

TENTATIVE PROGRAM AT THE PREPAREDNESS GATHERING ARRANGED

Portland Men Will Be Among
Speakers at Spokane Meeting
Monday, Tuesday.

MANY WILL ATTEND MEET

Men Is to Let the Country Know That
the Northwest Is Very Much on
the Job Just at This Time.

Spokane, Wash., March 22.—Over 30
cities and towns already have advised
that they will participate in the north-
west preparedness conference in Spo-
kane, March 27 and 28.

"To let the rest of the United States
know the business men of the north-
west are anxious to do their part in
preparation for the future of the
continent," states President W. S. Mc-
Creary of the Chamber of Commerce,
under whose auspices the meeting will
be held.

"This conference will arrive at a
general understanding of just what
preparedness means for the nation and
the Pacific northwest," he continued,
"and we will have the benefit of opin-
ions from men in congress who are
dealing directly with this vital ques-
tion. Army officers will define our
position in the matter of national de-
fense, and discussion will develop
recommendations on a broad, patriotic
plane."

Tentative Program Fixed.
The tentative program follows, and
will be carried out as indicated, with
the exception that additional speakers
on the various subjects will be se-
cured before the convention meets:

"The Necessity of Military Prepared-
ness for the North Pacific States,"
Ralph R. Dunaway, Portland.

"The Plans for Military Prepared-
ness," discussion led by Major Fred
Llewellyn, Seattle, with an address by
Colonel David J. Baker, Jr., Van-
couver Barracks on "The A. B. C. of
Preparedness."

"Preparedness of Transportation,"
Under the subdivision, "The Railways,"
well known northwestern transpor-
tation officials will be secured as speak-
ers; under the subdivision, "The Perma-
nent Highways and Good Roads as a
Part of Preparedness," E. W. Van-
dewhousen, president of the Montana
State Good Roads association, will
speak.

"The Present Status of Military Pre-
paredness Before Congress," Representa-
tive C. E. Dill, State engineer, Ore-
gon.

"The Chamberlain Bill to the Aus-
tralian System," N. W. Durham, Spo-
kane.

Military Training Included.
"Military Training in the Schools
and Colleges," Dr. E. O. Sisson, com-
missioner of education for Idaho.

"The Effect of the Preparedness
Program in the Militia Organization of
the North Pacific States," led by Gen-
eral Maurice Thompson, and the adju-
tants general J. Baker, Jr., Van-
couver, and Thomas Burke, Seattle.

"The Protection of the Pacific North-
west from Naval Attack," Captain A.
P. S. Hyde, United States army, in-
spector of instruction of the Coast Ar-
tillery militia.

"The Present Status of the Naval
Program Now Before Congress," Sen-
ator Miles Poindexter.

"Industrial Preparedness and Its Re-
lationship to the Army and Navy,"
John H. Lewis, state engineer, Ore-
gon.

Speakers have not yet been selected
for the subject, "What the Prepared-
ness Program Means to the Existing
Post and Army Organization in the
Northwest."

Sothorn's Farewell Appearance Planned

Veteran to Play for Last Time in
America, Giving Proceeds of Two
Weeks to Actors' Fund of America.

New York, March 22.—(U. N. S.)—E.
H. Sothorn's farewell appearance on
the American stage will take place
during the two weeks beginning May
14, when he is to present "If I Were
King" here.

Mr. Sothorn will donate the entire
profits of his two week engagement to
the Actors' Fund of America. This
was announced last night by Daniel
Frohman, president of the fund.

Mrs. Booth Will Appeal.
McMinnville, Or., March 22.—Judge
H. H. Belt of the circuit court Tues-
day afternoon overruled the motion
for a new trial for Mrs. Anna Booth,
under sentence of life imprisonment
for second degree murder. Mrs. Booth
was convicted March 11 of the mur-
der of her husband, of which crime
William Branson had been previously
convicted. The latter's case is now
on appeal and Mrs. Booth's attorneys
also filed notice of appeal. Yamhill
county will pay for transcript, as
the defendant is without means.

Will Settle Street Fight.
La Granda, Or., March 22.—North
Second macadam street litigation,
which has been in the courts for sev-
eral years, is to be adjusted. The com-
mission has made a compromise offer
that when reassessing the street it will
allow a rebate of one-third to all prop-
erty-owners, the city to assume one-
third on general assessment. The original
assessment on the street was about
\$14,318.84. Total interest was about
\$3000. Property owners will be asked
to assume two-thirds of the accrued in-
terest.

Seattle Consul Sued.
Seattle, Wash., March 22.—(U. P.)—
Consul General Nicholas Bogoiavensky,
representing the Russian government
here, is being sued by Miss Daisy
Wall, an American girl, formerly em-
ployed as a domestic in his home here.
She asks \$1500 damages for personal in-
juries alleged to have been inflicted by
the consul and Mrs. Bogoiavensky dur-
ing a violent assault upon her Novem-
ber 1 last.

Claims Roads Underpaid.
Washington, March 22.—(U. N. S.)—
Testifying today before the senate
postoffice committee in the railway
mail pay case, D. M. Swobe, president
of the Western Association of Short
line railroads, said:

"The parcel post has taken millions
of tons of freight from small railroads.
They are carrying parcel post matter
without proper compensation and are
gradually being forced into receivership."

Army Men Will Go.
San Francisco, March 22.—(U. N. S.)—
Either Major-General J. Franklin
Bell, commanding the western division
of the United States army, or Colonel
Frederick Perkins, in charge of militia
affairs, most likely will go to Spokane,
Wash., in a few days to attend a pre-
paredness conference which has been
called by the Spokane Chamber of
Commerce for March 27-28.

Indian Returned to Jail.
Released early this week after con-
finement in the city jail more than
100 days on a charge of assault and
battery, Thomas Smith, a Carlisle
educated Indian, who has a penchant
for getting drunk and then taking re-
fuge in basements, went back to jail
again for 20 days.

Noted Artist Is Dead.
Pasadena, Cal., March 22.—(U. N. S.)—
Mrs. Phoebe C. Taber, noted painter
of flower and fruit pictures, is dead
here today at the age of 82.

WEDDERBURN PEOPLE FEARING LAND SLIDE, FLEE FROM HOMES

Stores Closed; Only Commu-
nication With Town Is Via
Gold Beach.

Marshfield, Or., March 22.—Word
received from Wedderburn, the Macleay
estate town on the south side of the
 Rogue river in Curry county, is
that the people there have fled from
the city, fearing another slide on ac-
count of continued rain storms.

A few weeks ago when there was a
bad storm, a number of slides oc-
curred, and did some damage and it was
feared at that time that the whole
hill behind the town would come down
and sweep the buildings into river.
Now danger seems to threaten the
place again.

Stores have been closed and some
of the property moved to safety. The
citizens have gone to Gold Beach until
the danger is past. The telephone of-
fice is closed and the locality can only
be reached through Gold Beach.

The storm is general along the
coast of southern Oregon and rain has
continued for two days.

**Expects Success of
Preparedness Plan**

Lane Says Party Favors Peace With
Honor, Prosperity Without Favo-
ritism, Preparedness Sans Militarism.

Berkeley, Cal., March 22.—(U. P.)—
Reviewing the political outlook, Frank-
lin K. Lane, secretary of the interior,
who is visiting his brother here today,
declared the Democratic party favors
the following issues:

Peace with dignity and honor; pros-
perity without favoritism; and prepa-
redness without militarism. He said
he believed the president's prepared-
ness plans would succeed.

Secretary Lane's brother, Dr. Fred-
erick J. Lane, has been ill and the
cabinet minister's western trip was
made largely on this account. He will
probably remain a week.

**Miss Jane Addams
Visits Los Angeles**

Health of Social Worker Better Than
When She Left Chicago, but She
Does Not See Friends.

Los Angeles, March 22.—(U. N. S.)—
Miss Jane Addams arrived here today
from Coronado. Although in better
health than when she left Chicago sev-
eral weeks ago, Miss Addams did not
feel well today and refused to see even
her closest friends.

Accompanied by her secretary, she
will leave tomorrow for Santa Barbara,
where she will remain several days be-
fore returning east.

Wife Says She Will Prosecute.
Medford, Or., March 22.—Mrs. Frank
Thomas, whose husband was arrested
at Eugene yesterday on a non-support
charge, said today she intended to have
a wife there, says she will go to Eu-
gene to prosecute him for bigamy if
she finds he has another wife living.
Mrs. Thomas is the mother of a child
2 years old. She was married to
Thomas in California nearly three years
ago and they came to Medford last Au-
gust. He left two weeks later and
Mrs. Thomas has supported herself
since then. Thomas is 31 years old.
Mrs. Thomas is 21 and attractive.

Woman Writes Book Upon Northwest

Oregon Gets Generous Space in Work
Which Is Designed to Aid Eastern
Tourists.

Recognizing that the Pacific north-
west is to be the playground of the
American tourist of the future, Mrs.
Ruth Keadle Wood-Thompson has writ-
ten a literary Baedeker, which will
issue from the press soon. Advance
proof sheets have just been received
by A. C. Jackson, head of the O-W. R.
& N. Co.'s advertising department.

The book will contain 400 pages, be-
sides many photographs. It was pre-
pared after a 10 months' sojourn in the
northwest. Oregon is given possibly
more space than other states, with
special chapters on Crater Lake, the
Oregon coast, the big central plateau
and the Columbia river. Mrs. Wood-
Thompson has embodied the history
and romantic legend in her descriptions
of interesting points, and made the
work as much a travel story as the
guide which it was written to be.

**LUMBER SCHOONER IS
ABANDONED AND MEN
TAKEN BY SAGINAW**

Oakland, Sighted Later With
Only Masts and Rigging
Visible to Observers.

San Francisco, March 22.—(P. N. S.)
—After being tossed about in a storm
which swept Tillamook bay for the last
three days, a lumber schooner "Saginaw"
was finally abandoned by her crew
last night and they were taken aboard
the steamer Saginaw, which landed the
men at Port Townsend, Wash., today,
according to a telegram received by the
Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

The Oakland belongs to the Pife
Lumber company of this city and was
bound here from Port Townsend with
a cargo of lumber. She was sighted
today by passing ships, waterlogged,
and only her masts and rigging visible.
Captain Dent was in charge of the
boat.

Schooner Taken in Tow.
Marshfield, Or., March 22.—The
steamer Adeline Smith this morning
picked up the lumber schooner "Saginaw"
and hauled her back to San Fran-
cisco to tow the Lindauer to that
place.

The wireless message received gave
no further particulars, and the nature
of the Lindauer's trouble is not
known here.

**Two More Arrested
In Counterfeit Case**

Following Arrest in San Francisco of
Man From Portland Another Suspect
Is Arrested by Local Officer.

San Francisco, March 22.—(P. N. S.)
—The tenth member of the alleged
counterfeiting ring that has been
flooding the Pacific coast with spur-
ious 15 federal reserve bank notes is
under arrest today following a raid on
a rooming house in Tenth street last
night.

Edward Frohm, the prisoner, was
arrested by Captain Harry Moffitt of
the secret service, leading a posse of
police detectives who forced the door
to Frohm's rooming house with
a valise containing \$175 of counter-
feited notes. Frohm had been kept
shadowed all day from the time of his
arrival from Portland and has been
identified as a convict who served
time in San Quentin and Walla Walla.

Following Frohm's arrest in San
Francisco yesterday, William A.
Glover, operative in charge of the
United States secret service headquar-
ters in Portland, arrested Gustave
Loken in the north end of this city
as still another member of the alleged
counterfeiting ring. This makes the
eleventh arrest in the past week.

Frohm is being held at the San Fran-
cisco by boat Saturday after having
been under close surveillance by local
secret service men.

**Employers Meet in
Banquet Thursday**

Leigh Irvine of San Francisco to Ad-
dress Association of Oregon at Meet-
ing Tomorrow Evening.

The Employers' Association of Ore-
gon meeting and banquet will be held
tomorrow night at 8:30 at the Hotel
Portland.

Leigh Irvine of San Francisco, rep-
resenting the Pacific Federation of Em-
ployers, will deliver an address on
"Citizenship."

Other out-of-town visitors will be:
J. Bruce Gibson of Everett, Wash.,
president of Pacific Federation of Em-
ployers; delegation from the Employ-
ers' Association of Seattle, J. C. St.
Reynolds, secretary of Employers As-
sociation of Inland Empire at Spokane.
There will be addresses by several
local men of prominence.

**Speeding on Heights
Menace to Children**

Because speeders have become a
menace, especially to children on the
way to school, in the vicinity of his
home, 768 Prospect drive, Portland
Heights, David T. Honeyman, treasurer
of the Honeyman Hardware company,
has applied to Mayor Albee and Harry
P. Coffin, chairman of the public safety
commission, for a special police
officer's star. The appointment will
probably be made today.

Machinist Is Injured.
A. W. Wall, machinist employed by
Seattle, Portland & Spokane railroad,
and living in the Beaver apartments,
was painfully burned about the face at
noon today when an explosion of gas
occurred under a locomotive which he
was repairing in the yard. He was
taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

Suspect Released on Bail.
Louis Ding, arrested Monday by
federal officers as an alleged member
of the smuggling ring working be-
tween Vancouver, B. C. and Seattle,
during the past four years, was re-
leased from jail under \$3000 bonds
this morning. He will be given a
hearing next Tuesday.

NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEARING FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Review of What Has Been
Accomplished by Its Civic
Bureau Is Given.

By Marshall N. Dana.
The Portland Chamber of Commerce
is nearing its first year end.
What has it done?

A year has passed since the Com-
mercial club and Chamber of Com-
merce were merged and their mem-
bership united in what was announced
as a great program for community pro-
gress.

Some 4000 members were enrolled,
some \$100,000 in memberships.
What are the definite accomplish-
ments of the year? What has it
profited Portland to have spent the
money and to have applied the energy
essential to the organization? What
hope and impetus have been gained for
this year? What degree of con-
centration may be anticipated in
pressing the great community con-
cerns of trade, commerce, industry,
agriculture, education, water,
rail and highways and state develop-
ment generally?

Review of Each Bureau.
One at a time and from day to day
The chamber proposes to report on the
year's work of the Chamber of Com-
merce in the terms of accomplishment.
The Chamber of Commerce has gen-
eral administration bureau, and com-
mittee organization as its machinery.
First report will be on the bureau,
covering what has been done from ex-
amination of records and from infor-
mation given by bureau heads, secretaries
and committees.

No. 1—Civic bureau—\$13 members.
General—Handling lighting and de-
scriptions. Manufacturers' and Land
Products' show. Public hearing on
plumbing ordinance resulting in with-
drawal of ordinance in favor of re-
vised plumbing code. Handled details
reorganization Rose Festival 1916.
Formulated statement duties of com-
mittees of Chamber of Commerce.

Work of Committees.
Charities committee—Survey and re-
port on charitable organizations of
city. Formulation of requirements for
permanent indorsement, a method
sought as model or reference by Rom-
N. Y.; New York city, Chicago, Waco,
Texas; Marshalltown, Iowa; Columbia,
S. C.; Pottsville, Pa. Developed plan
for permanent bureau of charities. Lau-
rean review of charities under various clas-
sification with view to coordinating,
harmonizing or merging work. Ex-
amination of work of charities for tem-
porary indorsement.

City planning committee—No ac-
tivity reported.

Public market committee—No ac-
tivity reported.

Safety first committee—Partici-
pated with public safety commission
in creation of public safety forum de-
signed to bring representatives of all
industries and large mercantile con-
cerns together for consideration of
safety first each month.

Other Activities Recounted.
School affairs committee—Has made
recommendation regarding school
drafted on accomplishments of school
administration in past three years.

Parks and playgrounds—Secured
improvement of city zoo, and La Mo-
rator park, and persuaded the county
commissioners to hold the old county
farm on Canyon road with a view to
utilizing the area for park purposes.
A special activity was in connection
with the creation of Columbia Gorge
park.

Next article—Retail Merchants' Bu-
reau.

**Sickness Thinning
Ranks of Expedition**

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—(U. P.)
—Sickness is thinning the American
ranks in Mexico.

Seven soldiers arrived here for treat-
ment today. They said Americans are
dropping from pneumonia and dysen-
tery in the north end of this city.
At night they almost freeze.
This, say the arrivals, has produced a
pneumonia epidemic of serious propor-
tions.

A week's hard marching on meager
rations, following months of heavy
eating in camp, caused many to fall
by the wayside. The more serious
cases are being sent back to a border
hospital.

Private R. J. Harding, company A,
Sixteenth infantry, said pneumonia
was the most prevalent complaint.

When dysentery was discovered the
army surgeons increased their precau-
tions against soldiers drinking impure
water. Sanitation work was redoubled.
Dysentery is one of the greatest
threats to the army, and bad army
water is held to be its principal cause.
Boiling drinking water is the com-
monest precaution.

**Roseburg Regrets
Court's Decision**

Roseburg, Or., March 22.—There was
great disappointment here over the de-
cision of the supreme court in rever-
sion of the railroad bond case. A number
of enterprises were awaiting a favor-
able decision from the court, and the
Kendalls had all arrangements made
for the beginning of work on the rail-
road at once. Great indignation is ex-
pressed that a mere technicality should
override the wishes of an eight to one
vote of the taxpayers of Roseburg.

**Wind Ruins Aurora
Man's Hop Houses**

Aurora, Or., March 22.—Herman
Smith of Aurora, well known hopmen
of the state, lost a \$2000 hophouse in
Sunday's storm. When the wind struck
the building, it raised it about eight
feet, and another turn of the wind tore
the building apart. In the building
was 35,000 feet of lumber, and this
was scattered everywhere.

Another hophouse, located on a farm
that was formerly owned by Mr. Smith
was lifted six feet, but settled back
with little damage done.

**Transportation Club
Soon Ready to Move**

Plans for the removal of the Port-
land Transportation club from its
present quarters in the Multnomah

hotel to the Merchants National Bank
building, Fourth and Washington
streets, almost to the day-signing
stage, explained Blaine Hallock, the
club's president today.

The second floor of the building is
to be remodeled, new furniture is to be
purchased and provision for serving of
lunches is to be installed. The club's
bond issue for the purchase of new
equipment has been almost subscribed.

One of the features of the new club
rooms is to be a dancing floor. Read-
ing rooms, billiard and card rooms will
be partitioned off only by high-backed
divans. The third floor will be vir-
tually a single room which can be
thrown open for banquets and other
large gatherings.

**40 PER CENT
FOR ROADS; 10
FOR SCHOOLS**

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ber on a quarter section claimed by an
actual settler, he will be allowed only
40 acres.

Mineral claim entrymen are allowed
no timber.
Applicants to purchase are left in the
cold.
No additions to forest reserves, un-
less to protect city water supplies.

**NITRATE PLANT ON
COLUMBIA RIVER IS
VIEWED AS POSSIBILITY**

Washington, March 22.—(WASH-
INGTON BUREAU OF NEWS.)—Sen.
McCumber has introduced a bill in the
house appropriating \$10,000 for an in-
vestigation by army engineers of the pos-
sibilities at Celilo Falls, on the
Columbia river in Oregon, and the
practicability of establishing there a
great plant for the production of ni-
trates.

There has been much interest in the
subject of nitrate production at this
session, and congress is being educated
in this regard more at this time than
ever before. This comes in large part
from the war situation, which has
brought home the difficulties that
would be encountered in the event of
war in securing an adequate supply of
powder and explosives.

Commercial Side of Plant.
The nitrate plant idea has a com-
mercial side also, and would be in pos-
sition to supply immense quantities of
fertilizer and by affecting reduction in
fertilizer prices tend to promote agri-
culture.

Witnesses who have testified before
committees of congress on the subject
have mentioned three locations where
power could be developed in such quan-
tity and under such conditions as to
stand first in the field for considera-
tion. These are Mussel Shoals, on the
Tennessee river in Alabama, Priest
 Rapids on the Columbia in Washing-
ton, and the Celilo project on the Co-
lumbia in Oregon.

Other Power Sites.
Senator Myers of Montana has pre-
sented a bill directing investigation
to be made of the possibilities at Pol-
son, Mont., and another bill has been
introduced in the senate calling for
like investigation as to Mussel Shoals.
Mr. Simpson believes the inquiry
should be made into the Dailies de-
velopment, and hopes to bring it to a
prominent place in the discussion.

A board of five army engineers to
go into the subject in detail and re-
port to congress within six months is
provided in a bill introduced by Sen-
ator Ashurst of Arizona. This plan
calls for reports as to sites where
power for the purposes desired can be
generated, and as to whether such
places are so situated as to be reason-
ably free from any serious objections
as to the location of the plant, and
the cost of the plant, and the cost of
transportation facilities, and other
facts appropos to the location of a
great nitrate plant.

McArthur's Shipping Bill.
Washington, March 22.—A plan for
developing a merchant marine by gov-
ernmental guarantee of principal and
interest of bonds issued by shipping
corporations was introduced in the
house today by Representative Mc-
Arthur.

The bill authorizes the incorpora-
tion of companies for constructing and
operating vessels between the United
States and foreign ports, except Can-
ada and the West Indies, with power
to issue 10 year 6 per cent bonds up to
\$0 per cent of the capital stock, pro-
vided there is paid into the treasury
of the corporation 25 per cent of the
amount of the bond issue; proceeds of
sales to be devoted to the construction,
purchase or operation of vessels,
the government giving full guarantee
of redemption.

**FARMERS OF NORTH
DAKOTA OPPOSED TO
RURAL CREDITS BILL**

Washington, March 22.—Sharp criti-
cism of the Hollis rural credits bill
was made in the senate in incidental
debate by Senator McCumber of North
Dakota, who asserted that the farmers
of his state are united against it, be-
cause it has no application to the
northwestern states, and is not work-
able in any sense or measure.

McCumber says the farmers of his
state prefer no legislation on rural
credits to the Hollis bill, or any bill
on similar lines. Chief among the ob-
jections he named were that the sys-
tem proposed would be so expensive as
to offer practically no relief, that it
is too complicated to be workable, and
that it provides two additional bank-
ing systems, "because its authors were
afraid one kind would not work, and
thought the other might."

This latter thrust refers to the plan
of establishing joint stock banks, to
be formed by private individuals out-
side the regular rural credits
scheme, though subject to federal
regulation in certain features.

It appears that the two Dakotas
there has grown up a great organiza-
tion of farmers, known as the Society
of Equity, and it has declared against
the Hollis bill.

**SENATE COMMITTEE
INCREASES ITEMS
IN INDIAN MEASURE**

Washington, March 22.—Amend-
ments made to the Indian appropria-
tion bill by the senate committee on
Indian affairs have increased the sum
to be received by the Chiricahua school
at Salem, Or., from \$115,000 to \$125,
500. This is \$10,500 above the origi-
nal bureau estimate.

The bill makes available an unex-
pected balance of the 1914 appropria-
tion of \$9280 for an addition to the
assembly hall and adds \$2500 more
for the same purpose. Only the latter
\$2500 counts as part of the \$125,500
provided by the bill, other items in
detail being as follows:

For support and education of 500

pupils, including pay of superintendent,
\$102,000; remodeling sewer sys-
tem, \$5000; three high pressure steam
boilers, \$7200; new laundry machin-
ery, \$2000; new rotary brick oven,
\$1500; general repairs and improve-
ments, \$15,000.

Items Added By Senate.
Other new items added by the sen-
ate committee are as follows:
Bridges over Williamson river, Klam-
ath Falls reservation, \$3000, govern-
ment to be reimbursed from Indian
funds.

One thousand dollars from tribal
funds of the Klamaths to pay ex-
penses of two members of the tribe
who are in Washington to look after
reservation matters.

Changing proportion to be paid by
state or county of Umatilla for
bridges over Umatilla river at Thorn
Hollow and Mission stations, Umatilla
reservation, from one third to one
half. The estimated cost of the bridges
is \$28,000.

Other appropriations carried by the

bill for Oregon Indians, as it now
stands are these:

For expenses of Klamath agency,
\$6000; for Warm Springs agency,
\$4000; for Grande Ronde and Siletz,
\$4