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A MILITARY COUP.

In the landing at Baltimore yesterday of an under-sea merchantman direct from Bremerhaven the Germans executed a coup de militaire more appealing than all the raids of Zeppelins or the employment of gas along the trenches. In passing the enemy's blockades and even then doing less than 90 miles actually under water, as the commander of the vessel reports, and reaching in safety the three mile limit and landing at a port of the United States with a cargo material which this country needs and the open declaration of returning with a cargo of the war materials which the central powers need—and all this accomplished by a vessel unarmed and inherently harmless—the feat becomes more like a military romance than an exploit of grim war.

This is but half the trip the German merchantman has before her before the enterprise can be called a complete success. The return to Germany must yet be made, but there does not seem to be much misgiving as to the outcome of the return voyage, and there has not been much secrecy about the proposed trip to this country. It was openly predicted a few weeks ago that such a thing would occur and it is now more openly proclaimed by the commander as to what kind of a cargo they want to take back with them. There are, so it is stated, other under-sea craft yet to come and in fact a regular line of this kind of merchantment to be established.

From what has been demonstrated thus far there is little use to be skeptical as to what will be done next. It is a feat so different, and unusual that it stands out as one of the new things under the sun.

When the Monitor met the Merrimac the contrast between the two was one of the elements of wonder after the little "Cheese Box" had vanquished the heavily armored opponent. In this latter day the feat of the Deutschland makes the iron-mouthed guardians of the sea, "look like a joke."

THE HEALTH TRAIN.

Florida, in an effort to cut down her average of preventable deaths, has adapted to her purpose the now familiar "agricultural train," making it over into a "health train."

Just as the agricultural special tours the states of the west and mid-

dle west, with its crop exhibits and its lectures to farmers, this special is traveling around Florida with picturesque exhibits dealing with water, flies, mosquitoes, the care of children and other important phases of disease-prevention. It is meant primarily to carry modern hygienic knowledge into the rural districts. The train stops in a country town, opens its doors to the community, shows and explains its chambers of horror and its life-saving devices, issues warnings on sanitation and hygiene, gets useful articles into the newspapers, gives moving picture shows on health topics for the benefit of the residents who cannot be reached otherwise, and moves on to the next town.

It is unquestionably one of the best health-promotion ideas yet put into operation in this country. Nearly all the other states might use it to advantage especially those already accustomed to the agricultural school on wheels.

9 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Salem, Or., July 8.—Nine proposed amendments to the state constitution and nine new laws will be submitted to the electors of Oregon at the general election next November. With the exception of three constitutional amendments referred to the people by the 1915 legislature, the remaining 15 measures to go on the ballot have been initiated by different organizations and persons who have filed petitions containing the necessary number of signatures with Secretary of State Oleott.

Before the secretary of state can place the different measures on the ballot, it must be shown that each of the petitions contain at least a total of 21,136 names of registered voters of the state. The time for filing petitions for proposed constitutional amendments and new laws expires July 6. In all but one or two cases, the necessary number of names placed on file. The few petitions yet in circulation, it is reported, are all but completed and are expected to be forwarded to the secretary of state within the remaining time limit fixed by the constitution.

Summarized the measures which will be voted upon at the November election are as follows:

Amendments Are Summarized. Single item veto, proposed by legislative assembly. Empowering the governor to veto single items in appropriation bills passed by the legislature.

Exemption of ships, proposed by legislative assembly. Providing that all vessels of 50 tons or more capacity, whose home ports of registration are in Oregon, shall be exempted from all taxes, except for state purposes, until January 1, 1935.

Repeal of constitutional provision forbidding suffrage to negroes, Chinamen and mulattoes; proposed by legislative assembly.

People's land and loan law; proposed and initiated by Oregon State Federation of Labor and Central Labor Council of Portland. Providing for appraisal of annual "land rent" price of land in Oregon except that owned by National, state and local governments; giving land board authority to direct appraisal, which shall be made at intervals of five years, beginning in 1917; providing for collection as public tax of all appraised "land rent" and prohibiting any other levy on market value of the land; providing that one-third of revenue obtained from "land rent" tax and inheritance tax shall be placed in what

shall be designated as the "home makers" in amounts not to exceed two-thirds of the value of the land improvements made; loans to constitute first lien on land and improvements, except taxes, loans limited to \$1500 and restricted to property in excess of \$2250 in value; no interest charged on loans for first five years; loans must be paid within 20 years.

'Wet' and 'Dry' Measures Filed. To abolish discriminating against home manufacture of light beer; proposed by "equal rights for home industry" committee, C. E. S. Wood, chairman. Providing for manufacture in Oregon of malt liquors containing not to exceed four per cent of alcohol, permitting its shipment outside the state and restricting sale in Oregon to original packages containing present amount of liquor allowed by law.

To prohibit importation of liquor for beverages. Initiated by Oregon Prohibition State committee, J. P. Newell, chairman.

Bill to provide for location of Normal School at Pendleton and validating location of other state educational institutions. Initiated by Commercial Association of Pendleton. This measure provides for appropriation of \$125,000 for the erection of Normal School buildings and levy of 1-25 of a mill tax annually for maintenance. It also expressly validates the locations of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, Ashland Normal School and the proposed Pendleton Normal.

State-wide tax limitation; initiated by State Taxpayers' league. Restricting tax levy in state, county, municipality or district, so that it shall not raise a greater amount of revenue for purposes other than payment of bonded indebtedness or interest thereon than the total amount levied in the year immediately preceding, plus 6 per cent, unless specifically authorized by a majority of the legal voters.

Rural Credits Bill Summarized. Rural credits; initiated by the Oregon Referendum League. Providing for loaning credit of state and incurring of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding 2 per cent of assessed valuation of all property in the state for the purpose of providing funds to be loaned upon the security of farm lands; authorizing state land board to issue and sell or pledge bonds in the name of the state to be known as Oregon farm credit bonds in an amount not to exceed 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the state, and placing proceeds in rural credits loan fund, bonds to be issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1000, drawn to mature in not more than 36 years and drawing 4 per cent interest annually; authorizing loan of rural credits loan fund to farm land owners upon notes secured by mortgages or deeds of trust, constituting first liens on such farm lands in amounts not to exceed 50 per cent of the lands' value; loans restricted to not less than \$200 nor more than \$5000 to any person; loans to be made only to owners who occupy and operate the lands mortgaged and only for payment for lands purchased, and purchase of livestock, equipment and the making of improvements; loans to be repaid with interest accruing in annual or semi-annual installments on the amortization plan, rate to be fixed by Land Board, and entire debt to be liquidated in not less than 10 nor more than 36 years; interest rate on loans 5 per cent annually unless farm credit bonds are sold below par, when Land Board may charge interest in excess of 5 per cent, but not exceeding by more than 1 per cent the rate which the state must pay for the funds actually obtained from the sale of the bonds.

Laws Proposed by Initiative. One day of rest in seven; initiated by Weekly Rest Day League. Providing for one day of rest in seven and setting apart Sunday as a day of public rest; excepting certain necessary work from measure's provisions.

Prohibition of compulsory vaccination and medical treatment; initiated by Lora C. Little. Providing that state board of health and other bodies and officials may not compel vaccination or inoculation of persons for "alleged diseases, and providing penalty for violation."

To repeal and abolish Sunday closing law; initiated by Independent Retailers' Association of Portland. Providing for the repeal of the law prohibiting the keeping open Sunday of any store, shop, grocery, bowling alley, billiard-room, etc., for the purpose of labor or traffic, or any place of amusement (except theaters).

To protect salmon in the Columbia River and its tributaries; initiated by Clackamas County Fishermen's Union. Prohibiting after January 1, 1917, the fishing for salmon in the Columbia River or its tributaries by means of seines, traps or fishwheels, and providing penalty for violation.

Medical Practice Bill on Ballot. Regulating the admission to the practice of professions relating to the public health; initiated by Vitus Fitzgerald, of Portland. Providing for admission to practice medicine, pharmacy or other correlated professions of persons passing examination of State Examining Board, upon showing that such persons are graduates of college in Oregon equal in requirements to University of Oregon, or upon showing that such persons have practiced in any state for five years next preceding the filing of applications in Oregon. Bounty on jackrabbits and sage rats in Crook county; initiated by New-some Creek Rabbit Club of Post, Crook county. Authorizing the Crook County Court to pay bounty of 5 cents for each jackrabbit and 25 cents for each sage rat killed in the county after December 1, 1916. Bounty on jackrabbits in Lake County; initiated by J. D. C. Thomas and other Lake County citizens. Authorizing Lake County Court to pay 5 cents for each jackrabbit killed to



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person presenting scalp to county clerk.

Removal of county seat of Jefferson County from Culver to Madras; initiated by the Madras for County Seat Club. Proposing to remove county seat of Jefferson county from Culver to Madras.

To locate county seat of Jefferson county at Metaluis; initiated by Metaluis Commercial club.

SHERRY'S

Famous Old Play Done in Moving Pictures.

The late E. S. Willard, famous English actor, employed "John Needham's Double" as one of the pieces which first introduced him, under the management of A. M. Palmer, to American theatregoers. He used it, alternately, with "The Professor's Love Story," during the first few seasons he was over here. With Mr. Willard dead his properties have been distributed to several different agencies, and for moving picture purposes, Bluebird Photo-plays have secured "John Needham's Double." Having decided to present the gripping melodrama the Bluebird people were fortunate in securing the services of Tyrone Power to interpret the immensely difficult dual role which carries almost the entire action of the drama.

Widely experienced in playing many different roles, in his long years of experience upon the dramatic stage, Mr. Power has been found to be exactly suited, in "type," physique and histrionic abilities to present in its full effect the "double." Mr. Willard made famous, "John Needham's Double" will be the attraction at the Sherry theatre when "Bluebird Day" comes around today only and there is assurance of intensely engaging entertainment on that occasion. The plot itself is intensely dramatic, and the manner in which Mr. Power plays the separate and distinct roles of John Needham and Joseph Norbury is, of itself, an interesting study in dramatic art as combined with the newer craftsmanship of photoplaying.

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