

BARROWS OPPOSES TRADE WITH RUSSIA

California University Head Speaks at Lunch.

SOVIET SYSTEM RAPPED

Former Head of Siberian Intelligence Division Knows Bolshevism First Hand.

The United States will make a serious error if it opens the way for American trade with Russia at present, is the opinion of Dr. David P. Barrows, president of the University of California, lieutenant-colonel and former head of the intelligence department of the American expeditionary forces in Siberia.

He said resumption of commercial relations would be trading future security for some slight benefit to commerce at the present time. Intimate knowledge of conditions in eastern Russia, through personal observations and information gained from contact with officers and soldiers of the red guard of the Krensky government and others of the old Russian army who were later with Kolchak and the other leaders of the Siberian armies that subsequently opposed the advance eastward of the armed forces of bolshevism, makes the colonel a most interesting interpreter of the definition of soviet rule.

Bolshevism Rationally Sounded. He told his auditors at the luncheon that bolshevism is the most reactionary policy that has ever been conceived by the mind of man, and that nothing too bad has been said of it. Since its beginning some 15 years ago, he can recall no benefit to humanity that has come from it, and in his opinion it must be stamped out before the real spirit of the people of Russia can have any chance to find expression.

There is no better definition of bolshevism than that given by General Poch, said Dr. Barrows. "As the great French commander phrased it, bolshevism is a malady of defeated nations." It is a government of despair and its most highly centralized government that has ever been set up. The power of the government is in the hands of a very few who compose the soviet executive committee at Moscow. There is no freedom in Russia, bolshevism proposes to suppress all freedom of the individual through control by a most automatic system.

The red guard which was superceded by the red army by the decree of Trotsky in April, 1918, was formed upon the basis of violence and killing of every person who did not agree with the soviet rule. There are two sources of military strength that have contributed to the strength of the red army. One was the tremendous equipment and ammunitions left over by the old Russian government and the other was the trained military men who were there from the German forces and could not go back to Germany under the terms of the peace arranged, and some possibly who could not go back for other reasons and sought a chance to apply their training in service for the Russian government.

Short Crops Cause Killing. "In order to stimulate production the soviet sent its military to demand of certain districts the production of a given amount of grain and foodstuffs. When the crop did not come up to the requirements as laid down the army would return to the district and summarily order a given number of the men killed as a punishment for not having produced the expected yield.

Economically speaking, I think that the soviet government has failed. Its method of assessments upon communities for production has been resisted. In the agricultural districts where the peasants were contumacious and obstinate about contributing to the communistic state there was only one punishment that the soviet administered—death. It would lead to a state of semi-serfdom for the whole population, for all men between the ages of 16 and 50, if able bodied, do not merely have to work for the communist government, but must work at prescribed tasks for specified wages.

Bole System Un-American. "In all of our fundamental principles the theories of the soviet government is hostile to everything for which the American government stands. It would overthrow representative government and aims at the subjection and overthrow of private property ownership.

"In my opinion it would be a mistake at the present time for the United States to let down the bars to trade with Russia. Because Germany is seeking to secure that trade is no reason why we should do so. Germany is seeking it actively and I have personal information that German agents have offered credits as long as two years to merchants in eastern Russia. But if our business men go into that trade now it will only be securing a little temporary gain at the cost of settling the soviet government more securely in its position, which will surely bring its penalty eventually in new troubles. Bolshevism leaders regard America as their worst and most determined foe, and we should not do that which will strengthen their power.

LEGION GIVES WARNING

Land Grant Opening Not What It Seems to Be, Says Roseburg Post. ROSEBURG, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Umpqua post, American Legion, last night adopted resolutions protesting the publicity being given the opening of the Oregon and California grant lands and alleged preference right to be given soldiers, sailors and marines, who in some cases have resolution to the head of the American Legion in every state. Much mis-

LEBANON DOCTOR WOULD BE REPUBLICAN DELEGATE



Dr. Joel C. Booth, LEBANON, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Dr. Joel C. Booth of this city today filed as a delegate to the national republican convention from the first congressional district of Oregon. Dr. Booth was born in Iowa and has been a resident of Oregon for 25 years and a practicing physician in Lebanon for 13 years. While a medical student in San Francisco in 1888 he volunteered for service in the Spanish-American war and saw active service in the Philippines, going in as a private and coming home as acting sergeant. In the recent war he again volunteered for service and was commissioned a captain in the coast artillery.

Dr. Booth is a graduate of the University of Oregon and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco. leading information has been published in the middle west, and many ex-service men have been led to this community under false pretenses. The local chamber of commerce has been warning inquirers to make careful inquiry into the same policy is being followed by the legion post in issuing its warning.

NEW COUNTY FIGHT IS ON

Pine Valley Residents Seek to Slice Up Baker. HALFWAY, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Pine Valley residents are making another effort to divide Baker county. It is proposed to cut off what is called the Panhandle, once a part of Union county but later annexed to Baker, and form a new county. The great distance from the Panhandle to Baker, the county seat, is the source of dissatisfaction. Parts of the county are 100 miles from Baker, with poor wagon roads and poor train connections.

The proposed county would have a population of approximately 5000. Its area would be something like 1000 square miles and its assessed valuation about \$6,000,000. It would thus have more people, more property and a larger territory than some of the other counties in the state.

CURB ON DRIVES URGED

Medford Council to Pass on Merits of Financial Schemes. MEDFORD, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—In the opinion of Mayor Gates and members of the city council, general drives to raise money for various state and national causes are becoming too numerous, and with a view to curbing them, the council has passed a resolution that from now on no drive should be launched in the Medford district without the promoters first taking the matter up with the city council.

This action was brought on by the coming state drive by the Salvation army to raise funds for relief work in the state, in which the apportionment of Jackson county is between \$6000 and \$7000.

REVENUE OFFICE OPENED

G. V. Wimberly to Have Charge of District Around Eugene. EUGENE, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—G. V. Wimberly, who will have charge of the district office of the internal revenue collector of Oregon in this city, is here to take charge and to establish the office in the city hall, arrangements having been made with the city council for quarters in the building, owing to lack of room in the courthouse.

Under the new arrangement there will be but three districts in this state, one with headquarters in Portland, another with offices in Eugene, and the third with offices in Pendleton.

'FRATS' PLEDGE NEW MEN

University of Oregon Societies Enlarge Membership. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 8.—(Special.)—Eight men, three of whom are from Portland, have just been pledged by seven of the campus fraternities. Following is the list of the newly pledged:

Kappa Sigma, Hubert L. Smith, Eugene; Alpha Tau Omega, Lawrence Hull, Oregon City; Sigma Chi, Carpenter Staples, Portland; Sigma Nu, John Bryson, Eugene; Phi Gamma Delta, Eugene Bowen, Eugene; Omega Club, Jacob Jacobson, Junction City; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Jack Young and Irwin A. Barendrick, both of Portland.

Two Life Certificates Granted. ABERDEEN, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—Two life certificates, six first grade and ten second grade certificates were granted Grays Harbor teachers at the March examinations according to report of the county superintendent. Mrs. Alice Pike Montessano, and Miss Katherine Roddy were the recipients of the life diplomas.

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SCHOOL FACULTY CHOSEN PRINCIPAL'S PLACE REMAINS STILL UNFILLED. Grade Teachers Adhere to Decision Not to Serve Next Year Under Superintendent Rutherford. J. D. ISOM SEEKS OFFICE Albany Democrat Aspires to Be County Commissioner. ALBANY, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—J. D. Isom of Albany has announced that he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county commissioner of Linn county at the coming primaries. He has been a road supervisor in this section of the county for many years. Mr. Isom is the only democrat who has filed for this office. It has been rumored that W. W. Poland of Sheed, would be a candidate but he has not filed. J. Butler, the commissioner whose term expires and who has served 16 years continuously in that office, is a candidate for re-nomination in the republican primaries and no opposition has appeared for the nomination.

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