repair shops. In addition measures have been taken for the sowing of 4,000,000 hectares of land not previously cultivated.

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# ADVISE GIVEN TO BELGIANS PLANNING RETURN TO HOME

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—Interesting side lights on present day conditions in Belgium are given in an official Belgian bulletin issued here, containing advice to repatriates and others going to Belgium.

"The first commodity you must absolutely take with you," says the bulletin, "is patience and no small quantity either. Life is by no means easy and cannot be easy till, later, when the reconstruction of Belgium has actually begun."

"Since there is at present no wool or cotton nor garments of any kind, nor shoes except at fabulous prices, be careful to renew your wardrobe and to provide yourself with enough wool for your bedding."

"Ladies, do not forget—this is a most valuable piece of advice—to carry thread, needles and pins. Also, since paper has reached an extraordinary value in Belgium, be sure to take boxes of writing paper, pens, ink and as much ordinary paper as your trunks will hold. You will find you have saved about 100 percent on your stock."

"As far as food and provisions are concerned, do not hesitate to provide yourselves with as much sugar as you can get. There are some suburbs in Brussels where no sugar has been distributed for six weeks. As for butter, it has disappeared since the government brought the price down to 3.50 francs (\$1.70). The farmers prefer to sell milk rather than to save it for butter and as a consequence not a single pound is displayed in the shop windows. Margarine does not even exist any more, so bring some of each."

"Though Brazil sends us coffee it still costs 10 francs (\$2.00) a kilo. There is no cocoa left at all, nor candy nor preserves, etc. Ham is not so scarce, but very dear."

# LA FOLLETTE FAMILY DYING FROM POISON

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 24.—State Senator Alex. M. LaFollette received a telephone message today from his son, Charles LaFollette of Cornelius, Washington county, to the effect that another son, Perry, and his wife and son, a young man of 20, were poisoned yesterday while eating Sunday dinner at the home of Charles LaFollette. Mrs. Perry LaFollette was thought to be dying, while her husband and son were in danger of death the senator was informed.

The family was accidentally poisoned in some unknown manner, according to the message received. Senator LaFollette, who is 75 years of age, left here at once for Cornelius.

# 113,000 DEATHS IN PETROGRAD IN MONTH

PARIS, Mar. 24.—During February more than 113,000 persons, or about 11 percent of the entire population, died in Petrograd, according to Russian police statistics received in Paris.

American relief workers who left Moscow February 12 say deaths in that city early in February averaged 4000 daily. They say conditions there were similar to those in Petrograd where smallpox, typhus, starvation and the "hunger plague" were raging, unchecked. Coffins are no longer sold in Moscow, but are only rented for use at funerals.

# RED GUARD KILL ALL 'INTELLECTUALS' IN VACATED TOWNS

OMSK, Siberia.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Wholesale assassinations were conducted by the Red Guard in the village of Troiskoy, near Perm, when the Bolsheviks were driven out of the latter place by the Siberian army, say officials of the All-Russian government. Practically everybody known to be educated or regarded as an "intellectual" was arrested and either shot or stabbed to death. The victims include a leading agriculturist named Souveroff, a woman physician named Kalmykova, a police justice, the aged sister of a priest, and an employee of the forestry administration with his wife.

Incidents of this kind are declared to be frequent throughout the districts occupied or evacuated by the Bolsheviks. Admiral Kolchak, the temporary governor for the Omsk All-Russian government, and other leading officials, point out that the Bolshevik movement has entirely lost its original character, and has degenerated into wild license and cruelty, trying to exterminate all those who work with their brain as against those who labor with their hands, destroying ruthlessly every vestige of national order before dreaming of replacing it with any kind of system or organization.

The general verdict in Siberia today is that if humanity does not stamp out Bolshevism, Bolshevism will crush humanity and everything that is sacred and peaceful in the world, for Bolshevism is regarded as an international danger and not alone a Russian danger.

To check this danger of Bolshevik supremacy the All-Russian government at Omsk has called upon the other political groupings and governments of Siberia and of the territory conquered from the Bolsheviks to unite with it in a national attempt first to crush terrorism and then to rebuild a lasting Russia. The impression exists here that the Omsk government is the most serious and most solid effort to rehabilitate Russia, and that if the spirit of the patriotism of the people is aroused and induced to rally round it, it will prove the nucleus of some great Russian government in the future.

# SHEPPERD TO HEAD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 24.—Professor Frank Shepperd, of the Oregon Agricultural college probably will be appointed by the state board of vocational education, to take charge of the work to be carried on in Oregon, members of the board indicated here today. The late Governor Withycombe created a board of vocational education last November and the plan of this board for establishing and maintaining vocational education in the state has been approved by the federal board. The work is expected to be taken up after May 29, when the appropriation will be available.

# VIENNA COMMUNISTS ANTAGONISE ENTENTE

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 24.—The communists of Vienna held a meeting of sympathy with the proletariat dictatorship in Hungary Sunday morning, according to a Vienna dispatch today. The demonstration developed into a manifestation against the entente. There was no disturbance, however, the message declares.

# COMMISSION TO DECIDE ROUTE OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY

PORTLAND, March 24.—Preparatory to mapping out its road program under the \$10,000,000 bonding act, members of the state highway commission will make a tour of inspection of Washington, Yamhill, Polk and Benton counties this week, it was learned today. Commissioner Booth has already visited Klamath, Jackson and Lincoln counties, and Commissioner Thompson has investigated the needs of Eastern Oregon counties. Considerable controversy has existed for several years over proposed routes of links of the Pacific highway on the west side and it is expected that the commission will now get together and iron them out.

Klamath county is asking for the construction of a paved highway from the California line, and is said to be willing to raise \$1,000,000 for the project. Besides being interested in the construction of the Pacific highway to the California line the people of Medford demand that the Crater Lake highway be built to Prospect, and expect government aid in its construction.

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