



ROADS OUTLAY FOR YEAR \$937,961,318

Near Billion Authorized for Betterments.

BIG EXPENDITURE IMPERATIVE

Carriers in War Time Must Be Maintained.

EASTERN LINES GET MOST

Funds Allowed Under Government Operation for Improvements Now Urged; Projects Requiring Great Sums Deferred.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Railroads under government operation this year will spend nearly a billion dollars for additions, betterments and equipment...

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The figures disclose Director General McAdoo's determination to let the railroads make many improvements which they had neglected during the last three years...

Budgets Are Paired Down. The railroad administration eliminated \$18,247,000, or nearly one-fourth of the proposals...

Wherever possible, railroads will finance their own enterprises, but the railway administration may buy the bonds or other securities issued. Examinations of the new budgets...

New York Central Leads.

The figures made public today show that the New York Central will receive \$70,672,000, the biggest allowance and practically all the road asked...

Other roads included are: C. & N. W., \$11,211,000; C. E. & G., \$12,845,000; C. G. W., \$1,086,000; C. P. & S. L., \$45,000; C. R. E. & P., \$14,159,000; C. S. P., \$1,400,000; C. O., \$2,296,000; Colo. & S., \$1,871,000; Colo. & W., \$267,000; D. L. & W., \$3,432,000; D. & R. G., \$2,848,000; E. P. & S. W., \$3,329,000; Ft. Worth & D., \$704,000; Great Northern, \$14,532,000; Hocking Valley, \$5,669,000; K. C. Southern, \$2,231,000; Lehigh Valley, \$9,988,000; Los Angeles & S. L., \$1,700,000; Minn. & S. L., \$791,000; M. K. & T., \$2,992,000; Mo. Pac., \$9,926,000; Northern Pacific, \$14,059,000; Northwestern Pacific, \$999,000; Portland Terminal, \$285,000; St. J. & G. L., \$335,000; St. Louis-San Francisco, \$7,370,000; St. L. S. W., \$2,031,000; St. P. Depot, \$1,400,000; Sioux City Terminal, \$1,740,000; S. P. & S., \$488,000; Texas & Pacific, \$6,155,000; T. & C. C., \$6,326,000; T. S. L. & W., \$4,481,000; Trans-Miss. Terminal, \$296,000; Utah Railway, \$295,000; Washington Southern, \$409,000; Western Pacific, \$2,125,000.

LOCAL OFFICIALS MYSTIFIED

Allowance for Northern Pacific Terminal Looks Big.

Officials of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company said last night that they could not conceive of a \$285,000 appropriation being made for improvements of their terminal alone.

It was suggested that the Government officials had in mind terminal improvements for all railroads running into Portland instead of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company alone.

DUTCH WARSHIPS TO ACT AS CONVOYS

HOLLAND TO SEND MERCHANT VESSELS TO EAST INDIES.

Washington Officials Watch With Interest Move Which Might Result in War Declaration.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Announcement from Amsterdam of the determination of the Dutch government to dispatch three of its merchant vessels to the East Indies under convoy of Dutch warships has roused keen interest in naval and diplomatic circles here.

It is believed this decision is likely to bring about a situation that would plunge Holland into the war. International law, officials pointed out today, fully warrants the dispatch of an armed convoy by a neutral state on the high seas to its own colonies...

So far as the entente powers and America are concerned, it is said that the Dutch convoys would be treated with all the consideration demanded by international law. But it is not probable that German submarine commanders would act with any such consideration, as is indicated by their past treatment of Dutch and other neutral vessels.

If a German naval commander attempted to search, sink or make prize of any convoyed vessels, the Dutch commander would be obliged to defend them forcibly, and the first shot fired would amount to a declaration of war, in the opinion of officials here.

WATCHMAN DIES ON DUTY

Revolver Drops, Is Discharged and Death Follows Bullet's Trip.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—While working around one of the business places in White Salmon at 4 A. M. Saturday morning, Night-watchman Thomas Jernigan dropped his revolver out of its holster. Striking the concrete floor, it was discharged and the bullet entered his body, passing through and into the ceiling.

He managed to crawl about half a block, where he fell against the door of the Pina bakery and awakened the proprietor, who called a physician, who removed him to his residence and did all possible to save his life, but internal hemorrhage caused death in two hours. He was conscious and able to give the details. He was 67 years old and is survived by a widow in straitened circumstances and almost blind. A son resides in Kansas.

GEN. SIBERT TRANSFERRED

Officer to Be Director of U. S. Army Gas Service.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Major-General William L. Sibert, who commanded the first division of American troops sent to France with General Pershing, has been relieved of command of the southeastern department and detailed an officer of the gas service of the U. S. Army, with headquarters in Washington.

General Sibert is an engineer officer and built the Gatun lock of the Panama Canal, in recognition of which service Congress promoted him to the rank of Brigadier-General. While in France he died of the uses of gases and is regarded as peculiarly fitted for the new post.

MANACLES GET MISPLACED

Ohio Sheriff Handcuffs Himself and "Danged Things" Stay On.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The Sheriff of Mendon, O.—he was a little too excited to give his name—walked into a local police station Saturday with his wrists imprisoned in his own handcuffs while a prisoner walked free at his side. "I was on the train with this prisoner, whom I got in Oklahoma, and I wanted to show him these handcuffs I wouldn't come off without the key and I left my key in my raincoat and somebody 'lifted' it, and I was right, the danged things won't come off," explained the elderly Sheriff.

The police directed him to a place where files are sold.

SNOW FALLS IN PALOUSE

Blue Mountain Temperature Drops and Walla Walla Affected.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—Some snow fell in the Blue Mountains yesterday. It is an unusually late date for snow. The temperature in Walla Walla was affected by the snowfall.

Arrivals from Spokane report a heavy rain all the way to Dayton, E. C. Whipple and T. McCoy, Portland men, drove from Spokane in an automobile and said the fall in the Palouse country was heavy. C. H. Anderson, who is interested in farming a 5000-acre tract near Etiopia, was here and said the rain Wednesday night wet the ground to a depth of three inches.

MAIZE BURNED FOR FUEL

Scarcity of Shipping Prevents Sale of Bumper Crop.

BUENOS AIRES, May 19.—The highest quality of maize grown in Argentina for many years is being burned as fuel. The scarcity of shipping prevents the sale at profitable prices. The crop this year was a bumper one, owing to the government's exhortations to till the land.

The crop now is selling at \$15.30 gold a ton for use as fuel.

AMERICAN TROOPS ON WAY TO BATTLE

U. S. A. Boys Hasten to French Front.

BATTERIES DETRAIN QUICKLY

Hidden by Darkness and in Drizzling Rain, Advance Made.

DISTANT GUNS ARE HEARD

Graphic Description Given by Special Correspondent of Riding at Night to Take Place in Front Line of Defense Under Foch.

BY FLOYD P. GIBBONS. (Special cable to the Chicago Tribune and The Oregonian.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES UNDER GENERAL FOCH, May 19.—I rode out from the old positions with the guns and boarded a troop train which brought our battery by devious routes to changes of scenery, gratifying both to the vision and the spirit. In rear cars we lived on tinned meat and hard bread washed down with swallows of vin ordinaire hurriedly purchased at the station buffets. The horses rode as well.

Officers and men, none of us, cared for the train schedule, for the simple reason that none of us knew where we were going and there was little time wasted in conjecture. Soldierly curiosity was satisfied with the knowledge that we were on our way, and with this satisfaction the hours passed easily.

Paris Is Reached. In fact, the blackjack game in the officers' compartment had reached a point where the battery commander had garnered almost all of the French paper money in sight when our train passed slowly through the environs of Paris.

Other American troop trains had preceded us, because where the railroad embankment ran close and parallel to the street of some nameless suburb our appearance was met with cheers and cries from a welcoming regiment of Paris street gamins, who trotted beside the slow-moving troop train and shouted and threw their hats and wooden shoes in the air.

Children Scramble for Coins. Some 50 centime pieces, franc pieces showered from the side doors of the horse cars as the American soldiers, with a typical disregard for the value of money, pitched coin after coin to the scrambling mob of children.

At least 100 francs must have been cast out upon those happy, romping waves of childish faces and unstretched dirty hands. "A soldier would give his shirt away," said a platoon commander leaning out of a window and watching the spectacle and surreptitiously pitching a few coins himself. "Hope we get out (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)"

FOUR HUN PLANES DOWNED IN BRITAIN

LONDON AND DISTRICT SOUTH-EAST RAIDED.

Air Assault on Large Scale Attempted—Considerable Number of Bombs Dropped.

LONDON, May 20, 3 A. M.—Four enemy airplanes were brought down in last night's raid over Eastern England, says an official communication just issued. The communication says: "Reports show that four of the enemy airplanes which raided London and the southeast last night have been brought down. The raid appears to have been on a large scale. A considerable number of bombs were dropped. No details of casualties or damage are yet available."

POLICE TAKE UP NEW CLEW

Jeff Baldwin Last Seen Between Corvallis and Philomath.

SALEM, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Five members of the state police were rushed from here to the camp of the Marys River Logging Company, between Corvallis and Philomath, following receipt of word that Jeff Baldwin, escaped convict, had been seen there and identified by fully 15 persons. Warden Murphy expressed the belief that this latest clew may lead to tangible results.

Ten more members of the state police will be sent into that country to aid in the search. EUGENE, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Jeff Baldwin, the desperate convict who escaped from the State Penitentiary last week, is believed to be making his way through the foothills of the mountains in western Lane County, according to advices received here.

Twenty members of the state police force are in Eugene tonight on their way to take up the trail of the fugitive who is said to be working south from Benton County.

ENEMIES FURTHER BARRED

Unnaturalized Germans Must Keep Away From Watercourses.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Unnaturalized German men and women were warned in a Department of Justice statement today not to go boating on any river, canal, lake or seashore this summer, under penalty of being interned. Regulations forbid Germans to go within 100 yards of canals, wharves, piers, warehouses, elevators and terminals and require citizens to obtain passes before entering the waterfront barred zone.

ARMY BALLOON ESCAPES

Bag and Pilot Land Safely After Rising to 10,000 Feet.

OMAHA, May 19.—A French type observation balloon broke away from its moorings here about noon today, landing at Cumberland, Ia., undamaged, and its sole occupant, Lieutenant White, none the worse for his experience. The bag ascended to a height of 10,000 feet at one point of its journey. A defective steel cable is ascribed as the reason for the escape. Army trucks were dispatched to return the bag to Fort Omaha.

TWO NOMINATIONS REMAIN IN DOUBT

Kelly Presses Johns for Supreme Court.

STATE TREASURER RACE CLOSE

Upstate Vote Favors Ryan, With Hoff Just Behind.

ADAMS IS ELIMINATED

Count Outside Multnomah, Yet Unopposed, Threatens to Pull Johns' Lead Down and May Wipe It Out Altogether.

Two nominations on the Republican state ticket still remain in doubt—Justice of the Supreme Court and State Treasurer. For Supreme Court the nomination lies between Charles A. Johns and Percy R. Kelly, with indications that the official count will disclose nearly a tie vote. John S. Coke will run a close third.

For State Treasurer the nomination lies between O. P. Hoff and Thomas F. Ryan. Here, too, it may require the official count to determine the result, although indications are clearer than in the judgeship contest. It appears that Mr. Ryan will be nominated by a small plurality. The plurality of 5018 given William Adams in Multnomah County has been much more than offset by the larger vote accorded his opponents up-state.

Unopposed Vote Favors Kelly. The figures, so far as returned from counties outside of Multnomah, give the following totals on Supreme Judge: Kelly, 16,834.

Johns, 9832. Adams, 5018. But in Multnomah County, which is not included in the foregoing, Johns had a lead over Kelly of 8238. The Multnomah County figures are complete, while those in the remainder of the state are not. A continuing ratio in favor of Kelly upstate will cut further into Johns' present lead over Kelly of 2387.

Plurality of 200 Indicated. Just what proportion of the up-state vote remains unreported cannot be told definitely, but it is assumed that the same proportion of voters went to the polls in other counties as in Multnomah, and that same proportion of those who went to the polls voted the judgeship ticket, there are about 14,500 votes, yet to count.

If that is a correct estimate and if, of that remainder, the candidates continue to receive the same proportion of the vote they received in the earlier count, Johns will have a total in the entire state, including Multnomah, of about 28,100; Kelly a total of 27,900, and Coke a total of 26,100. That is a plurality for Johns of only 200.

The totals on this office, including (Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

BARK FLINT SINKS IN ARCTIC WATERS

VESSEL CRUSHED BY ICE IN BRISTOL BAY.

Passengers and Crew Numbering 250, Including Four Oregon Men, Are Rescued.

Definite information that the American bark W. B. Flint, carrying 250 passengers and crew, was crushed to destruction and sank in the ice jam in Bristol Bay, off Alaska, early in May, but that all of the passengers and crew, including four Oregon men, were rescued, was received in Portland yesterday by W. M. Ball, of Corvallis, who, on reading in The Oregonian yesterday that Charles W. Gale, a Portland man, had been saved, hurried to Portland to learn the fate of his son. Mr. and Mrs. Ball motored from Corvallis, not waiting for a train. Mr. Ball's son, Robert Ball, in company with Len Hopkins, of Corvallis, and Murice McFadden, also of Corvallis, were en route to Alaska to work. Mr. Gale, of Portland, was en route to take charge of the Government's wireless station at Etukuk, Alaska.

Mr. Ball's son, Robert Ball, of Corvallis, was rescued by an auxiliary engine. Mr. Ball dispatched a message to Libbyville last night for additional information. Mr. McFadden and Mr. Hopkins, also in the party, were prominent in Corvallis, Mr. McFadden being the son of the late Judge McFadden. Mr. Gale is the son of Mrs. D. C. Gale, 111 East Forty-eighth street.

Herbert Dallas and Harry Yetta, of Corvallis, left Seattle about the same time, bound for the same place, but they took passage on another boat, which apparently got through safely.

TURKS THREATEN BRITONS

Regulars and Kurds Reported Advancing in Persia.

MOSCOW, May 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Turkish regulars and Kurds, advancing in Persia, have occupied Loubulak and Ushnu, south of Lake Urmia, according to newspaper dispatches from Tiflis. A dispatch from Tabriz says that the Turks' objective is Enzeli, which will become the central base from which the British will be menaced in Mesopotamia.

Recent dispatches from the Mesopotamian front have reported a British advance up the Tigris River to Kirkuk, after considerable fighting with the Turks. Enzeli, which lies to the eastward of Kirkuk, may indicate an attempt by the Turks to attack the British line of communications along the Tigris River.

WOLVES DESTROY SHEEP

Thompson River, Mont., Ranchers Report Animals on Rampage.

PLAINS, Mont., May 19.—Thompson River ranchers report that wolves, from whom there has been little trouble in that district for years, are on the rampage again and have destroyed numerous sheep. Mountain lions had been blamed for the losses, but when a determined effort was made to corral the robbers they were found to be wolves.

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GREATEST MOTHER CRIES FOR SUCCOR

Oregon Stands Ready to Respond to Call.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN IS ON

Eagerness to Contribute Is Shown on All Sides.

SOME QUOTAS COMPLETE

Thousands of Dollars From Various Sections of State Already Received in Portland—Messages Enthusiastic and Cheering.

ALL CAPTAINS MUST ATTEND CORRECT "KICK-OFF" MEETING TONIGHT.

There are two "kick-off" meetings tonight for the Portland and Multnomah County campaigns. Both begin at 8 o'clock. That at the Chamber of Commerce is for the 20 captains only in the downtown section, with their "red" and "white" temples. The meeting at Liberty Temple is for the 300 odd captains under Henry E. Reed, manager; Rufus C. Holman, colonel, and Fred W. Burghard, lieutenant-colonel; Frank McCrillis, colonel, and W. J. Dr. Mann, lieutenant-colonel, and H. C. Fixott.

Oregon begins today its second great effort to help sustain "The Greatest Mother in the World"—the American Red Cross.

The great organization that has succeeded Belgium, Roumania, Russia, Palestine, Armenia, France, Britain, Italy, Serbia, Syria, and those, no matter in what part of the world they may live, whose lives have been blighted by the war, will itself be succored by the people of the United States.

Two Counties Complete Quota.

Thousands of dollars have already been received in Portland, two counties, Willamette and Union, have their quota complete, underwritten by the campaign chairman himself, E. E. Kiddle, of La Grande.

Tillamook city completed its quota yesterday, and went far in excess of the total, and F. C. Baker, chairman, promised a like showing in a day or two for the rest of the county.

"We believe we can telegraph you total quota Monday night. If it is anywhere near, we will guarantee quota. Multnomah County will have to be quick if she beats Josephine County. Teams start in showing in a day or two (Sunday), Monday in town," says Sam P. Baker, Josephine County's chairman at Grants Pass.

Weston Already Reported.

Determined to sustain the reputation of Umatilla, Manager Merle R. Chessman, of Pendleton, telegraphs: "Have all organization ready to go over top Monday. Weston has the quota of \$1750 reported last night over top."

From Marion County O. B. Gingrich telegraphed: "Will do best to go over top first day."

Spurred on by this state-wide enthusiasm, Multnomah County managers yesterday urged Portland and the county should not be left at the post.

While the state outside of Portland expects to complete most of its work by tonight, Portland's campaign is not really inaugurated until tomorrow morning, the two "kick-off" meetings being scheduled for tonight.

Store Window Painting Appeals.

Voted the most spectacular effort of any previous campaign was the painting of red crosses with the single word "give" on 5500 windows and stores of the business section in the early hours of Sunday morning. Not a store window in the downtown section was missed. The whole effort was arranged by G. A. Warner, business agent of the Sign and Pictorial Painters' Union, Local No. 428, and carried out by the members of that organization.

De Luxe Crosses in Gardens.

Specimens of Julius Meier's now famous de luxe edition of red crosses were installed in the gardens of the following Portland residents Saturday: C. C. Colt, 627 Knott street; Oscar Overbeck, 591 Thompson street; John Daily, 825 Halset street; Mrs. George C. King, 214 East Thirty-third street; Dr. H. M. Patton, 230 East Twenty-first street; T. A. Siefert, 601 Knott street; O. W. Mielke, 620 Knott street; C. A. Edwards, 700 Knott street; Mrs. Victor Brandt, 160 Miriam place; Mrs. W. H. Sillnot, 824 East Broadway; G. H. Nendel, 749 East Broadway; Mrs. J. E. Whitman, 343 East Twenty-first street; Mrs. A. L. Upson, 641 East Broadway; Mrs. John McCourt, 560 East Broadway, and C. A. Taylor, 475 Pacific street.

Every vaudeville theater and picture theater began showing Red Cross slides yesterday.

Martin Beck, of the Orpheum circuit, telegraphed Frank McGettigan, local manager, to leave no stone unturned to make the drive a success.

Mendota's Quota Already In. CENTRALIA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—(Concluded on Page 11, Column 1.)

