

WHO SAID NEUTRAL? CITIZENS! TO ARMS! BEG PARDON, KAISER

BERLIN, Wis., May 30.—Berlin, one of the most thriving little cities in the famous Fox River valley of Wisconsin, is the first city of the United States to rebel against its name, following announcement that there are 51 other towns in the country bearing the same name.

It is probable that the townspeople will overthrow the German monarch for an Indian name.

HIGHWAY BOARD TURNS DOWN EXCESSIVE BIDS FOR COUNTY PAVING

In line with its announced policy to pay no excessive profits for pavement, the state highway commission, sitting with the Yamhill county court at McMinnville yesterday, rejected bids on a one-mile stretch of cement concrete pavement near Sheridan and instructed the state highway engineer to proceed with the work by force account if he found that labor conditions would in no way interfere with agricultural work.

Two bids were submitted, but the lowest was nearly \$300 in excess of the estimate of the state highway engineer.

The bids were as follows: Montague-O'Reilly company, Portland, grading, draining and shoulders, \$559.20; pavement \$11,841.28. V. R. Dennis construction company, McMinnville, grading, draining and shoulders, \$6209.20; pavement, \$12,938.60.

The estimate of the highway department was: Grading, draining and shoulders, \$4167.04; pavement, \$10,298.

The specifications called for a 12-foot pavement with two foot macadam shoulders.

PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF POLAND SAID TO HAVE RESIGNED POSTS

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 30.—According to a private report from Germany for which there is as yet no positive confirmation, the provisional council of state in Poland yesterday transmitted the resignations of its members to the Austro-German authorities.

The council has been pressing for the appointment of a regent for the kingdom and the regularization of the Polish administration since its own position has been rendered extremely difficult, if not impossible, by a resolution adopted by the Polish National council expressing lack of confidence in the body selected and appointed by the central powers. Thus the resignations may have been submitted to force the governments of the central powers to take speedy action on the regency question.

The Polish Socialists are in open opposition to the new order in Poland. Thirty of their leaders were arrested this week and sent to concentration camps in Germany.

The Polish agency of Lausanne recently received a communication from Warsaw stating that the council of state had decided to suspend its functions as a protest against the hostile policies of the German authorities toward Polish National aspirations, according to a Geneva dispatch on Tuesday.

FARMERS NEED 7000 MORE MEN FOR HARVEST

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 30.—In order to determine as nearly as possible the labor conditions of the state, the district agents of Marion, Polk, Douglas, Linn, Clackamas and Washington counties met yesterday in conference with the extension officials of the Oregon Agricultural college.

In response to inquiries sent out by the extension department of the college, 6333 reports have just been received from farmers in all parts of the state, which indicate that about 7000 farm laborers will be needed to harvest the crops in Oregon this year.

The extension department has sent out enlistment blanks for the purpose of getting as many men and boys as are available to sign up for farm work.

C. L. EATON, LOCAL ATTORNEY, ENLISTS IN UNITED STATES NAVY

Clarence L. Eaton, an attorney of this city, has enlisted in the United States navy and will leave shortly to assume his new duties. A dozen years ago Mr. Eaton entered the law office of Hedges and Griffith in this city and since that time has been more or less closely connected with the activities of Clackamas county.

When Franklin T. Griffith moved his office to Portland, Mr. Eaton went with

Attorney Who Has Joined U. S. Navy



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him and for many years was associated with him there. When Mr. Griffith assumed the presidency of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, Mr. Eaton moved his law office to the Masonic Temple in this city.

Mr. Eaton has the Degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Oregon and was admitted to practice by the supreme court of the state of Oregon in 1910, by the United States district court of Oregon in 1911 and by the supreme court of the United States in 1914.

OSWEGO ROAD MAY BE CHANGED SO THAT IT WILL REDUCE GRADES

County Judge H. S. Anderson, with H. S. Thomas, a Portland civil engineer in charge of the preliminary survey of the west side road between Oswego and this city, went over the road Saturday to consider recommendations to the state commission.

No definite conclusions were reached by the members of the inspecting party but Judge Anderson states that in all probability the new grade will follow Main street of Oswego straight south and across Sucker Creek on a new bridge instead of turning to the west and following the present roadway.

The present bridge on the Stafford road would then be eliminated because the Stafford road would join into the Oregon City road at a point just south of Sucker Creek. This would eliminate a bad grade on the road near the present bridge.

The county has just completed the repairing of the stretch of road extending three and a half miles from the top of the hill on the south end road from New Era. The road has been resurfaced with top dressing of rock and fine gravel and rolled. This eliminates one of the worst pieces of the highway in the county, south of here.

LAD'S DREAM OF NAVY LIFE IS SHATTERED BY ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Willamette, received a telegram from Eureka, California, on Tuesday to the effect that their son, Frank Bennett, was in a critical condition owing to amputation of his leg. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett left immediately for Portland, and from that city went to Eureka. After their departure a second message arrived stating that the lad had died from the effects of the accident. No particulars have been received as to how the accident occurred causing his death.

Bennett, was a 15-year-old lad in knee trousers when leaving this city recently, applied in Portland to enter the navy, but owing to his youth, was rejected. The next thing his parents heard from him was by telegram received on Tuesday announcing his critical illness. The lad was well known in Willamette, where he has been residing with his parents, and was very anxious to join the navy when Uncle Sam called for recruits.

\$1,200,000 is Asked By Naval Committee For Establishment of Columbia Submarine Base

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The secretary of the navy today sent to congress the report of the Helia board recommending the appropriation of \$1,200,000 to establish and equip a submarine and aviation base near the mouth of the Columbia river.

The board recommends the purchase of the Tongue Point site, at a cost not exceeding \$60,000, and in event the property cannot be acquired at that figure, advises condemnation. The owners are asking \$75,000.

The remainder of the appropriation, it is recommended, should be expended in preparing the site, and in the construction of wharves, storehouses, shops and equipment, an electric charging plant, temporary barracks for men, with such other equipment as may be necessary to meet the necessities of at least 12 submarines.

In addition provision is to be made for hangars, launching ways and equipment for aeroplanes and other aircraft.

The submarine base, it is recommended should be so installed as to be able to care for at least 24 submarines in time of war.

In its report the board states that during its visits to the Columbia river it was impressed with the importance of adequately defending this region from attack, and the base is recom-

mended largely as a defense measure, to afford naval protection to the Columbia river country in time of war.

None of the sites near the mouth of the river was regarded as ideal for submarine and aviation work, and it is said the region is not suitable for training aviators.

"But," says the report, "in time of war the necessity for the protection of the Columbia river region is imperative, and a well-equipped submarine base in the Columbia river from which submarines could operate to a distance of 150 miles to the north and south would meet the major requirements of defense at Willapa bay and Grays harbor and the coast north and south of the Columbia."

Of the appropriation recommended it is proposed to expend \$900,000 on the submarine base and \$300,000 on the aviation base.

The board would have preferred a site near the mouth of the river, but as there is no suitable site to be had, it is recommended that Tongue Point be selected and that the facilities at Fort Stevens be made available, as far as possible, for submarine bases at the Tongue Point station.

The report, as outlined, is signed by Admiral Helm and three other members of the board. Commander Hoxie, in a supplement-

ary report, recommends that the appropriation be made immediately, as he regards the necessity for this and other Pacific coast bases as imperative.

Inquiry of the house naval committee discloses that there is no present intention to make appropriation this session for submarine or naval bases, as they are part of the permanent naval program, and the plan, agreed to by the navy department, is to take the Helm board's recommendation when the next regular naval appropriation bill is being framed next winter. The Helm recommendations, however, practically insure a base at the mouth of the Columbia, along the lines indicated.

In addition to the Columbia river base the board recommends an appropriation of \$1,425,000 to establish a home base for submarines at the Puget Sound Navy yard and a further appropriation of \$375,000 for an aviation base in connection with that yard.

Linked with this base, the board asks an appropriation of \$300,000 for a submarine and aviation base at Ediz Hook, near Port Townsend, on land now owned by the government.

The proposal to establish an aviation school on Lake Washington, near Seattle, is now recommended at this time.

Unions to Aid Government Food Conservation Urged Local Branches Assisting

UNIONS PLAN TO SAVE FOOD

"The organization being perfected here at this time," said Otto Hartwig, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, Friday night, "is not being formed for the purpose of immediately asking an increase in wages or the shortening of hours. We intend to organize for the educational and social advantages, as well as the insurance advantages which we believe can be secured in this way.

"Furthermore, we feel that the laboring men of this community and every other community can do more to assist the government in the conservation of our resources and the control of food through organization than individually. We contemplate working in conjunction with the federal government in advancing its propaganda for food conservation.

Following out the general plan of complete organization of the industries of this city upon a union basis which has been undertaken by representatives of the American Federation of Labor working through its state representatives, comes the announcement by State President Otto Hartwig that next week a branch of the Federal Labor Union will be formed here. This is intended to include all laboring men of whom there are not sufficient of any one craft or industry

to form a local, and will include some forms of labor not now included in the locals of the American Federation. President Hartwig said Friday night that nearly all of the employees of the three mills, employing in the aggregate nearly 2000 men and women, have either joined or agreed to join the movement started last week to form three branches of the American Federation of Labor here. The charters for these branches, to be known as Oregon City locals of the textile workers, the paper makers and the pulp and sulphur workers, will arrive next week.

The next meeting of the laboring men and women will be held Sunday night at 8 o'clock in Willamette hall, when an effort will be made to complete the organization of the three branches. Next Tuesday night a meeting of the paper mill workers will be held and it is the plan of the organizers to have the charter for the union here at that time. About 700 names have been secured for the paper workers' union and about 100 for the textile workers. Many others have agreed to sign, according to Hartwig.

A branch of the national painters' union was organized here last week and held its first meeting Friday night with an attendance of about 20. Next week a meeting of the carpenters will be held for the purpose of organizing and it is understood that these meetings will be held until every craft represented here will have had a chance to organize.

No direct opposition from the mill owners has been met with, although one mill has announced that it will not recognize, nor treat with, representatives of a union.

FINAL REPORT FIXES INCREASE IN COUNTY'S FARMS AT 9 PER CENT

The final report on the farm survey in Clackamas County based on reports from almost 300 farms shows an increase in acreage of 9 per cent, a little less than the first reports based on earlier returns. These reports have been filed with the representatives of the Oregon Agricultural college who are acting under direction of the National Council of Defense.

The following staple crops show an increase over last year: Spring wheat, 59 per cent; corn 18 per cent; potatoes, 36 per cent; hay, 5 per cent; beans, 248 per cent; oats, 9 per cent; barley, 113 per cent. Acreage in fall wheat shows a decrease of 24 per cent.

The survey reports indicate that the total number of livestock on the farms has not materially changed, but a decided change has taken place in the kind. Horses show an increase of 9 per cent; brood sows, 9 per cent; sheep, 31 per cent dairy calves, 145 per cent. Dairy cattle have decreased slightly, 2 per cent, as have feeding hogs, 8 per cent.

STATE OWNERSHIP OF PAVING PLANTS WILL BE DEBATED MONDAY

Furthering the cause of good roads through debating in the grammar schools of the county is one of the latest moves of the "Twelve Disciples of Road Efficiency" of the Oregon City Live Wires. Monday night at the Canby and Gladstone schools, teams representing the schools will debate the question, "Resolved, That the State Should Own and Operate Paving Plants," the winner of this debate to be the acknowledged county champion. The negative teams will travel and the affirmative debate at home.

Judges will be furnished by the "Twelve Disciples," and will speak on behalf of the proposed road bond issue following the debates.

LIVE WIRES TO HOLD A DEBATE ON BOND ISSUE

Arrangements are being completed by the Twelve Disciples of Road Efficiency to have Christian Schuebel, representing the affirmative of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue and Walter A. Dimick, representing the negative of the same question, hold a public debate here soon. The date and place of meeting have not yet been fully decided upon but it is expected that it will be held at the Commercial club rooms.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS TO AID IN SALE OF LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

The Live Wires of the Commercial club are going to do their bit in helping to finance the Liberty loan, and Tuesday A. R. Jacobs, Grant B. Dimick, L. Adams, C. Schuebel and C. W. Risley were named as a committee to cooperate with the local banks in securing subscriptions to the loan bonds. The First National Bank has already subscribed \$15,000 to the Lib-



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erty Loan and John R. Humphrys, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, said Tuesday that all of the banks here were ready to cooperate along any line designed, to float some of the bonds. The committee will get in touch with the financial interests of the city, including the manufacturing concerns, and it is expected a substantial block of the bonds will be taken here. The banks say they will arrange to assist any buyers who desire to purchase bonds on the installment plan.

NEW PLANT OF WOOLEN MILL COMPANY IS TO BE OPERATING SOON

With one section of their new plant already in operation, the managers of the Oregon City Manufacturing company Saturday announced that the remaining units will begin operations within a short time. The first work in the new plant very fittingly is a large order of supplies for the United States government for the use of the army and navy departments, and in order to complete this work within the contract time, an additional force is to be put to work.

The weave room, was the first unit of the new building to be used but the garment factory will begin operations Monday.

The building is three stories high and covers a ground space of 80 by 250 feet.

HE WANTS \$10,000 FOR HIS WIFE'S STRAYING LOVE

Charging alienation of his wife's affections, Albert Hancock of Jennings Lodge, the husband of Mrs. Maud Hancock, who was involved in a sensational raid on a Nob Hill residence in Portland last Monday, has filed suit against Sidney Mann for \$10,000 damages. Stone and Moulton, of this city, are representing Mr. Hancock.

According to the story circulated at the time of the raid, Mrs. Hancock and her sister were seen entering a house, by her husband and a witness. Upon following them the two men discovered that the house was a liquor resort.

A DIVIDED RUSSIA IS DESIRE OF SOCIALISTS

STOCKHOLM, via London, May 30.—The peace program of the Austrian and German delegates to the Socialist conference to be held here, as formulated in a group conference, provides for no annexations, no indemnities and restrictions of mechanical means which may be employed in maritime and air warfare.

The six chief points of the program are enumerated as follows:

- First—No annexations.
- Second—No indemnities.
- Third—The south Slavic lands and Austro-Hungarian crown lands to remain in the dual monarchy, but Socialists should support the efforts of their inhabitants to gain autonomy.
- Fourth—Finland and Russian Poland to be independent states. The people of Galicia to have autonomy under the sovereignty of Austria. Under this head the assertion is made that "an enduring solution of the Polish problem can be expected to be reached in the future by free agreements between the two central powers and the independent state of Russian Poland."

Fifth—Restoration of freedom of commerce on land and sea, modification of the protectionist system, the establishment of "international administration" for all maritime routes and inter-oceanic canals, internationally built and administered railways.

Sixth—Return to the maritime principles by the Paris peace treaty of 1855, especially regarding the prohibition of the arming of merchantmen; abolishment of the prize courts; reduction of the contraband list, taking therefrom all raw materials for clothing and food; modification of the rights of blockade and "restriction of mechanical means which may be employed in maritime and air warfare"

The delegates go on record as opposing the annexation of Belgium and declare themselves as "friendly to Serbia's independence, which state, by joining with Montenegro, can assure itself an outlet to the sea."

They declare that the Balkan states should arrange their own international affairs without outside interference.

The future of Alsace and Lorraine is not mentioned.

The Czech, Polish and Bosnian delegates attended the group conference, but did not join in the program. They will formulate their own program later.

SHERIFF BEGINS THE DELIVERY OF BALLOT BOXES AND SUPPLIES

The distribution of ballot boxes and supplies for the special election June 4 was begun Monday morning by Sheriff W. J. Wilson. Supplies were delivered to Wilsonville, Union, Tualatin, Mt. Pleasant and Lad Hill.

There are 81 precincts in Clackamas county to be supplied with election material this year and also with blanks for the registration for conscription. Sheriff Wilson is taking advantage of this opportunity to personally instruct many of the registration marshals as to the nature of their duties on June 5.

BRITISH SHIPS SUNK IN THE PAST WEEK REACH 30,000 TONS

LONDON, May 30.—Eighteen British merchant vessels of more than 1600 tons were sunk during the past week, it was officially announced tonight. One vessel of less than 1600 tons and two fishing vessels were sunk.

The losses of British shipping from the submarine was as reported this week total 21, as compared with a total of 30 lost in the previous week.

While the losses of vessels exceeding 1600 tons each remain the same as in the last previous report, the number of vessels of less than 1600 tons is reduced from nine to only one. The number of fishing vessels sunk is reduced from three to two.

U. S. ARMY IS STRUCK BY THE INCREASE IN COST OF FEEDING MEN

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—The high cost of living has hit the army, according to the quartermaster department. Food experts have figured that the next estimates for rationing will have to be based on 32 cents a day for each man, a raise of 5 cents from present figures. The additional cost, the department has estimated, will approximate \$50,000 daily for the increased army.

The per capita cost of equipment has also increased \$19 within six months, which means an additional cost of approximately \$10,000,000 for equipment.

Mill Official Voices His Company's Opposition to Plan of Union Organizers

Following the announcement of the planned organization of labor unions in all crafts in Oregon City last night by Otto Hartwig, state president of the Oregon Federation of Labor, a local official of the Crown Willamette Paper company Saturday refuted a published statement of Hartwig's, that no opposition to the movement was coming from the mill owners.

"There is not one factory here," said this official, "which welcomes the union. None of them will recognize that organization, and as far as the Crown Willamette company is concerned, union affiliation is not desired. In fact, there is no call whatever for a union in this section."

The official also stated that under the present system all men are advanced as rapidly as local conditions will permit and that home boys are always given the preference.

"The men themselves," he said, "are authority for the statement that there is no grievance among the men; that they are paid better wages than in any union mills, that there is no need for a union and that the official organizers had better put in their time in other districts where their services might be needed."

The Crown Willamette company also announced that a representative of their company would be ready at any time to meet with the union organizers and confirm the statement of the official.