

MC ADOO PLACES WAR BOARD IN CHARGE OF RAILROADS

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RAILROAD MEN ARE FAVORABLE TO PLAN

Regard Government Operation as Important Measure of Financial Relief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. Secretary McAdoo as director-general of the railroads placed the existing war board of railroad executives in temporary charge of the operation of the railroads.

Julius Kruttschnitt, executive chairman of the Southern Pacific, is the western member.

Railroad officials and Secretary McAdoo are conferring on his plan to compensate the railroads on the basis of a three-year average net income, the government to retain all over this for maintenance, new projects and reasonable dividends to stockholders.

Railroad men regard government intervention primarily as a financial relief.

The war board will be asked to what extent they can count on Federal aid in obtaining funds for improvements.

They do not want government loan, or Congressional appropriation, but suggest if McAdoo asks the public to buy railroad securities like Liberty bonds, or if the government itself will buy the securities, the railroads will be able to finance themselves.

They predict advancing expenses will necessitate the government making good a deficit on most roads through diversion of their business to other lines.

The net income guarantee, however, protects all.

President Wilson's proclamation empowered McAdoo by general or special order to do anything he deems necessary to run the railroads as a war machine solely for efficiency and victory.

Parcel Post Route Will Help Railroads

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—A parcel post matter route from Seattle and Portland to San Francisco will be started soon to relieve railroad congestion, according to Superintendent Knox, of the northwest railway service.

TO SPIES: HERE IS MAN TO FEAR



J. L. O'BRIAN

Spies in America have reason to fear this man. He is rated as one of the ablest lawyers in the country. He is in charge of the war activities of the department of justice, under Attorney General Gregory. O'Brian is a Republican and was district attorney of New York under the Taft administration but politics cut no ice when Gregory called on him for war work.

GENERAL IN ITALY CLEARED VIMY PATH



The French General Fayolle, who paved the way for the final assault against Vimy Ridge, is in command of the Franco-British forces on the Italian front. He was second in command to General Petain in the May, 1915, French offensive which carried the villages of Albert and Courcelette, the heights of Notre Dame de Lorette and the Labyrinth, thus clearing the ground for the final assault on the ridge. He is regarded as one of the ablest French officers.

Will You Have to Pay Income Tax

Here is something that you should read carefully if you are an unmarried person and your net annual income is over \$1000 a year, or if you are married and living with your wife or husband and your net income is over \$2000 a year. Every such person must make an income tax statement to the government. The collector of internal revenue is sending a man here to help you fill out your statement properly. He will be at the court house here from January 3 to January 25 and will have all the necessary blanks. You will save yourself lots of trouble if you call on him then. There are penalties if you do not make out your statement.

NEXT DRAFT CALL TO BE MADE FEBRUARY 15

Call Will Be Made Under the New Classification

MEN IN FIRST QUOTAS ALLOWED TO WAIT

Men Selected Under Old Regulations May Go to Fill Up Quotas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Provost Marshall Crowder announced the next draft call will be made under the questionnaire classification. There will be no formal call before February 15.

This means, men in the first quotas of deferred percentages will enjoy the benefits of the questionnaire classification.

Men selected under the old regulations may continue to go if needed to fill quotas. It is announced that very soon a call will be made for technical workers among the highly specialized registrants.

Will Build Ships.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Oregon will build one-sixth of the entire fleet for the United States Navy in 1918, 525,000 tons of wooden ships and 400,000 tons of steel ships.

LA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL DOES A BIG WORK

WELL CHOSEN FACULTY RANKS SECOND TO NONE IN STATE

Much Practical Work in the Course of Study

Many Graduates Are Enrolled in the National Service—Military Drill Is Part of Curriculum.

Never before in the history of our country has so much emphasis been placed upon the modern high school. Only within recent years has it come to occupy a supreme place in the field of education, where its chief function is not only to prepare a small minority of our boys and girls for higher education but also to better fit

G. A. McNEIL,



Principal of La Grande High School.

that large majority whose life work calls them directly into the vast army of producers. It is the recognition of his latter group that has given rise to a complete reorganization of secondary education and a redefinition of its aims. While still in this transitional stage we have been drawn into a world war. The effect upon our entire educational system cannot be foretold, but results are inevitable.

It is the province of this article to put before the community, in a general way, the work that YOUR high school is accomplishing. Space does not permit us to go into detail. Inspection of the plant in actual operation is much more conclusive. But since you refrain from visiting the institution which you are helping to support and wherein your boys and girls should spend four of the most profitable years of their lives, we can bring to you, in only a meager way, through the medium of the press, some idea of our work.

The faculty of the La Grande high school ranks second to none in the state. Some of the leading educational institutions of the country are

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LATE NEWS BY WIRE CHINESE RESTORE ORDER IN HARBIN

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—Two hours of street fighting preceded the Bolshevik surrender of Harbin to the Chinese troops. The Bolsheviks refused to withdraw when China so ordered. The Chinese disarmed 2500 Bolsheviks, stored their arms and notified the foreign consuls there would be no further trouble. Harbin was torn for weeks by Russian factional strife. Chinese intervention followed vain protests of Russia.

AMERICAN CAVALRY ROUTS BANDITS

CANDELARIA, Texas, Dec. 28.—American cavalry who crossed the border after Mexican raiders, today are enroute to Marfa, Texas, with several prisoners and practically all the loot taken in the raids. The soldiers say they engaged in a running fight, killing and wounding about fifty bandits and scattering the rest.

ZEPPELIN PROGRAM IS A FAILURE

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, Dec. 28.—The Zeppelin program is a dismal failure. Of fifty-three Zeppelins in commission since the beginning of the war, thirty-five were totally destroyed, three are out of commission and damaged, two are missing, two are in training school, and eleven are in service.

WOMAN SPY CAUSED QUARREL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—That the woman spy leader directing Schuylenberger and others occupied a cabin in the Sierra Madres mountains near Schuylenberger's during the summer is the statement of John Knox, a freighter held for the murder of Herman Jakupalch, Schuylenberger's partner, Christmas. He said the quarrel was over the mystery woman, which caused the shooting.

Will Feed Switzerland.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The War Trade Board in an announcement tonight confirmed dispatches from abroad telling of an agreement to ration Switzerland and gave the rules of procedure for exporters to follow in making shipments.

Joins the War Board.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Colonel Palmer E. Pierce has joined the war council. His duties will relate to supply and equipment of the army.

Cited For Gallantry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Lieutenant Edwin M. Post and Private Frank A. Ross, of the American Army, have been cited for gallantry in action in French army orders.

Mayor Gill Will Run.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Mayor Hiram C. Gill has announced he intends to be a candidate for reelection next spring.

F. D. Hobbs, of La Grande, is registered at the Palace Hotel in Portland.

THIS OUGHT TO STARTLE EVEN THE HUNS



On a single individual the gas mask isn't so bad. And, of course, when a gas attack is on, nobody has much time to be gazing at anybody else. But when you find a long line of marching soldiers far behind the lines, all wearing the hideous looking things, it's enough to make the most hardened fighter shiver. Looks like a procession of strange beings from another planet, doesn't it? Well, it was taken miles behind the front in France. Several gas shells have exploded near these French reserves and they are safety-firing.

ALLIES WAR AIMS ARE NOT VINDICTIVE, SAYS PREMIER

Treasury Department To Issue Certificates

Purposes Are Not Vindictive, Says Lloyd George

IDEALS SAME AS AT ENTRY OF WAR

Labor Council Opens—Russia Accepts the Austrian Plan of No Annexations.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—In a letter to the Labor Congress, Premier Lloyd George declared the allies' purposes of continuing the war are not imperialistic, not vindictive but for the future freedom and peace of mankind.

The ideals are the same now as when England entered the war.

"Fresh declarations of war aims are kept constantly in view but are issued only in agreement with the allies."

Arthur Henderson in opening the meeting urged the allies to renounce any desire of conquest and urged a clarification of war aims.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—Berlin reports the Russian peace negotiators accepted Count Czernin's "No annexations, No indemnities" terms as the basis for general peace discussions and will renew conferences next week.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The minister of foreign affairs told the Chamber of Deputies France refused to negotiate any German contrived peace, such as the Austrian Premier Czernin suggests.

Heavy Rains Cause Streams To Raise

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—The heavy rains are causing North-west streams to rise again. It is not believed there is any danger of causing serious floods.

Teachers Meet In Portland, to Hear Speakers

DR. RICHARD BURTON AND PROFESSOR FRANK H. LEAVITT PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—After a day of strict attention to the business of the organization, the 2900 Oregon school teachers here attending the annual convention of the State Teachers' Association today took up general assembly matters and study in various departmental institutes, each headed by an authority.

Of especial interest at today's general assembly were talks by Dr. Richard Burton and Prof. Frank H. Leavitt. Burton, who is the head of the English department of the University of Minnesota, spoke on "The Literature of the Great War." Prof. Leavitt, Chicago University, and an authority in the field of industrial education, discussed this subject, and told of Oregon's opportunity to receive \$15,000 from the government for industrial education as a result of passage of the Smith-Hughes law, which he helped formulate.

George A. Briscoe, of Ashland, president of the association, took a prominent part in today's program as did the following Oregon educators: Levi Pennington, Forest Grove; C. A. Howard, Eugene; A. C. Hampton, La Grande; J. W. Todd, Miss Jessie U. Cox, Mrs. Marie von Eschen, Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson, Flora M. Cass, G. R. Bonnell, J. A. Churchill, G. F. Carleton, Salem; H. L. Huesong, J. W. Branstetter, Astoria; Clyde T. Bonney, Corvallis; Metz, Philip Farcher, The Dalles; Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Louise Bailey, Pendleton; A. C. Schmidt, Albany; Heinrich Heidenreich, Roseburg; Harold Mason, La Grande.

Sessions will continue all of tomorrow, with special work and addresses in all departments.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL GRADE POTATOES

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—In order to guarantee Oregon potato growers a just price for their product and prevent their being swindled by unscrupulous dealers, the Public Service Commission is holding a public meeting here today to establish definite gradings for potatoes. Complaint has been made that potatoes have been purchased by San Francisco dealers as not first grade, yet after they reached the Bay City they were rated and sold as first grade.

It is especially to curb this practice and to further protect growers that the commission will establish grades for all spuds.