

CAUSES OF GREAT WAR BRIEFLY TOLD

DR. KENNETH LATOURETTE AND REV. W. G. ELIOT, JR., TALK AT CHURCH

TIME PERMITS ONLY SHORT RESUME

Oregon City Man, Now Professor at Reed College, Discusses Three Underlying Reasons for Gigantic Struggle

Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette, of Reed college, discussed the various causes of the European war Tuesday night at the monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood. He was forced, because of his limited time, to give a somewhat hurried summary of the reasons why the European continent had been plunged into a strife that is costing hundreds of thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of money, but he entirely satisfied his auditors, at that. Briefly, but nevertheless concisely, Dr. Latourette, an Oregon City product he it said, touched the high spots in a half hour talk that was heard by more than 100 people, many coming after the monthly banquet to hear the speakers. He declared that the three underlying causes of the war were:

First—The number of nations inhabiting the continent of Europe.
Second—The support of the well established belief among the European nations themselves that no single country should be powerful enough to over balance all the others.
Third—The presence of Germany in Europe.

Dr. Latourette prefaced his talk with the carefully worded statement that it is extremely difficult to refrain from seeming to take sides on the question of right and wrong in the great struggle. He carried this idea all through his speech and at no time evinced a spirit of partisanship. He took up in turn the aims, the sorrows, the motives and the attitudes of the various countries involved. He plunged back 400 years in history, indeed, 1800 years, and in an incredibly short space of time, he covered clearly and understandingly the many phases that have finally resulted in a vast struggle for supremacy and for vengeance. He criticized the policy of no nation but he told of the part that each nation had in the thinly veiled diplomatic relations and the national ambitions that preceded the war. He did the seemingly impossible thing in telling his story, in a way that none of his hearers could fail to grasp, the same story, much more briefly told, that he has incorporated into 10 lectures, each of one hour's duration that he is delivering this winter at the Portland Public Library. Dr. Latourette was warmly applauded at the conclusion of his talk.

Dr. W. G. Eliot, Jr., pastor of the First Unitarian church of Portland, followed Dr. Latourette. He talked on the consequences of the war and his most noteworthy point was that if the moral reactions are such that they may be conserved, guided and mobilized, the effect will be so tremendous that the results will be better for the nations involved.

He passed lightly over the evident consequences, such as human suffering and loss of life, but laid special stress on the loss of race stamina by death and the disabling of many of the flower of the young manhood of the European countries. He referred to the commercial results, and the destruction of property and the loss of producers, and warned the people of America that the sudden business growth because of the war is really only a "whiskey stimulus," and would ultimately result in the loss of business because of the loss of purchasing power. Dr. Eliot emphasized the point that the result of army training and the discipline and self control taught in the war would have a tendency to eliminate self-expression, which leads to selfishness and irresponsibility. He argued that a new sense of personal responsibility and a new power of self control would be material results on the war.

Colonel C. H. Dye presided. The Flechtner orchestra rendered patriotic airs and Rev. George Nelson Edwards presented a paper covering recent current events and an argumentative rehearsal of reasons why Oregon City should not delay in the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. or a similar institution that would provide a place for rest and recreation.

TRONSON IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—Fred Tronson, who shot and killed Emma Ulrich November 6, was found guilty of murder today in Judge McGinn's court, following a trial that is believed to have broken all brevity records for murder cases in this county.

Tronson will be taken before Judge McGinn for sentence Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. That same night he probably will be lodged in his cell in the penitentiary at Salem, beginning his sentence of life imprisonment less than a month after his assassination of Miss Ulrich.

DECISION ON WILHOIT CUT-OFF IS POSTPONED

The county court Friday took the proposed Wilhoit cutoff under advisement and will probably reach a decision at the next term.

The construction of the cut-off was bitterly opposed and arguments for and against the project took up much of the court's time both Wednesday when the petition was introduced, and Friday when the matter came up again. The new route, which would follow the course of Bear Creek, would do away with one of the worst grades of the road from Molalla to the mineral springs.

NEW OFFICIALS TO CLOSE UP RESORTS

NEW MILWAUKIE OFFICIAL BECLARES LID WILL BE CLAMPED ON

QUESTION NOW RESTS WITH COUNCIL

Balance of Power is With Charles Council, Councilman-at-Large Elects

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Dec. 8.—"We will close up the Priars' club and the Hotel Belle and clean up the town," said G. C. Pelton, mayor-elect, this morning. "We elected only two members of the council, and as mayor I will have no vote on the liquor license affairs, but I believe that a majority of the councilmen will be on the side of public decency and morality and will vote these two resorts out."

Charles H. Council, elected councilman-at-large, will have the balance of power in the council. B. G. Skulason and W. H. Grassie, councilmen from the second ward, are Good Government league men, while J. B. Bond and Claude C. Perry, from the first ward were elected on the Republican ticket. Apparently the Republican ticket has the majority and can control the council.

The conditional license of the Hotel Belle expires January 1 and will come up that time for renewal.

There is a case pending against the Priars' club in the Clackamas county courts, and what action Mr. Pelton will take with reference to the club remains to be seen. District Attorney Hedges told the people of Milwaukie the council and marshal can close up the Priars' club at once if they desire.

I. Grattan, owner of the Hotel Belle and Priars' club property, was in Milwaukie early this morning looking over the situation. "Well, I won't die over it," was his only comment on the result of the election.

The other matters of importance are the disposition of the \$20,000 realized from the sale of water bonds, collection of the \$9000 road money, said to be due Milwaukie from Clackamas county, and the gas and street railway franchises. This \$20,000 was to be used to construct a water plant or buy the present plant. The money has been received and the city is paying 5 per cent interest on it.

Stockholders of the Multnomah county Fair association, in session Monday elected the following directors: H. A. Lewis, A. F. Miller, R. W. Gill, F. H. Crane, Theodore Brugger, S. Jenne, C. M. Lake, H. G. Mullenhoff, D. M. Roberts, R. P. Rasmussen, E. L. Thorpe, J. W. Townsend, H. W. Snashall and David McKeown.

'DUTCH' STORF WILL COMPLETE LONG TERM

EVIDENCE COLLECTED AGAINST MAN THOUGHT CONNECTED WITH ROBBERY

"Dutch" Storf, a paroled convict who, it is thought, aided in the attempted robbery of the Jarl store at Kelso, was taken back to Salem Thursday night by F. H. Snodgrass where Storf will complete an eight year term in the state penitentiary.

District Attorney Hedges and Sheriff Mass have evidence which they believe is enough to convict the man with the attempted robbery, but the case will not be taken into the courts.

"By not making a case against Storf, we will save the county several hundred dollars," said Mr. Hedges, "and even if we were able to secure a conviction, I doubt if we could secure a longer sentence than the one which now hangs over him."

Parole Officer Snodgrass and Sheriff Mass spent Wednesday in Portland investigating the case. They visited the house which was rented by the would-be robbers and there found evidence which, they say, would insure Storf's conviction, if he were tried.

Andrew Kennedy will build a coal briquetting plant at North Bend.

STAATS EXPLAINS 3 MANAGER PLANS

STUDENT GIVES ARGUMENT FOR AND AGAINST METHODS DESCRIBED

DISCUSSION OF QUESTION IS ASKED

In Third Article Municipal Authority Declares Responsibility Cannot be Placed Under the Present Charter

(By J. O. Staats.)

Three different methods are used in selecting a city manager.

First—The people elect a council or commission (the name does not matter, their functions are the same) which employs the city manager to carry out the plans of the commission.

Second—The people elect a mayor and council, the mayor having practically the same powers that are given under our present charter and the council acts as a legislative body; the mayor appoints the city manager, the appointment being approved by the council, and the city manager has the appointing of all other city officials.

The argument in favor of both of these plans is that it places the city manager beyond the reach of the pressure that is brought to bear on the elective officers. He is accountable only to those who appoint him and it is his business to carry out their plans.

The third method is for the people to elect a council which is a legislative body only and a mayor who is the city manager and devotes his entire time to the city's business, reporting each month to the council the condition of the city financially and the various improvements under way and making suggestions to them of the legislation needed.

The argument in favor of this plan is that it makes the city manager directly responsible to the people, who have the power of recall at anytime.

The argument against the first two plans is that it places the city manager too far away from the people and he has no sympathy for their needs, his sole object being to please the mayor or the council who appointed him instead of the people who pay for his services, also, that it places a responsibility on the council and mayor of selecting a manager when the people themselves should bear this responsibility.

The argument against the third method is that it places the manager in too close touch with the people and he may, for political reasons, be swayed by what he thinks is public sentiment to such an extent that the city's best interests will suffer.

I am giving the three different methods and the arguments that are used both for and against each one and ask you taxpayers, who are the people to say what you want, which of these plans appeal to you. Every taxpayer in the city is interested in this question. Let us have your opinion now so that there can be drafted into the charter the method that the taxpayers want, instead of what the politicians want.

There is no question but the people of Oregon City want a change in their method of government, something that will enable them to place responsibility. It cannot be done under our present charter. Will you help us with suggestions of needed changes? No small bunch of men, no matter how capable or honest they may be, should, unaided, draw up a charter for a whole people. They should have the advice of the people themselves.

An Ashland firm has begun manufacturing a folding crate to ship vegetables and fruit.

BRITONS WIN ON SEA

SQUADRON UNDER COMMAND OF ADMIRAL STURDEE DEFEATS THE FLEET OF GERMANS

THREE SHIPS DESTROYED

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICTORY SENT FROM LONDON IN LESS THAN 100 WORDS—BRITISH LOSS SMALL

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A British squadron under command of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, chief of the war staff, engaged a German squadron under Admiral Count Von Spee off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic yesterday.

The armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the protected cruiser Leipzig, three of the German warships which had been menacing British shipping and part of the squadron which sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth in the Pacific on November 1, were destroyed, while the cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, the two other vessels which composed the German squadron made off during the fight and, according to latest accounts, are being pursued.

Two colliers were captured.

The announcement of this engagement and victory, which was the most important naval engagement of the war, with the exception of that off Heligoland last August, were made tonight in a statement by the admiralty of less than 100 words. It said:

"At 7:30 a. m., on December 8, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near the Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

"An action followed in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count Von Spee; the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk. The Dresden and Nurnberg made off during the action and are being pursued.

"Two colliers also were captured. "The vice admiral reports that the British casualties are very few in number.

"Some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig."

EMERGENCY CLAUSE FOR PROHIBITION BILL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—An emergency clause may be attached to the prohibition bill to be passed at the coming legislative session.

This will preclude the possibility of referring the measure to the voters and postponing the effectiveness of the prohibition law until the end of 1916.

It has become generally understood that the saloon interests are eager to invoke the referendum against the prohibition law that is certain to be enacted. This would give them at least 10 months' additional time in which to ply their trade in liquor.

The "dry" forces now are planning to circumvent this move by asking the legislature to attach the emergency clause to the law. This will make it immediately effective at the end of 1915.

HURST TO FIGHT TO SECURE SEAT

DEFEATED CANDIDATE TO TAKE LEGAL STEPS TO GAIN LEGISLATIVE SEAT

HURLBURT'S RETURN IS EXPECTED

Republicans, Although Opposed to Seating Hurst, Do Not Favor Putting in Hurlburt as Representative

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—Roscoe P. Hurst is preparing to file a contest for the seat in the Seventeenth representative district, which includes Multnomah and Clackamas counties, to which C. M. Hurlburt apparently was elected.

Hurlburt was the regular Republican nominee, but was repudiated by the organization of his own party on the grounds that he had disqualified himself for the office by entering into a corrupt agreement, by the terms of which he was to get a share of the proceeds from a relief bill that he was to introduce for one of his constituents.

Hurst was the regular Democratic nominee and was supported at the general election by many Republicans. However, he was defeated by an aggregate of approximately 1500 votes in the two counties of the district.

After charges of a damaging nature had been brought against him during the campaign, Hurlburt left Portland a few weeks before the election and has not returned. He is said to be in Wisconsin.

His friends here report that he expects now to come back and claim his seat. As he has been elected on the face of the returns, the secretary of state, in the regular procedure, will be required to issue his certificate of election.

But Hurst and his friends are preparing to file a contest with the secretary of state. They will make the allegation that Hurlburt, by his own admission of plans to profit from the proceeds of a relief bill that he proposed to introduce for a man who had been injured while working for the state, had disqualified himself for the office and that all the votes cast for him were illegal.

It is probable that the case finally will be settled by the lower house of the legislature itself. The legislature is the sole judge of the qualifications of its own members.

The regular order of procedure will be for the case to be brought before the house committee on credentials. If Hurlburt makes an effort to retain his seat it is probable that an interesting contest will be waged. Even if he does not return, it is not certain that Hurst will be able to hold the seat.

There is a manifest disposition on the part of many legislators, including several from Multnomah county, to oust Hurlburt, but there is no similar display of intentions to give the seat to Hurst. Inasmuch as Hurlburt already has been repudiated by the Republican county committee, many Republicans are insisting that he shall not be seated. They declare it will bring discredit on the party.

BAND ASSOCIATION SUED

The Molalla Band association is named as defendant in a suit filed by the Schafer Lumber company for \$467.01, alleged to be due on a lumber bill contracted during the construction of the band hall. F. A. and George H. Gregory are named in the complaint as former owners of the property on which the hall is built.

HIGH COURT TO HEAR CASE OF OSTEOPATH

The appeal taken by the state board of health from the decision of Circuit Judge Campbell in the Van Hrakle case will be argued before the state supreme court today. C. Schabel and I. Stipp will represent Dr. Van Hrakle.

Dr. Van Hrakle appealed from the order of the state board to remove him from his office of county health officer to the circuit court and Judge Campbell held that the board exceeded its jurisdiction in not complying with certain provisions of the law. Local physicians are backing the case of the state board.

W.V.S. RAILS ARE NOW IN MT. ANGEL

ROAD FROM OREGON CITY TO MARION COUNTY TOWN NEARS COMPLETION

POLES ARE ERECTED TO MOLALLA

Trains Will Probably be Run on Schedule Time Within Month—Bal-last Work is Well Under Way

The last rails, connecting Mt. Angel with Oregon City and Portland with a modern electric interurban system, were laid Saturday night on the Willamette Valley Southern.

There were no ceremonies. The tracklayers have been working within a few miles of the town for over a week but delays unforeseen by the officials of the road have held back the completion of the line.

Although trains can now be run from Oregon City into the Marion county city on the Willamette Valley Southern, the road is far from completion and it will probably be at least a month before a schedule is adopted.

Two trains, each of 10 cars, of ballast are hauled from Oregon City to the front each day. The line has been ballasted to Marquam, about five miles from Mt. Angel, but all of the track beyond Molalla will be carefully covered by section gangs.

Poles to carry the trolley wires have been erected to Molalla, 19 miles from this city, and the wire has been strung within a few miles of that town. From Molalla to Mt. Angel, the route shows only little curvature. The first station on the line at Beaver Creek, is 90 per cent completed and the substation at that town will be in use within a few days. A second substation is being built at Monitor.

The road is claimed to be the highest grade electric line in the state. The trolley wires will carry 1200 volts, which exceeds all other lines by several hundred. The road is being ballasted with two and three applications of river gravel. Although the line will be operated by electricity alone, and climbs over a divide back of the city, no grade exceeds two per cent. Passenger coaches have been received in Portland and are being assembled ready for delivery.

LEVING'S BILL FOR \$2,000 TURNED DOWN

COUNTY COURT REFUSES TO PAY PORTLAND DETECTIVE LARGE SUM FOR SERVICES

The county court Friday did not allow the bill of Detective L. L. Levings for \$2,000 for professional services in the Hill case.

The detective presented his bill in the November term of the court but the commissioners held the bill over until the present session. It was understood among the members of the court that the bill would not be allowed unless Levings could produce information which would at least secure an indictment of the slayer of Mrs. Ruth Crowing Hill, her husband, and children.

The one copy of the contract between the county and the detective was held by Levings until early last week when it was turned over to the county court.

NOTICE OF APPEAL IS FILED BY BOYSEN

Notice of appeal in the Boysen case was filed in the circuit court Tuesday. Fritz Boysen, proprietor of the Hotel Belle in Milwaukie, was convicted in the circuit court here in November on a charge of selling liquor to a minor. He was given a fine and his license to sell liquor in Milwaukie was revoked.

PLAN TO AID POOR MADE BY WORKERS

COMMITTEE INTENDS TO GIVE NEEDY WORK ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

MRS. NORRIS FINDS PATHETIC CASE

Mother, Deserted by Husband, Labeled With Practically No Food in House—Potatoes are Needed in Work

Plans to put a number of unemployed men to work on municipal improvements under the direction of Street Commissioner Babcock, have been formed by the Co-operative Relief committee and were presented to the council at the special meeting Wednesday night. The project met with the favor of the council and the representatives of the committee, Mrs. A. McDonald and Mrs. Frank Schoenborn, were referred to Mr. Babcock.

The committee does not desire to donate money direct to those heads of families who are able to work. Even pay for the work they perform will probably not be in the nature of cash but groceries. Money secured through the efforts of the Live Wires will be used to finance the plan.

Commissioner Babcock was present at the council meeting Wednesday night and arranged for a meeting with the members of the committee which will be held within a few days. The details of the plan have not been definitely determined.

Seven cases of destitute families were reported to the committee Wednesday but not all of these have been investigated.

One case found by Mrs. J. W. Norris is considered unusually pathetic. The mother with her family of two boys was deserted a week ago last Saturday by her husband and was found with no food in her little home of three rooms beyond a small quantity of flour. There was practically no wood and even the rent on the house, a shack of three rooms, was long overdue and a for rent sign adorned the front door. The eldest boy, a lad of 17 years, was anxious to work and the first of the week was fortunate enough to earn a small sum. He has hopes of earning a few more dollars within the next week. As soon as the condition of the family was learned the committee sent an order of groceries to the house and a load of wood. Any one desiring to assist this woman should communicate either with the committee or Mrs. Norris direct.

Another woman was found who was bravely trying to support her family of six children, all young. She was showing the effect of her unequal fight and aid from the committee did much to lessen her load.

Mrs. Norris has charge of the wood which was donated by the Crown Willamette Paper company and each day superintends the distribution of several cords. The committee has received a quantity of fruit and vegetables but a still larger amount could well be used. Potatoes and apples are needed.

'XMAS TREES SHIPPED TO SOUTHERN CITIES

Christmas trees for southern California are being cut along the line of the Willamette Valley Southern and prepared for shipment.

Young evergreens have been sent from Clackamas county to California towns each year for several years. Many are gathered near the city and hauled to the Southern Pacific tracks to be loaded on the cars.

CANBY, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Many Christmas trees are being shipped from Canby this year to California. Along the tracks are large piles ready to be loaded and many more are being hauled in. Several of the men of the town are buying all they can from the farmers.

WETS SPEND \$33,478. SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—According to an expense statement filed with Secretary of State Olcott by A. H. Greenburg, secretary of the Oregon Brewers' & Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, that body expended \$33,478.62 in the recent general election to defeat the constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition.

ENGLISH PRISONERS OF WAR MARCHING TO WORK WITH PICK AND SHOVEL AT GERMAN DETENTION CAMP



English prisoners of war are here seen with pick and shovel marching to the fields for work under German guard at Doberitz, Germany, the largest detention camp in that country. The British soldiers are wearing their uniforms, but are stripped of arms and trappings.