

# The Madison Daily Leader.

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## UNITED STATES REPLIES WARILY

### URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN EUROPE.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—The United States has replied sympathetically to the feeling of the French government for American participation in a conference in Europe on strictly economic matters, it was learned at the state department today. This government, however, did not state it would attend such a conference.

Genoa, May 17.—Another note to the United States urging American participation in the European discussion of Russian affairs was prepared by the Genoa conference today. Russia returned a favorable reply to the allies' proposal for a conference at The Hague next month. George Tchitcherin said Russia accepted the plan, only reserving the right to introduce certain amendments to the general call for the conference.

### Gifford Pinchot Wins in Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, May 17.—The state central committee, today conceded the nomination of Gifford Pinchot, independent, for governor of Pennsylvania over George E. Alt, old guard republican organization candidate.

### Food Prices Are Slightly Higher

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Retail food prices advanced one-tenth of 1 per cent in April over March, the labor department estimated today.

### Harding to Confer With Steel Men

Washington, D. C., May 17.—President Harding will confer at the white house tomorrow with leaders of the steel industry of the United States. Steel men will be guests of the President at dinner.

### The Matter of Child Labor

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Another attempt to give congress control of child labor was made today when Representative Fitzgerald introduced a resolution calling for an amendment to the constitution giving congress the right to regulate employment of children under 18 years of age.

### Arkansas Gas Well on Fire

Eldorado, Ark., May 17.—Scores of men fought today to extinguish fire in gas wells eight miles from here. Flames are leaping from 200 to 300 feet in the air. The well, spouting approximately 150,000,000 feet of gas daily and held to be the largest in the world, caught fire late yesterday. It burned furiously all night and showed no signs of diminishing today.

### Longest Beard in the World

St. Paul, May 17.—Hans Langseth, of Barney, North Dakota, arrived here today enroute to Sacramento, Cal., with the longest beard in the world. His sixteenth-foot crop of whiskers won him a free trip to Sacramento for celebration of the days of forty-nine next week.

### Ship Crashes on the Rocks

San Francisco, May 17.—Twenty lives were imperiled today when the

motor ship ozemo crashed on the rocks at Cape Blanco and began sinking rapidly after being refloated. The vessel's crew of twenty was reported to have put off in life boats. Help was rushed to the scene.

### Levee Breaks at Riverside, Cal.

Riverside, Cal., May 17.—The Colorado river broke through the levee at Housers bend and the city of Ripley today was under four feet of water, causing damage that will run into millions, according to word reaching here. A channel was cut through the city.

### FOUR KILLED WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

#### DISASTER RESULT OF FLOOD WATERS STRAIN AT MARLIN, TEXAS.

Marlin, Texas, May 17.—Four persons are known dead and thirteen others are missing today as a result of the collapse of the Marlin-Belton bridge over Brazos river. Only one body was recovered, that of Mrs. Ed Mosely, of Beaumont. Others dead are F. M. Stallworth, mayor of Marlin; Dr. W. H. Allen, of Marlin, and a 7-year-old son of Clayton Briggs, of Marlin. Thirteen others on the bridge at the time of the collapse under strain of flood waters cannot be found.

### STATE GASOLINE TAX SHOWS FINE

REVENUE FOR APRIL IS MORE THAN \$25,000—BELIEVED TOTAL FOR YEAR WILL BE IN EXCESS OF \$400,000.

Pierre, May 17.—With some companies still to hear from, the state gasoline tax of 1 cent per gallon on motor fuel used in automobiles during April has so far brought into the state treasury \$25,974.42. This is not taking into consideration the exemptions that will have to be returned to dealers in gasoline for cases where the fuel was not used in propelling automobiles over the highways. The exemptions for the month have not been paid out as yet and it is not known what they will amount to at this time.

It will soon be possible to figure what the first four months of the operation of the law will have netted the state and this will give some idea what the state can expect in the way of revenue for highway maintenance, to which the money goes, from the users of automobiles.

Deputy State Auditor Milo Drake is of the opinion that the revenue to be derived will be close to \$450,000. Exemptions in March, the largest of the three months of the law had been in operation, as far as exemptions were concerned, amounted to \$2,910.50 and it is not believed the consumption of gas for other than motor vehicle purposes will be materially increased through the consumption of gasoline for driving cars will be much higher during the months of June, July, August, September and October than any of the months that so far are on record. Up to date over \$125,000 has been paid into the gasoline fund, not taking into consideration the amounts that have been returned in exemptions.

### Tornado Strikes Three Texas Towns

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 17.—Twenty persons were injured when a tornado and hail storm swept a path five miles wide and fifteen miles long through this country, striking the towns of Agua, Dulce and Bishop.

### Seizure of Liquor Upheld by Court

Washington, D. C., May 17.—The supreme court held in a decision handed down today that liquor while within the boundaries of the United States enroute from one foreign country to another can be seized under the national prohibition act.

## GRAND LODGE GROWS IN INTEREST

### YESTERDAY A GREAT DAY AT THE CHAUTAUQUA GROUNDS.

With only a slight change in the morning program prepared for the annual session of the Odd Fellows' grand lodge and the Rebekah assembly everything went true to form at Lake Madison with an estimated attendance of over one thousand delegates at the joint opening of the principal ceremonies occurring in the auditorium.

At 9 o'clock the normal glee club furnished a number preceding the invocation by Rev. Canfield, lodge member from Winfred.

In place of the selection to have been furnished by a male quartet of Odd Fellows, Prof. F. F. Eversman, of the state normal music department, rendered a well appreciated solo.

The real spirit of welcome was felt by all at the conclusion of an initial address by F. G. Ball, of Madison, who spoke in behalf of the Lake County I. O. O. F. association under whose auspices and generous impulses the fraternal gathering at the lake was made possible.

On behalf of the city of Madison and the chautauqua association, Attorney H. H. Holdridge, in his usual witty manner, accorded to all a sincere welcome with the hope that again in 1923 Madison might be privileged to entertain so august a body.

Miss June Emry spoke for the Rebekahs of Lake County and her words had the ring of genuineness when bespeaking for the visitors a pleasant visit and a successful series of sessions.

In the absence of A. J. Mossman, grand master, Past Grand Master Charles Barrett, of Watertown, responded well to the sentiments expressing fellowship and welcome. This speaker was followed by Etta Martin, president of the Rebekah assembly.

Last evening the honor event was the decoration of chivalry by the Madison canton upon a class of ten, Mrs. A. E. Fuller, of Madison, being one of the number.

The pavilion and grounds were literally packed last night for the grand ball and the department session.

Following the opening of grand lodge today there took place the joint memorial exercises after which the lodge and assembly resumed their work.

The auto ride about the lake has been postponed until 5 p. m. Thursday.

At 8 o'clock tonight the patriarchy militant degree work occurred at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Thursday's program follows: 9:00 a. m., grand lodge and Rebekah assembly.

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5:30 p. m., past presidents' banquet at I. O. O. F. hall.

8:00 p. m., Rebekah degree by Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 7, of Sioux Falls.

2:00 p. m., special ceremonial of Krenmlin Sodak I. O. O. F. at Huntmer Hall.

## ALFALFA SHOWS GREAT INCREASE

### WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT IN DE SMET DURING PAST TEN YEARS.

DeSmet, May 17.—That time works many changes is illustrated by the experience of the alfalfa growers of the DeSmet territory.

Ten years ago alfalfa raising was regarded as an experiment in this district. The farmers generally were accustomed to banter S. L. Root, the father of alfalfa culture in this territory, and some even nicknamed him "Alfalfa Root" because he advocated alfalfa raising for this section.

Notwithstanding the ridicule of his fellow farmers Root persisted in experimenting as to methods of sowing and cultivation. Today there is hardly a farm in the entire DeSmet district that has not at least a small patch of alfalfa, and many farms have large fields. Those who questioned the value of alfalfa now recognize it as one of the best forage plants that can be grown. B. A. Dyar and H. O. Fritzel have

each sold several hundred pounds of seed of their own raising to be planted in this locality, besides planting a large acreage on their own farms.

Another forage plant which is receiving a great deal of attention in this district is soybean. In due time it is expected soybean will become a permanent crop here, as was the case with alfalfa.

## SAYS HULA HULA GIRL MYTHICAL

### PUBLISHER DECLARES HAWAII A MUCH DIFFERENT PLACE THAN HE HAD PICTURED.

Chicago, May 17.—The Hawaiian hula hula girls' grass skirts are mostly made in Connecticut and the hula dance itself is put on mainly for the benefit of tourists, while the real Hawaii is a progressive business country, declared D. W. Stevick, newspaper publisher (News-Gazette) of Champaign, Ill., today before the Inland Press association.

"Ukeleles, hula hula girls and grass skirts are purely mythical," said Mr. Stevick, who has just returned from a trip around the world.

"The importance of Honolulu as a great American commercial center is little realized by the American public. The average American pictures Honolulu as a place of romance—a great tropical island with native Hawaiian girls gracefully doing the hula hula, grass huts, grass skirts and ukeleles."

"Many of these dreams are realized expressly for the profit of the tourists. The typical primitive dance of the Hawaiians is little like Belle Fatima's startling muscle dance. The grass huts? They don't exist, except in the museums. The modern cottages is much more sanitary.

"The grass skirts? They are made mostly in Connecticut and shipped to Hawaii for the benefit of the tourists. Waikiki beach is merely a nice dream place for the tired business man.

"Honolulu is really a great business city—a great seaport."

## Want Hospital for Disabled Soldiers

Pierre, May 17.—One of the features of the 10th district legion auxiliary, which held its meeting here, was a strong move to secure a government hospital for disabled soldiers.

They report a number of men suffering from shell shock in different hospitals and asylums, where it is not believed they are securing the treatment which they should receive for such injury, and want a hospital where they can be properly treated.

While the matter of location was not in any way mentioned, their efforts may help to secure the hospital location at Fort Meade, which is being urged as a government hospital for soldiers.

## Sheep Growers Will Hold Meet

Lemmon, May 17.—The sheepmen of the northwestern part of South Dakota will be well represented at the annual convention of the Interstate Sheep and Wool Growers association, which will be held in Lemmon on Saturday, May 27.

During the convention the wool situation will be fully discussed. Speakers from the big market points will be present to advise the growers on the latest market conditions and give them all possible assistance in determining what is to be done with the 1922 crop of wool.

The matter of shearers' prices and other questions of interest to wool producers will be discussed during the meeting.

## Dress of Pure Gold Given to Princess

Belgrade, May 17.—A dress of pure gold is one of the most conspicuous of the wedding gifts received by Princess Marie, of Rumania, who will be married here June 1 to King Alexander, of Yugoslavia. The dress was presented to her by the peasants of the country.

## PRICES AT THE HOTELS

### ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES ON CHARGES FOR HOTEL ROOMS.

Pierre, May 17.—Maximum and bona fide rates for a room in a hotel must be established and posted in that room, not maximum and minimum rates within the limits of which the proprietor may charge his guests, according to an opinion written by Attorney General Byron S. Payne. Neither must there be reserved the right to charge and higher rates on special occasions, Mr. Payne declares.

Attention of the attorney general was called recently to a schedule of rates, posted in a certain hotel in the state by Guy G. Frary, state food and drug commissioner and hotel inspector. This schedule declared the rent on a certain room to be \$2.50 per day for one person, \$4.50 for two and \$6.50 for three. A notice attached announced that during conventions or meetings the three-person rate might prevail.

The law enacted by the last session of the legislature provides that persons operating hotels, must furnish the inspector of hotels with a statement showing rates charged for rooms when occupied by one, two, three or more guests, which rates must be the bona fide price for the rooms. The rate per day for each room after being approved by the inspector must be posted in the room and the operator of the hotel may not change the rate until permission from the inspector is obtained after 60 days' notice to him.

"The statute plainly intends that there must be a rate established which shall remain fixed until changed in accordance with the law," Mr. Payne declares in his opinion. "The schedule in question permits the hotel manager to charge a higher rate on occasions when he construes conventions or meetings to be in operation. This is just what is forbidden by the statute."

## Giant of Seas Completes Trip

New York, May 17.—The Majestic world's largest ship, was rolling down from Nantucket to Sandy Hook today on the last lap of her maiden voyage across the Atlantic. Shortly after daybreak all arrangements had been made to give the empress of the seas a triumphal entry to the harbor.

The Majestic, which is of 36,000 tons, is not only the largest but probably the speediest passenger ship now afloat.

The Majestic, even as a German ship before the war, never made a passenger voyage. She was built in Germany as the Bismarck, laid up in Hamburg during the war and then sold to England by the reparations commission. She was then more luxurious and named the Majestic.

The liner can accommodate 4,100 passengers—more than the largest hotel in New York can put up comfortably over night.

## Daily Market Report

MADISON GRAIN MARKET.  
At 3 p. m. today, corn, 42; barley, 47; oats, 29c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

Minneapolis, May 17.—Corn—Demand good, market steady. No. 3 yellow 9 to 10c under Chicago July. No. 2 yellow closed at 57 to 57 1-4c. No. 2 mixed at 56 1-2 to 57c.

Oats—Firm to 1-4c better. No. 3 whites July price to 1c over; demand fair to good. No. 3 whites closed at 36 1-4 to 37 1-4c. No. 4 whites at 35 1-4 to 36 1-4c.

Rye—Steady to firm. No. 2 at 3 to 4c over May, fancy white 5c over; demand good. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.07 3-4 to \$1.08 3-4.

Barley—Demand fair to good; offerings small. Prices closed at 53 to 64c.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Sioux City, May 17.—The bulk of sales was quoted at \$10.10 to \$10.35. Heavy mixed loads, including some packers, sold under \$10.10 with the low sale at \$9.50. Sows sold at \$9.25 to \$9.50 and stags at \$7.50 to \$7.75. Native pigs sold mostly at \$10.75.

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