

FARMERS ATTACK HIGHWAY BONDS; DRAFT REPEAL BILL

Measure, if It Becomes Effective, Will Tie Up Final \$3,000,000 Proposed to Be Used on Plan.

DRAFTED LABOR IS ASKED

Meeting of Union Draws to Close at Pendleton With Reelection of the Former Officers.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 8.—The Farmers' Union of Oregon will initiate a bill to repeal the road bonding measure to the end that the last \$3,000,000 proposed cannot be raised and spent. The union, which opposed the road bonding measure before election, Friday declared it to be iniquitous in its operation.

Conscription of men for industrial service was strongly urged in the resolutions adopted Friday as a means of relieving the present labor shortage and increasing the production of food-stuffs. It was decided to ask congressional representatives to introduce a bill for broadening the selective service law, so that all men between 21 and 40 may be conscripted for either military or industrial service, and making an industrial slacker as culpable as a military deserter.

Field Labor Demanded

The resolution declared the labor shortage threatens to interfere with the successful prosecution of the war and urged that enough farm laborers be recruited from military service to relieve the situation.

The final resolution adopted was aimed to give the farmer and stockman of the Pendleton district the right to produce to Portland or Seattle markets. It asked for the same rates on freight originating east of Pendleton as Pendleton has which would mean equal rates to Seattle or Portland.

Non-Partisans Ignored

There was no discussion or action relative to the Farmers Non-partisan league.

"We have no time for such an organization," declared W. W. Parrish, one of the executive board members. Old officers were for the most part reelected. J. D. Brown of Portland, Frank Burkholder of Coquille, and F. A. Sikes of Corvallis, were reelected president, vice president and secretary respectively. A. R. Shumway was reelected to the legislative committee, and W. C. Zenger of Cambridge, Idaho, was reelected to the executive board, and Barnett Roe of Gaston, was elected to the same board to succeed Wilson K. Berry of Dayton. H. B. Davidhiser of Joseph, was elected national delegate, and John Wells of Madras, alternate.

Two Men Indolently Hurt

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 8.—Charles Heister and Walter Gray were seriously injured Friday afternoon while engaged in unloading telephones from a car in the depot yards. They were badly crushed and internal injuries are feared.

Indians Join Navy

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 8.—Two Indian youths of the Umatilla reservation, Sam Luton and Isaac Patrick, Friday enlisted as apprentices in the navy, the first to enlist from the reservation. Enlistment in the navy is going on here at a rate of better than one a day, 49 having enlisted since November 1.

Bethlehem Steel Co. Asks Cash Allowance

Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Charles M. Schwab has told Secretary of War Baker that the Bethlehem Steel company probably the largest individual manufacturer of steel and munitions in the country, will have to advance cash from the government if contracts are to be expanded as rapidly as the government wants.

Tax Valuation in Deschutes Is Fixed

end, Or., Dec. 8.—Taxes for 1918 in Deschutes county will be levied on a total assessed valuation of \$5,524,425, according to a statement by County Assessor Mullarky. This figure includes the public utility values just resolved from the state tax commission of \$482,396.42. Last year's public utility valuation was \$468,130.

Boy Hangs Himself To Escape School

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Clark Reamyer, 11 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself from a rafter in his father's barn. The boy had been moody because he was forced to go to school.

STRONGER THAN ANY CARTOON



This photo, which was found on a German officer taken prisoner by the French, shows the Crown Prince, who is standing in front and wearing a cap, inspecting a detachment of shock troops in the lines before Verdun. It is one of the very few photographs of the Crown Prince to arrive in this country in many months.

RAILROADS DOING ALL THEY CAN IN LINE OF DUTY, SAYS EXECUTIVE

Fairfax Harrison declares operations are carried on without regard to profits.

New Water Project in Malheur County Under Consideration

Crowley Creek Reservoir, if Application Is Granted, Will Store 4000 Feet of Water.

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Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The railroads need to be let alone. What they need is sympathy and help. The roads are operating now at the highest efficiency in their history. They are being operated with a view to meeting war needs and without regard to profits.

385,000 Asked for Modoc Point Project

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 8.—That a request for \$385,000 to extend the Modoc Point irrigation project on the Klamath reservation has been made to the Indian reclamation service by Superintendent L. M. Holt of the Northwestern district, is the news brought by Project Engineer H. C. Hilsche, who made a short business visit from Chiloquin.

Burlington Smashup Thought Due to Plot

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The derailing of a Burlington passenger train filled with soldiers early Friday is believed by the police to have been the result of a deliberate plot. A section of a rail a foot in length was cut out by unknown persons. One unidentified man was injured.

Bulgars and Turks Held Alien Enemies

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Citizens of Bulgaria and Turkey, as well as Austro-Hungarians, were classed as enemy aliens here today by United States Judge Benjamin F. Bosworth, who declined to admit to citizenship any of a naturalization class of 71 aliens of these countries until after the war.

Bomb From Airship Hits 3 Americans

Two Aviation Mechanics and an Amblulance Driver Are Hurt When Fragment of Infernal Machine Hits Them. With the American Army in France, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—An aviation station mechanic, one from Detroit and the other from Buffalo, Mo., and an American ambulance driver from Hannibal, Mo., were injured in a crash today while driving through a village which was bombed by the Germans. The three heard bombs dropping at some distance and climbed out of their machine. Then they heard the propellers of the raiding machines whir overhead and in another instant bombs exploded nearby. The Detroit was hit on the shoulder and head. The Buffalonian received a broken nose and his lips were pierced by a small fragment. The ambulance driver was hit in the back by a flying piece of brick. None of the three is seriously hurt. They are in the American base hospital.

JAPANESE TO SEE SERVICE, IS WORD

General on Way to Inspect Y. M. C. A. War Work Asserts Transportation Lack Only Delay.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Hundreds of thousands of Japanese troops trained to the minute in methods of modern warfare are to see active service with the allied forces soon.

FEDERAL RESERVE CAUSE OF CHANGE BANK REVERIES

Figures Show Portland Folk Appreciate Opportunity to Invest Their Money With Uncle Sam.

SAVINGS ARE PUT IN BONDS Deposits Show Increase, Too, Indicating Stability of Business Conditions Throughout Coast.

Salem, Or., Dec. 8.—The recent Liberty loan campaign and the establishment of the Federal branch of the Federal Reserve bank are the cause of some interesting changes in the statement showing the condition of the Portland banks at the close of business November 22, which has been issued by G. Sargent, superintendent of banks.

Bankers with the Federal Reserve banks have increased \$3,212,396.15 during the year, and \$1,523,283.29 since the call of September 11, 1917, while balances with other banks for the same period have decreased \$2,000,857.79 and \$188,632.14, respectively.

Railroad Earnings Show Heavy Decline

Great Increase in Expenses Over-October of Last Year Cut Down Net Revenue Over That of a Year Ago.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The earnings of American railroads continued to decline during October, according to a report of the financial condition of 57 railroads made public by the Interstate Commerce commission today.

SIX GERMAN PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

London, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—During the course of air raids on Belgium, British seaplanes downed six German patrol machines, the admiralty announced Friday.

100 Gallons of Wine Cost Man \$100 Fine

Carl Marigan, arrested Thursday night by Patrolmen Spaugh, Schum and Burkhardt for violation of the prohibition law, when 100 gallons of home-made wine were found in his grocery store at 476 Thurman street, was yesterday fined \$100 and the alms of the local Slavs raised by the city of Astoria in its answer to the petition filed by the Oregon Gas & Electric company for an increase in rates.

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GERMANS ORGANIZING IN U. S. IS REPORT

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—What is deemed to be definite information that Germans in the United States are organizing for defense and that reports on war activities in the United States have been sent to Berlin (U. P. General von Mackensen of the German general staff ever since the United States declared war was reported by the police here Friday. Following the arrest of Otto Jullius Market.

Street Battles Add To Harbin Disorders

Chinese Troops Have Been Called Out As Result of Bolshevik Order for Arrest of Russian General Holvahl. Tokyo, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Disorders at Harbin as the result of the unsettled political conditions in Russia have been increased as the result of a Bolshevik order for the arrest of General Holvahl, commander of the Russian troops there. Street fighting continues and all the shops have been closed. Dispatches from Harbin today declared Chinese troops had been called out and that this move has angered the Maximalist leaders. The dispatches assert that consuls have been warned that the situation is dangerous for foreigners.

Big Navy Yard For California

Secretary Daniels Asks Congress To Locate Immense Base in San Francisco Bay.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels Friday recommended to congress the construction of a new navy yard at Alameda, on San Francisco Bay.

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FRUIT MARKET OF STATE NEVER WAS IN BETTER SHAPE

So Declares President Paulus of Oregon Horticultural Society in Address at Convention. EAST CALLS FOR FOODSTUFFS Canned, Juice Factories, Vinegar Plants and Evaporating Plants Also Create Demand.

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Exemption Wanted Regarding Austria

Bill is Introduced in Lower House of Congress to Exclude Certain Loans From Operation of Enemy Alien Law. Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—A resolution designed to prevent hardships on numerous loans, subject to or native of Austria and now resident in the United States, was introduced in the house Friday by Representative Sabath of Illinois.

AUTOIST, SPEEDING UP TO PASS CAR, FELS CHILDREN NEAR HOME

One Child in Serious Condition, Unconscious From Hurts, but Police Do Not Hold Driver. Edgar Geffeller, aged 5, son of Mrs. Electa Geffeller, 471 Alder street, and James Whitney, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Whitney, 461 Salmon street, were seriously injured Friday night when they were struck by an automobile driven by P. F. Pittcock, 124 Northwestern Bank building, at Thirtieth and Yamhill streets.

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THE food value of cocoa has been proven by centuries of use, and dietitians and physicians the world over are enthusiastic in their endorsements of it. It is said to contain more nourishment than beef, in a more readily assimilated form. The choice, however, should be a high-grade cocoa,—"Baker's" of course.

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