ALL GERMANY PUT ON SHORT RATIONS

Harvest Not to Solve All Difficulties.

SACRIFICES URGED ON PUBLIC

Food Dictatorship Is Created With Sweeping Powers.

CONSIDERED FIRST

Shortage of Certain Supplies Is No Longer Secret, but Adequate Nourishment Is Promised. South Germany Protests.

adequate nourishment of our popula tion is fully assured and will be rendered doubtful by any blockade regu lations of enemy states, no matter how unscrupulous they may be and no matthe semi-official North German Gazette, in an announcement of the creation of a

food dictatorship with sweeping powers "However, the short harvest of 1915, together with reduced imports, have retions which makes itself acutely felt, and efforts to better conditions have been hindered by the fact that each federated state has been able to make independent regulations. This will now corrected by a centralization of

Powers Never Equaled.

Probably never before have such weeping powers been concentrated as are now granted Herr von Battocki, the new food dictator. Various counselors will be assigned to him, representing agriculture, industry, trade, the military and the consumers, and the rep-resentatives of the federal states and of associations connected with the war will aid him. Final decision on all questions, however, rests solely in Herr

von Battocki's hands. The regulations of the federal coun-cil will not be affected by the appointment of the dictator, but in case of pressing necessity the dictator is em powered even to issue contrary regulaions, but these must be laid imme

ator will be able to expropriate all foods and fodder, and may even establish fixed per capita rations if necessary.

Military Is First.

measures will take into consideration orders of the military commanders. The date on which the new order of

things will become effective is to be announced shortly. The surrender by the federal states climbing again.

of their prerogatives indicates a realization that existing conditions demand such surrender. Adequate breadstuffs CIRCUS LOSES OWN GAME are on hand, and it is even likely that the bread and flour ration for physical workers soon will be increased. Enough potatoes also are available to carry the country through until the early crop is harvested, although it is possible that the allowance must be some what reduced. It cannot be denied, however, that Germany is likely to ap proach nearly to a condition of a vege tarian Eden in coming months.

Some Supplies Are Short. The Lokal Anzeiger sums up the sit-

uation as follows: "It is no longer any secret that certain supplies are short, not so much as a result of the friendly efforts of our enemies, but as the result of last year to worry about bread. We have saved enough here by economic administra-

tion to reach to the new harvest. We even shall be able to increase the ration for manual laborers. "We also shall come through with

over 13,000,000 swine, but since the number of pigs is large, we may expect in a year or more to make up in half an hour to leave the ship which some degree what is lacking. The number of meat cattle has decreased less than was supposed, but what we lack is cattle fit for butchering. The older FLOOD RECORD PREDICTED animals are consumed and the army's meat requirements are so mighty that Heavy Snowfall and Cold even animals unfitted for slaughtering

Milch Cows Are Spared. "In no circumstances must we touch milch cows or we shall endanger the

milk supplies of our children, "It does not require, furthermore, to be said that the butter scarcity compels the greatest possible sparing of milk cows, since the butter we import melted so far on account of the cold from abroad eats up enormous sums of

weather. The Lokal Anzeiger refers to mistakes in organization, but says after all the main reason for the existing evils Is the scarcity of supplies.

"The coming harvest promises well." the Lokal Anzeiger continues. "But not all the difficulties will be solved with its barvesting. The acreage planted is not smaller than last year, but the manner in which the planting and sowing was done has suffered."

The newspaper closes with an expres-The newspaper closes with an expression of confidence of Germany being able to meet all requirements and calls state of Oregon. (Concluded on Page S. Column 3.)

MEDFORD IN LINE TO BUILD RAILWAY

VOTE TO AMEND CHARTER FOR BONDING IS 1221 TO 295

Issue of \$300,000 Authorized and Action on Contract Will Soon Be Taken.

MEDFORD, Or., May 23 .- (Special.) --Medford voted five to one today in favor of amending the city charter authorizing the city to vote \$300,000 DEFENDANT WILL TAKE STAND

In-spite of the unfavorable weather a large vote was polled, the result being 1331 for and 295 against the issue. The largest majority for the bonds was in the First Ward, with 458 for the

road to the Blue Ledge mine.

onds and 82 against. When informed of the vote, S. S. Bullis, owner of the traction company, which proposes to build the road, said he would now offer a contract to the MYSTERY WILL BE BARED city which he believed would be ac cepted by as large a majority.

A second election will be held in the near future, when the people will vote upon the contract and, if that passes, construction will be started as a the bonds are marketed.

ASHLAND RECALL STARTED Action Directed Against Bert R

Greer, of Springs Commission.

ASHLAND, Or., May 23 .- (Special.)-ASHLAND, Or., May 23.—(Special.)
Petitions are being circulated here to-day for the recall of Bert R, Greer, Rapids, Mich., Dr. Arthur Warren chairman of the Springs Water Com-mission. The complaint charges wrong methods of letting contracts on \$100,-000 of work and 50,000 booklets with-out competitive bids. The \$100,000 con-tract was awarded to Smith Emery & Co., of San Francisco, and the book-end of the second day of his trial. let job to the Ashland Printing Com-pany, of which Greer is president. The petitions will require 400 sig-natures, of which number the petition-ers declare 200 already have been ob-

BULGARS FIGHT ITALIANS against him. Mrs. Horton, accompanied by her husband, Harry Horton,

Austrian Heavy Guns Outnumber pecting to be called, Foe's, but Attack Is Checked.

ROME, via Paris, May 23 .- Along the prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that day Waite's aged victim was to be their present offensive.

more numerous in this region than gave the first intimation to the Peck those of the Italians, but they have not been able to overcome the wellorganized Italian defenses, which thus far have checked the Austrian advance along the whole Isonzo line.

WALLA WALLA COLD AT 37

diately before the federal council for Season Records Broken, but Clouds Prevent Freezing.

night for low temperatures this late real name until he was ready for her The only express limitation of the in the year. The minimum tempera- to appear at the trial and testify. dictator's powers is contained in the ture was 37 degrees, the ground temprovision that the new department's perature being dangerously near the freezing point.

There was no frost this morning, although warnings were sent out. Clouds kept the temperature up till midnight, when the mercury began

Tents Put Outside City to Evade Li cense, but \$50 Is Parade Fee.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 23 .- (Special.) -When a circus decided to show outside of the city limits and thereby esape payment of the required license, Mayor Rice late yesterday called a special meeting of the Council and fathered the passage of an ordinance making it necessary for the circus to pay a fee of \$50 for using the streets of the The circus decided to pay the fee

poor harvest. It is true we do not need STEAMER GETS WARNING Britons on Vessel Have Half Hour to

rather than abandon the parade.

Leave Before Torpedo Is Fired.

LONDON, May 23.—Captain Cooke, of potatoes, even though with scant ra- the American steamship Camino, retions until the early crop. But our ported to the American Consul General meat and fat supplies, as is well known, at London today that he had rescued leave much to be desired. The last the officers and crew of the British census showed only slightly steamship Ross, which was sunk by German submarine April 25. Captain Cooke said that the pen had

was then blown up.

Ominous Near Grangeville

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, May 23 .-(Special.)-It is predicted by from the mountains that the high water in June will break the record They give as their reason that last Winter the snowfall was ex-ceedingly heavy and little of it has

FORD FIGHTS EXTRADITION

Man Wanted in Oregon on Fraud Charge Would Stay in Canada.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 23. (Special.)

On a charge of defrauding his wife out of property valued at \$25.0. H. Ford appeared before Judge Meyers in Court There is much evidence to

EVIDENCE PILES UP

State's Chain in Murder Case Unbroken.

Prisoner's Wife and "Studio" Companion to Be Called.

K. Adams," Who Warned That Crime Had Been Committed, to Be Witness Today-Rumor Says Woman Will Appear.

NEW YORK, May 23 .- Confronted by an unbroken chain of evidence which the state contends conclusively proves him guilty of the murder of his wealthy Waite, the young New York dentist will go on the witness stand in end of the second day of his trial. The defendant's most trying ordeal probably will come tomorrow, when his wife, Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, her. brother, Percy Peck, and Mrs. Margaret Horton, with whom Waite shared a studie in a hotel here, will take the stand

"K. Adams" to Be Called. It also is expected that the mystery surrounding the identity of the person sonzo front the tJalians have made who sent a telegram to Percy Peck the an autopsy be held on the body, wil The Austrian heavy guns are much be disclosed tomrrow. The telegram Mayor's Absence Leaves Public Safe-It read:

and her sister, was in court today ex-

"Suspicion aroused. Demand autopsy Examine body. (Signed) K. Adams. District Attorney Edward Swann steadfastly has refused to divulge the dentity of the sender of the telegram, but in announcing a list of the wit-nesses who would be called by the is acting Mayor. state, he included the name of "K.

It is said that the mysterious per-Evidence Forms Chain.

The druggist who sold Waite the fessed that he killed his father-in-law to the physicians who afterwards ex amined the body, as well as the under taker who buried it, there was today an unbroken line of corroborative evi-

The organs of the aged victim's body, patch to the Politiken. preserved in glass jars, were shown

2000 CHILDREN ARE TO FORM CHORUS

ORCHESTRA OF 100 YOUNG-STERS TO PROVIDE MUSIC.

William H. Boyer Training Pupils of 46 Schools for Open-Air Concert June 6.

A chorus of 2000 school children, with ccompaniments played by an orchestra U of O Library 27Nov16 nsisting of 100 children from the four high schools of this city, for a concer on the afternoon of June 6, on the Multnomah Field, is being directed by William H. Boyer, supervisor of musin Portland public schools.

National songs will be sung by children selected from the eighth and ninth grade classes of the schools, and it is estimated that 200 of the boys will sing the bass parts. Three-part songs will be sung, principally. National songs will be sung at the opening and clos ing of the programme.

Forty-six Portland schools will be represented in the chorus membership.
The first rehearsal of the series was eld yesterday at Lincoln High School auditorium, the singers being from West Side schools.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock pupils from the following schools will meet for rehearsal at Jefferson High School; Albina Homestead, Central, Eliot, High land, Kennedy, Kenton, Thompson, Ock-ley Green, Peninsula, Portsmouth, Shaver, Vernon and Woodlawn.

NEW YORK BUSIEST PORT Ports Rank Third and

Fourth in Foreign Trade. WASHINGTON, May 23 .- War trade has made New York within the last year the world's busiest port. The American city has exceeded by \$200,-000,000 London's annual import and ex-

ort business New York's combined 1915 exports and imports figures prepared at the loss of a single foot of ground. Ber-Department of Commerce today show lin itself claims only the capture of a total of \$2,125,000,000. Exports are larger at \$1,232,000,000, but her exports mounted to only \$696,000,000.

portance are Hamburg, Antwerp, Liverpool, Marseilles and Havre,

Bulgars have joined the Austrians in buried in Grand Rapids, urging that CITY SHY 1 COMMISSIONER

ty Office Unfilled.

During the absence from the city his week of Mayor Albee, the city is ot Mayorless, but it was found yesterday that it has no Commissioner of Public Safety, which office Mayor Albee holds also, Commissioner Daly

When a contract came up for signatures yesterday Mr. Daly refused to sign as Commssioner of Public Safety. son is a woman outside this state and so the concern seeking its money for WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 23.—

Son is a woman outside this state and that she exacted a promise from the (Special.)—All records were broken last District Attorney not to disclose her of Public Safety.

GERMANS SAILING BALTIC oison with which he had already con- Large Fleet Escorts Five Merchantmen to Swedish Harbors.

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 23 .-German traffic in the Baltic has been dence as viewed by the prosecution, restored, according to a Malmo dis-

AT LAST THE STRAW-HAT SEASON COMES INTO ITS OWN.

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SPEAKING

PREPAREDNESS

Five German merchantmen, says the dispatch, arrived in Swedish harbors west of the Meuse, though Paris as-Waite, pale and visibly unnerved, today, escorted by a large squadron of serts that only once were the Ger-German warships.

HE'S BEEN

MY STRAW

THREE WEEKS

HAT FOR

SITTING ON

TITANIC ASSAULTS

Verdun Battle Grows Bloodier Than Ever.

Germans Hurl Blow on Blow at

Fortress in Vain.

STATE AS NOTHING

FOES BUT FEW FEET APART

Teuton Forces Still Cling to One Corner of Donaumont, but Fail to Drive Enemy From Section Taken Monday.

LONDON, May 23 .- (Special.) -Today whole battle of Verdun. The struggle of the first days of the German asinto nothing compared with the titanic scale in schools and army camps. force of today's blows. And their net result, so far as the Germans are con where the French had left them after the successful counter attacks of yes- Three Sisters and Brother at Albany

terday. Only about the Thiaumont farm, east of the Meuse, does Parls admit the

able gun except those actually neces- Helen Steen Myers and Lyndon L a supreme effort to recapture Fort prominent in scholastic work and have at Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, they activities of the high school. Lyndon

fications was too strong. Assault after assault, so many of them that they literally flowed into each other until even the French could SKELETON ENDS MYSTERY not distinguish them, was delivered within the old ramparts. It was a Disappearance of Harrisburg Man repetition of the hand-to-hand struggle in the streets of Vaux.

To one corner of the abandoned for the Germans still clung desperately, The French fought their way so close that, had the opposing troops stood up in the trenches, they could almost have clasped hands across them.

Germans Cannot Escape.

There the Germans are still holding out, unable to advance and cut off from all escape. They are repeating the feat of the Brandenburgers who first captured the fort. Isolated from their comrades for days, nevertheless they succeeded in repelling all French

attempts to regain the work. Le Mort Homme and Hill 304 con tinue to bear the brunt of the attack (Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

MR. BAKER FAVORS TRAINING FOR ALL

REORGANIZATION OF MILITIA

Senator Chamberlain Confers With Secretary, and Announces Plan to Call for Action on Camp Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 23 .- Secretary Baker began an exhaustive study today of the Hay-Chamberlain Army bill with a view to undertaking the authorized 2 corganization of the regular Army and National Guard as soon as the measure is signed by the President.

Reorganization of the militia will be dealt with first. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military committee, conferred with Mr. Baker late today regarding administrative features of the new legislation. The Senator said he planned to call up before the military committee Friday his bill for universal military training in

chools and camps. Secretay Baker for the first time since he became head of the War Department, expresed his views on uni-

versal military service "Every citizen is under obligation to serve for the defense of his country, he said. "In view of the universality of the obligation, I favor universal training through some system of selection that will provide adequate de-

fense for the country." He added, however, that he was not witnessed the bloodiest fighting in the in favor of a system that would compel every citizen to become a seasoned soldier and intimated his belief that compulsory service was unnecessary sault, or of the second mighty ef- at this time, since training of citizens fort to overwhelm the fortress, fade had been inaugurated on so broad a

cerned, was to leave the battle lines 4 OF FAMILY IN 1 CLASS

to Graduate Together.

ALBANY, Or., May 23 .- (Special.)-Four members of the same family. a small blockhouse west of the river three sisters and a brother, will put at \$1,194,000,000 and imports at and of a sap mine near Vaux. For graduate together in the class of 1916 London imports were the rest it contents itself with report- of the Albany High School. This furing the repulse of the French attacks, nishes a coincidence said to be unparalleled in Oregon school circles

The four graduates are Misses Mary Every available man and every avail- Frances Myers, Hallie Rhodes Myers, sary for the reserves the Germans have Myers, all children of Mrs. Nellie Myers, mustered into the battle. They made of this city. They have all been Douaumont, which in their absorption taken a prominent part in the various had neglected to prepare against the Myers was a member of the school's incontingency of French surprise, but terscholastic debating team this year the French grip on their old forti- which won the champlenship of the Central Willamette district.

18 Years Ago Explained.

Discovery of a human skeleton yester- lem through her importunities to Govday in the forest on Cash Creek, 40 ernor West, and they assert that she miles from here, clears up a mystery of has been infatuated with him, 18 years' standing. The remains were identified as those of J. R. Buckman, Blood Stains Match. of Harrisburg, who disappeared No-vember 18, 1898, while hunting with C. A. Morris, also of Harrisburg.

The Oregodian correspondent at Hillsboro and Sheriff J. E. Reeves, of Washington County, matched the Mr. Morris came to Eugene today and identified the skeleton by a watch and other articles found with the bones.

BERLIN TO ASK NEW LOAN

German Government Said to Be Considering Raising \$2,500,000.000. COPENHAGEN, via London, May 23 .-

in June will propose a bill for a new war loan of 10,000,000,000 marks.

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BLOOD STAINS ON 2 SHIRTS IDENTICA

One Is Thompson's and Other Murderer's.

MEN IDENTIFY PRISONER

Suspect Picked From Group as Missing Autoist's Fare.

OFFICERS MORE CONFIDENT

Slenths Say All Evidence Either Is Neutral or Points to Ex-Convict, While Alibi by Woman Is Not Corroborated

which officers say strengthen further suspect being held in Hillsboro for the mysterious disappearance of Fred Ristflarity of stains on a shirt believed to have been the murderer's and an undershirt known to be Thompson's and a partial identification of the accused man as one seen talking to the missing jitney driver the night of the murder.

are the developments. A significant fact, from the viewpoint of investigators of the crime, is that every bit of evidence yet unearthed by the authorities either is neutral or points to Thompson.

Alibi Not Corroborated. Nothing has yet been found that would point to another as perpetrator of the crime. And nothing has been discovered that would serve to clear Thompson of suspicion.

Thompson's attorney asserts he has a perfect alibi, but the untiring work of deputy Sheriffs of Multnomah and Washington counties and Fortland detectives has failed to disclose any alibi but the uncorroborated testimony Thompson's sister-in-law as to his whereabouts that night.

In considering the assertions of Mrs. James Thompson, who said the suspect was at her home, 7109 Forty-second avenue Southeast, the night of the murder, the authorities recall that she was the woman who secured the release of EUGENE, Or., May 23 .- (Special.) - Thompson from the penitentiary at Sa-

The Oregoffian correspondent at Washington County, matched bloody, striped shirt found near the Jennings home with the recently Mr. Buckman believes his companion washed undershirt found on the clothesline at the home of Mrs. James Thompson. They found yesterday that the faintly-outlined stains on the undershirt, which gave a reaction to the human blood test last Saturday, corresponded, when placed under the outer shirt, to the splashes of blood on the

latter. Where stains on the shirt found in the woods are largest, stains on the The German government, according to undershirt are correspondingly large. he Vossische Zeitung (Berlin), early The cuff found in the road and plainly torn from the shirt was also matched with the corresponding sleeve of the undershirt yesterday. The cuff has one deep stain, and when fitted about the sleeve as it would be worn directly above the undershirt of Thompson, a

corresponding stain was found. P. X. Johnson, of Portland, who was taken to Hillsboro yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips, with Paul Turner and N. H. Engle, picked Thompson from a group of prisoners as the man he had seen talking to Ristman about 7 o'clock the night of the mur-

Thompson Is Identified. "I am morally certain Thompson is

the man," said Johnson after a thoughtful survey. Johnson said that Ristman owed him some money and when he approached the jitney driver he found him in conversation with a stranger. What that

conversation was about he does not

know, but he asserts that he overheard the words, "can't afford." He waited for several minutes to see Ristman and had a good opportunity casually to observe the man with whom Ristman was talking. Turner picked out Thompson as resembling a man he had seen walking nervously about near the fitney stand at Second and Alder streets between 3 and 4 o'clock on the day of the mur-

der. He said that Thompson looked

like the man, but was wearing differ-

ent clothes. He described the way the

man's hat was worn. It was in a manner characteristic of Thompson. Another Makes Identification.

Engle failed to identify Thompson as one of the two men in an automobile who had stopped to buy gasoline at his place in Fulton, but said he did not have an opportunity to get a fair view of the jitney passenger's face.

Sheriff Reeves said yesterday that a man named "Stevens" had seen Thomp son at the Hillsboro jail and identified bim as the man be had seen talking

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