

INTEREST ON GRANT LAND TAX WITHHELD

Departmental Reports Are Adverse to Chamberlain Amendment of Forfeiture Act.

STATE ASKED TO FILE BRIEF

Representative Sinnott Makes Effort to Save to State Amount Now Exceeding \$400,000 and Still Increasing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU Washington, July 19.—Unless the Department of Justice and the Interior Department can be induced to withdraw their opposition to the Chamberlain bill, recently passed by the Senate, amending section 9 of the Oregon & California land-grant act, that measure is doomed to certain defeat in the House of Representatives. And there is little indication at this time that departmental opposition will be withdrawn. Defeat of this bill will deprive the land-grant counties of between \$400,000 and \$500,000 which they would receive should the Chamberlain bill become a law.

Under the land-grant act of June 9, 1878, the land-grant counties are to be paid accrued taxes amounting to \$1,314,192, these being taxes that accrued up to the passage of the act, on which date the title to the lands reverted to the Government. Senator Chamberlain proposed, in addition to paying these taxes, to pay also interest on the deferred payments, penalties and costs. On March 1, 1917, these items had reached \$370,433, and today they well in excess of \$400,000, the exact amount not being known.

Senator Chamberlain got his bill through the Senate without trouble, but when the bill went to the House it was referred to the public lands committee, and that committee, following custom, referred it to the two departments for recommendations. Assistant Attorney-General Kearful was given, in the first instance, had failed to make such obligation a lien upon the lands of which it reassumed ownership.

Mr. Kearful reported that his department "agreed with the Interior Department that in calculating the amount of taxes to be paid by the Government no account should be taken of penalties or interest." He said that Congress, in the first instance, had failed to authorize the payment of interest and penalties, and its omission to provide for these extras renders it unnecessary to pay them now.

"I am clearly of the opinion that the taxes are due not by virtue of any state laws, but solely by force of an act of Congress. The obligation to pay is that of the United States, not of any individual, and it cannot be supposed that Congress intended to make such obligation a lien upon the lands of which it reassumed ownership."

20-KNOT SHIPS IMMUNE

U-Boat Menace Is Discussed at New York Conference.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Danger from submarines is virtually non-existent if the vessels attacked can attain a speed of 20 knots in the water, according to charts displayed at a shipbuilding conference held here today under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York. The figures were shown to lend emphasis to a demand that the ship construction controversy be settled immediately.

"If the present rate of sinkings is maintained without the full force of our industrial efforts there can be only one conclusion and that is that we shall lose the war," declared E. H. Outler, bridge, president of the chamber, in putting the seriousness of the submarine campaign.

The conference was not concerned, he said, as to whether the result of wood or steel, but its chief concern was immediately to speed up building to care for the needs of the Nation's allies and the American troops abroad.

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BETTY ROGER, RUTH HOLMES AND JEAN POUSSON.

After spending a pleasant time in Portland sight-seeing, Betty Roger, Ruth Holmes and Jean Pousson, Seattle girls, who hiked from that city, will leave today, with San Francisco as their destination. They are on the trip purely for the novelty of it and are having a fine time. They are equipped, only with a knapsack and blanket each, and between them one or two food items. They are put up at a hotel or a farmhouse when on the road. While in this city they lived at the Portland.

ADVANCE IS 12 MILES

British Move Forward on Euphrates River.

KALUSZ SCENE OF FIGHT

German Shock Troop Operations Bring Lively Artillery Fire North of Dniester River as Far as Brody.

LONDON, July 19.—An official report relating to the Mesopotamian campaign was issued tonight showing a considerable British advance. The report reads:

"On July 11 one of our columns engaged a Turkish force in the direction of Ramadiya, on the Euphrates. After a short action, in which considerable loss was inflicted on the Turks, a further advance was broken off by us owing to the extreme heat. The efforts, with heavy losses to the enemy."

"North of the Dniester as far as Brody our successful shock troop operations have brought about lively artillery firing which, especially early this morning, increased on some sectors to the greatest violence."

"In Volhynia, Austro-Hungarian and German shock troops have been active, with favorable results."

PETROGRAD, July 19.—Russian troops have again driven into the Galician village of Novica, south of Khusz and now occupy the eastern end of that place.

The Russians captured more than 200 prisoners and three machine guns in Tuesday's fighting near Novica. They had the entire village in their hands at one period, but the occupying detachment sustained such heavy losses that they withdrew to the village's eastern sector.

PETROGRAD, July 19.—The North and South Russian reports that a Russian submarine has sunk a German submarine in the Baltic by dropping bombs on it and that the crew of the submarine was drowned.

LAST HOUR UPSETS PLAN

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draws the capsules from the bowl one at a time, and who announces, one standing at each side of the bowl, and to whom the capsules will be handed in turn as they are drawn.

The announcers will break the capsules as they receive them, extract the tiny slip of paper on which a number will be stamped, and call the number to three tally clerks. The slips are then to be handed to an official in front of the bowl, who will verify the announcer's report, and on his verification, another man, stationed at a great blackboard, will write the number in its order on the board.

The board will hold 1000 numbers. When it is filled it will be taken out of the room, photographed, cleaned off and returned, the drawing continuing until the last number is drawn. The official record of the drawing, which will be furnished to the local exemption boards, and in accordance with which they will call out the men to fill each district quota, will be made up into books of eleven pages, each page being a photographic fac-simile of the blackboard. The exemption boards will take no action toward summoning their men until these books reach them through the mails.

The telephone message referred to by General Crowder in his statement came from the Adjutant-General of New Jersey. When the official record through publication of the system of double drawing announced early in the day he saw that a great injustice would be done in this state because of the way in which the local boards had given serial numbers to the cards from the registration lists.

A hasty conference of officials was called, and a similar condition was found to exist in many parts of the country. In some lists colored and white registrants had been classified in separate groups and the serial numbers were generated and given their own group of serial numbers.

It was a hopeless tangle. If the

double drawing system were carried out one election district in any exemption division might be swept clean of all its young men to fill the quota, while the other election districts in the same exemption area furnished no men whatever. In other cases it might be necessary to pass upon an exemption of a thousand aliens before a single American was called to service. In other a thousand negroes might be taken for examination before a white man was called, or vice versa.

There was only one way out and the War Department promptly announced that the whole intricate method of drawing devised to save time and labor would be abandoned in favor of the simple, direct plan of drawing sufficient numbers to fill the places of the last man in the largest exemption district. That was the original plan and it was intended for weeks to draw in that way, but the enormous amount of labor and the time involved prompted the effort to devise a short cut that would be fair to all.

Difficulty Found in Time.

Officials congratulated themselves tonight that the difficulty in the way of the double drawing was found today rather than after the drawing.

The difficulty that forced abandonment of the more elaborate method grew out of the detail of the plan. It was proposed to list all registrants in each district by thousands or fractions of thousands. Men whose serial numbers were in the three thousands would have been put in one group, those with numbers of less than a thousand in another, those with numbers in the four thousands in another, and so on.

The first drawing would have placed these groups of thousands in the order in which the numbers 0 to 9 were drawn. The second drawing would then have fixed the order of liability of the individual in each of the thousands as between themselves, a thousand numbers being drawn to that end. The result would then have been that the 3000 group would first draw in the little lottery, all the men in the serial numbers in the 3000 would have been called for duty first and in the order in which their serial numbers came out in the big drawing. The result of the big drawing would then have been applied to the other thousands in their order fixed by the little lottery.

Each exemption district is composed of several election districts which were divided into precincts in the first revolution of the draft machinery. The registration cards were turned over to the exemption boards with instructions to shuffle them before placing on each serial number.

The drawing tomorrow was fixed at 10,000 numbers because an exemption district in Lansing, Mich., has 10,243 registered men. That is the largest district on record here. Seven states thus far have failed to report their maximum districts, however, and 10,000 numbers will be drawn to take care of the "improbable possibility that a larger district will show up later."

The change in plan throws an enormous burden of work on General Crowder's office which had to be completed tonight. In one room a score of clerks pounded away with numbering machines through the night, turning up the 9500 additional key numbers necessary. In another room 50 men, girls and boys toiled over bowls of black capsules, pulling up Mass numbered slips as they were received and slipping them into the concealing gelatin covering from which they will be taken by the announcers tomorrow.

Oregon Interested in 2910 Numbers.
Alabama, first state on the roster of the Union, reports its largest exemption district as containing 6225 registered men. Then in the drawing tomorrow the numbers from 6226 to 10,500 inclusive can be disregarded entirely so far as Alabama is concerned.

By the same process, Arizona has no interest in numbers above 6711; California, 9919; Colorado, 4421; Idaho, 3782; Illinois, 8601; Iowa, 4151; Kansas, 2511; Minnesota, 2227; Missouri, 3674; Nebraska, 4548; Nevada, 2376; New Mexico, 4177; North Dakota, 4322; Oregon, 2919; South Dakota, 2973; Utah, 4749; Washington, 4654; Wisconsin, 4609; Wyoming, 2217.

The states whose maximum districts are not yet reported in Washington are: Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas and Vermont.

CONGRESS NOTICES SUBBUILDING ROW

Resolution Asks President for Information on Contracts, Builders and Prices.

GOETHALS TALKS TO BOARD

Differences Between General and Denman Appear Difficult to Settle Without Intervention of President.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Congress took note of the shipbuilding row today, when the Senate passed without debate a resolution offered by Senator Smoot calling on President Wilson to furnish information regarding the Government's ship construction programme. The resolution asked for facts from the Shipping Board on building contracts let or pending, names of contractors and contract prices, together with other information to assist the Senate in considering request for further appropriations. Another half billion dollars for ship construction would be asked. The Shipping Board announced recently, as soon as its estimates are approved by the President.

Meanwhile the members of the Shipping Board and Major-General Goethals, manager of the Board's emergency fleet corporation, continued discussion of the Board's plans for building two Government ship plants and for commandeering tonnage building in private yards. General Goethals met with the Board this morning and in the afternoon the Board held a separate conference.

President May Decide.

Chairman Denman announced tonight that the Board seeks further information concerning the General's programme and that no decision as to approving the programme will be made until the subject has been given full consideration.

Persons in close touch with the situation still see possibilities of difference between General Goethals and the Board which will be hard to settle. There have been intimations that the General will approve or parts of the General's scheme. If this situation arises many believe it will be necessary for President Wilson to decide finally. The whole intricate charge of the building programme.

Friends of General Goethals say he may refuse to accept the Board's suggestion that they involve radical changes in his plans.

Chairman Denman's statement tonight indicates that the Board does not agree with General Goethals as to sites for the Government's plants and that it will insist that they be placed on Government-owned land and that the General abandon his plan for giving contractors who build the plants option to purchase them.

Profits to Be Held Down.

The Shipping Board, it is understood, is determined that profits in building the fabricated ships be held down and that there shall be no double profit on manufacture of the steel for the ships and on actual construction.

Chairman Denman's statement follows: "We are rapidly acquiring full information as to the contracts proposed to be let by General Goethals last Monday. We expect to receive tomorrow facts as to the amount of the estimated \$150 per dead-weight ton per ship, which is to be spent in the Government yards and the amount which is to be spent of the total product in the private yards where the ships are to be fabricated."

The matter of commandeering is a matter for discussion with the War Department, which probably will be decided almost immediately. Although the general plan of commandeering has been approved by the Administration, how it will be worked out in detail presents questions which will receive immediate decision.

Compensation to Be Adequate.

"We are receiving information of co-operation from General Goethals and his great ability can give us. The Government fabricating yards will be built on Government and not on leased property and no agreement looking to the giving up of any of these yards to private interests will be entered into at this time."

"Adequate compensation will be paid to interests who will be asked to assist the Government whose services can be accomplished for the rapid construction of ships. These men are not of the type to ask stimulated profits beyond a fair return for their ability and enterprise, and with General Goethals' assistance we have no doubt contracts will be shortly closed."

RAIDER'S CAPTAIN MUTE

German Charged With Smuggling and Violating Mann Act.

FENG KWO CHANG RULER

Li Yuan Hung's Candidate Accepts Presidency.

PEKIN, July 17.—(Delayed.)—The

foreign office announces that Feng Kwo Chang has agreed to accept the post of acting President of China.

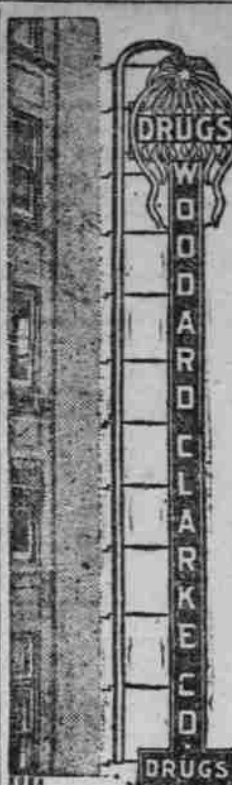
There have been conflicting reports from Tien Tsin regarding the attitude of Feng Kwo Chang toward the presidency. One report said that he had refused the position, while another said he had yielded to Li Yuan Hung's urgent request that he assume that office.

Marshfield Vacant House Burns.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—A residence in the south part of the city owned by James Bennett, chief engineer at the C. A. Smith mills, was burned today. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin, as the house was unoccupied. Loss \$2000.

Nurse From Trenches Is Here.

Miss J. L. Whinnery, a nurse just back from the trenches of France, is among the recent arrivals at the Imperial Hotel. Whinnery is a native of the service and therefore cannot relate any of her experiences for publication.



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- \$1 Othine, double strength, on 85c sale now at 85c
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SAFETY IS PLANNED

Commissioner Coffin Says Precautions Are Necessary.

CYCLE SQUAD IS PROPOSED

Captain Would Be Placed in Charge of Officers to Prevent Violations of Traffic Ordinances.

Court Expected to Help.

Safety Commissioner Coffin has laid before Mayor Baker a programme of traffic ordinance enforcement which he expects to meet with the approval of Police Chief Johnson when he takes office. Commissioner Coffin said yesterday that his suggestion received the earnest endorsement of the Mayor, who asked that action be deferred until the new police chief assumes charge.

Briefly, Commissioner Coffin plans to check the growing list of automobile accidents by placing one man—captain or a lieutenant—directly in charge of the work, assisted by six motor-cycle officers detailed solely for the task. In addition to the sextet of "speeders" he would be assisted by the present traffic squad.

By making one man entirely responsible for reckless driving, speeding, corner-cutting, running with open mufflers and the like, Commissioner Coffin believes that accidents and complaints due to automobile traffic soon would be reduced to a minimum. He said that the present traffic squad, composed of one man and one motor-cycle officer, is not sufficient to handle the growing list of accidents and complaints.

"This is due, in a measure, to the great increase in the number of automobiles now being operated within the city," explained the commissioner. "On the other hand, however, we have been handicapped in our efforts to rid Portland of reckless driving and other offensive actions of motorists by the indifferent attitude of ex-Mayor Albee and the lenient manner with which traffic violators have been dealt with in Municipal Court."

"Add to this the fact that only one officer is detailed to watch for offenders and one can readily see the handicap we have been placed under."

"There is no use in denying that the number of automobile accidents this month is alarming. But what are we going to do? We have but one man to keep them in the right line and have no serious co-operation from other municipal officials."

"I am in hopes that when Mr. Johnson assumes charge of the police department we will get our traffic squad and that when Mr. Rossman becomes Municipal Judge, both of which events take place August 1, we will be able to get co-operation necessary to enforce safe and sane driving. I am convinced that Mayor Baker will agree with me in my attitude in the matter, rather than the one of indifference of his predecessor."

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Municipal Judge, both of which events take place August 1, we will be able to get co-operation necessary to enforce safe and sane driving. I am convinced that Mayor Baker will agree with me in my attitude in the matter, rather than the one of indifference of his predecessor."

By Commissioner Coffin's plan there would be no addition to the present police force, with the possible exception of the man at the head of the proposed division. He would have men detailed from other work to apprehend traffic violators.

It has been proposed to lead the fight is a matter of considerable consequence. It is not thought unlikely that Commissioner Coffin may be the man to lead the fight. The suggestion of Mayor also brought the promise, he said, of the appointment of a stenographer to assist the Commissioner in keeping up to date the data in connection with his work.

Douglas Association to Meet.

The Douglas County Association will hold its sixth annual reunion and picnic at Peninsula Park next Sunday. The executive and programme committees met last night in the office of

Lon L. Parker, secretary of the association, and completed final arrangements. The address of the day will be given by George M. Brown, Salem. There will be other speakers and much of Douglas County people are also invited to attend.

TIMBER FIRE HALTS TRAIN

Smoke so Dense on Tillamook Line That Service Is Stopped.

Forest fires on the western slope of the Coast Range along the Southern Pacific's Tillamook line have stopped train service on that road.

The regular Southern Pacific train leaving yesterday afternoon from Tillamook was compelled to return to the station at Tillamook. Passengers came back to Portland. The eastbound train which left Tillamook in the morning also was forced to turn back.

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