

CONTROL OF ROADS TO BE RETAINED

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE FINANCE
WILL NOT RESULT IN RELIN-
QUISHMENT OF LINES.**

**FUNDS WILL BE RAISED
THROUGH OTHER SOURCES**

Director General Hines Says That the Rates Will Not Be Raised in Order to Meet the Present Predicament of the Railroads—Operation to Continue as Usual.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The government has no immediate intention of relinquishing control of the railroads as a result of the failure of congress to appropriate funds for the railroad administration, Director General Hines said today.

He explained that every effort will be made to continue operations as usual to avoid laying off employees, and to finance the railroads through private loans or by advances from the war finance corporation.

Director Hines said the railroad administration did not contemplate raising rates as a means of dealing with the present financial predicament.

SHOTS FIRED AT PREMIER'S HOME

PARIS, March 5.—A man who gave his name as Kneller, a Russian Jew, fired two shots from a revolver from the residence of President Poincare. When arrested he declared that he desired to protest against intervention of the allied countries in Russia. The bullets from the revolver fell harmlessly on the veranda of the court of honor. Guards and sentinels were present and quickly secured the man.

GERMANS SAY CANNOT SUBMIT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 5.—The German cabinet has decided that Germany could not submit to coercion from the entente powers, either in the armistice negotiations or in peace discussions, it is reported.

The demands regarding the revision of shipping is held to be absolutely incompatible.

BLUE NOT AT FAULT

Since the account of the fire at 701 Jefferson street was published last night, the Observer has learned that the cause of the fire was not a defective fuse, as was at first stated in this paper. The fuse, it is said, was properly repaired after the previous fire, and the cause of yesterday's fire has not yet been determined. Defective wiring or a blaze started by children, it is considered, are the most probable causes.

NO PARTY DARE OPPOSE LEAGUE DECLARED WILSON LAST NIGHT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, March 5.—President Wilson called today on his second voyage to France, determined, as he said in his speech last night, not to "come back till it's over over there."

The transport George Washington left the Hoboken pier at 8:15. There was only a small crowd on the pier to wave farewell greetings to the presidential party. The harbor was nearly deserted due to the strike of the marine workers. Salutes were fired in honor of the departure of the George Washington.

The departure of the vessel was delayed a few minutes when it was found that the morning papers had not been put aboard the transport.

Dare Not Oppose.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The league of nations question is not a party issue, no party has the right to op-

NEW JERSEY MAN PARDONED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Among the fifty-three cases of convictions under the espionage act in which President Wilson has granted clemency is that of Frederick Kraft, secretary of the socialist party of New Jersey, who was granted full pardon.

BOLSHEVIKI WERE REPULSED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ARCHANGEL, Mar. 5.—The Bolshevik forces attempted an attack on the right bank of the Vaga river but were repulsed.

WANT JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY

IS SAVIOR OF CIVILIZATION,
LLOYD GEORGE.

Task of Supplying World Falls Chiefly to the United States and Great Britain.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, March 5.—Premier Lloyd George, in addressing the first meeting of the joint committee of employers and employees constitution by the industrial parliament last week, said: "Civilization, unless we try to save it, may be precipitated and shattered to atoms. It can only be saved by the triumph of justice and fair play to all classes alike."

The premier warned the committee that it was trustee of the welfare and safety of the whole nation. Unemployment must be banished, he said, and the workers must never again be put in dread of the horrors of distress and hunger.

"Let the workers understand," the premier declared, "that where there is an increase of products they will get a fair share of it."

Mr. Lloyd George said that what was wanted was more confidence and understanding between employers and employees. The employers must never again say "You are earning too much; your wages must come down."

The task of supplying the world with material had fallen to the United States and England and possibly Japan, the premier continued. It was a mistake, he said, to keep men working longer hours than were absolutely necessary, but at the same time foreign competition and need of productivity must be borne in mind. He pointed out to the workers that what was happening in Russia might happen in Germany and elsewhere. He said that anarchy was least suited to the working class, because when they appeared to be triumphant most they were in reality, except for a favored few, suffering the most dreadful horrors.

WILL DISTRIBUTE U-BOATS

Number Lying in British Ports to Be Handed Over to Allies

LONDON, March 5.—A number of German submarines lying in a British port are to be handed over to the allied governments, some being sent to Italy, Japan and other countries. Forty-seven submarines of all sizes, up to the big ocean going submarines, have been sold, under the condition that they be broken up. The admiralty will first remove their engines.

BAD FIRE IN AN IDAHO TOWN

TWIN FALLS, March 5.—Fire originating at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning wiped out almost a solid block of business houses in the center of Hollister, 20 miles south of here, involving an estimated loss of \$30,000, about two-thirds of which is said to be covered by insurance.

Citizens of the town worked with buckets to prevent the spread of the flames to adjoining buildings which caught fire several times. The heat was so intense that windows in buildings across the street were broken.

J. R. Seibolt, Jacob Cohen and J. B. Burrows were the owners of the buildings and stocks of hardware, furniture and general merchandise destroyed.

MAIL PLANES ARE SPEEDY

Regular Service Between Britain and Continent Established.

LONDON, Via Montreal, March 5.—An aerial postal service has been instituted between England and the continent to carry mails to the army of occupation. The mails will reach Cologne in ten hours, instead of five days as heretofore.

The mails arrive at Folkestone by train and are taken by lorries to the airfield. Twenty-three bags were taken on the first journey by four machines.

LUMBER MILL AT UNION BURNED

LOSS FROM FIRE LAST NIGHT
ESTIMATED AT \$8,000

Western Pine Lumber Company, Which Recently Went into Receivers Hands, Burned Out.

UNION, March 5.—A fire estimated at \$8,000 occurred here last night, when fire broke out in the Western Pine Lumber Company's mill and destroyed the whole plant and equipment. The fire occurred about 10 o'clock. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The loss is shared by the Union Flour Mills Co., who owned the building; the Western Pine Lumber Co., who owned the machinery; and the Union bank, who owned the lumber. The affairs of the Western Pine Company had recently gone into the hands of G. F. Hall, a receiver, to protect the interests of the bank. The building and machinery and a quantity of lumber which was within the mill were totally destroyed, and some lumber which was piled in the mill yard was burned.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, March 5.—For Oregon—Rain in the west, fair in the east; with moderate westerly winds.

PREPARING FOR EXTRA SESSION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—With the adjournment of congress Republicans and Democrats in the house immediately turned their attention to their organizations in the Sixty-sixth congress, in anticipation of the calling of a special session early in the summer.

The Republican committee on committees, chosen at the recent party conference, will meet today to begin its work which probably will require a week for completion. In the meantime eighteen Democratic members have called on their colleagues to so organize as to present a solid front to the Republican majority.

HORGE DIES OF INFLUENZA

Animal at Hood River Has All Symptoms of Afflicted Human.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 5.—While health authority reports indicate an end of an attack on humans, influenza is fatally affecting horses of the Hood River valley. C. D. Hoyt, East side Orchardist, has lost a valuable horse. The animal's condition is thought to be fatal.

The horse displayed all symptoms of influenza and died last night.

FUNERAL OF GOVERNOR TOMORROW

SIMPLE SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DR. ALVISON
OF M. E. CHURCH.

INTERMENT WILL BE IN SALEM CEMETERY

Judge Wallace McCamant Will Speak Briefly—Honorary and Active Pallbearers Have Been Selected From List of Prominent Residents of the State—Services at 2 o'clock.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, March 5.—The funeral of the late Governor James Withycombe will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Simple services will be conducted by Dr. Alvison, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The interment will be in the cemetery at Salem. Judge Wallace McCamant will speak briefly.



James Withycombe.

The honorary pallbearers will be Judge McCamant, Adjutant General Charles Beebe, Thomas H. Tongue, W. B. Ayer, Ben W. Olcott, and Ralph W. Hoyt.

The active pallbearers will be Harvey Wells, Chester A. Moore, Carl D. Shoemaker, Henry J. Schulerman, A. H. Lea and Mark McCallister.

ROAD BONDS CARRY BY EIGHT TO ONE

Pendleton, March 5.—(Special to The Observer)—Sixty-one out of sixty-four precincts complete give a total of 3773 yes, 479 no, on the proposition of \$1,050,000 road bonds for Umatilla county at the special election held yesterday. The bonding proposition has carried the county by about eight to one.

MISS RANKIN IS GRATEFUL

Montana Representative Makes Farewell Speech in House.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the only woman who ever served in congress, made her farewell speech in the house yesterday just before adjournment.

She paid a tribute to the membership for courtesy shown her and expressed regret at leaving congress without woman suffrage by constitutional amendment an accomplished fact.

BOYS ARE REWARDED

Three Newspaper Carriers in Baker Return Sum of Money Lost

BAKER, March 5.—Three small Baker boys, while on their rounds Sunday morning, carrying the Democrat, found \$355 in bills near the St. Elizabeth hospital.

The boys, who were Loren Craven, Eldon Smith, and Ralph Peterson immediately notified the Democrat office of their find in case of inquiry and had the money put in a safe.

The money which belonged to W. A. McArthur, a local tax driver, had slipped from his pocket and the loss was not discovered for some time. Mr. McArthur said, rightly, that they are three "mighty fine" boys and thought each one a suit of clothes and reward for their bonhomie.

FINDS \$1000 CHECK

Dean of University of Oregon is Very Much Surprised.

EUGENE, March 5.—A check for one thousand dollars! "This must be a joke!" Such was the reaction to the unexpected when Dean John Straub, of the University of Oregon, discovered on his desk Monday morning said check made out to him and bearing the signature of Mrs. W. F. Jewett, of Gardiner, Oregon.

"I must find out about this," said the dean, hastily thumbing over the leaves of the telephone directory in search of the name signed to the check.

"This is Mr. Straub," when his got his party.

"I just w-w-what does this check mean?" he inquired.

"Oh! it is for the woman's building, and is really no? I just found it on my desk," he explained.

"It has been there since Saturday night, you say?—What time? Ten o'clock?"

Mrs. Jewett had slipped the check on the desk during the festivities of the Colonial Assembly, given to raise funds for the women's building. Thus the people interested in the University missed thanking Mrs. Jewett for 24 hours. She could feel amply repaid, however, by the big smile worn the entire day Dean Straub.

"I made the check out to Dean Straub because he is to me the father of the University, and through him I learned of the needs of the institution," Mrs. Jewett stated, adding that she wanted to show that she was willing to do a little to help the University.

TROOPS AGAINST SPARTACANS

GERMAN SOLDIERS CALLED TO
DISPERSE CROWDS.

Spartacans Inaugurate Movement to Have Communication With Bolsheviks at Moscow.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BERLIN, March 5.—Government troops at police headquarters fired on rioters yesterday, and several casualties resulted. The troops were called to disperse the crowds which have been increasing.

The Spartacans have inaugurated a movement to seize Koenigsburg in East Prussia and thereby open a route of communication to Moscow so the Bolsheviks might have the opportunity to give assistance to the Spartacan forces, according to an official government bulletin.

The government has sent forces to Koenigsburg to put down the Spartacan strike and for the contemplated seizure.

Strike Is Progressing.

AMSTERDAM, March 5.—The strike movement is progressing throughout Germany, according to Berlin advices.

BERLIN, March 5.—Government troops have occupied Halle, between Berlin and Weimar, after fighting in which thirty civilians were killed, an aviator arriving here said. The rioters threw some of the government officers into the river and let them drown. The Spartacans fled taking with them the city funds. The situation is alarming.

FRENCH AIRMEN TO VISIT U. S.

PARIS, March 5.—The French military aviation mission, which is about to leave for the United States, will visit the principal American cities and the aviators attached to it will make short flights of about 250 miles. Capt. De Lavergne, head of the mission, informs the Echo de Paris. The mission will exhibit films, and the members will deliver lectures on the work and friendship of French and American aviators during the war. The captain added that he was desirous of demonstrating in America the efficiency of French airplanes and French pilots.

LAND OF PERPETUAL ICE

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 5.—To those nephews of Uncle Sam who picture his Alaskan territory as a land of perpetual snow and ice, Fairbanks birds indignant denial and point to the recent hunting as proof that the assertion is false. At this banquet the first roll made from wheat raised and milled here were served. Every item on the menu except the sugar and cigars, were home grown. Wine flowed from rhubarb and wild berries were featured at the feast.

CONFERENCE ENDS IN A ROW

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Disagreement of the western delegates over the failure of the conference of governors and mayors to take definite action toward relieving the unemployment situation, which has been in evidence since yesterday, culminated today in a row during which Secretary Houston left the hall.

Delegates Going Home.

Some of the delegates to the mayors and governors council are going home because they are satisfied that nothing will be accomplished. Mayor Barker of Portland said that the westerners wanted something done.

NEW ERA SPEAKER HERE YESTERDAY

THREE MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH PRESBYTERIAN CAMPAIGN HELD

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

The various meetings in connection with the New Era conference in the Presbyterian church, held here yesterday, were all well attended and were very successful. A meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at 4:00 o'clock, and although there was some disappointment caused by the inability of the special missionary speaker to be here, as it had been announced would be the cause, the meeting was satisfactory in all respects. A luncheon was held at the Foley hotel at 6 o'clock and following this, at 8 o'clock, a popular meeting was held in the church.

There were about twenty-five of the officers and leading men of the church present at the banquet, at which Dr. Arthur F. Bishop, of Portland, and Rev. W. F. Shields, of Nyssa, were the guests of honor. The luncheon party was informally addressed by Rev. Mr. Shields, who introduced Dr. Bishop. Dr. Bishop has been in the Y. M. C. A. service in the Spruce areas and he is now in the field as special representative for the New Era movement, which the Presbyterian church in the United States has inaugurated.

Dr. Bishop delivered the chief address at the general meeting which was held after the dinner. He proved to be an inspiring and forceful speaker, with a great fund of humor and as a result of his visit it is felt that there has been a great deal of new, vital energy instilled into the local church.

At the close of the addresses, Robt. S. Eakin was appointed by the meeting to act as general chairman of the New Era movement in La Grande, and he will in turn appoint the various committees which are needed to carry out the work along the lines of this campaign, which will culminate March 23rd. The purpose of the New Era movement covers four principal points, which are the deepening of the spiritual life of the church, more intensive studies of the church's duties and activities, service, and stewardship. It is the inauguration of a uniform, concerted, and nation wide forward movement along lines of consecration and reconstruction.

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PORTLAND GIVES WELCOME TO 69TH

PORTLAND, March 5.—The four hundred and four men and five officers of the 69th Artillery which arrived this morning were greeted by friends and relatives in a rain at the depot. They marched to the auditorium for breakfast and have been generously entertained throughout the day. Several hundred will attend boxing bouts tonight.

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS ARE CREATED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 5.—New Economic and financial commissions will be added to the peace conference organization. Each commission will comprise ten members from the great powers and five members from the minor powers combined. The Economic Commission will take up customs regulation, the disposition of contracts between belligerent countries, and those of the capital powers, status of enemy citizens in allied countries and the fate of commercial treaties made before the war. The financial commission will determine how enemy countries shall pay their debts, how public debts shall be apportioned among enemy countries.

GREETING FOR BOYS OF THE 69TH

IMPROMPTU OVATION SPRUNG FOR RETURNING HEROES
YESTERDAY EVENING.

RED CROSS CANTEN SERVED FINE LUNCH

Band Was Out and Many Friends Exchanged Greetings During the Stay of an Hour in La Grande—Soldiers Expressed Grateful Appreciation of Cordial Reception

"Hurrah, hurrah boys, hurrah."

One loud sonorous yell drowned the groaning of the O-V. train last night when the Sixty-Ninth arrived in La Grande from Europe on their way to Camp Lewis where they will be discharged from the service after an active, honorable career in the service for Uncle Sam. They had been five months in France and were just ready to go into action when the war concluded. Major Marion, a Washington officer, was in charge of the train.

The Sixty-Ninth is a dandy. It is up in tip top shape and every man who stepped from the train had the pep in him.

As the train entered the yards the faithful O.W. R. & N. band broke forth with a national air and the crowd that gathered into the small space about the station was full of enthusiasm.

It was a great ovation to the boys and they in turn handed back to the people fully as much cheerfulness as was given them.

They filed up to the Red Cross canteen where a fine lunch had been prepared and was served by the canteen ladies. Many of the boys told of experience they have had in France to the throng of people who listened with eagerness.

Friends met friends among the boys. Oregon is well represented in the Sixty-ninth and several United States soldiers are present.

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS TO STAND

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, March 5.—Ben W. Olcott, who automatically became governor of Oregon on the death of Governor James Withycombe, took no action on the bills that were left for executive approval. Acting Governor Olcott allowed all bills to become laws.

"REE-TREATED" DURING FIGHT

AKRON, O., March 5.—Following a scrap over "Beautiful K-K-Katie," said to be the most beautiful of Akron's creole damsels, Henry Adams was brought into court on the charge of shooting at Clarence Wells with intent to kill.

"What did you do after Adams had shot at you?" asked the court.

"Well, sah, ah jes ree-treated while de ree-treatin' was good," said Wells.

"He told me to go arm mahself and ah was makin' tracks thataway shore mahf, Judge."