President Wilson Insists Position of United States Is the Same As When Nation Entered War.

Lloyd George Defers Scheduled Speech to Correspondents to Hour After Meeting President.

By Lowell Mellett

DARIS, April 8 .- (U. P.) -- Premier Lloyd George, entirely recovered from his cold, will confer with President Wilson at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

In order to make the appointment, the premier suddenly deferred his scheduled speech to correspondents from 3 to 6 p. m. This incident was regarded as deeply significant, in view of speculation as to whether his speech will reveal any alignment with the president or otherwise.

The reparations committee Monday night reached an agreement on the principal points of the indemnities problem, it was semi-officially announced today. Among the points agreed to were the amount of initial cash payment and that no mention should be made in the treaty of the total amount of reparation.

t the peace conference round table in farls. This information is secured brough an unmistakable official chanclose to President Wilson and rein advance the gist of any statement the president may give outlining the attitude of himself and his coleagues on the American delegation. It

"Let the people read the original 1 points presented by the president in conjunction with the original armistics terms presented to the central powers (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column One)

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM COURT DISMISSES 12-MILE ADVANCE

Capture of Several Fortified Positions in Peleatsek Region Is Claimed.

London, April 8 .- (I. N. S.) -The Brit-16h government today issued an appeal for volunteers for the Russian relief ex-

April 8 .- (U. P.) -- The Bolsheriki official communique, received from Moscow today, claimed an advance of 12 niles in the Archangel region.

"On the Archangel front fighting occurred near Tcheriserikoe," the state-ment said. "In the region of Peliatsek we advanced 12 miles, capturing several fortified enemy positions. West of Obozerskoe, enemy attacks against Ozerki were frustrated."

The situation in Northern Russia will be taken up in the house of commons this morning on motion dem nding withdraval f, British troops, immediate peace with Russia and raising of mic blockade of that country, Andrew Bonar, Law, spokesman for the government, is expected to make a statement. The Daily Herald says it learns that "lief of the Archangel

forces is impossible before June.

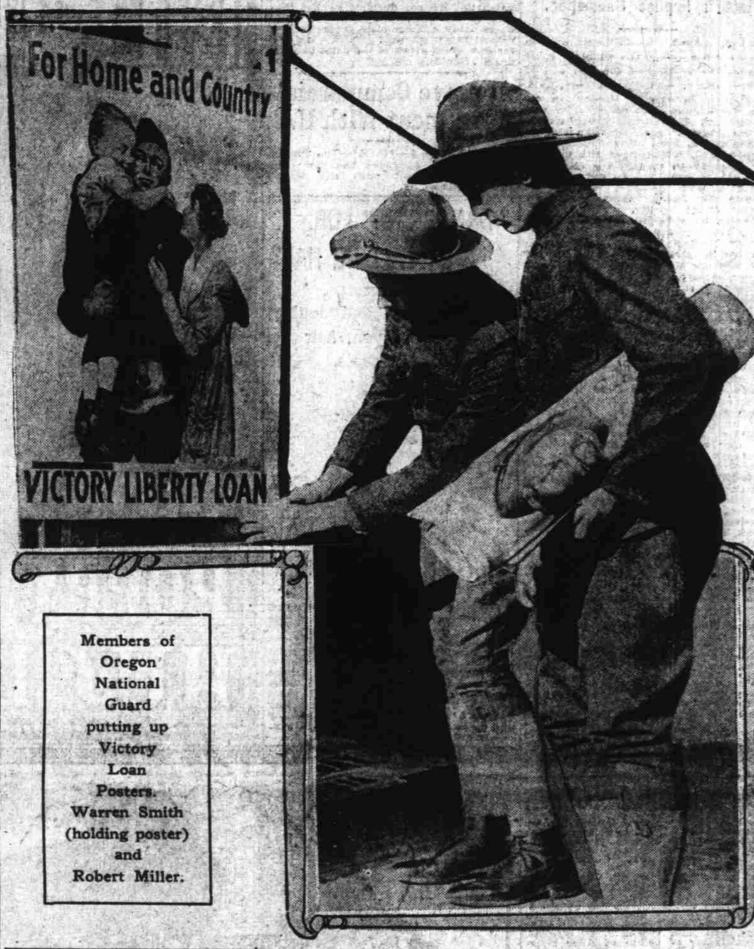
Joint session of the trades union congress and labor party committees was to decide today on the British workers' policy regarding conscription

and Russia.

Another official statement from Moscow received by wireless today said: "Regarding Cecil Harmsworth's statement in the house of commons recently hildren murdered by the Bolsheviki s 'very great,' we regret that he makes himself the mouthpiece for such ridicul-ous rumors. The facts are that since the soviets have been in power the num-ber of executions in the whole of soviet Russia amounts to \$300, the majority of which were ordinary bandits and rob-

No Damage Done by Frost Monday, Said

Prospects Bright in Victory Loan Four Counties Can See Quota Filled Thousands Inquiring About Circus



VISTA HOUSE SUIT

udge Stapleton Rules That Decision of Commissioners Can't Be Questioned.

Decision was handed down today by Presiding Judge Stapleton of the circuit court this morning sustaining the lemurrer to the action brought by Nora Withrow against the county commissioners, roadmaster, contractors and all concerned in the authorization and construction of the Vista House. The action of the court has the effect of dismissing

The suit was brought on behalf of the taxpayers of Multhomah county to de-clare void all contracts made by the county commissioners for the erection of the Vista House and to return the money to the county. The structure was begun December 29, 1916, finished May 1, 1918,

The complaint was based on the construction of the use of the words "necessary buildings." According to the state law the county commissioners are authorized to erect and keep in repair the courthouse, jails and other necessary

Judge Stapleton held that the necessity for a building was a matter to be de-termined by the commissioners alone and that their action in this determination if in good faith and without fraud would not be disturbed by the court.
"This court has no right," said the judge, "to put its judgment against that of the three commissioners who have passed on the necessity of such a building as the Vista House."

Officials Take Up Subject of Paving

In an effort to save money to the county in the pavement of East Seven-teenth street, city and county officials held a conference this morning to discuss the possibility of the city's doing Military Zone in

Union, Wasco, Sherman and Coos Counties Say They Will Be Over Top First Day.

Four counties have declared their in-ention to go over the top in the Victory Liberty loan drive, not only the first day, but by 9 o'clock in the morning of the initial day of the campaign. This prediction is sent to state headquarters from Union, Wasco, Sherman and Coos

While these are not the most wealthy counties in Oregon, they are in a highly prosperous condition and are being well organized by their respective county managers. .

Union county, which has been on war chest basis and made a record in the war work drives last year, has been intensely organized for the Victory loan campaign, and E. E. Kiddle, the county manager, is confident that his county will be first to report 100 per cent. Sherman and Wasco counties, with their wheat and sheep, are well supplied finances, and as there is friendly rivalry between these counties on every-thing from building highways to selling bonds, W. H. Ragsdals of Sherman, and J. C. Hostetter of Wasco are an-nouncing that within an hour of the opening of the drive their respective counties will have subscribed the quotas, In previous Liberty loan campaigns county has always held a banner invariably oversubscribing two or more times its quota. The departure of

the spruce forces from Coos county will not prevent the county from buying its full share and County Manager Dorsey Kreitzer sent word that it will go over the top the morning of April 21. Throughout the eastern part of the state the situation is particularly gratitying, according to a wire received from C. A. Malboeuf, who is touring that section in advance of the trophy train. He telegraphs that he finds the most active people in every community are interested in the organization for the drive and are

full of enthusiasm. Heavy and early subscriptions are predicted from the fruit and wheat districts. Clais Take Up
bject of Paving

East Seventeenth

This is a problem which the laymen know nothing of. There will be a squadron of 16 airplanes which will stage a sham battle in the sky above Portland.

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IS SIGNIFICANT

West Munham Is First Boat Emergency Corporation to Cross Pacific

Two-fold significance attaches to the coming sailing of the steel ship West Munham which, under the American flag and with the Portland standard aflutter. will be the first craft Orient-bound of the Pacific Steamship company, and the first vessel of the Emergency Fleet corporation to cross the Pacific from any

Properly to signalize this stride in Portland's maritime commerce, the Ad club has arranged a big celebration Wedinvite the public. It was held on board the West Munham, at Municipal dock No. 1, foot of Fifteenth street. fesitivities will begin at noon. Ad club members assembling at the Benson ho-tel and making the trip by automobile. Luncheon will be served on board. The club sent out an S. O. S. call for automobiles this morning, with the re-quest that members have cars at the hotel to accommodate other members have no cars. The general public will make the trip in automobile street car.

As a feature of the luncheon, representatives of the shipbuilding companies of the Ad club, of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Emergency Fleet corpora-tion and other shipping and development interests will speak on the significance of the coming voyage of the West Mun-

The event was to have been held at the new St. Johns terminal, where the West Munham will put on cargo, but the vessel could not be got ready in time The dock commission will celebrate the opening of the terminal at St. Johns Sat-

urday, in a special program. Tornedo Factory Fire Kills Four

More Bushels Than 1918 Har-

vest of 558,449,000 Bushels.

ing Districts on April 1

of last year of 558,449,000 bushels

Winter wheat showed an increase

alternate freezing and thawing which ap-

pears also to have resulted in a minimum of winter killing.

"A striking feature of the present sit-uation is uniformly good condition in

practically all important wheat produc-

wn to 96 in North Carolina, among the

west figure from any state was 89 in

000 bushels.

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of 44,547,000

orting board follows:

Henry Simmons, Cigar Store Yield Promises 278,551,000 Proprietor, Fells Ex-Convict Who, Masked, Tries Robbery.

Desperado Overpowers Simmons, Government Makes Estimate or but Latter Is Able to Reach Revolver and Shoot Assailant.

Fred "Dutch" Wagner, ex-convict. paroled a year ago from the state penitentiary, and a familiar actor to Portland police in gun play, was shot at the United States bureau of crop esti-16:30 o'clock Monday night by Henry mates. Simmons, proprietor of a confectionery This early this morning in the Good Samaritan hospital.

Simmons was assaulted by Wagner on the steps leading to his living quarters under the sidewalk in front of his store, Wagner overpowered him, but Simmons was able to reach a revolver. Wagner wore a mask and white gloves and had removed his shoes. He had no gun, say the police.

Was Desperate Man The bullet from Simmons' revolver ended a notorious career of a thug who has clashed repeatedly with the police in the Northwest for several years. On December 23, 1915, after Wagner

robbed a saloon at 1251/2 North Sixth street, he gave a furious battle to Patrolman J. F. Johnstone and was captured only after a posse led by Captain Circle succeeded in cornering him be-hind some spools of cable near Twelfth and Flanders streets. Following the robbery Wagner was arrested by Johnstone, who attempted

to search him. "You can't search me," Wagner said, and he thrust a revolver against Johnstone's body.

No Charge Against Simmons Johnstone grappled with Wagner and succeeded in knocking the revolver from his hand. Wagner, a large man of much physical prowess, overpowered the patrolman and, although losing his own revolver, snatched Johnstone's and fied. He was pursued by Johnstone, who obtained another revolver from Patrolman McKenney, who a few blocks away, heard Johnstone's call

After Wagner was cornered at Tweifth and Flanders streets by Captain Circle's detachment Patrolmen Johnstone and Morris rushed him with the demand that he throw up his hands.

"Don't shoot," Wagner cried, as he

Wagher confessed to having been con-licted of like holdups and of serving entences in Walla Walla and Boise. Since his parole last spring he has Wagner confessed to having been convicted of like holdups and of serving sentences in Walla Walla and Boise. No charge has been placed agains

Alleged Absconder Has Prison Record, Officers Assert

Chico, Cal., April 8 .- (U. P.) - Charles

. Sharp, alleged absconder from the Hotel Oaks here, is an escaped prisone from the state prison at Walla Walla, Wash., the authorities said they were informed today. They said Sharp es-caped from Walla Walla in 1914, after serving two years of a 20 year term. Sharp is said to be wanted in Pitts-burg, Pa., for alleged forgery. A Spo-kane bank was victimized by him, it is charged. He is said to have used sev-eral aliases. Hotels were his pet prey, according to the record. He is now in San Francisco bay region eluding arrest. Sharp is charged here with passing bad checks for \$5875, taking \$1000 of the hotel's cash and eloping with the head waitress, who is the wife of Tom Ander son, the hotel porter. Sharp was joint essee of the hotel.

Heavy Snows Block Traffic in States of The Middle West

Chicago, April 3,-(I. N. S.)-With this city enjoying near-summer weather with the temperature around 70, reports reached here today of 10 inch snows and iszards in Nebraska, Wyoming and olorado, which are seriously interfering rail traffic and wire communica-

The heavy snowstorm, which temporarily halted rail traffic Monday in northwestern Nebraska, is reported headed A heavy wind, which accompanied the

snow in Nebraska, did considerable damage to farms near Madison and lifted a schoolhouse from its foundations.

From Deadwood, S. D., comes reports of a "two and a half foot snow," which ed rail traffic, Western Kansas and Colorado repo heavy snows delaying trains from one

Organize to Study Labor Conditions

To fortify and extend the federal gov-ernment's educational efforts to lessen the distance between the two extremes Messages received by General Freight Agent H. A. Hinshaw of the Southern Oregon in dicate that no trouble had resulted from the heavy frosts which prevailed all over the state Monday morning. Fruit trees was declared "a military area" today as the result of disturbances there. The state Monday morning. Fruit trees was no far enough in blossom to be injured and if they escaped the heavier frost of this morning little damage will result.

Interior the work for the county.

The city has offered to pave the thorograph and an approximate cost of 75 cents per square yard, whereas the bid of Warren Construction company amounted to \$1.53 per square yard, it is the result of disturbances there. The stored. The dead: Charles Best, Knightatown, Ind.; Arch Geodwin. The work of this committee of upday and if they escaped the heavier from the jail hospital on Sunday after a injured and if they escaped the heavier frost of this morning little damage will result.

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The city has offered to pave the thorograph and they have a program and the state and city governments and elegate and city governments and elegate company hers are dead today, radical egitator, representatives of the feet company amounted to \$1.53 per square yard, whereas the bid say caused when fire spread to a large tank where nitro-glycerine was stated. No decision has been reached.

East Seventeenth street in one of the county of the

Dispatches from Seoul declare that on April I the principal store keepers there were summoned by warnings were disregarded. The police then made the rounds of the shops and arrested many who

Reports Received From Farm-Washington, April 8 .- (U. P.)-Production of a 1919 wheat crop of 837,-000,000 bushels was forecast today by

This yield was indicated by the average condition of winter wheat on April 1, which was 99.8 per cent of normal. against 78.6 a year ago, 63.4 two years Leave Newfoundland on Mornago and \$2.3 average for the past 10 The production forecast is an increase

278,551,000 over the estimated production Paris, April 8 .- (U. P.) -Lieutenant The crop two years ago was 412,901,-Fontan, French aviator, started at 6 a. m., today, for Villa Coublay on the ondition from December 1, 1918, of 1.3 first leg of a transatiantic flight to Brapoints, as compared with an average decline in the past 10 years of 5.9 points. zil. He will make his first stop at The average condition of rye on Casa Blanca. April 1 was 90,6 per cent of normal

against 85.8 a year ago, 86 per cent two years ago and 88.6 the past 10 years' ctaling 4500 miles, as follows: The rye crop forecast was 101,000,000 ushels, compared with \$9,103,000 last year and the average crop for five years An official statement by the crop re-Rio Janeiro, 1100 miles.

"The condition of winter wheat in the United States April 1 is the highest of scord and on the largest acreage ever planted in this country. The condition improved during the winter-an unusual tempt to fly across the Atlantic. occurrence-due to the favorable winter weather, particularly to the absence of

ed." said the statement. "We have placed the resources of the air ministry at the disposal of all who attempt it. It has been decided to mak the attempt from the American side. I is probable that Hawker will make the first attempt from Newfoundland at 2 a. m., April 15.

"The admiralty has instructed all mar-iners who sight aircraft in the North At-lantic to signal immediately the posifour times. At night, mariners hearing alreraft must display illuminated sig nals,"

BACK FROM FRANCE

Battleships Land at Newport News With 2000 Soldiers: Some Coming to Camp Lewis.

Newport News, Va., April 8 .- (U. P.) Two battleships, Virginia and Rhode Island, docked today, bringing 2000 men from Brest. The troops are mainly from the 83d division, with the 330th and 328th machine gun battalions and a casual company of Idahoans. The machine gun battalion personne will be sent to various camps for demobilization, some from each unit being scheduled for discharge at Camp Lewis.

Sailings Are Announced Washington, April 8 .- (U. P.) -The ar department today announced the ollowing transport sailings: Transport West Durfee, St. Nazaire New York, due April 19, with casual ompany 626, Washington: casual detachment 24, ordnance convoy.
Transport Ohioan, Bordeaux to New York, due April 16, with special casual ompanies 66, dicharges; pigeon company 1, for Camp Upton: detachments of the 158th infantry and detachment headquarters for Camps Kearny, Grant, Gordon, Shelby, Dodge and Funston; 115th sanitary train, headquarters company; ambulance company 160; medical supply depot unit; sanitary squads 61 and 62 for Camps Kearny, Funston, Sherman, Meade Pike, Jackson, Dix and Devens.

Frank Woolworth. Owner of Chain of Stores, Is Dead

New York, April 8 .- (U. P.)-Frank W. Woolworth, owner of the Wool-worth building and of a chain of five and ten cent stores, died at his home today at Glen Cove, L. L. Woolworth, who was 67 years old, had been ill for several months. The extent of his fortune is unknown, but the Woolworth company was capitalized at \$65,-000,000 and operated \$50 stores. He started business life as a salesman at

At the time of his death, those at the bedside included his brother. Summer Woolworth, Scranton, Pa., and his two daughters. Mrs. Helena McCann and

JAPANESE AT TEISHU SHOOT MOB MEMBERS

OKIO, April 6.-(U. P.)-(De layed)-Japanese troops fired upon 3000 rioters at Telshu, Manchuria, killing and injuring over 30, according to dispatches received

here today.
Fatalities have occurred also at Talsen and Juju during clashes between rioters and troops.

the police department and warned to reopen their shops. Repeated had refused to reopen.

Pilot Harry Hawker Scheduled to ing of April 5.

Fontan's flight would be in five legs, Villa Coublay to Casa Blanca (Dar-El-Beda), 1200 miles; Casa Blanca to Dakar, 1400 miles; Dakar to St. Paul Rocks, 1100 miles; St. Paul Rocks to Pernambuco, 750 miles: Pernambuco to

London, April 8 .- (U. P.)-The all ministry announced today that Pilot Harry Hawker probably will leave Newfoundland at 2 a. m., April 15, in an at-"Within the next few days, perhaps a transatlantic flight will be attempt

Huge Airplane Being Built Amityville, N. Y. April 8.—Work is under way here on a huge airplane of new design with which an attempt is to be made within 60 days to cross the Atlantic and win the \$125,000 in prize money offered for the first flyer who accomplishes this great feat The new plane is to have a wing spread of 180 feet and will be driven by

four 800 horsepower motors. It is expected to develop a speed of 115 miles an hour and to make the crossing from New York to Queenstown, London or Brest in 36 hours. The machine was designed by Dr

William Whitney Christmas, associated with the late Samuel P. Langley, the pioneer in aeronautic investigation and experiment in this country,

Two three bladed propellers, 21 feet in diameter, capable of making 600 revolutions a minute, will furnish the driving force and the big machine will be controlled throughout by electricity, even the control cable being wound and unwound by electric motors. Two pilots, seated in separate com

partments, will work alternately during the trip and the motors will be so ar ranged that one can be cut out for repairs without affecting the others. crew will be comfortably housed in the body of the machine and will not be exposed to the elements except when called upon to make repairs.

Prepare Landing Field Limerick, Ireland, April 8 .- (I. N. S. -A huge white cross is being painted upon Bawnmore field, a mile from this place., to mark the landing and starting place of airplanes taking part in the transatlantic flight. The first flight is now scheduled for April 15. One of the contestants, Major Wood, announces that he will use a Shortt biplane with a Rolls-Royce motor.

Handley-Page Will Enter Contest London, April 8-(I. N. S.)-The Handley-Page airplane company nounced its intention today of entering one of their machines in the forthcoming transatlantic flight.

Assembling Sopwith Airplane St. Johns, N. F., April 8.—(I. N. S.)— The proposed transatlantic flight with a Sopwitch irplane may be attempted the middle of next week, it was stated here today. The machine is being assembled here and will be equipped with wireless and other features tomorrow,

Oregon Men Now on Guard Duty in East Not to Be Released

easing the Oregon men of the Sixtythird infantry now on guard duty at East Potomac park, near Washington, D. C., shows they are needed there badly

the matter up with the war department and a reply to his letter from Major General Henry Jersey, assistant chief of staff, is to the effect that the 500 men of the regiment doing guard duty there

70,000 Troops Have Been Concentrated Around City Ready to Cope With Any Disorders,

Official Notice Issued to Public to Be Prepared for Emergency; Radicals Given Concessions

OPENHAGEN, April 8 .- (I. N. S.) - Dr. Otto Landsberg. mini ter of justice in the Ebert government in Germany, and General Von Kleist of the fourth army, who were in Magdeburg, Prussian Saxony, on a "conciliating trip" have both been arrested by troops. They are being held as hostages. Madgeburg is becoming a German storm center.

By H. J. Greenwall BERLIN, April 7, via Loncon, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Seventy

thousand government troops have been concentrated around Berlin in preparation for an uprising it was learned today. The troops are also ready

cope with any disorders if general strike is called. It was reported that the Reds might attempt to proclaim a soviet government.

The Jerman government is intensely nervous, anticipating further strikes.

to the people through the Wolff

bureau "to be prepared for any emergency." Basic, April 8 .- (U. P.)-The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the allied food commission has

been ordered to leave Munich. By Ed L. Keen

Paris, April 8.—(U. P.)—This is "der tag" on which the future of Germany may be decided. Advices from German and neutral ources indicate the question of whether Germany is to continue its present form government or embrace Bolshey ges largely on the action of the soviet congress which opens in Berlin today. Concluded on Page Nineteen, Column Five

WAKEFIELD WINS CONTRACT ON PIER

Price of \$299,971 Is Lower Figure Than Had Been Expected by Docks Commission.

Letting of the contract for the c druction of pier No. 2 and extension of pler No. 1, at the St. Johns municipal today, marks another step forward in execution of plans, to make the terminal facilities in Portland equal to demands of maritime commerce for which port is striving.

The contract was let to Robert Wake-field of Portland, the price being \$232,-971. Wakefield's bid was lowest of those submitted, other bidders being J. M. Dugan & Co., A. Guthrie & Co. and Porter Brothers. The successful bid was lower than the figure which it had been estimated would be offered.

The new pier, which will be 1500 feet long, will be built of wood. Extension of pier No. 1, the first unit of the terminal work completed, from 1200 to 1500 feet, is a project which the com-

nission deems necessary to permit be derived from modern terminals is shown by pier No. 1, where the new freighter West Munham will commence to load for the Orient within a few days. The ship is now undergoing finishing buches to her machinery preparatory to being turned over by the builders, the Columbia River Shipbuilding cor-

poration. The pier is so built that deep water craft can load direct from freight cars which are sidetracked onto the dock, thus avoiding the necessity of trucking from the boxcars to the vessel, Heavy

Congressman W. C. Hawley has taken Montreal Electric Workers May Strike

will be released as rapidly as possible, as the need for them decreases or changes may be made.

There are about 100 Oregon men in the regiment who enlisted for the duration of the war and who will be replaced by regulars as soon as this can be done.

Montreal. April 8.—(I. N. 8.)—A threat to paralyze streetcar service and bring about a lightless and powerless Montreal was made today by smployes of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power company, who are planning to so on strike.