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MANY GERMAN TROOPS ARE SURRENDERING

Advocates of Republic in Germany Are Now Actively at Work

Washington, Nov. 15.—"Republic" is their password and hundreds of German troops are surrendering voluntarily on the west front, the American government is semi-officially informed.

These surrenders are the result of the French government's "follow up" campaign since President Wilson's democratic Germany appeals were showered over the German lines from allied airplanes.

Those surrendering do so with the understanding that they are to be treated not as enemy prisoners but permitted to work for a German republic.

"The advocates of a republic for Germany," said a report to the American government, "who are conducting a brilliant campaign from the security of a neutral neighbor state, are distributing among German homes and through the German armies this important information:

"Let republic be your password. To the comrades on the west front: We have secured the issue of the following general order to the French army—Whoever surrenders himself and gives the password 'republic' will not be treated as an enemy prisoner of war. If he desires, he will be permitted to work with us and with our countrymen in the same cause, for the freedom of Germany."

Marshall Fills Contract Made Before Election

Portland, Or., Nov. 15.—Vice President Marshall, in his northwest tour is merely living up to the terms of a contract signed with the Ellison-White chautauqua system, made before he was elected to his second term, J. R. Ellison, head of the chautauqua agency, told the United Press here today. "Mr. Marshall signed a contract with us two years ago," Ellison said. "He kept putting us off until we began to think we would have to drop the matter. Finally he consented to come and here he is."

Want State Fair Fees at Gate Abolished

Abolish the admission fee to the Oregon State Fair at Salem next year and thereby increase the activities of that institution, say members of the Oregon Exhibitors' association, which met at the Land Products show Monday night. The association was organized during the last state fair and is now preparing to ask the legislature to appropriate funds to make the fair independent of admission fees and concession charges. The benefits derived from displays and competitions is lost the exhibitors declared, because the gate admission and the cost of getting to the fair prevent attendance of people who would be most helped by it.

The exhibitors outlined plans for organizing all county fairs in Oregon, together with the state fair, into a strong and effective organization for the industrial development of the state. Under the plans proposed all exhibits in fairs would be standardized. Cash prizes would be eliminated. No admission fees would be charged. Many objectionable entertainment features would be abolished and the fairs be made purely educational exhibitions, while the expense of holding county fairs and the state fair at Salem would be borne by the people through direct taxation.

Only Did His Duty When He Killed Man

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 15.—"I was only doing my duty. After his liaison with my wife, I felt that I was protecting other women."

This was the explanation offered today by Peter J. Pearson, Fargo, N. D., for killing William J. Collins last night.

Pearson pulled the trigger with deliberation, ending a search of more than a year. Pearson even smiled when Collins tried to say the woman forced her attentions on him.

According to Pearson, his wife and Collins had berths in the same sleeping car during a trip to Fargo in October, 1916.

Jazz Music Patriotic Says Music Teacher

Grinnell, Ia., Nov. 15.—Do you like to hear the jazz band strike up—or rather blow up—"The Livery Stable Blues," or "The Harem Rag?"



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Blues," or "The Harem Rag?" If you do you're an American, if you don't you're not.

According to H. W. Mattlack, teacher of music at Grinnell college, the screechy jazz syncopation is indicative of American progressiveness. It's as American as a skyscraper.

If predictions are right the leading orchestras of the nation soon will include saxophone and trombones to twist in a few jazz notes.

Placed Obstructions On Street Car Track

Tuesday night some persons placed a pile of heavy planking that had been used on Washington street in laying the curbing, and part of which had been placed as a guard to prevent the use of the street until the cement had hardened, across the street car track on South Commercial where it crosses Washington. As it is only about five minutes from the time the car passes south until it returns to this point the parties must have worked rapidly. There was a heavy fog and the car coming in was running at good speed when the obstructions were seen by the motorman who threw on the brakes but could not prevent the car striking the obstructions with much force. Fortunately the car was not derailed, but all its wheels were added to the

"flat" class. What object the persons had is not even guessable, unless it was either a desire to deliberately injure the car company, or a practical joke. Neither of these explanations seems tenable, but if there are any other, no one but the guilty parties know what it was.

Take care of the pennies and the war taxes will take care of themselves.

The weather man may, with considerable assurance of hitting it right, forecast occasional rains for Portland and vicinity for the next couple of months.



Get Ready for SATURDAY NIGHT A regular Jazz Band with lots of "pep" THE ARMORY

RAILWAY MEN (Continued from Page One.)

ed Lee. "The full stomach is all we demand." Then Lee told for the first time of the cancellation of a law governing his brotherhood which encourages enlistment of trainmen in the nation's fighting forces.

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man enlists his insurance dues are paid by the grand lodge and his insurance holds. This will cost us millions of dollars, but it is an act of patriotism on the part of the trainmen and there have been no objections."

Lee's executive order closed with the statement: "We have felt the great patriotic heart of the railway employees of the United States and Canada. If we have erred in the interests of liberty and humanity, we ask your tolerance. It often has been said by our enemies that organized labor is a menace to good government. Now that we are fighting the enemies of democracy our loyalty will be proved."

Maybe Dictator Washington, Nov. 15.—A railroad "dictator" may be appointed by President Wilson. Determined that war transportation shall not be tied up by a strike, the president today has under consideration not only the refusal of the big four brotherhoods to arbitrate their wage demands, but also the critical freight congestion, car shortage and railroad finance problems. A dictatorship similar to the government control of food, fuel, priority and shipping is being urged officially to turn the country's railroads completely and solely into a war machine.

The president's closest advisers declared today he would stop at nothing to keep open the rails for munitions, coal and other essentials. If he does not sway the brotherhood chiefs by persuasion, he has recourse to government control, with the workers drafted at army price. Additional legislation, first necessary for such an unlooked for move, would be granted by the congress at the president's behest if the emergency arose, his advisers believe.

Railroad executives, coming here to narrow to plead with the interstate commerce commission for more revenue, may see the president or communicate with him indirectly. A week from today the brotherhood leaders will visit the president at the white house. That the outcome may be some agreement for a raise in pay with a presidential recommendation for increased railroad freight rates is regarded more than possible.

If, however, the unions stand firmly by their demands as they did a year ago, the president will cast the bur-

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den of responsibility upon them. He has already declared his view that patriotic men cannot now seriously consider imposing on the nation such a calamity as a transportation tieup would involve in the midst of the war. The implied threat of drastic action made by the president is expected to have the desired effect.

However, the other railroad problems are pressing. The railroads way board admits the lines cannot cope with the increased demands upon them unless great additions are made to their equipment. Blocked by the condition of the money market and inadequate revenues, they propose placing 500 non-essentials in a deferred classification while coal, munitions and food are moved ahead.

Engineers are Loyal Cleveland, O., Nov. 15.—Moral support may not be given the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in case the vie of the former, in progress now, leads to a situation that would handicap the nation at war.

In a ringing statement via patriotism its keynote, W. S. Stone, president of the engineers, representing 75,000 of them, told the United Press today the engineers "place love of country ahead of everything."

"We are sitting tight, waiting to see what develops in the nation's international crisis," Stone said. "Love of country ranks first in the sentiment of the engineers. It is ahead of everything."

But the locomotive engineers are watching. "We are on the side lines," said Stone, "watching what the other fellows do."

Although Stone would speak only for the engineers, the feeling about the brotherhood headquarters here was that the engineers did not have a monopoly on patriotism, insofar as the railroad workers are concerned. The lower paid trainmen feel that their patriotism is of high grade, but that they are entitled to "a full stomach," as W. G. Lee of the trainmen expressed it.

Waiting for Stone when he reached his office today was a telegram notifying him of the conference November 23, which the four big brotherhood chiefs will hold with the president. Stone will go to New York tonight to confer with the committee of eight on the operation of the Adams law.

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