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UNITED STATES MAY LOAN THE ALLIES AS MUCH AS FIVE BILLION DOLLARS

The Navy Department Today Took Charge of All Commercial Wireless Stations, and is Dismantling All Amateur Plants---May Conscript Engineers

GENERAL OBREGON IS SAID TO HAVE OVERTHROWN CARRANZA

Scores of German Plotters Are Reported to Have Been Arrested in Different Parts of the United States During the Past Twenty-four Hours—Reports Indicate German Raiders Have Been Seen Off Atlantic Coast

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Extension of credit to the allies of over one billion dollars, and probably to be increased later to as much as five billions, will be the first step in actual participation of the United States in the war against Germany, under a plan suggested to Congress by the President, it was learned today.

The Navy Department today took charge of all commercial wireless stations, and is dismantling all amateur wireless plants. The Government now controls completely the wireless system throughout the Nation.

Secretary of War Baker today asked the House military affairs committee to insert in the army bill a clause providing for the conscription of technically trained men for use as engineers, signal men and in other departments.

The civilian training camps plan has been cancelled, so the War Department announced. Reserve officers in the training camps will replace them.

REPORTED OBREGON OVERTHROWS CARRANZA GOVT.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Because of unofficial reports of fighting in Mexico City and the rumor that General Obregon had overthrown the Carranza government, the United States is worried over the Mexican situation. It is feared that German money is behind Obregon's revolt. Washington authorities lack authentic information.

The attitude of Costa Rica toward the United States is also causing concern. President Tinoco hinted that unless the United States recognizes him that he will grant the Germans a submarine base. The United States is expecting the Germans to stage something spectacular soon. The navy is on the lookout.

MANY GERMAN PLOTTERS ARRESTED.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The government round-up of German plotters is on. Scores have been arrested and countless more will be taken soon.

GERMAN RAIDERS OFF ATLANTIC COAST.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Persistent rumors are being received here of German raiders being off the New England coast and off the Virginia capes. The Nantucket Shoals station reported seeing a vessel which was regarded as suspicious. Collector Wolcott heard a vessel, within the three mile limit, which was apparently headed toward New York, but fog obscured the view. Coast guard cutters are seeking further information. The Charleston Navy Yard, at Boston, has also received notice that a German raider is off the New England coast.

FIELD AMBULANCE CAMP BURNED.

EL PASO, April 7.—The entire camp of the United States Field Ambulance Company A, at Fort Bliss, was burned. The fire is believed to have been incendiary. Telephone communication with that place is badly crippled, many wires being out. Sentries north of the city fired on two men who were tampering with the wires, but both escaped.

GERMAN CREW DESTROY INTERNED VESSEL.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The interned German cruiser Cormorant was blown up by the crew at a harbor on Guam Island, in the Pacific, so the Navy Department announced. The ship was destroyed as marines were going to seize the vessel. Two German officers and five sailors were killed by the explosion. Thirty-two officers and 321 men were taken prisoners.

The Navy Department officially said that when more complete reports regarding the blowing up of the German cruiser Cormorant arrived that "one warrant officer and one enlisted man are dead, one warrant officer and four enlisted men are missing, while twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and 321 enlisted men were taken prisoners."

RUMORED THAT AUSTRIA BREAKS RELATIONS.

LONDON, April 7—Austria-Hungary has apparently broken off relations with the United States. From two sources it is reported that Foreign Minister Czerin has instructed Ambassador Tarnowsky to demand his passports. Paris has received the re-

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War Brides Come To Front; Several Weddings In Sight

The season of war brides was declared open today and the "call to arms" was expected today to be heard by large numbers in the near future. Despite repeated denials, it was learned that one couple was married here at 8 o'clock this morning, while two other couples have arrangements made for next Monday.

The married couple are Henry Carter, a popular local trainman, and Miss Nina Campbell. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage home of Rev. W. H. Eaton, of the Baptist Church, and an hour later they departed for Grants Pass to make their future home. Mr. Carter recently accepted a position there on the railroad and will probably remain for several months. They were attended during the wedding by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Palbe. Both parties are well known here, the bride being a daughter of J. B. Campbell, a prominent local grocery man, and a favorite among a younger set of this city.

Miss Vivian Tester, daughter of W. J. Tester, a local real estate operator, will be married on Monday to Thomas Ridgeway, of Sutherlin, it was also announced today. Miss Tester has many friends here to whom the news will be received with considerable surprise.

Another wedding will take place on Monday at the home of Alfred Mathews, near Glide, when their daughter will be married to a popular young man of that vicinity. It is rumored that several other weddings are contemplated which will be announced later.

DEMAND FOR LUMBER IS INCREASING HERE, SAYS ROSEBURG MAN

That the demand for timber is increasing on the Pacific Coast, was the statement of S. C. Bartrum, supervisor of the Roseburg forestry offices, who returned here this morning after a few days spent in Lane County.

Mr. Bartrum was summoned to Diston in connection with a timber sale which is now being negotiated by the Federal Government. The deal, if consummated, will include the transfer of approximately 175,000,000 feet of the best timber located in Lane County. During his stay there, Mr. Bartrum talked with the superintendents of the mills and they said the demand for Pacific Coast lumber was greater at the present time than for many years past. It is anticipated by the lumbermen that the demand for the product will increase as the war progresses.

WANT REPORT OF LOCAL RESOURCES

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS SEEKING INFORMATION FROM THE COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THIS CITY —TO EXPLOIT ATTRACTIONS.

MANY INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED

John W. Parker Says He is Receiving Quite a Number of Letters From California and Other Distant States.

The County Court and Commercial Club have received from the Portland Chamber of Commerce a request to submit a statement of the industrial resources and scenic attractions of this county for publication by the committee in charge of the expenditure of the appropriations made by Oregon, Washington and British Columbia for advertising the Pacific Northwest.

This request is in accordance with a resolution introduced by John W. Parker at a meeting of the County Court and Commercial Club representatives held in Portland a week ago, the intent being to assemble the information and have it in readiness for the consideration of the three committees when they effect a joint organization.

The first thought, and the expressed object of the appropriation bill, was the advertising of Oregon's scenery, but the Parker resolution included industries and natural resources and it was passed in that way. The information from Douglas County will be prepared in concise form next week and filed with the Portland Chamber of Commerce, awaiting the consideration and approval of the Oregon committee.

The Commercial Club continues to receive inquiries from the East, and a considerable number from California also. This week a group of five living in Wisconsin, after corresponding with the club secretary, announced their intention of coming to Roseburg this spring and have asked to have small farms submitted by letter for their consideration meanwhile.

DECISION WAS RENDERED.

According to the terms of a decree filed with the county clerk here today, the Kent State Bank, of Michigan, has been allowed a judgment in the sum of $58,641.66 against W. H. White, et al. An order authorizing the sale of certain real property to satisfy the amount of the debt was also allowed by the court.

A NEW RULING.

Because of the state of war that exists at the present time, the Review will not publish seditious or disloyal letters or advertisements or those which breathe a questionable quality of patriotism. In the past the Review has endeavored to be fair and liberal in extending the use of its columns to commentators on public policies and public events. The state of war imposes a new condition and obligation on the loyal newspapers of the United States, and the Review desires to be included in that class.

HAMLIN PROTEST BEING PREPARED

R. L. STEPHENS SAYS HE WILL FILE THE DOCUMENT WITH ROSCOE GREEN NEXT MONDAY—DECISIONS ARE FOUND BEARING ON THE CASE.

A LEGAL CONTEST IS EXPECTED

It Is Said That Three Members of the School Board Will Stand By Superintendent Hamlin to the Last.

PROTEST IS READY.

R. L. Stephens, member of the Roseburg school board, stated this afternoon that he had prepared his written protest to the election of F. B. Hamlin as superintendent of the Roseburg schools, and the same will be filed with the school clerk next Monday. Mr. Stephens claims that Mr. Hamlin's election is illegal for the reason that one of the votes cast by Mr. Newland, who, under the interpretation of the Standard dictionary is a brother-in-law of the superintendent. Under the state school law, it is claimed, a superintendent of schools cannot be elected by a vote of his brother-in-law unless all of the other members of the school board concur in his election.

Roseburg attorneys who are interested in the welfare of the local public schools stated this afternoon that they had found legal authorities which prove beyond a doubt that the election of F. B. Hamlin, as superintendent of the schools of this city, is illegal, and will not stand the test of the courts.

In a parallel case heard in the Louisiana courts a litigant objected to a certain judge presiding at the trial for the reason that he was a brother-in-law of one of the interested parties. The case was taken thru all the courts and the supreme tribunal of that state finally affirmed the contention of the person making the objection. As a result of the ruling the judge was declared to be disqualified to try the case. The relationship of the trial judge in question to the litigant was the same as the relationship existing between J. O. Newland, a member of the school board, and F. B. Hamlin. Mr. Newland cast his vote in favor of Mr. Hamlin. Attorneys claim there is no doubt that Mr. Hamlin's election was illegal, and that he will be unable to collect compensation from the district.

VISITING AT RIDDLE.

Ralph Quine, who Friday enlisted in the hospital corps here, spent the day at Riddle visiting with friends and relatives. It is expected that the local military organizations will be called out within the next few days.

WILL MOVE MONDAY.

Black Brothers, proprietors of the Palace of Sweets, expect to move from their present quarters in the Parrott building next Monday to their new room in the Hoover building. The interior of the new quarters to be occupied by Black Brothers has been thoroughly renovated and is now in first class condition.

FITZPATRICK IS CHOSEN HEAD OF SCHOOLS BY DIRECTORS AT WESTON

At a meeting of the directors of the Weston schools held last Thursday night, F. C. Fitzpatrick, at one time principal of the Roseburg High School, and one of the best known and most efficient educators in Southern Oregon, was elected superintendent of the schools at that place. The position pays approximately $1800 a year. Prof. Fitzpatrick is well liked by both the pupils and patrons of the Roseburg schools, and his many friends are glad to learn that he has been chosen superintendent of the Weston schools. At noon today Mr. Fitzpatrick had not decided whether he will accept the offer. It is understood that he has several other propositions under consideration.

PORTLAND SEED AGENT GOES TO SUTHERLIN; TALKED WITH RANCHER

After a day spent in this vicinity conferring with the ranchers regarding the production of seed for commercial purposes, F. W. Nelson, representing the Portland Seed Co., left for Sutherlin this morning where he will visit with Mr. Adams, a former employe of the Portland Seed Company, but at the present time owner of a large ranch in the Sutherlin Valley. Mr. Nelson will also call on Frank Norton, manager of the Everfresh plant.

Upon his return here last night from the rural districts, Mr. Nelson said he was quite successful, and thought a number of Douglas County ranchers would soon engage in the production of seed on a commercial scale. He said the soil and climatic conditions of this vicinity are especially adapted to raising spinach seed, which at the present time is almost unobtainable. This seed is produced mostly in Holland and is bringing as much as 10 cents a pound.

ROSEBURG MAN TO ORGANIZE GUARD

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT. BROWN WOULD PERFECT ORGANIZATION FOR PROTECTION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS IN THIS VICINITY.

FREQUENT DRILLS ARE PLANNED

It Is Probable That a Meeting Will Be Held Early Next Week When the Organization Will Be Perfected.

With a view of organizing an association for the purpose of offering protection to the people of this vicinity against insults or overt acts at the hands of persons unfriendly to the United States Government during the war with Germany, O. C. Brown and several other patriotic residents of this community are considering the advisability of calling a public meeting at the armory some time next week.

In an interview with a Review representative this morning Mr. Brown said it was not probable that any trouble would occur in this community during the war, but nevertheless he thought it wise and proper to have some kind of an organization whereby the rights of the American citizens could be protected without resorting to call on the regular or enlisted troops.

It is Mr. Brown's opinion that this organization, which may be known as the "Home Guards," should be composed of business and professional men and all other classes of citizens who are not eligible to become regular soldiers of the Government. To properly train the men for emergencies, Mr. Brown has suggested that drills be held at frequent intervals under the direction of some man of military experience. No standard arms would be demanded, but each man could furnish his own gun, together with what ammunition would be necessary. These organizations are being perfected in other cities of the state, according to Mr. Brown, and he can see no reason why the people of Roseburg should not act in the near future.

LEAVES FOR MONTANA.

Roy Agee, who spent the winter in Roseburg, will leave late tonight for Montana, where he will spend the summer on his homestead. He will be joined by Mrs. Agee and children within the next two or three weeks. Mr. Agee went to Montana early last spring and is the owner of 160 acres of fine agricultural land in that state.

BOY FEARS DRAFTING.

One boy about 14 years of age was the victim of a war joke this morning, when he appeared before Captain J. A. Buchanan, of the local Fourth Company, and asked with a tearful voice to be excused from going to fight the Germans. The lad had been sent to the officer, it was learned, by local railroad employes, who declared the boys had been drafted and was to be compelled to go to the front. He denied knowledge of firearms, but said he might be able to carry water, if a water boy was needed by the local troops.

RAILROAD YARDS ARE UNDER GUARD

ARMED MEN ARE PATROLING ALL OF THE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

WOODBURN INFANTRY IN CHARGE

The Government Intends to Use All Means of Protecting the Lines of the Important Railroads of the Country.

That the United States Government intends to guard carefully all of the important railroads of the United States, together with the property under its control, is fully attested by the preparations that have already been made along the Southern Pacific lines between Portland and Los Angeles.

The local railroad yards, which are considered among the most important owned by the Southern Pacific Company in Oregon, are under continual surveillance of members of Company I, Oregon Infantry, of Woodburn. The special train carrying these troops arrived here at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and 17 members of the company were later assigned to guard duty in this immediate vicinity. Besides patroling the railroad yards, guards have been stationed on the Deer Creek trestle and the bridge spanning the gulch about a mile north of the city.

The Winchester bridge is also being watched carefully, as are all of the other important bridges in Douglas County. Similar surveillance is being exercised at the tunnels south of Glendale. It is understood that the patroling of bridges and tunnels will continue until the close of the war.

Because of the new order of things following the declaration of war, persons will not be allowed to loiter about the railroad yards unless they have business demanding their attention there. And in this event they must halt upon request of the sentinels and show by satisfactory explanation that they are on a peaceful mission. Walking across the railroad bridges will be prohibited altogether.

It is understood that the precautions taken along the Southern Pacific Company are general throughout the United States and are not confined to the Pacific coast country.

Although no orders have been received here, it is possible that guards will be placed at the armory within the next few days. Hoboes who formerly spent much of their time in the railroad yards and had little trouble in boarding the trains, are now conspicuous by their absence and are compelled to walk the Pacific Highway.

KENTUCKY WRITER HERE.

Miss S. J. Neill, whose home is in Louisville, Kentucky, arrived Friday afternoon to visit for several days. She is making a tour of the country in search of materia] for magazine articles and stories. She writes for a number of Western magazines and is looking for bits of descriptive and human interest. Miss Neill said she thought this was the prettiest and most interesting country she had ever traveled over and that next to the grandeur of the mountain scenery, nothing could be more beautiful.

MAYOR IN ROSEBURG.

J. T. Bridges, mayor of Oakland, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters. Mr. Bridges says business is good at Oakland and the people there have no complaint to offer.

LOCAL COMPANY AWAITING ORDER

WORD FROM STATE OFFICIALS TO ASSEMBLE AT ARMORY AND PREPARE FOR EARLY DEPARTURE IS EXPECTED AT ANY MOMENT.

WILL OBTAIN MANY RECRUITS

Sanitary Corps Completes Full Membership and Names of Men Are Announced—Preliminary Steps Taken.

Roseburg troops were today waiting for a call to mobilize that is expected any moment. That it will not be delayed more than a day or two is the belief of every officer here, while within the next two weeks it is expected they will be in camp at Fort Stevens, on the Columbia, awaiting equipment and further disposal. Captain J. A. Buchanan received a message this morning directing that all preliminary steps be taken looking to immediate action as soon as the order is received.

In consequence of the anticipated movement, everything pertaining to the local forces is in readiness, it was announced. The armory is ready to accommodate the company as quarters when they are assembled for the period of recruiting to war strength and every subordinate has carried out the details that have been left to his supervision. The ranks are as yet lacking in the number of men required, but it is believed they will be filled easily as soon as the word comes to assemble and prepare for entraining for the company's mobilization camp at Fort Stevens.

Local recruits received today were Charles Stanton and Ralph A. Tuck, both of this city. Several recruits were also received in the local sanitary corps and the full number of 33 was announced by Capt. F. H. Vincil this afternoon, with three extra. The full number listed with the sanitary detachment is as follows: Sgt. 1st class, Woodley Stephenson; Sgts., William C. Parker, M. A. Millikin, George J. Willett; Privates, 1st class and others, A. R. Amadon, J. E. Ashworth, C. D. Barker, W. L. Barker, Bert Bates, Carl Black, Harrie Booth, Joe Denn, P. W. Didtel, William Dolan, Elmoe Henderson, J. A. Hopkins, James Goodman, W. F. Jewett, Ed. King, Leon McClintock, John McClintock, Herbert Quine, Ralph Quine, W. H. McNair, of Asaland, Garry Rapp, Robert Sussmilch, B. T. Williams, J. R. Montague, Clarence Johnson and John Cawley, of Corvallis, and four others of Eugene.

With the expected order, the local companies will be assembled at the armory, where they will recruit to war strength and spend several days in training. According to the message received this morning, however, no more than 100 men is desired. The local officers believe the company may after mobilization possibly be taken to another part of the United States.

ABOARD OCEAN LINER.

Letters received here today from San Francisco indicate that George and Milton Church, former residents of this city, are now employed on a boat operating between the former city and South American ports. Because of the extreme danger prevailing at the present time it is said that Milton Church expects to quit his job on the return of the boat to San Francisco tomorrow. George Church has expressed his intention of remaining aboard the vessel. In the event Milton Church severs his connection with the boat company, he will locate in San Francisco permanently.

Booze Ship Lands Off Roseburg With Cargo Last Night

Stealing down the river at night with a cargo of contraband and landing in the city before dawn in order to escape the detection of the officers is an episode worthy of war times and was an actual fact, it was learned this morning, in this city Friday night. As yet the officers have no inkling of the incident.

Early this morning, a boat said to be owned by well known local parties, tied up near the South Umpqua River dam a short distance south of the city, and the occupants, who heavy suitcases, stole from the brush concealment and entered the city with their prize. The value of the cargo is known only to the crew and is determined only by the price to be exacted for the "wet goods" by those who took the risk of bringing it safely to dry land. The two suitcases that secured of Hornbrook were deposited at an early hour before the door of a local establishment, but before the city was awake had disappeared.

The trip down the river from Riddle or nearby point was one filled with much adventure, as was evidenced from the men. The river was high and during the night there was many a close call with rocks and treacherous rapids. That it was a safe journey, however, was seen from the happy landing made and the subsequent transfer of the cargo.

A little later another vehicle visited the scene and brought down the boat, which will be kept in hiding until it is needed for another cruise. Who the occupants of the boat were is one of the biggest mysteries that is yet to be brought to the attention of the local officers. Both the booze and its owners have entirely dropped from sight.