

HEAVEN WILL BE CONSERVED

President and Cabinet Make Recommendations Following Roma Disaster

FRENCH REGRET TRAGEDY

Germany May Be Called on to Build Zeppelin for United States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Believing that the loss of life in the destruction of the giant airship Roma would have been greatly lessened had the big craft been filled with helium instead of hydrogen gas, President Harding and members of his official family were understood to have decided at today's cabinet meeting to ask congress for a liberal appropriation for production and conservation of helium.

The matter of increasing helium production was said to have been discussed by the cabinet for half an hour, Secretary Fall laying before the president and other members considerable data on the non-inflammable gas, and also the draft of a tentative bill to provide for increased production and conservation.

Among the related subjects discussed, it was learned, was the possibility of obtaining stores of helium from the government from the natural gas fields on public lands.

Germany May Build Craft Another development along a similar line was the disclosure that diplomatic negotiations were in progress between the state department and the allied governments and Germany concerning the proposal that Germany should build a Zeppelin dirigible airship for the United States under the American reparations allotment.

While the allied governments, through the council of ambassadors, have consented that Germany should construct such a ship, a difference has arisen as to whether the amount of American reparations allotment would cover the cost of the ship.

Secretary Denby of the navy department made it clear today that unless the reparations figures would cover the construction work, so that no additional expense to the United States government would be involved, the request of the navy department for the Zeppelin would be withdrawn.

Seven Illegally Destroyed Under the terms of the treaty of Versailles, Germany was required to deliver 13 Zeppelin airships to the allied and associated governments to be prorated among them. The United States was to have received two of these ships.

After delivery of six vessels to the allied governments, however, the remaining seven in Germany were illegally destroyed by the Germans and the reparations commission has required that Germany should replace these seven either by construction or in cash payments. The German officials have come forward, however, with a statement as to the costs of construction of a modern Zeppelin for civil use such as desired by the United States. This estimate it was explained today, is greater than the valuation placed by the reparations commission upon the two Zeppelins originally allotted to the United States but not delivered.

Negotiations Asked Secretary Denby has asked the state department to conduct negotiations which will establish definitely the cost to the United States involved, should the proposal that Germany build a Zeppelin for the American government be carried out. If that cost is greater than the amount owed to the United States by Germany for the two craft destroyed, Mr. Denby said today he would recommend withdrawal of the request for the new airship.

Secretary Denby made it clear that he was much in doubt personally as to the military value of the large sized dirigible aircraft, although he believes that the department should press forward construction of the ZP-1 now building by the navy, because of engineering and other valuable information on the subject that might be thus obtained.

The sympathy of the French government and nation for the relatives of men who lost their lives in the collapse of the Zeppelins was expressed today by Ambassador Jusserand.

SALES TAX NOT ACCEPTED BY MEMBERS (Continued from page 1) very. They thought it was the present intention of the committee to report on legislation based on the proceeds of the refunded foreign bonds and said the president had expressed disapproval of such legislation.

Leaders of the house Republicans opposing a sales tax waged a vigorous campaign against this form of levy before the committee met today to report its consideration of the financing problem. They said the ranks of opponents had been swelled considerably within the past two days and that whatever doubt there might have been about the result of the issue in the house had been removed.

It became known today that Representative Frear and Dickinson of Iowa and Woodruff, of Michigan, called on Chairman Fordney late yesterday and frankly laid before him the whole situation, placing emphasis on its political aspects. They were understood to have contended that a sales tax

would cause general dissatisfaction throughout the country; would make the soldiers' bonus extremely unpopular with the people and might result in political upheavals in many normally Republican districts.

Special Machinery Needed Those favoring the passage of a bonus bill without any provisions for raising the revenue, said such legislation would be followed by another bill giving the secretary of the treasury authority to use proceeds from the refunded bonds in paying the bonus. They said the expectation was that some, at least, of the foreign bonds could be in hand by June or July and that money could be realized on them before the cash payment to the former service men would become due.

Special machinery for paying the bonus will have to be set up in the war department, it was said, with a large staff of clerks necessary to examine the records of the men to determine the exact amounts that each is to receive. Because of the magnitude of the task that would confront the department, some doubt was expressed today that the cash payments could be started on next October first, the date fixed in the bonus bill as amended. Inquiry as to this is to be made of the department before the measure is approved.

Report from Washington Encouraging to Chemawa Harwood Hall, superintendent of the Salem Indian school at Chemawa is greatly encouraged over the report from Washington, D. C., that the appropriation of \$60,000 for a dormitory at the school has passed and received committee approval.

According to Mr. Hall, the appropriation must now go into a conference committee where it was lost and failed to reappear during the last congress.

But with the assurance from Senator Charles McNary that he will give his personal attention to the bill, Superintendent Hall feels confident that it will emerge from the conference committee and become a law.

As soon as this does happen, Mr. Hall will prepare plans and specifications as the money will be available for building by July 1.

First Applications Made to County Appraisers DALLAS, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special to the Statesman)—The Polk county soldiers loan appraisers consisting of H. L. Benton, F. E. Kersey of Dallas and C. W. Irvine of Medford, have completed the past two days appraising the first applications for loans that have been received by the Polk county board. The first application was made by Laird V. Woods, bookkeeper in the Dallas National bank. Mr. Woods is seeking a loan on residence property recently purchased by him on Shelton street in this city. The other applications received were mostly by residents of Dallas and vicinity.

JOINT RATE ON HAY IS ASKED Following a series of communications between H. H. Corey of the public service commission and L. A. Hunt of Hermiston, manager of the Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers' association, the commission yesterday took steps to bring about a joint rate on hay shipped from points in Oregon east of the Cascade mountains through Portland to western points. Such places as Tillamook, Astoria, Salem, Albany, Eugene and other points would be affected by the more favorable rate.

A statement prepared by the commission says: "In accordance with complaints from eastern Oregon hay growers and members of the Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers' association, the public service commission will undertake an investigation of the rates under which these commodities move to tide-water and western Oregon markets.

"The situation is being studied from both state and interstate standpoint, the present tariffs of the carriers indicating that these commodities from the eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho points of production move westward to the various coast territory markets outside of Oregon at lower rates than applying to the Oregon markets, the explanation offered being that from the hay producing territory served by the lines reaching both point of origin and destination territory through rates prevail, while in the case of western Oregon markets the rates to destination points are based on a combination of local over Portland, the Southern Pacific company and the O. W. R. & N. company having failed to provide joint through rates to the marketing destinations.

"Emphasis has recently been loaned to the situation through proposed changes in the tariffs of the carriers, the attempted amendment of which resulted in a series of errors in the publication of the rates in violation of the long and short haul provisions of the interstate commerce act and the state commission law. This feature has been investigated by the commission, who are advised by the carriers that the necessary steps are now under way for the protection or refund on all shipments on which the higher rates have been assessed."

Public Service Commission Seeks Lower Tariff for Western Oregon

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SEEKS GAME FISH AT BERMUDA.



Mrs. Louis Frederick Gelsler, granddaughter of Horace Greeley, pioneer in journalism, and noted for her beauty, photographed when she left these shores for Bermuda to find fish that can give her a real battle. Both she and her husband have one of the most compact outfits.

SPECIAL LEVIES FOUND NECESSARY

Most Schools of Marion County Towns Add to Funds from State

In addition to money received from state funds, each school district in the county has the right to vote whatever it may deem necessary to provide for its schools. Almost all districts find it necessary to levy a certain millage tax for the support of the schools, in addition to that received by state funds.

One year ago the Salem district voted a special levy of 13.3 mills on a valuation of \$12,511,589. This year the levy is 10 mills on a valuation of \$12,311,581. That is, a special levy of 10 mills, or \$10 on each \$1000 of assessment, in addition to other funds received. The special levy of 10 mills will bring into the school fund the sum of \$128,535.81.

The Silverton school district has a special levy of 17.1 mills for its schools this year. One year ago it was 17.9 mills. On the basis of 17.1 mills the amount brought into the school fund this year will be \$31,431.22. The valuation of the Silverton school district is \$1,838,084.

The Jefferson school district voted a special levy of 9 mills, compared to 9.3 mills a year ago. The levy of 9 mills on a valuation of \$522,512, will bring into the school fund the sum of \$4,702.40.

The Gervais district has no special school levy this year. Last year the levy was 2 mills.

The Stayton district voted a 22 mill levy, compared to 21 mills last year. This 22 mill levy will bring into the school fund this year \$10,615.37 on a valuation in the district of \$482,517.

The Woodburn district voted a special levy of 19.2 mills, compared to 24.7 mills one year ago. The valuation of the Woodburn district is \$1,066,743. The special levy will bring to the school fund \$19,430.12.

The Hubbard school district voted last fall a special school levy of 15 mills, compared to 19.4 mills a year ago. On a valuation of \$632,230 this 15-mill levy will bring into the school fund the sum of \$9,482.45.

The Turner school district has voted a special levy for this year of 17.3 mills, compared to 5.7 mills one year ago. The special levy this year will bring into the district school funds the sum of \$854.26. The valuation of the Turner district is \$493,889.

No special school levy was voted in the Mt. Angel school district, and there was none last year. This district has a valuation of \$841,458.

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Following is the official publication of the record of claims before the Marion county commissioners court for the Feb. term, 1922 with the amount allowed, bills continued, etc., according to the records in the office of the county clerk.

(Continued from Tuesday)

Kirk, John, do. 49.00 Branson, E. N., do. 52.00 Petzel, Carl, do. 55.00 Carson, John W., do. 51.80 Jacobson, David, do. 66.20 English, W. O., do. 63.60 Hiron, G. W., do. 54.80 Putnam, Ervin E., do. 60.40 Budlong, E. S., do. 52.00 Falk, Conrad, do. 49.00 Persey, A. H., do. 65.00 Tade, Henry, do. 54.80 Reiling, Thomas, do. 63.40 Grassman, Clarence, do. 63.20 Zuber, W. W., do. 60.80 Hoven, Oscar, do. 55.00 Richie, John S., do. 32.50 Hoover, C. T., do. 52.00 Seitzinger, Albert, do. 70.40 Gooding, J. N., do. 67.00 Butsch, Frank, do. 64.80 Eitelfield, Geo. P., do. 57.00 S. A. Minzeumier, do. 57.00 Humphreys, Orlo, do. 66.00 Bilde, Jack, bounty on gophers, etc. 4.80 Clymer, C. H., bounty on skins, etc. 4.00 Ewalt, Harold P., bounty on gophers, etc. 1.20 Zuber, W. W., do. 4.25 Schlunger, Daniel, do. 3.20 Byrd, Dr. W. H., examination 5.00 Smith, Dr. W. Carlton, do. 5.00 Byrd, Dr. W. H., do. 25.00 Griffith, Dr. L. F., do. 5.00 Griffith, Dr. L. F., do. 5.00 Deener, P. S., bounty on gophers, etc. 1.20

Roseburg Rotarians to Receive Charter Tonight

A dozen or more Rotarians will leave today at 11 o'clock for Roseburg to take part in the presentation of the charter to the newly organized Rotary club of that city. The Salem Rotarians will be accompanied by a number of Portland Rotarians, including Jack Bayles, president of the Portland club.

The program of the evening includes a banquet to be given at the Umpqua hotel. E. L. Skeel of Seattle, district governor, who will deliver the address of the evening.

Salem Rotarians will have charge of the evening's program. In organizing a club, the Roseburg members will number the minimum of 15, this being done with the intention of growing gradually.

The president of the Roseburg Rotary club will be Dexter Rice, and the secretary A. T. Lawrence. Among the Salem Rotarians who may attend are the following: Walter Stolz, W. T. Jenks, G. L. Arpucke, Joseph Baumgartner, H. S. Gile, Fred Schmidt, R. O. Snelling, P. M. Gregory, William Gahlsdorf and George P. Griffith, president of the Salem Rotary club.

CANNIBAL'S SON TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Wherahiko Rawel, Graduate of Cambridge, Slated for Early Date

A son of a cannibal chief, a Maori of New Zealand, will be the speaker for the Rotarians at their Wednesday noon luncheon to be held at the Marion hotel March 8. His name is Dr. Wherahiko Rawel. This announcement was made last night by R. O. Snelling, secretary of the Rotary club. It just happens that about 20 years ago while living in California Mr. Snelling was of service to Dr. Rawel in securing a lecture engagement. When Mr. Snelling read that his old-time friend was in Portland, he immediately wired him for a Rotary visit here. The response was that he was at Mr. Snelling's service and the date of his visit here was at once fixed as of March 8.

Dr. Rawel, who is a white-haired New Zealander, is a graduate of Cambridge university, England, and is in the west before going on the Chatauqua circuit.

His father and mother who were of the Maori tribe, were both killed by the English soldiers and arrangements made for his education. For years he has taken a leading part in educational matters in the south seas.

Mr. Snelling says that when he knew Dr. Rawel 20 years ago, the doctor had heavy black hair standing straight up. At the same time Mr. Snelling had quite a head of hair, of which any man could be proud. The past 20 years has turned the hair of the New Zealander to a snowy white, and as for Mr. Snelling's there is not any left. But just for old friendship's sake, the son of a Maori chief will visit Salem and address the Rotary club.

JUDGE M'CORT TO SPEAK

Judge John McCort of the Oregon supreme court will be the speaker for the Rotary club at its Wednesday noon luncheon to be held at the Marion hotel March 1.

Classified Ads. in The Statesman Bring Results

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Table of Senate Group Will Discuss Pact Today, listing various items and amounts.

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