



NATIONAL DEFENSE MEASURE PUSHED

Agreement Reached on Army Bill; Naval Pro- gram May Be Adopted

Washington, Aug. 7.—National defense legislation took a long stride today toward completion at an early date when conferees on the army appropriation bill reported a complete agreement and the conference committee on the naval appropriation bill reached an agreement on increased personnel for the navy.

Agreement on the personnel increases by the naval conferees came as a surprise, as it had been expected that this disputed section of the bill would have to be returned to the house for further consideration. Details of the agreement were not announced, but a compromise is said to have been reached between the senate and house totals and on the methods of promotion.

Following agreement on personnel, the conferees took up consideration of the naval construction program.

It is regarded as probable that the senate program for construction of four battleships and four battle cruisers in 1917 will be accepted, but that the three-year continuing program will be eliminated.

The conferees on the army bill returned their report today without eliminating the Hay amendment to the articles of war exempting retired officers and men from the provisions of the military code. Because the war department objected strongly to the agreement, the conference committee had held up their report for several days after it was completed and signed. Today Representative Hay finally declined to agree to a change.

Rain, Wind and Hail

Destroy Crops

Prineville, Or., Aug. 8.—A heavy rain storm accompanied by hail and a high wind, passed over this section late yesterday afternoon and did great damage to the grain crops in the Ochoco valley. The grain was flattened down and in many cases, where it was ripe, it was virtually threshed out. The extent of the damage has not yet been estimated but it is large, and further reports of losses are coming in every hour.

TWO YEARS REQUIRED TO CLASSIFY GRANT LANDS

Crew of Cruisers and Experts Gather on California Line to Begin Work

Ashland, Or., Aug. 8.—The hotel Austin here, headquarters for the crew of cruisers and timber experts who will undertake the classification of the railroad grant lands in Oregon, presents a scene of unusual activity. Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the United States land office, is here to personally supervise the establishment of the camps east of Ashland. One hundred men will be put to work in the crew which is now assembling, most of the men coming from Portland. According to Mr. Sharpe the crew faces a job which will probably take two years. The crew will work north from the California-Oregon line.

Forest Notes

The first act of Congress relating to forestry was an appropriation of \$200,000, passed in 1799, for the purpose of acquiring timber for naval construction. Under this appropriation the Government established reserves containing live oak as the best timber for shipbuilding.

The turpentine industry of southern France is a manmade industry. Out of shifting, barren sand dunes and a malaria, poverty-stricken region, the French Government, through reclamation and planting of maritime pine, has made one of the most prosperous and salubrious sections of France. A century ago the barren sand dunes of southern France could be bought at any price. Today this barren land within the reclaimed area is worth at the lowest \$2.50 per acre, while the best brings as high as \$24.00 per acre.

The amount of standing timber in this country has been variously estimated at from 400 to 500 billion feet. About 340 billion of this is in the southern states.

Volunteer fire fighters, when needed, are summoned to the aid of the Forest rangers by the blowing of a certain signal on steam whistles in many towns in or near National Forests in southern California.

Mexico is a very contradictory country, between the hirsute Carranza and the Mexican hairless dog. It ought to learn to calm down and strike averages.

HIGH SCHOOL GRAD AND GROOM ARRESTED

Charged With Issuing Bad Checks and Will Be Re- turned to Eugene

Eugene, Or., Aug. 7.—Gerald Rice and wife, high school students who were married in Eugene, May 8, were arrested at Billings, Mont., Saturday on a warrant issued here, charging them with passing worthless checks. After their marriage they deposited a small sum in a local bank and proceeded to check against it. They overdrawed their account and succeeded in obtaining money and clothing on checks to the value of over \$100. Rice when married claimed he was 21, but his teachers say he is only 19. His wife is 17 or 18.

The Hague Tribunal

The opening of The Hague congress is announced, but the opening address does not read as though there was any real conception of what there is to do.

It would hardly do for the presiding judge in a criminal prosecution to announce in advance that he would see that a prisoner had a fair trial though he was thoroughly convinced that the prisoner was guilty and would so instruct the jury.

The Hague tribunal at this time should not be a board of arbitration nor a trial court.

It should be great enough to note the effects of a two years' unparallelled war, and should seek to lay down such rules as might become international law to prevent a repetition of the present war and at the same time perhaps form a basis of settlement for the present difficulties.

Its opening contains no promise of any good to come from its deliberations. —Godwin's Weekly.

Fall Kills Aged Woman

At Her Lafayette Home

Lafayette, Or., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Sarah Boone died at her home here last evening as the result of a fall late Monday noon. When found two hours after her fall she was unconscious and never regained consciousness. She was aged 86 years, 1 month and 10 days. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Matney of Lafayette. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Evangelical church.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Triangulation Station At Echo

Echo, Or., Aug. 7.—A triangulation station has been established at this place by the United States coast and geodetic survey and Professor Fairfield is here taking nightly observations of the stars to get the accurate latitude and longitude for a geodetic map.

Arrest British Soldier

On Bad Check Charge

Eugene, Or., Aug. 7.—Albert Hadley, who claimed to be a British soldier on furlough, is accused of passing a bad check on a local bank about April 15 and was arrested at Petersburg, Ill., Saturday. He will be brought back by Sheriff Parker of this city.

Farmer Drops Dead

While Repairing Road

Salem, Or., Aug. 7.—While working on the road seven miles north of this city, C. C. Brishin, a farmer residing near Chemawa, dropped dead today from heart disease, according to advices received by Coroner Clough. He was 59 years old and married.

Hughes Club is Formed

Brownsville, Or., Aug. 7.—A political club was organized here Friday evening under the name of the Brownsville Hughes Republican club. W. F. Moore was named chairman and J. W. Clark secretary-treasurer. No roll of membership was made at this meeting. The date set for the next meeting is Friday evening, August 18.

Sunday Lid On Theaters

Lifted By Dallas Judge

Dallas, Or., Aug. 7.—Judge H. H. Belt, in the circuit court, has decided that the ordinance of the city of Dallas prohibiting the operation of theaters on Sunday is in conflict with the state law, and has relieved O. C. Smith, a moving picture operator, from paying a fine assessed by the local police court. It is expected that the city will appeal.

Goat-Roping Is New

Feature At 1915 Roundup

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 8.—The many visitors at the Round-up this year, September 21, 22 and 23, will have the pleasure of seeing a new added feature, goat-roping, which has never been put on in the Northwest before. Goat-roping is like steer-roping, except that as the rope tightens around his horns, the goat stops, turns and pulls backward. The cow pony must then hold the goat tight while the roper dismounts and flanks him; that is, picks up the goat, places him in his lap and ties his feet. The goat always makes a game fight to the very last. A special purse of \$250 has been offered in this event.

Minister Starts Speaking

Tour For Dry Interests

Hood River, Or., Aug. 8.—The Rev. J. L. Allen, pastor of the Heights Baptist church of this city, left yesterday for Pendleton to begin a two weeks' lecturing tour of Umatilla county in the interest of the Anti-Saloon league. Mr. Allen's brother is a candidate for sheriff in Umatilla county. The local minister, formerly an attorney in Virginia, has participated in anti-liquor campaigns both in his native state and in Oklahoma before coming here.

Gervais Woman Passes Away

Gervais, Or., Aug. 7.—Mrs. John I. Jones, wife of a Gervais blacksmith, died suddenly at her home in this place yesterday afternoon, aged about 45 years. She is survived by the husband and two sons. The family came here about two years ago from Powell Butte.

Contract Awarded For New Road

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 8.—The contract for the construction of a road from Gardiner to the Willamette Pacific railroad has been let to C. B. Hinsdale, his bid being \$14,600. Of this amount Gardiner citizens raised \$1100, Douglas county appropriating the remainder.

IRISH WOMAN OFFICER

IN ARMY OF SERBIA

Nurse who Became Sergeant Is Returning to Regiment After Vacation

Paris, Aug. 7.—Miss Flora Santos, an Irish woman who is a sergeant in the Serbian army, has arrived at Toulon on her way to rejoin her regiment after a holiday in Ireland, according to the Matin.

Miss Santos was in Serbia when the war broke out and joined a hospital as a nurse. Later on she enlisted as a regular soldier and went through the last campaign, taking part in the disastrous retreat to Darazzo.

NEW U. S. WARSHIP HAS

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

Superdreadnaught Oklahoma

Joins Atlantic Fleet

for Test Cruise

New York, Aug. 7.—The new superdreadnaught Oklahoma will join the Atlantic fleet at Newport, R. I., today. She left here yesterday to take her place with the other big warships of the first division. It is expected she will be given a cruise of about three weeks to give her company of 1000 officers and men a chance to become acquainted with her. The Oklahoma had been here for a few months completing her equipment. Two three inch anti-aircraft guns were added to her equipment just before she left here. It is said that she is the first vessel of the United States navy to be so equipped.

HAWLEY'S PLAN FOR

ROAD FUND ADOPTED

Washington, Aug. 8.—In a conference of Western representatives with Assistant Forester Potter today, Congressman Hawley's plan of distributing the \$1,000,000 annual road fund for roads in forest reserves was adopted. Under this plan half is distributed on a basis of the state's forest resources and the other half on a basis of forest area. Oregon will receive \$127,750 the first year, or considerably over one-tenth of the entire fund.

Guard Panama Canal

Against Foreign Spies

Washington, Aug. 7.—Activities of persons suspected of being spies employed by foreign governments to acquire information regarding the nature and extent of the defenses of the Panama Canal have made the administration decide to request congress to supplement the existing laws against improper acquisition of knowledge of military and naval plans and fortifications.

The latest incident to excite suspicion is the operations of a little Japanese power vessel, ostensibly a fishing launch, which sought to obtain a permit for pearl fishing in the waters of Panama bay and vicinity.

Boy's Eye Removed

By Doctors

Falls City, Or., Aug. 8.—Hershel Lewis, 10 years old who was injured last week by the explosion of a dynamite cap, was operated upon yesterday and his left eye was removed. It is believed the right eye can be saved. A piece of copper, taken from the eyeball measured one-sixteenth of an inch.

Lawyer's Auto Rolls Into Canyon

Eugene, Or., Aug. 8.—Ralph S. Hamilton, a member of the law firm of Foster & Hamilton, of this city, drove his car over an embankment 30 miles from Crescent City, Cal., Sunday, according to a telegram received by Mr. Foster that evening. Mr. Hamilton, his wife and child, who were in the car, escaped unhurt. Mr. Hamilton said he would get the car out of the canyon into which it rolled.

Unfortunately the only way to get "the boys out of the trenches" thus far discovered is to blow them out by shell fire or dig them out with bayonets.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Salem, Aug. 7.—Draining 15,000 acres water-soaked French Prairie land may be more than talk.

Forest Grove to have new brick business block.

Four grain elevators, capacity 20,000 to 100,000 bushels being built in Wasco county.

Portland—\$60,000 to be spent on Pacific Telephone Co. line reconstruction.

Lebanon—Fine new bridge built here by Pacific Iron Works accepted by county.

Astoria—Bills opened for \$25,000 M. E. church.

Portland—Contract let for concrete stock yards building.

Public Service corporation assessed at one-fifth total valuation of Clackamas county.

Tillamook paving mile of street and building large warehouse.

Marshfield—Ed and Wm. Forest, of North Bend, installing shingle mill on branch of Larson inlet; to operate Aug. 31.

Corvallis—Prof. Skelton and College crew building macadam road and laying cement sidewalks.

Dallas and Fall City unite to operate large rock crushing plant.

Junction center will add prune drying plant.

Oregon hot air and exhorter industry overdone and hardware and real production neglected.

Six western state railroad commissions ask railroad trainmen's unions to arbitrate strike.

Eugene—7 carloads cattle shipped to California sugar beet feeding stations.

Wheeler—Bi-co-operative cannery in operation.

Albany furniture factory starts Sept. 1 with first year's output sold.

Bend—After 14 years talk, machinery is actually going into the potato likes.

Lincoln—Henry Neiger makes 400 lb swiss cheese per month from 32 cows.

Marshfield to pave ten blocks of Anderson street.

Eugene spends \$3845 improving city hall.

Forest Grove—Carnation flouring mills near this city, long idle, are to resume.

Cottage Grove—S. P. Co. back of new railroad to Lorane valley.

The itinerant peddler destroys the merchants business just as the jitney destroys a well organized traction system. Neither pay taxes and both kill legitimate business and hurt the community.

Primary election in Yamhill county cost 72 cts. per vote.

Marshfield—Kruso & Banks shipyard which is operated electrically with power furnished by the Oregon power Co. has secured contracts for building five large boats.

Pacific Telephone Co. to build new lines from Roseburg to Myrtle Point.

Marshfield—Coos Bay to have an open shop stevedoring company backed by the lumber mills.

Condon—People of Ritter country to have bridge across North Fork.

Roseburg—Riverside school house contract let.

Albino machine works to get \$235,000 for repairing Japanese steamers.

Roseburg—New Bridge to go across Umpqua at Happy Valley.

Railroads and Public Service corporations have paid 13 per cent of all the taxes on a valuation of \$122,000,000. The Peoples Land and Loan Singe Tax bill omits this property from the rolls.

La Grande business men will install a gas plant.

Florence—Putting in new water works. New Shingle mill running.

Astoria letting contracts for six ballulthie streets.

Contract let for Latham and Dillard highway.

Meacham sawmill working with night shift.

Eugene gets a \$3000 brick store building.

Dallas voted down an eight-mill special school tax.

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