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WAR DEPARTMENT SHORT ON RIFLES

Investigators Find Five Million Dollars Were "Blown in" On Revolvers.

DENY RESPONSIBILITY

No One Accepts Blame for Misuse of Funds—Output of Rifles Drops Fifty Per Cent in a Few Months.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Further examination into the rifle and machine gun situation by the senate investigating committee today revealed some startling transactions, and there were heated exchanges of words between the chief witness, General Crozier, and the members of the committee. Some of the committee were inclined to blame General Crozier for the marked falling off in the production of rifles since the war began, it being shown that fifty per cent reduction in number of rifles manufactured had taken place in a few months. This was also alleged to be due to changing the type of rifles. Perhaps the most astonishing thing brought out today in connection with the investigation was the fact that the war department had failed to use appropriations for intended purposes. Five million dollars which congress appropriated for purchase of army rifles has been used for buying revolvers, and some of these small arms were shown to have been secured from private contractors at high royalties.

Investigate Navy.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A house sub-committee to investigate the navy department's management of the war was created today by the naval committee. Hearings will be commenced soon. Secretary Daniels and other bureau chiefs will be called before the committee to answer questions relative to the situation.

DR. W. T. FOSTER OF REED COLLEGE TO SPEAK

Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed College, will deliver addresses before the citizens of Roseburg on Sunday afternoon and evening at the Methodist church, the afternoon program starting promptly at three o'clock and the evening program at 7:30. The sole purpose of the meetings being to impress the people of Douglas county with the facts about the war and about the service of the Red Cross. Dr. Foster, by reason of actual contact with conditions on several of the fighting fronts, is equipped to present the truth and every good American should hear it.

HONOR GUARD MEETS.

The Girls National Honor Guard met last evening at the armory and several important business matters were transacted. Classes in first aid and military drill occupied a goodly portion of the evening and from ev-

ery indication the girls are accomplishing a great deal with this splendid work. Burt of the Red Cross Society, attended the meeting and requested a committee of Honor Guard girls to assist in the big drive next week. A number of girls were selected to assist and will have hourly shifts in the various booths. Plans for the New Year's ball were discussed and further preparations for this delightful event will be made next Tuesday when the Honor Guard will meet again.

LAND OFFICE FURNITURE SOLD.

The auction of the furniture at the land office was held as advertised this morning and a large gathering was present to bid on the various articles. W. H. Canon, register of the land office, acted as auctioneer and the sale was a success in every way, everything being taken but the safe, which will be stored for further use. Because of the delay in getting the furnishings for the federal building, the land office will not be moved until the first of January.

BUSINESS SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS

Portland Chosen as the Next Meeting Place by a Unanimous Vote.

HOLD BANQUET TONIGHT

Important Resolutions Recommended—Officers Elected for Ensuing Year—R. C. Holman, of Multnomah is President.

By unanimous choice Portland will be the next meeting place of the Oregon association of County Judges and County Commissioners. Action to this effect came yesterday afternoon in the concluding business of the convention, assembled at the court house, in Portland.

Various resolutions were adopted as embodying the suggestions of the county officials for legislative action. One provides for the appointment of women officers in juvenile court work to have custody of women and girls. Another recommends the discontinuance of all road work, save such as is imperative, until after the war.

Although the latter resolution was preceded by much discussion of the road problem, no opposition developed and it was passed by unanimous vote. It is not the sense of the recommendation that proper road work be discontinued, but that all work not essentially urgent be delayed until peace shall have been declared.

Advocates of the resolution pointed out that the scarcity of labor and the need for men in military service and other activities necessary to the successful prosecution of the war were strong arguments for the adoption of the resolution. It was also argued that the cost of materials for road construction is now excessive, and that economy would dictate a curtailment of prospective construction.

The resolution declared for the postponement of construction of expensive highways and bridges, until normal conditions return; and recommended that scenic highways and pleasure drives should wait improvement until the end of the war. It advised that funds should be expended only for the betterment of traffic conditions and upon contracts already awarded and that effort should be concentrated upon the improvement of grades and of macadam and gravel roads.

Another resolution unanimously adopted was relative to the juvenile courts, recommending that in all cases of transportation of women and girls to Oregon institutions that women officers shall be designated to accompany them.

Resolutions of endorsement of the work of county agricultural agents won by a narrow margin, the vote being 18 to 16. The resolutions set forth as excellent the work of the agricultural agents, particularly with regard to their services in promoting food production at this time. Objection to the measure appeared to come from the belief of various county judges that the agents were vested with too much authority and were not actually essential to the needs of local production.

"Road Building Under War Time Conditions" was the theme of an excellent address delivered by John T. Dougan.

By unanimous vote the present officers of the association were returned for the ensuing term, as follows: Rufus C. Holman, Multnomah county commissioner, president; F. S. Gunning, county judge of Wasco county, vice-president; Philo Holbrook, Multnomah county commissioner, secretary-treasurer.

TELLS WHY SUGAR SCARCE NEW YORK

Trust Magnate Informs the Administration Better Price Paid by Canada.

BLAMES FOOD BUREAU

Attempt of Federal Officials to Prevent Inflated Prices Balked By Trust—No Patriotism In Sugar Combine.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Alleging that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States markets, excepting a few localities along the Atlantic seaboard, and openly declaring that the product is going to foreign markets because the price offered there is higher, President Speckles, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, testifying before the senate committee investigation, today coolly placed the responsibility of any shortage on the food administration. Speckles declared that the sugar famine in New York was due to the product being shipped to Canadian ports, because the price there was higher. In this way the federal food administration is responsible for the shortage. The food administration, by placing a maximum price that sugar might be sold for, hoped to curb the grafting tendencies of the sugar trust. The trust, not being filled with an over-abundance of patriotism, caring nothing about the necessities of the American people, immediately evades the whole issue by shipping the sugar crop to foreign ports, and then coolly admits the fact before the senate committee.

Pneumonia Claims Soldiers.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The weekly report of the surgeon general shows that there were 190 deaths in the national guard during the past week, of which 170 were from pneumonia. There were 74 deaths in the national army, 47 being from pneumonia. The epidemic of measles that afflicted the soldiers for several weeks, is said to no longer menace the troops.

Teachers Club Will Hold Meeting Here
The Progressive Teachers club will hold their first regular meeting tomorrow in the Roseburg high school. A delightful program has been prepared by the committee and teachers from all over Douglas county will be present at the meeting.

TEACHERS CLUB WILL HOLD MEETING HERE

The program for the day is as follows:
Music by Miss Bernice Kinser, who will render two selections. Miss Ruth Corbett will give an address tomorrow morning on the food conservation question and during the afternoon hour Prof. Allen, of O. A. C., will give an interesting address on the extension work of the O. A. C. The program for the next meeting will be given out at a later date by Miss Maybell Wilson, secretary and treasurer of the club.

MOVING PICTURES SHOWN HARVEY WELLS

Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, spent the day in this city. Mr. Wells lectured this afternoon at the Anclers theatre on fire prevention, with moving pictures to accompany the lecture. The pictures were shown to the students of the local schools, two shows being given during the afternoon. The first four grades of school were dismissed for the first show and the upper grades and high school for the 3:30 show. Mr. Wells will leave this evening for Salem.

ELK CREEK RESIDENTS FILE SUIT TO ANNUL

Lewis Thomason, R. W. Thomason, W. P. Thomason and Mary Furlong, Elk creek residents, have filed suit in the circuit court, through their attorney, B. L. Eddy, against the county of Douglas. R. W. Marsters, county judge, and B. F. Nichols and W. E. St. John, commissioners.

The plaintiffs allege that the county court erred in proceedings wherein by a county highway had been de-

HAVE THREE BLANKETS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Quartermaster General Sharpe has advised Secretary of War Baker that there is no foundation for the report alleging that Oregon troops were sent to Camp Mills without any blankets, and that all of the men had three blankets apiece, with the exception of a few soldiers who sold one of their blankets, keeping only two for their own use.

clared and ordered open from the Drew postoffice to a point up Elk creek and the petitioners have therefore filed a writ of review and further seek to annul all proceedings wherein the road in question is to become a reality.

The plaintiffs set forth in their complaint that the county court erred a number of times in this road matter which they show in the petition filed. They further ask that all proceedings pertaining to this road be set aside, annulled and all together held to naught.

WATER POWER IMPROVEMENT.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Shields bill, providing for development of water power projects on navigable streams, passed the senate today.

B. L. EDDY ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Attorney B. L. Eddy this morning gave a most instructive as well as interesting address to the pupils of the Roseburg high school. Mr. Eddy spoke of the Red Cross drive for which preparations are now being made. He asked that the students take a more active interest in the Red Cross and appealed to their patriotic spirits. "More enthusiasm and more interest should be manifested," said Mr. Eddy. "Awake to the situation which now confronts the American people and do your bit." At the conclusion of his address Mr. Eddy asked that all pupils join the Red Cross if they have not already done so and in all ways assist with the Red Cross drive which begins December 17, and continues throughout the week. At the close of the address Miss Anabel Denn gave two delightful selections on the piano.

HINDU WITNESS SAYS GERMANS BUY SLAVES

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A Hindu servant testified here today that Ram Chandra, the Hindu editor now on trial in the federal court in this city, charged with fomenting revolution among his people in British India, sold five Hindu servants to the German government for \$10,000. These servants were forced to work for two dollars a month.

QUESTIONNAIRES READY 82 MAILED TOMORROW

According to Deputy Sheriff Rafferty, who has been assisting in the preparatory work of sending out the questionnaires all is now in readiness for 10 days' mailing and the first consignment of 82 will be placed in the postoffice early tomorrow morning.

The registrant will be allowed seven days to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the draft headquarters. The legal advisory board will be found in rooms 211 and 212 at the Perkins building and all questionnaires should be submitted before that body to insure correctness.

LOCAL BANK WILL BACK PIG RAISING

Sufficient Funds Will be Advanced Applicants to Carry On Club Project.

UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIP

Organization Will Be Known As the Umpqua Valley Bank Pig Club—Hurd and Brown Will Cooperate.

The Umpqua Valley Bank is to father the pig raising club work in this community, so it was announced today by L. J. Allen, of the Oregon Agricultural College, who has been in this city for the past few days in the interest of this movement, by furnishing funds at six per cent interest to the boys and girls which will enable them to purchase the porkers for the initial start in the hog raising industry. Any Douglas county boy or girl, from 9 to 18 years of age will be accepted as members in this organization.

First, those who contemplate enlisting in the club work should procure an enrollment card. These can be secured at the office of the county school superintendent or through the schools. Fill the card out completely and mail it to the Oregon Agricultural College. Your name will then be placed on the mailing list and in due time bulletins, circulars and other reading matter tending to enlighten the applicant in the care of pigs will be sent out at different intervals. A record booklet will also be forwarded wherein entries are to be made, step by step as the hog matures. As soon as the applicant has been placed on the roll and presents due application to the bank with the proper approvals he or she, as the case may be, will then be asked to sign a promissory note. This completed, the cash is ready for the pig raiser.

Loans will be extended only for the purchase of pure bred pigs and sows and for the growing of breeding animals.

County Agriculturalist C. J. Hurd and County School Superintendent O. C. Brown will in a short time visit the different breeders of hogs throughout the county and will attempt to establish a uniform price among the breeders for pure bred animals only.

Mr. Allen recommends that the club purchase no pigs until shortly before spring as it is quite difficult to care for them in the winter months. Proper quarters are hard to arrange for and feed is scarce, therefore no pigs ought to be bought before early spring.

A few of the club members may decide to purchase brood sows and brood gets and if so the bank will loan sufficient funds to carry on this work.

The club will be known as The Umpqua Valley Bank Pig Club and there is no limit to membership of this organization. The bank is prepared to furnish unlimited amount of money to insure the success of the project.

The growing of corn, a kindred industry to the raising of pigs, will be pushed and all club members will be requested to raise all corn fed to their pigs. Field peas is another good commodity for the porker and ought to be planted, as the present prices of pig feed are almost prohibitive.

Mr. Allen will remain in this city until Saturday, at which time he will go to Wilbur to address a meeting at that place. He will then return to O. A. C.

Mr. Hurd and Mr. Brown will visit the rural schools throughout the county in the near future and the club work will be thoroughly explained in the institutions, and members will be recruited.

COUNTY POOR FARM GETS THE "EVIDENCE"

Constable Howard Church and Game Warden Orrin Thompson today delivered to the county poor farm the carcasses of the deer that were brought to this city as evidence against "Buck" Johnson and Harold Hampton, the two Yoncalla boys who are to appear Monday to answer a charge of having deer meat in their possession unlawfully.

lad, who is 20, must answer in the justice court.

Just what disposition will be made of the case is not known, but it is highly probable that the boys will be given another chance, providing they promise to remain out of the woods in the vicinity of Yoncalla.

SEPARATE DUTY FOR MEN OF GERMAN BIRTH

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The first step to place soldiers of German and Austrian birth at duty apart from the actual fighting forces, appear in the army orders today. These orders show the transfer of nearly one hundred of the regulars or national army men to duty with the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth.

Three soldiers under this order come from the expeditionary forces in France, and the others were taken from recruits about to sail to join Pershing.

STRUGGLE GROWING MORE BITTER DAILY

Fighting For Control of Government in Russia Increasing in Violence.

U. S. ENGINEERS KILLED

Brief Report of Casualties Reach America—General War Situation in Europe Unchanged Today.—Exchange Prisoners.

(By Associated Press.)
ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD, Dec. 14.—The struggle for power in Russian interior is growing in violence and bitterness daily. Both sides to the civil war in progress claim advantage.

U. S. Engineers Killed.
German bombs are said to have killed a number of United States railway engineers in a town behind the British front. Through effective bomb fighting the British before Bulcourt have slightly improved their positions.

Conflicting Claims.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—A Bolshevik staff report alleges that Gen. Korniloff's cossacks were defeated near Bielgorod Wednesday, and retreated to Vasil Ika. Evening papers gave reports of cossack victories in the battle at Rostov, and state that the Bolsheviks retreated across the river Don.

Other Reports.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—According to Reuter news dispatches Bolshevik troops have occupied Tamanovik and Kaluga. Leon Trotsky says that if the armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk, Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

Italians Hold Line.
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 14.—After three days fighting the Italian lines are intact.

Exchange Prisoners.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Russian Bolshevik authorities have ordered the release of all civil prisoners in exchange for four thousand Russian officers in German prison camps.

Claim Trenches Gained.
BERLIN, Dec. 14.—British troops are endeavoring to recapture the trenches lost at the Cambrai front. All attacks were beaten back.

COUNTY ROAD VIEWERS RETURN FROM OAKLAND

County Engineer Germond and Road Viewers J. I. Chapman, of Wilbur, and Joe Large, of Sutherlin, who have been in the vicinity of Oakland for the past few days viewing out a strip of road eight miles in length from a point six miles east of Oakland through Driver valley, have completed the work and will submit their findings before the county court before the first of the year. Should the county officials approve of the report of the viewers actual construction will commence on the contemplated improvements within the next few months.

The Royal Club Cafe fed fifty recruits this morning, who passed through the city. No information had been given out in regard to their arrival and while it was a surprise to the restaurant manager, arrangements were quickly perfected to give the boys a wholesome breakfast.

THRIFT CAMPAIGN NEXT WAR MEASURE

Everyone Urged to Invest a Small Amount in War Saving Certificates.

TO WIN WE MUST SAVE

O. C. Brown Named as Committeeman to Launch Thrift Movement County Schools—Chairman Soon to Be Appointed.

County School Superintendent O. C. Brown today received a letter from C. A. Woonacott, assistant state director of the United States war savings committee, to the effect that he had been appointed a member of the county committee to launch a saving campaign in the schools of Douglas county, and Mr. Brown, in compliance with the provision set forth in circulars and pamphlets forwarded to his office will immediately formulate plans for carrying out the wishes of the government, and all principals, teachers and assistant superintendents, under his supervision will in due time receive information as to the part they are to play, together with instructions to lend every possible assistance in introducing the thrift campaign in the schools.

Mr. Brown, who is to represent the activities of the state war savings committee through the schools will co-operate with a county chairman, soon to be appointed. Other sub-committeemen will be named and general thrift campaign will be waged in all parts of the county. Brown ups will be solicited to curb the waste as well as the children by investing small amounts in war savings stamps, which will be found on sale at all drug stores, banks and postoffices.

A thrift stamp is a stamp costing 25 cents, to be applied in payment for a war savings stamp. It does not earn interest. The purpose of its issue is to enable people to accumulate in small sums the amount necessary to pay for a war savings stamp. It is a plan by which you can lend small savings to your government at 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly. For instance, should one purchase a war savings stamp in January, 1918, paying therefor \$4.12, January 1, 1923, the government will pay you \$5.00 for it, and bear in mind, every dollar loaned the government helps to save the lives of our men at the front and to win the war.

Thrift cards can be obtained at any authorized agency, a pocket size folder containing 20 spaces on which to affix war savings stamps is furnished. It becomes an obligation as soon as one or more of the stamps are affixed to it and the agent from whom you make your purchase will write your name and address on the certificate and will furnish you an envelope in which to keep it. You now become a war saver. Continue to buy war savings stamps every week or month and place them on your certificate until you have filled all the 20 spaces. When this is completed you can purchase another war saving stamp and you will receive free of cost another certificate to which you can attach new stamps as you buy them.

Ten certificates is all that will be sold to one individual. The law permits each person to own \$1,000.00 worth of war saving stamps and no more.

The price of the stamps does not always remain the same. However, the price appears on the face of each stamp. Never pay either more or less than the amount shown for the month in which you make your purchase. The price is \$4.12 in December, 1917, and in January, 1918, and increases one cent each month after January, 1918, until December, 1918, when the price is \$4.23. The stamps are higher each month, because they are earning interest.

The money derived in this manner is to help materially in paying the expense of the war. The government promises to pay you \$5 for each stamp January 1, 1923. This promise is backed by the faith and honor of the United States and by the taxing power of this country—the richest nation in the world.

Superintendent O. C. Brown, with the aid of his subsidiaries, will carry the thrift plans into execution in the schools at once. Posters will be displayed conspicuously in all study rooms and the spirit of '76 will be instilled into the war savings campaign. "The county chairman soon to be appointed," said Mr. Brown, "can look to hearty co-operation from the Douglas county school heads, and everything possible will be done to encourage the pupils in the habits of thrift and saving. The success of this campaign is of inestimable value to the county, the state and the nation and will receive our prompt attention."