

BUSINESS MEN ARE FOR PREPAREDNESS

Transportation Club Hears Plea for Adequate Defense of Nation.

L. C. GILMAN IS SPEAKER

Duty as Citizens is Set Forth. Events in Europe Cited as Disclosing Necessity of Safeguards Against War.

"A spirit of non-resistance did not build this Nation," declared L. C. Gilman, president of the North Bank Railroad, in urging preparedness before the members of the Portland Transportation Club at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Gilman was the principal speaker on a programme that called forth utterances from executive officers of various railroads and industrial concerns operating in Portland.

"We must give attention to the public question that concerns the public mind," declared Mr. Gilman. "We must consider ourselves not only transportation men, but citizens of this country."

He explained that previous to the present European war, he himself would have opposed a programme of preparedness such as now is proposed by heads of the National Government.

"But I have changed my mind," he continued, "and am cordially in favor of such a programme. I think there is no question about the public attitude on the subject."

Defense Idea Prevails. "It is well established, I believe, that our plans are not to prepare us for war, but to prepare us against war."

"This Nation never engaged in a war of invasion or conquest and it is not our desire that we shall."

"But while we will not invade the rights of others, we must not permit other nations to invade our rights without protest and we must be in a position to follow our protest with force if need be."

Mr. Gilman argued that the world is not prepared to accept a nation's attitude in favor of peace as a guarantee of peace. "Used intentions," he said, are not an assurance of protection.

"The question now is to put a lock upon our National debt before the same takes advantage of our unprepared condition and enters," he added.

He pointed to the misfortune of Belgium as an example of a nation that had peaceful intentions and did not wish war.

He added that Greece is finding herself in a similar position, threatened by the British naval monster on one side and by the Russian military machine on the other.

War Injustices Cited. "And the war has not left the United States free of its direct consequences," he continued. "Our citizens traveling the high seas have been slaughtered by one belligerent nation and our ships have been seized and our cargoes confiscated by another belligerent without any right excepting the power to do so."

Mr. Gilman pronounced the present war due to the greed of the European countries for territory, their desire to increase their national domains and weaken their national wealth. He pointed out that this country is the richest in the world and that it offers a fertile field for exploitation.

After the European war, he added, it is possible that the victorious side may look to America for further fields of exploitation. For that reason this country should be prepared to resist such ambitions, he argued. The material wealth and the liberties handed down by the fathers of the country are too valuable, he said, to give up without a fierce struggle.

Mr. Gilman deplored the tendency among the political parties to make political capital out of the determination of the people to prepare the country against possible aggression.

Other speakers were W. E. Coman, vice-president and general manager of the North Bank Railroad; C. J. Conroy, Grant B. Dimick, president of the Willamette Valley Southern, and Guy W. Talbot, president of the Portland Gas & Coke Company.

FINES ASSESSED BY MAIL

Lack of Extinguishers in Motor-boats Costs \$5 Each. Such is the faith of the United States Court in the integrity of certain residents of Coos Bay that eight residents of that district yesterday were notified to plead guilty to a violation of the Federal statute by mail and were requested to send in their fines of \$5 each by mail.

The defendants were accused of failing to maintain fire extinguishers in their motorboats.

Some time ago the United States Attorney's office mailed blanks to the men, which were returned, signed and carrying a plea of guilty. Yesterday Judge Weinstein instructed the clerk to request the defendants to send in their fines of \$5 each. This innovation was resorted to in an effort to save the Government the expense of having the defendants in person into court.

SCHOOL DATA ARE ASKED

National Bureau Educator Inquires Into Open-Air Room Popularity. A communication from B. C. Kingsley, connected with the National Bureau of Education, was received yesterday by L. E. Alderman, City Superintendent of Schools. Information as to the number and popularity of open-air rooms in the Portland schools was asked by Mr. Kingsley. The data gathered to be used in a publication issued by the National Bureau of Education.

Portland has three open-air rooms that have proved their popularity. If the statements of the children that use them can be used as a criterion, two of the rooms are in the Irvington School and the other is in the Holladay. All three rooms are used for normal and not for defective children. For which purpose most of the Eastern open-air schools are utilized.

MINERS, MILLMEN AIDED

University of Idaho Offers Short Course for Prospectors. UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The State University has announced a short course for prospectors, miners and millmen, extending for eight weeks, beginning January 3, 1916. The university makes no charge for tuition nor laboratory fees.

PANTAGES ACT THRILLS

DARING RESCUE OF GIRL FROM LION VEILED IN MYSTERY.

Pullman Car Episode Brings Down House With Ludicrous Situations.

Acrobatic Offering Unusual.

Thrilling melodrama with a really truly lion as the principal actor tops pantages good bill this week.

The scene of the story is laid in India and there are slave girls and guards and what sorts of the day of the great Mogul. A maiden has been stolen from the tent of her father and is to be made the Maharajah's bride.

She refuses and is condemned to be thrown into the lion's cage. During all this pantomime enactment the lion roars and prances excitedly about the cage.

And just then the Prince arrives in the role of rescuer to the luckless girl. Only an Houdini or another Carter the mysterious, who plays the role, can tell how the Prince escapes from the lion in the cage. There's a blinding flash of the Prince's revolver, we see the lion leaping at the girl and then he takes off his head and it is the Prince. The act is full of thrills and surprises and makes a capital headline number.

The Alaskan Quartet has an excellent act. Every one of the four has a fine, well-trained voice. The big bass soloist is particularly fine and wins much applause. The voices blend nicely, the tempo is steady in picturesque fashion with the singers appearing in miners' garb in a camping setting.

Carter, the Mysterious, appears again with his bill in feats of mysticism. He offers the trunk mystery, nicely done, and the talking hand which answers questions, and a magic cabinet for an eldritch sorcery.

Hopkins and Axell have a Pullman episode which elicits applause. First they appear as a conductor and a passenger on a streetcar and here their witty dialogue gets well started. Then the curtain rises and shows a section of a Pullman car, and the fun now hinges on the mistakes that occur. A general misapprehension and misunderstanding with the porter leads the Hopkins-Axell pair out into the night, sans clothes, sans luggage, sans all but wit.

Williams and Rankin, a man and a girl, are exceptionally clever comedians and play a variety of pleasant scenes, besides a few classics. Opening the bill are the two Carsons Brothers, Swedish acrobats, who are daring and original. One of the brothers is a marvel of strength and their hand balancing feats are splendid.

Next we set out to produce a gum that was absolutely free from grit.

This was a matter of refining and re-refining the chicle—a long, tedious process. But worth the trouble as every gum chewer will agree.

So Sterling Gum has a Velvety Body—NO GRIT. That is point 2. Rather important, too, isn't it?

Spelling reforms may be inaugurated throughout the county schools of Oregon, if the plans of Professor George H. Danton, Pacific Coast agent for the simplified spelling board, materialize.

Professor Danton has been conferring with J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who favors the adoption of certain reforms in spelling, and will present his case before the annual meeting of County Superintendents to be held at Salem, December 22.

Professor Danton reports that simplified spelling has been making great progress recently. During the last month two normal schools and eight newspapers have adopted spelling reforms.

SPELLING REFORMER HERE

County School Superintendents to Hear Plans.

Mr. Baker Hears Arguments Against Absolute Censorship by Board.

MOVIE APPEAL CONSIDERED

Commissioner Baker may become sponsor for a movie before the City Council to amend the present motion-picture censorship ordinance so as to provide either for a board of appeals or for an appeal from the decisions of the censor board to one of the courts.

A committee representing the motion-picture exhibitors conferred with Mr. Baker yesterday and presented the views of the exhibitors and exhibitors.

Mr. Baker has taken the proposal under advisement. The picture people urge that the decision of the board, is unfair to them. They are backed in their move by the Chamber of Commerce.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND GAINS

Four Donations Aggregate \$156 for Palestine Sufferers.

Your additional donations were received by Ben Selling, president, and Julius Miller, secretary-treasurer of the fund, started by Dr. Stephen R. Wise for the relief of the Jews of Palestine. The donations aggregated \$156 and were from the following persons: H. E. Lewis, \$139; Benjamin Lutz, \$10; Paul Lehenbaum, \$5, and Mrs. R. A. Baruch, \$1. The mark set by Dr. Wise for the amount that he expected to raise in this city was \$10,000, and that figure has already been exceeded.

Dr. Jonah E. Wise and Ben Selling also are members of a committee that is raising the money instead of the Jews in Galicia and Russia.

CITY REVENUE GAINS \$4600

Treasurer's Deposits \$250,000 of Funds for Year, Doubling Interest.

By so arranging the city sinking funds that \$250,000 can be deposited in the banks for a year, City Treasurer Adams yesterday increased the city's revenue \$4600 for next year. By the arrangement the bank will pay 1 per cent on the money instead of only 1/2 per cent, as would be the case should the money be deposited in the usual way, subject to check.

Of the money to be deposited \$200,000 will be in the water bond sinking fund and \$50,000 in the general bond sinking fund. This, Mr. Adams says, can be saved for one year.

Announcing the 7-point gum. The most modern factory in the world has produced a new brand of chewing gum for you. No gum, we believe, ever before had so much care put into its manufacture. This care is to insure the six features listed below. The 7th point will not be announced for the present. 1 Crowded with Flavor. 2 Velvety Body—NO GRIT. 3 Crumble-Proof. 4 Sterling Purity. 5 From a Daylight Factory. 6 Untouched by Hands. 7 What? Sterling Gum The 7-point gum PEPPERMINT - RED WRAPPER CINNAMON - BLUE WRAPPER THE STERLING GUM COMPANY, Inc., Long Island City, Greater New York

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Nov. 30 Is the Last Day That You Can Buy Reduced Rate Exposition Tickets. San Francisco to San Diego, Cal. Closes Dec. 4, 1915. After Nov. 30th you will not be able to take advantage of the low round-trip rates to California. The closing days of the Panama-Pacific Exposition will be the best days of the year. Ask for our Exposition Book. Tickets and Reservations at City Ticket Office, Cor. Sixth and Oak Broadway 2760, A 6704. SOUTHERN PACIFIC John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent