

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN MEETS WITH SUCCESS

Every Committeeman On the Job From the Jump and 433 Members Enrolled In Re-Organized Commercial Club In Less Than Two Hours—Results Very Gratifying and Refusals Rare—Manager Chase Compliments Workers

Four hundred and thirty-three members of the re-organized Salem Commercial club was the result of less than two hours' work of the committees of 100 on membership solicitation, as was announced by the chairman of the several committees at the citizens "get-together" luncheon at the Marion this afternoon.

The results were far in excess of the expectations of the most sanguine, and the leaders in the campaign are certain that the full number of members which had been fixed for a three days' campaign—about 800—will have been secured before tomorrow noon, and the campaign of solicitation will not end until every possible prospect or person eligible for membership has been enrolled in the work of the city's future rebuilding or given a chance to turn the committee down hard.

In making their reports of progress and results at today's luncheon the chairman of the working committees stated that they had, almost invariably, met with very gratifying success, and that in very few instances—exceptionally few, in fact—were they given positive refusals. They expressed great enthusiasm and encouragement, and every one of the members of the several committees signified their intention of being on hand promptly at 9:45 tomorrow morning to continue the work, and they are firmly resolved not to take "no" for an answer.

H. V. Chase, manager of the re-organization campaign, addressed the membership of the committee during the luncheon, and reports were in and out, and complimented each and every one very highly and flatteringly. He stated that he had never encountered such an enthusiastic and determined set of business men and citizens in all of his experience in organization work, and further, that they had far exceeded his fondest hopes and expectations, and in proportion to population, had realized even better results than Portland or anywhere else where he has conducted similar campaigns. He stated that 79 out of the 100 who had been appointed on committees had shown up promptly on the job, at 9:45 this morning, and in less than two minutes after they had received brief instructions, they were all out and "on the job" in earnest.

The committee headed by Max O. Boren secured the highest number of members, 58, of any of the committees, and that of which W. M. Hamilton, president of the Commercial club, was chairman, was second, with 52. Hal D. Patton's committee was third, with a total of 46; R. C. Bishop's and Paul B. Wallace's committees tied for fourth place, with a total of 39 members each, and Frank A. Deokabach's committee was fourth, with a total of 25.

The total results of this morning's canvass, by committees, designated by chairman, follows: R. C. Bishop, 30; M. O. Boren, 58; P. A. Weckbach, 25; D. W. Byrne, 3; Wm. Gahlsdorf, 17; Wm. Hamilton, 52; C. S. Hamilton, 17; Hal D. Patton, 46; George F. Rodgers, 21; Wm. McGilchrist, Jr., 14; F. E. Southwick, 20; W. I. Staley, 19; H. O. White, 15; Paul B. Wallace, 30; William Walton, 28; R. E. Lee Steiner, 7; J. R. Linn, 15; Elbert Thompson, 11. Total, 433.

Every member of a committee who was present at this noon's lunch pledged himself to be on hand at 9:45 o'clock sharp tomorrow morning to continue the work, and all are determined to carry off first honors in the membership contest.

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AUSTRIANS RETIRE BEFORE ADVANCE OF INVADING ITALIANS

Franz Josef's Men Fall Back to Intrenchments Previously Prepared

VON MACHENSEN WITHIN SIX MILES OF PRZEMYSL

Berlin Enthusiastically Predicts Fall of Fortress Within Few Days

Rome, May 26.—Italian troops are pressing their advance against the Austrians along a front of more than 100 miles of the 484-mile border.

At a score of points they have occupied passes and mountain peaks commanding a wide expanse of territory and seized villages four miles inside the Austrian frontier. These advances were reported officially today, and reinforcements are now being rushed forward to hold the positions which the invaders have so far taken.

All points the Austrians are declared to be retiring further inside their own frontier. Aerial scouts have reported that they are taking up positions in previously prepared entrenchments and other defenses. Except in the Val Inferno Pass where the Italians were forced to resort to the use of the bayonet to take their positions, the Austrians are declared to have resisted only by long range artillery fire.

The Italian campaign to date have been but one killed and several wounded, it was officially announced.

Both Austrian and Italian aviators have shown the greatest activity during the past 24 hours. Italian airmen dropped bombs upon Mauthausen and damaged the railway there, it was announced.

The Italian armies have occupied high defences on the Brenta river valley in the Austrian Tyrol, captured Vallferna Pass on the Carnian frontier, an official statement announced today. The Austrian positions were carried at the point of the bayonet.

"On the Friuli frontier our offensive continues. The enemy is everywhere retreating," the statement asserted.

Several additional Isonzo villages have been captured by the forces directing the offensive in the direction of Trieste, it was also announced today.

The army moving northward through Udine is meeting with no opposition. Montebelluna, a high peak between the Adige river and Lake Digarda, has been occupied. In addition Forcella, ponte Caffaro and Toulia Pass have been seized, together with Monte Corna, Monte Poppano, Monte Boffalano and other passes and defiles east of the Adige valley.

The taking of the Valferna Pass at the point of the bayonet is the first serious check to be reported in connection with the land operations since the beginning of the war. Alpine troops assailed the Austrian trenches in the most daring fashion, cutting their way through entanglements and storming positions, while machine guns raked the defenses with deadly fire. Though the forces engaged were not large, the Austrians were comparatively heavy. The Italian took a number of prisoners, several captured reported to the war office.

At several points along the border Austrian artillery shelled Italian outposts, but did not do great damage. The aerial flotillas of both the Austrian and Italian forces are engaged in extremely active warfare.

The Austrians in the region of Gorizia have withdrawn across Isonzo river. It is believed that the first battle of any great proportions may be delayed for a time and will be fought along the Isonzo river.

DOOMED TO DEATH PRISONERS COLLAPSE

Uncertainty of Fate Effects Their Nerves—Sixty Invitations to Hanging

Phoenix, Ariz., May 26.—Sixty invitations were issued today for the five hangings scheduled for the state prison at Florence on Friday.

The condemned men are almost in state of collapse due to the uncertainty of their fate, which depends entirely on the action taken by the state pardon board tomorrow. If the board grants a reprieve, there is still hope. If it refuses to act, the five must die.

Warden Sims of the penitentiary refused to say today if he would resign rather than perform the executions. In any event, he will not spring the trap.

Arrangements are being made to make the hangings as awesome as possible as the state administration, defied in its attempt to abolish capital punishment, wants to show the voters all the horrors of death on the scaffold in the hope of abolishing the gallows at the next election. Governor Hunt, who fought tirelessly to banish the extreme penalty from Arizona, said today that if the executions occur he never wants to see the state prison again.

A death watch instituted over the condemned men today, and a priest is constantly in attendance on them. Just a few feet from their cells the gallows was tested with a dummy. The dull jar as the dummy fell through the trap could distinctly be felt in the prison.

A separate noise has been made ready for each of the five. According to present arrangements the first man will go to his death at 10 o'clock in the morning, then at a time the men will be killed in leisurely fashion, so it is believed that the proceedings may last until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Warden Sims refused to reveal today which man will be the first to die. It was suggested at the prison that a ghastly game of chance would be played by the five—that they would draw lots to decide the order in which they would enter the death chamber. It was agreed that the man who won the right to hang first would be the most fortunate, as it is expected the strain of waiting in the murderers' row, hearing old companions being taken out, one by one, and feeling the jar as each one plunged through the trap will prove very hard on the prisoner who has to wait until the last for his turn to die.

Attorneys Stronaker and Jenkins said to be asking for Governor Hunt, late today was prepared to appeal to United States Judge Sawtelle for writ of habeas corpus for the five men so that they might be pronounced before the federal court. If they are so pronounced, the lawyers declare they can show legal cause why they should not be hanged. The injection of the United States courts into the case was considered a highly sensational development.

Judge Sawtelle was out of town and his attitude was unknown.

Governor Hunt was known to be desperately wanting every influence to postpone the hangings.

Every friendly organization is issuing calls for a series of meetings to give resolutions against the proceedings.

The attorney general, member of the pardon board, and thousands of petitioners pleading for mercy had been received. He said he thought the executions would take place as scheduled.

AMERICAN STEAMER IS TORPEDOED REPORTS BRITISH ADMIRALTY

Flying the American Flag and Carrying Crew of Americans Nebraskan Is Badly Crippled By Explosion and Is Limping Into Port at Queenstown—No Loss of Life Is Reported—Vessel Carried Ballast—May Have Struck Mine

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Washington, May 26.—With negotiations as a result of President Wilson's protest against the German submarine warfare still pending, the administration was distinctly shocked today by the report of the British admiralty that the American steamer Nebraskan had been torpedoed.

Not only does it suggest that Germany has not ceased her submarine activities pending formal reply to the American protest, but the report caused especial comment because of the fact that, in addition to flying the American flag, the Nebraskan was homeward bound, so there can be no suspicion of her carrying contraband.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan received the news with obvious concern. General Skinner called an official message of the report made by the admiralty, but said he had received no word direct from Eastnet, near the scene of the explosion which damaged the Nebraskan.

There was noticeable relief in official circles when word came that there were no casualties. Until complete reports are received no further representations will be made to Germany, but Ambassador Page and Consul General Skinner have been ordered to cable all information available. And the fact that there were orders to cable further reports instead of using the mails is taken to indicate that no time is to be lost in demanding a disavowal and reparation from Germany which the admiralty's information prove to be correct.

A dispatch regarding the Nebraskan was received at the state department this afternoon from Ambassador Page. Its contents was temporarily withheld, but it was understood the cable contained no additional information. All dispatches were so positive in their assertion that the Nebraskan was torpedoed, it was the general opinion that the theory of the vessel having struck a mine would not hold. There was no doubt in official circles that Germany would disavow the attack, but this, it was understood, will not satisfy the United States. Officials were keeping on the "safe" side as to the Nebraskan, but it was evident that the torpedoing of the American ship was regarded as a warlike attack. The ship's development promised to be a potent argument for further negotiations as the administration will now be able to cite a concrete case to show that submarine commanders are not in a position to exercise proper judgment in their attacks, and torpedoing of merchant men cannot, therefore, be conducted under conditions satisfactory to international law.

As a result of the attack upon the Nebraskan it is possible that Admiral Jellicoe will be asked to suggest

NEW FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HOLDS LONG SECRET CONFAB

Choose New Officers and Outline Policy of Enforcement of New Code

State Game Warden—A. H. Lee, of Portland; salary \$2400 per year.
State Biologist—William L. Finley, Portland; salary \$2400 per year.
Master Fish Warden—E. E. Clanton, Portland; salary \$2400 per year.
Deputy Game Warden, F. M. Brown, of Brownsville, (chief clerk); salary \$1800 per year.
George Palmer Putnam, was elected secretary without pay.

After being in executive session from 10 o'clock this morning until late this afternoon the new state fish and game commission, of which Governor Withycombe is chairman and ex-officio members announced the above appointments this afternoon which will hold good during the passage of the commission. The commission is composed of E. N. Floschauer and Frank Warren, of Portland; Martin Jack, of Pendleton, and C. F. Stone, of Clatskanie Falls.

At the time of going to press the commission was still in session outlining the duties of the several officials; appropriating funds for the support and maintenance of the several departments and adopting a general policy of procedure in the enforcement of the new game and fish propagation and protection code.

All the time during the secret sitting of the commission the several candidates for the two principal offices to be handed out—state game and master fish wardens—of which there were about a dozen for each berth, stood side by side in groups in the corridors of the capitol building and waited with bated breath for the slightest hint or morsel of news from within the sacred chamber. Occasionally Private Secretary Putnam, to Governor Withycombe, would put in an appearance and take one of the candidates off to one side and hold a confidential confidential conference and then disappear again, and such appearance was the signal for a general paw wow and renewed speculation.

It was generally believed, except here and there in the innermost recesses of the "chamber of hope" of each aspirant, that perhaps, that A. H. Lee, of Portland, would be the successful candidate for the state game warden plum, the selection and rivalry, but Ed Brown, of Brownsville, also came in for a good share of favorable speculation and was considered a very likely candidate. The others stood around with a look of blank expectancy portrayed upon their countenances, hoping against hope.

The only news of a settled character that was given out at noon was the announcement to the press that the commission had decided to elect former Game Warden William L. Finley, as state biologist, and at that time the commission was in conference with Mr. Finley to decide upon how much salary they would allow him and how much funds would be appropriated for the maintenance of his department. The new law gives the commission authority to appoint a state biologist but no provision is made for the salary or for the support of the office, except that the funds are to come out of the fish and game fund.

A rumor was in circulation that the commission was considering dividing up the duties of the master fish warden and make provision for a honorary assistant, but no confirmation could be secured for foundation for the rumor and, if it were to be done, it would simply reduce Fish Warden Clanton to a mere figurehead clothed with nothing but police powers and make room for another job. The election of Mr. Clanton as master fish warden, however, in view of his unimpeachable record in that office, seemed to be conceded by all but a few, and these few were candidates for the job themselves.

Bursell appeared in justice court this morning in charge of Sheriff Eash, but his attorneys asked that they be granted another day to arrange some minor details, and the preliminary hearing on the charge of murder will be heard tomorrow at 4 p. m.

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London, May 26.—Lord Kitchener retains the post of Secretary of War in the new coalition cabinet, which has received the approval of King George. The new First Lord of the Admiralty will be Arthur J. Balfour. Winston Spencer Churchill, ex-chairman of the Admiralty, takes the portfolio of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Berbert H. Asquith retains the Premiership and Sir Edward Grey the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the old cabinet, will be Minister of Munitions in the new one.

Full Cabinet Announced.

The constitution of the new Cabinet follows:

Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. Asquith.
Minister, with portfolio, Lord Lansdowne.
Lord High Chancellor, Sir Stanley O. Brouncker.
Lord President of the Council, Lord Curzon.
Lord Privy Seal, Lord Curzon or Kitchener.
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna.
Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Sir John A. Simon.
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey.
Secretary for the Colonies, Andrew Bonar Law.
Secretary for India, J. Austen Chamberlain.
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First Lord of the Admiralty, Arthur J. Balfour.
President of the Board of Trade, Walter Runciman.
President of the Local Government Board, Walter Home Popham.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Winston Spencer Churchill.
Chief Secretary for Ireland, Thomas McKinnon Wood.
President of the Board of Agriculture, Lord Selborne.
First Commissioner of Works, Lewis Harcourt.
President of the Board of duration, Arthur Henderson.
Attorney-General, Sir Edward Carson.

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