Humidity, 54,

STAND, FIVE CENTS

Foreign Secretary Wilson for Informal Discussion of Cooperation in Mapping Out War Plans.

TROOPS NOT NEEDED AT ONCE ON BATTLEFIELD

Commissioner Explains That Allied Governments Have Agreed to Pool Food Supplies: Italy and France Said to Feel Shortage.

Food Is Principal Meed. Washington, April 23 .-- (U. .) - What the allies want from the United States more than anything else is food.

This vital fact emerged above all others from the trappings diplomatic courtesy attending the initial reception here today of Foreign Secretary Arthur J. Balfour and the British commission by President Wilson and other American offi-

There is no "immediate concern regarding sending of Europe," it was officially stated. Balfour conferred with President Wilson, President Cunliffe of the Bank of England con-

ferred with Secretary of the

Treasury McAdoo. Naval experts of both nations conferred with Secretary

Secretary of State Lansing, Arthur James Balfour, Great Britain's secrene most important war conference of the world conflict, called upon President Wilson at the White House just before 11 o'clock today. Mr. Balfour hal already visited Secretary Lansing at the state de-Throughout the ceremonies were of the utmost simplicity.

Meantime the naval and army members of the Balfour party were calling on the heads of the nation's naval and military establishments. Major-General Bridges was presented to Secretary Baker by Major-General Scott, chief of staff, while Admiral Benson presented Admiral Dechair to Secretary Daniels. The reception at the White House (Continued on Page Two, Column Three)

CAPTURE OF TWENTY U-BOATS WITH CREWS

Member of War Commission of Starvation When Taken

Washington, April 23.-(U. P.) - A their crews were captured by the Brit- ting in the seed. ish April 10, the day before the party

er," said the Englishman. food and water and when our boats food supply. picked them up many of the men were on the verge of starvation. The crews were quite subdued and gladly surren-

dered.
"England is getting a lot more submarines than you people in America have any idea of.

"The submarine commanders are having a rough time of it. Their bases are sought out and destroyed almost before they are established. The British know of certain bases, but they let them alone until the sub-marines are gone, then destroy them and leave the U-boats in a hole."

Three Boys Killed By Fumes of Gas

Seattle Lads Playing in Launch Overcome; Bodies Found by Searchers Mear Home of One of Victims. Seattle, Wash., April 23 .- (U. P.)-

The bodies of three boys, Bailley Wil-Jack Iszard, 11, were found in the pilothouse of the gasoline tug Helen S. Sunday, on Lake Washington, where they had been asphyxiated by gas, while playing,
Parties had been searching for the

Parties had been searching for the three missing children since Saturday New Mexico Guard evening, when they failed to return home. All of them lived near Leschi Park, and the boat into which they had crawled was moored about 10 feet from the houseboat in which Jack Izzard

Peace Will Be May Day Topic Of Socialists

reparations Are Being Made for Celebrations on Grand Scale in Many Countries.

London, April 23,—(I. N. S.)—May day manifestations by Socialists and other workers will take on special significance this year. Dispatches re-ceived today from Rassia, Holland, Spain, Italy, Sweden and other countries stated that preparations for great industrial demonstrations are go-Balfour Calls on President ing forward on a grand scale. At many places the Socialists will take advantage of the day to press their demands for peace.

> Military Control Threatened. Amsterdam, April 23 .- (I. N. S.)-Military control of German munitions plants is threatened as a result of reent strikes.

> It was reported from Berlin today hat the war office has begun to give serious consideration to the question of military control of all gun and amnunition factories as a means of handling the workmen more efficiently in the future and preventing walkouts Deputy Scheidemann, Socialist, the reichstag, has issued an appeal to the munitions workers, saying that strikes at this time "are the greatest danger to an early peace."

DELAY MEANS

f You Need a Plowman, or if You Want a Job, Telephone City Auditor.

This is "plow week." Nature and the rain have yielded. Fround is getting into condition with a rapidity astonishing in ated season.

for breaking the soil must be impressed mean loss in the harvest. Many people want to know where to

get plows and plowmen. A number of plowmen want jobs. City Auditor Barbur's office will act ing spell. tary of state for foreign affairs, here as a clearing house of information on

> Telephone Marshall 4500. Those who have plows and want

work should list their names with the ity auditor at once. Those who want lots plowed should make application at once, in order that they may receive early attention. The telephones of the city auditor's office are Marshall 4500 and A-6601. Those who have work done in this way are protected against extortionate charges. No plowmen will be listed un-

reasonable amount and to do it thor-Some plowmen have been reported as plowing sod ground shallowly, turning the long heavy strips under without attempting to disc or crop up the mat of oots, and then assuring their patrons hat the ground was in good condition. Go Six to Eight Inches Deep.

There is nothing mysterious or technical about the preparation of ground for planting. Disk the sod ground both ways before plowing.

Spading gets the same result. BY BRITISH, RELATED Have the ground plowed six to eight inches. Do not turn up more than an inch or two inches of the raw subsoil. Harrow or rake the ground well. Go over it with hoe and rake until the clods have been pulverized. You save time by taking time to do the work

Sunday was the first day of the season when conditions were really favorable for garden work. "City farmers" all over Portland took advantage of it. In every district, men and womnember of the British war commission en, boys and girls, had a garden field today said 20 German submarines and day, spading, hoeing, raking and put-

There is evidence that more vacant ground will be planted in Portland this "They weren't exactly captured, eith- year than ever before and much of the "They had movement is in direct response to Presbeen searching for a destroyed base ident Wilson's appeal for everyone to for days and had been suffering for aid in the campaign to increase the

Vacant Lots Available. Those who wish to obtain the use of vacant lots for cultivation will find that the city auditor has a long list of available lots. Call by telephone or personally, and make a selection. No charge will be made for the use of the

lot or the service in getting it for you.

These are the important days in the

campaign to increase the food supply

production. Don't delay. Brazilian Troops in Complete Control

Buenos Aires, April 23 .- (I. N. S.) zilian states, where there was a recent uprising of German residents, have gained complete control of the situation, according to advices from Monte-video today. They added that quiet has been restored on the Brazilian-Uruguayan frontier, although Uru-guayan troops are still on patrol duty

The Germans around Porto Legre, Brazil, are being disarmed, it was re-

In Federal Service

Washington, April 23.—(I. N. S.)— The first infantry of the New Mexico Parents of the three boys, are: Bailley Williams, Associated Press telegrapher; Peter Mills, Northern Pacific railroad train dispatcher; and G. E. Issard, coal and wood dealer.

The first infantry of the New Mexico field artillery were today ordered into the federal service for "peace purposes of protection" by the war department.

Remainder of Village of Trescault and Greater Part of Davrincourt Wood Cap-

PAST WEEK DEVOTED TO CONSOLIDATING DRIVES

Military Experts Believe the British Will Attack to Permit French Action.

London, April 23 .- (U. P.) -Over a wide front on both sides of the river troops were accompanying the German Scarpe, Field Marshal Haig early to- squadron from Libau, day resumed the British drive with a tremendously forceful attack. 'We attacked at dawn this morning on both banks of the Scarpe and made satisfactory progress," he reported. South of the Bapaume-Cambral road we captured the remainder of the village of Trescault and at night gained the greater part of the Davrincourt

"The Scarpe attack was over a wide

London hailed Haig's report as indicative of resumption of the general British offensive. While there has not been any abatement in the pressure around Lens and on the Cambrai-St. Quentin line during the past week, nevertheless it was felt here that the Franco-British strategical plans contemplated alternative smashes in force between the Haig and Nivelle armies. Prench Attack, British Consolidate.

While the French army was making its terrific assault on the Soissons- Washington, April 23.—(I. N. S.)—Auberive front the British seized the American interests in Turkey will be time to consolidate the positions they placed in charge of the Swedish minwon in the first smashing drive and during the week have more or less confined their offensive to smashing afternoon drives suddenly executed at scattered

Now, however, according to military experts' belief, the British army has started its concerted, all-alongthe-front offensive, forcing Hindenburg to concentrate his reserves in opposition and permitting the French in turn to consolidate their positions, ring up more guns and get a breath-

Haig Reaches Toward Doual. The thrust along the Scarpe was rewas delivered, but it was probably near Fampoux. Fampoux is about eight miles southwest of Doual. A drive in this direction is not only a menace at Doual, but it is part

of the general enveloping scheme around Lens. Sunday's official stateless they agree to do the work for a ments indicated a tightening the noose around this coal city by attacks delivered by the British near Loos-to the north of Lens. The Scarpe offensive is to the south, nine miles from the city.

Further indication that Haig's forces on all the British front are starting in motion in a concerted offensive was seen in the official report of gains on the Bapaume-Cambrai road. Havricourt wood is now practically surrounded by the British forces. cault itself is a bare eight miles dis-tant from Cambrai—pivotal point in the "Hindenburg line."

French Check Violent Attacks. Paris, April 23 .- (U. P.) -- French troops fought back two violent Ger-Says Men Were on Verge lot, 50 by 100 feet, is better spaded ing, the French official statement toattacks in the Woevre and the Vosges -evidently designed to create a diversion and relieve pressure of the great French offensive to the north-were likewise beaten back.

Soissons to Rheims, during the night artillery on both sides was most acive," the war office declared. of Craonne there was a bombardment afternoon preceding German attacks. We coundid not materialize.

tacks on Mont Haut and Moronvilliers machine gun fire.
"East of St. Mihiel, in the Woevre

and in the Vosges, three German surprise attacks were beaten back." Fighting on Wide Front, Berlin,

Berlin, via London, April 23 .- (U. P.)-Fighting on a wide front, with repulse of English attacks by counter thrusts, was announced in today's of-

"Yesterday to the northwest of Lens the English penetrated into our first line on a distance of about 500 meters," the statement said, "They were driven back by a counter attack. "Early this morning, after drumfire, fighting recommenced on a

Serious Fighting in Cheng-Tu Reported Governors Invited

Peking, April 23 .- (I. N. S.) -Serious fighting has taken place in the streets of Cheng-Tu between Sze-Chuan and Yun-Nan troops, according to dispatches received here. Many houses have been burned and trenches and barriers have been thrown across streets. British, French and Japanese consuls have arranged an armistice. The direct cause of the uprising is said to be the attempt of the military

governor of Sze-Chuan to disband the provisional troops and strengthen his hold on the province. Cheng-Tu has a population of about 800,000. It is the seat of eight Ameri-

Germany Plans NFR To Land Army At Riga, Russia IN CONGRESS ON

Transport Fleet Sighted in the Baltic; German Forces Are Active Near Riga.

Copenhagen, April 23.—(I. N. S.)—A German transport fleet has been sighted in the Baltic, says a dispatch from Petrograd today. It added that there is great activity on the part of the Germans around Riga.

Riga is at the extreme northern end tured. According to Report of the Russian front. It had previously been reported that the Germani might try to land an army to get be tween the main Russian force in the field and Petrograd.

> Cruiser Squadron Leaves Libau. Petrograd, April 23 .- (U. P.) -- A German battleship and cruiser squadron has left Libau, presumably to attempt an attack behind the Russian lines from the Baltic, according to official word from Riga today. It was report ed also that another German warship squadron was en route to the Russian Baltic positions from Kiel. The Riga dispatches asserted that number of transports loaded with

WITH U. S. RECEIVED

Minister Stovall at Sends Message; Turkish Charge Not Notified.

ister at Constantinople, it was an-The Turkish government has formally broken off relations with the United

States, the state department was offi-

cially informed today. The message came from Minister Stovall, at Berne, Switzerland. ton, when word of Turkey's action was

given him. "I have not been in communication led the administration forces. with my government for three days. garded as a new development in the expect to hear something, of course allied offensive. Haig is now reach- Probably I shall be instructed to call ing- out with powerful force toward at the state department for my pass-Doual. Today's statement did not ports. Until I am so instructed I definitely locate exactly where Haig's shall take no action. This is the first blow on both banks of the Scarpe authentic news I have had on the situation. I am very, very sorry.

\$49,660,000 Needed

Washington, April 23 .- (I. N. S.)-Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department today submitted to congress, for the secretary of the navy, a supplemental estimate of \$49,660,000 for arms and ammunition for 1104 merchant vessels.

Food Survey Proposed.

Washington, April 23 .- (U. P.)-Secretary of Agriculture Houston today asked the senate agricultural committee for "power and money to make an immediate survey of the food supply of the country to determine what the resources of the country are." The total supply now, he told the committee, cannot be estimated.

Six Americans Have Narrow Call at Sea

Washington, April 23 .- (P. N. S.)-Six Americans were placed in deadliest "From south of St. Quentin and peril by a German submarine that atan unnamed allied freight by the state department late this

For four days the Americans, with ter attacked and the German attacks nine other members of the steamer's crew, were adrift on the ocean, being asked Hiram Johnson. "In the Champagne two German at-icks on Mont Haut and Moronvilliers Another lifeboat is still missing. were followed by heavy fighting, the While the crew was taking to the attacks being checked by artillery and boats several shots from the U-boat fell dangerously near.

Young Men Said to

Washington, April 23.-(I. N. S.)-In order to prevent an exodus of American youths into Canada to avoid conscription, Representative Mason of Illinois today introduced in the house a bill directing the house military affairs committee to draft a bill dealing with his preamble, stated that 50,000 American youths have already gone to Canada to work on farms, being lured by advertisements, setting forth that conscription can be evaded by change of country.

To Food Conference cannot be knocked out as special legis-

Washington, April 23.—(I. N. S.)—Governors of all states today were invited by the federal trade commission to come or send representatives to a conference on conserving fuel and food to be held in Washington next Mon-

Conference to Open May 15. Stockholm, April 23 .- (I. N. 8.)-A Socialist peace conference will open here on May 15. Delegates from Ruscan and British missions, whose staffs sia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Den-include 52 men and 68 women. All for-eigners are reported safe.

here on may 18. Delegates from Rustio layor reappointment of federal of the case sia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Den-include 52 men and 68 women. All for-eigners are reported safe.

Great \$7,000,000,000 War Bond Bill Passes Both Houses and Is Sent to the President for Signature.

HOUSE FIGHT BITTER ON CONSCRIPTION BILL

Senate Expected to Pass Administration Proposal as Opposition Is Less.

Balfour May Address Senate. Washington, April 23.—(U. P.)—During his visit to the senate today, possibility de-veloped that Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, may speak be-fore the senate. Vice President Marshall asked him if he would be willing to speak to the sen-ate. He replied that he thought it should be left for future discussion as to desirability and advisability.

Washington, April 23 .- (U. P.) -The great \$7,000,000,000 bond issue bill awatts only President Wilson's signature to become an actuality. House and senate today unantmously accepted the conferees' report on the the White House for the presidential approval necessary to make it a law. Congress started debate on the administration's conscription army bill, which, if passed, will subject millions enable the government to immediately today start training the biggest army in American history for a smash at Ger-

many The house had before it the army bill as reported by the military committee, with conflicting recommendations, one proposing the volunteer plan sort." said Abdul Hak Hussein Bey, the and the other President Wilson's select-Turkish charge d'affaires in Washing- ive draft. The house fight was bitter. Representative Kahn of California, a Republican and a native of Germany,

Senate Fight Not So Bitter, Chairman Dent of the military com mittee headed the opposition, favoring volunteer aimy. Strong pressure is being brought to bear on wavering members. It will continue until the end of the debate. probably Wednesday, when the administration hopes to have all uncertain

opponents whipped into line.
The senate fight is not so bitter. It appeared certain the draft program To Arm U. S. Ships would ultimately pass in the upper President Wilson was in closest touch with every move. His intimate

advisers were said to be positive conscription would win. Progressives Aid President. A group of Progressives gave added strength to the president's forces, when they indorsed a number of ad-

ministration measures, including the The big bond issue, which will provide the sinews of war for America's first armies in the field and for work of training recruits, is about ready for sale. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo plans to utilize offers of advertising to awaken the people to the fact that this huge sum must be raised to insure the defeat of the kaiser and release America's forces for the battle lines.

An extension of the draft to male citizens not eligible to military con-

food production, was demanded by

Representative Emerson of Ohio in

resolution. Army Is to Be Sent. That America will send an army to the European trenches "if we ever get an army fit and equipped," was the steamer on the 16th, it was announced declaration of Senator Williams, administration leader in the senate, during

the debate. "Is the ultimate policy of our gov ernment to send an army abroad?" "The bill itself answers that ques tion," interrupted Williams, "We are going to send one if we ever get one fit and equipped. But we don't want to send boys unfit and untrained and unequipped."

Lunn, New York, attacked the advo- ernor of Belgium by the kaiser, accordcates of volunteering, charging that ing to advices from Hanover today. Be Going to Canada by opposing the draft they were doing no less than enemies of the republic no less than enemies of the republic. Permit for T. R. Proposed.

Washington, April 23 .- (I. N. S.)-Senator Harding of Ohio launched motion in the senate this afternoon for acceptance of Colonel Roosevelt' offer to raise and lead a division in France. He introduced an amendment the practice. Representative Mason, in for the raising of four army divisions apart from the force provided for in the selective draft bill Senator Harding's amendment provides that no enlistments shall be accepted in any of the four divisions of men liable to draft. It is estimated that fully 100,000

> and four divisions called for, so that it Stone Will Vote for Bill. Washington, April 23 .- (I, N. S.)-Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who opposed the declaration of war against Germany, announced this afternoon that he

would vote for the selective draft bill.

men would be raised under Senator

Harding's proposal. It is made general

Renomination Not Considered. Washington, April 23. - Although Oregon senators are generally disposed to favor reappointment of federal of-

Missionaries In Turkey to Stay at Work

Americans Have Been Doing Excellent Work, That Is Being Appreciated, It Is Reported.

Boston, Mass., April 23 .- (I. N. S.)-American missionaries in Turkey will continue their work in that country, despite the breaking off of diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United States, according to a statement today by Foreign Secretary James L Barton of the American board.

Immediately the steps will be taken, however, to protect the missionaries and the \$21,000,000 interests that the American society has in Turkey at present. Every effort will be made to keep the half dozen American colleges in operation together with the 10 large hospitals which are always filled. The society has at present 91 attaches

in the field. There are about 25,000 students under the care of the board, together with several hundred Ameri cans. There are about 200 residences of Americans that will have to be protected, also. Dr. Barton feels that no harm will come to these missionaries, as the ma-

jority have lived there all their lives

and are greatly respected.

BRITISH WIN ANOTHER VICTORY OVER TURKS, FORCING EVACUATION

tabulal Position North of in Hands of Victors.

London, April 23 .- (U. P.)-British forces north of Bagdad have achieved another brilliant victory over the nounced by the state department this of American citizens to the draft and Turks, an official statement announced Saturday night the enemy "On

evacuated the remainder of its Ista-

ment said. the Turks from Istabulal, capturing reservation in them of the right of isoners and one 5.9 howitzer," the statement continued. "The enemy was not be exerted to take back what had found occupying a position to the right been granted and had vested it could ment. But the decree was reversed of the Tigris, six miles nearer Samara, be exerted to accomplish the remedy Then the supreme court handed down a which is being attacked."

Istabulal is 60 miles northwest of Bagdad, on the Bagdad railway and the Tigris river. It is 10 miles south of grants. Samara, so that the Turkish forces, according to the official statement are now entrenched and are under attack from the British at a position only four miles from Samara.

Les Darcy Enlists in

Memphis, Tenn., April 23 .- (I, N. S.) -Lester Darcy proved he was no pushing into view the rights congeneral reclamation fund, and 10 per slacker today by enlisting in the Unit- ferred by the granting acts and put- cent to the general fund. tached. Previously Darcy had said he would enlist if given a furlough of two months in which to engage in sent was necessary to legislation is to bouts. Unfavorable comment induced him to change his mind about a furlough. Darcy, who weighs 160 pounds, was declared in perfect physical condition by the examining physicians.

Blood May Be Given To Sarah Bernhardt

New York, April 23 .- (I. N. S.)-Physicians in attendance upon Madame lands to settlers, and, that duty havscription, to form a service army for Bernhardt will determine at a confer- ing Been violated, they became unsuitence today whether blood transfusion will be resorted to in an effort to eniven Madame Bernhardt's low vitality. Dozens of persons have offered to submit to the transfusion operation. The majority of them are French residents of New York Madame Bernhardt's condition today

was said to be slightly improved. Von Falkenhausen

The Hague, April 23 .- (I. N. S.)-Colonel General Baron von Falkenhau-On the house side Representative sen has been appointed military gov-

Another Drop in Price of Butter Is

are coming. This news developed today after a drop of 21/2 cents a pound was noted early. The second drop will be forced here -perhaps in the morning. The weakness is due to a sharp drop in the San Francisco mar-Then again it might be wise

Still lower prices for butter

to prepare for a lower price on eggs for this too is in sight here in view of the lower prices in California There was an advance of 1/2 cent a pound in best grade of lard and in bacon, and lard compound rose a similar amount.

Beef prices are up 1/2 cent pound all around and with

the higher prices forced for

both cattle and swine in the

yards during the day, all fresh

meat values will show a further advance. Lest we forget to get that supply of soap; prices are up again for the day.

Decision Upholds Findings of Lower Court to the Effect That Railroad Company Is Not Authorized to Dispose of Lands Involved Until Further Legislation by Congress!

CHAMBERLAIN-FERRIS ACT UPHELD, OPENING HOLDINGS TO SETTLEMENT

Government to Sell Lands to Actual Settlers Under Conditions of Grant-Railroad Co. Allowed Price Originally Specified.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)-All doubts concerning power of congress to deal with the Oregon and California land grant were removed by the United States supreme court opinion today handed down by Justice McKenna. The railroad's claims to absolute ownership were smashed, its contention that its consent had to be gained to revest title is denied, argument that ownership of timber is separate from land is declared untenable, and the court plainly declares that full value of

the granting acts is \$2.50 an acre.

Judge Wolverton's decree in the United States district court at Portland is declared to be in accordance with the supreme court's previous decision, and the Chamberlain-Ferris act is commented upon as proper exercise by congress of its powers for disposing of the lands.

tained in the following extracts: Chamberlain-Perris Act Upheld.

"Congress, in the execution of the Bagdad Now Completely policy it deemed fitting under the ciract is challenged, and both sides invite fornia and O-egon, to the railroads. a determination of the challenge. The To Be Sold to Settlers. validity of the law may be said not to be involved. The appeal is from the decree, and, that being determined to be right, the appeal, it may be urged, is satisfied. The questions it presents decided it. However, it may be considered important in the execution of bulat position, which we stormed and the decree, for we have seen that the consolidated on Saturday," the state- granting acts were laws subject to amendment. If the right of amend-"On Sunday at daybreak we pursued ment existed or accrued there was a amendment or repeal, and if it could which the court adjudged to the ernment for the violation by the rail- derstood, and the fight was on again. road company of the provisions of the

Grants Were Not Absolute.

the power and remedy to say that the passed legislation regarding it. ting out of view the wrongs committed Memphis, without any strings at- by it, can easily build an argument upon and invoke the inviolability of vested rights, and to say that its consay that it could dictate the remedy for its wrongs and preclude or embarrass the policy of the government. The interest that the granting acts conferred upon the railroad company

was \$2.50 an acre. Duty Declared Violated. "That secured to it, all the value the granting acts conferred upon it was secured. It is true, it had the right of sale, selection of time and settler. If these were rights, they were also aids to the duty of transmitting the able to the conditions resulting and obstructions to the relief which had accrued to the government.

"In other words, by the conduct of the railroad company, the policy of the granting acts had become impracticable of performance and the new Oregon & California fand grant case conditions, the land inviting more to can scarcely be realized insofar as it speculation than to settlement, de- concerns the future development and manded other provision than that prescribed by the granting acts.

Company Contention Disposed Of. The Union Trust company contentions are said in option to be largely disposed of by the rejection of the railroad arguments, and Francis J. Heney's appearance as amicus curiea is thus alluded: "The Union Trust company also at-

tacks the Chamberlain-Ferris act and is assisted in the attack by a friend of the court. The attacks have the same basis as that which we have Market Prediction noticed, that is, the rights of the railroad company are asserted to be vested and inviolable. The contention gets a semblance of strength from the ability of counsel. To yield to it would be in effect to declare that covenants violated are the same as covenants performed-wrongs done the same as rights exercised—and, by confounding these essential distinctions, give to the transgression of the law what its observance is alone entitled to."

Sale and Use Differentiated, Attempts to differentiate between sale and use of lands is covered by the opinion, as follows: "Distinction is now attempted to be

made between sale of lands and use of them, including in the use the right to cut timber upon them and extract minerals. Such is a necessary incident to ownership, and that such use was not intended to be taken away nor could have been taken away by our judg-ment. To answer the contentions would be mere repetition. The distinction is now made between the lands, and there is but the contention urged on the first appeal and rejected. that provises only applied to lands sus-ceptible of actual settlement and not to timber lands." In 1862 congress granted to

The meat of the decision is con- Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads millions of acres of land to enable them to build a transcontinental railroad from the Missouri river to San policy it deemed fitting under the cir-cumstances, as expressed in our opin-along the Pacific coast was planned, ion, enacted what is called the Cham- and in 1865 congress granted the land berlaip-Ferris act. The validity of the involved in this suit, in northern Cali-To Be Sold to Settlers.

Under the provisions of the grant the and was 'o be sold to actual settlers. not more than a quarter section to a purchaser, and at a price not more than \$2.50 an acre. Several years ago congress ordered

he attorney-general to proceed against the railroads and the Oregon & California Land company, which held the itle, for violation of the terms of the original grant. Proceedings were started in Oregon courts. These held the land forfeited back to the govern h the remedy Then the supreme court handed down goy- complicated mandate which nobody

Revesting Act Passed in 1916, An Oregon court, interpreting the mandate, held the railroads could not "It is no answer to the exertion of dispose of the land until congress acts of congress were, initially, com- June, 1916, congress passed the Champlete and absolute grants. It is to be berlain-Ferris act, revesting the land in borne in mind that they carried with the United States, allowing the rallthem covenants to be performed, and, roads the \$2.50 an acre for it that they necessarily an obligation to perform were authorized to charge in the grant, them, with remedies for breaches of and opening the land to settlement. U. S. Aviation Corps performances. Such was our judg- The proceeds from sale of timber lands ment, as we have seen, and the judg- were to be divided, 25 per cent to the ment was adopted to the conditions county in which the land was situated, created by the breaches and for this for schools, roads, highways, bridges legislation. The railroad company, by and port districts; 40 per cent to the

UPHOLDING DECISION FORFEITING OLD O.-C. GRANT MEANS MUCH

Over 800,000 Acres of 2,-300,000 in Oregon Fine Agricultural Lands.

The importance of the decision of the United States supreme court in the settlement of the state of Oregon. The grant lands consist of approximately "This was the declaration and di-ection of our judgment and the Cham-fornia to the Washington boundary." To Govern Belgium | rection of our judgment and the Cham- formia to the washington boundary. acres are capable of immediate agricultural development. It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 acres of the grant will be classed as agricultural land, and not only that, but thousands of acres of the agricultural land is as fertile and desirable as any to be found in the Willamette valley, through which the grant runs.

Lands to Be Thrown Open. The Chamberlain-Ferris act, which has apparently been fully sustained by the supreme court, provides that this vast tract of land shall be immediately classified and opened to entry. settlement and sale, under the general terms of the original granting act. Much of this work of classification has already been made and, now that the supreme court has finally determined the controversy between the government and the railroad company, the lands will be thrown open to the public in the shortest possible space of time.

This means that the agricultural and will be subject to entry, under the general provisions of the homestead act, by actual settlers. The settlers will be required to pay the government \$2.50 an acre for the land, 50 cents at the time of filing, and \$2,00 when final proof is made. Final proof will depend upon settlement and cultivation to all practical purposes Timber Shall Be Sold.

The Chamberlain-Ferris act provides that the timber on the land classed as timber land—that bearing not less than 300,000 board feet of timber to the 40-acre tractsold to the highest bidder, under com petitive bids as rapidly as a normal market may be found. The purchase (Concluded on Page Eight, Column Four)