

BONDS FAVORED FOR RAISING WAR FUND

Both Houses Said to Be Opposed to Increase of \$2,000,000,000 by Taxation.

PEACE TALK NOT DESIRED

Reports That President Contemplates Drastic Action Against Disturbing Elements May Lead to Spirited Debate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—While the Senate continues debate on the \$2,000,000,000 war tax bill this week, initial steps will be taken on the House side of the Capitol toward raising part of the additional \$6,000,000,000, needed to carry on the war until July 1, 1918.

More ready money, possibly \$1,000,000,000 or \$2,000,000,000 will be necessary to meet current expenses before Congress can appropriate at the next session, so Secretary McAdoo has arranged a meeting with Democratic Leader Kitchin, chairman of the House ways and means committee, for early in the week, to discuss the situation. Members of the ways and means committee, both Democrats and Republicans, have expressed willingness to pass without delay legislation for any reasonable amount the Government may require.

Senate leaders are also ready to cooperate. Sentiment for raising additional funds at this time by a bond issue and certificates of indebtedness and not by taxation, is strong in both Houses.

Bonds May Be Taxable.

Administration officials have not stated the exact amount they desire now, but a request for more than \$2,000,000,000 extra will be met with strong opposition in the House.

A movement to make the next issue of bonds or certificates taxable, and with 1/2 per cent interest instead of being non-taxable and bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest, is gaining influential followers in the House.

Reports that a certain United States citizen acquired \$50,000,000 worth of the first issue of Liberty bonds in order to escape taxation has gained much currency in the House and helped enlist advocates of the plan to tax the next issue.

Senator Simmons, having concluded his opening statement Saturday, general discussion of the revised House revenue bill will begin in the Senate tomorrow. Optimistic leaders hope to complete debate in two weeks, but if it is finished in less than a month many of the older members will be surprised.

Substitute to Be Offered.

Senator La Follette will offer early this week his substitute for the pending bill, which would place virtually the entire burden of taxation on war profits, incomes, liquor and tobacco. Senator Gore is expected to speak in support of the measure.

ESSEX AIR RAID FATAL

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Warning was to draw crowds to the sea fronts to watch the invaders. That is the promptness of the British airships in attacking the raiders, all these places escaped, and the onlookers saw aerial battles, though at a dim distance. None of these fights seems to have been prolonged, or as far as is known, to have resulted seriously for the invaders, whose plans seem to be to avoid conflicts in order to insure a safe return to their base.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—Two French aviators yesterday dropped bombs on Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the most important cities of the German Empire, having a population of more than 300,000. A French official statement, announcing the raid, says that in retaliation for the German aerial bombardment of Nancy and the region north of Paris.

Both French machines returned undamaged.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The loss or damage of 16 German machines and the apparent loss of 13 British planes is reported in the official statement from British headquarters in France, issued last night. The text reads:

"This morning the enemy again attacked our new positions on the Ypres-Menin road, and after heavy fighting, pressed back our line slightly in the Glencorse Wood area. In the neighborhood of the Ypres Railway, we gained ground on the right bank of the Steenbeek. We took 124 prisoners.

"Yesterday, for the first time in over 10 days, a full day's flying was possible. Enemy aircraft showed itself in a great many places, attempting to prevent our artillery work and attacking our bombing machines. In spite of their efforts, a great deal of observation work was carried out by us, and a large number of photographs were taken, and many targets on the ground gained effectively with machine gun fire. Six and one-half tons of bombs were dropped on enemy airfields, ammunition depots and other points of military importance. Fighting was very severe all day and the enemy was encountered in large formation. Ten German machines were brought down by airplanes, five others were driven out of control, and another was driven down, out of control, by gunfire. Twelve of our machines are missing."

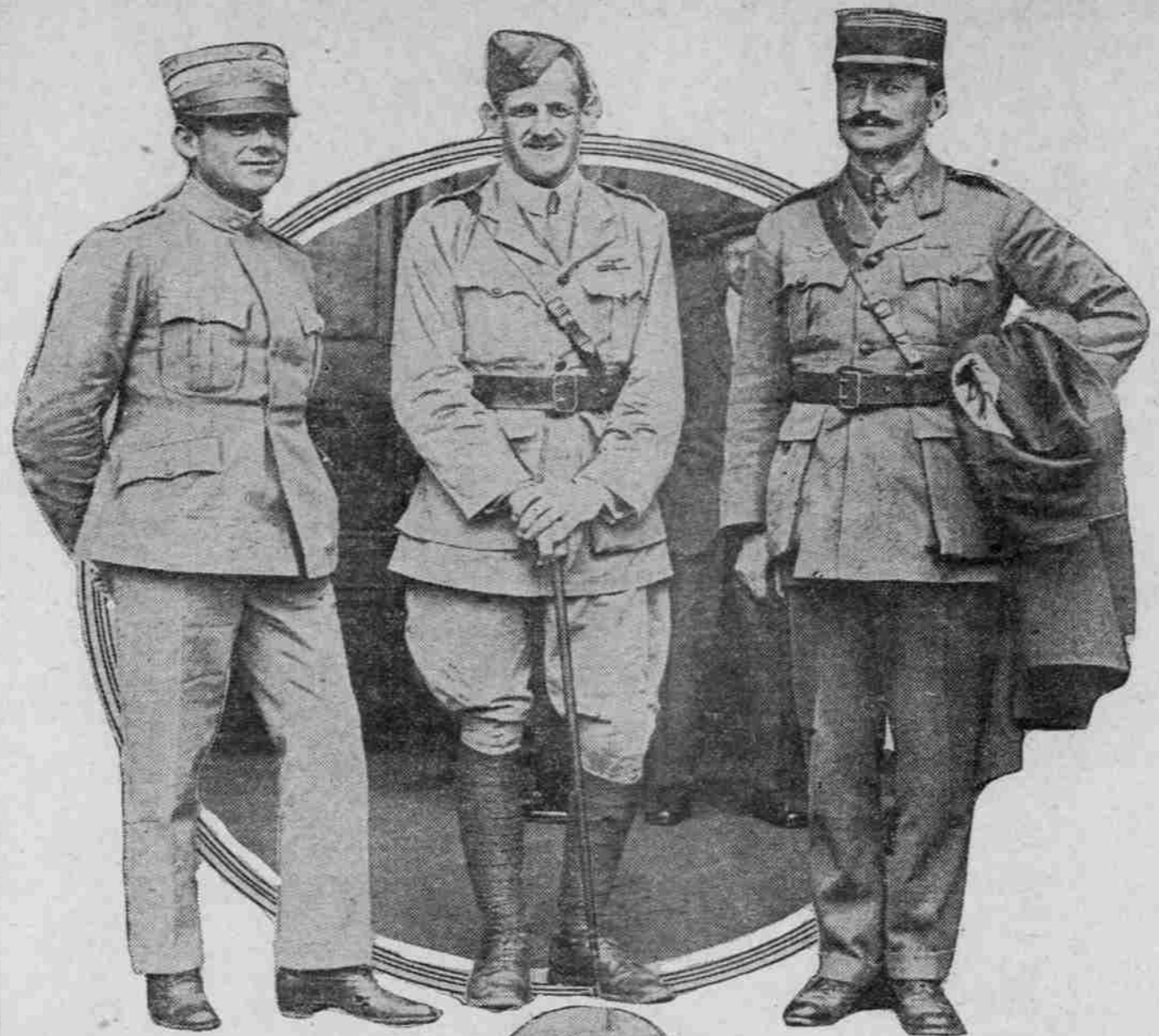
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MEMBERS OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT COMMISSION SNAPPED BY OREGONIAN PHOTOGRAPHER ON ARRIVAL IN PORTLAND YESTERDAY.



SPRUCE TO WIN WAR

Foreign Aviators Say Northwest Can Help Allies.

PORTLAND IS HOST TODAY

French, British, Italian and United States Airmen Will Show Pictures of Operations in Europe at Auditorium.

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form the native wood into finished stock. The aircraft manufacturers say they are ready; the lumber mills say they are ready; the log operators say they are ready. The only possible weak link in the chain is the labor supply in the logging camps.

"If we cannot get men, we cannot turn out the logs, and the whole programme of airplane construction, so necessary to win the war, will be interrupted," says F. A. Douty, well-known Portland spruce manufacturer, who has been traveling with the party.

Four Allied Nations Represented.

One of the prime objects of the commission's tour of the spruce belt is to determine precisely what action must be taken to secure an unending supply of wood.

Four of the allied nations are represented in the party, as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel L. W. B. Rees, Great Britain; Major Raffaello Perfezzini, Italy; Captain Henri Dourif, France, and E. T. Allen, United States.

Mr. Allen, the official representative of the Government, is a Portland man, but since the beginning of the war has represented the lumber industry on the National Council of Defense at Washington.

Other members of the party are W. C. Chadeayne, superintendent of wood construction of the Curtiss Aeroplane Company, and representatives of the spruce manufacturers of the Pacific Coast.

The visitors arrived over the North Pacific coast yesterday afternoon, from Willapa Harbor, and were greeted at the Union station by Mayor Baker, Bruce Dennis, secretary of the State Council of Defense, and a committee from the Portland Chamber of Commerce. They went to the Portland Hotel, where suites, decorated with flags of the allied nations, and freshly cut Portland flowers had been reserved for them.

Pictures to Show Aerial Fights.

At noon today they will be guests of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce, but the climax of their visit will come at the Auditorium tonight when a motion-picture exhibition showing aerial activity on the French and Belgian fronts will be presented to the public. This rare entertainment will be absolutely free and the public is expected to turn out in numbers sufficient to pack the building.

Everyone of the visiting officers has seen actual service at the front. During the course of the exhibitions tonight they will tell, in their own words, some of their most interesting experiences. Everyone of them has been decorated for bravery and distinguished services. They were selected by their respective governments to come to America on the important mission of arousing the interest and enthusiasm of the people in airship construction because each is probably the best living authority on the subject in his respective country.

"The airship corps aids every other branch of the service," said Lieutenant Colonel Rees. "We are the eyes of the artillery and help the infantry in its charges. The airman of the allies work together in all their actions and doubtless the American airman will work with us when they enter the war."

Spruce Vitality Needed.

"Spruce is the vital necessity for airplane construction," added Captain Dourif, the French representative. "This West Coast country of which Portland is the center, holds most of the available spruce, so you people here really have the key to winning the war."

Major Perfezzini, who was greeted by a delegation of his Italian fellow-countrymen, spoke enthusiastically of the part that Italy and her aerial squadrons are playing in the war. On account of the mountainous territory in which the Italian campaign is con-



Above, Left to Right—Major Perfezzini, Italian Army; Lieutenant-Colonel Rees, British Royal Flying Corps; Captain Dourif, French Aviation Service. Inset—E. T. Allen, of Portland, Representing United States Government.

"CY" NOBLE IS LATE

Football Star Braves Training Camp Edict.

DIFFICULTIES ARE MANY

Candidate for Officer's Commission Allowed to Attend Own Wedding Only After Pleading With Colonel Sladen.

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—His white collar was slightly askew, the creases long since had departed from his service uniform, his face was redder than its wont and his hair was tumbled from the combing of nervous fingers; but at just two minutes after the hour set for his wedding Elmer J. ("Cy") Noble, famed Washington football star, arrived on the scene.

Four minutes later the pretty young woman who had been Miss Corinith D. Smith, of Portland, was clasped in the arms of her husband, and Dr. J. H. Boyd, of Portland, beamed a benediction.

"Cy's" Friends Enjoy Situation.

A few weeks ago the news became noised about Company Seven, Second Training Battalion, where "Cy" is registered, that "Cy" was to be married in San Francisco before the close of camp. Friday "Cy" carelessly let slip the information that the big event was scheduled that night. He was the object of much good-natured "kidding" from his mates—39 of them—from then on, which culminated in a roar of laughter at his expense when the announcement of Lieutenant-Colonel William M. Morrow, brother of Judge Robert G. Morrow, of Portland, and commander of the Second Training Battalion, was posted on the company barracks that night except on official business.

"Cy" entered the office of his company commander, "Sir, I've got to get off tonight," he said to Major W. S. Valentine.

The company commander was sorry, but he could do nothing for him. "Cy" would have to see the man higher up. He tried. It was then 6 o'clock; the wedding was set for 7, and Lieutenant-Colonel Morrow could not be found at his office or at his home.

Appeal Taken Higher.

There was but one thing left to be done, an appeal to Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Sladen, commander-in-chief of the Reserve Officers' Training Camp. And he was an august personage. But "This is Mr. Noble, candidate at Company Seven," explained "Cy" when he had Lieutenant-Colonel Sladen "on the wire."

"I want to get away from camp tonight and Colonel Morrow won't allow anyone in the Second Battalion to leave," complained "Cy."

"And why do you wish to leave?" "I'm supposed to get married in 15 minutes," explained "Cy."

A deep, appreciative chuckle came back over the wire. "Go ahead," said the voice of Lieutenant-Colonel Sladen, shorn of its austerity. And "Cy" went.

CARS CRASH; ONE HURT

COUNCIL CREST CAR HITS REPAIR CAR, INJURING C. HILDRETH.

Patrolman Says Work Car Had No Flagman Out to Protect It—Accident Ties Up Traffic.

C. Hildreth, 4208 Sixty-seventh street Southeast, a lineman for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was injured last night by the collision of a Council Crest car with a repair car which was fixing the trolley on Elizabeth street near Chapman street.

Patrolman Stewart, who investigated, reported that the repair car had no flagman out to protect it from cars coming down the hill, and said that the Council Crest car, with about 60 passengers aboard, crashed into the other car at a high rate of speed.

Hildreth, who was working on the repair tower with L. A. Watter and W. H. Lehman, jumped to the pavement as he saw the car coming, and broke both ankles. He was taken to a physician in an automobile driven by John C. Answorth, 583 Hawthorne Terrace, and later was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Lehman jumped into a garden and escaped injury. Passengers on the car were shaken by the collision, but none reported injuries.

Traffic on the Council Crest line was tied up for two hours on account of the accident.

MEDIATOR IS ON GROUND

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCES BEGIN TODAY.

Employees Numbering 8500 Threaten to Strike Because of Unsatisfactory Replies to Complaints.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—G. W. Hanger, of Washington, D. C., member of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, who will arbitrate differences over which 8500 employees of the Southern Pacific Company threatened to strike two weeks ago, arrived here today. Mr. Hanger will meet representatives of the company and the four railroad brotherhoods in preliminary conferences tomorrow.

The men threatened to strike unless certain of the company's decisions on grievance cases of the men were modified in a manner satisfactory to brotherhood officials. The walkout was deferred pending the outcome of mediation efforts.

Girl Is Lost on Rainier.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 12.—Hope of rescuing Dorothy E. Haskell, the 15-year-old Tacoma girl who fell into a crevasse in Nisqually glacier, Mount Rainier, was given up tonight.

Forest rangers descended 300 feet into the crevasse without being able to see the body.

INSPECTION OF WAR CONTRACTS IS NEAR

Charges Persist That Vast Sums Are Paid in Ways Suggestive of Graft.

CONGRESS WATCHES MONEY

Plan as Suggested by Owen Amendment Likely to Be Reintroduced—Measure Does Not Reflect on President.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 12.—Unless there is a change in Governmental methods of letting war contracts, there will be a renewed demand for the creation of a Congressional committee to investigate and report upon the expenditure of war appropriations, and ultimately this purpose will be achieved. The first attempt failed, when the Owen amendment to the food bill was finally defeated, largely at the personal behest of the President.

From time to time evidence has been produced in Congress showing that there has been favoritism in the letting of Government contracts, and in some instances this favoritism has bordered closely on graft. Making due allowance for a change in Governmental methods made necessary by the war, there have been transactions put over in Washington that do not bear the light of day.

When the Owen amendment to the food bill became a bone of contention between the two houses, Senators who had supported it in the first instance agreed to let it go, rather than hold up the entire food legislation.

Disclosures Are Made.

But the speeches made at the time of the adoption of this amendment by the Senate, and speeches made in both Houses at other times this session, have shown clearly the need for some Congressional inspection of Government contracts.

The disclosure that Arthur V. Davis, president of the Aluminum Trust, and chairman of the Aluminum Committee of the National Defense Council, was awarding his great corporation vast contracts for Army canteens and other aluminum Army supplies, without giving other contractors an opportunity to compete; the showing that J. F. McElwain, president of a big shoe concern, and chairman of the Shoe Council of the Council, had awarded his firm a large Army shoe contract at prices higher than the bids of numerous other companies, and the fact that William H. Chittis, president of the Barrett company, and the whole committee on Coal Tar Products, was about to write into the War Department specifications requirements which would have called for the use of his well-known road dressing on all roads at Army cantonments—these disclosures, and many others, all tend to show the necessity for some supervision of the expenditure of the billions of dollars which Congress has been appropriating.

Southern Lumber Favored.

There have been charges that extortionate sums are being paid out by the Government for the building of cantonments for the Army; that Southern lumber has been bought at ridiculously high prices; that labor on Government contracts has been paid double the normal wage by contractors who are working on a percentage basis, and other charges too numerous to enumerate. These accusations, some of which are substantiated by known facts, have created a decided distrust.

The President, of course, is not aware of the details of what is going on in the various departments. He does not know what contracts are being let, to whom they are let, or how they are awarded. In the very nature of things he can not be burdened with details. He naturally assumes that the officials in charge are honestly and fairly discharging their duties. But so many of these matters go through the hands of higher officials in a perfunctory way that they, as they are, are not informed as to the details, and thus the graft creeps in.

The Owen amendment decidedly was not a reflection upon the President, and while a few Senators supporting it may have so felt, the amendment itself cleared up the point beyond question of doubt. No action of the President was to be supervised, for he does not let contracts; no authority was conferred on the committee to interfere with the conduct of the war, as was done in President Lincoln's time.

In normal peace times, Government officials have been thrown out of office for offences less flagrant than



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some that have been committed under the cover of war secrecy during the past three or four months.

Lincoln High Alumni to Meet.

The Lincoln High School Alumni Association will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in room A, Central Library. It is expected the membership will be increased by 100 names at the meeting. A special programme has been provided. Clarence Young will speak; Miss Ruth Pfander will sing; James Thomas will offer a recitation, and Miss Lilah Rogers will provide a vocal music programme.

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