

PLANS FOR AIR PATROL SERVICE STILL INDEFINITE

U. S. Forest Officials Are Working on Program for Their Activities the Coming Year.

WOULD BLOT OUT STATE LINES

Private Timber Owners Disagree With Official View on Number of Planes and Landing Fields.

Details of the airplane forest patrol program for next year are still undetermined, declares C. B. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Forest Fire association and chairman of the aviation committee, who has just returned from a meeting with the California forest men and Colonel Arnold of the war department, at San Francisco.

One of the mass of discussion only two definite facts have been established: That there should be an air patrol for the whole Northwest and that it should be planned without regard for state lines.

Private timber owners and forest officials disagree upon the number of planes and landing fields. Some favor a great number of planes and bases, so that each plane might patrol successfully and intensively a small area. Others favor fewer planes and bases, and longer patrols because of the better administration that may be conducted from fewer base centers and the better equipment that might be supplied the limited number of planes.

"At any rate, we expect to have complete squadrons," said Chapman, "adequately equipped for fire patrol work. The planes are to be fitted with wireless outfits and photographic arrangements for taking aerial maps. Colonel Arnold is now preparing his report to Washington, D. C., basing his recommendations upon what he knows, what Major A. D. Smith had told him and what we have told him of our needs. He has agreed to submit this report to us before sending it to headquarters, and as soon as the report is complete I expect to call a meeting of all members of the aviation committee from all the six states involved. The meeting will probably be held in Portland."

Hillsboro Hunter Accidentally Kills Himself With Rifle

Hillsboro, Oct. 28.—Harry Batchelor, aged 30 and unmarried, accidentally killed himself with a high power rifle Tuesday morning in the Potato hills on East Dairy Creek, 18 miles north of this city, while hunting deer.

He was with Walter Robinson, an old-time hunter; Robinson's father, J. S. Robinson, and his own father, P. A. Batchelor. The older men were a half mile away. Young Batchelor and Walter Robinson had stalked a deer and were climbing through the brush. Robinson heard a shot and went over to find Batchelor dead. He had crawled over some logs and brush and his gun was accidentally discharged, the bullet crashing through the jaw and brain. Batchelor is survived by his parents, six brothers and three sisters. The brothers are N. R. Harvey, Alvin and Dale, Hillsboro; Victor, Portland, and Perry, of the American Forest fire association, home. His sisters are Mrs. Dovey Bush, Independence; Mrs. Dulcy Bush, Pease, Polk county, and Mrs. Effie Jackson of North Plains.

Was Mayor Victim Of Bold Pickpocket At Jail, Yes, No?

"Next time I go to the police department I'll leave my money at the city hall," said Mayor Baker Tuesday afternoon, after he returned from a visit to the local department and found that he was short some little loose change.

Even after the mayor had searched his pockets he failed to scrape up more than three "coppers." Wonder came over him as to who might have taken his "pocket." Then someone suggested that the clever yeggmen at the city jail may have touched his purse.

"That's it," said the mayor. "Maybe one of the crooks that I was talking to 'got into my jeans.' Pretty smart lot. But don't say anything about it or the society of crooks will give me the merry ha, ha."

The mystery was not cleared today.

Lodge to Entertain
East Gate lodge, A. F. and A. M., will entertain East Gate chapter, Order Eastern Star, at Montavilla, Thursday night, and all members of both organizations are urged to attend and enjoy the musical and social program. Mrs. P. W. Bowen will sing. Refreshments will be served. The committee in charge is F. S. Pickering, R. P. Stanley, R. A. Wallie and E. F. Mertz.

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DEATH TAKES FRIEND OF STATE PRISONERS



George A. Thacher

GEO. A. THACHER TAKEN BY DEATH

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that brought his death today. His only surviving relative is a brother, Joseph Thacher, United States government employ in Portland.

Funeral services probably will be conducted on Friday, with the Rev. W. G. Elliot officiating. The body will be cremated.

"His last words to me," MacLaren declared this morning, "were an appeal to me to write a letter to Governor O'cott requesting his early and kindly consideration of his recent book, 'Why Some Men Kill,' which was, as he introduced it, a revelation of Oregon murder mysteries and an appeal for pardons for William Branson and Mrs. William Booth, convicted for the slaying of Booth at Willamina, Or., and for John Arthur Fender, whom he declared had been wrongfully convicted of killing Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her son near Scappoose, Columbia county, in 1911.

"Thacher sacrificed himself, without reward and at his own expense, for the prisoners he sought to aid. His breakdown was directly caused by overwork on his latest book, through which he sought to prove the innocence of Fender and Mrs. Booth and William Branson."

SERVICE IS UNSELFISH
Thacher spent 15 years of his life, almost his entire income, with very little assistance from other sources, and his every energy in studying Oregon crimes and criminals. His effort was unstinted, especially in behalf of John Arthur Fender, for whom he is said to have secured a commutation of sentence from death to life imprisonment.

Fender, son of a prominent Oregon, Utah, family, lived near the scene of the murder of Mrs. Wehrman and her child. Thacher became interested in the case when state, municipal and national officials were having much difficulty in assembling circumstantial evidence upon which Fender was convicted. Governor West commuted Fender's penalty from hanging to life imprisonment. Later on, John G. E. Sierke, characterized by Thacher as a "medium grade moron," confessed to the Wehrman murders and then repudiated his confession.

SURE OF FENDER'S INNOCENCE
Thacher was convinced of Fender's innocence and the guilt of Sierke, and when he personally got Sierke's confession, the news of it brought Thacher into more than local prominence.

He was sincerely convinced, too, of the innocence of Mrs. Booth and William Branson, now serving time for the slaying of Will Booth, and had repeatedly appealed for their release, as well as that of Fender. Thacher also secured the confession of William Rignin to the murder of William Booth.

Many prominent Oregon citizens had joined Thacher in his efforts to secure an unconditional pardon for Fender, these including members of the clergy, professional and business men and women.

Supposed Purchaser Of P. & E. Railroad Refuses Statement

Medford, Oct. 28.—M. H. Olds of Cheboygan, Mich., who has been here a week or so looking after the details of his reported purchase of the Pacific & Eastern railway and who has heretofore admitted that he purchased it Tuesday afternoon was evasive and said:

"I know nothing about such a report and I don't believe anyone else knows anything about it. When there is any news to report on the matter I will give it out, but not until there is something besides gossip. I don't want the people of Medford to get their hopes up when there is nothing to justify it."

BONE DRY MEASURE ENFORCEMENT PLANS BEING FORMULATED

National Prohibition Lid Clamped Down; Congress Gives Money to Aid Enforcement.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—Congress today gave final approval to a bill appropriating money necessary to carry out the provisions of the prohibition enforcement measure, which became a law over the president's veto yesterday.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—The national prohibition lid was being clamped down today with the government ready to use all the drastic powers of the enforcement bill, which became law late yesterday, when congress overrode the presidential veto.

The first work of enforcing war-time prohibition, according to the law, lies with the bureau of internal revenue. Evidence concerning violations of the law will be collected by the bureau to be turned over to the department of justice for criminal prosecution. In the large cities, has been collected and the attorney general is expected to start wholesale prosecutions in the next few days.

Darrel Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, in a public statement, made it plain that he intends to make the nation bone dry.

CIVIC CLUB COUNCIL IS BEHIND TAX LEVY

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possible figure compatible with good administration; that income from application of the city's surplus revenue has been greatly reduced by legislation from time to time, and further that the estimated revenue for the next fiscal year without the two mill tax would be less than the budget under which the city is operating this year.

"Not only would it be less, but the city, the same as other businesses, faces a still more serious situation. It has grown in area some 15 square miles, having taken in Lenta, Linnton, St. Johns, etc., and has grown in population some 50,000. Because of restrictions placed by the war it has not been called upon under the present budget, to handle the expenses incidental to normal street improvement activities.

"One special illustration of the emergency existing will be found in the following: In November, 1913, the 5 per cent fee for engineering and supervision in connection with street and sewer improvements, was taken away by legislation. As previously stated, during the past few years there have been practically no such improvements, and, therefore, no expense to the city incident thereto, but next year the city faces an entirely different situation in this matter. In 1915 the revenue from that source alone was \$224,000 and in that year there were laid 6 1/2 miles of pavement and 40 1/2 miles of sewers.

NEW PROJECTS ASKED
"Already there are petitioned for next year 4 1/2 miles of new pavement and 4 1/2 miles of sewers. On the same basis, it is 5 per cent, that would mean if costs were the same, a loss of revenue of about \$280,000. It would also mean that the city would have to bear an expense estimated at a minimum to be \$175,000 without any income from that source to cover it.

"A related fact which should not be underestimated is that this construction work, which is contingent upon the city being able to do the engineering and supervising, means a total expenditure of about \$2,500,000, of which about \$2,000,000 would be spent locally for labor and would represent employment of about 3000 men, which would be a decided factor in connection with the labor situation during the coming year.

"Other needs of additional income such as inadequacy of the police force, etc., etc., could be cited. A few of these are set forth on one of the charts submitted together with component parts of the proposed budget."

DEPARTMENT NEEDS LISTED
The chart referred to shows that the



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public works department with a budget of \$225,000 must be provided with \$175,000 for the supervision of pavement and sewers; the finance department with a budget of \$225,000, has contingent on the election \$10,000 for park improvements; the department of public affairs with a budget of \$1,352,876, asks a minimum of \$10,000 for a municipal employment agency; the public utility department with a budget of \$256,606, asks \$11,500 for school inspection and \$18,000 for new arc lights; the department of public safety with a budget of \$178,616, asks \$10,000 for additional policemen. All of the additional items mentioned are contingent upon the voters' approval of the special 3 mill tax. The sub-committee which prepared the report consists of the chairman of the president's council, A. C. Newell, president of the Oregon Civic League, and Colonel Walter D. Whitcomb, certified public accountant.

CITY UP AGAINST HIGH COSTS, DECLARES BARBUR

"In your report businesses you have increased appropriations for maintenance," City Commissioner A. L. Barbur told the Portland Rotary club Tuesday afternoon. "The city is up against the prevailing high costs of conducting its affairs. To fix a 3-mill tax as the legal limit for the city was once all right. But the city cannot run on so limited a basis any longer. Treat the city as you would treat your own business."

"Portland has won a fine reputation for civic aggressiveness and pride. We made so many records in war subscription that we are noted throughout the country as a wealthy and solid city. But with all this wealth and pride, a still more serious situation is facing the city. Municipalities will not be able to meet its obligations unless the people vote the 3-mill extra tax asked at the special election November 12."

Musical features of the program were furnished by the United States band from the Orpheum theatre.

Planning Commission to Report
Final report of the city planning commission will be submitted to the mayor and council in December, according to an announcement made today by officers of the commission. A series of public meetings designed to explain the aims of the city zoning system and scheduled to begin November 5, has been postponed until November 17, that all maps and other data may be completed. These meetings will be held in various parts of the city and will continue for several weeks, according to the members of the city planning commission.

Catarrh Of The Stomach Is Dangerous
"Thousands Have It and Don't Know It," Says Physician. Frequently Mistaken for Indigestion—How to Recognize and Treat.

"Thousands of people suffer more or less constantly from furred, coated tongue, bad breath, sour burning stomach, frequent vomiting, rumbling in stomach, bitter eructations, gas, wind and stomach acidity and call it indigestion when in reality their trouble is due to gastric catarrh of the stomach," writes a New York physician.

Catarrh of the stomach is dangerous because the mucous membrane lining of the stomach is thickened and a coating of phlegm covers the surface so that the digestive fluid cannot mix with the food and digest it. This condition soon breeds deadly disease in the fermented, unassimilated food. The blood is poisoned and carries the infection throughout the body. Gastric ulcers are apt to form and frequently an ulcer is the first sign of a deadly cancer.

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Supreme Council at Paris Considers Violations of Military and Naval Provisions.

Paris, Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—Germany was definitely charged with violation of various provisions of the armistice in an official report of the supreme council today.

Following submission of the report, the council went into conference to decide on the nature of the penalties to be inflicted upon Germany.

A full report on violations of the military clauses was presented by Marshal Foch. Naval violations were reported by Commander Fuller of the British navy and financial violations by Paymaster Celles.

Judge Lovett Due Today

The Portland Hotel has reservation requests for Judge and Mrs. R. S. Lovett, their maid, Miss Beah, E. E. Adams, P. C. Bowman, G. Foot, P. F. Eschel and H. M. Adams, who are scheduled to arrive from Salt Lake this afternoon. Louis Swift, the packer, is also due to arrive at the Portland this afternoon.

J. V. Hoffman of Stabler, Wash., is registered at the Carlton. He is connected with the forest service.

Roseburg Plans Advertising of Its Timber Wealth

Roseburg, Oct. 29.—The Chamber of Commerce of this city has launched a campaign for the exploitation of Douglas county's vast timber resources, aiming to bring to this section large lumber mills as a direct result of the Portland business men's visit.

A thorough advertising campaign will be carried on of the timber of the Cascades, some of the finest to be found anywhere in Oregon. Those in charge of the development of the plans are: Harry Pargeter, chairman; J. W. Perkins, A. J. Hochradel, J. C. Bartram, J. E. McClintock. The campaign will be put on in connection with other national advertising for the state of Oregon. Data will be prepared for the state meeting November 4.

Site Selected for Armory at Aberdeen

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 29.—Members of state commission and local committee selected a site for the state armory for which the last legislature appropriated \$125,000, choosing three lots near the new high school, three blocks from the business section, at a cost of \$10,000. The city and the county each have agreed to contribute \$5,000 to meet the demand of the legislature of a free site.

SEVEN SUSPECTED OF BOMB PLOTS

Woman Among Prisoners Taken for Complicity in Mysterious Crime Last June.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 29.—(I. N. S.)—With the arrest of six men and one woman here, police believed today that the key to the solution of the bomb plot mystery of last June, when eight homes of prominent men throughout the country were bombed, is at hand.

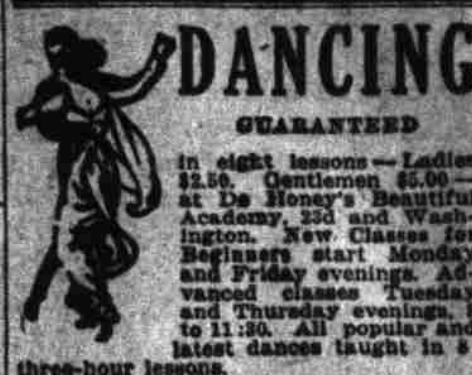
Further arrests here and in several of the cities in which the June bomb outrages took place are expected to follow. Detectives today were on their way to Chicago, New York, Washington and other cities to cooperate in bringing about additional arrests.

Police said today that they had found a book containing the names and addresses of many policemen marked for death by the anarchists for the activity in running down the ring.

Correspondence between members of the gang and high officials of the "left wing" of the Socialist party was also seized, the police admitted, but declined to outline the nature of it.

The woman under arrest told the police today under examination that she is the wife of Matejka. She was held on a rape charge.

A man believed to be one of the ring leaders in the gang is being sought in Chicago, from which, police according to the police, he planned to direct a reign of terrorism.



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