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PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 5, 1916.

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## ACTION ON WARNING PUT OFF IN HOUSE

### Vote Not to Be Taken Before Tuesday.

## BRYAN APPEARS ON SCENE

### Ex-Secretary Denies He Is Organizing Opposition.

## WILSON STILL INSISTENT

### Administration Demands Vote on McLemore Resolution; Rules Committee Fails to Agree on Limit to the Debate.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The House again today postponed action on proposals to warn American citizens not to travel on armed merchant ships, defeat of which has been requested by President Wilson to strengthen his hands in the negotiations with Germany. It was decided that not before Tuesday would a vote be taken, and a wearying day of conferences and maneuvering left no doubt that ever as to just what form the House action, when the time finally came, would take.

Supporters of the President in his stand for the rights of Americans to safety aboard merchant ships, however, arms reiterated tonight that there was no uncertainty that the House sooner or later would follow the lead of the Senate in killing the warning proposals.

### Parliamentary Problem Complex.

The problem of framing a parliamentary plan, however, which will have the necessary committee sanction and which will be assured of acceptance by the House itself, remains unsolved.

Some representatives professed to see in the arrival in the capital of William Jennings Bryan, who filled a speaking engagement here tonight, a development which might further complicate the situation confronting the President's supporters in the House. Mr. Bryan conferred in the course of the afternoon with many of his friends, including some members of Congress, and discussed the movement for a Congressional warning, which he is known to favor. He denied, however, as did those with whom he talked, that he was on the ground to help organize opposition to the President's desires.

### Reasons Given for Delay.

House leaders advanced many reasons in support of their decision against a vote today or Monday on the recommendation of the foreign affairs committee that the McLemore warning resolution be tabled. Prominent among them was the failure of the rules committee to agree, after a long session, on what sort of rule should be brought in to govern debate. Acting Chairman Fou and Representative Garrett, of the committee, went to the White House tonight to discuss that feature with President Wilson.

Other reasons contributing to the delay included: insistence of some Democrats, including Democratic Leader Kitchin, that instead of voting on the foreign affairs committee recommendation to table Representative McLemore's resolution there be reported a substitute requiring a straight vote on a warning resolution.

### Many Democrats Absent.

Absence of many Democratic members from Washington on week-end trips.

Unwillingness by Speaker Clark to entertain a tabling motion on Monday which is unanimous consent day.

Pleas of Indiana Democrats that no

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## DEMAND WILL BE MADE ON AUSTRIA

### VIENNA'S VERSION OF PETROLITE AFFAIR REJECTED.

### Apology, Reparation and Punishment of Submarine Commander Will Be Firmly Insisted On.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The United States is preparing to make formal demands upon Austria-Hungary as result of the attack by an Austrian submarine upon the American tank steamer Petrolite. A note on the subject will be dispatched within the next few days.

It was said authoritatively tonight that the United States would stand by its original contentions and ask an apology for the attack, punishment of the submarine commander and reparation for damage done to the vessel and injuries inflicted on a member of the crew.

In reply to the first American communication Austria informed the State Department that its version of the affair was that the submarine commander thought the Petrolite an enemy ship, disguised with the American flag; that he fired on the vessel because he believed it was about to ram his ship, and that the commander of the Petrolite voluntarily furnished provisions when asked to do so.

### Consul Dies Suddenly

### William F. Kelley, Lincoln Lawyer, Expires at Rome.

ROME, via Paris, March 4.—William F. Kelley, the American Consul here, was found dead in a chair shortly before the breakfast hour today. Death was probably due to heart disease.

### Parliamentary Problem Complex.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Ambassador Page at Rome, notified the State Department today of the death of Mr. Kelley. Consul Kelley's home was at Lincoln, Neb., where he had practiced law 23 years before entering the Government service as private secretary to Secretary Bryan in October, 1913.

### City Is Without Police

### People Appeal to Governor While Local Officials Quarrel.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 4.—Police protection has been denied the citizens of Nokomis, Ill., because of a quarrel between the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, and Governor Dunne received today a petition signed by residents of the town asking him to send state troops to run things there.

The Governor conferred with Adjutant-General Dickson and afterward it was announced that the executive had no authority under the circumstances to order out the militia.

## AIR SCOUTS TO PRACTICE

### American Navy Takes First Step in New Direction.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Naval war games in which the aeroplanes will do the scouting for the Atlantic battle fleet have been ordered on the southern drill grounds off Guantanamo.

The order marks the first step to work the aeroplanes in service co-ordinately with the battle fleet, as is being done by the European navies in the war.

## ATTACK BY GERMAN STOPS DRIVE

### Battle of Verdun Continues Desperately.

## GERMANS HOLD DOUAUMONT

### Berlin Asserts Capture of More Than 1000 Prisoners.

## MEN AT CLOSE QUARTERS

### Rain Falls Over Field of Struggle. Turning to Snow; Crown Prince Believed Willing to Pay Big Price for Victory.

LONDON, March 4.—The driving German assault on Verdun has halted for the second time in the Douaumont sector northeast of Verdun, on this occasion in the face of a formidable counter-attack by the French in an effort to retake Douaumont village. The clash of the opposing armies at this point was desperate.

Today's Berlin statement mentions the capture of more than 1000 prisoners. The number of cannon taken by the Germans since February 22 has reached a total of 115, with 181 machine guns. Berlin says the French counter-attack of Douaumont was repulsed.

### French Express Confidence.

Confidence in the outcome of the Verdun struggle has been expressed by General Gallieni, the French Minister of War, according to a Paris dispatch. It is regarded as significant of the fact that the French are convinced in their own minds, at least, of victory, that government bonds have increased in value on the Bourse. The new 5 per cent bonds advanced from 87 francs 25 centimes, to 88 francs 5 centimes.

### Crown Prince Is Determined.

Each time remnants of regiments already out to pieces were pushed ahead by other bodies of troops surging on the field, the ground was strewn with bodies. It is the opinion in all quarters that the Crown Prince has determined to pay the price necessary to capture Verdun, if possible, drive the French from the right bank of the Meuse and establish a front along that river, if he is unable to piece the lines and open the way to Chalons and Paris.

### Rain Falls, Turns to Snow.

Accounts of this fighting from French sources say that on each occasion the soldiers of the republic got the better of their opponents, pushing back Germans who did not fall under the cold steel.

Rain is falling over the battlefield today, turning into snow, as was the case on the fourth day of the battle.

Some light is thrown on the rate of casualties in the region of Verdun in a statement by a German soldier belonging to the Twelfth Regiment of Infantry.

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## PORTLAND SHOWS GAIN IN RESIDENTS

### OFFICIAL ESTIMATE BY DIRECTORY PUBLISHERS 281,435.

### New Issue, Due Soon, Contains 125,082 Names and Heavy Increase for 1916 Indicated.

Portland's present population, as officially computed by R. L. Polk & Co., publishers of the city directory, is 281,435.

The unofficial estimate made a few days ago by The Oregonian was 281,000.

The new directory will be out within a few days. It contains 125,082 names. Using the multiple of 24 to account for the married women and minors not listed, the aggregate population of the city as a whole, including Milwaukie and other districts not within the corporate boundaries, is 281,435. This is an increase of 5700 in the last year.

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YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 40 degrees; minimum, 32 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain or snow; northwesterly winds.

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## GRIFFITHS' MEN SEIZE LAST HOPE

### Vice Issue Again Faced at Seattle Tuesday.

## HI GILL SEEMS BIG FAVORITE

### Defeat Would Appear as Political Miracle.

## CANDIDATES ARE COMPARED

### While Mayor and Minister Assert City Is Clean Morally, Sheriff Hodge Continues Raids and Gets Away With Prey.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 4.—(Special)—"Hope springs eternal" that some time Seattle will enjoy a municipal campaign free from the sickening vice issue. It will be a new sensation.

When the present campaign opened, there was every reason to suppose that this particular fight would be clean. Everybody had settled back for a gentlemanly discussion of such dry and prosy subjects as taxation and public utilities.

Mayor Gill, who had promised two years before that, if elected, he would not seek another term was forced into the fight, he says, by the candidacy of Oliver T. Erickson, president of the City Council, to whose ideas on single tax and the city tax levy the Mayor violently is opposed. Austin E. Griffiths, former City Councilman, and Gill's Chief of Police for the first nine months of his administration, was in the race on his record in the Council. The opening weeks of the primary campaign were pale and flabby.

### Gill Simply Ran Away.

Mayor Gill went into the primaries without having made a single speech, without having opened headquarters or formed an organization. He simply ran away from his field receiving a clear majority of 2090 over the other three candidates, beating Griffiths, who ran second, by 14,900.

Coming into the home stretch, with Griffiths apparently distanced, the race still lacked interest. Suddenly came the sensation. Griffiths' support looked back over Gill's political record and grabbed an idea, and they fell upon the Mayor with the vice issue. Gill had said that the town was clean, morally. The Griffiths men denied it, alleging that something akin to the old "restricted district" still exists in the southern end of the city and that many downtown hotels are dens of iniquity, where white slavers ply their trade.

The record of Chief of Police Lang, with the sensational charges recently made against his personal conduct, was dragged out. His night in a cabaret in the company of a performer, whose room he visited at 2 o'clock in the morning, was recalled, with the notation that Mayor Gill had scored him at the time for having made "damn fool" of himself. This led up to the declaration from the stump that the Mayor's reform, for which he has been given credit by so many of the citizens, is a myth and that he is the "same old Hi" whom the people recalled in 1911.

### Gill Loses Temper.

The fight was now getting too hot for Gill to continue the dignified policy he had mapped out. He lost his temper—which is for what the opposition had been playing. Their tactics were what is known in the world of sport as "soot-getting." Finally, he burst out in a tirade of invective against Griffiths, extending his attack to Mrs. Griffiths. His opponent, he declared, had married a million, and had now

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## G. O. P. FAR AHEAD IN OREGON REGISTRY

### LEAD OVER DEMOCRATS 40.72 PER CENT OF TOTAL.

### In 35 Counties 73,900 Electors Quality, of Whom but 487 Are Listed as Progressives.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special)—Republicans constitute 48.18 per cent of the total registration in Oregon to date, according to figures compiled today in the office of Secretary of State Olcott. The total Republican registration is 48,892, as compared with 18,803 Democrats, who comprise 25.4 per cent of the entire registration, totaling 73,900.

In all the 35 counties of the state there are but 487 Progressives registered, 212 of these being in Multnomah. The Prohibition registration is 1650, or 2.23 per cent of the total number listed; Socialists number 1839, or 2.52 per cent, while the miscellaneous registration is 2269, or 2.99 per cent of the total.

As far as the Republicans are concerned, Clatsop County makes the best showing to date, with 1945, or 75 per cent of the entire county registration of 1988, listed as Republicans. The percentage of the total registration in Washington County who are Republicans is 73, while Multnomah County, with a total registration of 21,865 on February 28, shows 72 per cent as Republicans. Democrats in Multnomah County on that date numbered but 4824.

## STEAMER VALUE TREBLED

### Mackinaw, Worth \$100,000 Eight Months Ago, Brings \$300,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The American steamer Mackinaw, bought about eight months ago from the Robert Dollar Company for \$100,000, was sold today. It was reported, by George and James Flood for \$300,000 to a Japanese firm. The Mackinaw now is at Vladivostok unloading.

The Mackinaw put into Honolulu several times with engine trouble during the last year and six months ago was disabled off the coast north of here and was towed into Puget sound.

## WILSONS SAIL DOWN BAY

### President Finds Need of Rest After Week of Agitation.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson left tonight on the Mayflower for a week-end trip down the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. They planned to return to Washington Monday morning.

The President decided to take the trip because of his desire to rest after a busy week in conference with Congressional leaders over the agitation to pass resolutions warning Americans off armed ships.

## PROHIBITION BILL PASSED

### Virginia Limits Liquor Importations to Quart Per Person.

RICHMOND, Va., March 4.—The lower branch of the Virginia Assembly tonight passed the state-wide prohibition bill, 85 to 5. The bill had passed the Senate.

One quart of whisky a month a person is the limit placed by the bill on importations of intoxicants from other states. The law will go into operation November 1, 1916.

## BIG DESTROYER LAUNCHED

### Sampson Is 78 Per Cent Completed When She Leaves Ways.

QUINCY, Mass., March 4.—The United States torpedoboat destroyer Sampson, named for the late Rear-Admiral Sampson, United States Navy, was launched from the yards of the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation today.

The Sampson is one of the largest destroyers in the Navy, with an overall length of 315 feet. She went into the water 78 per cent completed.

## HIGH PRAISE GIVEN TO SCHOOL SYSTEM

### Destructive Criticism Declared Handicap.

## RESULT OF TEST ANNOUNCED

### High Standing of Examiners Makes Findings Important.

## MARKING THOUGHT STRICT

### Spelling Average Is Highest, With 87.9 Per Cent, and History Lowest, With 56.2, but Papers Are in Advance of Classes.

## RESULTS OF SCHOOL EXAMINATION FROM COMMITTEES REPORT.

The work of the committee leads us to feel that the results on the whole are satisfactory, especially when compared with tests of other cities, and while under any circumstances there is always room for improvement, we believe our public educational system is in efficient hands, and with the encouragement and support of the community, instead of destructive criticism, our schools would soon reach a much higher state of efficiency.

### Portland's Public Schools Compare Well with Those of Other Cities.

The educational system is in efficient hands. Even more could be accomplished here were destructive criticism lacking.

This, briefly, is the gist of a report made yesterday to The Oregonian by a committee of six well-known Portland citizens, both men and women, and heads of six of the city's most prominent civic bodies.

### O. K. Given Schools.

This representative committee had been asked by this paper to make a test or survey of the local school system with a view to determining whether much adverse criticism aimed at it is justified by the facts. The report made yesterday after careful tests given to pupils at various schools shows that, to the committee's satisfaction, there is nothing the matter with Portland's schools.

The examination was participated in by all ninth-grade pupils and some in the eighth grade.

### Probity Is Unquestioned.

The test was made without the slightest bias or prejudice, an effort being directed merely to get at the facts. The personnel of the committee itself was such as to gain entire credit for honesty of motives. The six members who undertook the task at the request of The Oregonian were:

J. P. Jaeger, chairman, president Progressive Business Men's Club; Mrs. George W. McIlath, president Oregon Congress of Mothers; Mrs. Isaac Swett, president Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. G. J. Frankel, president Portland Woman's Club; W. D. Whitcomb, president Portland A. C. Club, and N. G. Pike, president Rotary Club.

### Greatest Care Exercised.

Questions for the examination were prepared by the committee members, and the school authorities were not taken into their confidence at all. The test questions in five subjects were enclosed in sealed envelopes and delivered to the various schools, where the

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PHASES OF THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS ARE INTERPRETED PICTORIALLY BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

