PRESIDENT DECIDES MOVE IN SIBERIA

Question Is Fully Studied and World Awaits Announcement of Decision.

Washington, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—New plans for intervention in Siberia have been submitted to President Wilson in accord with the outline of the new state of affairs created in Russia, it can be definitely stated.

With the presentation of a full fledged plan for the movement, the president may be said to have the matter for the first time completely in hand. He has isolated himself on this question as he did before announcing his decision in other great crises of the world war. No one, even men very close to Mr. Wilson, will predict what his answer this time will be.

Agreement has now been reached that the only way to help Russia is by intervening.

The president is accordingly faced with the necessity of deciding whether American money, resources and men, if devoted to intervention, will be used wisely and used justly. It is admitted that intervention would be fruitless without the support of the mass of the Russian people. It is known that the plan now before the president provides means which its projectors believe will be efficient in securing Russian support.

Evidences in Washington today show that in every capitol from Peking to Rome the decision of the president is awaited with the keenest anxiety.

OREGON'S BANKERS PLEDGED TO W. S. S.

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the state director of sales, to the end that the state's full quota * * * may be reached on or before June 28, 1918, the date upon which the president has requested that this work should be completed and which has been designated as National War Savings day."

Among the bankers who participated in suggestions for giving maximum effect to their participation were J. E. Mann of Linnton, F. L. Meyers of La Grande, J. W. McCoy of Ashland, George J. Wilhelm of Harrisburg and J. N. Edlefsen of St. Johns.

New Officers Elected

The association elected the following officers: President, E. G. Crawford, Portland; vice president, C. S. Hudson, Bend; treasurer, A. K. Parker, Joseph; secretary, J. L. Hartman, Portland; executive committee, W. G. Tait, chairman, N. U. Carpenter, J. W. Siemense, E. P. Mahaffy and W. G. Vassal; for the American Bankers' association, E. D. Cusick, vice president, for Oregon; member of nomination committee, Emery Olmstead, Portland, and W. L. Thompson, Pendleton, alternate; as vice president of the trust company section, William Pollman, Baker; savings bank section, J. G. Irvine, Albany; national bank section, J. A. Thornburgh; state bank section, R. S. Howard, Portland.

As an indication of their entire devotion to patriotic service, the bankers adopted a resolution declaring their "purpose of subordinating private business to patriotic service in helping Liberty loan, food production, shipbuilding and other urgent war activities, and that they dedicate their utmost effort, their possessions and their lives as they may be needed to bring about the complete winning of the war that "Kaiserism as a menace to civilization shall be destroyed."

Urge Full Use of Cantonments

The association committed its members to the use of trade acceptances for improvement of the credit system and the purchase of treasury certificates. The bankers asked that cantonments be used in a national plan of military training for boys as soon as they are available after serving their present purposes of mobilization and training points.

Appreciation for the high quality of entertainment provided by the Bend Commercial club, Emblem club and bankers was reflected in a resolution.

The bankers this afternoon are visiting logging camps and the convention climax will come this evening with the Emblem club banquet, arranged by W. D. Cheney. A. G. Clark, manager of the Home Industry league, proposed to the bankers that they create special industrial study and financing departments and lend their influence to the development of water transportation as an adjunct to industry. R. A. Blanchard called the bankers' attention to their opportunity to help agriculture.

George E. Allen of the American Bankers' association, New York, declared that the bankers of the nation will have no other business save to help win the war until the war is won.

Merits of Thrift Are Told

Edgar Sensenich, Portland; J. W. McCoy, Ashland; Joseph H. Albert, Salem; F. A. Freeman, Portland; F. L. Meyers, La Grande—these are the Oregon bankers appointed by President F. D. Cusick of the State Bankers' association Friday afternoon to join with the Oregon war savings committee in the spectacular climax planned for the state thrift campagin, June 28.

President Cusick urged that action by the banks in aid of the thrift campaign be vigorously prosecuted. The vote of the convention to cooperate in this spirit was unanimous.

The merits of the thrift campaign and the reasons why the bankers should participate in the sale of War Savings Stamps were strongly presented by Edgar Sensenich, cashier of the Northwestern National bank of Portland.

Best Customer Is Saver

"We owe support of the thrift campaign to our country, our state, the people of the state and ourselves," he declared. "A bank has no better customer than the man who saves money. The War Savings campaign offers us our greatest opportunity. It is teaching the people of the United States the lessons of thrift. We should bring to the banks the investors in Thrift Stamps. Let them learn the service of a bank. Patriotism and thrift go hand in hand, and we can aid no movement more patriotic or more promotive of thrift.

"Another reason for giving united support to the war savings campaign is that Oregon's quota should be entirely pledged before the next Liberty loan campaign. We have been told that the next Liberty loan will be the greatest yet offered to the people. It may amount to $5,000,000,000 for the nation. It will impose upon us a great effort. We should see to it that Oregon has done her full duty in the war savings campaign before the next Liberty loan."

Promotion of Thrift Urged

Robert E. Smith, executive manager of the third Liberty loan, said that while the Liberty loan and war savings organizations are kept distinct, they are serving precisely the same end—of securing funds with which to finance the nation's war. One, he added, is as much of a government obligation as the other, and both should be supported with the same quality of patriotic energy and devotion.

The bankers discussed the desirability of making purchases of War Savings and Thrift Stamps from the federal reserve banks, so that their participation in the campaign can be distinctly understood. It was said that under present arrangements postoffices secure credit for what banks sell as well as what they themselves sell.

It was also pointed out that banks can work closely with the boys and girls, who are organized to the number of 15,000 in the state, in promoting Thrift Stamp sales, as well as encouraging the purchase of War Savings Stamps on the part of men and women. E. G. Crawford, vice president of the United States National bank, Portland, added his testimony to the desirability and hearty cooperation in the thrift campaign.

Body of Victim of Boils Found in River

O. A. Hage Believed to Have Ended Life While Despondent—Came From North Dakota a Year Ago.

"I have been troubled with boils for such a long time that I don't feel like living" are despondent words O. A. Hage, whose body was found this morning in the Willamette river near the Broadway bridge, is said to have spoken to acquaintances before he disappeared about a week ago.

Hage was about 65 years old. He is thought by Coroner Smith to have committed suicide. His belongings were packed neatly in his trunk in his hotel room at 66 North Third street, where he had resided since coming to Portland from Richfield, N. D., a year ago. He frequently spoke of discouragement over the failure to cure his ailment.

He is known to have made frequent trips to Gaston, Or., to "my place," as he termed it. He is believed to own a farm near Gaston. It is not known whether he has relatives. He received letters occasionally from North Dakota.

U-BOAT IS SIGHTED OFF MAINE COAST

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In addition, a number of ships have been reported attacked unsuccessfully.

German Policy Revealed

London, June 8.—(U. P.)—Count von Reventlow, foremost German advocate of "frightfulness," believes the submarine operations in the western Atlantic will force the United States to withdraw its chief naval forces to defend its coast. The German press sees in it a close connection with the west front offensive, through the possible torpedoing of American transports.

"The submarine attack on America means the holding of the American havy in home waters," Von Reventlow declared, according to advices received today from The Hague.

"This attack on America cannot fail, as others have," the Cologne Gazette said. "We can picture great successes as the results of this offensive against America. They have not had experience and they apparently have sent their best destroyers to Europe.

"It is a campaign against prolongation of the war by America," said the Norddeutsche Allgemeine. "It is connected with the west front offensive."

The newspaper admits it is hard to attack American transports in the open sea, but thinks more favorable results will be obtained by submarines operating near the harbors of departures.

Survivors Taken to Port

Cape May, N. J., June 8.—Survivors of the Vinland, a cargo ship, sunk 70 miles at sea Friday morning, were landed here and brought word that the German submarine raiders are still lurking off the Jersey coast.

Nineteen of the crew of the Vinland were picked up in their lifeboat by a United States destroyer and brought to Cape May Point.

The members of the crew are nearly all Swedes and speak little English. From meager information which could be gathered from them, it developed that the Vinland was northward-bound with a cargo of sugar.

Patrolling the coast on the U-boat hunt, the destroyer came across the Vinland's lifeboat with the survivors and put into Cape May Point.

The landing of the survivors and the fact that they could not speak English gave rise to the story that they were Germans and that they had been taken from a captured submarine.

Will Convoy Coast Shipping

New York, June 8.—(U. P.)—Coastwise shipping will be convoyed hereafter, it was indicated today at the navy department. There are a number of small war vessels and submarine chasers that can be used for that purpose without weakening the destroyer fleet now in European waters, it was said. Officers pointed out that the convoy is the best method of combating the submarine menace and would be particularly needed in the case of the slow ships engaged in coastwise trade.

Arming of Ship Requested

An Atlantic Port, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—An American vessel loaded with foodstuffs returned to port today. It was reported that she had encountered a German submarine off the coast. The steamer was not armed, and her officers are understood to have asked that a gun and naval crew be assigned so that the voyage can be completed. Every precaution is being taken to protect all shipping.

Big German Naval Stroke Forecast

Milan, June 8.—(U. P.)—Reports are in circulation here today that the German admiralty is preparing a huge naval stroke against the allies.

Orders are said to have been given the high seas fleet to be in instant readiness to move. Numerous high German naval officers have been recalled from Switzerland and all leaves are said to have been suspended.

Steamer Westerner Attacked

Newport, R. I., June 8.—(U. P.)—Captain Parker of the steamer Westerner declared today his ship was attacked by a submarine 100 miles off Nantucket Shoals Thursday. Naval patrol boats appeared and the U-boat vanished. In mid-ocean, Parker said, another submarine chased him but he was too fast for it.

Company Suspends Service

Washington, June 8.—(U. P.)—As a result of what is now believed to have been the torpedoing of the Dutch hospital ship Konningen Regents, the Rotterdam Lloyd company today announced suspension of service.

Rockefeller's Cousin Dead

New York, June 8.—(U. P.)—Philip Henry Rockefeller, aged 79, aged cousin of John D. Rockefeller, was found dead from gas early today in his room at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward McArthur. It is believed that he turned on the gas accidentally by striking a contrivance he had arranged in the room to regulate a jet.

SENATOR SMOOT PUTS UP HIS BACK OVER TAX PROPOSALS OF M'ADOO

Utah Man Insists Loans to the Allies Should Be Met by Bonds, Not Taxation.

Washington, June 8.—(U. P.)—Congress is inclined to balk at Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's demand for $8,000,000,000 for war taxes. This sum, double the present revenue, is higher by $2,000,000,000 than is necessary, some members declare. Secretary McAdoo has included in his estimate of $24,000,000,000 for the year's expenditures about $6,000,000,000 for loans to the allies, Senator Smoot, senate finance expert, said today.

"These loans should not be figured in establishing the sum to be raised by taxation on the basis of McAdoo's one third tax and two third bond plan. The allied loans are reimbursable in full to the United States. Therefore, if they are left out as they should be, the total tax would be six billion instead of eight. This would require the raising of an additional two billion dollars—something fairly easy to accomplish without putting a drain on anybody but the war profiteer, who ought to bear it," Senator Smoot said.

McAdoo is to be quizzed on the point raised by Smoot before either the ways and means committee or the senate finance committee accepts his figures as final.

The general belief is that if McAdoo can get along with whatever additional taxes a stiff increase in profits and income levies will bring, there will be no difficulty in getting the bill through quickly. But if it becomes necessary to broaden the field of taxation and include new articles a long fight is certain.

The ways and means committee continued hearings today.

GRADUATED TAX ON ADVERTISING FAVORED

Washington, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—A proposal to abandon the postal zoning system in favor of a straight tax on advertising was laid before the house ways and means committee this afternoon by Representative Albert Johnson, a newspaper publisher, of Washington.

"We do not seek to avoid taxation," Johnson said, "but simply to have it levied equitably. The amount to be returned under my plan would be just as great as that returned under the postal zoning system, without necessitating the elaborate machinery the latter system would require."

Johnson advocated the levying of a graduated tax on advertising, according to the circulation of the newspaper in question. He said he believed it was only simple justice that the newspapers should pay their full cost of transporting the journals in the second class mail.

Chairman Kitchin read a telegram from the National Editorial association, in convention at Hot Springs, Ark., noting that the association had failed to go on record against the postal zoning system.

"If editors of small papers believe they can restrict the circulation of national newspapers in their districts, to their profit, by insisting on the zoning system, they are taking a very narrow and short sighted view," Johnson replied.

Six hundred small papers dropped out last year because of increased production costs, Johnson said. If the postal zoning system goes into effect there will be a further falling off. He advocated the exemption from advertising taxation of papers with less than 5000 subscribers.

Scandal Reveals Padded Payrolls

New York, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Admission that evidence of frauds aggregating half a million dollars have been brought to light through the government's investigation of the Brooklyn shipyards scandal, was made Friday afternoon by United States District Attorney France, who is conducting the inquiry.

Many loads of books and records seized by government detectives show that shipbuilding concerns under suspicion have padded payrolls and have made excessive charges for labor. The records seized all related to government contracts and expenditures to the amount of $4,000,000.

Woman Arrested on Espionage Charge

Chicago, June 8.—(I. N. S.) — Mrs. Ruth Lighthall of this city, an admitted pacifist and a member of the Chicago Peace Conference for Democracy and Terms of Peace, was arrested today on an espionage act charge. She is said to have admitted repeatedly asserting that President Wilson is the biggest American traitor since Jefferson Davis. When taken into custody she was hysterical, declaring she is not German, but American. She is the first woman to be arrested here under the act.

Aviator Fatally Burned in Flight

San Antonio, Texas, June 8.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Harry Dodds, American aviator, sustained burns which probably will prove fatal at Kelly Field this afternoon when his machine caught fire in the air while he was attempting a tail spin.

Lieutenant Dodds' wife lives at Vancouver, B. C.

Henry Astor Dead At the Age of 87

Albany, N. Y., June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Henry Astor, head of the living members of the famous family, is dead today at his country home in West Copack. He was 87 years old and had long been estranged from the main branch of his family because 40 years ago he married the daughter of his father's gardener.

Injured by Fall

F. H. West was internally injured when he fell 30 feet into the river from a vessel under construction at the Willamette Iron & Steel company this morning. He was taken to St. Vincents hospital by the Ambulance Service company. He lives at 6903 Fifty-second avenue southeast.

Kaiser's "Solid Gold" Cup Mostly German Pewter

New York, June 8.—(U. P.)—Here's the real tip-off on the kaiser:

Remember that solid gold cup he presented to Wilson Marshall, the American yachtsman, for winning the race across the Atlantic, back in 1905?

It was designed by the kaiser himself and was reputed to be worth $5000.

Marshall donated it to the Red Cross and it was auctioned and reauctioned, until it brought more than $125,000.

The cup recently was broken up to obtain the gold for other purposes. The result was only officially announced today.

The "solid gold" cup was just excellent German pewter—worth at least $35.

Gompers Opposed To Hun Peace Now

St. Paul, Minn., June 8.—(U. P.)—"Back, back, you Huns, from the country where you have dared to overrun the homes of democratic and peace loving people. Back into your own country, learn the meaning of respect for your fellow men and then we will be able to talk peace with you and not until then."

This was the expression of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, here for the annual federation convention, when told that Germany might launch another peace drive.

MOON SAILS OVER FACE OF OLD SOL AT 2:30 TODAY

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of darkness caused by the eclipse will be slightly less in Portland. Here, to see it, it will be quite necessary, for the sake of safety, to wear smoked or strongly colored glasses to avoid the evil effects of the intense light of the small portion of the sun that will remain visible.

Darkness Will Encroach

Darkness will encroach upon the area of totality, and for miles on each side very slowly, and the light of late afternoon will return as slowly. From light to twilight and back to light will include a period of approximately 2 hours and 22 minutes.

The moon's great shadow will strike the Northwest Pacific coast near South Bend, Wash., this afternoon and like a speeding meteor will cross the United States diagonally to the Florida peninsula. The area of totality is about 60 miles wide and interested eclipse viewers may see all the charm of the totality, the corona that cannot be seen in Portland, anywhere within the area.

Early this morning scores of people, boatloads and auto loads of them, went to vantage points within the area of totality to spend the day. Points of easy vantage are Kalama, Woodland, Goble, Rainier and above Cascade Locks.

Many Go to Vantage Points

Many left for Goble, Rainier and Kalama this morning. Others left early this afternoon.

It is held advisable, by those informed of the peculiarities of the eclipse and its beautiful features, that viewing parties penetrate as far into the zone of totality as possible as the period of totality is greater the nearer one is to the center of the zone.

CLEAR WEATHER IS PROMISED IN BAKER

Baker, Or., June 8.—(U. P.)—With clear weather promised, and the sun unthreatened by clouds, the government astronomers here to make the official study of the sun's total eclipse felt reasonably sure that their efforts this afternoon will be successful.

As a stout-voiced sailor from the Bremerton naval station calls off each second of totality, each member of the government party will perform his allotted task.

Within the 113 seconds of totality, 50 photographs will be taken, including a string of "movies," probably the first ever made of Old Sol when concealed.

The goverhment astronomers, whose work is authorized by an act of congress, expect to settle once and for all several very heated discussions regarding the eclipse.

By direct wire with Washington they have checked up their time-keeping apparatus and established its accuracy. The sailor who calls the seconds will cry out in exact time with the instruments at the naval observatory which fixes the time for the nation with an exactness of 1-100 of a second.

The official sun gazers with all their expensive equipment have nothing on the common folks of Oregon and Washington. These latter, proud of the fact that they will beat the rest of the nation to it, have unanimously provided themselves with bits of smoked glass and will make their own observations, unhampered by the necessity of obtaining records.

The narrow strip of totally was the mecca of thousands of tourists.

Some point in Washington along the Pacific coast, will bear the distinction of being the first in the United States to lose sight of the sun. The shadow will then sweep rapidly southeastward across the continent in a gentle curve until it dashes off across the Atlantic at a point in Florida.

Cloudless Skies at Denver

Denver, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—With scientific star gazers gathered from all points of the compass, with 30 inch telescopes adjusted to the fineness of one ten-thousandth of an inch, with a cloudless sky and ideal conditions for solar observation, Denver today is waiting with bated breath the total eclipse of the sun.

When the moon slips between Old Sol and Mother Earth between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon, all Denver will be standing on the roofs of the city gazing through pieces of smoked glass.

Every mountain peak in the Rockies lying to the west of the city is the temporary rendezvous of men of science. Every sizeable telescope obtainable has been carried to some point of vantage in the thin air of the mountain tops from which professors from virtually every college in America will observe and endeavor to photograph the phenomenon.

At the top of Mount Wilson, where the great 30 inch stationary glass is located, Dr. George Ellery Hale, director of the observatory, will entertain prominent astrologers from every quarter of the globe. Here an effort will be made to photograph an unknown planet believed to exist near the sun, a picture of which never has been made.

The eclipse starts in Denver at 4:12, reaching totality at 5:22. The face of the sun will be entirely covered for 89 seconds. The shadow passes at 6:27.

L. R. Kollock Named U. S. Guard Officer

Former Officer of Oregon National Guard Wins Lieutenancy in Federal Unit; Guards to Do Patrol Duty.

San Francisco, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—The appointment of 27 officers for the federal guard companies now being organized in the western department was announced today by Brigadier General Treat. All were recommended by a special board headed by Major Lionel Schmitt.

Among those who will receive commissions are:

Lester Rhsing Kollock, 330 East Yamhill street, Portland, Or., to be first lieutenant, and Harry Hoyman Yount, Tacoma, to be second lieutenant.

Lieutenant Kollock, president of L. R. Kollock & Co., was an officer in the Oregon National Guard for about 12 years. Because of a minor physical defect he could not pass examination when the guard was mustered into federal service last spring. He took the examination for the new federal home guards in San Francisco about a week ago.

The new guard organization will take over military patrol service in the United States in order to release more men for the battle line in France, it is understood.

Soft Drinks Are Hit By U-Boat Activity

Washington, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Submarine activity on this side of the Atlantic has resulted in the loss of 24,000,000 pounds of sugar, Food Administrator Hoover announced late this afternoon. This will directly lead to the cutting down of the sugar supply for soft drinks, he added.

Hoover also announced that a fuel blacklist is in prospect for non-essentials, particularly manufacturers of both soft and hard drinks, as the result of the labor shortage.

Russia Prepares For Conscription

London, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Russia has decided to adopt conscription, said a dispatch received today via the Russian wireless.

The all-Russian central executive committee, the dispatch stated, decided upon a general mobilization of workmen and peasants on the ground it is required by the condition of the country, both internal and external.

The food situation has become acute. In view of the counter-revolution it was decided to begin calling up the classes in the regions threatened and the labor centers.

The people's commissariat of war was ordered to prepare in a week a scheme of conscription for the regions of Moscow, Petrograd, the Don and Kuban.

Famine in Petrograd

Washington, June 8.—(U. P.)—American Ambassador Francis has gone temporarily to Petrograd from Vologda headquarters, arriving from Vologda on the fourth, the state depatment was advised today.

Famine is upon the city and the condition of many inhabitants is pitiable.

Ace Campbell Is Wounded in France

Son of Dr. W. W. Campbell of San Francisco, Now at Goldendale, Slightly Wounded; Has Six Hun Planes.

San Francisco, Cal, June 8.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Douglass Campbell, the first "ace" among the United States aviators, has been slightly wounded in France, according to a cablegram received today by his father, Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of Lick observatory.

The message said that no fears need be held for Lieutenant Campbell's recovery.

Dr. Campbell was at Goldendale, Wash., to observe the sun's eclipse when he received the message. He communicated with friends in San Francisco.

Young Campbell brought down his sixth German plane recently, less than a week after he won the title of "ace."

Roosevelt Is Under Care of Physician

Omaha, Neb., June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Theodore Roosevelt, who arrived here last night, is under the care of physicians today. Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, he was assisted to his hotel by two men from the tram. It is hoped, however, that his health will permit him to speak here tonight. He was met by a delegation upon his arrival.

Hoover Will Make Visit to Europe

Washington, June 8.—(U. P.)—That Food Administrator Hoover is planning to sail for Europe was confirmed in official quarters today. Hoover's trip will be one of inspection to take an invoice of the allied food supplies and needs for the coming year.

Army Deserter Is Given Long Term

Camp Lewis, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Private Arthur H. Baish, Battery D, 347th field artillery, in the Tacoma army camp, was given 25 years for desertion today.

Private Baish deserted February 22 and was apprehended in San Francisco, April 18. He is a former member of the marine corps, having served one enlistment.

He pleaded guilty before the general courtmartial which tried him, but in a statement made on his own behalf he advanced as a reason for deserting that he had a wife and two children in San Francisco.

Bull Calf Brings $106,000 at Sale

Milwaukee, Wis., June 8.—(U. P.)—"Champion Sylvia Johanna," 6-months-old blooded Holstein-Friesian bull, auctioned here, brought the record price of $106,000, believed the biggest sum ever paid for an animal of that age. The calfs' mother, champion butter fat producer, once sold for $83,000.

American Aviator Interned in Holland

Amsterdam, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Aviator Ensign Eaton of Springfield, Mass., while making a flight, descended at Texel, Holland, and was interned, said a dispatch from Texel today. Eaton is the first American soldier to be interned in Holland. Texel is the largest of the Frisian group of islands on the Dutch coast.

R. R. Tickets Sell At Big Premium

Washington, June 8.—U. P.)—Railroad tickets today are going at a premium, eports from all passenger traffic centers show that hundreds of thousands of people are making an eleventh-hour rush to start their summer trips before the new increased rates go into effect Monday, when it will cost from a sixth to a third more to get anywhere on Uncle Sam's carriers.

School Teacher Is Drowned

Willows, Cal., June 8.—(U. P.)—Miss Enid Waite, 23, a school teacher, was drowned in the Sacramento river at Butte City while bathing late Friday.

Freight Questions Will Be Answered

Questions arising relative to the new freight rates, effective June 25, will be answered by a committee of traffic men headed by F. W. Robinson, traffic manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company. It is announced by W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, member of the newly appointed Portland district freight traffic committee, that following the return of Mr. Robinson from Chicago next Tuesday the committee will meet each Thursday.

Shippers are urged to be present at these meetings, which will be held in Mr. Robinson's office in the Wells-Fargo building. Recognizing the fact that misunderstandings of the new freight rates will need explanation and to afford an opportunity for shippers to state grievances and ask questions, the federal railway administration has appointed district freight committees in traffic centers throughout the country for this purpose. The first meeting of the Portland committee will be held in Mr. Robinson's office next Thursday.

Federal Employes Plan Stamp Drive

Federal employes in Portland will meet Monday night in Library hall to organize a Thrift Stamp and War Savings Satmp campaign. Will Moore, collector of customs, will preside.

Lieutenant J. D. Plamondon, who was five months with the American troops in France, will speak, telling of the life of the Yankee soldier at the front. Captain T. Templar Powell of the British army will speak on British war conditions. George A. Alexander, United States marshal, will explain the purpose and workings of the stamps and a musical program will be rendered.

GROWING MORE POPULAR EVERY DAY —says Bobby

POST TOASTIES

A NATIONAL WHEAT SAVER

Why the Allies Are Confident Of Winning the War

German apathy at home over the new drive, and the calm confidence of the Allied peoples in the face of reverse, both have one explanation. In the race between Hindenburg and President Wilson—to use Lloyd George's crisp characterization of the battle of the Western Front—the odds are running every day increasingly against the German. When the British Premier adds that "those who know best what the prospects are feel most confident about the result," he can only mean, notes the Omaha *World-Herald*, that "the United States is winning the race."

Allied shipyards are launching ships faster than German U-boats can destroy them; Allied navies are sinking U-boats faster than Germany can build them; Allied crops are promising record harvests in France and England that will release further tonnage to carry American men and munitions to the battlefield. At the same time for Germany, many observers believe, another year of war will spell bankruptcy alike as to her food supply, her finances, and her manpower. Hence the German thrust against the Aisne front is interpreted in Washington as another attempt to smash through the Allied armies to victory before American troops arrive in such force as to make a German victory impossible.

For the most dependable war news read THE LITERARY DIGEST this week; on sale today. Some of the important features are:

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