

# STRAHORN ASKS BEND FOR \$100,000 AS ITS PART FOR NEW ROAD

## Assurance Given That Construction Will Be Started if Bonds Are Voted.

### SENTIMENT IS FAVORABLE

#### Commercial Club Appoints Committee to Feel Out Business Men of Community as to Their Interest.

Portland, Or., March 21.—If Bend will vote a \$100,000 bond issue with which to assist Robert E. Strahorn in the building of the Oregon-California and Eastern Railway, construction on the proposed rail line will begin at once, according to Mr. Strahorn just before he left for Portland, and he will build the line for 40 miles southeast into the "Hot Rock" valley.

This issue was brought before the directors of the Bend Commercial club, in making his proposal to the directors, Mr. Strahorn said that the city of Bend would not be making a donation of \$100,000 toward the road, but that it would receive a proportionate part of the earnings of the company through some form of security.

Would Be Negotiable. This would be negotiable and could be sold at any time, the price to be determined by the value put on it by investors at the time. If it were held by the city it would constantly share in the company's earnings.

The cost of the 40 miles of construction would be about \$800,000 of which a considerable portion would be spent in Bend.

Railroad shops which will be built here when the railroad is constructed, and the road itself, will give employment to a number of men, estimated at from 100 to 1000.

In presenting the proposition to the meeting Mr. Strahorn said that he had always expected to secure 25 to 30 per cent of the cost of the road, in addition to the terminal right of way, from the communities benefited. Klamath Falls has put up \$300,000, and a fair share from Bend would be \$100,000. He said he was not arguing that Bend should do this, but simply explaining that if Bend were sufficiently interested to do it, he would guarantee immediate construction.

Committee Is Appointed. Following questions from those present, designed to bring out all phases of the proposition, Floyd Demant, as president of the Commercial club, appointed a committee to consider the matter and to canvass the business interests of the town to learn their attitude. The committee consisting of C. S. Hudson, D. E. Hunter, J. P. Keyes, C. N. Hunter and A. J. Kroener, is expected to make a report at the meeting of the Commercial club today.

Upon the general view taken at the meeting of the Commercial club will depend largely how soon the issue will be placed before the voters of the city. If it is decided that the measure warrants further consideration.

The view taken here is that the issue of the construction of the road to the south for a distance will be the biggest factor in the development of the interior of central Oregon.

The road, according to the route that has been outlined by Mr. Strahorn will tap a rich and undeveloped timber, stock and farming section which will become tributary to Bend.

It is the general belief that inasmuch as Klamath Falls has voted \$300,000 with which to assist Mr. Strahorn, Bend can meet the \$100,000 proposal that has been made.

# ABDICATED CZAR AND FAMILY IN PRISON, REPORT

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with a former premier, Kokovozoff, and several leaders of the "Black Band," the inner circle of bureaucrats.

General Gornoff Is Prisoner. Advice late this afternoon added to this list of prisoners the names of General Gornoff, governor general of the province of Amur, and General Nestchenkoff, a troop commander in the same province. Presumably these two officials refused to renounce their allegiance to the royalist regime.

Klief's Advice. Klief advised the clergy there had made formal recognition of the new government.

The secret Finland police has been formally dissolved. A number of former agents were arrested at the frontier as they endeavored to escape into Sweden.

Attempt to Assassinate Fails. Petrograd, March 21.—(U. P.)—An attempt has been made to assassinate A. F. Kerzki, minister of justice in the new provisional government of Russia.

The would-be assassin committed suicide afterward. He is believed to have been the tool of the reactionaries in the "army group."

An attempt was made by the man, afterwards identified as a captain in the cavalry, to see Dr. Kerzki on the pretext that he had a letter to deliver. Suspicion was aroused, and upon search a loaded revolver, but no letter, was found.

The cavalry officer, by a sudden move, regained the weapon and shot

himself, falling dead at the feet of his captors.

Cabinet conferences continue to be held daily. Prince Milukoff, the foreign minister, announced today that the foreign relations situation is entirely satisfactory.

Troops Cheer Democracy. Petrograd, March 21.—(U. P.)—Russian troops at the front received news of the overthrow of the autocracy and setting up of a democracy with acclaim, according to dispatches received today from field headquarters and made public by the provisional government.

The troops were mustered in the public square, to which point they had marched carrying red flags and singing the "Marseillaise." At the request of Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the army, General Alexieff, chief of staff, read the czar's declaration of abdication, and exhorted the soldiers to loyalty to the new government.

Political Amnesty Decreed. Petrograd, March 21.—(U. P.)—A general political amnesty was decreed in a ukase issued today by the Russian provisional government.

"Yielding to the imperial demands of the national conscience, in the name of historic justice, and in commemoration of the definite triumph of the new regime, founded upon right and liberty," the ukase declared, "we order a general political amnesty."

The ukase also confirmed previous announcements of a constitution for Finland and ordered immediate application of such a plan, providing for constant consultation of the Finnish diet to this end.

Freemasons Pledge Support. Gary, Ind., March 21.—(U. P.)—A pledge of support today was called to Paul N. Miller, minister of foreign affairs in the new government of Russia, by Maximilian Kirschman, national secretary of the John Hus League of Slav Freemasons in the United States.

The league is hopeful that the new government will lift the ban on Masonry in Russia, an end toward which it is working in Bohemia.

President Advances Date of Extra Session of Congress 2 Weeks

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Those of the president's advisers who believe this unnecessary now.

A final decision on this question, however, depends largely, it was stated today, on the termination of the first armed American liner that ventures into the danger zone laid out by Germany.

In this connection it is recalled that President Wilson, about a year ago, declared to some of his advisers that he had reason to believe, if the United States entered the war actively, there would be a termination of the struggle within a few months.

His advisers told him, within the last 24 hours, that to assume now a positive stand against Germany would be to encourage the new Russian government, hearten the allied troops in the field, perhaps create an irrepressible demand in Germany for the overthrow of the autocracy there, and bring lasting peace to the world nearer.

Many Are Counseling War. It became known today that in the past few weeks many telegrams and much of the advice that have gone to the White House have counseled upon war, and have been frank in declarations that a high note of patriotism must be sounded at once; they declare that the world is waiting for "waiting to hear from the country."

They have declared the country has need now of a leader who must tell the country and the people what they must do; they have declared it is finally up to the president of the United States to decide on active steps against Germany and German military and naval operations, and to lead the country without timidity over the question: "Will the country want me to do this?"

War Preparations Rushed. It was in the face of such overwhelming sentiment that the president today decided not to await even the 14 more days until April 16, the date he had set in a former proclamation for an extraordinary session.

Heads of the military division of the war department showed activity similar to that displayed in that branch immediately preceding the president's mobilization of the National Guard for border duty.

While navy department heads were uncommunicative immediately following the president's call, it was believed that the call for the mobilization of the naval militia is not far off.

Solons Prepare for Session. Washington, March 21.—(U. P.)—One of the first results today of President Wilson's advancement of the date for an extra session of the Sixty-fifth congress was a general mobilization of the administration's legislative leaders to prepare to rush crisis legislation through immediately.

A Democratic caucus was set for March 30. Hurry calls were sent out for the absent members of the administration's legislative corps. Speaker Champ Clark and Majority Leader Claude Kitchin will reach Washington tomorrow.

One of the first measures which will be rushed through will be a gigantic appropriation bill for war time needs of the nation, estimates today placed the amount to be asked at \$50,000,000. This huge sum will be utilized to put the nation on a war footing—purchase of guns, ammunition, uniforms, horses and other military equipment.

Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, father of the universal military training bill, called at the war department and conferred with Secre-

# REORGANIZATION OF CABINET DEMANDED BY NEW YORK TIMES

## Editorial Says President Owes Duty to Self and People to Secure Big Men.

### CONFIDENCE NECESSARY

#### Patriotism, It Says, Commands Call to Go Forth to Nation's Great Men and Their Acceptance.

New York, March 21.—(U. P.)—An immediate reorganization of the cabinet along patriotic, non-partisan lines, is demanded by the New York Times (Democratic), in an editorial declaring that only the government itself is unprepared—"yet the government must carry on the war."

"At such a time, patriotism commands that the call to duty go forth to the country's great men, courageously it commands them to answer the summons by acceptance," says the editorial. "The line of party fades from view; the people are one. Men whose capacity, whose names command confidence, should sit at the president's council table. We are not ready for the war; we are deplorably unready."

President Wilson has not yet sent the names of his cabinet appointees to the senate for confirmation. It is to be assumed that, in accord with usage and precedent, the resignations of all his cabinet officers have been placed in his hands. He has entire freedom of choice. The imminence of war lays upon him the imperative duty to consider how and where he may strengthen his council of advisers and executive chiefs.

"Because of the great part the president himself must take in the determination of policies and the direction of public business during war, and in view of the always present possibility that he may be incapacitated by illness, the duty to fill the chief posts by appointing men of unquestioned fitness and ability becomes one of complete obligation. The president owes it to himself, since the success of his administration in a time of great trial, may depend on it."

Big Men Are Demanded. "He owes it to the people, for if, as now seems probable, they are to be called upon to bear the heavy burdens and anxieties of war, there must not be added endless alarms arising from the doubt and fear that the men at the head of affairs are unequal to their tasks and responsibilities."

It is a matter of no ordinary moment at this time, for it is probable that the United States will soon be engaged in the war. If we make war we must wage it, as Polonius advised, in such a way that the enemy will repent of the peace he has made. But war is a business of the greatest seriousness; it demands for its direction and conduct the service of men of the first order of ability, men whose qualifications may be summed up by saying that they must have the full confidence of the people."

No Changes Considered. Washington, March 21.—(U. P.)—Despite a stirring demand for re-election cabinet in event of the expected open hostilities between the United States and Germany, President Wilson today declared that he would not consider any changes in his cabinet.

The president also learned positively that no formal resignations of present cabinet officers have been presented to the president, although each member has, in accord with custom, informally indicated to the president his willingness to resign should the president deem changes advisable.

The nearest approach to a coalition cabinet, it was stated, would be a broader authority for the national council of defense, the membership of which includes all the members of President Wilson's cabinet.

Secretary Baker. Later he went to the White House, but was unable to see the president.

The question of what congress will do with regard to war was uppermost in the minds of all the senators and representatives who have remained here during the recess.

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, Democratic whip of the senate and close to the White House, said he believed that congress would vote the president "blanket authority to use the army and navy as he saw fit."

Chamberlain Will See President. Washington, March 21.—(U. P.)—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, declared today he would confer with President Wilson before April 2 regarding universal military training and other military preparedness measures.

Among these will be increases in ordnance sufficient to equip both to congress and to the people of the nation at large, asking for early action at the coming special session.

Attention is called to the fact that existing laws of the United States prohibit American manufacturers from cooperating in joint selling agencies for foreign trade, where European governments encourage and insist upon their manufacturers cooperating in every way possible.

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# WIDOW FROM WEST MARRIES FORMER SENATOR



MRS CHARLES A. TOWNE

New York, March 21.—Charles A. Towne, former United States senator from Minnesota, and his bride, formerly Mrs. Alice M. Elkin, of Washington, are on their honeymoon, having been married at Mr. Towne's Riverside Drive home, New York city, where they will reside. The former Mrs. Elkin is a daughter of the late Henry Reinhart, of Los Angeles.

# FRANCE IN POSITION TO PROSECUTE WAR TO END, SAYS RIBOT

## New Premier Announces Plan of Raising Funds for Future Needs.

Paris, March 21.—(U. P.)—"We are now in position where we fight with equal strength of arms as long as necessary—having what our enemies do not have, the sentiment that we are defending the cause of right and of civilization."

So reads a stirring statement issued by the new premier, Alexandre Ribot, today to the people of France. It was his formal "cabinet declaration."

Ribot reaffirmed France's intention to continue to the end. He lauded France's victorious soldiers, "already liberating part of the invaded territory—which is only a preface to new and supreme efforts against the enemy."

The new premier likewise declared his intention to direct general public war with parliament, leaving a generalissimo in complete direction of army operations.

He announced new taxes and a law to prohibit importation from foreign countries of articles unnecessary to the life of the country.

"With our allies," he concluded, "we have the common ideal and spirit of liberty and brotherhood which guarantees the future peace wished by the president of the great American republic as to condition and organization of society and of nations."

The message also "salutes Russia" and expressed the hope that the "revolution will go on without shedding of blood."

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# BIDS ARE OPENED FOR GRADING AND PAVING OF ST. HELENS ROAD

## Only Four Bids Submitted and All Are Confined to Bituminous Type.

### WINNER IS NOT DECIDED

#### Until Extensions Are Made By Roadmaster One Making Lowest Offer Will Not Be Known.

Bids were opened today by the board of county commissioners for grading and paving the St. Helens road between Linton and the Columbia county boundary. The improvement embraces 10 miles of pavement and approximately four miles of grading.

Only four bids were submitted and these were confined to the bituminous type of pavement. No bids were offered on cement, concrete or wood block.

Until the bids are extended it cannot be ascertained which bid is the lowest. The roadmaster was authorized to make the extensions and submit his recommendations to the board of commissioners Thursday.

The bids on pavement were as follows: Bituminous concrete No. 1 (bitulithic) on crushed stone base—United Contracting company, \$1.25 per square yard, maintenance one-fourth of cent per square yard per year; Washington Paving company, Seattle, \$1.14 per square yard, maintenance one-fourth of cent; Warren Construction company, \$1.17 per square yard, maintenance .0005 cent; Oskar Huber, \$1.23, maintenance .006 cent.

Bitulithic on concrete base—Warren Construction company \$1.82, maintenance .00031; Oskar Huber \$1.86, maintenance .006 cent.

Asphaltic concrete No. 2 (Topicka) on crushed stone base—United Contracting company 84 cents per square yard, no maintenance; Washington Paving company, 88 cents per square yard, maintenance 2 cents per square yard per year; Warren Construction company, \$1.07, no maintenance; Oskar Huber \$1.19, no maintenance.

Topicka on concrete base—United Contracting company \$1.50, no maintenance; Washington Paving company \$1.48, maintenance 1 cent per square yard; Warren Construction company

Fire Chief and Marshal Favorable to Plan of Giving Firemen One Day Off in Three.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the East Side Business Men's club at its semi-monthly luncheon Tuesday strongly favoring the \$3,000,000 bond issue for the erection of bulk grain elevators.

A succession of Everett policemen were called by the state today in the case against Thomas Tracy, I. W. W. member, accused, with 73 others, of the murder of Jefferson Beard at Everett, November 5 last.

The policemen told of threats made by members of the I. W. W. at various street meetings and when being arrested or deported from the city at different times before the arrival of the steamer Verone with a large number of the organization on board November 5, when Beard was killed.

# Policemen Tell of Threat by I. W. W.

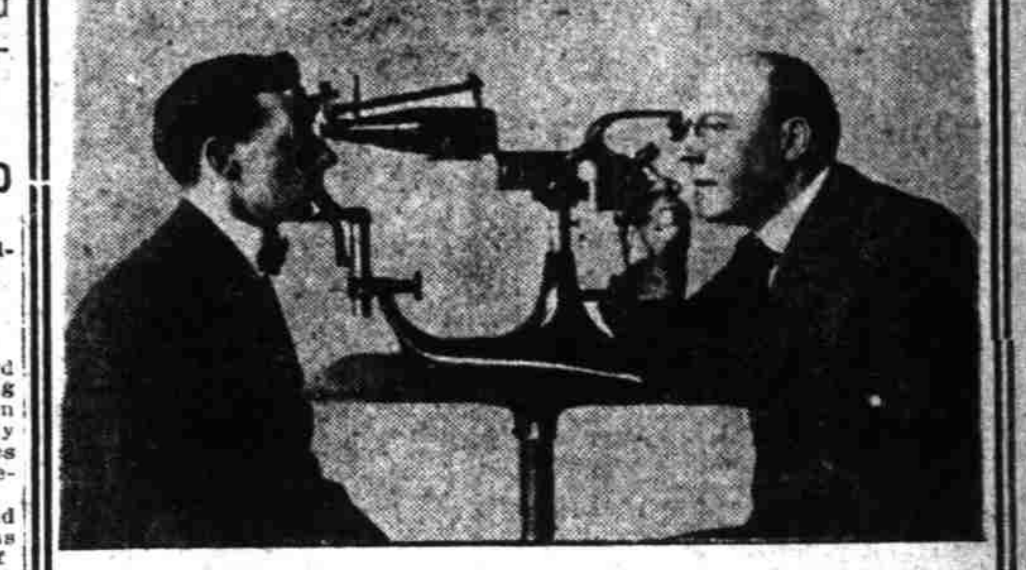
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