



GERMANY WANTS OPTION ON CANAL ROUTE.

Offered Nicaragua Larger Sum Than U. S., Declare Treaty's Backers.

Washington, Feb. 14—That Germany had offered Nicaragua a larger sum than the United States for an option on the Nicaraguan canal route was urged in the senate today as an argument for early ratification of the pending Nicaraguan treaty.

THE TOMB

Former Resident of Jackson County Dies in California

Mrs. Arzie E. Haskins, wife of Newton Haskins, who lived most of her life at Sterling, died at Miramonte, Cal., January 12. Deceased's maiden name was Arzie Esther Saltmarsh. She was born near Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, April 2, 1859, being 57 years 9 months and 10 days of age at the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, four children, Wallace E. Haskins, Mrs. Israelena M. Swett, Oren Haskins and Mrs. Christina Morey, besides one brother and a sister, living in Jackson county.

Mail Shut Off For 10 Days

Canyon City, Or., Feb. 14—Grant county received the first mail from the outside world last Thursday, after being isolated for a period of ten days. The Sumpter Valley railroad, which operates between Baker and Prairie City, was stalled on account of heavy snows. As this narrow gauge road brings the Grant county mail part of the way, the postmasters throughout this county had a short vacation.

OUT OF PLACE IN CABINET

Secretary of Navy Does not Understand the Situation.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14—Secretary Daniels was taken to task by S. Stanwood Menken, president of the National Security league, in an address at the annual banquet of the Officers Engineer's society of Western Pennsylvania here tonight for planning "to give us a promissory note for a navy, payable in ten years, with installments maturing about five years from the date of congressional enactment."

"It is apparent that the secretary of the navy has not understood the situation as now sensed by the president," continued Mr. Menken, "nor has he had the inspiration or judgment to recognize the greatness of his task and bring to his aid industrial leaders capable of handling great enterprises. Mr. Daniels has shown no fitness for his position, no title to continue in it. I say this because at the present juncture, with no politics but preparedness no creed but America, we must feel it the proper time to ask if American people show their belief in Mr. Wilson by re-electing him, whether four years more of Mr. Wilson means four years more of Mr. Daniels."

"This is the gravest moment to those of us who, while recognizing Mr. Daniels' many and amiable qualities and political record feel his condition of the upbuilding of our navy and its personnel is a menace to national safety."

British War Credits to Total Ten Billions.

London, Feb. 14—It is expected the next vote of credit will be introduced soon after parliament reassembles tomorrow. The statement is made unofficially that the vote will be for £250,000,000, bringing up the total of war credits to £1,912,000,000.

Booth-Kelly Mills to Open

Eugene, Or., Feb. 15—The Booth-Kelly logging camps above Wendling resumed operations yesterday and the mill will begin sawing again tomorrow after a month's idleness on account of the deep snow in the mountains which prevented logging operations.

NO CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY

Between States and Federal Government.

All the chatter about the respective states having command of their own militia should cease. The federal government is the sovereign power.

When the question comes of the defense of the country, or the attack by the country, there can be no divided authority—the sovereign power assumes its sway.

The states have full control of their militia in time of general peace, and in the handling of their own militia when trouble comes in an individual state, but we often see the governors of such states calling upon the general government to help put down insurrections, and then we always notice that a company of federal troops is more effective than a regiment of state troops. This is because the trouble makers believe that the members of the militia do not want to clash with their own neighbors, and that if any arrests are made the trials will be in the civil courts, whereas with the regulars, they know there will be no hesitating about shooting to kill, and if any trials are ordered, the court will be a military court with no foolishness.

The respective authority of the general government and that of the states is perfectly defined.

The state should train its militia for its home use, but every autumn there should be joint maneuvers, where the militia and regular troops should be joined and all under the direction of the higher authority, and in the event of war the sovereign authority must have exclusive direction of events.

Any other system would swiftly lead to utter demoralization.—Judge Goodwin.

335 Applicants Draw For 12 Homesteads in Yakima.

North Yakima, Wash., Feb. 15—Drawings among 335 applicants for ten 40-acre homesteads in the government's Sunnyside reclamation project, took place here yesterday at the federal land office. The winners were announced as George Etta, N. A. Gilman, E. E. Dillon, Ole Rystad and E. G. Dahl, all of North Yakima; A. E. Gilbert, Richard; E. E. Bryan, Sunnyside; Leonard Giles, Benton City, Knute Hill, Wallace Blake and O. P. McClure, Prosser.

ALL SINGLEMEN IN BRITAIN ARE CALLED

Compulsory Service Act Invoked to Enlist Every Available Englishman.

London, Feb. 14—An official proclamation calling upon the remaining single men, under the Derby plan and the military service act, was posted today.

The call to the colors will have the effect of enrolling all single men of military age who have not been exempted.

Single men who did not attest under the Earl of Derby's plan are subject to compulsory military service, with certain classes of exemption under the terms of the act passed at the last session of parliament, which went into effect February 10.

LANE WANTS INDIANS TO MANAGE AFFAIRS

Would Abolish Present Bureau and Substitute Commission of Three Men.

Washington, Feb. 14—Senator Lane today introduced a bill to abolish the present Indian bureau and replace it with a commission of three men selected from five nominees chosen by a council of Indians, to be under the direct control of congress and with instructions to close up the nation's supervision over Indian affairs. His bill also would prohibit the sale of intoxicants to Indians.

Two Bottles of Beer Seized in Police Raid.

Centralia, Wash., Feb. 15—Saturday night the local police raided the Centralia Cafe in search of liquor. Two bottles of beer were found and confiscated, but the fact that H. Knabel, proprietor of the cafe, has secured a liquor permit has complicated the case. The local dry ordinance provides that liquor cannot be kept in places of business, but Knabel also uses the cafe as sleeping quarters. Information which resulted in the raid was given by a discharged employe.

Sale of National Forest Timber

The Forest Supervisor at Albany, Oregon, has just opened bids for 1,645,000 feet of timber on the Santiam National Forest. The Albany Lumber Company of Albany were the successful bidders.

The timber is located on the Santiam River in Sec. 17, T 10 S R 6 E, W. M., and consists of 1,432,000 feet of Douglas fir, 108,000 feet of western hemlock and 105,000 feet of red cedar.

The advertised prices were \$1.55 per M for Douglas fir, \$1.70 per M for red cedar, and 50 cents per M for hemlock. Two bids were submitted,—one by D. S. Livesay of Woodburn, and the other by the Albany Lumber Company. The latter submitted the highest bid at the rates of \$1.70 per M for Douglas fir and red cedar, and 50 cents per M for hemlock.

Tenino Sawmill Resumes Work

Centralia, Wash., Feb. 12—The Mutual Lumber company's mill and camps in Tenino, which suspended operations during the inclement weather, started up again on Wednesday morning.

The Doty Lumber & Shingle company has installed a new cross-arm machine in its planing mill with a daily capacity of 4800 cross-arms. The company has just secured an order for 34 carloads of cross-arms.

Registration of Voters in Oregon is Very Slow.

Salem, Or., Feb. 14—Announcing that total registration so far was only 33,431, Deputy Secretary of State Koser today expressed apprehensions that unless registration progresses much faster in the next two months, a congestion will result. At the last election the total registration was 305,090 and it is estimated that it will increase from 15 to 20 per cent this year, and the books close April 19.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Woman 92 Years Old Registers

Baker, Or., Feb. 12—"The other women said it was too sloopy to go out, so I came alone," said Mrs. Matilda Eaton, aged 92, of this city, when she went to register yesterday afternoon at the county clerk's office. She walked 14 blocks to register, answered all questions quick as a flash, and returned home alone. She registered as a Democrat.

Wine is Poured into Sewer.

Tillamook, Or., Feb. 12—Sheriff Crenshaw late yesterday turned five barrels of wine into the sewer, the property of John Teiler, who recently pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was fined \$300. Quite a number of people witnessed the destruction of the wine, which Teiler had made from evergreen blackberries, and which when the dry law went into effect he began to sell at 25 cents a bottle.

Leg Crushed in Woods

Lebanon, Or., Feb. 14—Thomas Snyder, a young man of the Seaside community was brought to this city for treatment of a badly fractured leg. He was engaged in handling logs when the cable broke; one end striking his left leg, crushing one bone.

Oregon Pioneer Dies in Seattle

Seattle, Feb. 15—William A. Templeton, who crossed the plains from Missouri to Oregon in an ox cart in 1847 and was reared with his parents on a homestead near Brownsville, Or., died yesterday at his home here, aged 71 years. He had been a member of the Oregon legislature. He leaves a widow, the daughter of Ezra Mueckler.

Nicholas Steele Buried at Salem

Salem, Or., Feb. 14—Funeral services were held here today over Nicholas Steele, aged 85 years, a native of Ireland. He is survived by the widow and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Isabella Hillebrand and Mrs. Jessie Stewart, of Monmouth; Mrs. Effie Young and Mrs. Daisy Kays, Salem; George Steele, Portland; Robert Steele, Twin Falls, Ida.; Arthur and Edward Steele, Saver, and William and Donald Steele, this city.

Oregon Assessors in Convention

Salem, Or., Feb. 15—To consider tax problems assessors from all parts of the state assembled in convention here this forenoon. Governor Withycombe in an address dwelt upon the importance of the assessors' work and the necessity of the officials becoming conversant with all tax questions. Twenty-five assessors are attending the session.

S. Seely Killed in Logging Camp

Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 15—Seth Seely, a son of G. L. Seely of Buxton, was killed in the woods near that place yesterday while working at the logging camp of the Standard Box Company as hook tender. The accident was due to the parting of a cable, one end of which struck him. He was 32 years old. The funeral will be held tomorrow with interment at Banks.

FEDERAL OWNERSHIP INQUIRY IS FAVORED

Advisability of Government Ownership of Public Utilities is Considered.

Washington, Feb. 15—By a vote of 39 to 23 the senate today went on record as favoring congressional inquiry into the advisability of government ownership of public utilities as against government regulation and control. It adopted such an amendment proposed by Senator Borah to Senator Newland's resolution to direct inquiry into adequacy of railroad legislation and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

State Highway Commission allows \$90,000 of highway fund for improving Columbia highway from Hood River to Mosier.

Shell Oil Company's \$200,000 plant about completed.

D. A. White & Sons are building their fourth warehouse in Salem.

Grant's Pass box factory again operating with 62 men.

Medford's building activity for 1915 totaled over \$300,000.

I. M. Morgan of Ione figuring on starting creamery at Heppner.

Geo. W. Moore Mill at Bandon opens March 15.

Mills continue to open on Coos Bay and new industries start locating there.

Coos Bay plans monster celebration July 4th, to celebrate completion of railroad.

Interstate Commerce Commission allows railroads to reduce rates on hay for 30 days in order to give relief to stock men.

British steamer loading 3,000,000 ft. lumber at Portland for London.

\$5,000,000 corporation organized to operate steamers between Portland, Oriental and Australian ports.

A representative of Libby Packing Co. speaking at The Dalles urged farmers to raise more vegetables as well as fruit to keep cannery running most of year.

Pendleton—Application made to develop 9000 additional horsepower on Umatilla streams.

Corvallis—350,000 volt transformer from Panama Exposition installed at O. A. C.

Salem—Oregon Public Utility Commission demands that books, accounts and records of municipal plants handling water or light be made public.

Harriman—Union Pacific system has 200 men putting on finishing touches on branch into Harney County.

Klamath County reduced county debt by \$125,577. Out of debt in 3 years.

Portland—City Commission votes to build duplicate water plant at St. Johns refusing to pay price for private plant fixed by State Utility Commission.

Ashland—\$15,000 mineral water bottling plant to be erected here.

Clay manufacturers held state convention at Albany Feb. 9.

Burns—Swift Packing Co. said to have bought 130,000 acres land here.

WAR AND PREPAREDNESS

A Few Thoughts Along New Lines.

When President Wilson finishes his western tour, he had better slip down to Brazil, studying Portuguese on the voyage, and make a few speeches on the need of preparedness there, for the greatness danger of war that threatens our country today is that we may be called upon to maintain our Monroe doctrine pledges five thousand miles from our coasts.

There are calamities worse than a war with a foreign power or a combination of foreign powers. A foreign war draws the hearts of a people together and makes each one a unit in the country's defense, but if there are some millions of people in a country who want work and a reasonable reward for their work and can get neither, then there is not only danger, but a perpetual menace to peace and to love of country.

Are we not half as well prepared against that menace as we should be?

That expert who testified in Washington what the navies of Europe could do to our eastern coast, forgot something.

He might have added that should the sun load the moon with dynamite and drop it upon our planet, under our present state of unpreparedness, there would certainly follow a large explosion. One proposition would be just as sensible as the other.—Goodwin's Weekly.

21 Children in One Family

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 14—Henry Tyson, a settler at the head of the South Umpqua river, is the father of 21 children. The youngest child is now 12 years of age.

WE have the celebrated Spencer Sweet Peas, in solid colors.

Also a fine assortment of fresh Garden Seeds.

Shop at Home!

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.