

### ASHLAND SEEKS LOCATION OF STATE MASONIC HOME

ASHLAND, March 31.—Shall this city secure the Masonic home, is a query which not only the fraternity but citizens in general should investigate on its merits, from the viewpoint of installing an institution here, under ideal conditions, which would be a credit to the town not only as a physical structure, but in the broader sense of being representative of the leading fraternal affiliations, carrying with it such prestige as the location of an institution of its kind might imply.

As outlined sometime ago, the Masonic Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Oregon are devising ways and means for constructing this home, and have progressed far enough along with the enterprise to solicit tenders for its location from various towns throughout the state, these proffers to be in the hands of a special committee on or before May 1, 1919. A prerequisite to entertaining an offer from any community will be a guaranty that ten acres of grounds shall be provided as a site. The Grand Lodge by implication also leaves it to be understood that no labor as to construction shall be undertaken until a fund of at least \$50,000 is available. The Eastern Star particularly has shown great interest in the enterprise, in fact the members of this order have asserted that they will go ahead and provide such a home regardless of aid from other Masonic affiliations. Notice of such an intent on the part of the women could not otherwise than spur the men to renewed effort, and the result is that the grand lodge has been compelled to take cognizance of the circumstance that a home of this kind be established in Oregon.

Locally, both the lodge and Star chapter have contributed toward the home, individually and collectively. It is not known at present exactly how much towards the needed \$50,000 the grand bodies have at their disposal, but evidently there has been good progress made in reaching the fixed minimum. Undoubtedly a "drive" among the lodges and Star chapters of the state would realize the amount required. Ashland Lodge No. 23, voted to entertain a proposition to make an effort to secure this home at its last regular meeting, and a committee was appointed to look over the field and report the findings accordingly. The committee consists of Frank J. Shinn, Stuart Saunders and O. Winter, and a report from them is due on or before April 10. It is taken for granted that the efforts of this special committee are to be reinforced by members of the fraternity at large, "for the good of the order." Even should the home be located in Ashland, it would not be a local institution. All agree that the Ashland environment would be unrivalled as to climatic conditions, scenic attractions and other desirable features. Efforts to secure its location here, however, should not be confined to local members of the fraternity. Lodges throughout Jackson county and in fact within the Southern Oregon jurisdiction should be urged to use their influence in this direction, preliminaries which will receive encouragement from the public at large.

### MONARCHIST RULE AT OPORTO LASTED LESS THAN MONTH

LISBON, March 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The monarchy established at Oporto and other districts in the north of Portugal proved ephemeral. Barely a month after its proclamation and enthusiastic welcome, a counter revolution within the city, seconding the attack from outside by the republican troops sent by the government, succeeded with equal enthusiasm in restoring the republican flag on the streets and steeples of Portugal.

The royalists were led by Paiva Couceiro, a very brave and tenacious soldier, but an ineffective organizer. The continued dissensions between republican factions led him to suppose the moment propitious for a return of the monarchy, and, without any agreement with the royalists of Lisbon, he placed himself at the head of the monarchist elements of the north, and, at the head of several thousand troops, proclaimed the monarchy at Oporto and in the northern provinces.

Royalist Regime Brief A provisional government was established, laws were issued, and local administrative authorities appointed everywhere. Couceiro expected that other victorious royalist risings would follow all over the country. Instead of this, the Lisbon insurrection of Monsanto failed, and the same occurred in other localities, while in many centers there were no disturbances of public order.

In face of the royalist danger all the republicans joined forces against the common enemy, momentarily forgetting clashing ambitions, and uniting to combat the north. Thousands of troops, seconded by marines and civilians, warships and aircraft, were soon in full operation against the monarchist hosts, where strongholds, one after another, fell into the government's hands, and the surrounding of Oporto was merely a question of time.

Then came the dramatic climax. Paiva Couceiro and his staff were fighting at Lamego on the 13th, and on that day the counter revolution at Oporto broke out. Sharp fighting took place; but the big batteries of Lamego bay were in republican hands so that the war ships could approach and land their contingents at Oporto without danger.

Royalists Arrested The "royalist" government was placed under arrest; prisoners were freed, and the blue and white flag replaced by the red and green banner of the republic. The royalist troops returning from Lamego and other scenes of hard fighting, weary, hungry and demoralized, surrendered and were disarmed by the republican forces awaiting them outside the gates of Oporto.

About Couceiro there are many rumors. Some say he is still fighting, others that he has been killed, committed suicide, or is safe over the Spanish border.

The republican government is still in Oporto reorganizing public service and reinstating loyal authorities. Thousands of arrests have been made, and many royalists are said to have escaped into Spain, where they are disarmed by the Spanish frontier guards.

### PRESIDENT'S GRANDDADDY AGAIN



President Wilson was informed before he went ashore from the George Washington at Boston that he was grandfather again. The newest grandchild is a boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre. Mrs. Sayre was Miss Jessie Wilson and the child is her third.

### IOWAN CHOSEN AS CHIEF ROAD BUILDER FOR GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—Thomas H. MacDonald, chief engineer of the Iowa state highway commission, has been appointed by the secretary of agriculture as engineer in immediate charge of the work under the federal aid road act, which provides for cooperation between the states and the federal government in the construction and improvement of roads.

Mr. MacDonald will assume his new duties as soon as he can close up his work in Iowa. In the meantime he will continue in close touch with the federal aid road work of the department, as he has done during the past two or three months. Steps already have been taken to expedite the resumption and extension of highway construction under the terms of the federal law, as amended by the post office appropriation act, and nothing will be omitted to facilitate the vigorous prosecution of the work.

The regulations have been carefully revised in the light of past experience and of suggestions offered by the state highway departments. The standards for plans, specifications, and estimates have been modified to meet special conditions existing in some of the states, and other changes in practice and procedure have been made, all with the definite object of speeding up the work.

Mr. MacDonald will immediately supervise and direct all the activities of the bureau of public roads under the federal aid road act, including the expenditure of the additional appropriation of \$209,000,000 provided by the post office appropriation act for the extension and development of highway construction during the present and the next two fiscal years. For the time being, in the midst of the pressure incident to the resumption and extension of road work, Mr. MacDonald will devote his energies to problems arising under the federal aid road act. It is planned that, in the near future, he will formally assume the position of director of the bureau of public roads, made vacant by the death of Logan Waller Page.

### REIGN OF TERROR BEING ABANDONED IN SOVIET RUSSIA

VLADIVOSTOK. — (Correspondence of Associated Press.) The fundamental principle of the Bolsheviks that the soviets as organs of revolutionary dictatorship must be the strict expression of class government is undergoing marked changes, according to a member of the Moscow All-Russian Central Cooperative association. He summarized the situation when he left Moscow as follows:

Russians of the intelligent class were being induced to work in the soviets and in other organizations for a restoration of the normal course of life. The anarchist terror which had prevailed since October had been stopped and arbitrary executions, in some cases, had given way to preliminary legal investigations and trials. The intelligentsia and some of the officers, under the influence of hunger and want, had relinquished the tactics of sabotage. Others who were inclined to do likewise were vacillating on account of doubts as to the durability of the soviets and because they feared the consequences under a new regime.

The economic policy was essentially the same as before. Nationalization of ammunition factories and of financial institutions was continued. Former administrators of factories participated in the management as members of factory committees. Small enterprises had been left in the hands of their owners who worked in contact with factory committees of their districts. Many factories and mills were closed. Life was sustained by drawing upon wealth previously accumulated.

It was then reported that the soviet army would be increased to three million men by spring. It was being transformed into a disciplined army. Army committees had been abolished and former officers were being attracted to service. The system of election of officers was being supplanted by appointments by chiefs who had full charge of directing operations. Commissars represented the soviet political authority.

### NAVAL SUPPLY SHIP IN DISTRESS AT SEA

HALIFAX, N. S., Mar. 31.—The United States naval supply ship Culgoa with 103 returning troops on board, all casualties, is reported in distress off New York, according to a wireless message picked up here. The message said the vessel was holed in a strong northeast wind and rough sea. It further stated that the ship was capable of making six knots if the weather moderated. The Culgoa sailed from Brest for New York on March 5 and put in at the Azores, from which she departed on March 19.

### U-BOATS START CRUISE TO UNITED STATES

HARWICH, England, March 31.—Four German submarines, convoyed by the United States submarine tender Bushnell, left here today for the United States. Many more than the required number of officers and men are making the trip on the submarines.

### CANADIAN AVIATOR TO CROSS ATLANTIC

HALIFAX, N. S., Mar. 31.—Col. Ray Collishaw, a Canadian aviator, sailed on the steamship Olympic for England today to bring back an airplane with which to enter the trans-Atlantic contest. He will attempt his flight from New Foundland early in May, accompanied by Major McKeever and a wireless operator. Colonel Collishaw expects to accomplish the flight in twenty hours. His machine will be equipped with five motors of 400 horsepower each capable of carrying 50 people and remaining in the air for 30 hours.

### PROTEST ACQUITTAL OF ASSASSIN OF JAURES

PARIS, March 31.—(Havas.)—A acquittal of Raoul Villain, who shot and instantly killed the socialist leader, Jaures, in 1914, was adopted yesterday by the federal social congress for the department of the Seine.

### SYSTEM RULES BOND SELLING FOR VICTORY LOAN

PORTLAND, Mar. 31.—Beginning with the third Liberty loan, a different method was adopted in Oregon than that used in other states for handling the work of the Liberty loan campaigns. The plan utilized and which will be employed in the Victory loan provides an orderly method of listing, rating and soliciting each individual. Oregon's splendid record in the preceding liberty loans indicates the efficacy of the system.

At the joint meetings of the county chairmen or organizations of men and women in charge of the work throughout the state, it was unanimously decided that all solicitation will be done under this system and thru unified direction. Work of both the women's and men's organizations will be co-ordinated in all promotion work. In parades, community sings, liberty loan rallies and similar activities, the work is naturally joined.

Securing of subscriptions is only the harvest. There can be no harvest without sowing and cultivation, which in liberty loans are represented in the promotion work, parades, advertisements, news and editorial articles in the newspapers, church rallies, theater programs, four-minute talkers and schoolhouse meetings. Since promotion work is so closely linked with soliciting and the organizations are oined in both, each will be credited with 50 per cent of the results secured.

Both organizations are working to a common end, and this decision at the joint meeting held at the Multnomah hotel, Friday, March 28, was one of the important conclusions of the conference.

County courts thruout the state will be asked to co-operate with the advertising fund committee appointed by county managers in each town and community. A representative of each newspaper will be appointed by the county manager to serve in an advisory relation to the advisory fund committee. These committees, composed of not less than three members, will canvas the business and professional men, merchants and others who should properly be contributors to the local advertising fund of the Victory Liberty loan. The solicitation of advertising funds will be undertaken immediately as the first order of business of county chairmen.

### RAILROAD STRIKE IN AUSTRIA NOT CALLED OFF

PARIS, Mar. 31.—Reports that the railroad strike in German-Austria has been settled are untrue, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Echo de Paris, which was forwarded by way of Genoa. Negotiations between the strikers and the government have failed and the strike continues on the Eastern and Southern railroad it is said. The strikers have been destroying railroad property and stopping the transportation of food.



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### 4000 SEEK GRAVES OF DEAD YANKS

IN THE AMERICAN BATTLE AREA, March 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Four thousand men of the A. E. F. are now engaged in the registration of and search for the graves of Americans who died in battle.

The work of seeking the resting places of American heroes is being undertaken by the section of grave registration, which is directing its efforts so as to be able to designate the grave of every American should congress authorize the return of the bodies of the fallen heroes.

Each cemetery where Americans have been buried is fully plotted on maps. The graves registration service is extending every energy to complete the burying, marking, recording and classifying of the heroic Americans.

### TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Died of wounds—Private Harry Blako, Marshfield, Ore.  
Wounded severely—Capt. Cook Archie H. Stone, Portland, Ore.; Corp. Clyde J. Parker, Portland, Ore.  
Wounded slightly—Private Chas. W. Gray, Hillsboro, Ore.

### ANOTHER CAPTOR OF JEFFERSON DAVIS DEAD

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., March 31. Caspell Knoble, 75, civil war veteran, and credited with having captured President Jefferson Davis at the close of the war, is dead at the Mountain branch Soldiers' Home here.

### ARREST OF KOREANS UNDER INVESTIGATION

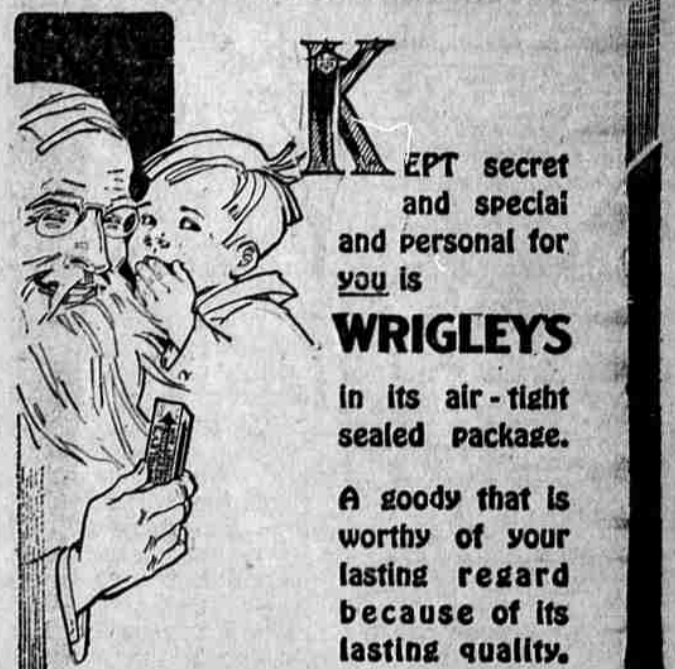
TOKIO, Mar. 31.—(By Associated Press.) The American consul-general at Seoul made an inquiry recently into the arrest of Koreans in the employ of Americans and charged with being connected with disturbances growing out of the independence movement in Korea, according to Seoul dispatches. The consul-general asked the authorities to justify these arrests and received the reply that the men had been taken in custody as Japanese subjects in accordance with law.

Korean houses have been searched by the police and a press on which political matter was being printed has been seized, the advices add. Certain Koreans accused of being responsible for the issuance of manifestos were arrested.

### DERELICT SCHOONER BULK SEEN AT SEA

NEW YORK, March 31.—Part of an unidentified three-masted schooner which apparently had been cut in two in a collision was discovered about 280 miles north of Bermuda on Friday by the transport Maui, which docked here today from Brest with troops. Lieutenant Everett H. Sanderlin, the Maui's navigating officer, and 18 men of the crew volunteered to launch a lifeboat and battled their way through the storm to the derelict. The distress signals were still flying and a broken lifeboat was lashed to the deckhouse. It was assumed the crew had been washed overboard.

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