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Oregon Patriotic Service League Is Organized at a Monster Gathering at the Lincoln High School.

PRESIDENT IS BACKED IN ELOQUENT TALKS

Telegram Pledges the Fullest Support of West; Peace Advertisements Condemned.

Cossage Fledges Support. The message telegraphed to President Wilson from the mass meeting of all Portland organizations last night is as follows:

The President, the White House, Washington, D. C.: The Oregon Patriotic Service league, organized for the purpose of being a clearing house for all organizations, civic, so-cial and religious, in Portland and Oregon, for patriotic service and assistance to the govfriment in any way of which it may be of service in the event of war, sends to you its greetings, and pledges to you end congress its hearty support in any course which you and congress may decide upon as best upholding the honor and dignity of our beloved country. We ask that you be not disturbed by the appeal recently ent out to the west as a full page newspaper advertisement by the Emergency Peace Federation, Seventy-fifth avenue, New York. We resent this advertisement as an effort to emarass you and we assure you that there is enough red blood on the Pacific coast to follow OREGON PATRIOTIC SERV-

One of the greatest patriotic dem mass meeting of delegates from 536 Portland organizations in Lincoln high The organization of the Oregon Patriotic Service league was its result. A pleage of support to the utterost was telegraphed the president fter a unanimous vote. The appeal to the west of the Emer

full page advertisements here was reudiated in the same message and in hese words: "We resent this advertisement ar n effort to embarrass you and we ssure you that there is enough red falls today. lood on the Pacific coast to follow

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your lead wheresoever it may take

Must Not Abandon Coast. The defense of the Pacific coast istead of abandonment to capture in

ass of foreign invasion, was urged in "God hates an unrighteous war no than he hates a dishonorable vehemently declared Bishop alter Taylor Sumner in a trumpet address that proved the keynote sech of the evening. Universal aining, an alray of 12,000,000 men, a an of \$5,000,000,000 to the allies are per national policies and acts, he

'Had we an army of 1,000,000 men.' ontinued, "our vessels would not been sunk, our nation would not been insulted, we should not be near war as we are today. But if w we are 'neither hot nor cold,' we all be spewed from out the mouth or withheld.

Patriotism Greatest Asset. At this moment this country's patm is its greatest asset; we must ack of the president at any whatever may come," ringingly rred D. Solis Cohen.
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Everbearing Strawberries Fine Squab Breeders

MBITIOUS young man or wom-an to buy my scholarship in ortland leading business col-ge, \$90, 7 months; full privilege holarship. Will sell at big dis-

Lost and Found—21 ST—White bull dog, brindle spots, license No. 1810.

For Sale Miscellaneous 19 ERBEARING strawberry lants, \$8 per 1000, delivered t and second zones.

ss. OVERLAND, mode 75; btric lights and starte; new se battery; looks and runs Six good tires, \$350, if at once.

ONS, fine squab breeders, neaux, White Kings, Homers, Tails, Carneaux hens. Bar-

Fanted Miscenaneous 5 TPBD To rent, upright plane im private owner; best 2 given. Rental must be reas le; write, stating rental.

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Munition Contracts With Allies at End

New York, March 31 .- (I. N. S.)-The business of making munitions for the European allies came to an end in the United States today, officially, aft-er more than a billion dollars' worth of war goods have been exported. Contracts for the delivery of munitions expired in the greater part of the American munition factories and employes who have been working on these goods have been diverted to other work. The total exports of munitions from August 1, 1914, to January 31, 1917, was \$1,059,828,156. Many of the companies who have been doing work for the allies, still have considerable work to do before completing their contracts, although

U. S. Judges Cannot Suspend Senténce

Washington, March 31,—(U. P.)— Judges of the United States district courts were today stripped of power to suspend the imposition or execution of sentence "except for the purpose of disposing of judicial questions," under a ruling made public by Attorney Gen-

eral Gregory.

This decision was reached after the attorney general had made a test case of the case of Judge Killits of Cleve-iand, Ohio, who had refused to impossentence after a banker had been adjudged guilty. It will have a far-reaching offect, it was announced, as there are more than 5000 such cases, where sentence was either suspended

Sec. Vrooman Urges Whole Wheat Bread

Washington, March 31 .- (I. N. S.)saving of 60,000,000 to 125,000,000 bushels of wheat by putting the nation ative Lenroot of V on a "war bread" diet was declared the house element. possible tonight in a formal statement issued by Assistant Secretary of Agri-culture Vrooman. The statement discussed the question of how soon the United States must go to a war bread by the caucus action, was tabled. With basis. The assistant secretary declared him went Representative Gray of New that whole-wheat bread would be more Jersey. Republicans reported Reprehealthful for many persons than white sentative Dalinger of Massachusetts flour bread and outlined various plans also left, but it was said he returned by which up to 125,000,00 bushels of wheat could be saved." in order to re-lease more wheat for the use of our allies."

Former Newspaper Man Gets High Place

Washington, March 31.—(U. P.)—Frank B. Lord, formerly of Syracuse and for many years correspondent here for the Buffalo Times, was today ap-pointed chief of the divison of cor-respondence of the postoffice department, to succeed D. H. McAdam, St. Louis, recently confirmed as postmas-ter at Honolulu.

Sandbags Protect Louvre From Raids

Washington, March 51.—(I. N. S.)—
The Louvre in Paris, treasure house
of the world's greatest art masterpieces, is closed to the public and completely covered with sandbags as a
protection against air raids. This
information is given in cable advices
repetived here trailes.

Barring Unexpected, House Will Be Ready for President's Message Shortly After Session Is Opened.

CHAMP CLARK WILL BE SPEAKER, IS PREDICTION

Two Republicans Quit Caucus, Declaring They Will Not Support Mann.

Washington, D. C., March 31. (WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) .- Representaof the three far western members named by the Republican caucus on the committee on committees. All Republican committee assignments will be made by the committee, Sinnott will hold his present place on the public lands committee, advancing one or two numbers. He considers the committee of greatest importance to his district and state. Representative Hawley probably will remain on the agricultural committee. Representative McArthur is discussed for the rivers and harbors committee also the ways and means committee. The latter is the most important committee nationally, while the rivers and harbors committee has nanifest advantages for the Portland district. Little doubt exists tonight that Champ Clark will be elected speaker Mon-day. Many Republicans privately admit this to be probable outcome.

Washington, March 31 .- (U. P.)-Barring the completely unexpected

the Sixty-fifth house will organize a short time after it meets in the epochal session that starts at noon Champ Clark or James R. Mann will be elected speaker. From events of today even many Republicans predicted that it will be Champ Clark, who will be chosen to

preside over what is expected to be one of the most momentous gather-ings of the lower body since the nation came into being. Democrats Are United. Democrats apparently are solidly united. There is little indication that Representative Gallivan, Boston, will the official expiration of the contracts carry his resentment over the "wet" defeat in the last congress to the point of leading the "wet" element to

disrupt what seems certain victory

not only in the speakership battle, but in the battle for all other officerships in the house. Republicans lost two more votes to day, which, with the loss of Representative Capstick, New Jersey, yesterday, brings the number they wil have in the house Monday down to Representative Helgesen, North 211. Dakota, was stricken with appendicitis and Representative Bleakeley of Pennsylvania announced he would not be here to vote. The Democrats have total of 214.

Republicang Name Mann. All are expected to be present. Two idependents are said to be certain to vote with them and one other is eaning toward the Democrats, Final steps preliminary to the opening Monday were taken today when Republicans of the house, at a caucus named Mann for speaker and nom!nated a full ticket of house officers. A fight featured the caucus, along with the conspicuous absence of Miss Jeannette Rankin, Republican repre-sentative-elect from Montana, Representative Augustus Gardner of Massachusetts announced that he would not vote for Republican Leader Mann for speaker, but would support Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin, leader of

Two Men Quit Caucus. Gardner left when a resolution offered by Representative Elston of California declaring members not bound

later.
The caucus voted that rules of the sixty-fourth congress should be con-tinued until December 10, when a committee of seven, to be appointed by the speaker, should report new rules. It was also voted that April 14 motions to suspend business to pass appropria-tion bills should be in order.

McArthur to Assist Whip, A committee on committees was named, with power to name a steering committee of five. Mann is chairman of both. No floor leader will be named unless Mann is elected speaker. Representative Hamfiton of New York was named whip, with Representative Farr of Pennsylvania, Nichols of Michigan and McArthur of Oregon as assistants. and McArthur of Oregon as assistants.

The senate, already organized, will swear in Senator-Elect Hiram Johnson and mark time until the house is organized. Then both houses will notify the president they are ready to receive his message.

Correspondence Pours In.

Up to today senators and representatives returning from the middle west and the northwest reported a noticeable absence of sentiment from hash

Up to today senators and representa-tives returning from the middle west and the northwest reported a notice-able absence of sentiment from back home. Today they began to hear from home. By this evening a veritable stream of letters, telegrams and in some Istances, even telephone calls, lit-

First Steel Craft Is Launched Vesterlide Hits River Boat

Steamer Glide From the Ways.

It was a tremendous crowd that wit-Saturday at the Northwest Steel Co. Long before the workmen's hammer began to play a tattoo on the blocks releasing the ocean leviathan, the vanguard of vantage seekers comnenced assembling at the shipyards. By 1 o'clock, more that an hour before the launching, practically all available space about the vessel was occupied. By 2 o'clock, 12 minutes before the ship took the dip, standing room withn a hundred yards of the craft was at a premium. The sightseers, including men, women and children, crowded even to the vicinity of the water's edge where an artificial barrier blocked their further encroachments.

Grand Stand a Mecca. Nearby roofs were appropriated by the more daring and the ubiqutous small boy, in rapturdis glee, "shinned" up telephone poles or exercised squatters' rights on the company's aerial

Back upon the railroad tracks an hillside other members of the vast by residenters witnessed the spectacle from their windows and a string of automobiles lined every came to a stop it was the Vesterlide street approach on the bush street approach on the hill.

There were boys and girls from the schools; .clerks, lawyers, coctors, polshipbuilders and mechanics. So great an attraction was the launching to some that whole families were represented. Numerous mothers with babes in arms were seen elbow ing their uncertain, tortuous way about the yards looking for safe and convenient resting places; while these mothers watched and waited for the crash of glass on the boat's prow, their infants, oblivious to their surroundings, tugged away on milk hot- either side failed to stop her progress des to their hearts' content Even a mite, snapping like so much thread.

tators. Little Work for Police. Uniformed policemen were on hand to keep the crowds within bounds, but they found little actual work to do. There was a noticeable absence of rowdyism. Orders were obeyed generally without protest.

Here are unrect for the neighest Ruth. Craft a short way ahead of him made it impossible for Captain Hegdale to send his craft out of harm's way at once. He was forced to puh astern a half tength to clear these and was then going full speed The occasion was not unlike a great festival. It was a gain day, a day of untold historical importance. It was (Concluded on Page Twelve, Column One)

GERMAN SEA RAIDER

Seeadler.

FLIES NORWAY'S FLAG

By H. B. Robertson.

a clumsy three-masted sailing vessel,

The sailing vessel was the German

raider Seeadler. Its full toll of ships

probably has not yet been told-but

survivors arrived at Rio de Janeiro

today on board the French bark Cam-

bronne and reported 11 vessels sunk

Cambronne Brings 283 Survivors.

the Cambronne-two of them women.

They were from British, French and Italian ships. All had grudging ad-

miration for the audacity of the Ger-

man sea rover's tactics: the utter dis-

regard for all rules of the game in

substituting a slow traveling sailing

vessel as a raider instead of the mod-ern ideal of a fast, clean cut, heavily

armed cruiser, like the Moewe and

all versions, was armed with only two

sizeable guns, although she carried a

number of rapid-firers and machine

Left Germany December 22.

The Secadler left a German port De-

ember 22, and, under the Norwegian

flag and escorted by submarines, wen

to Iceland—exactly the same route

Moewe, has always taken on her ex-

cursions as a sea terror. From Iceland

the Seeadler turned due south to around

Her earliest capture was January 3

her latest March 3. On March 11 the armed sailing vessel Hongarth beat off

the raider and escaped.
In all cases the raider, bearing her

Norwegian flag, would approach close

to her victim, signal under some pre-

text, and when she was close enough

open fire, at the same time hoisting

sighting numerous allied patrol

engines, it was conceded that under any circumstances she could not make anywhere near the speed of haif a dozen of the allied cruisers known to be in South American waters now, and certainly her armer would be no

the upper South American coast.

which her famous predecessor, the

The Seeadler, according to

There were 283 survivors aboard

the Secadler has not been located.

by the pseudo Norwegian. And as yet

flying Norwegian colors.

TO DECEIVE VICTIMS

men on crutches were among the spec-

Great Crowd Sees the Big Stern Wheeler Ruth Struck 'Midships by Great Freighter.

Struck fairly amidships by th nessed the launching of the Vesterlide heavy steamer Vesterlide as she ended her slide from the ways of th Northwest Steel company, the paper carrying steamer Ruth of Oregon City was sunk yesterday afternoon. The Ruth, commanded by Captair

). F. Hegdale, was laying alongside the log booms of the Inman-Poulser Lumber company, that her crew might witness the launching. Three men, Harry Colson, fireman; Joe Hanley, deck boy, and John Lauterach, deckhand, were injured in jumping to the logs to escape injury. Those who stayed on the steamer were unin

jured. Colson has a cracked bone in his foot Lauterbach is suffering from bruises n both hips, while Hanley had his left leg badly crushed. None of the men is seriously injured, however, and will out of St. Vincent's hospital within short time.

Engineer Real Hero. Engineer James Galbreth proved the hero of the accident stayed with the craft and handled his the engineer to shut off his engine Altogether, it was a cosmopolitan and the wheel of the wrecked craft turned for 15 minutes pushing the huge steel steamer and herself stream slowly. Tow boats finally got hold of the Vesterlide and drew her out of the gaping hole in the side of the Ruth.

> The Ruth sank slowly, coming to a est on the bottom of the river fully three-quarters of an hour later. She lies with her main deck under water. The Versterlide took the water at 2:12 p. m., just 12 minutes after the scheduled time. Two four-inch manila hawsers attached to her bow on

Buth Caught in Chancery. She charged across the river in perfect arc, direct for the helpless shead, trying to get away, when the when his turn came a moment later. The big graft struck a glanding

(Cencluded on Page Twelve, Column Pour) BRITISH CAPTURE PRISONERS AND GUNS ON WESTERN FRONT

Vessels Scour Atlantic for tire to St. Emilie, Reports of the wearing out of ships through sub-General Haig.

London, March 31 .- (U. P.)-Following the capture of Hendecourt, the Rio De Janeiro, March 31 .- (U. P.)-Once again tonight the south Atlantic British forces made considerable progwas the scene of a grim game of tag ress east of that point, capturing priswith British and French patrol vesoners and machine guns, General Haig sels scouring the waters for trace of reported tonight.

"The capture of Vermande, Marteville, Soyecourt, was effected with little opposition, and the enemy was forced to retire to St. Emille," the report continued. "We carried two hostile posts in the

neighborhood of Econststemein de-spite considerable resistance. West of Heinsursojeul our forces rushed enemy positions and after killing or capturing the entire garrison withdrew with their prisoners." The British forces, Haig reported, have captured Deancourt, Hervilly and

vance on the Cologne valley. Fierce Fighting Reported.

Hesbecourt and have resumed their ad-

Berlin, March 31.—(Via Sayville Wireless.)—(U. P.)—Fierce fighting, in some places hand to hand clashes, was reported in the first German offjcial report today. Ocupation of Heudi-court and St. Emelie by British forces "A night advance of English detachments on both sides of the wood of

hand-to-hand fighting" the statement "There were lively artillery effects, accompanied by attack of Eng-lish battations on both sides of the road from Peronne to Fins. "Near Metz Coutere, the enemy was epulsed; further south he arrived at leaudicourt and St. Emilie. Soissons resulted in heavy losses to the enemy in our fire. In the Champagne there was tenacious fighting for the heights south of Ripont. On the ridges of this strip, the attack of the French was repulsed in the center but enemy storming detachments entered trenches were then cleaned of enemies by thrusting detachments of the di-vision standing there."

Mrs. Catt to Attend

day to attend the opening of conkin, first woman congresswoman, take her chair. Mrs. Catt and Mrs. Maud Wood Park, phairman of the associa-tion's congressional committee, will escort Miss Rankin on her trip from the house official burding to the

Birth of a Merchant Marine for Fort Takes Place at Feast Honoring Builders of Vesterlide.

HOUSER AND BOWLES MAKE INITIAL MOVE

Cooperative Plan of Building and Ownership of Vessels Meets Hearty Approval.

The birth of a Portland owned and operated merchant marine took place at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday

Its birthday party was the banquet enoring the officers of the Northwest Steel company and the Willamette Iron & Steel Works for their work in building the steel steamer Vesterlide. Merchant Marine Godfathers. Its godfathers were Max H. Houser

and Joseph R. Bowles. Houser himself was not there. Worn out by a succession of speeches and meetings in the interests of patriotic week, the Pacific northwest's 'wheat king" left early. His speech initiating the move for a Portland owned fleet of merchant ships, was made by John T. Dougall. Houser's plan, seconded and celled on its way by Bowles, is for the cooperative ownership of vessels "I want to see 1000 men subscribe \$1 a day for five years. I want to see 5000 more subscribe 50 cents a day; I want to see 25,000 of the wage earners of Portland subscribe 25 cents a day; I want to see 50,000 more men

come forward with 10 cents a day."

Hill was burprised to find that the people of Portland were not satisfied. From your lassitude, I had decided that everything was satisfac-Time for Such Move.

"The time has come for us to throw off that yoke of indifference. The wage earner of Portland, the business man of Portland and the farmer of for such a move. It will give us ships to move our crops, our lumber and our manufactures. It will provide us with ed to take it away from us."

Bowles' talk to the banquet was British and French Patrol Germans Are Forced to Re- along more technical lines. He told

marines, government requisition and "natural causes." He told of the cost of manufacture and of the promises of the future,

Purchase of Wooden Craft, He told of the purchase by the Cuard line, the same firm that recently ought the steamer Vesterlide, whose launching was being celebrated, of a fleet of .10 wooden steam-propelled craft from a Texas firm, "They are craft of 4000 tons dead

weight capacity and 11 knots speed," he declared. "They are the ship of the immediate future. They will solve the problem of transportation until such time as steel, the logical peace ship, goes down to a price where the municipality can have such ships, Permanent Fleet the Meed.

"Build them, own them and operat them. You have your opportunity. Grasp it. The dividends which such a line will bring to the stockholders will set by a fund by which a permanent fleet can be provided later and insure the continuity of prosperity Portland."

Houser's plan of operation as expounded Saturday night is for a board of five representative citizens serving with no salary, to be appointed to start the work. They should gather the funds and employ a competent marine engineer to supervise the building of the fleet. He advocated their building right here where the employes then selves, gaining through the steady emhelr share of the expense. Upon the completion of such a fleet or even of the first ship a traffic manager equally competent should be employed to handle them.

Bowles Acquiesced Heartily. Bowles echoed the policy in its en-tirety, advocating the building of craft in which his yard by its facilities now at hand would be unable to share. The proposition was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Whispered conversations over the backs of chairs, across the tables or to adjoining banqueters voiced an approval of an energetic, progressive move such as had never been proposed here before and which it was deemed held the salvaour trenches for some hours. The tion of the community in its feasi-

Shipbuilding on Coast. Mrs. Catt to Attend

Opening of Congress

New York, March \$1.—(L. N. S.)—
Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, went to Washington

Bowles also told of the growth of the shipbuilding industry on the Pacific coast and its future. He declared that he saw a decade of steady toil for the shipbuilders of this coast on the present inflated value and scarcity of ships and that even at the end of that time he believed the country would have reached such a state that its continuity would be established.

He declared that the supremacy of the shipbuilder as a whole Bowles also told of the growth of

the American shipbuilder as a was being established. "We never excelled in steel ship-building because we did not have the opportunity to do so," he declared. "The Briton excelled without compe-tition. He is face to face with a com-petition now which he can never catch

Oregon Held Spy Suspect

Government Agent Arrives at Roseburg to Find Herman Oestrich Had Gone South.

Roseburg, Or., March 31 .- A. R. Dors, a government secret service agent arrived in Roseburg today on the trail of Herman Oestrich, said to be a Garman spy, who had obtained plans of two coast defense stations. Oestrich had been in seclusion at Reston, 18 miles west of Roseburg, for some time, but the officer found that yestrich had left for San Francisco two days ago.

The officers in the east were at tracted to Oestrich by letters found on Von Igle, the German agent arrested in Philadelphia, who left this country with Barnstorff, and they have been trailing him since that time. Officers in San Francisco have been notified and Oestrich may be appre

Assistant United States Attorney tankin admitted Saturday night that ederal officers were on the trail of Destrich, who had been known to be omewhere on this coast. He disclaimed knowledge, however, of trich's supposed residence in Portland. Rankin stated that he did not know Dorris, the government detective, who is searching for the man in the vicin-

ity of Roseburg.
"As a matter of fact, the special agents for the department of justice are not conducting the search," said Rankin, "It is being handled by the secret service direct from Washing-

Among the many sensational reports that have been circulated in Portland during the last few days was one to the effect that a spy had actually been arrested here. This report proved groundless, but it gave rise to many speculations and caused police and federal officers much worry. Oestrich, branded as one of the ring-leaders of the alleged German dynamiting conspiracies of the east, has been on this coast for months.

Kansans Urged to Use All Food Sources

Topeka, Kan., March 31.-(I, N. S.) plan was launched.

"I myself will subscribe for five portions of each denomination," said Houser in his message.

"I will do the same," spoke Bowles, when his turn came a moment later, it is time see as a do thense or seed that the way are to come.

I acing a food shortage and the strong possibility of a poor wheat crop, Government departments moved rapportions of each denomination," said day to the people of Kansas to mobilize every possible source of food supply and urged in addition the greatest economy in the consumption of food and in living during the months that the way additional militia are to come.

Arrest of Duchess

Petrograd, March 31 .- (U. P.)-The letter, which several days ago resulted in the arrest of the Grand Duchess Vladimir, was from her to her son, the Grand Duke Boris, expressing hope that the Grand Duke Nicholas would be able to save the monarchy. The nature of its contents had been with-

Postmasters Are All

Washington, March \$1.—(U. P.)—Be- of America an ginning tomorrow all postmasters will the great war. be appointed under civil service rules. But withal there is no excitement

New York Is Hit by Famine of U.S. Flags

New York, March 31.—(I. N. S.)— The demand for United States flags so far exceeds the supply that there is a flag famine in New York. Flag manufacturers said today they are turning down all orders which call for delivery under 30 days.

Penfield Leaves

War Spirit Prevails in Nation's Capital as Opening of Extraordinary Session of Congress Draws Near.

PRESIDENT READY TO PRESENT HIS MESSAGE

War Department Announces Completion of Specific Plan for Training the Army.

Three Plans Considered. Washington, March 31.—(U. P.)—At a conference late today between President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker the final touches were put upon arrangements to meet any re-

quirements, These plans embrace three separate means of increasing the American army; by universal training; by calling for 500,000 volunteers, or by draft-ing men-into the service. While no statement was forthcoming as to which course the administration favors, it may be stated as a

fact that no draft is contemplated now. The belief is that, in view of the immediate need of men congress will authorize a call for 500,000 volunteers.

By Robert J. Bender. Washington, March 31 .- (U. P.) - A real war spirit prevailed in the na-

the total now doing police duty throughout the country more than

A determined note of hostility and bitter invective was sounded by con-gressional leaders as the lawmaking oody of the country prepared to assemble in its historic session next week.
"The interests of America demand
that Germany be beaten," declared
Senator Simmons, one of the foremost. emocratic leaders in congress. Calls Maiser a "Cave Man."

"The kaiser is a cave man, with mur-der in his heart," said Representative Eagle of Texas. "He is bent on the unwavering course of brute force and pillage. He must be put down or the democracles of the world are doomed. Under Civil Service And thus ran the man to Wash-ington today determined to take action that will avenge the trammeled rights of America and "do a man's part" in

regardless of political belief. The examinations will be competitive. The administrative heads of the government takes the postoffice patronage from senators and congressmen. in a calm, deliberate manner. The national defense council met to make a survey of the work of preparation thus far completed.

Parms Will Be Developed.

The federal farm loan board en-nounced that more than \$200,000,000 will be loaned out by the federal land banks during the coming year to in-tensify the farming industry in the country as a back-of-the-trenches preparedness measure.

The war department announced conpletion of a specific plan for raising an army "If congress wants an army." 'The navy department received bids from 50 firms to construct one or more submarine chasers each.

Penfield Leaves
Vienna for France
London, April 1.—(U. P.)—United
States Ambassador Penfield, Mrs. Penfield and the American embassy secretaries have left. Vienna and departed for France, according to a dispatch requived here from Amsterdam.

submarine chasers each.
Further steps were taken to protect the nation against spies when the postoffice department sent instructions to its 500,000 employes to report any evidence of conspiracies.

Taking of a census of technical expert taken to protect the nation against spies when the postoffice department sent instructions to its 500,000 employes to report any evidence of conspiracies.

Taking of a census of technical experts by the bureau of mines was any nounced, the object of the move being to avoid the risk of sacrificing expert engineers, chemists and scientists at (Concluded on Page Two. Column Four.)

What Shall U. S. Do in Crisis?

In Lincoln's words, America is a "government of the people, by the people and for the people." The news from the nation's capital is that harmonious with the ideals and traditions of this republic, President Wilson is seeking earnestly to ascertain, as far as possible, what the sentiment among the American masses is in the present stressful situation. If the heads of all European governments had taken a similar course, the past \$1 months of frightfulness never would have taken place, and the world would now be in peace and tranquility.

In consensace with President Wilson's policy and in harmony with the American idea, as phrased by Lincoln, The Journal is undertaking to sound public sentiment in Oregon relative to the present international situation. The questions are self-explanatory, and must be answered yes or no.

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(1) Mark an "X" in the appropriate column, opposite each question.

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Already extraordinary interest has been manifested and hundreds of marked ballots have been received. The balloting will close early this week.

If Germany persists in destroying American lives by sinking American ships, should congress declare war? Or, would you arm American merchantmen and confine hos-tilities to that, unless Germany declares war? Or, should America avoid war regardless of Germany's ag-

If war proves unavoidable, would you, in lieu of OFFENSIVI naval and military operations, prefer that congress appropriate \$1,000,000,000 to France as America's part in the conflict?