SENATOR LANE SAYS SHIPS DEATH TRAPS

Jackson Club Hears That Shell-Proof Armor Is Very Unfashionable.

NEWEST KIND BENDS IN

Superdreadnoughts, Avers Speaker, Go Out of Style With Women's Hats—Besides They Need Cruisers for Protection.

United States Senator Harry Lane told the Jackson Club, a Democratic political organization, at a meeting in the Central Library Monday, that this country is equipping its battleships with armor so obsolete that they would be more death-traps in battle.

"Our men are being sent to sea," said Senator Lane, "in $12,000,000 and $16,000,000 super-dreadnoughts whose armor is obsolete and can't stand up against modern shells.

"The trouble is that our Navy experts are still building armor to withstand armor piercing projectiles, and they are not using that kind of projectile any more. They are using high explosive shells now.

"Tests have shown absolutely that high explosive shells such as those now in use shatter the armor plate we are using on our battleships. Other navies are building soft, malleable armor that gives against these high explosives but is not pierced.

"We are not taking advantage of the naval lessons of the war. Someone must show me that our armor plate will resist these high explosive shells of the present before I'll vote a cent for more battleships."

Navy for Defense Favored.

Senator Lane prefaced his remarks on preparedness by explaining "I want to say now in a general way, without going into detail, that I am in favor of building a navy of a type and of sufficient strength to protect this country against any nation, for defensive purposes only. I favor a navy, if you will pardon the slang, strong enough to knock the block off any other nation.

"But I do not believe in building a lot of warships to go to war against other nations, or to grab territory."

He went on to say that the methods of expending money on the building of the Navy must be changed before he would favor the large Navy programme. "For example," he said, "if a navy is to be built, I am in favor of having the Government build its own warships."

He declared that there is sworn evidence of an expert before one committee in Congress to the effect that extortionate prices have been paid for obsolete armor that naval experts of other nations long ago recognized as obsolete. He asserted that a ring of contractors had swindled the Government out of millions of dollars a year in naval expenditures.

Senator Says Styles Change.

After explaining his charge that present battleship armor will not withstand high explosives, Senator Lane went on:

"And I don't believe in super-dreadnoughts. They go out of style almost as soon as women's hats. And as the war is going on now, you have to have a fleet of small cruisers to protect them, anyway."

The Senator discussed the proposed Army increases briefly. After declaring that Coast fortifications generally were in bad condition and almost defenceless, he proposed a new way of laying the foundation for a trained army.

"If I had my way," said the Senator, "I would pay men in the Army proper wages. If the Government would enlist today at fair wages 500,000 men for six months and station them through the country building needed roads, working them on the roads about two-thirds of the time and drilling them the other one-third, we'd have that many men turned out every six months having at least a foundation of military training.

"And we would have roads that we need, and that would be invaluable in time of war, besides which there would be fewer idle men and more money in circulation than ever."

Senator Lane will depart for Washington early next week, according to his present plans.

A. L. LINDQUIST IS WEDDED

Eastern Girl Is Bride of Superintendent on Telegram Force.

Albert Lindquist, superintendent of the composing room of the Evening Telegram, was married in The Dalles Monday to Miss Jessie Kratzer, of Altoona, Pa., who arrived at The Dalles recently from her home in Pennsylvania. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's cousin, L. L. McCartney, of The Dalles. Rev. Leon L. Myers, pastor of the Christian Church at The Dalles, performed the marriage ceremony.

Mr. Lindquist has arranged a home at the Baker Apartments for his bride. Mr. Lindquist was a member of the typographical force of The Oregonian the past Summer. Recently he became mechanical department superintendent for the Evening Telegram.

BEND PARTY GOES TONIGHT

Robert Strahorn to Accommodate Some in Private Car.

These Portland business men who expect to go to Bend for the reorganization meeting of the Oregon Development League tomorrow have been invited to go on the train leaving the North Bank station at 7:10 tonight.

Robert E. Strahorn, who has projected the new railroad in Central Oregon, will leave on this train in a special car. Some of those who are planning to make the trip can be accommodated in this car. Several members of the committee appointed a few weeks ago to co-operate with Mr. Strahorn in his interior development work will go with him to Bend tonight, attend the meeting there tomorrow and go with him on a tour of the Central Oregon country, beginning Thursday morning.

Chicago Opera Season Opens.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—The Chicago Grand Opera Company opened its fifth season at the Auditorium Monday presenting "La Gioconda," with a cast which included Madame Emmy Destinn, soprano; Madame E. Leonora de Cisneros, contralto; Frances Ingram, Amadeo Bassi, Ancona and Arimondi.

The inaugural performance was a brilliant social event. The engagement this season is for 10 weeks, with Cleofonte Campanini as general director. Among his new associates this season are Egon Pollak, the Wagnerian director, and Rodolfo Ferrari, the Italian director.

The subscription advance sale this season exceeded the record of any previous year by 10 per cent. There are 59 principals in the company, nearly half of whom are of American birth, who have won reputations abroad.

Seventy-five per cent of the chorus are Americans and all the ballet with the exception of the two leaders are natives of this country.

For the first time in many years the Wagnerian "Ring" will be produced on an elaborate scale with original stage settings and orchestration. Another feature will be the presentation of "Parsifal." Among other novelties scheduled for production are Massanet's "Cleopatra," "L'Amore die Tre Re," of Montemezzi; Saint-Saens' "Dejanire," Gunsborg's "Le Vieil Aigle" and Leoncavallo's "Zaza," which is new in this country.

CATHOLIC BAZAAR OPEN

ARCHBISHOP AND GOVERNOR APPEAR AT CATHEDRAL AFFAIR.

Hall Is Decorated With Papal Colors and Filled With Attractive and Well-Stocked Booths.

Governor Withycombe and Archbishop Christie dignified the opening of the Cathedral bazaar Monday with their presence and speeches. Dan Malarkey introduced the dignitaries and presided during the programme.

"I am especially pleased to be with you tonight and with the great work that you are doing," said Governor Withycombe. "We are living in the only great country that is not involved in war and no national greatness is possible without home influence."

After the Governor's address, Archbishop Christie spoke, saying in part: "National greatness cannot be attained without religious basis. We thank the Executive for his presence here, and I wish to tell him that in all the State of Oregon there are no more loyal and patriotic citizens than the Catholic people. We teach our people to respect authority and should there be any danger to our country or Constitution, our men and women would be ready and willing to sacrifice their lives for the land."

Mrs. Henry W. Metzger sang several splendid solos and Miss Maymie Helen Flynn accompanied her.

White and yellow, the Papal colors, predominated in the decorative scheme of the bazaar, which filled the attractive new Cathedral Hall with hosts of people who swarmed about the many gay booths. Practically all the society maids and matrons of the parish and city became venders and were seen behind the flower-decked counters of the booths displaying and selling the various articles.

Owing to the fact that the Cathedral bazaar is a highly modern and up-to-the-minute affair and a close imitation of a department store, a novel feature for church affairs was inaugurated. Trading stamps with the same relative value attached as at stores were given with each purchase.

Among the many attractive features was a real men's booth, one at which cigars, tobacco and other smokers' supplies were sold.

An enjoyable corner was the fish pond, maintained by the Cathedral school children. A doll booth, a country fair and a score of other departments were notable. One of the most striking sections was the religious booth, at which pictures, books rosaries and kindred supplies were offered.

PLOT VIEWED AS TRUST

SHERMAN LAW MAY BE INVOKED ON AUSTRO-GERMANS.

Lack of Specific Acts to Protect Neutrality Greatly Handicaps Department of Justice.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. — Handicapped by the lack of specific laws to protect the Nation's neutrality, the Department of Justice has turned to one of its old standbys and is investigating alleged war plots with a view to instituting criminal proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The inquiry, it was learned tonight, is directed particularly at plots supposed to have been formed in connection with efforts of pro-German and pro-Austrian sympathizers to cause strikes in munition plants in the United States. The Department's theory is that if there is a conspiracy to interfere with the manufacture of munitions it is conspiracy in restraint of interstate and foreign commerce.

Publication of notices in foreign language newspapers calling on subjects of Austria and Germany to quit work in munition plants is said to have been one of many methods employed to bring about strikers and disrupt the organizations of plants making war munitions for the allies.

The investigation has not progressed far enough to enable officials to tell whether indictments can be obtained or to develop who is at the head of the conspiracy, if one exists.

'CURSE' SPANS 3000 YEARS

Head of Egyptian Queen Sent to Museum to Break Spell.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Sinister agate eyes, twinkling malevolently from under the head wrappings of an Egyptian Queen of 3000 years ago, and believed to be bringing a curse of the dead for violation of her tomb, have led to sending to the Carnegie Museum of the blackened skull of Queen Hatshepsutt, or Hatasu, of the line of Thothmes.

The donor, Mrs. Jere Bauman, of Newcastle, Pa., whose husband brought the head from Egypt seven years ago, declared that she sent the relic to the museum to break a spell, which, she says, she believes had some bearing on the death of her son, J. Howard Bauman, four years ago, and more recently her husband, Jere Bauman, October 21.

The head of the Queen was unearthed by Bauman while with an exploring party among the tombs of Egyptian Kings and Queens in the Lybian Hills.

JINX 13 WRECKS JITNEY

Woman in Collision Hurt; Driver Declared Asleep.

The jinx which always pursues No. 13 got in its work Monday when H. L. Stout, chauffeur's badge No. 1212, who lives at 189 East Forty-fifth street, ran into the rear end of a sprinkling wagon at Union avenue and Alberta streets with his jitney.

Mrs. B. E. Bowers, room 33 Empress Hotel, who was one of the passengers in the jitney at the time, was bruised. B. E. Bowers and Otto Schroobe, 1126 East Twenty-third street North, were unhurt. The sprinkling wagon was driven by E. H. Adamson, 349 Sacramento street.

Witnesses declared Stout was asleep at the time.

COUNTY ROAD LEVY WILL BE 1.2 MILLS

Advisory Committee Cuts $588,000 Estimate Down to $360,000.

NEW ARMORY IS DENIED

Various Appropriations Are Made. Labor Member Urges Improvement of Canyon Road to Keep Faith With Farmers.

Road work in Multnomah County will be curtailed next year through the action of the county budget advisory committee Monday in fixing the road levy at 1.2 mills.

This is a reduction of .4 mill under the present year, and a reduction of .6 mill under last year.

It is estimated that this levy will provide $360,000 for road purposes. Roadmaster John B. Yeon had asked for $588,600 as the minimum sum adequately to take care of the county's roads during the coming year. His estimate provided for but one-half mile of hard surfacing.

In addition to the sum provided for by the tax levy there will be available $21,000 from automobile licenses and $10,000 from delinquent tax sales.

The committee voted also to pay the $62,500 in interest on road bonds issued early this year under a separate appropriation.

Thus the roadmaster will have an aggregate of $360,000 and $21,000 and $10,000, or $401,000 for road purposes, which, however, declared Amos Benson, a member of the advisory committee, will not be enough to do the road work of the county adequately.

The road budget was the last item that the committee took under consideration after a long and weary evening of budget making. The roadmaster had presented a detailed estimate of his proposed expenditures for the coming year. The total levy necessary to accommodate these expenditures would have been 1.8 mills.

Canyon Road Work Urged.

A. W. Jones, the representative of organized labor on the committee, offered a motion to fix the levy at 1.8 mills with the qualification that the roadmaster transfer funds to provide for hardsurfacing the road between Fairview and Gresham and for improvement of the Canyon road. He declared that when the road bond issue was voted last Spring the farmers on the Fairview-Gresham road were led to believe that as soon as the Columbia River highway is paved their road would be paved. They voted for the bonds, he said, in belief that this would be done.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Benson cast the only affirmative votes.

Upon motion of E. B. McNaughton, the levey then was fixed at 1.2 mills, by a vote of five to two, Mr. Jones and Mr. Benson voting against it.

The request of Adjutant-General George A. White, of the Oregon National Guard, for an appropriation of $100,000 for a new armory to house the artillery and cavalary units of the Guard, was denied, Mr. McNaughton offering a motion to table the measure.

Committee Favors Plan.

J. N. Teal and other members of the committee expressed sympathy with the plan to provide additional quarters for the men, but questioned the advisability of making a special appropriation.

The committee decided to advise the County Commissioners to investigate the economic feasibility of withdrawing all inmates in the old County Hospital and placing them in the Good Samaritan and St. Vincent's hospitals.

Representatives of the women's organizations seeking appropriations for a parental home and for a free dental clinic made strong pleas in behalf of both causes.

An additional $1000 was voted to the Board of Relief fund. Other items allowed were: Indigent soldiers' relief, $15,000; Municipal Court, $250; Multnomah Justice Court, $125; real estate assessments, $2000; scalp bounty, $50; drainage system for county farm, $1500; Kelly Butte quarry, $20,000; Linnton quarry, $8000; auto truck service and supplies, $12,285.

RUSSIANS TAKE $49,875

21 GUNS, 118 MACHINE GUNS, 18 BOMB THROWERS TAKEN.

Germans Are Pressed Back Several Miles Near Riga—Snow Is 20 Feet Deep in Caucasus.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.—The official communication issued tonight says:

"During the past month our troops on the western (Russian) front took Austro-German prisoners to the number of 675 officers and 49,200 men and captured 21 guns, 118 machine guns, 18 bomb throwers and three searchlights.

"On the Riga front, north of Kanger, yesterday, we pressed the Germans back another five or six verats (3 to 4 miles). On the Dvina above Riga many advance guard engagements have taken place in the region of Dalen Island.

"In the Caucasus, from the Black Sea to the River Arax, only skirmishes have occurred. On Lake Van, our warships bombarded Turkish positions in the region of the village of Akhtamara. In certain sectors of our front the snow lies 20 feet deep."

MILL FORCES INCREASED

Many More Men to Be Added by Oregon City Paper Plants.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Owing to increased waterpower caused by a rise in the Willamette River here due to the rains of the last few days, the paper mills here have begun enlarging their working forces and increasing their activities.

The Crown Willamette Company added 20 men and put into operation 15 more sets of grinders and 10 wet machines. The force will be further added to at the rate of about 20 men a day for the next week. The Hailey Pulp & Paper Company put several extra men to work.

BURLESON GETS WARNING

Letter to Postmaster-General Forbids Ohio Politics Entrance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Postmaster-General Burleson has been warned to keep his fingers out of Ohio politics. His office has declined to give information about the signer of the letter or the exact phrases used, but admits the receipt of the missive. The source appears, however, to be of sufficient importance to cause the Postmaster-General's office to become somewhat perturbed about the letter.

Within the last few weeks Mr. Burleson has been importuned to place the support of the Administration behind various candidates, ex-Representatives Goeke, Bathrick and Whitacre having told him of the political wisdom of supporting Judson Harmon for the Governorship, while more recently Judge "Tim" Ansberry is understood to have told the Postmaster-General that ex-Governor Cox was the star to which the Administration should hitch its wagon.

The Postmaster-General is in a puzzled frame of mind, which has not been alleviated by the receipt of the letter telling him to allow Ohio Democrats to attend to their affairs without Federal interference. So far, it appears, Mr. Burleson has not taken a stand in favor of any gubernatorial candidate in Ohio.

There is no doubt that on receipt of proper proofs of strength candidates in the various states will be given an idea of the Administration's sympathy for their aspirations. In all cases the Administration managers, it is assumed, will tie to the man who, in their estimation, can do most to strengthen the National ticket. It is recognized that this selection of supposedly strong candidates must be made diplomatically, else other candidates might be offended, and cause the very dissension which the Administration managers wish to avert.

RECITAL IS INSPIRATION

FRANCIS RICHTER IN HAPPY MOOD AT PIANO.

Mastery of Technique in Solving Difficult Problems in Varied Programme Is Amazing.

BY JOSEPH M. MACQUEEN.

It was a living inspiration to have the privilege of attending the piano recital Monday by Francis Richter, virtuoso, in the auditorium of the Multnomah Hotel.

Mr. Richter was in his happiest mood and his nobility of concept and amazing mastery of technique in solving difficult piano problems, in a varied and interesting programme, made the occasion quite notable, musically. The large audience was an enthusiastic one, made up largely of professional musicians of this city and other persons capable of analyzing high-class piano music.

The music feast contributed by Mr. Richter included piano gems composed by Caesar Franck, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt and Mr. Richter himself.

"Prelude, Choral et Fugue" (Caesar Franck) comes to the listener like a sermon in a dimly lighted cathedral. It has in one mood the solemn echoes of a tolling bell and in others the religious atmosphere of a mass. Mr. Richter conveyed this message. In the Beethoven "Rondo a Capriccio" the interpretation was gay and bright. The Brahms was satisfactory.

Mr. Richter's biggest moments at the entire recital—where he rose to starry, virtuoso heights—came when he played the three Chopin numbers—the "Grand Polonaise in E Flat, op. 22," the "Nocturne, in G major, op. 37, No. 2" and the "Valse in G Flat Major, op. 70, No. 1." His firm fingering was a revelation and his appreciation of the finer degrees of sentiment, as reflected from Chopin's music, was superb. Portland folks have heard the "Nocturne" played by big artists en tour and did not hear it played with more soul, more hidden fire of genius than was evidenced last night by Mr. Richter. His extra Chopin numbers were a "Berceuse" and the famous "Prelude in A". Mr. Richter's own compositions, three in number, were short, delightfully played and have the high merit of originality.

The celebrated "Sonata in B Minor" (Liszt) was stirringly rendered and was a fitting close to this high-class recital. Applause was generous throughout.

Wheat, flour and oats may not be exported from Great Britain during the war.

FAIRNESS IS ADVISED

Loss to Railroad Forecast, if Grant Terms Prevail.

NEW SENTIMENT IS URGED

C. C. Chapman Discusses Land Grant Case Before Chamber of Commerce Members Council—Seaman's Act Held Menace.

"What we need in this state with regard to the Oregon and California land grant case is a sentiment more favorable to an adjustment in which simple fairness will be accorded to the Southern Pacific, which stands to lose millions of dollars that the company is not fairly due to lose if the settlement under the original terms of the grant is pressed to a conclusion," said C. C. Chapman, who addressed the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at its luncheon Monday.

Mr. Chapman spoke in the absence of Judge William Colvig, who was unable to attend owing to a sudden indisposition. He reviewed the developments of the case to the present time and said that he believed the resolutions adopted at the recent general conference on the land grant case, held in Salem, had done more harm than good, in their attitude of forcing the lands to be thrown onto the open market under the original terms of the grant.

Road Trying to Pay Mortgage.

"The Southern Pacific is trying to save some of its property and pay off the mortgage of some $17,000,000 against it, which must come either out of the revenue from the lands or from the earnings of the road.

"The attitude of the representatives from the counties, who predominated at the recent conference, was to do anything to get the land thrown open for settlement so that it might become a tax-producing element in the state. They feared to let it go back into Government control lest it should be tied up and undeveloped for some years to come, and so as an alternative they demanded that a settlement be pressed under the original terms of the grant, which would throw the land on the open market for everybody to scramble for—and the devil take the hindmost."

The conference between the representatives of the railroad and the state officials, which is to begin in Salem Thursday, he held, offers the hope of a plan for settlement that will be fair to the railroads and to the people of the state as well.

"I doubt if they will accomplish much at first. They will be too scared. The railroad men, scared to death, will be trying to hang onto everything they can, and the state officials will be equally scared by the realization of the Niagara of disapproval that will pour down on them if they go counter to the desires of the mass of the people.

Sentiment of Fairness Urged.

"What we need is sentiment that will make these men, when they meet in Salem, feel that the people of Oregon are favorable to a settlement of the case which will be in fairness to the railroads and to the public as well. If we can give a feeling of confidence to the men meeting in that conference, it may bring about some great results for the state."

Ex-Governor West followed Mr. Chapman's address with some sharp remarks to the contrary, declaring that nothing can be taken from the railroads that is justly its own, and that the principal need is someone in the conference to see that nothing is taken from the people.

A. P. Taylor, director of the Hawaiian Promotion Commission, was introduced at the luncheon and gave a short speech, in which he criticized the seamen's bill as a serious menace to the development of American commerce in its island possessions and with other countries on the Pacific. Isidor Jacobs, a prominent business man of San Francisco, also spoke on the seamen's bill. He declared that the recent referendum taken by the United States Chamber of Commerce on the subject was not representative of the opinion of the members of the affiliated chambers, but few committeemen from each chamber.

C. V. M'MONAGLE WILL LIVE

Photographer for The Oregonian Is Recovering From Injuries.

Clyde V. McMonagle, Oregonian photographer who sustained a fractured skull in a fall last Wednesday, will recover. This information was vouched for by Dr. W. M. Campbell, the attending physician.

"Mr. McMonagle's condition is very satisfactory," said Dr. Campbell, "and I think I can tell you without any reservation that he will recover. He is now eating well and improving every day. He recognizes people and is conscious of where he is."

10-MILL ROAD TAX VOTED

Warrenton District Will Expend $25,000 on Highway Work.

WARRENTON, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—The voters of the Warrenton road district have authorized a special 10-mill road tax levy, which will raise approximately $25,000. The money is to be expended on the Seaside road and Flavel road equally, excepting $2250 set aside for repairing road now macadamized.

If Gearhart district makes a 10-mill levy it is expected that the County Court will macadam the full four and a half miles of said road between here and Seaside.