HOLLWEG RESIGNS; CABINET MAY QUIT

Emperor Withholds Action on Request of Chancelor to Be Relieved.

CENTER FORCES CHANGE

Clerical Party Addresses Letter to Prime Minister, Saying Peace Would Be Difficult if He Stayed in Office.

AMSTERDAM, July 12.—A rumor has reached Holland that the entire German government will resign with Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the main committee of the Reichstag having refused to vote a war credit unless the government declares its policy regarding peace and reform, which the government has declined to do. An imperial proclamation is considered imminent.

The Vossische Zeitung and Lokal Anzeiger, both of Berlin, agree that the Chancellor resigned owing to a letter from the centre, or clerical party, declaring that the conclusion of peace would be rendered more difficult if he retained his office.

Emperor William had an interview lasting several hours with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg yesterday, and received his report on the political situation, according to a semi-official dispatch from Berlin.

The Crown Prince arrived in Berlin on a special train from the front yesterday noon and attended the crown council at which the Emperor presided.

BERNE, July 12.—(British Admiralty per wireless press.)—The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, says the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, has resigned. Emperor William, the newspaper adds, has postponed his decision whether to accept the Chancellor's resignation.

A telegram from Berlin today says that it was the intervention of the Crown Prince that caused the Chancellor to tender his resignation.

An official communication issued in Berlin yesterday says Emperor William expressed the opinion that the political and constitutional reforms demanded by the Reichstag are such that they concern not merely himself but his successor inasmuch as they would be permanent. For this reason the Emperor summoned the Crown Prince to attend one or more crown councils, at which final decisions regarding the extent to which the crown and the government will make concessions to the Reichstag will be reached.

LONDON, July 12.—The plenary session of the Reichstag, which was opened early in the week, will sit on Friday, the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent cables. He reports that a great parliamentary will begin on Saturday, and that a Liberal peace formula, declaring Germany is fighting a defensive war, is expected to command a large majority.

REFORMS PLANNED YEARS AGO

Berlin Publicist Says Attitude of Allies Delays Changes.

BERLIN, July 10, via London, July 12.—Professor Hans Delbrueck, head of the department of history in the University of Berlin and one of the most influential publicists in Germany, told the Associated Press today that the new orientation in Prussia was really no political novelty, as the government had solemnly proclaimed it as part of its programme far back in 1908. The conservative forces in Prussia, he added, were so powerful, however, that they invariably succeeded in frustrating all attempts to accomplish the desired reform.

The well-known historian and publisher of Prussian year books startled political and parliamentary circles less than a week ago by appearing with other leading conservatives in favor of the immediate enactment of Prussian electoral reforms. In the course of his interview today he said:

"Now that the promise of this reform has been reiterated in the Emperor's Easter message, the suspicion forthwith springs up that the conservatives will make fresh attempts to force its postponement. Enlightened conservative circles, therefore, joined hands with the middle parties in an urgent demand for immediate legislation in this direction. I have freely been receiving affirmative support from many sides.

"Despite all this, however, it means a hard struggle, and I question very much whether we will win out. As England, Belgium and Italy have not yet possession of a general and direct suffrage, Prussia would be a step in advance of these countries respecting democratic development, always assuming, of course, that we are successful in forcing the issue. Perhaps it would then develop that Prussia and England, where similar electoral reforms are being agitated, would undertake the same step simultaneously. Gratifying as this would be, I regret to say that present indications point to the probability that at this time, too, the efforts of our opponents will prevail.

"It should be remembered that opposing us are not only the influential landed interests, but also capital and big industry in general, the elements which, in the progress of this war, have amassed still greater wealth and, in addition, have now also secured control of a large section of the press. They, furthermore, are being supported by the attitude of public opinion in the United States and England, where it is being loudly proclaimed that peace with us can only be concluded when we have finally become internally democratized.

"Such irritating interference in our domestic affairs, of course, goads a self-conscious people into contradiction, but still more fortifies the reactionary forces. Perhaps this is exactly what President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George are striving for. They undoubtedly desire the existing contrasts to be still more intensified for the purpose of having the war drag on to the familiar 'knockout.'"

For the benefit of Americans, Professor Delbrueck explained that in Prussia suffrage is general, but through a division of the voters into three classes, the wealthy class is favored. By this means certain pressure is exerted on the lower classes, so that the privilege of voting in a way was a cross between feudalism and democracy. In abolishing this system of voting and substituting equal and secret suffrage, he said, this much-discussed new orientation is achieved.

WILSON SETTLES SCRAP

GOETHALS PUT IN CHARGE OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION.

Shipping Board Authorized to Operate New Ships and to Requisition Tonnage.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The controversy over the Government's shipping programme was settled by President Wilson today by directing the Emergency Fleet Corporation, of which Major-General Goethals is manager, to take charge of construction and by authorizing the Shipping Board to operate the vessels after they are built and to requisition and operate tonnage now on the seas.

The President, by dividing the powers conferred on him by Congress, cleared the way for an immediate speeding up of construction. General Goethals will commandeer at once the contracts for most of the 2,000,000 tons of ships building in American yards and will put on double and triple labor shifts to hurry their completion.

Most of the first $500,000,000 appropriated for ship construction has gone into contracts for both steel and wooden ships. A sum of $250,000,000 authorized for commandeering contracts and for requisitioning tonnage on the seas will be divided, it was announced tonight, between the Shipping Board and the Fleet Corporation.

Chairman Denman and General Goethals are preparing to ask Congress in the near future for a second $500,000,000 appropriation for ship construction. The spending of this money, it has been said, may revive the controversies as to what proportion shall go to steel and what to wooden construction. Mr. Denman believes wooden ships should have been given a larger place in contracts than absorbed the first half billion.

MONARCHISTS ARE HELD

MANCHURIAN GENERAL ARRESTED IN DISGUISE.

Leader of Republican Forces Makes It Clear Dr. Wu Ting Fang Is Dismissed From Office.

TIEN TSIN, July 12.—Cheng Chen Fang and Lai Chen-Ghun, Ministers of Finance and War, respectively, under the monarchy, were arrested on a train at Feng Tai while endeavoring to escape from Pekin. Feng Lin-Ko, the Manchurian General, whose intentions were suspected, was unexpectedly arrested in the Tien Tsin railroad station. He was disguised.

Tuan Chi Jui, leader of the Republican forces, referring to Wu Ting Fang's telegram that he has installed himself Minister of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai, states that Wu has been dismissed from office and that all actions after he had left Pekin were irresponsible. Tuan Chi Jui said the Cabinet which had been established at Tien Tsin will be transferred to Pekin and that it alone will undertake all diplomatic dealings.

TOKIO, July 9.—(Delayed.)—In the Diet today Viscount Motono, Foreign Minister, said he wished to make the unequivocal declaration that Japan had nothing to do with the attempt to restore the monarchy in China.

Regarding the European situation, the Foreign Minister said it was impossible to foretell what developments might come and that Japan must be united to assist in attaining victory.

FREIGHT TO BE MOVED

COMMERCE BOARD CREATES DIVISION OF CAR SERVICE.

Effort Will Be to Obviate Car Shortages Such as Have Hampered Northwest Shippers.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Creation of a division of car service to deal with the movement, distribution, exchange, interchange and return of freight cars was announced today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

E. H. DeGroot has been appointed chief of the division, and A. G. Gutheim in charge of its operation, assisted by H. C. Barlow.

Certain sections have suffered more than others from shortages. Shippers from the Southeast and the Pacific Northwest recently told the Commission that thousands of carloads of lumber and other commodities in those sections have been held for months at mills and factories because of failure to get cars for their movement.

The new division will develop field forces quickly and probably will place agents in many of the great traffic centers.

Red Cross Receives $589,071.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The American Red Cross war finance committee announced today the receipt of $500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, a payment on its pledge of $5,000,000. Other contributions received today amounted to $89,071, including $50,000 from the Lackawanna Steel Company.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

FACULTY SPLITS ON DISLOYALTY CHARGE

Nebraska Chancellor Thinks Expose by Defense Council Will Quell Pacifists.

OFFICIAL ACTION INDICATED

Professor Persinger Declarese Autocratic and Aristocratic Elements Take Advantage of War to Oust Democratic Ideas.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 12.—Charges by the Nebraska State Council of Defense that certain professors at the Nebraska State University here were guilty of disloyalty to America and that their sympathies were with Germany in the war caused a professor of American history to issue a statement today asserting that "the autocratic and aristocratic elements throughout the country are taking advantage of the war to override democratic ideas"; brought from the head of the American history department at the university the statement that "it's a lie that disgusts me to say that these people are not patriotic just because they disagree as to the methods the Government should pursue"; and caused the chancellor of the university to issue a statement saying the action of the Council of Defense was "patriotic and just" and would "help the few remaining pacifists and internationalists in university circles to decide whether or not they are going to play the part of patriots in the present struggle."

Professor Clark E. Persinger, of the American history department of the university, said he would continue to wage a "vigorous fight against autocratic and aristocratic elements whether it cost him his position at the university or not."

Professor Howard W. Caldwell, head of the American history department, declared he recognized "that there are good and bad qualities in the Germans, the English, the Austrians" and "if that is unpatriotic let them make the most of it."

Chancellor Samuel Avery, who had earlier issued a statement expressing a belief that by the time the university opens next Fall conditions will be such that "the Council of Defense will not think it necessary for the regents to take official cognizance of any cases of supposed lack of patriotism," read the statements of the two professors and said he was "very much surprised, but had nothing further to say now."

Regents of the university would not commit themselves as to whether it is intended to "take official cognizance of cases of supposed lack of patriotism."

"I should be very much chagrined," said Professor Persinger, "to find myself scared out at this time by that autocratic and aristocratic minority which has so long dominated the institutions of higher education in our country and which long before the war sought grounds for purging the universities of all people of my type and ideas."

SHIPS TO BE BUILT HERE

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Swigert last night, so it is regarded as highly probable that location will be taken. At the same time other sites have been inspected and it may be a few days before one is definitely secured.

The company closed with the American Government for 10 ships soon after the Shipping Board began awarding contracts. They are to be built at Newark, N. J., the first hull to be delivered in March, 1918, and the remaining hulls to be delivered one every 15 days thereafter, so the last would be ready by August 15, 1918. Or course, it is viewed as certain the company will turn out much more tonnage, but that was the arrangement with the original contract.

Coast May Get All 40.

In addition to the 20 vessels to be built here for the French government, it is understood the other 20 will be turned out on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Campbell is reported to be inspecting sites on Puget Sound and Grays Harbor. He also covered the Lower Columbia as well as the Portland field.

Further steps have been taken in that the company is said to be prepared in the way of wood working machinery, having laid plans well in advance, because had not the French contracts been taken it was assured more American Government ships would be allotted, and the West has been recognized as the place for establishing additional facilities. So its yard will go ahead with a rush.

At the time the lease of the site, which was obtained from Henry Ford, was made public it was also given out that the concern was figuring on Government ship contracts for the Pacific.

Previous to entering the shipbuilding field the Foundation Company, which has offices in the Woolworth building, 233 Broadway, engaged in general construction business, specializing in sub-structure work. It put down the foundation of many of the skyscrapers in New York and other large cities of the country.

At the time it negotiated the lease on the site of the yard it was said to be employing between 15,000 and 20,000 men on 50 large construction work contracts. The yards, it was estimated, would employ 2000 additional men and would be conducted by the company in addition to its regular construction work.

Portland Has 48 Contracts.

The officers of the Foundation Company are: Franklin Remington, president; Louis L. Brown, vice-president; Frank Quilter, secretary-treasurer. The directors: Franklin Remington, Louis L. Brown, J. W. Doty, A. G. Hodenpyl, G. W. McGarrah, H. W. Davis, S. G. Williams, F. W. Adgate and W. E. S. Strong.

As to wooden ships for the United States Government, 48 contracts have been let to Portland firms, the largest order being for 20 ships to the Grant-Smith-Porter-McDougall Company at St. Johns, but eight of them will be built at Aberdeen, where the company has a plant. The G. M. Standifer Construction Company was awarded 10 contracts and six will be built at Vancouver and four at the Standifer-Clarkson yard, at Kenton.

Supple & Ballin have eight contracts, the first keels being under way at their East Oak-street yard, while four contracts are held by the Peninsula Shipbuilding Company, three ships being under way, and four others are in the name of the Coast Shipbuilding Company, which is assembling material at its South Portland yard, the last two known to have been awarded being to the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company.

The fact that French government also closed yesterday for eight steel steamers, six to be built here, four by the Northwest Steel Company and two by the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, with the other two at J. F. Duthie & Co.'s yard, Seattle, shows a complete understanding has been reached between the American Government and France on turning out tonnage with which to combat the German submarine campaign.

It has been known for some time that France was in the market for 200,000 tons of wooden vessels, and now the way is cleared for American yards to accept the business. There are other Portlanders negotiating with the French representatives for wooden ships, and no doubt they will be obtained, especially if the United States Shipping Board is not prepared to award contracts speedily to yards not yet engaged in that class of work.

Mr. Swigert Gets Credit.

Credit is given Mr. Swigert in shipbuilding circles for having interested the Foundation Company in the Portland territory. Since the inciplency of the Government's wooden shipbuilding programme, when it appeared from Washington reports that Douglas fir was being belittled as shipbuilding material, he has evinced a most active interest. At the time he was engaged in looking after private business in Ohio, and the urgent solicitation of the Chamber of Commerce, he relinquished that and went to Washington, there gaining personal conferences with General Goethals and others having to do with the shipbuilding drive. As a result Portland was placed on the map and accorded consideration.

He has handled large contracts here, is interested in dredging and served as president of the Port of Portland Commission for a lengthy period, so is familiar with marine matters.

Ten Ways Will Be Built.

It is estimated that 10 ways will be built at the Portland yard and from each two hulls a year will be launched. Shops will require considerable space and one of the prime attractions at the "boneyard" site is its proximity to the large mills, while it has ideal rail connections and is easily accessible for other land transportation, as well as being in the center of the labor supply.

The Foundation Company became a factor in the wooden shipbuilding industry only a short time ago.

The announcement was made Sunday, April 29, that the company had leased 55 acres of waterfront near Newark and would immediately install a plant capable of turning out a wooden ship every 10 days. The ships to be built, it was said at that time, would comprise the first of a fleet of wooden vessels to carry supplies and munitions to the allies.

ROAD BONDS BID SASKED

Board of Control Takes First Steps Under Bean-Barrett Act.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control today, acting in accordance with the writ of mandamus issued by the Supreme Court following the friendly suit between the Board and the State Highway Commission, took preliminary steps toward issuing $400,000 worth of Oregon State Highway bonds under the Bean-Barrett bill.

The bonds are to be 20-year, 4 per cent bonds, dated September 1, 1917, to be issued in denominations of $500 and $1000 and to be redeemable, 50 per cent in 10 years and the other 50 per cent in 20 years, at the option of the Board.

The Board is advertising for bids to be opened August 3, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.

SUICIDE OF WOMAN FEARED

Mrs. Christ Widmen, of Silverton, May Have Jumped Into River.

ALBANY, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Christ Widmer, age 41, of Silverton, disappeared early this morning from the residence of Mrs. C. M. Smith, a magnetic healer, here and it is feared she may have committed suicide. She is said to have suffered from mental derangement at times.

A woman's tracks led to the banks of the Calapooia River near its intersection with the Willamette, and it is thought she may have jumped into the stream. The river has been searched in vain. Mrs. Widmer came to Albany two days ago for treatments, having suffered a nervous breakdown recently.

AID IN HARVEST OFFERED

Labor Representaitve Confers With Dallas District Agent.

DALLAS, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Mr. Green, representing the Portland office of the United Stses Department of Labor, was in conference yesterday with District Agricultural Agent Cooter relative to the labor needs of Polk and Marion Counties. Mr. Green expressed the desire of his office to give every assistance to the farmers in the way of getting the necessary help during the harvest season.

Already a large number of families from Portland and vicinity have been engaged for Loganberry picking in the vicinity of Salem.

Ogden Made Reserve City.

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GIRL SLAYER CAPTURED

FRANK MUSSELMAN, OF NORTH DAKOTA, IN JAIL AT WENATCHEE.

Murderer of Opal Harmeson, Although Armed, Submits to Arrest When Surrounded.

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—After a search of more than 36 hours, during which the entire north end of the county was scoured, Frank Eugene Musselman, charged with the murder of Opal Harmeson, aged 19, was taken to Okanogan and lodged in the county jail by Sheriff Clair Ward.

The crime for which Musselman must stand trial took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Doyle, about three miles south of Oroville, where he shot and killed Miss Harmeson. Musselman, who was enamored of the murdered girl, had arrived here from Kalispell, Mont. He had known her in Douglas, N. D., and came west for the purpose of inducing her to return with him. After the long search and final capture, Musselman said: "It is too bad, but it had to happen."

He admitted that he had lain on the hill east of the road and about five miles below the Doyle place. He said the first night he could see the lights of the automobiles carrying men in search of him passing up and down the road, and knew that he was circled by his pursuers, and did not dare to move.

When searched, a .38-caliber automatic, the one with which the crime had been committed, was found on his person. He had plenty of ammunition wrapped up in a handkerchief. In the back of his watch was found a picture of the murdered girl. A registration card, dated at Kalispell, was found on his person among his effects.

This is the first murder in Okanogan County since the time Charley Phillips shot and killed Roll Siebert, in July, 1908.

Father Succeeds Son as Justice.

TOLEDO, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—C. B. Crosno has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the Toledo district. The office was formerly administered by Mr. Crosno's son, Clifford K., recently appointed appraiser for the Spokane Federal Land Bank.

Norwegian Bark Is Sunk.

LONDON, July 12.—A Central News dispatch from Christiania reports the sinking near Iceland by a German submarine of the Norwegian bark Florella, 1168 tons gross. The crew was rescued.

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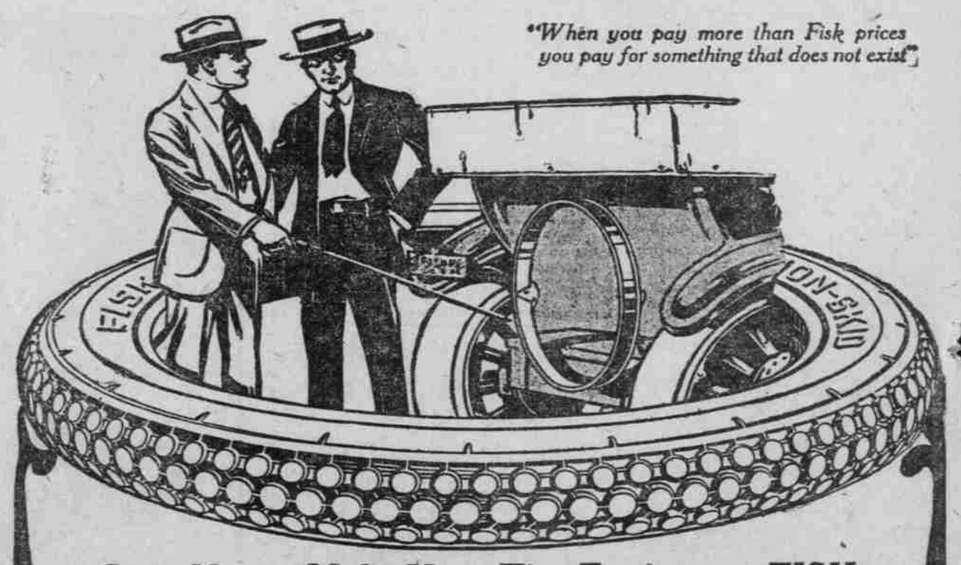

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