

BALFLOUR SPEAKS IN SENATE CHAMBER

Vociferous Applause Greets Britain's Foreign Minister at Conclusion.

VICTORY IS FELT ASSURED

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WASHINGTON, May 8.—Foreign Secretary Balfour declared in an epochal address in the Senate chamber today that the war conferences here had cemented an alliance of three great democracies destined to crush the greatest world menace of all time and to save civilization and liberty.

"This war is to be settled by hard fighting," said the British statesman, "and when it comes to hard fighting, America, Britain or France need not fear measuring themselves at any moment against those who have risen up against all that we hold dear for the future."

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"The submarine campaign presents a grave situation just now," Mr. Balfour said, "but more than one difficulty of like magnitude has been overcome." Failure to comprehend that the two great English-speaking peoples would and could fight for an ideal he characterized as a significant blunder which would cost Germany the war.

The Foreign Secretary expressed full appreciation for the warm reception given the war missions by the American Government and people, declaring this attitude had raised the whole level of the war conferences from a purely business nature to a significance that will live in history as epochal. In his visit to the Senate chamber Mr. Balfour was accompanied by Lieutenant-General Bridges and Admiral de Chair, of the British mission, and they were given a reception rivaling in enthusiasm that accorded them Saturday in the House.

"I speak with confidence about the issue of this great struggle—a confidence which is redoubled since you have thrown in your lot with those who have been fighting since 1914." "I do not deny that the submarine difficulty is a very great one. I do not deny that it will require every effort made either in Britain or here successfully to overcome it."

"This war is not going to be settled by the sinking of helpless neutrals or by sending women and children to the bottom by torpedoes or gunfire. It is to be settled by hard fighting and when it comes to hard fighting America, Britain or France need not fear measuring themselves at any moment against those who have risen up against all that we hold dear for the future."

"I therefore look forward, not, of course, in a spirit of light and easy and unthinking confidence, but with firm faith, to the future of this war. I no more doubt that success will crown our efforts and that posterity will look back upon the union of these peoples, symbolized by this meeting, as that which I am now addressing, as marking a new epoch in the history of the world, in which all the civilized nations around the globe have joined together with one of their number which has forgotten its responsibilities, forgotten its duties, and in the unscrupulous lust for universal domination has brought the greatest known calamities upon the world."

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RUSSIAN CONGRESS CALLED

Trade Unions to Gather in State Conference for First Time.

BOARD DECLINES TO ACT

Difficulty Between Dredgers and Island Owner Up to Courts.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—The State Land Board today refused to take a hand in the squabble between D. C. Minto, owner of Minto's Island in the Willamette River near Salem, and the Salem Sand & Gravel Company. The board declined to act, stating that the company, under permission from the state, has been dredging the bottom of the Willamette River. Minto, who has large sand and gravel beds on his island, protested, stating that the company was dredging up to the edge of his island, and the action of the water, following the dredging, was washing away his gravel deposits.

NATIONALISTS ARE LEADING Government of Queensland Expects Majority in House. MELBOURNE, Australia, via London, May 8.—The Nationalists are now leading in the Senate election in Queensland but the result there is still in doubt.

FOES' REPORTS DOCTORED German Officials Make Allied Communications Fit Their Own. COPENHAGEN, via London, May 8.—Evidence of the doctoring of allied official reports to make them agree with claims in the German official statements indicates the anxiety of the German authorities as to the effect of the news from the western front upon public opinion.

45,000 ACRES IN PROJECT Irrigation District to Be Formed Under New Law. SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Petitions which have for their object the creation of an irrigation district out of all the lands in the Tumalo project, Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project near Bend, will be put into circulation on May 21, the day when the new irrigation district law goes into effect, according to a statement made here today by Attorney Claude McCulloch, of Portland.

U. S. PRISONERS TO GET AID Society is Organized by American Colony in Switzerland. PARIS, May 8.—The first American Prisoners' Aid Society was founded today at a meeting of 150 members of the colony in Switzerland. The immediate object of the society is to give aid to the 100 or more Americans held prisoner in Germany.

RIDGEFIELD TO CLEAN UP ON MAY 16. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—Mayor George W. Baker has designated Wednesday, May 16, as the annual cleanup day for Ridgefield. This is somewhat later than usual, as in former years this day came during the month of April.

OREGON CAREY ACT LAW Sought. SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—There is a heavy demand for Oregon Carey acts in the East, according to information that has come to the Desert Land office from railroad officials. At a meeting of that body it was asserted that railroad officials

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BLIND WILL BE TESTED

Degree of Intelligence to Be Determined by Psychology. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 8.—(Special.)—Dr. R. H. Wheeler, head of the psychology department in the university, leaves Friday for Salem, where he will start a series of tests on the blind in the state institution to determine the degrees of their intelligence. Besides employing methods already in the field of psychology he will try

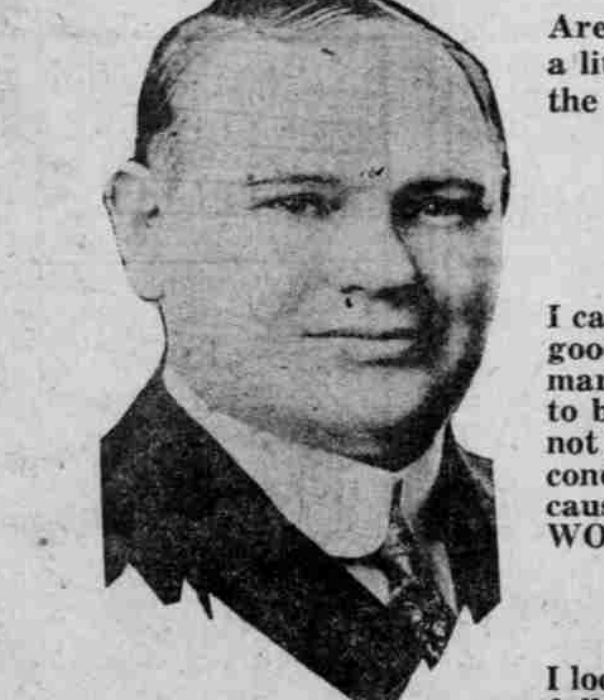
some of his own tests along the line of the ability of the blind students to resist suggestion and illusory phenomena. Dr. Wheeler expects the Board will furnish all the information available as to the Tumalo project, which is controlled by the state.

approximately 40,000,000 tons of coal from the lower lake ports to the furnaces, and all possible cars will be put into service in this stupendous task. Knights of Columbus Official Here. William J. McGinley, of New Haven, Conn., supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus, will be in Portland Friday, May 11. Mr. McGinley is on his annual tour of the Western states in the interests of the order. Portland Knights are making arrangements for a large gathering of members at a special meeting to be held in the Council Chambers Friday night in his honor.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—In future use of cars, for a time at least, preference will be given to coal shipments over all other shipments, according to advice received by the Public Service Commission today from the American Railway Association. Next to coal, iron will be given the preference, the commission states. It is declared that within a short time it will be necessary to move ap-

Naval Appointment to Be Made. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 8.—Senator Lane will hold a competitive examination at Corvallis May 21 to select an appointee to the Annapolis Naval Academy.

A Big Raise in Price Is Due



Are you going to protect yourself now or wait a little while and get inferior goods and pay the big price?

A Tip to My Customers

I can take care of you now. I cannot buy the goods that I have on hand in the wholesale markets today. They are all gone; no more to be had at any price. These materials will not be with us again until the war is over and conditions are normal. There is just one cause for this situation—SHORTAGE OF WOOL.

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INDIAN LAND DRAWING ON Conflicts With Fillings on Fort Peck Reservation Already Reported. GLASGOW, Mont., May 8.—In the drawings here today for lands in the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, the first five winners announced were Charles Prior and Reuben Jorgenson, Glasgow; William Maloney, Poplar, Mont.; Nelson Anderson, Poplar; Victor Carlson, Parkham, N. D.

CHEHALIS CURBS CATTLE Ordinance Also Provides Against Sale of Firecrackers. CHEHALIS, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—The City Commission yesterday passed an ordinance forbidding the staking out of stock on any street, parking strip or vacant lots in the city, providing a penalty of \$10 to \$75 for violation. The ordinance was passed under the emergency clause to protect the grazing crop, being done so extensively this year.

Amazing Power of Bon-Opto To Make Weak Eyes Strong Doctor Says It Strengthens Eyesight 50 per cent in One Week's Time in Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home. Victims of eye strain and other eye weaknesses and those who wear ill-fitting glasses, will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope and help for them. Many whose eyes were failing say they had their eyes restored by this remarkable prescription and many who once wear ill-fitting glasses have thrown them away. One man says, after using it: "I was almost blind. Could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without my glasses, and my eyes do not hurt any more at night. They would be very fully. Now they feel fine all the time. It was like a new world to me. The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for 10 days everything seems clear. I can read every fine print without glasses." Another says: "I was blind for several weeks with eye strain caused by overwork and tired eyes, which induced headaches. I have worn glasses for several years, both for distance and work, and without them I could not read my own name on an envelope or do any typewriting on the machine before me. I can do both now and have discarded my long distance glasses altogether. I can count the fluttering leaves on the trees across the street now, which for several years had looked like a dim green blur to me. I cannot express my joy at what it has done for me."