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SEA-RAIDER IN DISGUISE CAUSE OF UNEASINESS

British Naval Authorities Issue Warning to Allied Shipping; Strict Watch Being Maintained Off Halifax.

VESSEL EVADES PATROL OFF COAST OF SCOTLAND

Craft Described as Having a Black Hull, Red Bottom and One Funnel.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Warning of a possible German sea-raider has been given allied shipping by British naval authorities here. In addition to the continued warnings concerning two fighting submarines believed to be somewhere off the Atlantic coast. The strictest watch against the vessels suspected of being a raider, was being maintained today, since from the position where she was last sighted she could reach the waters in this vicinity within a day or two.

Was Allowed to Pass by Patrol.

The naval authorities in their warning relate that the suspected craft was allowed to pass by the patrol off the southwestern coast of Scotland last Sunday under the impression that she was the Dutch steamer Gamma. Later it was learned that the latter was at Kirkwall at the time.

The vessel is described as of 1200 tons, black hull with red bottom, white upper works, one funnel, thought to be plain black.

Naval officers believe the vessel may have mines intended to be sown off this port, the most important on this coast to the British navy, or to endanger the travel lanes out of here, taken by all Canadian troop ships.

Submarine Reported Sighted.

Reports reached here today from St John, N. B., that following reports of the sighting of a submarine a short distance outside the harbor Friday morning the city ordered all lights extinguished last night and spread the warning to nearby cities and towns. The submarine's presence was reported by three fishing vessels.

Mysterious Raider Sighted.

London, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The captain of a British vessel, the name of which was withheld, arrived here today and reported that the mysterious raider had been sighted holding up an unidentified ship in the north Atlantic. The captain, it is said, did not wait for details, but fled for safety.

Unusual Precautions Are Taken.

New York, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Fresh reports of the presence of a German submarine off the coast led to unusual precautions on the part of Transatlantic liners leaving this port today. The United States flag was painted on both sides of the American liner St. Louis' hull, and electric lights were strung around the flags, so that they could plainly be seen at night.

The French liner Espagne made a quick dash to sea through fog and rain. It was reported that she would mount guns fore and aft when she got beyond the three mile limit.

MOTHER LOSES SUIT AGAINST DAUGHTER FOR PART OF ESTATE

Judge Cleeton Upholds Anna E. Dale Will Involving $30,000 Business Block.

County Judge Cleeton today upheld the validity of the Anna E. Dale will, which was the basis of a sensational contest between mother and daughter for the possession of a $30,000 business block on Flanders street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth.

Under the court's decision the property will go to Mrs. Mattie Tobias and her 7-year-old daughter, Helen, of Seattle. Mrs. Nannie Mathews of Pendleton, mother of Mrs. Tobias and daughter of Mrs. Dale, is the one who sought to break the will on the grounds that her mother was mentally incompetent to make a will and that Mrs. Tobias and her husband, David, had unduly influenced Mrs. Dale against her daughter.

Nearly two weeks was taken to hear the case and then Judge Cleeton made a strong appeal to the mother and daughter to get together and agree upon a division of the property. He took the case under advisement for a week, urging them to compromise in the meantime.

Something Wrong, Says Judge.

When the attorneys advised the judge this morning that no compromise had been reached, Judge Cleeton declared his belief that he had not been given all the facts in the case, as nothing had been presented in the testimony which would justify a refusal on the part of both mother and daughter to agree to divide the property.

"There is something, somewhere that casts a portentious shadow that keeps these people apart," he said, "and the court has not been advised what it is."

Judge Cleeton reviewed at length, in nearly an hour's discourse, the testimony in the case. He said he could find nothing in the testimony to adequately account for Mrs. Dale's estrangement from her daughter, Mrs. Mathews, but it was apparent that during the closing years of the elderly

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Seattle Aviator Stopped by Fog

Flight to Portland Given Up

Aviator Herbert Munter, who was forced to turn back in attempted Seattle-Portland non-stop flight after reaching Tacoma despite ascent to 8000 feet to clear heavy fog bank.

Flyer Covered 96 Miles in 62 Minutes and Tried to Gain Passage by Circling Back Toward Bremerton, But Found Effort to Be Useless.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—(P. N. S.)—Aviator Herbert Munter, after flying for 62 minutes and covering a distance of 96 miles this afternoon, in an attempted non-stop flight to Portland, was forced to return to Seattle. Above Tacoma Munter struck a thick fog bank which he could not rise above. He circled back toward Bremerton, hoping to gain a passage through the fog at that point, but after ascending 8000 feet was forced to return here.

Munter, with L. L. Looker, a student and mechanician, left Seattle at 1:50 o'clock this afternoon.

Munter made a trial trip earlier in the afternoon to ascertain the wind and weather conditions above the clouds. The result was satisfactory and the trip, which was postponed Wednesday because of unfavorable weather, began as soon as the machine was thoroughly tested.

Lloyd-George, Man of the Hour

Story of Great British Crisis

By Lord Northcliffe.

Written for the United Press Associations (Copyright, 1916, by the United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain. (Copyrighted at the Department of Agriculture in Ottawa, Canada.)

London, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—As a personality David Lloyd-George is for many reasons interesting and important to the United States. He is one of the new British statemen understanding that difficult and intangible psychology of the American temperament.

He is important to America for another reason. He is now the head of the five British nations engaged in war—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, together with India.

America's Turn Next, He Says.

Winning of the war primarily devolves on these nations. If they and the allies are beaten, it will be America's turn next, for Germany's plans in South America and Germany's hatred of the United States should be known to every American who reads the anti-American propaganda of the German government.

Lloyd-George is also interesting to your hundred millions because his life has been very much similar to many of you. He began simply, without other assets of life than a good father and mother. He had the same kind of education that an American boy gets, there are millions of American homes like the little home in Wales, wherein he spent his early childhood. His father was teacher of a school in Liverpool, managed by a committee of Unitarians including Dr. Harriet Martineau. His mother was a daughter of a Baptist minister in the Welsh village of Llanystumdwy.

Courage Shown in Boer War.

I do not know Lloyd-George in private life; I am not in agreement with him on many political affairs. We have been publicly antagonistic on many matters during 10 years. He adopted a line in the Boer war that was not mine, incurring the hatred, even contempt of millions of his fellow subjects. It was a brave line, for it demanded more courage to be on the side of the minority opposing the war, than to shout with the majority supporting it.

Since then Lloyd-George has led all sorts of movements at variance with the tenets of the political party to which I belong. Sometimes he has been right—and proved right; sometimes he has been wrong—and proved wrong—but in all he has undertaken he has evinced the same courage shown throughout this one momentous week's history.

British Writers Reticent.

The British people's fear of helping German propaganda in the United States prevented English writers from saying how dissatisfied the British people have been with the politicians who have managed our share in the war since 1914.

Lloyd-George was the only member of the government with the courage to exhibit discontent over our feeble and vacillating conduct of the war. Occasionally in parliament and on the platform he attempted to tell the people a little of the truth, but on these occasions he was always howled down by members of his party, and their newspapers, as unpatriotic and as giving

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Burglar Is Loyal To Youthful "Pal"

Whatever else Dell R. Hayward, sentenced today to one to seven years in the state penitentiary, may be, he is not a "squealer."

When he was brought before Judge Davis for sentencing for larceny in a dwelling, the deputy district attorney sought to get him to reveal the name of his companion in crime. The companion had been indicted as "John Doe." It was intimated that it would go easier with Hayward if he "peached."

"He's only a boy," said Hayward, "and I won't tell his name. He is 19 years old, and he has learned his lesson. He comes from a good family and he has a job now. No, I won't tell his name. You can do whatever you want to with me. I can take the jolt."

Hayward had pleaded guilty to the charge. He stole articles from the dwelling of W. A. Gruetter October 28.

Submarine Damaged In Big Storm at Sea

United States Undersea Boat L-4 Loses Anchor When Effort to Escape Storm's Effect Is Made.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Caught in a storm on its way here from New York, the American submarine L-4 lost its anchor and a part of its periscope, and its deck stanchions were badly damaged. The submarine anchored off Shark island to weather out the storm, but its anchor did not hold. The sumbarines L-1, L-2, L-3 and L-9 made the trip without damage.

Hill 304 Remains Target of Artillery

Paris, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Hill 304 on the left bank of the Meuse was still the center of active artillery fighting last night, today's French official statement declared. Elsewhere along the front the night was quiet.

Nothing to Report, Says Haig.

London, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Sir Douglas Haig had nothing to report today concerning the situation on the British west front last night.

Enemy Patrols Engaged.

Berlin, Via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Artillery duels, approaching great violence during some hours, were reported from the western front in today's official statement.

Enemy patrols advancing against German positions near Letransloy were repulsed in hand to hand fighting and artillery, and a number of prisoners were captured.

Unfilled Orders for Steel Break Records

New York, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—The tonnage of unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel corporation November 30 set a new high record at 11,058,524 tons, an increase of 1,046,282 tons over the October 31 total.

Unfilled orders November 30, 1915, totaled 7,189,489.

Government estimates regarding exportation of steel and iron products, published here today, place the 10 months total exports this year at 4,968,285 tons.

It is estimated that iron and steel exports this year will surpass the previous record year by 75 per cent.

GREEK FORCES MOBILIZE AND PLAN DEFENSE

Royalists Rally Around Flag and Negotiations Are Reported Under Way With Central Powers for Aid.

PORTS ARE CLOSED TO SHIPPING BY ALLIES

Persecuted Adherents of Venizelos Seek Safety in Flight, Says Report.

London, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—The Greek situation reached its most critical turn today. Mobilization of the Greek Royalist forces, reports of Teutonic negotiations with King Constantine, departure of all allied subjects from the capital and of concentration of allied forces near Athens were the elements which gave concern here. All dispatches from the capital were greatly delayed.

One dispatch dated early in the week declared that adherents of former Premier Venizelos, now head of the provisional government established at Saloniki, were suffering persecution from the Royalist forces and were fleeing in terror from Athens. Atrocities were charged against the Greek troops.

Meanwhile the allied blockade of Greece were normally into effect, maintained by British and French warships.

Action Toward Greece Condemned.

London, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The Russian newspaper Novoe Vremya, in an "inspired" article condemns the policy of the entente powers toward Greece, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd today. The paper calls for decisive and drastic action that "will put an end to all quibbling."

It is reported from the Balkans that King Constantine is quietly constructing an army of between three and four army corps.

If Greece goes to war, there may be a concerted drive by Greek and German-Bulgar forces, the Greeks driving northward through Thessaly and the German allies pressing southward west of Monastir. If a juncture could be effected the allies in Macedonia would be in a serious predicament, with their left flank and rear menaced. Greece in the war would present a strange anomaly, for it was only four years ago that Greece and Bulgaria were fighting each other.

Blockade Is Announced.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The state department today received official notification of the blockade of Greece by the allies in a communication from the French government.

COUNCIL OF SIX WILL TAKE ACTUAL CHARGE OF BRITISH WARRING

Law, Balfour, Carson, Derby and Henderson Probably in New Cabinet.

London, Dec. 9.—(U. P.) — David Lloyd-George, was believed today to have completed his task of "re-construction of government."

He was still at work, however, harmonizing and conciliating, lining up every faction in British politics and imbuing them with the determination that a united England would force a victorious conclusion of the war.

There will probably be no announcement of those with whom Lloyd-George will associate himself in the "win the war" movement, until Tuesday's meeting. It was conceded that this new cabinet would contain some of the leaders against whom there was considerable objection in the old coalition cabinet—an objection based on the charge of vacillation. It was believed, however, that Lloyd-George with his indomitable energy would imbue these members with some of his own determination.

Formation of a "war council" of not more than six members to take actual charge of all of England's warring was certain. Lloyd-George himself will head this body and nearly all experts agreed that associated with him would be Andrew Bonar Law, A. J. Balfour, former first lord of the admiralty in the old cabinet, Sir Edward Carson, the Earl of Derby and Arthur Henderson.

Railroad Men Will Meet in Conference

Topics of general transportation interest will be discussed at Tacoma Tuesday at the regular meeting of the North Pacific Coast Passenger association. All the railroads of the Northwest will be represented and William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N., will act as chairman. The docket includes a number of minor matters, but it is understood that the Interstate Commerce commission's order in the Shasta arbitrary case will be discussed, at least informally. Pending receipt of the official text of the decision, the roalroads are taking no action toward putting the commission's order into effect. It is expected, however, that the order will have been received before the time of the meeting.

32,537 Men Given Work in Year 1916

Public Employment Bureau Estimates 80 Per cent Were Furnished Permanent Positions.

Work was furnished to 32,537 men during the year 1916, according to a report of N. F. Johnson, director of the public employment bureau. Of this number it is estimated that 80 per cent were sent to permanent jobs and that half of these was sent to work out of Portland.

Mr. Johnson estimates that the bureau dealt with 125,000 men during the entire year. Employers asked for 37,969 men during the same period. The juvenile department sent 600 boys to positions since its establishment in May.

The year's activities show a marked increase over results previously obtained. In 1915 only 4887 men and 1087 women found work through the old free employment bureau.

The women's division secured work for 2460 women during the year. The farm-labor department of bureau alone has sent out nearly 6000 men and women to various kinds of farm labor.

The United States government employment service cooperated with the city bureau in accomplishing the year's results.

VILLA'S MEN ENGAGE CARRANZISTAS NEAR CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

Fighting Takes Place at Fresno, Where Ozuna Was Trapped by Bandits.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Civil war has broken out among Carranzistas in Chihuahua City, according to dispatches received here this afternoon.

General Murguia's attempt to arrest General Trevino, who commanded the garrison when Villa captured the city, precipated a triangular street battle with the troops of Murguia, Trevino and Ozuna engaged.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Fighting between Villistas and government troops was in progress early today near Fresno, only 10 miles from Chihuahua City. During the night General Murgia, Carranzista commander, hurried reinforcements to the relief of General Ozuna's column of cavalry which had started in pursuit of the bandits after the evacuation of Chihuahua City and had fallen into a Villista trap, according to information received here by mining men and United States department officials.

Ozuna was enticed into a trap early yesterday near Santa Yzabel by the Villistas. His forces were attacked and driven back toward the capital. Near Fresno, Ozuna halted to make a stand against the bandits, meantime asking Murgia to hurry relief.

Only the rearguard of Villistas engaged in the attempt to halt the pursuit of Ozuna's column. Refugees from Cusihuiriachic say Villa men were scattered in heavy bodies all along the Mexican Northwestern railway from Santa Yzabel westward. Villa himself is making his headquarters at Bustillos, they say.

The present engagement is not taken by military men to mean that Villa intends to make another assault upon the northern capital but merely to hamper serious pursuit by government troops.

Another report reached United States department agents early today that the column of Carranzistas sent in pursuit of the bandits has returned to Chihuahua City, after marching out eight miles.

New lines of trenches and wire entanglements are being added to the defensive works around Chihuahua City by General Murgia, in preparation for another attack. Villa is said to have announced he would return for the remainder of the 200,000 pesos ransom he had demanded of the city's merchants. He obtained about 30,000 pesos, it was reported.

Since the deposition of General Trevino as commander of the Carranza forces in the north, many rumors are extant that he is to be courtmartialled.

BIG THEATRICAL MAN BUYS BEST HOLSTEIN BULL SAID TO EXIST

J. G. Von Herberg, Owner of Columbia, Pays $21,500 for King Valdessa's Son.

Jubilant at his feat of paying $21,500 for one Holstein bull, J. G. Von Herberg of Seattle today was busy arranging for a palatial private express car, which will carry his prize to his home farm at Kent, Wash.

The bull, purchased by Mr. Von Herberg yesterday at the Pacifc International Livestock show, is only 10 months old, but is touted as the most magnificent animal ever produced through long generations of bovine eugenics. His name is Findern Mutual Fayne Valdessa, and he comes from sires and dams of pedigree and fame.

"I bought in the animal because I realized he is the best bull of the breed in the world today," explained Mr. Von Herberg this morning. "I have no fears about realizing on this big in-

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HIGH COST OF LIVING TAKES A LITTLE DROP

Prospects of Prosecution Causes Tendency to Cut Prices Emanating From Food Price Manipulators.

PROPOSED EMBARGO PLANS NOT FAVORED

Establishment of Municipal Food Depots Suggested by Dr. Wiley.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Special grand jury investigations into high cost of living will be begun in Detroit, Chicago and New York the middle of next week, Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson, in charge of the investigation, announced today.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The "cost of living" has taken a drop. Advices from all sections of the country to the department of agriculture and department of justice indicate this fact. The reduction in prices, while small, is general. Officials believe that it will be continued.

They place the responsibility on the announcement of the government that criminal prosecutions of food price manipulators are certain. Officials of the department of justice claim they already have concrete evidence of conspiracy against big board of trade dealers, middlemen in almost every line of food supplies, and others.

Reports Show Conspiracy.

Concerted action is planned against these persons. The agents of the department of justice, operating under the orders of United States Attorney Anderson of Boston, already have turned in reports which, it is stated, show general conspiracy to manipulate prices.

This information was presented to President Wilson by Mr. Anderson. The president directed that immediate prosecutions be undertaken. Anderson will leave here early next week to visit middle western cities, to confer with federal attorneys on the subject. When he returns an effort will be made to present all of the evidence simultaneously to United States grand juries sitting in various cities.

Embargo Not Practical.

So far as embargo legislation by congress is concerned, it is agreed by administration leaders that there is no chance of its being successful if directed against food products simply to keep down prices. Even though the house should pass any such legislation, the administration is in control of the senate, and would kill it in a hurry.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley came forward today with a remedy which, he said, would prove successful in keeping down prices. He believes that the

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ROUMANIANS RETIRE BEFORE ADVANCING TEUTON ARMY WINGS

Berlin Reports Capture of an Enormous Amount of Booty During Drive.

Berlin, Via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—The Roumanians are in complete retreat before the advancing Danube and right German army wings in Roumania, today's official statement asserted. Since December 1, the Roumanians lost over 70,000 men taken prisoners by these two armies, with 184 cannon and 120 machine guns.

Several thousands of these included a force of Roumanians which endeavored to make their way from the passes northeast of Sinaya toward the southeast. Many cannon were also captured from them.

Discussing the number of prisoners and cannons taken, the official statement declares:

"The size of these figures admits of a clear conclusion as to the importance of the success obtained by our troops and shows to what degree the Roumanian army is in confusion.

"The losses in dead and wounded correspond to the number of prisoners. The amount of booty and war material is incalculable."

Russians Take Prisoners.

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Russian troops have disloged the enemy from two heights west and south of Valeputna, taking 500 prisoners, today's official statement said. Six machine guns, one cannon and two bomb mortors were also captured.

Heavy Pressure Continues.

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Both Roumanian and Russian forces in Walachia continue to retire in the face of "unceasing hostile pressure," the war office announced today.

The Roumanians are retiring eastward, it was stated, and in consequence the Russian left flank is also retiring.

Attacks Repulsed, Says Berlin.

Berlin (Via Wireless to Sayville), Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Easy repulse of attacks in the Cerna Bend following a violent shelling of height positions north of Monastir and northeast of Parlovo, on the Macedonian front, was announced by the war office today. In the east upper Tahino Lake the Bulgarian vanguards repulsed a British company's attacks.

BULLETINS

Hydroaeroplanes Ordered.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The war department announced today the award of contracts for 96 hydroaeroplanes for the use of the Coast artillery, as follows: Aero Marine Engineering & Sales company, New York, 16 machines at $18,000 each; Burgess company, Marblehead, Mass., 32 machines at $23,622 each; Curtiss company, Buffalo, N. Y., 16 machines at $22,500 each; Standard Aeroplane corporation, Plainsfield, N. J., 32 machines at $21,000 each.

13,000 Given Wage Increase.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Thirteen thousand employes of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company, in the two Pittsburg plants and the plant at Aliquippa have been given a 10 per cent increase in wages, effective on December 15.

Salaried employes will also be given an early increase, it was definitely reported today.

Pardon for Smith Expected.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—President Wilson is expected to sign a pardon for Louis J. Smith, under military sentence, late today or Monday, so Smith can testify in the Bopp trial at San Francisco, it was learned this afternoon.

Sub-Committee to Be Named.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, announced today he would appoint a subcommittee next Friday to hold hearings on universal military training.

Big Bonus for Christmas.

New York, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Each employe of the Franklin Trust company will receive a Christmas bonus equal to 15 per cent of his salary, it was announced today.

Shoe Prices to Take Jump in Few Days

Cost of Hides Is Going Up Fast; Record Price Was Established in the Local Market Today.

Shoes, already at higher prices than have been known here for years, are about to be advanced again, according to local dealers. The rise is scheduled to take place within the next few days. Demands of Europe and the scarcity of hides are given as reasons.

The price of hides reached the highest figure ever recorded in the local market, buyers freely offering 35 cents a pound for calfskins. The scramble among leather merchants is so spirited that the hides are purchased even before they leave the carcases of the animals.

Shoe manufacturers here say they are unable to obtain their leather requirements and that the price of findings is mounting steadily.

All the local shoe cobblers are working overtime to take care of the old shoes of the average citizen who cannot afford to buy new ones.

NAMELESS BABY MAY YET SECURE NAME AS A RESULT OF ARREST

Young Man Charged With Betraying Girl Is Arrested in Fort Worth, Texas.

Gordon W. Hardy, the youth who is charged with betraying, under a promise of marriage, a pretty laundry worker yet in her 'teens, was arrested today at Fort Worth, Texas, according to a message received by Sheriff Hurlburt, and will be returned to Portland.

Hardy cannot be prosecuted if he marries the girl before his trial and because of this fact there is reason to believe that the grand jury's hope that the nameless little one could have a name influenced the indicting body more than a desire to see the youth prosecuted.

Young Hardy left Portland four or five months before the baby was born late in 1914 and the girl's parents were so angered that they placed their daughter in an institution until after the important event in her life.

When she returned home, her parents required her to leave her baby behind. But one day, in a downtown department store, the young mother saw her baby in the hands of another woman and instantly recognized her. Mother love overcame all thought of parental anger and neighborhood gossip, and she immediately demanded possession of her baby. She followed the woman with the baby home and there convinced her that she was really the mother of the tot.

She took the baby home, and when she was called before the grand jury to tell her story she so interested the grand jurors that they asked to see the pretty baby about whom she talked. The child made a decided hit with the grand jurors and Deputy District Attorney Hammersly, who drew the indictment against young Hardy.

Philadelphia Paper Says Page Has Quit

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The Public Ledger prints a Washington dispatch stating that Walter Hines Page has resigned as United States ambassador to Great Britain. Other sources failed to secure confirmation from Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary Lansing today denied that he had "even heard" of the reported resignation of Walter Hines Page, ambassador to Great Britain.

WILL EDUCATE HOUSEWIVES IN HOME ECONOMY

Parent-Teacher Counoil Has Launched Campaign to Reduce Present High Cost of Food Necessities.

BOYCOTT TO BE USED IN EXCEPTIONAL CASE

Balanced Menus of Inexpensive Foods Will Also Be Prepared.

Cannot Sell Eggs.

Poultry raisers of Oregon are being forced out of business by the present boycott on fresh eggs. They are unable to sell their supplies at any price while the cost of feeding their fowls with $2 wheat is burdensome. Leading Portland wholesalers, in view of the boycott against eggs, have notified country shippers that they would not purchase supplies from them. They took this course, they say, because it is impossible for them to sell them; and they do not desire to have high-priced stock on hand.

Joining the fight against the high cost of living the Portland Parent-Teacher council, through a special committee that met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Lee Davenport, decided upon the following procedure:

To educate housewives in better management in the home.

To teach greater efficiency in marketing.

To employ the boycott only when proof is absolute that speculators are withholding commodities from sale for purposes of raising prices.

Not to fight business, but to cooperate with business for the good of all.

To Conserve Home Garden.

Conservation of the home garden was a point emphasized by Mrs. J. E. Kelly, president of the Parent-Teacher association of the Shattuck school, who has made a great success of the school garden venture by utilizing the vacant lots and home gardens of that district.

Mrs. Kelly was made chairman of a committee on conservation, which proposes to encourage the growing of vegetables that can be preserved for winter use.

Mrs. J. F. Steele was made chair-

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PHYSICAL CONDITION OF JUSTICE EAKIN IS TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Whether He Will Be Forced to Give Up Place Is Cause of Speculation.

Salem, Or., Dec. 9.—Whether the resignation of Justice Robert Eakin, of the supreme court, will be forced January 1, by his physical inability to perform the duties of chief justice, is a question under discussion here today.

Under the provisions of chapter 187, laws of 1913, the justice having the shortest term, and not holding by appointment, shall be chief justice. Beginning January 1, Eakin's term is the shortest.

Ill for Two Years.

The chief justice has certain duties assigned to him which cannot be performed by one so incapacitated as Justice Eakin has been it is asserted. For a year he has heard arguments in but one case. He has been ill for two years. His term expires in January, 1919.

Among the duties of the chief justice are the assigning of three justices of each department, the apportioning of business to each department and the ordering of a case heard en banc.

May Choose McBride.

If the court decides that one of its members may act as chief justice in Justice Eakin's absence, it is probable that Justice McBride will be chosen. In the event that Justice Eakin resigns, Justice McBride will automatically become chief justice.

Wallace McCammant, of Portland, counsel for the Wells Fargo Express company, will be appointed successor to Justice Eakin in case he resigns, it is said by those close to Governor Withycombe. At the latter's office it was stated today that Justice Eakin had not intimated that he would resign in the near future, or at any time.

Railroad Hearings May Be Postponed

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—To give the administration a completely clear track for carying out its railroad legislation program, it was practically decided today to sidetrack the hearings of the Newlands joint committee which has been investigating railroads and all public utilities questions. It is understood Senator Newlands will suggest to congress Monday that the report of the committee which is scheduled to be made January 8 be postponed until after March 4.