

GUARD TO WHAT TO DO IF CALLED

Precautionary Instructions Are Sent to All State Adjutants-General.

WAR STRENGTH REQUIRED

No Man Who Has Not Taken Federal Oath Will Be Accepted in Actual Service—Orders Are Not Step Toward Clash.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—In preparation for any demand upon the Army that may grow out of the German crisis, the militia bureau of the War Department has sent precautionary instructions to all state adjutants-general outlining the plan to be followed should the National Guard be called for Federal service.

The intention had been to take this step quietly and without publicity, but reports indicating that it was being construed as meaning that mobilization was imminent caused department officials to announce the instructions with the explanation that they constituted a routine measure of preparedness necessary to prevent such confusion as attended the assembling of guardmen for border service, if a call should come.

No Warlike Step Intended.

In this connection it was pointed out that the Government is going to considerable expense to demobilize regiments returning from the border and which would be held in the Federal service if returned to their former services were expected immediately.

It was reiterated that the policy of the administration is to make no move that could be construed as a warlike step. This policy is understood to be the reason that mobilization of the National Guard has not been ordered.

The circular of instructions advises the adjutants-general specifically of the National Guard organizations in each state which would be summoned in case of a call. Mobilization under the plan outlined would be conducted by the regular army and military commanders, which would be authorized to designate sites for mobilization camps other than those formerly used, if necessary, and to make provision for shelter, recruitment, and the formation of the recruit training battalions in the eventuality of war.

No units or companies designated would be accepted and each unit would be required to have the full maximum authorized strength as prescribed for the regular Army in the National defense act.

The circular also makes clear that there is to be no federal status for the National Guard in the Federal service hereafter. No individual will be accepted who has not taken the oath prescribed by the National defense act at the time of the border mobilization about 40,000 men were held under the Dick bill provisions, classified as members of the organized militia, not of the National Guard.

Individuals, who are members of the organized militia, are required to take the oath, and who take the prescribed oath, will be accepted and given proper credit for the time served in their existing enlistment contract in the organized militia.

Provision also is made for the taking into the Federal service of certain proportion of the organized militia. Divisional or brigade commanders of the Guard and their staff officers will be taken in as was done before. It is provided, however, that each commander of such higher unit or unattached brigade, regiment or company, shall report by telegraph to the departmental commander on receipt of the call and await orders.

INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED HERE

Adjutant-General White Prepared for Any Eventuality.

Adjutant-General George A. White, in command of the Oregon National Guard, admitted last night that instructions of the kind referred to in the Washington dispatch had been received by him.

In preparation for any necessity which may arise complete mobilization orders have been prepared in the adjutant-general's office. Preliminary instructions have in addition been sent out to all organization commanders. Printed instructions on mobilization are now in the hands of the printer and will be available for distribution immediately.

The entire process of mobilization, if the troops should be called out, would be different from that of last June. The Guard could be mobilized more quickly than last June. It is declared, Oregon was the first state in the Union to have her troops completely mobilized last June and it is anticipated that an even better record would be made this year if a call came.

In case of a call Oregon will be asked to furnish 4000 men by the War Department. As a result all companies will be required to recruit to war strength and other units may also be formed.

SPRING AT OREGON CITY

Stores Compete in Style Displays and Big Crowd Views.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—Oregon City has held its first spring opening here before in the history of the city has there been a larger and more enthusiastic crowd on the streets.

Beaver Creek, Multnomah, Liberal and other places along the Willamette Valley Southern Railway line. There were four cars filled to their capacity.

The Oregon City band met the delegation at the Willamette Valley Southern depot, and escorted the excursionists to the main section of the city. Cars from Portland as well as the Southern Pacific from the south, brought visitors to the city.

There was plenty of amusement to entertain the guests. Almost all the stores had orchestras or phonographs. The store windows, as well as the interiors of the business houses were attractive decorated.

The judges, Commissioner C. E. Bigelow, Dan Kellaher and L. M. Leffert, members of the Portland East Side Business Men's Club, awarded prizes in the window trimming contest. The prizes were offered by the business men of Oregon City.

Following the concerts at each store and the judging, a banquet was given at which about 60 attended. The judges were the guests of the city.

CHAMBER ELECTION SET

BUREAUS WILL NAME SUCCESSORS TO RETIRING MEMBERS.

Several Mentioned for Presidency but Names of H. L. Corbett and W. F. Woodward Heard Most.

Dates for three of the annual meetings of bureaus of the Chamber of Commerce have been set, at which time they will select successors to the directors whose terms are expiring. Dates for the other bureau meetings will be settled today or Monday.

The trade and commerce bureau has arranged to hold its meeting and election on Wednesday night, March 21, at the Oregon development bureau Thursday, and the industries and manufactures bureau Friday.

Retiring directors from these bureaus are: O. M. Clark, trade and commerce; Emory Olmstead, Oregon development; and A. G. Labbe, industries and manufactures.

Retiring directors on the bureaus, the dates of annual meetings for which they will be succeeded are: T. C. Ogallal, members' council; Guy W. Talbot, civic; W. F. Woodward, retail merchants; Phil Mettschan, Jr., publicity and convention; H. E. Reed, legislation and taxation; M. H. Houser, grain standards; and Edward Cokingham, lumber.

On the new board of directors is constituted by the election of the new officers on the bureaus, the annual meeting of the chamber will be held.

The campaign for the presidency has not begun to warm up seriously as yet. Two who have been among the most prominently named in discussions about the club, are the president, material, are H. L. Corbett and W. F. Woodward.

BRIDE'S SON IS FOILED

MRS. LUCINDA BRIGGS, 69, WEDS, DESPITE PROTEST.

Sam M. Miller, 67, Tells of Romance Full of Troubles and Threats Received in Mail.

SALEM, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—Sam M. Miller, 67, and Mrs. Lucinda Briggs, 69, both of Stavton, were married by County Judge Bushey here today after the bride's father had protested against her son, J. F. Mack, requiring her to appear before the court and show cause why there should not be a guardian appointed for her.

Today's marital episode came as a culmination of a series of troubles said to have surrounded the aged bridegroom's courtship of his bride. The bride is said to have \$30,000, most of it in cash, while the bridegroom is said to be a spiritualist.

Mr. Miller says that he received a number of threatening letters through the mail, and, to top these off, he was the recipient of an ugly looking hangman's noose from his anonymous correspondent. He then took to carrying a revolver, and Mr. Mack caused his arrest on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Kindling Lone Cigar Proves Costly.

J. SAUL, shipbuilder, stands at the intersection of Broadway and Washington streets. Like the villain of melodrama, he held an unlighted cigar between his teeth. Abstractedly he reached forth and held a match against the gliding varnish of a passing streetcar.

A long streak marked the side of the car before Mr. Saul's match flamed. He kindled his cigar.

"Under arrest," announced Patrolman Nelson, his hand on Saul's shoulder. "What was the surprise, query, 'Scratching a match on that streetcar, against the ordinance made and provided,' the policeman informed him."

Yesterday before Municipal Judge Langwith the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$2. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company was not concerned in the prosecution.

F. S. AKIN TO BE HONORED

Baby Home Directors to Give Dinner for Secretary.

F. S. Akin, secretary of the board of directors of the Baby Home for the past 27 years, was 75 years old Thursday and in honor of the event a dinner is to be given him at the Multnomah Hotel tonight at 6:30 by the board and others connected with the home.

MARSHFIELD JOINS ROAD-BUILD FIGHT

Loyalty Pledged President and Support Promised to Effort to Get Highways.

NEED OF ISSUE IS SHOWN

Country Declared to Have Given Too Much Attention to Production and Too Little to Protection, Especially on Pacific.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—Three hundred enthusiastic Government supporters and good roads boosters sat down to a banquet tonight. Enthusiasm ran high at times when the tableaux and women's parade were given. Patriotic selections from the orchestra kept the audience on its feet much of the evening. The addresses were mainly of patriotic strain.

Toastmaster Mel G. Duncan had a line of local quips which caused much merriment. The introduction of President Wilson's picture by Mayor E. A. Coppel, of Marshfield, brought thunderous cheers.

The programme included toasts by Captain Fred K. Gettins, "Company Eleven, Its Past and Future"; Colonel Creed C. Hammond, "National Preparedness"; K. E. Kubli, "Review of Legislation"; A. H. Derbyshire, "Duties of Citizens"; Charles Hall, "The Armory"; J. A. Westerlund, "Co-operation Between States for the Establishment of Military Highways"; James T. Brand, "Government Fortifications for Coos Bay"; E. J. Adams, "Military Coast Highways."

Oregon Call Expected Soon. The banquet was served in Company Eleven Armory by the ladies' auxiliary of the Coast Artillery.

"We have not enough men to guard our Mexican border; we have no aircraft guns, and we are not prepared to resist an invasion of the Atlantic seaboard. It would take more than a million men to repulse an invasion from the Pacific," said Colonel Hammond.

Colonel Hammond said it was likely the coast artillery would be needed within the next 30 days.

K. E. Kubli was introduced by A. K. Peck, of Marshfield, who referred to him as the friend of Coos Bay and the man who made it possible for the Marshfield armory bill to pass the Legislature.

Mr. Kubli said that the Legislature had done its part in aiding Coos Bay and Coos County, and mentioned the wondrous promises from the local representatives. He wanted the promises carried out in the way of liberal appropriations here from the city and county. Mr. Kubli closed his preparedness talk by declaring "Oregon is with the President, right or wrong, and all the time."

President J. A. Westerlund, of the Tri-State Good Roads Association, said the association is already interested in the proposed bond issue of \$8,000,000, and expects every good roads advocate to help carry the election in June.

He said the association is for the Pacific Highway first, and a military highway from Vancouver to San Diego next, and he believed the Government would see the need of such a preparedness thoroughfare and perhaps order it before expected. The Tri-State Association, Mr. Westerlund said, stands for trunk lines and following them, branches to important points.

"Country produce must be marketed," he said, "and statistics show millions of dollars can be saved by marketing over good roads."

He looked upon a military highway as one of the most necessary defenses of the Pacific Coast.

James T. Brand said that Coos Bay's coal area is a great asset, but that in case of war it might be a great liability, since the attacking nation, if from the Pacific side, would seek it as a fuel supply house.

State to Keep Pledge. He referred to the United States as having spent the past 50 years in production, forgetting all those years production, he says, now confronts the country as much water needs.

E. J. Adams, State Highway Commissioner, said the new Highway Commission had decided to keep the promise made by the old Commission to Coos County, which had prepared a bond issue and made a move toward good roads.

Mr. Adams was outright in favor of the state-bonding issue, and wanted the people to support it unconditionally. He explained the method of providing for interest in the sinking fund by automobile license, and thought automobiles in the state would be in favor of the bill to the last man and woman.

FAX COMPANY PLANNED

LANE BUSINESS MEN PROPOSE TO START \$50,000 CORPORATION.

Two Bankers Offer \$5000 Each Toward Promotion of Industry and Enough Acreege Has Been Assured.

EUGENE, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—Eugene business men at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce tonight launched plans for the formation of a \$50,000 corporation to take over the fax industry in Lane County, not as a community promotion project, but as a business proposition from which they expect profit.

Frank Chambers, a director of the First National Bank, said the production of fax in Lane County during the past year had proved the yield per acre and the quality of the crop had been shown by the tests of the foremost experts in the world. Speaking for himself and his associates in the bank he announced a subscription of \$5000 toward the capital stock in the company.

David Auld said he was so confident of the success of the project he would invest \$5000.

THIS IS ERIN'S DAY

Sons of "Auld" Ireland Prepare for Celebration.

HIGH MASS WILL BE SAID

Music and Addresses on Programme at Hibernian Hall With John L. Fitzpatrick and James Withycombe on List of Speakers.

If you have the blood of "Auld" Ireland in your veins you will go out today with a shamrock on your coat and a little green ribbon on your "bit as a pipe," for today is Saint Patrick's day.

The anniversary of Saint Patrick, patron saint of "Erin's" Isle, famed in legend as having banished the snakes from Ireland, will be fittingly observed in Portland today. The religious and patriotic phases of Irish character, together with a touch of the irrepressible Irish humor and good nature, will characterize the observance of the day.

The real observance of the anniversary of Saint Patrick's day greetings bearing at the same time an appeal for Ireland and the declaration "America first" have been forwarded to President Wilson by the United Irish League of Oregon.

Signified by 50 members of the league, the greetings were sent so that they would be delivered to the President today. The text of the communication is as follows: "We, the undersigned, are decorated by the Stars and Stripes and shamrocks, the work of Rev. Father Hogan. It was accompanied by a bit of transplanted shamrock grown in Oregon.

The greeting to the President follows: To the President, White House, Washington, D. C.: The United Irish League of Oregon, a body of American citizens, second to none in loyalty to the Government and of different political faiths, and believing that we express their faith without bounds in this, send St. Patrick's day greetings with the warmest wishes for the peace, one constitution, one destiny."

Washington. "There is but one straight course and that is to seek truth and pursue it." We believe with Daniel Webster, "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it." We have the faith of Abraham Lincoln, "That right makes might and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it," and we believe "under God in Israel" who will lead us to a happy future, beyond the clouds of this troubled present, under the leadership of our tried and true chief, Woodrow Wilson.

His famous peace speech delivered before the Senate of the United States on January 22, 1917, and especially so of the memorable dictum solemnly declared on that memorable occasion "that no nation should seek to extend its policy over any other nation or people, but that every people should be left free to determine its own path, its own way of development, unhindered, untrammelled, unobscured, unaided, the little along with the great and powerful," and on this St. Patrick's day, perhaps with more lofty pride than ever before we read the records of the Congress of the United States of 1776, and the testimony of Benjamin Franklin and American patriots under Washington's leadership, "The governments derive all their powers from the consent of the governed," to the abandonment of "sword" they had the ardent sympathy and recorded good will of the people of Ireland "to a man."

Therefore, as the responsible head of a great Government and an ancient and honorable friend, we believe that Ireland's appeal of America, in this her hour of trouble, will engage your most serious and broadest attention, to the end that they who understand the meaning of the words "America first" shall not with the same sword violate their solemn treaty made with Ireland, America's faithful well-wishes stand before this great republic as a friend of freedom.

Portland, Or., March 17, 1917.

Two Couples Licensed to Wed.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—County Clerk Iva Harrington today issued marriage licenses to Kate H. Kensing and H. F. Whitney, and to Hilda Johnson and John Erick Johnson, of this city.

Read The Oregonian Classified Ads.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY OFFICE OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

St. Paul, Minn., March 17, 1917.

TO ALL TRAIN, ENGINE AND YARDMEN EMPLOYED BY THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY:

In the gravest period of National danger which has ever threatened our country, through the authority conferred upon them by your representatives at Chicago on January 11th, last, the heads of your four organizations holding contracts with this company are reported to have ordered you to leave the company service. In the conference at New York March 14th you were offered all the benefits of the Adamson law should it be held constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, the questions of its interpretation to be determined by the committee of which General Goethals is the chairman, or, in the event the law should be held unconstitutional, the same committee to determine the whole question of your hours and wages. You were offered these adjustments as of January 1, 1917, the extra pay to which you might be entitled thereunder being allowed you as omitted time. This offer was declined in your behalf, and it is reported that you are now being ordered to strike on account of the authority which you conferred upon the officers of your organizations in the vote taken nearly a year ago. Certainly no fairer proposals could have been made by the Railway Managers and to grant more would be yielding to force without regard to fair play. The employees of the Northern Pacific Railway Company need not strike in order to secure fair treatment now or at any other time. Any controversy which may arise between the officers and employees of this company can be settled without resort to force. It has been stated in the press that the Train, Engine and Yardmen employed on some other lines will not be affected by the strike order. I cannot believe that this is either because of greater loyalty to their employers, or because they are more patriotic than are you. I trust that you will take no hasty, ill-advised or unnecessary action which will bring great inconvenience and perhaps much suffering to large numbers of those who are dependent upon our lines for their very subsistence. I urge you all in this time of the country's need not to be led from what you know is your duty to your country, your families and to the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

(Signed) GEORGE T. SLADE, First Vice-President, Northern Pacific Ry.

JENNINGS ARE FREED

Realtor's Charge of Attempt at Extortion Falls.

DEFENDANTS TAKE STAND

Husband Says Visitor and Woman Were in Compromising Position When He Entered Room and Other Visits Are Recalled.

EUGENE, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—A jury in the Lane County Circuit Court tonight returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state versus J. E. Jennings and his wife, Taletha Jennings, charged with extorting \$500 from O. H. Skotheim, prominent real estate dealer, former clergyman and attorney-at-law.

Skotheim, who was the complaining witness, testified at the trial that he had gone to the Jennings home to list an apartment for rental and that he had not sooner entered the house than Mrs. Jennings threw her arms around his neck and kissed him, Mr. Jennings coming suddenly upon the scene armed.

Both Jennings and his wife took the stand in their own defense, testifying that Skotheim's relations with Mrs. Jennings had been improper and that Skotheim was in a compromising position with Mrs. Jennings at the Jennings home when Jennings entered the house.

The jury retired at 5 o'clock and returned its verdict at 7:15. Judge G. F. Skipper, in his instructions, stated that the jury might find either or both of the defendants guilty or acquit either or both.

The taking of testimony was completed shortly before noon. Jennings testified that Skotheim had both the \$500 check and receipt, and they were written and that he had prepared them without suggestion from him or his wife that Skotheim might give him a check for \$500.

Skotheim in his direct testimony had said that Jennings first demanded \$1500 and that he had finally agreed to \$500 as a compromise. "I didn't think about money, I was thinking about the state of the future—what the man and about the future—what I would do," Jennings testified.

The witness said that Attorney H. E. Slattery (representing Skotheim) came to him on Monday noon, before Jennings' arrest, and demanded that he sign a check for \$500. "I told him I didn't owe him \$500 and would not pay it," said the witness. "To whom was the check made?" counsel asked.

C. C. McCormick, proprietor of the Rainbow confectionery store, testified to serving ice cream or some other confection to Skotheim and Mrs. Jennings some time late in the Summer of 1916. O. H. Skotheim, prosecuting witness, was recalled by the state for rebuttal testimony. He denied the testimony by Mrs. Jennings.

ALBERTA CLUB IS HOST

First Open Session of Commercial Body Attended by 500.

The first open meeting of the Alberta Commercial Club was held at the Vernon School building Thursday night, with residents of the Alberta district present. Addresses were made on various topics and there was a musical programme and readings. Valdemar Lidell, president of the club, presided. W. H. Fowler and George S. Shepard gave addresses.

CUTTING COURSE PLANNED

Women's Tailoring to Be Demonstrated at Benson Polytechnic.

DIKES TO RECLAIM LAND

Water to Be Held Back From Lowlands and Crops Planted.

The Peninsula Industrial Company has started to build a series of dikes along North Portland Harbor and Columbia Slough to reclaim a big tract of land during the winter months for farming purposes. A force of workmen, aided with a suction dredge, now is on the job. About 300 acres will be drained, providing a fine growing crop.

The company, which is an auxiliary of the Union Meat Company, and controlled by the state of Washington, owns about 2000 acres of valuable property in North Portland, all of which will be used, eventually, for industrial plants.

Sore shoulders, lame back, stiff neck, all pains and aches yield to Sloan's Liniment. Do not rub it. Simply apply to the sore spot, it quickly penetrates and relieves. Cleaner than mussy plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin.



Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN. Keep a bottle handy for rheumatism, sprains, bruises, toothache, neuralgia, gout, lumbago and sore stiff muscles. At all druggists, 25c. 50c. and \$1.00.