HALF OF AMERICAN NAVY TO PACIFIC

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which the station will be continued for some time, at least, is to be expected.

In discussing the future of the fleet officers realize that the creation of a league of nations may produce new considerations. As the United States is sponsor for the proposal for a world league, it is assumed that a concrete plan of action has been mapped out for President Wilson by his military advisers. This would include the proposal of an organization under which the combined fleets would operate to police the world.

The most practical way for arranging for an international police force of the seas, many officers believe, is so to provide that the locality of the disturbance to be quelled govern the operation of any international fleet to be sent to the scene. That also would obviate any difficulty as to selecting the officer to command.

OUT OF IT ALL.

Out of it all shall come splendor and gladness;
Out of the madness and out of the sadness,
Clearer and finer the world shall arise.
Why then keep sorrow and doubt in your eyes!

Joy shall be ours when the warfare is over;
Children shall gleefully romp in the clover;
Here with our heroes at home and at rest,
We shall rejoice with the world at its best.
—Selected.

BACK TAXES ARE BEING RECEIVED

All But $40,000 of Delinquencies Collected Since Recent Turnover

All but $40,000 of the delinquent taxes in Marion county have been collected since the turnover was made to the county treasurer.

The annual statement of the tax roll for 1917 balanced up to October 5, 1918, was completed yesterday by the sheriff's office. The delinquencies listed totalled $64,988.83, as compared with $50,914.60 in 1916. Though higher than last year the amount is lower than on the 1915 tax, wich came to $66,357.06.

Following is the complete report:

Total tax as charged on tax roll, $985,058.18.

Penalty and interest collected, $1122.62.

Sheriff's assessments, $581.41.

Sheriff's separations, $3235.66.

Total, $989,997.87.

Amount of taxes collected, $917,370.97.

Errors and double assessments, $3802.41.

Separations, $3235.66.

Amount delinquent, $64,988.83.

Error in amount of fire patrol tax, as delivered to sheriff and tax collector, $600.

Total, $989,997.87.

JACK WILLIAMS TELLS STORY OF HIS LIFE

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with his head, his toe caught the gutter, his body quivered and, rolling over, he was on the roof. Atlanta had seen a man hurtle his body through the air 20 stories, grab a hand hold and swing himself to safety, and Atlanta was satisfied. As Williams stood up a cheer rose from the fully 30,000 throats, the equal of which was never heard before, while America's greatest daredevil calmly wiped his hands on a towel and prepared to descend by way of the elevator. He was the least excited of the entire crowd."

Mr. Williams tells as followws how he came to start climbing up the sides of buildings. The article was written by him especially for The Statesman:

"My first exhibition was under what might be considered unusual conditions. Previous to my first climb I was a trapeze performer in vaudeville and used to give free exhibitions twice daily on top of the theatre where I was doing my act. On July 27, 1910, I was working a small theatre in Cleveland, Ohio. On coming out of the theatre to give my exhibition I was surprised to find that a fire had broke out in a four-story building directly across the street from the theatre with the entire floor ablaze. The tire company was making an effort to get a ladder to the top floor where an elderly woman wso shouting at the top of her voice for assistance. My eye in roving over the building, focused on some little notches in the building, running all the way to the top of the building, alternating perhaps every 18 or 20 inches. Like a flash came the thought that I could climb up the crevices, get the woman on my back and climb down again as the fire company did not seem to be having much success with the ladder. I suited the thought with the action, ran across the street and began to climb to the fourth floor. A policeman tried to stop me, but I evaded him and without difficulty made the trip to the top, discovering in the moment that I stopped there that the woman was crippled. I told her I would try to carry her down, and let me add right here that for a woman with only one good leg and one good arm she sure did hang on proper. I was to discover in a moment that the going up was a pleasure trip compared to the going down. While her weight did not seem to have any great effect in the excitement of the moment she made the best unconscious effort possible to shut off my wind. Added to this, the wall when warm when I went up felt like redhot steel when I went down, but with gritted teeth I finally made it down to the sidewalk. With hands that were blistered and a face that was worse than scorched I prepared to lay off work for the rest of the week at the theatre, as it was impossible for me to do stunts on the trapeze with my hands in the condition they were. But the manager would have none of it, saying that I would be a bigger attraction if I didn't do anything but walk out on the stage. Now that I had rescued the woman from the fire he advertised me for the rest of the week on those conditions, with the result that a lot of people came to see me, just like the monkeys at tre zoo. And there yon have all there is of it"

JEWELRY STORE SOLD.

C. T. Pomeroy has sold the stock and good will of his jewelry store at 125 North Commercial street to Wm. McGilchrist, Jr. and F. Director. Mr. Pomeroy has been in the jewelry business in Salem for over twenty-two years and is retiring from the business in order to devote his entire time to other matters claiming his attention.

A FEW SHEEP ANYWAY.

A farmer with a small number of sheep can secure good returns on his investment and the handling does not require any more work than other farm stock.

Have a purebred ram and 30 or more ewes, all of the breed that suits you best.

Care for them well and they will help to increase the size of your bank deposit.

Read the Classified Ads.

LOCAL S. A. T. C. TO DEMOBILIZE NEXT MONTH

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for enlistment in the S. A. T. C. were lowered will be permitted to remain in college.

No instructions have been received here as to removal of the officers, but all will probably be given the opportunity to express their desires. Lieutenant G. P. Clerin has asked that his name be placed on the reserve list, while Lieutenant Darden is anxious to remain in regular army work. The latter will leave in a few days for divisional headquarters at Helena, Mont., to receive instructions on demobilization. Colonel Georgs S. Young expects to stay in Salem until the boys have been mustered out of the service.

Following is the telegram the commanding officer received from Washington yesterday:

"Sections A and B. S. A. T. C., are hereby ordered demobilized and men discharged according to following procedure: Personnel officers now at Camp Sherman will return to district headqnarters November 29 and will hold school on discharge paper work at which officers your units will attend. Demobilization and discharge section B will begin December 2 and section A December 4. Medical examinations will be made by medical officer assigned by surgeon generla, who will report not later than December 2. Preference in order of discharge will be given to men desiring to leave college. Invite co-operation of college authorities in order to accomplish discharge as quickly as possible. Discipline and routine must be maintained and soldiers impressed with the value of receiving an excellent character on discharge. Department commanders have been instructed to proceed beginning Dcember 10 with discharge of officers except those expressing wish to remain permanently in the service and recommended by commanding officers. Department commander has been directed to communicate to you provisions of war department circular No. 85, containing instructions relative to final payment of officers and enlisted men."

RECONSTRUCTION

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purpose.

One plan evolved by the governor, and which doubtless will be elaborated upon in his message to the legislature, is that of making use of the segregated fund of the state industrial accident commission for investment in farm unit enterprises which would be established along the lines advocated by the land settlement commission. To employ the segregated fund in this way would require legislative enactment.

Funds of the accident commission are now invested in government, school and municipal bonds, the total investments of the segregated fund and the accident fund running upwards of $2,000,000. Interest from the segregated fund is used as benefit money for dependents of workmen who are killed or for workmen who are permanently disabled. It is estimated that $1,400,000 is already invested from the segregated fund and the fund is growing at the rate of $300,000 or $400,000 a year.

Governor Withycombe believes that money from the segregated fund could be invested in farm unit work with no danger of loss, and that the returns would be in excess of 5 per cent under proper management.

The accident commission now has about $400,000 surplus that is not segregated. The governor has in mind another legislative enactment to direct this money to the construction of a hospital for industrial cripples, to be built on the campus of the State Medical college at Portland. "The time is ripe for this," said the governor, "and the need is growing constantly with increasing industrial activity in this state. If this action is taken I shall also endeavor to have a branch established for the care of crippled children from indigent families."

The governor reiterated his opposition to the 6 per cent tax law limitation amendment to the constitution.

"At this time especially, when the demand for reconstruction and industrial readjustment is so great," he said, "it is extremely unfortunate that a state of so great possibilities is limited by the 6 per cent obstacle."

One correspondent notes that beside the West Pointer Pershing, Marshal Foch had rather the look of a civilian. The marshal, however, could get a certificate of professional competence from such high authorities as General von Ludendorff.

ABRAMS REMAINS IN WINCHESTER

Latest Dispatches Indicate Salem Officer Will Not Come Home Soon

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 27.—As the Southampton docks are still prescribed area there were n public ceremonies in connection with the embarkation of the American troops for home, 1500 of whom left today.

The local camps are being gradually evacuated. Winchester, however, is retained as a central base, and the big hospital at Harrisburg court will remain American for some time to come. The evacuation is being expedited in order to provide for returning American prisoners.

Lieutenant Colonel Carle Abrams of Salem is in command of the camp at Winchester, England, mentioned in the foregoing dispatch. While recent dispatches indicated that he might be among the first of the troops to return, the foregoing indicates that he will remain overseas indefinitely.

HIDES AND SKINS

The following are rules and regulations laid down by the hide and leather section of the war industries board for the purchase of hides and skins.

A No. 2 hide is one containing more than five bad scores, or one cut over six inches from the edge, or a butt brand, or two grubs, or one grain slip, or one rubbed spot where grain is gone, or one score where the grain is gone, or a center or hip brand. Any branded hide is a No. 2. This applies to calf skins, skip, bulls, and all classes of salted or green skins.

All hides must be trimmed, which means ears, ear butts, and deu claws must be removed. Heads hanging by strings must come off. Hides shall be free of meat, tail bones, switches, sinews, horns, bags, split shanks, and mud or manure. Where mud or manure cannot be removed it must be allowed for.

Curing hides in vats, barrels and other water tight containers must be stopped. It is unlawful to either buy or sell hides so cured.

FULLEST PUBLICITY GIVEN CONFERENCE

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will include the superdreadnaught Pennsylvania and a number of other naval ships.

Besides the president's official party the George Washington will carry a naval crew of more than 1000 officers and men. The George Washington being a faster ship will arrive in France at about the same time as the Orizaba. It seems to be settled, although no official announcement has been made, that the president will go first directly to France and later to England and possibly to Italy. If he intends to visit any of the other European countries his plans have not become public.

Mr. Creel's statement regarding the president's trip follows:

"It has been arranged that representatives of the press associations will travel with the president and the official party.

"With the approval of the president the secretary of war has set aside the transport Orizaza to carry duly accredited newspaper correspondents to France, December 1. All passengers will report to general McManus at port of embarkation, Pier 3.

"In the matter of sailing is no discriminations will be made or special privilege granted. All responsible newspaper men, duly accredited by responsible newspapers are entitled to passage.

"Passports have to be vised by the various consuls in New York. Application should be filed at once and reported to me, likewise applications that have been made but have not yet been acted upon. The state department is extending every aid in the interest of the expedition and press passports will be lifted out of the regular routine.

"The question of expenses is one that cannot yet be determined. This matter will be put over for the time being, as the newspapers can be billed when the amount has been ascertained.

"Baggage should reach the baggage office, Pier No. 2, by 12 o'clock noon Saturday. If officials at this pier receive checks sufficiently in advance, they will attend to collection.

"It is requested and hoped that correction will be made of the very untrue report that an attempt will be made to interfere in any manner with the free flow of news from America to Europe, or from Europe to America. The whole effort of the government, from the first, has been to assure adequate and authoritative representation of the press at the peace conference and to assist news distribution in every possible way.

"There is no press censorship of any kind in the United States today, and at the personal request of the president, the French and English governments have lifted all censorship regulations bearing upon American press matter.

"The widely circulated rumor that George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, will have control of official publicity in connection with the peace conference is absolutely without foundation. There will be no such control and the situation itself precludes any such control. The peace conference itself will undoubtedly decide upon the manner of announcing its deliberations and decisions, and the right of correspondents to free movement is, of corse, one that we cannot abridge in any degree.

"The postmaster general is making a study of the cables with a view to aiding the press in every possible way and will shortly make his own statement.

"Mr. Creel, who has made all arrangements for the discontinuance of the domestic work of the committee on public information, is proceeding to Europe to wind up the work of the foreign section. He has no connection whatsoever with the peace commission.

"The representatives of the committee on public information who sailed last week, did not in any manner, constitute an official peace conference press mission. They were stenographers, accountants, film men and division heads, not one of whom will have connection with the peace conference or with the preparation of the conference's press matter. Thier sole duties will be the completion of the committee's foreign work and the settlement of contracts and business details incident to the absolute cessation of activity."

SALEM FOLK TO REJOICE

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Reading president's proclamation —Rev. H. C. Stover.

Reading governor's proclamation —Rev. F. H. Neff.

Anthem—"The Heavens are Telling." Hayden—choir.

Sermon—Rev. W. C. Kantner.

Offering for Armenia and Syria Relief presented by Rev. I. G. Lee.

Hymn—Choir and congregation.

Benediction—Rev. G. F. Holt.

There will be an observance of Thanksgiving day at St. Joseph's Catholic church. It will consist of a high mass with special music and a sermon bearing on the day, at 9 o'clock in the morning. Everyone is invited.

The Episcopal church will hold its annual Harvest Home program, the altar being decorated with edible offerings to be taken by the Women's guild later in the day and distributed among needy families. Rev. C. H. Powell, the new rector, who arrived yesterday from La Grande, will preside.

South Salem Friends and the congregation of the Leslie Methodist church are to join in services in the latter place at 10:30 this morning, Rev. H. N. Aldrich occupying the pulpit. The program follows:

Voluntary, selected. Miss Ruth Bedford; Hymn, "O God, the Rock of Ages"; prayer by Rev. Eward Cartens; Governor Withycombe's proclamteion read by J. D. Neal; hymn, "A Song of Thanksgiving" Parks. Psalter, Thanksgiving Int. page 82 Gloria Patri; scripture lesson, Psalm 76; offering for the Syrian-Armenian relief fund; statement made by Mrs. F. A. Elliott; President Wilson's proclamation read by Rev. J. W. Perkins; hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"; sermon, Rev. H. E. Pemberton; hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers"; benediction, Rev. L. S. Mulligan.

Evening service at the Congregational church will feature a concert of appropriate numbers by Miss Gertrude Aldrich and Albert H. Gilles.

Practically everything in town will be closed for the day. Meat markets will keep open their doors until 10 o'clock and drug stores are not planning to lock up until 9 p. m. The city library as well as all other city, state and county buildings, will observe the holiday. For the accommodation transients, the general delivery window at the postoffice will be open from 9 to 10 in the forenoon.

But two prisoners will dine in confinement in the county jail this year and none will be the guest of the police department.

That the city jail should lack visitors at this season is claimed by the police as an unusual state of affairs.