

PUBLISHERS OPPOSE CENSORSHIP CLAUSE

Measure Feared as "Full of Peril to Free Institutions" of America.

FREE PRESS IS ESSENTIAL

Newspaper Men Urge Continuation of Present Voluntary Censorship, With Treason Penalties for Willful Violators.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Resolutions requesting Congress to eliminate the press censorship clause in the espionage bill because it "strikes at the fundamental rights of the people" and is "full of peril to free institutions" were unanimously adopted by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association at their annual convention here today.

"The proposed legislation," the resolution said, "strikes at the fundamental rights of the people, not only assailing their freedom of speech, but also seeking to deprive them of the means of forming intelligent opinion. Its possible consequences are full of peril to free institutions."

"The censorship proposed is believed to be a violation of the Constitution of the United States, which prohibits Congress from 'abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.' An effort to suspend this constitutional guarantee, whether ultimately sustained or not, is sure to be followed by grave injury to the rights of the people whose one great safeguard in time of war is an untrammelled press."

Voluntary Censorship Observed. "A voluntary censorship, suggested by the Government, is being carefully observed by the newspapers of the United States and no loyal newspaper will knowingly print anything which would give aid to the enemy. Any newspaper that willfully published information of military value to the enemy would be prosecuted under the law of treason."

"In war, especially, the press should be free, vigilant and unfettered. The American people are entitled to a full and frank statement of all that occurs, whether it be good or bad. There can be no justification for a restriction that abridges the liberty of the press, for the people must have confidence that they are getting the truth."

"The defense of this objectionable legislation, therefore, is most earnestly urged upon Congress."

The section relating to newspapers follows: "During any National emergency resulting from a war to which the United States is a party, or from threat of such a war, the President may, by proclamation, declare the existence of such emergency, and, by proclamation, prohibit the publishing of, communication of, or the attempting to publish or communicate any information relating to the National defense which, in his judgment, in such character that it is or might be useful to the enemy."

Comment Not Banned. "Whoever violates any such prohibition shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict any discussion, comment or criticism of the acts or policies of the Government or its representatives, or the publication of the same."

Confidence expressed in the report on the bill that the President will not abuse his authority to prevent publication of news regarding the National defense and that the newspapers will cooperate with him.

Newspapers also could be affected by a section which would provide a fine of \$10,000 or 20 years imprisonment, or both, for "whoever in time of war makes or conveys false statements with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States, or whoever in time of war willfully causes or attempts to cause insubordination, disloyalty or refusal of duty in the military or naval forces of the United States."

In the original bill this section provided a punishment of persons who would cause "disaffection in the United States for or against the Government, or press advocates from many parts of the country successfully opposed it."

THOUSANDS OF DEAD LEFT

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will stand out in history as one of the bloodiest spots of the world war. The fighting north and south of this little Artois village, perched upon a high knoll, has exceeded in intensity any of the individual struggles of the Somme. Efforts of the Germans to retake the village apparently have subsided on account of the sheer exhaustion of their available forces and the British advance eastward. Monchy continues slowly, but surely. The ground around Monchy, as far as the eye can reach, is covered with the dead, the Germans at times having employed their old tactics of attacking in mass formation. Letters taken in the last two days from German prisoners, written in front of Monchy, say they regard the situation as worse than it was on the Somme, while the casualties are mounting up as at Verdun.

Lines Are Not Fixed.

In one of the letters the opinion is expressed that what has made the fighting difficult has been the fact that the opposing forces have not occupied fixed lines, but are scattered in half-built trenches on this part of the front. During one German counter attack Monday a force of 700 Germans took one bit of trench from a British outpost. The Germans continued to press forward, not noticing that they were passing an isolated trench section on their right. When they were well beyond it, several hundred British soldiers and the German advance guard, in khaki lines, were absolutely wiped out in the fighting which followed. It was a general melee, in which the cries of the men engaged had to be heard plainly.

Big Guns Rout Germans.

The number of prisoners taken during the various operations this week amounts to more than 3000. There is absolutely no index of the casualties inflicted on the enemy. The fighting is too thick for the most part to permit of individual surrenders. Difficult the Germans late yesterday directed a counter-attack on Gavrelle, where the last defensive line before the Droocourt switch position had been pierced. Four thousand men were seen forming for an attack at a distance of 4000 yards. British field guns massed in a great number were trained on the Germans, but their fire was held until the advancing enemy was about 2000 yards away. Then a perfect hurricane of fire was opened and shrapnel shells played

about the advancing column like fire-flies in a Summer thicket. The oncoming waves trembled for a time and then broke, completely routed. Their path was strewn with the dead and wounded.

ARRAS BATTLE GAINS IN FURY

British Fire Sweeps Germans in Waves and Bodies Piled High.

LONDON, April 25.—The fierce struggle on the Arras front, with the terrible toll of lives on both sides, shows no signs of abating, according to the reports from British correspondents at the front dispatched Wednesday night. The Germans evidently have not abandoned hope of retaking the lost ground, and so that end are bringing up fresh battalions. Some of the best troops from other parts of the German lines in the west are being unloosed between Douai and Cambrai. Among these are the Wurttembergers and the fourth division of the Prussian Guards. The enemy, say the correspondents, shows a determination to keep the British back from a nearer approach to the Hindenburg line, whatever the cost. Eight counter attacks have already been made against Gavrelle, all of which have been broken or dispersed without reaching the British lines.

The correspondents give no estimate of the British losses, but relate isolated incidents showing, in the words of one writer, that the British "are enduring dreadful things in the fierce fighting and under the intense fire."

Nevertheless the correspondents say there is no question that the German losses are immensely greater than the British, which "are, indeed, small compared with those of the enemy."

One reason for this is said to be that the British advance columns are always thin compared with the masses of German counter-attacking forces.

It is recalled that the German general Von Arnim, said that German counter-attacks cost much blood, and this, it is added, was never more completely verified than in the attempts to capture Gavrelle. In some of these counter-attacks as many as 6000 or 6000 men were employed, with the result that the slaughter was so terrific that it amounted almost to a massacre. One correspondent writes:

"The phrase 'the dead lie in heaps before our position' has doubtless been used more often than it was justified, but in this case it is true in a literal and natural sense. Body after body where our fire caught the successive waves."

PUBLICITY BILL IS VALID

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS MONEY CAN BE USED.

Mark Woodruff Gets Answer to Question Raised Because of Action by Other Legislatures.

SALEM, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Mark Woodruff, director of the Northwest Tourist Association, today was advised by the Attorney-General's office that the bill of the last Legislature appropriating \$45,000 for the promotion of publicity throughout the Northwest, in conjunction with Washington and British Columbia, is valid in its terms and that the appropriation may be used for the purpose intended.

Under the terms of the bill the appropriation by the Oregon Legislature of \$25,000 a year in contingent upon the Legislature of Washington appropriating \$25,000 a year and the Legislature of British Columbia \$12,500 a year.

The Oregon Legislature originally was asked to appropriate \$25,000 a year, or \$50,000 for the two years. The Legislature today approved this amount by \$5,000, and as a result the Legislatures of Washington and British Columbia shared their appropriation of \$20,000.

Whether the shaving of the bills in the Washington and British Columbia Legislatures would have any effect on the validity of the Oregon appropriation was the question asked of the Attorney-General's office. Mr. Woodruff, Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle today expressed the opinion to Mr. Woodruff that it would not.

The money for the fund will be available on May 21.

32,120-TON SHIP ARRIVES

German Hint of Sinking Big Vessel Proves Groundless.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The 32,120-ton passenger steamship built for the Holland-American Line in England under the name of "Statendam" and taken over by the British government in 1914 for war purposes, reached an American port today under a White Star line name.

The arrival refutes reports from Berlin in March indicating she had been torpedoed and sunk. The vessel is being used as a freighter.

Salmon Club Forbids Fish Sale.

Ray C. Winter, secretary of the Salmon Club of Oregon, has warned all members that anyone caught selling fish will be expelled from the club upon satisfactory evidence being produced to the club's directors. This resolution was adopted at the annual meeting in January. To be sure of how every member felt on the subject, a mail vote was taken and the rule carried 3 to 1.

Postoffice Clerks Named.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 25.—W. W. Welch, F. B. Kelley and R. R. Teeber have been appointed clerks in the Portland postoffice.

ASTORIANS STRONG FOR ROAD BONDS

Mass Meeting Shows Enthusiasm Toward Proposed Improvement.

SPEAKERS EXPLAIN NEED

E. J. Adams, State Highway Commissioner, and Conrad P. Olson, of Portland, Point Out Benefits to Be Obtained.

ASTORIA, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Clatsop County will poll a big vote June 4 in support of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue if the enthusiasm expressed at the good roads mass meeting tonight may be taken as a criterion of how the ballots will be cast on election day. While the crowd was not as large as it otherwise would have been, it included automobile owners, farmers and persons from all walks of life, and each was an ardent supporter of permanent highways and a bond issue to insure getting them.

The speakers were E. J. Adams, of the State Highway Commission, and Conrad P. Olson, of Multnomah County, chairman of the State Senate highway committee. Each explained the details of the bond bill, what is planned under it and what the results will be.

Seven Road Laws Cited. Senator Olson spoke of the seven road measures that were enacted by the Legislature at its recent session, each one supporting and strengthening the others. They are the creating of a new Highway Commission, accepting Government aid in road building under the Shakerford act, doubling the license on motor vehicles, providing for competitive bidding on different kinds of pavements, instituting a new accounting system in the highway department and the bonding bill, the one that will be submitted to a vote of the people.

"Under the latter bill," he said, "the state is to go ahead and finish the grading on the main highways in Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River and Jackson counties because these counties have bonded themselves and their own resources in grading and draining a goodly portion of these roads. This will be done in addition to laying the paving."

"Road No. 1 in the highway plan is the one leading from the Multnomah County line through Columbia and Clatsop counties via Astoria, and the beaches to Garibaldi in Tillamook County. The expense will be borne by the automobile owners. These bonds are not a mortgage on your property. You are but lending the credit of the state. The automobile owners will pay the bill. The road work to be done here will entail an expenditure of \$700,000 in your county. Last year you received \$2500 from the auto license. If you want to build good roads from that, it will require 200 years to complete the work. By the bond issue you get the improvement now."

Maintenance Bond Favored. Commissioner Adams said the Commission favored a 10-year maintenance bond on paving contracts. "Where the ground is soft, the Commission will require a six-inch concrete base, as in building for the future and for heavy traffic, Mr. Adams said. He added that all bids would be opened in the presence of the County Court, and the work is to be done, and said that the State Engineer would prepare the specifications for the pavements, so that anyone could bid on them concerning the bond issue he said in part:

"Eighty per cent of the traffic of the state is now carried on 20 roads. If this bonding bill passes, these roads will be paved. And the expense will be paid by the auto owners, who in turn will save more money on account of time, upkeep and wear and tear on their machines.

"The auto license fees have doubled every three years since 1911 and have increased 50 per cent the first two months of this year over the same two months of last year. Estimating an increase of 20 per cent each year for three years, then 10 per cent each year for three years will produce sufficient money to pay the principal and the interest on bonds and surplus of more than \$3,900,000."

Hard Surface Is Best.

"The macadamized and gravel roads for vehicle traffic are very little better than dirt roads, all of which become bad rapidly because every pneumatic tire is a vacuum cleaner, pulling the binder out of the road and transferring it to the ditches and fields alongside.

"For this motor traffic hard-surfaced roads are a necessity and it is fair and just to place the burden of cost of these roads on the automobiles which cause the bonding bill very cleverly does. The law imposing this burden is already in force.

"It is only fair that we lend the credit of the state in this way to the automobile owners so they can have the use of these roads while they are paying the cost. We have already lent the credit of the state to the farmers to the amount of \$18,000 to enable them to improve their farms and increase their production.

"It is equally of direct benefit to the farmers to improve their roads, so the cost of moving their farm products to market may also be reduced, and this is done without any cost to them."

Radish, spinach, lettuce, peas, beans (dwarf), parsley, turnips, kohlrabi.

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Soldiers' sewing kits \$1.00. When Johnnie goes marching he'll need a kit to mend his clothes. Here's scissors, needles, thread and what not—all that a soldier needs, packed in a neat khaki case bound with braid. Fifth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Watch cleaning 75c. For the rest of the week! And if your watch has a broken main spring we will replace it this week with one that is guaranteed for a whole year—for just 75c. Main floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Basement sale of Brassieres at 25c. Hook-in-front style, made of good muslin reinforced under arm; all trimmed with lace and insertion. Brassieres, 49c. Hook-in-front style, of fine muslin, with embroidery and trimming of broad, heavy lace. Economy Basement—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Red, White and Blue SONGS 15c. The kind that all the bands are playing, and everybody's whistling and singing! Songs that make your heart beat faster in these days when patriotic music means so much! Here they are: If I Had a Son for Every Star in Old Glory. Uncle Sammy's Army. You're a Grand Old Flag. Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You. Book of Famous American Songs, including "America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," etc. Mezzanine floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

A saving on "Boulevard" Lawn mowers \$4.98. We have yet to see as fine a lawn mower as this at anywhere near \$4.98! Here are some of the reasons why: Four crucible steel cutting blades. A heavy 3/8-inch cutter shaft and an all but unbreakable revolving cutter. Ball bearings. Altogether as light running and easily adjustable machine as you can find; width 14 inches. Basement—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Night gowns and Envelope chemise. Special at 98c. The gowns are of pink plisse crepe, in striped, flowered and figured designs, with dainty feather-stitched trimmings! The envelope chemise are of dainty pink batiste, with hand embroidering, smocking or laces for trimmings! All sizes to 44's. Fourth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

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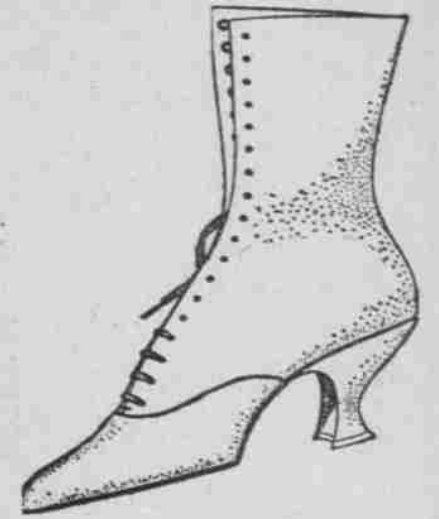
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White boots. 9-inch lace boot, \$9.00. 8-inch lace boot, \$8.00.

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CABLES TO BE CENSORED

ALL WIRE LINES TO MEXICO TO BE INCLUDED, IS ORDER.

Stations at New York, Key West, San Francisco and Galveston Will Keep Tab on Messages.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Censorship on all cables touching the United States and on telegraph and telephone lines into Mexico will be established shortly by executive order. Regulations formulated jointly by the State, War, Navy and Justice departments and the committee on public information were approved by the various telegraph companies today. The cable censorship offices will be

AUSTRIANS RETAKE POST

Artillery Activity on Trentino and Julian Fronts Announced.

ROME, via London, April 25.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—Austro-Hungarian troops delivered a strong attack last night after a heavy

bombardment on the Italian lines south of Gorizia. The attack failed except that an advance post which the Italians recently occupied was retaken, the War Office announced today.

Notable artillery activity along the Trentino front and on the Julian front is announced.

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