

STATE'S PROGRESS IN VOTERS' HANDS

Programme of Reconstruction Is at Stake.

MEASURES DECIDED TUESDAY

Pending Bond Issues Provide for Needs of Oregon.

FAVORABLE BALLOT LIKELY

Portland Folk Will Also Pass on Local Issues—Many Counties Have Special Bonds.

There are greater financial interests at stake and there is less advance interest manifest in the special election Tuesday than in any other election of recent years. The people are called to approve or reject a series of measures on the state ballot which involve many millions of dollars. Another million dollars or so are submitted to the citizens of Portland on the municipal ballot, and a million-dollar measure is submitted to the electors by the Port of Portland. So much for the Portland voters.

In 18 counties there are special road-bond elections, which aggregate more than \$5,000,000.

For once the people are called to the polls to make a decision where there are no candidates involved, but where important policies are in abeyance. The campaign, such as has been made for various measures, has been one of education. A limited number of men and women have volunteered their services to call the attention of the voters to such measures as the reconstruction measure, irrigation and drainage measure, the Roosevelt highway and the one-mile road tax for market roads.

Roads Lead in Interest.

In counties where road bonds are to be voted on, there have been aggressive campaigns by the leading spirits who believe that good roads will be of material advantage in developing their section. In Portland the campaign for the city measures has been almost invisible and the Port of Portland has placed its dependence on an explanation or two in display advertisements.

No far so organized opposition has been found against the many measures. The friends of the measures will tend the polls. It is generally considered that the entire programme will be adopted by a light vote. There are measures in the reconstruction programme which make strong appeal to every section. Central and eastern Oregon want the measure adopted which has the state guarantee the payment for the first five years of interest on bonds of irrigation and drainage projects approved by the state, this interest money to be repaid by the projects later. East of the Cascades irrigation is considered the most important thing for the country, as with enough water the wealth of the state can be increased. It is claimed, \$100,000,000. Linked with this measure are drainage projects, which interest folk both east and west of the mountains.

Highway in Seven Counties.

Seven counties along the Pacific ocean are greatly concerned in the proposed Roosevelt highway, which measure asks for \$2,000,000 bonds, which are not to be issued, however, unless the federal government matches this sum. The Roosevelt highway is intended to be a military and commercial road between the coast range and the ocean, running the length of the state, north and south, and forming a continuous connection with all of the towns on the coast.

WEST COAST HOLDS POWER OVER HURLEY

FEELING OVER SHIP CONTRACTS IS OPTIMISTIC.

Shipping Board Chairman, Who Seeks Appropriation, Must Get Support of Western Solons.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 31.—Notwithstanding the unfriendly attitude of Chairman Hurley of the shipping board toward Pacific coast yards, there is a feeling of optimism here relative to restriction of contracts to west coast builders.

There is some feeling among congressional delegations of the Pacific coast states that Chairman Hurley has not kept his word made at the hearing last Wednesday, when he promised to adjust all differences with the shipbuilders and give them work sufficient to keep their yards going for several months. If his attitude is not changed when conversations are resumed Monday between Mr. Hurley and the builders, action will be taken immediately to carry the fight into congress.

The shipping board is asking an appropriation of \$600,000,000, and it will be exceedingly difficult to get favorable action without placating the western members of congress, most of whom belong to the republican majority. Representative French of Idaho is the northwest member of the house committee on appropriations and Senators Jones of Washington and McNary of Oregon occupy influential places on the senate committee on commerce, which will formulate the country's new shipping policy.

ACTRESS LAUDS SOLDIERS

"Good Fighters, Eaters and Drinkers," Says Miss Janis.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Miss Elsie Janis, actress, attached to the American expeditionary forces by order of General Pershing, returned today from France after 15 months with the troops. She gave 610 performances during her work in making the doughboys' life more enjoyable.

"I am engaged to the whole A. E. F.," Miss Janis said. "It is simply impossible for me to pick out any one of those thousands of wonderful boys. Some people talk of my having 'sacrificed' a lot of my life by giving up my engagements here. I would not have missed the education I have had in knowing Americans as they were in the army in France for all the money in the world. They are healthy in body, mind and heart. They are good fighters, good eaters and good (Miss Janis accented this) drinkers."

MANY SIGN WET PETITIONS

Spokane Circulators Expect to Get 6000 Names, It Is Declared.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 31.—(Special)—"At the rate people are signing the anti-prohibition petitions, Spokane will furnish about 6000 signatures, instead of 2000 as first estimated," said Attorney Nuzum, in charge of the referendum circulation here. "We have more than 400 of the petitions out and one of our volunteer workers alone had more than 100 names yesterday."

Martin Maloney of Colfax has taken charge of the work in that section and is using a number of volunteer workers with petitions secured from the Spokane office.

"A number of people have inquired regarding signing up with their ward numbers and names," said Mr. Nuzum. "It will not be necessary to have that if they will look after that at the city hall."

JOSEPHINE FARMER KILLED

George Duncan Is Crushed Under Rolling Log Near Kerby.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 31.—(Special)—George Duncan, a prominent farmer of Josephine county, was killed today while logging for the Spaulding mill near Kerby.

Mr. Duncan was caught beneath a rolling log and his head crushed.

NC-4 ENDS OCEAN DASH AT PLYMOUTH

U. S. Plane Arrives Safely From Ferrol, Spain.

BRITISH EXTEND GREETING

Great Crowds Line Harbor to See Americans Enter.

RETURN FLIGHT PLANNED

Big Machine May Fly Back by Way of Ireland and Newfoundland. British May Make New Attempt.

LONDON, May 30.—(British Wireless Service)—The giant airship R-4 was formally taken over by the British admiralty Thursday. It is announced that an attempt will be made to fly across the Atlantic from England within the next fortnight.

PLYMOUTH, England, May 31.—(By the Associated Press)—Seaplane NC-4, pride of the American navy, crossed Plymouth sound this afternoon, circled the place where the Pilgrim Fathers sailed in their cockle-shell ship for the new world in 1620 and alighted in the Catewater, her spook-making transatlantic flight ended.

As she came into view through the western haze great crowds gave her a splendid welcome.

Leaving Ferrol, Spain, at 6:27 this morning, the NC-4 covered the distance of approximately 500 miles to Plymouth in less than seven hours.

Despite adverse wind and weather conditions the NC-4 covered the last leg without a hitch to mar the exploit. Safe and sound, but thoroughly fatigued by the physical ordeal of the trip, as well as the mental strain, Commander Albert C. Read and his crew slept peacefully tonight.

Airmen Are Welcomed.

The welcome of Plymouth residents to the American airmen and the cordial reception given to them aboard the Rochester by Rear-Admiral Pinkett, the mayor of Plymouth, British and American officials and the crews of the other NC planes, reached a climax with the first actual landing of the victorious crew at the spot from which the Pilgrim Fathers set forth for America.

There was wonderful interest in today's flight, although it was eclipsed by the previous flights of this seaplane, for in the opinion of American naval officers and the British public generally the NC-4 reached the peak of her great adventure when she spanned the Atlantic at Lisbon.

The pride felt by Americans in the extraordinary feat of the NC-4 finds echo tonight in admiration, expressed by British naval men and airmen for the crew's skill and pluck and the well-worked-out plans of the American navy to facilitate and safeguard the flight.

Plane Files Log.

Early in the morning, when word was flashed that the NC-4 had started on the final leg of her journey, a heavy rain was falling, but shortly after noon the skies cleared and ideal conditions prevailed.

The NC-4 flew in rain and fog through the Bay of Biscay and fog also was encountered off Brest, compelling the plane to keep at a low altitude.

Although news of the progress of the craft was passed along by warships stationed on the way, it was not until noon that word was received from Commander Read himself. His message merely reported his position.

In his first greeting to Commander Read and his men, the mayor of Plymouth said:

"It is with profound gratitude that I here today on behalf of Old Plymouth. (Concluded on Page 21, Column 1.)"

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PLANES COLLIDE HIGH UP

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INDIANAPOLIS RACE IS WON BY WILCOX

Three Killed, Two Hurt in Automobile Contest.

SPEED 87.12 MILES AN HOUR

Victor in 500-Mile Dash to Receive \$20,000 Prize.

2 MEN BURNED TO DEATH

Louis Lecocq and R. Bandini Perish When Car Upsets and Catches Fire—Thurman Also Killed.

INDIANAPOLIS AUTO RACES AT A GLANCE.

Winner—Howard Wilcox.
Winnings—\$20,000.
Deaths—Three.
Injured—Two.
Speed—All previous records broken, highest average speed registering 87.12 miles an hour.
Wilcox's average speed, 87.12 miles an hour.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31.—Howard Wilcox of Indianapolis today won the seventh annual international sweepstakes race of 500 miles at the motor speedway, his time for the distance being 5:44:21.75. Two drivers, Arthur Thurman and Louis Lecocq, and a mechanic, R. Bandini, were killed during the contest, and two others were injured.

As a result of his victory Wilcox won a prize of \$20,000. Fifty thousand dollars was divided among the first ten drivers. The other prize winners finished in the order named: Hearn, Goyet, Guyot, Alley, DePalma, L. Chevrolet, D. Hickey, G. Chevrolet and Thomas.

Wilcox Stops Trolet.

Wilcox and Guyot were teammates. Wilcox assumed the lead and drove consistently throughout. He had two stops, one for a tire change and again to take on gasoline, oil, water and to repair a loose steering knuckle. His average was 87.12 miles an hour.

All records of the Indianapolis speedway were shattered by Ralph DePalma for the first 200 miles. Long stays in the pits, however, put the Italian driver almost out of the running, and it was only by terrific speed that he managed to finish sixth. He barely nosed out L. Chevrolet.

Arthur Thurman, driving a car he had reassembled himself, was killed when his machine turned over in the back stretch before the race had progressed 250 miles. He was dead when found. His mechanic suffered a fractured skull and was rushed to a hospital, where he was operated on immediately.

Two Are Burned to Death.

Louis Lecocq and his assistant, R. Bandini, were burned to death when their car turned over and caught fire. The accident happened on the north turn and the machine rolled over three times before it stopped, pinning both driver and mechanic under it.

Wilcox has partaken in every 500-mile race held at the Indianapolis speedway. It was his first victory, however. Of the six half-thousand-mile grinds—one of the international sweepstakes was for a distance of 300 miles—three local drivers have finished first. Ray Harroun won in 1911 and Joe Dawson in 1912.

The race was one of the most sensational ever held here, and was witnessed by a crowd estimated at 125,000. Broken steering knuckles, the loss of wheels, two cars overturning without serious injury and the loss of exhaust immediately to effect a rescue.

The Willock boy fell from a rock on which he was standing when he reached for a crawfish. The parents of the child, Mr. and C. W. Whillock, and a sister, Mrs. Clarence Evans, were witnesses of the tragedy and tried unavailingly to effect a rescue.

GERMANS COUNT WAR WITH POLES CERTAIN

PUBLIC OPINION BEING PREPARED FOR CLASH.

Enemy Held to Be Speeding Preparations for Attack on Germany in Direction of Berlin.

BY CYRIL BROWN.

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BERLIN, May 31.—(Special Cable).—German public opinion is being prepared for war with Poland. The press features obviously inspired articles headlined "Military Situation in East: Polish Offensive Preparations."

The National Gazette learns from a well-informed source that the Poles, particularly in Posen, are accelerating their preparations for an attack on Germany in the direction of Berlin at such a rate that the offensive is expected to begin within eight days. The Poles are only waiting for the arrival of important forces now fighting in Galicia against the Ukrainians.

The Nationalist Tagelich Rundschau learns that "60,000 men of General Halder's army have been transported through Germany to date. The last transports included 70 heavy guns. The Poles are getting more heavy artillery from Italy via Vienna. Strong troop concentrations have been noted north and northwest of Warsaw."

It adds significantly: "Heretofore our military authorities could be comparatively calm about Polish activities, since the Poles lacked heavy artillery, but the last transports have so changed the balance of power that the serious danger now threatening from the Poles can no longer be ignored."

EUGENE HERO DECORATED

Lieutenant Dorris Receives Citation From Pershing.

EUGENE, Or., May 31.—(Special).—Lieutenant Ben F. Dorris of Eugene today received from General Pershing a citation for distinguished and exceptional bravery, the citation having been made on March 27 for bravery at Spinbrugge on October 31, 1918.

Lieutenant Dorris wears a Belgian croix he quere, awarded him by King Albert. While in action with the 32d infantry of the 81st division at Spinbrugge he was shot through the mouth, and though so badly wounded that he could not talk, he remained with his company and delivered his orders by signs.

Lieutenant Dorris has been on sick leave for some time past and has been visiting his mother, Mrs. B. P. Dorris, of this city.

SPOKANE PIONEER IS DEAD

Mrs. Caroline Van Hooser Survived by Great, Great Grandchild.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 31.—(Special).—Once a great great grandmother, 50 times a great grandmother and 19 times a grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Van Hooser, Spokane pioneer, died this morning at the age of 91 years at her home in the Touraine hotel. The aged woman, the oldest of five generations of the family, had been a resident of Spokane for 37 years.

She is survived by a son, Charles of Spokane, another son, Shepherd of Ponda, Ia., and two daughters, Mrs. Cora Pulford of Spokane, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gillin of Sioux City, Ia. In addition to her own children there survive 19 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, Wilma Stafford, aged 7.

UNDESIRABLE ALIENS MARK

Senator King Would Bar All Who Oppose Popular Government.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Senator King, democrat of Utah, announced today he would introduce a bill next week amending the immigration laws so as to prevent alien opponents of the republican form of government from entering the United States.

Deportation of those already in this country who have not taken out their first citizenship papers would also be provided for.

WATER FRONT FIRE SPECTACULAR ONE

Mill Property Loss Estimated at \$35,000.

MANY DWELLINGS MENAGED

Firemen Work Desperately Under Live Wires.

BLAZE SPREADS SPEEDILY

Area Quarter-Mile Long for Time Aflame—Big Lumber Plant Near Escapes Destruction.

With a strong breeze fanning the flames, the most spectacular waterfront fire of recent years yesterday destroyed the section of the Oregon Box and Manufacturing company, located at the foot of Pendleton avenue, and burned down the South Portland Shingle company's mill at 1225 Macadam street, with a loss of \$35,000 to both plants.

Women living in houses along Macadam street filled buckets with water and put out a number of incipient blazes which started on the roofs of their dwellings from flying sparks. Firemen worked for an hour under live wires on the Southern Pacific company's block signal line, which threw off streams of sparks whenever a smaller wire burned off and fell across the cable.

Blaze Spreads Speedily.

O. H. Schwerdtmann, secretary and manager of the Oregon Box & Manufacturing company, estimated his firm's loss at \$25,000, fully covered by insurance. William Thompson, manager of the South Portland Shingle company, said the company's loss was about \$10,000, with \$5000 insurance.

The fire started at 2:52, probably from sparks from a refuse burner in the box company's plant. The blaze began under the box factory and swept through the yard and into the shingle mill with the speed of a prairie fire. Employees of the shingle company fought the flames back for a few minutes with buckets and their own fire hose, but soon had to give way as the fire leaped into their plant.

Firemen Fight Vigorously.

Patrolman Hewston turned in the alarm from the Jones Lumber company's mill. Fire Chief Dowell responded, and immediately telephoned for more apparatus. Nine engine companies, three fire trucks, and both fireboats arrived a few minutes later.

By that time, however, the fire had swept over the whole area, and was more than a quarter of a mile long. The big streams from the fire hose seemed puny weapons with which to combat the flames.

Throwing his apparatus up the river far enough to get beyond the flames, Chief Dowell headed the fire into the Willamette before it had destroyed the shingle company's dry kiln. The area from the Jones mill, on the northwest, to the kiln on the southeast, with the box factory in between, was a seething mass of flame.

Crowds Rush to Scene.

Crowds from all over the city rushed to the scene in automobiles, on street cars and on foot. Captain Moore threw a cordon of police around the fire, and herded the spectators across Macadam street.

Patrolman Hewston accosted a gray-bearded citizen who had penetrated the fire lines, and ordered him back. "I'm from eastern Oregon, and I haven't seen a fire in 45 years," protested the old man. "Can't I get a good look at this one?" he begged.

The policeman thrust him back across the street. "You'll get your whiskers singed, old man," the patrolman told him. The Oregon Box & Manufacturing (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)

IN THE MERRY MONTH OF JUNE.

