

DETAILS OF SOLDIER LOANS WORKED OUT

Veterans' Aid Commission
Has All-Day Session.

PROBLEMS ARE KNOTTY

Plans to Set Contemplated Machinery in Motion as Soon as Possible Considered.

SALEM, Or., July 19.—(Special).—Knotty problems, that surround the making of a loan and farm loans under the state bonus law, were tackled today by the world war veterans' aid commission, in an all-day session held in the executive offices. The session considered a policy to be followed in making loans and also moving toward the north ever since its earliest development in the tropics. He predicted that this movement would continue.

Dr. George M. Hoffman spoke briefly on the code of ethics of the Rotary club.

Pete Snedecor, ex-international president of Rotary clubs, said that the recent convention of Rotary at Edinburgh, Scotland, was the most memorable in the history of international Rotary.

Wesley Chatten was chairman of the day.

That the problem of making loans up to 75 per cent of the value of the security offered and at the same time safeguard the interests of the state is one that will require the highest-class personnel in the work of appraisal, was the opinion expressed by the entire commission.

It was decided that the most careful study of the qualification, business connections and standing of every applicant for county appraisal shall precede appointment of these functionaries. The same rule will be followed in selection of attorneys to examine titles.

Commissioners Are Pleased.

All commissioners expressed themselves as pleased with the progress that is being made. The initial printed forms were on hand and a general scheme of operation was pretty definitely laid out. Although there are some serious problems yet to be solved.

"It is doubtful that many people realize the magnitude of the task that confronts the commission," said one of the members. "Every step in the undertaking has to be weighed with care and deliberation. Were our only problem that of a cash bonus, our task would be quite simple. But the loan feature is something quite new and where the loan is made on such a narrow margin as 15 per cent of the value of the security caution has to be taken."

Shortest Delay Is Urged.

"Every commissioner is keenly anxious for disbursements to be made with the shortest possible delay. But we must rush pell-mell into loan disbursements. It might prove a later calamity to the state."

Comparatively few letters of inquiry have been received by the commission, it developed at today's meeting, and it was said that the ex-service men generally are aware of the fact that the bonus law, although the commissioners decided to comment upon this in detail, which was attended by all the commissioners.

HOSPITAL SITE UP AGAIN

COUNCIL EXPECTED TO SETTLE
QUESTION OF PERMIT.

Controversy Between Property Owners and Physicians Over Building to Be Aired Again.

Decision of the city council over the granting of a permit for the erection of a hospital on Nineteenth street, between Lovejoy and Kearney streets, probably will be made after a public hearing today. The hearing will mark the climax of a hot controversy between property holders in the district and the backers of the hospital that has extended over a period of several months.

Residents in the immediate vicinity of the site protested when the council was asked to grant a permit for the new hospital. They contended that it was an encroachment upon a residence district and would be detrimental to their property and to their peace of mind.

The interests favorable to the project point out that there are no hospitals in the vicinity. The building proposed will be of a design that is entirely in keeping with the surroundings and will set well back from the street line, they state.

It is proposed to erect a building at an estimated cost of \$175,000 for a new Portland medical hospital. The undertaking is for a private hospital and is backed by Dr. J. H. Schilling, Dr. Frank B. Kistner, Dr. Noble Wiley Jones, Dr. Thomas M. Joyce and Dr. James L. McCall.

WHEAT IN WASCO BURNS

Hot-Box Fire Destroys Harvester and Standing Grain.

WASCO, Or., July 19.—(Special).—The first wheat fire of the season occurred Monday afternoon on the ranch of J. G. Medler, four miles northeast of Wasco. The fire started from a hot box on a combine harvester and burned the machine, 150 acres of standing grain and 70 acres that had been threshed and still was in the field.

The standing grain was expected to yield 45 bushels to the acre and was partially covered by insurance.

PAVING CONTRACT IS LET

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DANCE BOAT'S INVOLVED

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Owner of River Craft Swan Faces Charge of Allowing Sunday Revel After Midnight.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, head of the women's protective division, announced yesterday that she will appear before City License Inspector Hutchinson today and ask that the license of Richard Belland to operate a dance boat be temporarily suspended.

Mrs. Baldwin charges that the city ordinance regulating dances has been violated, if reports reaching her office concerning a dance held after midnight Sunday are correct. She wants the license temporarily suspended in order that she may make a complete investigation.

Mr. Belland said last night that the dance against which complaint was lodged was held after midnight Sunday by the Entertainers' club, which had chartered the boat. He said he permitted no dancing while the boat was within the city limits. This, he argued, would prevent the city from taking any action. He said that in his opinion the conditions aboard the boat that night were not what they should have been.

Mr. Belland has a permit to operate the boat three nights a week. These are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights. When the boat is chartered by organizations, other nights, he says, the boat gets outside the city limits before he allows the dances to start.

ALASKA BIG PLAYGROUND

Methodist Minister Predicts Great Future in Tourist Travel.

Alaska was described as one of the greatest playgrounds in the world by Dr. W. W. Youngson, superintendent of the Portland district for the Methodist Episcopal church, who, with Bishop C. S. Shepard of the Methodist Episcopal church, returned yesterday from a trip during which they covered the greater part of the territory in the north.

Dr. Youngson declared that when transportation facilities were improved in order to accommodate large tourist travel, there would be no need for people to go to Europe for scenery.

Bishop Shepard and Dr. Youngson left Oregon for the trip north June 10. Alaska is under the jurisdiction of Bishop Shepard and this was his first official trip of inspection. He and Dr. Youngson visited practically all the Methodist missions in that territory.

NOTED SLEUTH ARRESTED

Donald V. Meserve Held on Charge of Operating Still.

TACOMA, Wash., July 19.—(Special).—Donald V. Meserve, noted detective and at one time known across the continent for his part in the capture of David Caplan and M. Schmidt, who was convicted of the bombing of the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1910, has been held here in the county jail. Meserve was arrested Saturday by deputy sheriffs and taken to the Tacoma jail, where he is being held on a charge of operating a still near Jones bay.

It was reported that when all secret service men of the United States had fallen after four years' searching for him, Caplan and Schmidt, undertook the task in 1914 and later brought the two to trial. Schmidt is now serving a life sentence at McNeil's island, where Caplan is doing a ten-year term.

SOLDIERS SEEK DISCHARGE

\$90 Bonus Upon Release Proves Attractive to Many.

TACOMA, Wash., July 19.—(Special).—Since the announcement that men enlisting in the army for three years' service after June 4, 1920, would receive a \$90 bonus upon discharge, increasing numbers of eligible men at Camp Lewis have made application for release, it is reported.

The belief persists that general recruiting for the army will be reopened in the fall after July discharge and the expiration of many enlistments have reduced the army below the strength of 150,000 authorized by congress. As a consequence soldiers are taking advantage of the opportunity to get out in view of the fact that they will receive the \$90 bonus with mileage to the point of enlistment.

AUTO DRIVEN OFF FERRY

Denver Man Drowns in Columbia at White Bluffs.

ELLENBURG, Wash., July 19.—James Hughes, chief horticulturist for the Denver & Rio Grande railway, was drowned Monday in the Columbia river at White Bluffs, when he lost control of his car and drove it from a small ferry into the water. The body had not been recovered last night.

Mr. Hughes had offices at Denver, but spent much of his time on the railroad's fruit ranch at Corfu, Wash. He was unmarried.

GRAIN EXPORTER UNDER ARREST

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—Thomas Ocherly of Sydney, Australia, said to be managing director of the grain export firm of Ocherly & Co., Ltd., was held in the county jail here tonight in default of \$10,000 bail on charge of embezzling \$10,000 from the firm. He will have a hearing before a United States commissioner tomorrow.

The British consulate here asked his arrest on a cable complaint from Sydney.

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