

URGES FEDERAL CONTROL OF ROADS

MEMBER OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL CHAMBER SHOWS ECONOMY NEED.

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau.) WASHINGTON, May 17.—"National development and the need for economy demand the formation of a highway policy under a federal commission," said George M. Graham member of the highway committee of the national automobile chamber of commerce, today.

Mr. Graham is here attending hearings being held on highway legislation by the senate committee on roads. "The economic barrier now confronting us is the lack of adequate highways," he continued. "There is urgent need to build these highways as quickly as possible and with the maximum of economy. Highways should be planned with consideration of their relationship to railway and waterway communication. The highway question concerns agriculture, national commerce, the military and the social needs of the nation."

"The roads program is national in scope and is related to all departments of the government. Highway policy, therefore," Graham continued, "should be unified under a federal highway commission directly responsible to the chief executive and to the policy in state road administration. Economy will be served by such a measure as roads will be with regard to all the needs of the nation. It will be possible to pay higher salaries than can now be done under the bureau system."

"Millions of the dollars are to be expended on roads and it is the highest economy to obtain the ablest brains in the country for administration of these funds. Selection of roads of primary interstate importance, and concentration of federal funds in conjunction with state funds on these roads, is the first step needed. States should be required to meet the federal aid as states, rather than passing their responsibilities along to counties as many state do now. In this way it will be possible to have state policies correlated with the national program."

Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley Stage. Leaves Motor Service garage, 7:30 a. m. daily. Arrive Wasco, 9:15; Moro, 10:00; Grass Valley, 10:30. Leaves Grass Valley, 3:00; Moro, 3:45; Wasco, 4:15. Arrive The Dalles, 6 p. m. 171f

FRIGHTENED HOBOES

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their way from California, and that California police officers had an annoying habit of "beating up" on informal travelers. "Dat's right boss," added a bairly colored man. "We was jus' scared."

All were released this morning with directions as to the shortest way out of town.

TROOPS TO QUELL MEXICAN TROUBLES

SOCIALISTIC-CATHOLIC DISTURBANCES RESULT IN ORDER; MEETINGS BANNED.

(By United Press) MEXICO CITY, May 17.—President Obregon today ordered the war ministry to use armed force to prevent clashes between socialists and Catholics. He also ordered that militant groups be prevented from meeting either in public buildings or churches. The order grew out of an anti-Catholic disturbance at Morelia where 117 were killed in a battle last week.

GOVERNORS IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSING RECLAMATION

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, May 17.—Governors of several western states today enlisted the aid of Secretary of the interior Fall in reclamation plans. Executives who made the visit in person were: Davis of Idaho, Campbell of Arizona, Hart of Washington, Mayby of Utah; and Boyle of Nevada.

SLASH DEPARTMENT BIDS IN APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, May 17.—A deficiency appropriation bill, slashing more than 50 percent from departmental estimates, was today reported by the house appropriations committee. The bill carries \$110,000,000 less than the estimates of the various departments.

FOREIGN TRADE DROPS 50 PER CENT IN HALF YEAR

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, May 17.—American foreign trade has dropped more than 50 percent in the last six months. Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover today told the house appropriations committee. He also informed the congressmen that the present oil production of America is estimated to last only from 18 to 20 years.

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ILLNESS OF CHIEF JUSTICE IS SERIOUS

OPERATION MAY CAUSE RETIREMENT; HUGHES POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR.

(By Robert J. Bender (United News Staff Correspondent)) WASHINGTON, May 17.—Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court has successfully undergone an operation which, in the case of a younger man would be regarded as of minor importance but which in the case of White's advanced years, is such as to cause some alarm.

While the operation was performed last Thursday, he is not yet regarded as having reached the crisis on the road to recovery. He had a rather bad night Sunday but showed some improvement late Monday. His condition, however, will be regarded as dangerous until the crisis is safely passed.

It develops that White has known for some time that he would have to undergo surgical treatment for relief but because of the press of work, postponed the operation until last week.

Because of the vast political discussion which for some weeks has involved the reported likelihood of White having to retire soon from the bench, every effort, apparently, was made to keep secret his illness. Now that it has become generally known, however, and particularly because of his advanced years, he is 75, there has again developed the question of whom President Harding would name as White's successor should the venerable chief justice find it inadvisable to resume his work, after his recovery.

All discussion of this subject in variably reaches its climax in the possibility of Charles Evans Hughes being returned to the bench. In connection with this possibility, it is pointed out by Hughes' friends that since leaving the bench in 1916 he has always cherished a desire to get back. And among republican leaders, since Harding's inauguration, one has heard more and more talk that Hughes might eventually be "rewarded" for his difficult task as secretary of state by being offered the opportunity to return to the supreme bench if he desired.

400 MEN WILL ATTEND STUDENT ARMY SCHOOL

TACOMA, May 17.—Approximately 400 students from colleges and universities in Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana will attend the first annual Officers' Training Camp at Camp Lewis near here this summer. It was announced today by Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Clendenin, 47th Infantry, who will be in charge of the preliminary work.

The Reserve Officers' Training camp will start June 15 and will be of six weeks' duration. The course of study and field work will be divided into two parts, preliminary course and advanced course. Upon completion of the advance course the student-officers will be eligible for examination for appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the regular establishment.

The war department's plan for the Reserve Officers' Training camp is to provide training and maneuvers not possible at the colleges and universities because of limited equipment, instruction and target ranges, both for small arm firing and for firing field pieces from the French 75 mm. up to the 8-inch howitzers.

All expenses of the men from their homes to and from the camp and while at camp will be paid by the government. Uniforms and other necessary equipment will be issued the men upon their arrival at Camp Lewis. They will be fed and housed in the regulation wooden barracks and during their six weeks' training period will be under the usual military discipline and control.

Roscoe L. Roberts, of The Dalles, will attend from University of Oregon.

BRADY AND PURIST WILL DEBATE STAGE

NEW YORK CRITIC AND THEATRICAL PRODUCER WILL DISCUSS MORALS.

(By United News) NEW YORK, May 17.—William A. Brady, well known theatrical and motion picture producer, may meet in public debate this week Dr. John Straton of Calvary Baptist church, the most sensational local critic of the stage, whose recent asperities on the morals of actresses have sent chivalrous actors to their punching bags.

Brady sent Straton a telegram Monday, "calling" the preacher's recent challenge to any qualified representative, of the stage to debate whether the American stage is or is not immoral.

Brady is the father of Miss Alice Brady and the husband of Grace George, both of whom were highly successful in legitimate drama on the stage.

MOVIE STAR WORKS ON PICTURE IN PORTLAND

(By United Press) PORTLAND, May 17.—Priscilla Dean, Herbert Rawlinson and a motion picture company headed by Director Stuart Paton of the Universal studios of Los Angeles, today began filming Miss Dean's latest feature, "The Conflict," here. The story is one of the timber country. A part of the picture will be made in and around Portland, and the balance at Marshfield and points on the southern Oregon coast.

SEEKS INJUNCTION AGAINST STRIKING MARINE WORKERS

(By United Press) SEATTLE, May 17.—Seeking injunction against the strike activities of the marine workers, who walked out May 1, United States District Attorney Saunders today filed a complaint in the federal court against six local unions and nine of their executive officers.

The government asks judgment against the defendants in the sum of \$10,000 a day since May 1, until such a date as final judgment is rendered. The complaint also asks permanent injunction, restraining the unions named or any of their members, from trespassing upon shipping board members or other property and from interfering with strikebreakers.

BUMPER CROPS IN EUROPE FORECAST

PEASANTRY GETTING BACK TO THE LAND AND AWAY FROM WAR.

(By John Graudenz (United News Staff Correspondent)) BERLIN, May 17.—Central Europe, half starved and dependent upon outside countries for charity since the war, is emerging from its agricultural depression.

Prospect for German crops this year are, to put it conservatively, extremely favorable.

Hungary, practically a non-producer for two years, is coming with a bumper production of hay, potatoes, beets and other standard crops.

Austria is in a similar position, with every prospect of the most successful farming year since 1914.

Only in Jugo Slavia is there a falling off in the optimistic crop estimates, but reports from there say the average throughout the southern and eastern territory is far above the average for the last six years.

Official government statistics show that winter wheat is in good condition, but that hay, clover and the better grades of fodder were somewhat retarded by dry cold in early April. This difficulty, however, will be overcome. Spring grains are in a favorable condition. A similar situation exists in Austria, where "excessive" crops are reported in some districts.

Many Serbian fields had to be abandoned because of dryness. Work in the fields was retarded, and the harvest will be later than usual. The crops, however, are expected to be larger than last year.

The international agricultural institution predicts that England, Germany, France, Belgium, Bulgaria, Spain and Italy will have excellent harvests and notes that Germany's sugar acreage has vastly increased.

From a political standpoint, good crops may save the situation. And they may be considered an indication

of the fact that the central European peoples are getting back to the land and away from war.

SHIPS GUARDED

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thrown about the North Bank docks, where the Swiftscout is loading, and about Victoria dolphins, where shipping board vessels tied up by the marine strike are berthed.

The raiding of the Swiftscout yesterday by striking seamen, who bat-

led with her non-union crew for half an hour and finally succeeded in stampeding them, was the first serious disturbance in Portland harbor since the strike started.

Captain George E. Bridgett, marine superintendent of the Swiftsure Oil Transportation company, owners of the big 12,000 ton vessel, was among those suffering minor injuries from the riot. He was severely manhandled during the free-for-all, and his clothing ripped from him. Two members of the non-

union crew were beaten into unconsciousness.

The sea service bureau of the United States shipping board today put a second non-union deck crew aboard the Swiftscout.

Yesterday's raid occurred while the Swiftscout was berthed at the Easter and Western Lumber company's mills. During the night she moved to the North Bank docks to load. The oil tanker was being lined at the lumber mills to permit her to carry a cargo of wheat to Europe.



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