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LIVELY TILT TAKES PLACE IN COUNCIL

Mayor Keyes and Alderman Wiest Clash on Resolution Asking Probe Into Local Gas Rates

MEASURE IS ALTERED THROUGH AMENDMENT

Hamilton Finds Trip to Portland Necessary Before Ordering Generator

After a lively tilt in the city council session last night between Mayor Keyes and Alderman Wiest, a resolution was adopted asking the public service commission to investigate rates of the Salem Gas company and to adjust them according to its findings. The resolution was introduced at the previous meeting of the council and was altered last night by an amendment offered by Mayor Keyes asking the commission if it finds the rates too high, to order them reduced. Because of this change W. M. Hamilton, Willamette valley manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, will go to Portland early today to confer with President Griffith relative to whether the company shall order a new gas generator prior to action by the commission. The company's petition to the commission for an increase in rates was filed several days ago. Had the resolution passed in its original form, asking the commission to increase the rates if found too low to pay the company sufficient returns, the generator would have been ordered immediately.

Alderman Ward first spoke briefly against the resolution. Wiest followed with a lengthy talk in its defense. He explained that after the generator had been ordered a month would be required to manufacture it in the east, two weeks to ship it to Salem, two weeks to set it up while three weeks would be necessary to get it into condition for the making of gas.

Says It Is Patriotic Duty. This, Mr. Wiest explained, would bring the time well into August before the present gas handicap can be relieved, while if the resolution were not passed greater delay would be caused for the reason that the commission cannot give a hearing for thirty days or more.

After Manager Hamilton had spoken in defense of the resolution Mayor Keyes took the floor and reported on his investigation of condition at Yakima, Wash.

"I found," said the mayor, "that rates there were raised as Mr. Hamilton says. But the Yakima council did not pass any resolution. The question was referred to the council by the gas company and the council adopted a resolution asking that the rate be reduced. The Yakima company followed the law. If we pass this resolution the rate will be raised whether it ought to be or not. It gives the commission the impression that we have investigated the matter and we should refer the whole matter to the city attorney and send him to the hearing to represent the best interests of the city. If the gas company holds up this matter because we do not pass a resolution which is out of our jurisdiction, I want to say the company is small potatoes."

The mayor then offered an amendment to refer the whole matter to the city attorney. Wiest replied and accounted for the Yakima condition by calling attention to the lower cost of coal and the larger number of patrons there. He spoke against the amendment.

"I didn't do like Alderman Wiest," said the mayor, rising a second time. "I didn't buttonhole every member of the council on this question. If I have anything to say I say it out in open council." The amendment lost and the mayor offered his second amendment which carried, Wiest voting aye. In its amended form the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Canvassing Board Reports. The city election canvassing board reported and a proclamation of the mayor declared the election of the following officials without further contest in the general election next fall:

Mayor, C. E. Albin; city recorder, Earl Race; city treasurer, C. O. Rice; aldermen first ward, R. W. Simeral long term, F. J. Smith short term; aldermen second ward, F. L. Utter long term, H. H. Vendevort short term; alderman third ward, O. J. Wilson long term, aldermen fourth ward, Paul Johnson short term, A. H. Moore long term; aldermen fifth ward, Merlin Harding long term, Edward Schunko short term; aldermen sixth ward, James McClelland long term; W. A. Wiest short term; aldermen seventh ward, Ralph Thompson long term, J. S. Austin and B. S. Edwards were proclaimed candidates for the short term for aldermen from the third ward and H. L. Clark and O. L. Scott for the short term from the seventh ward. Percy M. Varney

Naval Appropriation Bill to Be Reported

Washington, May 20.—Carrying a total of \$1,587,000,000 or \$202,840,000 more than provided by the house, the naval appropriation bill was completed late today by the senate naval committee and will be reported to the senate tomorrow.

Former Vice-President Fairbanks Seriously Ill

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 20.—Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice-president of the United States, is critically ill at his home here with Bright's disease. His condition was better today than for a few days past, it was reported, but physicians stated tonight that he may not recover.

FIND BODIES OF THREE KILLED WHILE ASLEEP

Women and Two Children Thought Murdered by Unknown Automoblist

ALL ALONE IN TENT

Clews as to Identity of Dead Are Missing—Unused Guns Discovered

KELSO, Wash., May 20.—Within 200 feet of the Pacific Highway and two miles from here, there were found in a tent today the bodies of a woman about 25, a girl of 13 and a boy of ten. All had been shot to death. It was apparent the murders had been committed within the past 48 hours.

The bodies were discovered late today by a small boy who lives near the scene. Although Sheriff Clark Studebaker of Covitz county, Marshal Hull of Kelso and Prosecuting Attorney Delos Spaulding, who were called to the scene immediately, have made thorough search of their belonging, no means of identification of the victims nor any clue to the murderer's identity were found tonight. The spot where the crime was committed is a favorite night camping ground for tourists.

Besides the woman's body was an old rusty revolver containing one loaded shell and blank. A rifle was also found in the tent, but neither of these weapons had been used to commit the crime. Several people claim to have seen the woman and children in an automobile with a man and a dog Saturday afternoon. Members of a road gang, who pass the spot every day, also say the party camped there Saturday. There were no signs of a struggle about the tent and it was apparent the three had been slain while they slept.

Refusal to Loan Dishes Causes Pastor to Flee

EDWARDS, Ill., May 20.—The Rev. J. D. Metzler, pastor of St. Boniface German Catholic church here, tonight departed for parts unknown at the request of the local committee of the council of defense, following his refusal Saturday to allow the St. Boniface ladies society's dishes to be used in entertaining a contingent of the Great Lakes naval training station band.

BODY OF NEGRO BURNED BY MOB

Sensational Chase Ends With Death of Devert and Fifteen Year Old Victim

Johnson City, Tenn., May 20.—Thomas Devert, a negro, was shot to death and his body incinerated last night near Erwin after a sensational chase in which the negro swam a river, dragging with him the dead body of his victim, a 15-year-old daughter of a white blacksmith. Four young men who had heard the girl's screams rushed to her assistance. Her assailant dragged her to the river, plunged in and attempted to swim with her to the other side. One of the men shot three times with a revolver, two of the bullets taking effect in the negro's head. When the bodies of the two were recovered, the girl was dead and the negro dying. The negro's body was dragged back to town and the negro population of some 60 or 70 forced to come out and line up while the mob piled wood and cross ties on the body, setting fire to the pile.

SMALL BOATS OFF NORWAY SUNK BY HUN

Raiders Operating Near Coast Attacking Fishing Vessels in Arctic Ocean—No Warning Given

RUTHLESS CAMPAIGN SAID TO BE OBJECT

Oils Sent to England Rouses Ire of Germans, Say Submarine Commanders

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, May 20.—German submarines again have started unrestricted warfare on Norwegian fishing boats in the Arctic ocean north and east of the Norwegian coast. Fishermen saved from sunken vessels and landed at Hammsford report that the commander of the U-boat stated that all vessels met by him would be sunk. Norwegian ships, especially those being used to send fish oil and seal oil to England. This, however, is contrary to the truth as the export of oils is forbidden and Germany knows it. The U-boats are said to shell vessels without warning, and according to the survivors direct a fire against lifeboats.

Russians Shelled. Russian fishing boats and a Russian mail steamer from Vardoe, eastward bound and overcrowded with passengers, also were shelled. Eight persons, among them a postmaster and his assistants, were killed on the deck of the steamer. Many others were hurt after taking to the boats. When the commander of one German submarine was advised that Russia was at peace with Germany he answered that he acted the way it suited him. The U-boat measured 180 feet in length and surprise is caused in shipping circles that it can carry enough oil for a cruise so far up the Norwegian coast. Great bitterness has been caused among the Norwegian population by the action of the submarine, as Germany gets a large part of the fish caught around these places. The newspapers suggest that fishermen stop selling their catch to Germany.

Schwab Arranging for Building of 130 Ships

CLEVELAND, May 20.—An agreement tantamount to a contract to build 130 vessels to cost approximately \$800,000 each and totalling about \$100,000,000 was reached here today between Charles M. Schwab, director general of the government's shipbuilding program, and the Great Lakes shipbuilding companies.

TODAY'S PROGRAM FOR P. E. O. CONVENTION

- Afternoon
2:00—Executive board meeting.
4:00—Enrollment of delegates.
Evening
7:30—Convention called to order.
Music—Miss Laura Grant, Chapter G.
Appointment of guards, pianist and reporters.
Appointment of committees on credentials and dispensations.
Opening ode.
Devotionals—Mrs. Grace J. Volk, second vice president Oregon Grand chapter.
Music—Miss Grant, Mrs. Marie McGilchrist, Mrs. Elva Walton, Mrs. T. R. Townshend, Chapter G.
Address of welcome, president of Chapter G.
Response, Mrs. Bertha L. Gray, treasurer O. G. C.
Formal opening of convention.
Introduction of guests of honor, officers of O. G. C. and officers of Chapter G.
Report of credentials committee.
Roll call, Mrs. Nettie J. White, corresponding secretary, O. G. C.
Minutes of last convention.
Appointment of committees.
Report of committee on dispensations.
Presentation of charters and greetings to new chapters, Miss Margaret Copeland, state organizer.
Responses.
Reading, Mrs. Marie McGilchrist, Chapter G.
Address, "The American Chemist in the war," Miss Alice Willard, Chapter D.
Model meeting, conducted by Miss Margaret Copeland, state organizer.
Exemplification of the ritual, officers of Chapter G.
Music, "The Star-Spangled Banner," by the convention.
Adjournment.
Get-acquainted hour.

P. E. O. WILL GATHER TODAY

State Organization of Sisterhood Convenes in City Part of Week

For three-day sessions the Oregon grand chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood will open formally tonight in the auditorium of the Salem Commercial club. An executive board meeting is slated for 2 o'clock this afternoon and enrollment of delegates is to begin at 4 o'clock.

The convention will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Grace J. Volk, president of Chapter G of Salem will give an address of welcome which will be responded to by Mrs. Bertha L. Gray, treasurer of the grand chapter. Committees on credentials and dispensations are to be named tonight and will report before the opening session closes. In the contribution of music and other features of entertainment to the program the Salem chapter will take a predominate part. The principal address scheduled for the session tonight will be by Miss Alice Willard of Chapter D whose subject is "The American Chemist in the War."

Husbands of the members are to receive recognition Wednesday night when a musicale will be given in their honor.

Delegates coming from other chapters in the state will number about fifty. Mrs. Jesse Kirk of Springfield, the state president, and will preside over the convention. All other grand chapter officers are to be present and will be asked for reports from their departments covering the past year. Several functions of entertainment are being prepared, and these will include banquets at the Marion hotel and an automobile excursion to places of interest in Salem and surrounding points.

Bishop Brent Appointed Chaplain of Entire A. E. F.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Bishop Charles H. Brent of the Episcopal diocese of Western New York has accepted an appointment as chaplain of the American expeditionary force according to a cablegram received here today. With the Rev. J. L. Doherty, a Catholic priest, and Paul Moody, son of the late Evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, as associates, he will coordinate the work of the American chaplains in France, the message says.

Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts, chairman of the war commission of the Episcopal church, said that Bishop Brent's cablegram to him announced that the expeditionary headquarters chaplaincy had been organized by order of General Pershing.

DALLAS MAN ENLISTS

DALLAS, Or., May 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—John Cerney, who for the last couple of months has been working at the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., returned to his home in Dallas this week and enlisted with the local authorities in the special call for skilled workers recently sent out by the war department. Cerney is a skilled mechanic, having been employed in the local shops of the Southern Pacific company for several years. He leaves Dallas today for Indianapolis, where he will join the regiment now being formed.

DIVORCING OF AIR SERVICE IS COMPLETE

President Wilson Reorganizes Signal Corps and Other Branch—Properties of Each Transferred

KENLY'S POSITION NOW FORMALLY ESTABLISHED

Maor General Squier Remains at Post—Resolution Before Senate Wednesday

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Reorganization of the army air service was completed today by President Wilson as his first act under the new law permitting him to readjust government departments for the war. In an executive order, he directed that the air service be wholly divorced from the signal corps and also that the function of producing and operating aircraft of all kinds in the military service be separated. The order formally creates a bureau of aircraft production, described as an executive agency which "shall exercise full, complete and exclusive jurisdiction and control over the production of airplanes, airplane engines and aircraft equipment for the use of the army," under a director of aircraft production, who shall also be chairman of the aircraft board. This gives full legal status and power to John D. Ryan, recently appointed director of aircraft production and chairman of the aircraft board and the order transfers to him all funds, lands, buildings and personnel of the signal corps having to do with aircraft production.

Old Functions Resumed. Similarly, the position of director of military aeronautics now held by Major General William L. Kenly is formally established and all funds, duties, equipment and personnel of the signal corps connected with the operation of aircraft and balloons and with the training of aviators placed under his direction. The signal corps reverts to its old functions, having to do only with army signal and transmission of military information. Major General R. Squier, chief signal officer, remains in that post, but without connection with the air service, except as an ex-officio member of the aircraft board.

Men Are Transferred. In connection with the reorganization, Secretary Baker directed that Colonel R. L. Montgomery, E. A. Deeds and S. D. Waldon of the signal corps, be detached from all other duties and assigned to assist the territory general in his inquiry relating to the aircraft program. The one element of the air program not specifically covered in today's orders is the relation between the army and navy efforts. Mr. Baker explained, however, that cooperation with the naval service would be carried on through the new agencies, as in the past.

Negotiations Without Result. Senator Chamberlain's resolution, which would authorize the senate military committee's proposed aircraft and other war investigations, will come before the senate Wednesday. Negotiations today between champions of the resolution and administration leaders opposing it were without result and Senator McKellar, in charge of the measure, announced that he would call it up for action Wednesday, regardless of

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NEW ARMY DRAFT ACT APPROVED

Wilson Formally Fixes June 5 Date of Registering Youths of Age

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Upon approving today the act of congress bringing under the army draft law all men attaining the age of 21 years since the first registration day, June 5, 1917, President Wilson issued a proclamation formally fixing next June 5 as the date for new eligibles to appear before their local boards. Male persons, whether citizens or not, are required to register. Exemptions under the original act, including men already in the military service, apply and to these the new law adds ministerial and medical students now pursuing their studies. It has been estimated that about 800,000 for active military service will be made available to the army by the next registration. Hereafter it is planned to have registrations oftener than once a year, probably quarterly. Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico are not named in today's proclamation. A registration day for them will be set later.

French Hydro-Aeroplane in Encounter With U-Boat

PARIS, May 20.—The German submarine U-29, according to a Havana despatch from Cartagena, probably was damaged in an encounter with a French hydro-aeroplane off Gibraltar. The U-boat was on patrol duty off the Moroccan coast when it was sighted by the airman who opened fire and dropped bombs.

Several hits were made and the submarine was forced to submerge. It regained the surface with difficulty and was joined by a second U-boat, which accompanied it to Cartagena.

WOMAN DIES AT 103.

ALBANY, Or., May 20.—Mrs. Mary Magdalena Faulkner died last night at her home ten miles from Albany, aged 103 years and 14 days. She had lived continuously for almost sixty-seven years on the farm on which she died.

LATE ELECTION RETURNS SHOW JOHNS IN LEAD

Portland Man Evidently Nominated by Republicans for Supreme Bench

RYAN IS ALSO AHEAD

Kelly and Coke Contesting for Second Place in State Justice's Race

PORTLAND, May 20.—Additional returns from last Friday's primaries received today indicated the nomination by the Republicans of Charles A. Johns of Portland, for justice of the supreme court with Percy R. Kelly of Albany, and John S. Coke of Marshfield, running a close race for second place. With Multnomah and 17 other counties, the count was: Johns 25,141; Kelly, 22,796; Coke, 22,431. It was estimated that the remaining returns cannot overturn John's lead. The Republican nomination for state treasurer was still in doubt with Thomas F. Ryan of Oregon City, leading O. P. Hoff of Portland, 269 Returns yet outstanding may either overturn or increase Ryan's lead.

KORNILOFF IS REPORTED DEAD

Russian General Again on Casualty List—Wounds Cause of Demise

MOSCOW, Friday, May 17.—General Korniloff, the former Russian commander in chief, has been killed in battle with the soviet troops near Yekaterinodar. His army of 10,000 men has been defeated and is retreating. The belief is expressed in government circles that this ends armed opposition to the Bolsheviks in the south, as the remaining rebel chief, Pillinghoff, is a small menace with his little army of 2000 men. The reported revival of the Kaledine movement, the first steps of which was the capture of the city of Novo Teherask, capital of the territory of the Don Cosacka, failed. The soviet troops regained the city on the day after the rebels had taken it and scattered armed bands in the city.

The death of General L. G. Korniloff has been reported many times since the war began. A London dispatch, dated April 24, said that on April 17 General Korniloff's detachment had been routed near Yekaterinodar. The dispatch added that, according to prisoners, Korniloff was wounded seriously and later died. On May 5 a dispatch was received from Peking stating that reports to newspapers at Harbin said that General Korniloff had been killed. It is probable that the fight at Yekaterinodar mentioned in the above dispatch is the one reported from London on April 24.

Thirty-One Polk Men to Answer Next Draft Call

DALLAS, Or., May 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—In the new draft order sent out by the war department this week Polk county is asked to furnish about thirty-one men. In addition to this number an extra man will be called to fill the vacancy caused in the last quota sent to Fort McDowell by the rejection of one man found physically unfit for service. The draft will become effective towards the latter part of the month and the men after being assembled in this city will all be sent to Fort McDowell to enter the artillery branch of the service. The Polk county exemption board has received all instructions as to how to go about selecting the men but as yet have not begun upon the task.

SALEM IS OVER TOP BY NIGHT

New Record Made in Red Cross Drive When Workers Report \$15,000 at Eight O'Clock in Evening—More Coming In

MONEY IS RAISED IN JUST ELEVEN HOURS

National Response Encouraging—Local Workers to Continue Efforts Until Tomorrow

"Over the top in eleven hours." That is the way Salem has rewritten her Red Cross war fund slogan and set a brand new and unbelievable record in money-raising effort.

About one-third of the population are yet to be seen, however, and the work will proceed with unabated zeal until all have been given opportunity to subscribe. The program, as originally outlined, will be carried out tomorrow with the noon luncheon at the First Methodist church.

Work Throughout Day. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Red Cross drive workers in Salem started out to secure \$15,000. Salem's quota for the second Red Cross war fund, and at 8 o'clock last night, just eleven hours later, Manager O. H. Gingsrich telegraphed Portland headquarters that Salem was "over the top."

With regularity not unlike that of the old town clock in the court house tower, the hand of the barometer in front of drive headquarters mounted upward during the day until, at 8 p. m., it reached \$12,500, the last step preceding the goal, and at 8 o'clock the message "over the top" was filed with the telegraph office.

Fund Continues to Grow. Later reports last night showed receipts from Salem totaling over \$16,000. Drive headquarters last night was the center of about the most pleased and optimistic bunch of war campaign workers ever assembled in the city.

Following the noon assembly and luncheon at the First Methodist church, which taxed the capacity of the banquet tables and at which gathering reports aggregating \$6990 were turned in, State street headquarters was the center of attraction filled in with bulging pockets and out again to return to their unfinished fields. Each group of workers was bubbling over with smiles and good feeling over the splendid reception accorded them by the people and the liberality and promptness with which all responded to the Red Cross appeal.

Arguments Unnecessary. No argument was found necessary. The message had been received and it was simply a matter of filling out subscription cards and writing receipts.

No reports have come in from the country districts, but it is assumed that the remainder of Marion and Polk county are producing equally good results. Sunday afternoon the committee held a preliminary meeting at the First Methodist church at which time Lieutenant Rolston of the Canadian Army and Elton Watkins, of the department of justice spoke. A large and enthusiastic crowd was out to hear the message, which Mr. Watkins forcibly brought to the workers. Automobiles were lined up on the streets for blocks in either direction of the church and many persons not on the committees attended the gathering.

NATION GIVES FREELY. WASHINGTON, May 20.—Enthusiastic reports of the progress of the American Red Cross for a second war mercy fund of \$100,000,000 came to headquarters here in a steady stream throughout the opening day of the campaign. Messages telling of over-subscriptions in towns and counties from New England to Hawaii began arriving early in the day, while governors of nearly all states telegraphed promises of hearty co-operation in the Red Cross drive for the benefit of the Red Cross packages of wool.

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