

COST OF WAR TO BRITAIN INCREASES

More Than \$5,500,000,000 to Be Needed to Continue Through Fiscal Year.

DURATION MUCH IN DOUBT

Ultimate Outcome of Hostilities Unquestioned, Lloyd George Tells Commons, in Explaining Need of Great Finances.

LONDON, May 4.—In presenting the budget to the House of Commons today, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd George, estimated that the war lasted during the fiscal year Great Britain's expenditure in that time would be £1,136,434,000.

Mr. Lloyd George estimated that the total revenue for the year 1915-1916 would be £270,182,000. This is an increase of £43,638,000 over the total of last year.

Country Must Raise Sum.

That is the sum the country will have to raise in addition to the Government's revenue during the course of the present year, he said.

The Chancellor gave an indication of the colossal expenditure he had to provide for in his opening sentence that to the end of the fiscal year, he said, "the net cost of the war has been more than £507,000,000."

Much depended, the Chancellor continued, on the operations of the next two or three months. Experts gave various predictions as to the duration of the war, but the best of them could not tell how long it would last.

New Tax Not Contemplated.

The first eight months of the year net £307,000,000, he said. The cost has been progressive, greater during the second four months than during the first like period.

Army Expenditure to Be High.

Dealing with the revenue for the coming year, the Chancellor estimated the total from all sources would reach £270,182,000. He said that the fixed death charge for the year would be something like £50,000,000.

NAVAL CHIEF'S AIDE NAMED

Rear-Admiral Benson's Staff Is Being Arranged.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Secretary Daniels today announced the selection of Captain Volney G. Chase, commanding the battleship Virginia, as senior aide to Rear-Admiral Benson.

Loss to Columbia Herds Heavy.

DAYTON, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—About 600 ewes and young lambs were lost by sheep owners in Columbia County last week, owing to the sudden change in weather and several days' snow storm.

Idaho Oratorical Contest Is Held.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, May 4.—(Special.)—J. O. Foss won the 1915 Watkins oratorical contest this year with an oration on "The Menace of Political Indifference."

Officers Use Jitney to Catch Boy.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Joe Edgards, of Marshfield, and Rex Dual, of Portland, both under 18 years of age, were arrested by the officers here yesterday on telegraphic advice

received from their parents. In taking the boys to jail Edgars broke away. Outdistanced by the fleet-footed lad, the officers were compelled to engage a jitney before he could be located. Both boys will be returned to their parents.

KAISERIN SENDS THANKS

Gratitude Is Expressed to American Red Cross Society.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Empress of Germany has expressed her appreciation of the American Red Cross work in behalf of Germany, through Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, who sent today this letter to Miss Mabel T. Boardman at Red Cross headquarters here:

"I have been commanded by Her Majesty, the Empress, and have the honor to convey to you and to the

EUGENE CLUB'S PROMOTION MANAGER PLANS NEW CAMPAIGN.

S. Dyke Hooper, elected manager by the promotion board of the Eugene Commercial Club yesterday, has resided in Eugene five years. He is a former Bostonian, having devoted several years to the wholesale paper business there.

Since he has lived in Eugene he has been a member of the firm of Hooper-Mayo Timber Company. He announces it his policy to eliminate many of the "booster" trips and "booster" tactics and conduct his office from a business standpoint, with a view to interesting new industries in Eugene.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SOCIETY HER MAJESTY'S MOST HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR MOST GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

forwarding charitable gifts to Germany and for the services rendered by the American delegation of five doctors and nurses who are doing splendid work in Silesia."

2-DECK RATE ORDERED CUT

Interstate Acts in Favor of Sheepmen Using Southern Pacific.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 4.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today found unreasonable the Southern Pacific Railroad's rate on sheep in double-deck cars shipped from Midland, Or., to San Francisco, and ordered the rate reduced.

The Southern Pacific charges twice as much for hauling double-deck cars of sheep as it charges for single-deck cars.

The Commission orders that the rate on double-deck cars shall be not more than 175 per cent of the charge for single-deck cars, on the ground that it costs less to haul one double-deck car than two single-deckers. The case was decided on complaint of J. G. Johnson, of San Francisco.

Land Case Being Argued.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 4.—Argument of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company case was begun before the Supreme Court today and will be concluded tomorrow.

The lumber company and the cartruts are seeking to defend their title to five timber land entries on Brumbraugh creek, in Lane County, Or., which were held by the Circuit Court of Appeals to have been acquired fraudulently.

Albert H. Tanner, of Portland, counsel for the lumber company and the cartruts, made the opening argument. He will be followed tomorrow by Assistant Attorney-General Knaebel for the government, which asks affirmation of the decree of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Tsilcoos Lake Span Issue Probed.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—District Attorney Neuner returned from Tsilcoos Lake, where he went to investigate a petition filed by 100 citizens protesting against the erection of a bridge across the lake by the Willamette Pacific Railroad.

The petition contended that the construction of such a bridge as planned by the railroad company would prove a great hindrance to navigation. District Attorney Neuner will file his official report with the County Court at its next meeting.

E. M. Underwood Talks at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—E. M. Underwood, credit man of Salling & McCallum, wholesale hardware merchants of Portland, addressed the Albany Retail Merchants' Association tonight. He spoke in the auditorium of the Albany Public Library, to which the merchants went for their regular dinner, held this evening at the St. Francis Hotel.

Man Hurt by Power Wire Yet Lives.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Dick Bray, 31, electrician, who was severely burned when working on a high-powered electric line at Bridgeport Friday, is making a game fight for life at the Wenatchee Hospital. The attending doctors believe that if he can survive the five-day period he will recover.

Labor Law Unconstitutional.

COLUMBUS, O., May 4.—The Ohio statute, which prohibits an employer from discharging an employe because of the membership of the latter in a labor union, was held unconstitutional in a decision handed down by the State Supreme Court today.

Centerville Gets Rural Route.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 4.—Rural route No. 3 will be established at Centerville, Wash., June 1, to supply 102 families three times a week. The route is 23 miles long and carrier's salary \$660.

Washington Growers Let Contract.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—The Washington Fruitgrowers' Association has closed a deal with Robinson & Company, a large wholesale fruit and berry concern, whereby the latter will handle practically the entire output of marketable fruit of Centralia growers this season.

Sunday School Convention at Kelso.

KELSO, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—With a large number of delegates in attendance, the twenty-eighth annual Western Washington Sunday School convention opened its sessions last night with a big "get acquainted" ban-

YOU'LL find in these young men's suits all the clever style-ideas that are shown the country over.

More than that, you'll find a sturdiness in fabric and a sincerity in workmanship that unite style and service through long months of satisfactory wear.

\$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50, \$30

BEN SELLING Morrison at Fourth

BRITAIN CONSIDERS REPRISALS FOR GAS

"Similar Expedients" May Be Employed, Parliament Is Told by War Office.

DELIBERATE NATURE SEEN

Sir John French Declares "New and Illegal Weapon" Has Been Used Repeatedly and That Protest Will Be Useless.

LONDON, May 4.—Speaking in the House of Commons today, H. J. Tennant, parliamentary secretary of the War Office, said Great Britain had under consideration the question of "employing similar expedients" against the use by German troops on the battlefield of asphyxiating gases.

There was given out in London today a report on the use of the asphyxiating gases by the Germans from Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the expeditionary force on the Continent, which says:

"A week before the Germans first used this method they announced in their reports that we were making use of asphyxiating gases.

"At that time there appeared to be no reason for this astounding falsehood. Now it is obvious that it was part of a scheme, and it is further proof of the deliberate nature of the introduction by the Germans of this new and illegal weapon. It shows they recognized its illegality and that they were anxious to forestall neutral and possibly domestic criticisms.

"Since the enemy first made use of this method of covering his advance with a cloud of gas, he has repeated both in offense and defense wherever the wind has been favorable.

"The effect of this poison is not merely disabling or painlessly fatal, as has been suggested in the German press. Those victims who do not succumb on the field and who can be brought into hospitals suffer acutely and a large proportion of the cases die a painful and lingering death.

"Survivors Permanently Affected. "Those who survive are in little better shape, as the injury to their lungs appears to be of a permanent character and reduces them to a condition which points to their being invalids for life. These effects must have been well known to the German scientists who devised this new weapon and to the military authorities who sanctioned its use.

"It is an opinion that the enemy has definitely decided to use these gases as a normal procedure, and that protests will be useless."

CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES FEW

Albany Sponsor Seeks Long for Container for Calapooia Water.

ALBANY, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Indicating that Albany is really as well as legally "dry," is the circumstance that Miss Beulah Hinkleley, who represents Albany at the "wedding of the waters" at the opening of the Celilo canal, had difficulty in complying with the committee's request that she bring the water of the Calapooia River in a champagne bottle.

When Miss Hinkleley received the instructions she asked some of the directors of the Commercial Club to secure the necessary bottle, and it was some time before one could be found. Finally, however, the necessary bottle was discovered, but the man bringing it in did not indicate where he unearthed it.

Teachers Head Camping Party.

LA CENTER, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Four fifth grade boys and two teachers left Friday on a week-end outing at Mt. St. Helens. Those who went are: Principal Frank McEntire, Professor Homer McEntire, Claude Anderson, Byrl Shellhart, George Headley, Eldon Hinkleley, who is to make camp at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, with the temperature at six degrees above zero. They climbed Tum Tum Mountain Saturday morning and then started for home.

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WILSON REFUSES COPIES

COLORADO LETTERS DENIED TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Replying to Request of Federal Investigators, President Says Publicity Is Decided Unwise.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—President Wilson today declined to furnish the Federal Industrial Relations Commission with a copy of correspondence between himself and Governor Ammons of Colorado, which had been requested by Basil M. Manly, representing the Commission, "to complete its record of its investigation into the Colorado coal strike."

In transmitting the refusal to the Commission, Secretary Tumulty merely said that the President did not deem it advisable to give publicity to the letters.

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Commission, in a statement issued recently, asserted that a representative of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., had prepared a letter to be sent by Governor Ammons to the President on the strike situation. Governor Ammons later denounced the letter as a "propaganda" document.

MILL PLANS ARE EXTENDED

Company Announced to Handle Proposed Road into Cascade Reserve.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—In a letter received here yesterday from R. A. Kendall, of Pittsburg, Attorney O. P. Coshov, counsel for Kendall brothers, is asked to prepare for the incorporation here of a company for handling the proposed railroad from this city to the line of the Cascade Forest Reserve.

The incorporation here of a company for handling the proposed railroad eventually may be extended across the state to Boise, Idaho.

Another feature mentioned in the letter is the fact that Kendall brothers propose to erect at Roseburg a sawmill of 250,000 feet daily capacity, instead of 200,000 feet as originally planned.

Caldwell Band to Play.

CALDWELL, Idaho, May 4.—(Special.)—The first open-air concert by the Caldwell brass band will be given Friday night. The officers of the organization are: D. J. Brown, president; H. H. Hammond, secretary; Joseph Kahn, treasurer; board of managers, H. B. Hartenbower, Joseph Kahn and C. H. Kingsbury.

Caldwell Superintendent Named.

CALDWELL, Idaho, May 4.—(Special.)—The board of trustees elected H. H. CHURD, of Three Rivers, Mich., superintendent of the Caldwell schools. Mr. Lemon, editor of the Caldwell News, was also a candidate for the position.

Schwan Piano Co. advertisement featuring 'Only Three Days More' and 'Discontinued New Models'. Includes prices like \$227-\$5 Cash and \$410-\$12.50 Cash. Features an image of a piano.

Case Car advertisement featuring 'In 1871 the Case Company aided in building this steam buggy'. Includes an image of a steam buggy and text describing the benefits of the Case Car, such as 'Notice the difference between this steam buggy and the present-day CASE Car'.