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CONGRESS WILL BE CONVENED ON APRIL 2

PRESIDENT CALLS SPECIAL SESSION AT EARLY DATE

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS DECIDED TO MEET GERMAN AFFRONT ON THE HIGH SEAS WITH SWEEPING ACTION—AGGRESSIVE STEPS EXPECTED.

CONGRESS MAY DECLARE WAR

The President Will Appeal to Congress to Protect the Rights of Americans—Preparations Being Rushed.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The President has called an extra session of Congress for April 2, and has decided to meet Germany's affront on the high seas with sweeping action. War seems just ahead, and Congress will be asked to consider aggressive steps toward Germany. With a state of war admittedly existing as a result of the submarine attacks on American merchantmen, a declaration of war may be the first action of Congress. The possibility of averting hostilities has apparently been killed. The President's decision is said to be based on the tremendous appeal from the country for revenge for Germany's killing of American citizens and the destruction of American property. It is recalled that a year ago the President told his advisors that he believed that if America entered the war actively that the struggle would end in a few months.

Five Persons Dead.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Five Americans have died as a result of the sinking of the Vigilance, so the consul at Plymouth reported.

Report Was Unfounded.
AMSTERDAM, March 21.—The rumor of a German revolution, circulated on the stock exchange today, aroused intense excitement. The uninterrupted communication by railway and wires and the regular arrival of German papers indicated that the report was unfounded.

New Treaty Considered.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—America will undertake negotiation of a new commercial treaty with Russia after recognizing the government. Ambassador Kakulstov formally notified the State Department today that the new regime has been erected.

Retains From Europe.
PARIS, March 21.—Dennis Cochran, minister of the blockade, today told the United Press that the allies have agreed to continue reviewing Switzerland. Mr. Cochran announced this as evidence of the ineffectiveness of the submarine operations. He just returned from studying the Swiss situation.

Offered Big Salary.
NEW YORK, March 21.—Louis Selznick, movie writer and millionaire, formerly a penniless Russian exile, today cabled to Nicholas Romanoff, former czar, offering him \$5000 weekly to come to America and appear in a film entitled "Behind the Throne."

Confer With President.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Senator Chamberlain declared he will confer with the President soon in regard to universal military training and other preparedness measures.

SEVEN PERSONS KILLED.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 21.—Seven persons were killed and eight others were injured in a tornado near Denmark this morning. Practically every building in Denmark was wrecked.

THREATS ARE RELATED.
SEATTLE, March 21.—Numerous Everett policemen testified today that the I. W. W. speakers made violent threats at street meetings before attempting the invasion of Everett, when Jefferson Heard, deputy sheriff, was killed.

CO-OPERATION PLANNED.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—The munitions standardization committee of the National Defense Council met with Secretary of War Baker behind closed doors this afternoon. They plan immediate co-operation of private munitions concerns.

NORWEGIAN BOAT SUNK.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Norwegian freight steamer Davenger, enroute to Rotterdam, was torpedoed on March 14. The crew was saved. One American was on board, Robert Leroy Bragg, of California.

RUSSIAN CLERGY HAS RECOGNIZED THE NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

LONDON, March 21.—A special dispatch from Petrograd declared the provisional government has ordered the czar and his family to leave the country. The czar and his family were taken to Tsarskoe-Selo. Other dispatches said the czar "would soon rejoin his family at Tsarskoe-Selo."

Apparently the new Russian government began wholesale arrests of royalty immediately after announcing the political amnesty. Several high dignitaries in the Russian churches were reported arrested. They were probably those who refused to renounce allegiance to the royalist regime. Kieff advices stated that the clergy there had formally recognized the government.

German Retreat Halts.
LONDON, March 21.—The German retreat has apparently not reached the "Hindenburg line" today. Nevertheless stiffer fighting indicated that the Germans are preparing to make a stand.

NEARLY LOST LIFE IN BIG EXPLOSION

HENRY BURKE, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, WAS TESTING FUSE ON MINING CLAIM IN ALASKA WHEN SPARK EXPLODED A BOX OF CAPS.

IS NOW IN SEATTLE HOSPITAL

Mother and Other Relatives Here Received Word This Morning That One Eye May Be Saved—Injuries Severe.

Henry Burke, for the past twenty years a miner in Alaska, and at the time of the gold rush a partner of former County Assessor F. L. Callahan, of Edenbower, was reported today as being assured the use of one eye and probably of both ears, although the explosion, suffered in Alaska a few weeks ago, was at first thought to have deprived him of nearly all his faculties.

Mr. Burke is now in a Seattle hospital, where he underwent the operation yesterday. Several of the best specialists in that city were in attendance and reports reaching here this morning were to the effect that the condition of the injured man is daily becoming more encouraging. He is also attended by his brother, Frank Burke, who left here only last year. His mother, Mrs. Henry Burke, has been a resident for many years of Edenbower, where the family is quite well known.

The first report of the tragedy reached here a few days ago. The two brothers had come by trail to the coast and had just arrived in Seattle after a trip by boat. The accident happened on the elder brother's claim near Anchorage, according to the account, while the elder Burke was testing some fuse, which he wished to use in some blasting. Mr. Burke set off a short piece of the fuse and it is believed a spark ignited a box of fulminating caps which was stationed nearby. A terrific explosion occurred, and Mr. Burke was nearly killed. It was necessary to remove one eye, and until the operation had been performed it was thought he would lose the use of both ears. His head was only a few feet from the exploding caps.

After the accident he was taken over the trail by dog team and brought to Seward, a most arduous journey. He reached Seattle scarcely in time, but it is now believed he will recover and be able to return to his work after several months spent in the hospital. Mr. Burke was one of the many local men who left here about 20 years ago on the crest of the rush to the new gold fields and has remained in that territory ever since. He is about 45 years of age, unmarried, and is considered a man of much energy and endurance.

WORK IS PROGRESSING.
Painters, plasterers and other workmen were busy today improving the interior appearance of the courthouse. Upon completion of the work the structure will present a much more attractive appearance than heretofore. This work has been contemplated by the court since some time past, but it was not until the last term of the body that the judge was authorized to proceed with the work.

HOWARD EVERETT IS VISITOR HERE

PRESIDENT OF THE J. F. LUSE LAND & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PASSED LAST NIGHT IN ROSEBURG—PROSPEROUS TIMES PREDICTED.

LUMBER IS ALREADY MOVING

Mr. Everett Says Eastern Capitalists Will Soon Be Looking Westward for Investments—Canadian Mills Are Busy.

That the Pacific Coast is soon to enjoy an era of prosperity unprecedented in its history, was the statement of Howard Everett, president of the Luse Land & Development Company, of St. Paul, Minn., who arrived in Roseburg Tuesday evening. Mr. Everett was accompanied here by W. E. St. John, of Sutherlin, and the two men passed the night at the Danquha Hotel. They returned to Sutherlin this morning, where they will hold a series of conferences prior to Mr. Everett's departure for the East tomorrow night.

"On my way west from St. Paul I spent a few days at Victoria, B. C., Seattle, Portland and a number of other important commercial centers," said Mr. Everett Tuesday night, "and at each city visited I found business conditions much better than at the time of my last trip to the Pacific Coast two years ago. The big sawmills in Canada are operating at full time and the railroads are hardly able to meet the demands of the people of the country. While at Victoria I had the pleasure of talking with W. H. Scott, manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and he assured me that the lines under his management were in the most prosperous condition for many years. The same sentiment was voiced by the owners of the big steamship lines with whom I talked at Seattle and other northern ports."

Lumber is already beginning to move and at the conclusion of the European war I predict that the dealers on the Pacific Coast will be unable to handle the many orders that will be received for this product from abroad. It is admitted in the great financial centers of the United States that the reconstruction period in Europe will have the effect of making things better in the United States than ever before. Practically the only factories that will be crippled at the close of the war will be those which are manufacturing munitions. These factories are few when compared with the more legitimate industries and will be quickly replaced by other enterprises.

"Times have been unusually good in the East for the past three years and money is more plentiful there now than ever before. As a result"

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FLAG RAISING IS POSTPONED TO COMBINE CERE-MONY WITH ANNIVERSARY

On account of the uncertainty of the weather, local persons in charge of the flag-raising which was to have taken place at the Riverside school next Sunday, decided today to postpone the event and will make the affair a more general celebration on April 4, when the session will also celebrate the American flag's anniversary.

The program previously arranged for next Sunday included the presentation of an address, given to fill the place of that recently presented and destroyed presumably by the act of small boys. The program will be enlarged, however, upon the occasion of the anniversary celebration and will then include speeches by Hon. J. C. Fullerton, Rev. W. H. Eaton, Rev. E. E. Joyce and several others. A band will furnish music and a large chorus will sing the National anthem. The local auxiliary company will also march to the grounds, where they will take part in the ceremonies, which a conspicuous part will be taken by the local flag society. An additional restriction on the flag will be provided by Col. E. W. Page.

On the new date it is hoped more satisfactory weather will be enjoyed and with more favorable conditions, every effort will be made to make the occasion as memorable as possible.

EASTERN OREGON MAN CANNOT ATTEND THE LOCAL ROADS RALLY

County Judge R. W. Marsters this morning received a letter from W. L. Thompson, a member of the State Highway Commission, to the effect that he will be unable to come to Roseburg to attend the Good Roads meeting to be held here on March 25. Mr. Thompson resides at Pendleton, where he is president of one of the leading banks of that city. The other two commissioners will be present at the meeting, as will a number of the state officials. Letters received by Judge Marsters from various sections of the city indicate that the meeting will be attended by hundreds of good roads boosters and will be one of the most interesting events of its kind held in Oregon since the Legislature passed the road bonding bill.

FORMER ROSEBURG MAN PASSED AWAY

G. A. SIGNALNESS, TIMBER OWNER, DIED VERY SUDDENLY AT NORTH BEND MONDAY FOLLOWING SUDDEN STROKE OF APOPLEXY.

LEFT HERE SEVEN YEARS AGO

During His Residence Here Mr. Signalness Occupied a Residence in North Roseburg—Was Reputed Wealthy.

A telegram was received in Roseburg this morning from North Bend, Coos County, to the effect that G. A. Signalness, a former resident of this city, died at a hotel there late yesterday afternoon, following a stroke of apoplexy. The body will be taken to Portland, where the funeral will be held later in the week.

According to the telegram received in Roseburg, Mr. Signalness had been located in Coos County for several months, where he was employed at a logging camp on Davis Slough. When he arose yesterday morning he complained of being ill and was later taken to North Bend for medical treatment. Although everything possible was done to relieve his condition, he grew gradually worse until late in the afternoon when he succumbed.

Mr. Signalness lived in Roseburg for a number of years prior to about seven years ago, when he and his wife moved to Portland. He owned extensive timber and coal lands in Southern Oregon and was reputed to be quite wealthy. His home was located at 405 Rose street, Portland. Mr. Signalness was 62 years of age and is survived by his wife, who left Portland for North Bend last night. During the past two years he had spent much time developing a coal mine in Coos County as well as being employed in sinking piling for the Southern Pacific Company.

During his residence in Roseburg Mr. Signalness won many friends, who were much surprised to learn of his sudden and unexpected death. He spent a few days here last summer, and at that time was enjoying the best of health.

ALIGNMENT WITH ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—A member of the cabinet outlined the probable course of action of the United States in case of war with Germany. "Alignment with the allies," he said, "is the only policy that will win the support of the American people. The United States must stand with the allies, and we must not be misled by the promises of the German government."

RIOTING IS REPORTED.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.—Rumors of serious rioting in Berlin, requiring the presence of troops, were circulated here this afternoon. It is reported that many detachments were called from the eastern front to stop the rioting.

MISSING MAN IS STILL SOUGHT

OFFICERS CONTINUE TO SEARCH BUT FIND NO TRACE OF ROBERT N. BURNS, WHO DISAPPEARED HERE ON TUESDAY—WIFE IS HEART-BROKEN.

MORTGAGE MAY HAVE WORRIED

Investigation Today Showed That Burns Had Mortgage Due Which May Have Induced Him to Leave Here.

Acting upon the pleas of Mrs. Robert N. Burns, who is nearly heart-broken because of the mysterious disappearance of her husband, who suddenly dropped out of sight in this city about noon last Monday, Mayor Rice this morning authorized that every effort be made in the attempt to locate the missing man.

Marshal Williams accordingly traced out every clue known to the officers and late this afternoon it was thought a searching party might be organized to make a more careful investigation along the banks of the river. People having burns close to the city limits are asked to examine the buildings, with a view of ascertaining if the man has not wandered there while suffering from a mental disorder and later found himself unable to get out. It seemed to be the opinion of most of those interested in the case that the man had lost his mind. Some believe he became worried over a financial matter and ended his life.

At the sheriff's office it was learned this morning that Contractor F. W. Martin, who was working on a dwelling near the railroad tracks at the north end of Pine street, had recognized Burns as he was proceeding along the tracks there about Monday noon. This is the last trace of the man found in this city and the officers promptly went to the scene and followed the tracks for some distance. Between the mouth of Deer Creek and the rock cut north of the city the banks of the river were noted in detail, but not a single clue revealed that the man had passed. Word later came from Willmar that J. C. Knapp had seen a man passing there who answered Burns' description. This man was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and is believed sufficient for Burns to have reached there had he continued in a northerly direction from this city, but it is not definitely known that the man was Burns.

A new clue which may support the contention of suicide or deliberate murder was discovered today when it was learned that Burns was worried concerning a mortgage held against his place because he had been threatened with a lawsuit only a few days ago. The mortgage in the sum of several hundred dollars for improvements to his place, had been due for several days.

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SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE REWARDED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT

County School Superintendent O. C. Brown this morning received a letter from Salem to the effect that J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, was preparing a certificate of reward to be presented to all pupils who are not absent any days during the school year. The certificate will be signed by the state superintendent, county superintendent and the teacher in charge of the school, and will be presented to the pupils at the end of the year.

DIED AT PORTLAND.

Word was received here today from Portland telling of the death of Mrs. H. B. Miller. Mrs. Miller is thought to have been a former resident of Douglas County, although no one could be found today who was acquainted with her at the time of her residence in this vicinity.

R. A. Berber was in from Billard this afternoon.

Henry B. Adams, of Portland, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pratt, of Portland, arrived here last evening to spend a few days.

REHEARING IS DENIED BY SUPREME COURT IN CARO-WOLLENBERG CASE

Word was received from Salem this morning to the effect that the Oregon Supreme Court had denied a rehearing of the case of Simon Caro vs. Hyman Wollenberg. The action was originally brought by Mr. Caro to enforce an accounting of rents and other incomes from property which was recently placed in control of the plaintiff. At the time the case was tried in the Circuit Court a few months ago it was found that Mr. Caro was indebted to Mr. Wollenberg in the sum of approximately \$25,000. The action was then appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court by Mr. Caro, with the result that certain items contained in the original indebtedness were omitted and the obligation was reduced to about \$7,500. Following the latter decision Mr. Wollenberg asked for a rehearing of the case by the Supreme Court. This was denied in a decision handed down Tuesday.

CALIFORNIA MAN TO HANDLE CROP

F. S. ECKLES, REPRESENTATIVE OF JOHN NIX & COMPANY, ARRIVED HERE TODAY TO RECEIVE THE BROCCOLI TO BE SHIPPED TO HIS COMPANY.

EXPRESS REPRESENTATIVE HERE

The First Carload of Broccoli Will Probably Leave Roseburg Next Tuesday—Eleven Crates Shipped Monday.

F. S. Eckles, western representative of John Nix & Company, commission merchants of Chicago, arrived here late Tuesday night from Sacramento, to receive and arrange for the shipment of the Douglas County broccoli to the Eastern markets. Mr. Eckles spent most of today conferring with A. L. Kitchin, manager of the local fruit union, and arranging other details of his work.

Mr. Harvey, Portland representative of the Pacific Fruit Express Company, also reached Roseburg Tuesday night preparatory to providing cars for the shipment of the season's yield of broccoli to Chicago and other commercial centers of the East. Although the car shortage has been very noticeable here during the past six months, Mr. Harvey stated today that he expected to have plenty of cars available to handle the broccoli as fast as it reached Roseburg and was accepted by Mr. Eckles. The loading of the cars in which the broccoli will be sent East has been awarded to the Douglas Ice & Storage Company, and they already have more than 100 tons of the cooling product available.

Although 11 crates of broccoli were shipped from Roseburg Tuesday night, Mr. Eckles and Mr. Kitchin agreed today that it would probably be next Tuesday before the first carload of the product is in readiness to leave for the Chicago markets. Other consignments will follow as soon as the broccoli can be harvested and loaded onto the cars. While there is considerable difference of opinion as to how many cars of broccoli will be shipped from Douglas County this season, the more conservative growers estimate that they will not exceed 20. Others say 25 to 100 cars will be necessary to properly handle the product.

In accordance with an agreement reached several months ago, practically the entire Douglas County crop will be handled by John Nix & Co., of Chicago. This company has handled the broccoli grown here in previous years and the returns have been very satisfactory to the growers.

CLUB WAS ORGANIZED.

At a meeting of the pupils of the Benson school held this afternoon an industrial club was organized and the work of the body was outlined for the present year. Officers were selected and considerable other business was transacted.

Mrs. D. C. Anderson, of Sutherlin, returned home this afternoon after a brief visit here.

Mrs. O. Hanson, of Orland, Calif., arrived here this afternoon to spend several days with friends.

ATTORNEY WATSON IS LOCAL ADVISOR

INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED WITH REGARD TO PLACING THE RURAL CREDITS LAW IN OPERATION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

LOCAL BORROWERS ARE POSTED

All Loans Made Under This Act in Douglas County Will Be Handled By Attorney Watson—Law Is Explained.

Attorney J. O. Watson, local counsel for the State Land Board, this morning received a quantity of blanks, and his instructions with regard to placing in operation in Douglas County the rural credits law which was enacted at the last session of the Oregon Legislature.

In an interview this morning Attorney Watson said loans under this act can be made only to individuals who own, operate and occupy the farms offered for security, and the funds may be used only for the following purposes: payment for lands purchased, the purchase of livestock and other equipment and making improvements, and for the satisfaction of incumbrances upon such lands which were incurred or assumed by the applicant for the aforesaid purposes.

The purpose for which the loan is required must be clearly stated. Repayment of the loan will be required on six months' notice, if the moneys borrowed are applied to purposes other than those above stated, or if the lands mortgaged are leased or sold to any person not fulfilling the conditions and purposes provided for in the contract with the state. No loan for a term less than 10 years, nor a greater sum than \$5,000 will be made, and in no event for a greater sum than one-half of the value of the land, exclusive of improvements offered for security, nor more than for \$50 an acre. But one loan shall be made to one person. When a person has a loan and desires another on other land the old loan must be included in the new application in the new application and one mortgage executed covering the entire security. Applicants for loans must furnish abstract of title, and the same shall be kept on file in the office of the attorney for the board, at his successor, and returned to the borrower when the loan is paid. A fee equal to one per cent of the amount of the loan applied for must be transmitted to the board with the application, provided, however, no fee shall be less than \$10. Attorneys will not be permitted to charge commission upon any loan applied for or granted.

Loans shall be paid with interest accruing in annual installments on the amortization plan, such installments being fixed at such sum as will cover the interest rate and will liquidate the debt within the period of the loan. No loan will be made for a period of less than 10 years or more than 25 years, however, any debtor may liquidate any part of or all his indebtedness in amounts of \$50 or multiples thereof upon any amortization date.

The board will require the repayment of a loan upon six months' notice, if the borrower or his assignee, shall violate his contract by applying the moneys borrowed to purposes other than those stated in his application. Attorneys for the board, when so requested, will be expected to assist in the matter of collecting installments on loans in their counties, without cost to the state. In the event mortgagors wish to deed their lands to the state in order to satisfy the debt and thereby avoid foreclosure proceedings, such deed will be accepted by the board when it appears that the lands are free from all other incumbrances and is, in its judgment, of sufficient value, it said, to satisfy all the claims of the state. In such cases the board will allow such a sum for fees and expenses as in its judgment appears reasonable.

In the matter of cost bills in foreclosure proceedings, attorneys are required to submit an itemized bill for each particular suit and, upon approval by the board, the clerk shall be authorized to draw his warrant for the sum so approved.

In foreclosure suits, the attorney for the board shall be entitled to \$100 payable when the judgment sale has been made and sale confirmed by the court, provided, however, when the property foreclosed is bid in by the state and afterwards sold, within one year from the date of confirmation of sale, and the sum

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