Change in Program Made at Paris After Conference of the Big Four on Hungarian Situation.

Turkey and Bulgaria Will Be Compelled to Accept League of Nations in Their Treaty.

By John Edwin Nevin DARIS, March 26.-(I. N. S.)-Realizing that it is practically impossible to carry on the fight for confirmation of separate treaties with Germany and Austria-Hungary, President Wilson is now understood to be working for the completion of a general document to secure peace between the allied and all of the central powers. Already substantial progress has been made in this direction.

Many questions involve all of the nations of the German alliance making it possible to draw up a treaty which could be subscribed to by the central powers. This would enable the allied armies to be demobilized at the same time and obvi-ate discrimination against which the Italians have been complaining.

The change of program followed the meeting of President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Orlando, at which confidential reports on the Hungarian situation were submitted. It is officially declared in both American and British circles that there is no reason to assume that the change of program will entail any great

Examination of reports made by the ommittees on reparation and war re-(Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column Three)

BARBUR TURNS TO

City Commissioner Pushes Case the congressional naval affairs commit-Against Alleged Sand and Gravel Combine.

Commissioner A. L. Barbur, director of public works, has asked Governor Olcott to make investigation and inform him whether the state land board power and authority to assist city in securing a reasonable price for sand and gravel dredged from the bed of the Willar, ette river for public

Barbur sent a letter to the governor yesterd y afternoon in which he called attention to the fact that the city was being asked to pay exorbitant prices for and and gravel, and charging that a combine existed between the sand and gravel companies operating in the river. He pointed out that the bids submitted to the city for these materials were identical in amount, item for item.

The price of sand, Mr. Barbur showed, has been increased from 50 cents to \$1.50 per cubic yard while the price of gravel has risen from 85 cents to \$1.50 er yard. He says that Mr. Hegardt, engineer for the public dock commission, estimates that the cost of dredging sand from the bed of the river amounts to approximately 7 cents per yard, exclusive of barging and bunkerage

Mr. Barbur calls the governor's attention to the legal doctrine that the beds of navigable streams belong to the state, and asks if there is not a way by which the state land board, which has jurisdiction over the state lands, can ome to the assistance of the city and the general public in forcing the price of sand and gravel down to a normal and reasonable basis.

The question of the state's ownership ind control of these materials is not a (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

NAVAL COMMITTEE HERE TO STUDY RIVER MOUTH

PORTLAND and Oregon welcome congressional investigators who are reconnoitering coastline to discover neval defense requirements. Above, from left—Representatives Carl Vinson, Georgia; C. N. McArthur, Oregon; Fred A. Britten, Illinois; William J. Browning, New Jersey; Lemuel P. Padgett, chairman, Tennessee; Daniel J. Riordan, New York; Frederick H. Hicks, New York; William B. Oliver, Alabama. Women who are visiting Oregon with members of house naval affairs committee. From the left-Mrs. William J. Browning, Mrs. Daniel J. Riordan, Mrs. George Thayer, Miss Jeanette Duncan, Miss Browning. Party will remain in Oregon until Saturday night studying conditions.



Need of Naval Base Between Bremerton and San Francisco.

Oregon will get every fair and openminded consideration that can be ac-corded to the demands of her citizens for Columbia river of a naval base.

The United States navy will be divided and the Pacific coast will get approximately 60 per cent of the standing strength of the greatest maritime force the nation ever owned. Which mean that new naval bases on the Pacific coast must be provided.

Such statements made by members of tee to Portland business men assembled at a joint luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Ad club at neon today at the Chamber of Commerce pave the way for the official inspection by the committee of the naval base site proposed by the Helms commission in 1917.

In an address before the enthusiastic meeting today, Representative Lemuel P. Padgett, member of congress from Tenessee, declared that the division of the navy force of the nation between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans will bring to the Pacific great naval operations and an entirely different navy policy. "Congress believes the Pacific coast should have a larger part of the navy. Ours is not an Atlantic or a Pacific coast navy, but an American fleet charged with the duty and fitted to discharge every responsibility that may be placed upon it so that we may maintain

"This means that the Pacific coast must be developed to care for its share of the navy. A naval base of some kind is necessary between Bremerton and San

Representative C. N. McArthur of Oregon acted as toastmaster at the luncheon and called upon each member of the visiting naval affairs committee to

Eleven Killed in Clash at Witten

Amsterdam, March 26 .- (I. N. S.) Eleven persons were killed and 33 with welcoming music and to escort the in fighting at Witten (an industrial town in Westphalia, said a march will be as usual, south on Sixth dispatch from that place today. The outbreak of fighting followed a riot in which three policemen were wounded by a grenade thrown by a person who was taking part in a demonstration:

Tyrants Fear Each Other, but-They Fear the People Even More!

Tomorrow The Journal will begin the publication of secret papers of Count Czernin, long the foreign minister of Austria-Hungary, who was forced to resign by Germany a year ago because he had urged Emperor Charles to hurry and make peace with the United States

This unscrupulous but discerning statesman for years before the great war was an intimate adviser of the Germon emperor and the heir apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, whose assassination five years ago at Sarajevo precipitated the terrible conflict from which the world is now emerging.

Count Czernin tells in his private diary, which has come into the hands of A. R. Decker, staff correspondent of The Daily News in Frague, how the German kaiser and the herr to the ramshackle throne of the dual monarchy anxiously debated with him how to terrorize into continued submission the Bohemians and other oppressed peoples.

A translation of these extraordinary revelations is coming to The Journal by cable from Prague and will be published in its columns from day to day, beginning tomorrow.

Due to Reach Portland Thursday Evening.

Owing to the recent delay for operative purposes, the 148 men of the old Forty-eighth regiment of coast artillery and the 17 casuals who left Newport News, Friday, bound for Camp Lewis via Portland, will arrive at the union station Thursday evening at 7 o'clock instead of the morning, as was originally planned. The train was held over at the noble history that it has never low- Green River, Wyo. No other stops are expected which will further delay the arrival of the train. Captain Lewis J. Catheron is in command of the train and 80 Oregon and 76 Washington men and three Washington officers are on

> The Portland reception committee will be prepared to meet the boys, with a parade to The Auditorium, followed by a dinner and a dance to last until the boys have to go to the train. It is expected that they will leave some time

> late Thursday night. The men will be met at the station by their relatives and will be given a short time to work off a little of their enthusiasm at the station. The Red Cross Canteen band, formerly the Multnomah guard band, will be on hand boys to The Auditorium. The line of street to Morrison, east on Morrison to Third and south on Third to The Audi-

> The dinner will be served on the stage of The Auditorium and while the boys are there addresses of welcome will be delivered. The boys will spend the evening dancing at The Auditorium. They will be asked to bring their girl friends, and girls will be on hand for those who have no girl friends to bring. Theatre tickets will also be dispensed.

> Portland mothers are asked to bring cakes for the dinner and dance. Cakes should be turned in to the Liberty Temple, from where they will be taken to The Auditorium. Home made cakes prove especially popular with the boys.
> All returned soldiers, sailors and marines are invited to be present and to bring their partners.

Commercial Wheat Stocks Are Large

Washington, March 26 .- (I. N. S.)-Commercial stocks of wheat reported in a survey made by the department of agriculture for March 1, 1919, amounted to 197,277,688 bushels, it was announced this afternoon. These holdings, reported by 11,499 firms—elevators, warehouses, grain mills and wholesale dealers—were

ARTILLERYMEN TO CONGRESSMEN TO RECEIVE WELCOME LOOK OVER SITE FOR NAVAL BASE

Members of House Naval Affairs Committee Being Entertained Today Portland With Columbia Highway Trip

DORTLAND is entertaining today one of the most inquisitive bodies of men that ever visited the Northwest.

It is the congressional naval affairs committee which is on a tour of inspection of proposed sites for naval base development.

What it wants to know of Oregon is: Why is the mouth of the Columbia river a proper place for the establishment of a submarine base and aviation station? Portland and Oregon have undertaken to submit a positive and convincing answer.

mended the creation of such a-base at the city. Tongue point, the cost estimated at \$1,200,000. But because of the strategic importance of the mouth of the Columbia, every effort will be made to convince the congressmen that the submarine and airplane base is insufficient for protective needs and will attempt to show why a major nava! base should

situated at the mouth of the river. Data and Maps Ready The great Northwest is unprotected from invasion. A naval base and navyyard are needed, civic interests will The mouth of the Columbia offers the only unprotected entrance to the United States on the Pacific coast.

Once past the heads, an invading enemy

would have clear sailing into the very heart of a territory from which it could extend its invasion to all parts of the without serious interference, i Much data and many maps are ready o present to the committee in a fina oncerted movement for the adoption of plans for a major naval base. Each member manifesting an unusually keen interest in these features of

their four day program in Oregon, the Willamette, the highway and the mouth of the Columbia vied with one another for first consideration from the sever embers of congress who arrived in Portland at 7:30 this morning. The congressional committee investiration of the Astoria naval base site

brought Representative Lemuel D. Padgett, chairman, of Tennessee, and six members of the lower house, to Portland, in addition to the several women in the party. The congressmen are Chairman Padgett, Carl Vinson, Fred A. Britten, Frederick H. Hicks, William J. Browning, Daniel J. Riorden and William B. Oliver. The committee was joined at the station this morning by Representative C. N. McArthur of Ore-Representative C. N. McArthur of Oregon, who had preceded the committee to Portland.

Breakfast at Portland A brief reception at the station was

In 1917 the Helms commission recom- | Women's Service and other women of Accompanying the congressmen are

Mrs. Daniel J. Riordan, Mrs. William J. Browning, Mrs. George Thayer, Miss Jeanette Duncan and Miss Browning. The women will be specially entertained in Portland during the four days the party will be in Oregon. Captain Jacob Speler, harbormaster,

returned from California with the party. He was sent as a special envoy of the city, and presented Portland's invitation for the present visit. He declares every member of the party has expressed keen delight in the prospect of visiting That Captain Speier's mission inspired

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Capt. Morris of 317th Engineers Visiting in City

Captain J. W. Morris, 317th engineers formerly city engineer of Portland, returned Tuesday night from overseas service via Camp Dixon and Camp Lewis. Although Captain Morris is a Portland man, the members of the 317th came almost entirely from the Atlantic seaboard. He with ten others taking the training at Camp Lewis were assigned to overseas duties, before concluding their preparatory work, arriving i France in time to take the field about August 15. After a short while in Alsace his regiment was sent into the Argonne, finishing the war near Sedan.

Captain Morris is in Portland on a 15-day leave of absence

In Theatre Fire

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Must Show Theor Teeth to Gerand Bolshevist Alike, of Americans in Paris.

pineless Dilly-Dallying With Central European Situation Has Brought Foes' Contempt.

Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News (Copyright, 1919, by Chicago Daily News Co.) By Paul Scott Mowrer

DARIS, March 26 .- The Bolshevist situation is dangerous. Upon this point all are agreed. The Russian Bolsheviki declared war on the allies in July, 1917, and they have been fighting us ever since. The Hungarians, by proclaiming an offensive and defensive alliance with the Russians and refusing to recognize our adjustment of temporary frontiers, are practically declaring war. If the Hungarian troops obey the orders of the coviet government the state of war cannot be doubted.

Our Roumanian allies lack food and munitions. Our Polish and Czech allies have no considerable military strength. At the same time Germany turns to us with a double menace saying, "either let us become your allies against Bolshevism, in which case you must greatly soften your peace terms, or we shall also turn Bolshevist."

In short, we must now face the pos sibility that not only Hungary but Germany will not accept our peace con-(Concluded on Page Fourteen. Column Pive)

Sixty-Nine Brides Aboard the Aquitania Homeward Bound With 5837 Yankees.

Washington, March 26 .- (I. N. S.)nother honeymoon transport is home-

The Aquitania, one of three more vessels that have cleared from French ports with a total of 5837 home-coming Yanks, arried 69 brides, the war department announced this afternoon. The numper of officers and men aboard the giant liner is 4518, and she is due at New York March 29. The Ulua, with 1067 officers and men, is due at New York April 4, and La Corraine, with 256, is due March 31.

Chief among the units aboard the

Aquitania are the 347th and 348th field artillery regiments, complete, of the 91st division, to be sent to Camps Kearny Funston, Lewis and Dodge. Also aboard are the 85th division headquarters and headquarters troop, for Camp Custer; 166th field artillery brigade headquar ters, Camp Kearney; 169th infantry brigade headquarters, Camp Custer; de-tachments 134th field artillery, Camp Dix and Upton: detachment 112th ammunition train, Camp Dix: detachment 135th field artillery, Camp Upton; detachment 112th engineers, Camp Dix; Companies F, G, H, I, K, L and M, 145th infantry, for Camps Sherman, Upton, Funston, Dodge and Devens; medical and detachments. 146th infantry, camp Camps Upton, Devens, Taylor, Funston quarters and supply company of 337th nfantry, Camps Custer and Kearny.

and Sherman; field and staff, head-Aboard the Ulua are the field and staff, headquarters and supply company ordnance and medical detachments and Batteries A. B. C and F of the 328th reg ment, field artillery, all for Camp Cus er, and scattered casualty companies.

La Lorraine carries only casuals.

Two More Transports Arrive New York, March 26 -(U. P.)-The transports Francesca and Argentina arrived today with 2148 officers and men. The organizations on the Francesca

were 20 casual companies for Ohio, South Dakota, Minnesota, California, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New York and other eastern states. On the Argentina were 32 casual companies for Connecticut, Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Michigan, Minnesota. New York and Montana and transportation corps companies 81 and 104.

Transport Chincha has sailed from apallice Rochelle to Baltimore (no late when due), with nine casuals. Transport El Oriente from Bordeau s due at New York April 3 with Detachment C, Casual Company 54, New York; special Casual Company 60, discharges and four casual officers.

Cruiser Frederick, from Brest, is due at New York April 4, with the 337th in-

The transports Western Spirit and Dirigo sailed March 23 also, the latter bound for New York with a small num-ber of casuals.

Over 100 Oregon New York in Day

ransports Susquehanna, George Washington and Venezia Bring Detachments of Westerners.

By Walter L. Whittlescy New York, March 26.-Oregon had lace in the festivities over the welcom of the Twenty-seventh division Tuesday n New York and, with the other states. through the chairman, of the Oregon welcome commission, O. C. Leiter, a huge wreath with a ribbon bearing the name "Oregon" was displayed on the steps of the Astor library beneath the roll of honor of the nation's dead in the war.
The Susquehanna, George Washington and Venezia, troopships of great ca-pacity, arrived Tuesday and had more

than 100 Oregon troops aboard. There were a few old 162d infantrymen and the following Oregonians in the Seventeenth engineers, who are at Camp Merritt, New Jersey: Anderson Marthinus, Orin Burger both of Portland, and William K. Irvin.

Estacada. Wounded or ill, but convalescing and improving and happy with al to be this far home were tain Earl Harkins, whose sister lives in Bend; Benjamin F. Veazie, St. Helens; Glenn Mack, Portland, and Lowell A. Netherlands, Medford. Arriving aboard the George Washing-

ton were the following men from Oregon, who are also in Brest convales cent detachments: Frank Miller, Corvallis; Chester F. Link, Cable; convalescent detachment 116, Stanley Mathews, Roseburg; 135th machine gun battalion Reynolds W. O'Brien, Salem; casual (Concluded on Page Fifteen. Column Five)

Only Seven Soldiers Take Advantage of Employment Experiment.

The experiment of doing work on orce account in order to provide employment for returning soldiers and sailors as tried by the state highway commission has not been a success and the commission today decided to abandon the grading camp established last Febther Commerce Chamber

bia river highway.

It was planned to furnish employment for men from 50 to 100 men who have been mustered out of service, but the maximum number who accepted work was only seven. At present nine men are on the job and of these only three are discharged soldiers.

The commission ordered that the pro-ject, which embraces eight miles, should be turned over to the Porter-Connelly company which has an adjoining con-

This firm had filed a bid on the work but the bid was not accepted for the reason that the state wanted to do the work on its own account to provide employment for soldiers and sailors. Today the commission rescinded its former action and awarded the contract to Porter and Connelly who are to do the grading on a "cost plus ten per cent" basis and the macadamizing at \$2.75 a cubic yard. This is 15 cents per cubic yard less than the original bid.

In awarding the contract the com-mission was not at fault. Commissioner Booth approved in principle but thought that the work should be readvertised even though the Porter-Connelly company was the lowest of the original bidders.

Transport Pastores Is at Newport News

Newport News, Va., March 26 .- (U. P.) -The transport Pastores, which left Bordeaux March 14, unloaded 450 casuals, seven officers, 11 nurses and 1218 ment of American food for Germany-sick and wounded today. 7500 tons—has just arrived here.

Workers Announce Readiness to Join Bolshevist Move; Dictatorship in Force.

ormer Head of Hungary Said to Have Been Assassinated: Foreigners Are Being Interned.

OPENHAGEN, March 26,-(U. P.)-The Czecho-Slovaks are mobilizing an army at Ostrau (150 miles north of Budapest), to march against the Hungarians. a Vienna dispatch reported today. The army will be commanded by the Italian general Picconi.

London, March 26 .- (U. P.)-A news agency dispatch from Prague today said reports had been received there that Count Karolyi, former head of the Hungarian government, had been assassinated.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Vienna said Karolyi had been arrested by the communists.

Basic, March 26.—(U. P.) — Cuech forces have occupied the important city of Raab, on the Danube, only 67 miles northwest of Budapest, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfurter Zei-

The Red army is being formed in Hungary to disarm the bourgeoise, a Budapest dispatch reported. Alexander Wekerle, former Hungarian premier, is said to have been arrested. All foreigners, including Austrians, are being in-

terned.

The revolutionary government is no firmly established. The workers' counts exercising a proletariat dictatorsh

Had Gained 300 New Members Up to Noon

Workers in the membership drive of the Portland Chamber of Commerce completed the first half of their campaign at noon today when they gathered at the Chamber of Commerce dining, room to compare records and compile their membership totals. The big part of the drive remains before the committee, which has on account of the lack of workers, decided to extend the drive

until Friday. It was estimated at noon that over 300 members had been signed up by the volunteer workers. The flying squad-ron went into action this afternoon, This squadron is the clean-up crew and is composed of experienced campaigners. Many workers did not report, today being too busy in the outlying districts The members of team No. 2, Captain W. H. Evans, carried away the prize by obtaining 12 per cent of its prospects. Friday when the smaller districts have been cleaned up the workers in these places will help round up prospects

Food for Germany Reaches Amsterdam

Amsterdam, March 25, via London, March 26 .- (I. N. S.)-The first consign-

Oregonian Statement On Delinquent Taxes Is Silly Falsehood

The Oregonian says editorially this induced Governor Geer to veto it. In people last November, does not apply to payers were freed from newspaper silly falsehood.

There was no newspaper publication of delinquent taxes in Multnomah county this year and there will be none in future years, so long as the law enacted by the people remains on the statute is state-wide. The burden of newspaper publication has been lifted from the backs of delinquent taxpayers all over

The Journal advocated the enastment of this law. The Oregonian opposed it. The affirmative vote was 66.652 and the negative vote was 41,592. In 28 of the 36 counties of the state the measure received an affirmative majority. If the wholly eliminated the measure would still have carried by a majority of 8737. fantry, all litter companies and medical emphatically their determination to do detachment, for Camps Custer, Lewis away with delinquent tax publication. emphatically their determination to do

Facts Contradict Oregonian The Oregonian says that the law was "aimed at the country press of Oregon." Familiar facts contradict the statement. For 20 years the voters of Oregon had gonian and the sheriff was eight or teriven to rid themselves of the burden times the amount of the original tax.

morning that the law abolishing publica-tion of delinquent taxes, adopted by the the reform and for four years the tax Multnomah county. The statement is a vertising of delinquent tax lists. Bu in 1911 a bill restoring the public system was smuggled through the log islature in the closing hours of the sion and the taxpayers were axain sud-dled with the burden which they though had been cast off forever. The reson books. The reform effected by that law to the initiative eight years later finally is state-wide. The burden of newspaper enabled the voters of the state to have their will.

Big Sums Paid the Oregonian Under the old system the Oregonia

reaped huge profits. Its richest harves was in the late '90's, when the whol state was suffering from financial dis-tress. In 1899 the Oregonian collected from Multnomah county \$30,071,24 for advertising delinquent taxpayers as for the four years from 1897 to the county paid the Oregonian a total of \$50,758.94. Thousands of property owners were unable to pay their taxes an many were delinquent year after year Many a little home was lost because the owner was unable to pay his taxe and the extortionate costs of tion. Frequently, when the tax was