

HOLMAN SAYS BEST USE SHOULD BE MADE OF PUBLIC'S MONEY

Schemes for Embellishment
Can Well Be Delayed These
Days of Big Demands.

VISTA HOUSE TOO COSTLY

Nation Needs Every Available Resource
Not Essential for Local Demands,
Says Official.

Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the board of county commissioners, today made the following statement in reference to the Vista House controversy: "Concerning the county budget for 1918 I believe we must realize that our nation is at war and needs every available resource for the successful conduct of the war, and that for the past year our national condition has been most acute; also we must recognize the fact that the local tax delinquency has increased from approximately 2 per cent to approximately 5 per cent of the entire tax-roll in the last four years. Our national government must have first consideration and our local government must therefore curtail its program accordingly."

Monuments Can Wait
Every local demand for money, material or men is supplied in competition with the demands of the national administration. This is no time, in my opinion, for embellishments or for the elaboration of local projects, no matter how interesting such projects may be. Those who hope to perpetuate their names in the building of them, to be specific, I think the putting of \$70,000, or any such sum, in a Vista House was an outrage on the confidence of the public. The Vista House is primarily a toilet facility. In these times, particularly, when we are pleading in the highways and byways for funds with which to feed, clothe, arm and equip our soldiers who are offering their lives that our nation may live, the original allowance of \$12,000 should have been ample to answer all requirements."

We should restrict the spending of the public funds to supply only those useful things which are most urgently needed now. The monumental things can await a more advantageous time. I believe in building good roads, and particularly, in building at this time utility roads that the farmers may be able to transport their much needed produce to market.

On other roads for the present, at

least, it seems to me, we should refrain in any schemes for embellishment and give our undivided and loyal support to our nation in its hour of peril. Let us protect as far as we are able the lives and fortunes of our soldiers. Let us not use locally the resources they so greatly need nationally. Our people are going to face heavy federal taxes. Should we not lighten their burdens as much as possible by curtailing our local programs of beautification, embellishment and elaboration?

I believe that every project should be carefully planned and accurately determined before being acted upon—that it is wasteful and extravagant to work by the "rule of thumb." I am satisfied that if a betterment is needed its improvement can be justified more readily in advance of its construction than after deceit has been practiced and admitted as was the case in the building of the Vista House.

I cite the building of the interstate bridge as an example of complete certainty before construction was begun and built with the public in possession of all the facts at all times. In the building of the Vista House just the reverse is true. It is not necessary to deceive to accomplish results which the public will approve.

It is my desire that the county budget for next year will be prepared, passed upon and executed with the better ideals of administration in mind.

Labor Board to Hold Meetings in Secret

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Concluding its public hearings today, the federal labor adjustment board will devote the balance of the week to conferences behind closed doors. Chairman V. Everit Macy said today that he expected to have little difficulty in arriving at a basis for permanent settlement of the problems that resulted in a strike of 25,000 ship workers here and half that number in Portland Seattle districts. The strikers have returned to work under a truce pending the outcome of the adjustment board's efforts. The public hearings have developed the fact that there is a conciliatory spirit on both sides, Macy said.

San Franciscan Will Have Big Cattle Sale

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Plans are under discussion by members of the Short Horn Breeders' association, a group of prominent California cattlemen, for a big sale of thoroughbred beef cattle in this city in January. With a view to making San Francisco a great market center for livestock and particularly cattle of the better breeds the sale will be arranged as an annual event. Officials of the cattle association now attending the land show in this city are working out the details of the proposed sale.

AMERICA'S ENTRANCE PREVENTED DEFEAT OF ALLIES, SAYS FOSTER

Reed College President Says
Trip to Front Has Changed
His Attitude Toward War.

AMERICANS MUST FIGHT

War Against Kaiser Is Without Ultra-
rior Motive for America—Victory
Must Be Fought For.

One of the most impressive utterances about the war since the war began came from Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed college, before the Ad club Wednesday afternoon. "The war would now have been over if America had not gone into it," he said.

It was the conviction he had brought back with him from one of the most thorough investigations of conditions at the front and in the countries of the allies that has been made by any American. He had previously said that he had returned to America determined to make no comment not based on evidence that the sanest, most incredulous, logical and analytical mind could not accept in any court.

Opinions Changed by Trip
A dead silence fell over the audience of business men as they realized what the investigator was conveying to them—that without America's entry into the conflict Germany would today have been triumphant.

It was first of all the spiritual encouragement given the allies by the knowledge that America had joined the fight to make the world safe for democracy and next assurance that America's soldiers and money would be supplied in accordance with this country's great resources that kept the allies at their terrible task, said Dr. Foster.

The president of Reed college said that his experiences in Europe had absolutely revolutionized his attitude toward the present war. America's men must fight, America's money must be spent, he declared, until victory is won. Before he left for the front he said he hated war as a crime against humanity. He returned from seeing and hearing things that he had always thought incredible but which he had discovered were true, feeling that before he went away he had been de-

ceived and also that this is a war without selfish or ulterior motive in which America must fight, until it is over.

\$7400 Invested in Bonds
Cyrus Petros of San Francisco, who has been touring the country in the interest of the Liberty loan campaign, gave the meeting its climax. He said: "After hearing Dr. Foster speak I am convinced there must be a special corner in hell supervised by a devil with the training of a Prussian officer for the pacifist who by word or deed attempts to hinder the government in carrying on this war."

President Bratton announced that 74 members of the Ad club through the club had subscribed \$7400 in Liberty bonds.

A resolution was presented by G. L. Rauch, providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the findings in the streetcar situation. Mr. Rauch said that since the company had followed the suggestion of the public service commission and decreased the number of cars in operation the service is "absolutely rotten." The committee will consist of G. L. Rauch, J. T. Douglass, Charles F. Berg, L. A. West and F. C. Griffin.

British Shoot Down 247 German Flyers

Loss During Same Period But 46 Ma-
chines; 226 Bombing Raids Made;
Aviators Effective in Directing Fire.

London, Oct. 25.—(U. P.)—Two hundred and seventy-four German airplanes were shot down by the British in September, according to General F. B. Maurice, director of operations, today. In the same period, the British lost 46 machines.

"The British air service," he said, "carried out 226 bombing raids in September, dropping 7888 bombs, totaling 135 tons."

"The enemy, in the same length of time, dropped 1000 bombs on us. Our artillery directed planes directed 796 shots against 1813 German batteries. The Germans only ranged on 743 batteries."

French Bag 25 in Day

Paris, Oct. 25.—(U. P.)—Twenty-five enemy airplanes were brought down by the French on Wednesday alone, today's official statement announced. Nancy was the object of another German air raid, but without any victims.

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Falls City Worker Killed by Fall

Dallas, Or., Oct. 25.—Walter Tice of Falls City, while working as a bridge carpenter on the construction of the Valley & Siletz railway, west of Falls City, fell from a trestle Wednesday afternoon and was instantly killed. He was a native of this county and is survived by a wife and one small child.

Blackleg Appears Again on Ranges

John Day, Or., Oct. 25.—Blackleg again has made its appearance on Central Oregon ranges. During the last week a number of calls were received at the county agricultural agent's of-

fice asking for blackleg vaccine and the services of the agent in vaccinating exposed herds. A number of deaths of calves has been reported during the last week. Monday morning the county agricultural agent, accompanied by Stanley G. Jewett of the biological survey, left for the High desert, the Bear creek butte country and the Barnea section to vaccinate infected herds.

Jewess, Who Gave Alms Freely, Dead

Chicago, Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—The widow of Marks Nathan, Chicago philanthropist, died Wednesday at the orthodox home for aged Jews. She was 75 years old. In Jerusalem 50 families are living rent free in tenements, the gifts of Mrs. Nathan. In Chicago she ate the bread of public gift and died in a bed dedicated to the poor. Marks

Willamette Man To Go Over-Seas

Willamette University, Salem, Oct. 25.—Glen J. MacCaddam, a graduate of the class of 1915, has accepted a commission as an overseas secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and expects to leave for Europe about December 1. Mr. MacCaddam is assistant manager of the Ellison-White Lyceum bureau of Portland and Boise. The Salem lyceum course, of which he is manager, will be left in the hands of Lela MacCaddam.

Nathan, her husband, died 14 years ago. After his death Mrs. Nathan gave freely to his charities. But a bank failure deprived her of her fortune and though rich Chicagoans offered her aid, she preferred to enter the old people's home.

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