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WAR IS VOTED BY CONGRESS

LONG MAY IT WAVE



WASHINGTON, April 4.—The resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany was adopted in the senate tonight by an overwhelming majority. It will be taken up for passage in the house tomorrow.

Senators who cast the negative votes were Gronna, of North Dakota; La Follette, of Wisconsin; Norris, of Nebraska; Lane, of Oregon; Stone, of Missouri, and Vardaman, of Mississippi.

The war resolution was adopted by the senate tonight by a vote of 82 to 6. It goes to the house, where debate will begin tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, to continue until action is taken.

Senator McCumber's substitute to declare the existence of a state of war on the sinking of another American ship by Germany was defeated without a rollcall.

The resolution drafted after consultation with the state department and already accepted by the house committee, says the state of war thrust upon the United States by Germany is formally declared, and directs the president to employ the entire military and naval forces and the resources of the government to carry on war and bring it to a successful termination.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Detailed plans of the war department for raising an army numbering millions if that is necessary "to bring the government of the German empire to terms" were placed in President Wilson's hands today in the form of a bill prepared by the general staff and reviewed and revised in part by Secretary Baker and the general officers who are his military advisers.

The president, as commander-in-chief, already has approved the basis adopted for the war army. Secretary Baker said today the measure would go to the house and senate committees as soon as the war resolution was adopted.

Major-General Scott, chief of staff, will explain the plan and the military reasons for the need to train the number of men the bill will produce. This is believed to be not less than 2,000,000 to be trained within two years.

In the navy department Secretary Daniels announced that contracts for approximately 200 submarine chasers or coast-patrol boats had been let and additional contracts were being signed each day. Preparations to take into the service a huge fleet of small motor craft for inshore patrol work are also being completed.

M. M. MILLER IN ARMY. SERVES AT VANCOUVER, WASH.

OREGON CITY BOY, FRESHMAN AT O. A. C., ANSWERS CALL OF HIS COUNTRY.

NATION'S NEED PLACED ABOVE EDUCATION BY AGGY STUDENT

Young Soldier Will Get Credit for Uncompleted Work While in Service, by Special Order of College President.

PROSPECTOR IS RECOGNIZED BY OLDEN FRIENDS

Alonso Brandt, an ancient prospector, passed through Oregon City Friday on foot on his way to the Siskiyou mountains, where he is to do some prospecting on a claim. He was leading two burros, which he had purchased from C. K. Girt, of Rainier, to pack into the mountains. Mr. Brandt left Rainier Monday morning, and expected to send his burrows either by train or steamer to California and after arriving in Portland found the expense too much so finally decided to make the trip overland, and ride one of the burros.

Upon arriving in Portland the burros became paralyzed with fright from the passing streetcars, throngs of people and automobiles. This was their first visit in a city. The animals were finally got through the busy streets to Oswego, where they remained through the night, and Friday they again started on their long journey.

Mr. Brandt is a former resident of Oregon City. He left twenty-two years ago, but several of his old time friends recognized him as he entered the city Friday. Since leaving here he has done much prospecting in California and Alaska.

The old miner will leave for the mines in company with his nephew, Roy Brandt, of Oakland, Oregon, as soon as the mountains are clear of the snow.

MILLS, LOCKS AND LIGHT PLANT TO GET PROTECTION

Twenty-one members of Company A Third Oregon regiment, arrived here at 5 o'clock Tuesday to guard the government locks, the mills, and the electric station, against possible depredations from pro-Germans.

The men, who are from Vancouver, Wash., marched down Main street under command of a sergeant, causing great excitement. Their coming was entirely unexpected.

The points to be guarded by the soldiers are: the government locks in the Willamette river; the mills of the Crown Willamette Paper company; the mills of the Hawley Pulp and Paper company; and the Oregon City Woolen mills; and the Portland Railway Light & Power company's electric station. No threats against the mills have been reported, and it is believed that the guarding is purely precautionary.

The soldiers are quartered in Harding hall, on Main street. The men were detailed to watch the various stations as soon as they arrived.

Previous to the coming of the troops the city had taken steps to guard its water supply, by appointing two guards to watch the South Fork of the Clackamas river. In an effort to keep the guarding of the line secret, the city council held an executive session at its last meeting, barring all visitors and newspaper men. No soldier guards have as yet been sent to watch the pipe line.

A troop train went through the city for a secret destination at 9 o'clock p. m., according to reports from residents who said they saw the soldiers. Reports were received from Portland to the effect that officials were taking every precaution to keep movements of troops secret.

Grants Pass—Encouraged by large returns to be made through growing beets, hopgrowers in this district are digging out hopyards and will plant

ASSESSMENTS NOT TO RISE, SAYS W. W. EVERHART

ORDER OF TAX COMMISSION TO BE DEFIED BY CLACKAMAS ASSESSOR

YAMHILL COUNTY RAISES VALUATION BY 15 TO 20 PER CENT

Letters Sent From Salem to All County Tax Officials Urging Increase of Assessed Valuation of Property.

W. W. Everhart, Clackamas County assessor, Wednesday announced that he would defy a request, practically amounting to an order, of the State Tax commission, prescribing a rise in assessed valuations of property in this county.

The request came in a letter under date of February 24, and points out that the law of Oregon requires the assessments of property at full cash value. Assessed valuations in Yamhill county have been raised 15 per cent on real estate and 20 per cent on personal property as a result of the Commission's letter.

Mr. Everhart pointed out that the Tax Commission last year lowered the assessed valuation of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's property by \$3,000,000, causing a deficit in Clackamas County's assessment roll to the extent of \$338,000. The assessor considers this an appreciable sum for a county whose total assessed valuation is \$28,737,000.

Mr. Everhart is uncertain whether the tax commission can arbitrarily raise assessments over his head. He declined flatly to make the increase unless he was forced to. The same letter has been sent to each County assessor in the state.

ITALIAN WOMEN DEMAND FOOD, SAY GERMAN REPORTS

BERLIN, March 29.—(Via Sayville Wireless)—Serious food riots are occurring in northern and central Italy.

Dispatches from Vienna today quoting Swiss sources said that the disturbances at Turin, Milan, Florence and Genoa were particularly grave. Many persons were hurt in clashes between mobs and the soldiers.

Martial law is reported to have been declared at some places. Street fighting at Milan followed when soldiers charged the rioters.

Many of those who took part in the disorders are women, it is said.

LOGUS PROMOTED TO CAPTAINCY IN NATIONAL GUARD

William R. Logus, of this city, was promoted Wednesday to the rank of captain, receiving his appointment in Portland from Colonel May. He has been detailed as regimental adjutant.

Mr. Logus at the time of the departure of Company G from this city to the Mexican border was first lieutenant of this company.

The first of this week he was summoned to Portland by Colonel May where he was assigned to the machine gun company. Wednesday he was assigned to staff duty.

LOST WOMAN HUNTED BY BROTHER AND SISTERS

The following notice was received Tuesday by Mayor Hackett, with the request that it be published:

About 28 years ago Mary Eveline Wood, then about 18 years of age, became separated from her sisters at Ashland, Oregon, and she was last heard of by them at Portland, Oregon, about 1891 or 1892. If she will write to P. O. box 165, Miscow, Idaho, she will learn of her sisters and brother, or if anyone else knows of her and will write to the above address, they will confer a very great favor.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB ENDORSES BONDS AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The Clackamas County Auto club at its annual meeting Monday night elected officers, endorsed the \$6,000,000 road bond measure, adopted a resolution asking the States Highway commission to favor the use of Oswego cement in paving Clackamas county highways and appointed a publicity committee to circularize the motor car owners in Clackamas county in the interest of the road bonding bill, considered a proposal for the purchase of a home for the club, and commended Oregon City officials for the recent improvement of Seventeenth street.

The following officers were elected unanimously, their names being presented by a nominating committee: Dr. L. A. Morris, president; John F. Risley, first vice-president; Wm. J. Wilson, second vice-president; Ralph C. Parker, secretary; A. A. Price, treasurer; John Busch, J. C. Pollans, H. G. Starkweather, E. S. Larsen and J. E. Downey, members of the board of governors.

The club discussed briefly a proposal from James Downey for the sale of five acres at Willamette for \$2750,

RECRUITING OFFICE FOR GUARD OPENS IN OREGON CITY

Under the direction of Captain K. C. Kerstetter, of the Oregon National guard, a recruiting office for the guard was opened Saturday afternoon in the offices of Dillman & Howland at Eighth and Main streets.

Captain Kerstetter, who is a member of the officers reserve corps of the United States army, hopes to obtain from among Oregon City's young men a sufficient number of recruits to show that this district has furnished its quota of men in this time of acute national peril.

At present 400 new militiamen are needed to bring the Oregon guard up to war strength.

Recruits for all branches of the service will be taken. The men in charge will gladly furnish all information in connection with the work of the guard.

In connection with the recruiting work here an automobile load of recruiting officers will go through the county during the next week in an effort to induce as many as possible of the men now on farms to join the colors.

Dillman and Howland have donated the space for the recruiting office, which will be open for several days, it was announced.

Captain Kerstetter has every hope of making a good showing.

ALL NATIONS SHOW LOYALTY AS FLAG RISES ON STAFF

That the Welsh, Germans and Swiss as well as other nationalities residing in the Henriel school district are loyal to the American flag was evidenced at the patriotic exercises held at the schoolhouse Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

The parents of the children had been invited to the raising of the flag which had been purchased by the school directors, W. F. Harris, (Welsh); Henry Henriel, (German); and Christ Murait, (Swiss).

The exercises opened with an address by County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan, who gave the people an idea as to the importance of the flag. He was followed by each of the directors, all of whom spoke in highest praise of the stars and stripes.

As the flag was raised every person attending the impressive exercises saluted the flag. "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the children with the parents joining in the chorus; and other patriotic songs were sung.

The teacher, Miss Ellen Witcomb, of Portland, was very proud of the large gathering.

Mayor E. C. Hackett addressed the girls and their guests, praising the spirit of the young women of the city and the work that they have thus far accomplished.

The blood that ran rife in the veins of the youths of '61 came back strong again last night when the G. A. R. Five and Drum corps rallied under the banner of the nation they helped make possible and played a group of patriotic airs.

Musical features of the program were the vocal renditions of Mrs. Carl Moore and the High School Girls' quartet. Their repertoire was of a patriotic nature.

Miss Cis Pratt presided at the meeting.

OREGON CITY LAD TO SERVE IN U. S. ARMY GOES TO CHICAGO

Frank Newton, a former Oregon City young man, and son of Mrs. K. L. Newton, who is at the present time at Des Moines, Iowa, is a member of the reserve corps of the United States army, and expecting a summons to active duty should war result. Mr. Newton has been appointed captain and assigned to command a motor truck company at Chicago.

Portland—Federal commission to investigate power site on Columbia river for government nitrate plant, be improved with 18-foot bithlitic drive at cost of \$86,000.

JANITOR ACCUSED BY SCHOOLGIRL IS HELD

Theodore F. Brown, formerly janitor at the Parkplace school, waived preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Sievers Wednesday, and was bound over to the grand jury. He was released on \$500 bonds.

A warrant was issued for Brown following complaint from one of the girl pupils at the school where he worked. He was arrested in McMinnville, and brought to Oregon City by Deputy Sheriff Frost.

ROAD TO PORTLAND MAY BE ROUTED TO SUIT PETITIONERS. VIEWERS TO DECIDE

County Judge Anderson Wednesday referred to the road viewers a petition for a change in the road from Oregon City to Portland. The proposed change is at Chautauquus Park, near Gladstone, where it is wished to have the road follow the Southern Pacific track. The petitioners maintain that the change would furnish one almost level road from Oregon City to Portland. The road runs into Eighty-second in the latter city.

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED

Circuit Judge Campbell Saturday granted a divorce to Mrs. Elvora Blosser from Otto E. Blosser and another divorce to Mrs. Erthes Brown from William Brown.

Some discussion preceded the endorsement of the road bond measure. A. King Wilson, mayor of Oswego, was among those present, and he asked some pertinent questions and B. T. McBain, E. D. Olds, James Roake, John F. Risley and C. Schiebel

UNION HIGH SCHOOL URGED IN MEETING

The second meeting to consider building a union high school in district No. 34 was held at Bolton school house Saturday night, March 31, and as a result the petition to the District Boundary board was filled out completely and with the petition from District No. 105 will be presented to the county school superintendent Tuesday.

Mr. J. H. Cary outlined the plan to the meeting and spoke of the benefit to be derived from higher education. W. C. McDonald, chairman, explained the plan to secure new grounds for the Bolton school but asked the people not to confuse that with the high school proposition.

Professors Romig and Howard talked along the same lines and showed how the earning power of the person is increased by a high school education.

At the close of the meeting everyone present stood up in favor of the union school and instructed the committee to proceed to that end.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

There is no question of greater interest to the people of Clackamas county than the proposition to bond the state for highway construction. The people will decide the question at a special election June 4, and until that time much will be written and spoken relative to the matter. The columns of The Enterprise are open for a free and full discussion of this important question, but The Enterprise urges upon intending contributors to make their articles as brief as possible.