

CONGRESS IS CALLED TO MEET ON APRIL 2

RUSSIAN CZAR AND CZARINA ARE ARRESTED

Deprived of Liberty and Taken to Tzarkoe-Selo Dispatches Say; Church Dignitaries Also Reported Arrested.

POLITICAL AMNESTY GRANTED

Presumably Those Held Have Refused to Renounce All Allegiance to Royalist Regime.

PETROGRAD, March 21.—The provisional government has issued a ukase decreeing general political amnesty. The ukase also confirmed the previous announcements of a constitution for Finland and ordered an immediate convocation of the Finnish diet.

LONDON, March 21.—A special dispatch from Petrograd declared the provisional government had ordered the former czar and czarina deprived of liberty and taken to Tzarkoe-Selo. Other dispatches said "the czar would soon rejoin his family at Tzarkoe-Selo."

Wholesale Arrests Begun. Apparently the new Russian government began wholesale arrests of royalist immediately after announcing political amnesty. Several high dignitaries of the Russian church are reported arrested. Presumably those arrested refused to renounce allegiance to the royalist regime. Kieroff, adviser of the czar, was formally recognized by the government.

Ex-Premier Is Seized. Hajeff, chief of the Holy Synod, and Dneprov, leader of the "Black Hand" and Markoff, a reactionary agitator of Kokovozov and former Russian premier, was arrested under the government's orders. The Finland secret police formally dissolved. Several former agents were arrested on the frontier endeavoring to escape into Sweden.

AGED PIONEER DIES AT HIS HELIX HOME

William Piper, One of the Last 49'ers and Among First Residents of Umatilla County, Passes Away.

(East Oregonian Special.)
HELIX, Ore., March 21.—At the ripe old age of 95, William Piper, one of the last of the forty-niners and one of the first residents of Umatilla county, passed away this morning at 2 o'clock at his farm home near this place, death being due to complications incident to old age.

Mr. Piper is survived by a wife, three sons, O. J. Piper, George Piper, William Piper, Jr., all of Helix, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Smith of Rexburg, Idaho, and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Jerome, Idaho. Two of the sons, George and William, Jr., have just passed the crisis in pneumonia and their condition is such that they have not been apprised of their father's death. The body will be taken to Athena and kept until the two men improve. Mrs. Smith was with her father at the time of death and Mrs. Morrison has been sent for.

GERMAN REVOLUTION RUMORS UNFOUNDED

Communication by Railway and Telegraph is Uninterrupted.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.—Rumors of a German revolution circulated in the stock exchange today aroused intense excitement. Uninterrupted communication by railway and wires and the regular arrival of German papers indicated the report is unfounded.

MAYOR ADMITS HE IS GUILTY AND PAYS FINE

Spring a Surprise by Changing Plea on the Charge of Using Profane Language in Public Place.

Springing a surprise, Mayor James A. Best this afternoon at 2 o'clock, through his attorney, changed his plea of not guilty to the charge of using profane and indecent language in a public place to guilty and waived time for passing sentence. He was fined \$15 and costs, which amounted to \$14.25.

The case was set for trial at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. However, Col. J. H. Raley appeared in the justice court this morning with the announcement that he had been retained as attorney for the mayor along with Fee & Fee, who represented him in taking the case up to and back from the supreme court. This afternoon Col. Raley appeared for his client and formally concluded the case by entering the change of plea.

Mayor Best, in discussing his change of front, declared that he never had intended denying "cussing" certain men at the Oregon theater at the time of the Hazan-McCarroll boxing bout. His only objection, he said, was to bring the case under the state vagrancy statute. He has since learned, he said, that that was the only statute under which it could be brought.

The mayor declared he had had lots of fun out of the case and would a whole lot rather pay the fine money than withdraw the "cuss" words.

ARKANSAS TORNADO IS FATAL TO SEVEN

LITTLE ROCK, March 21.—Seven were killed and eight injured in a tornado near Delmark this morning, practically every building in Delmark was wrecked.

OFFERS CZAR \$5000 A WEEK AS "MOVIE" STAR

NEW YORK, March 21.—Louis Sehnich, movie producer and millionaire, formerly a penniless Russian exile, cabled Nicholas Romanoff, former czar, today offering him a five thousand weekly salary to come to America and appear in a film entitled "Behind The Throne."

IMMEDIATE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PRIVATE MUNITIONS FIRMS AND GOVERNMENT IS BEING ARRANGED

\$80,000 NECKLACE STOLEN FROM HEIR

Police of Los Angeles Aid in Hunt for Jewels of Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Police were asked today to aid in the recovery of a pearl necklace, valued at \$80,000, which was reported stolen from Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith of New York.

The necklace consisted of sixty-seven pearls said to be perfectly matched, given to Mrs. Smith by her father. The necklace was missed by Mrs. Smith Wednesday.

Private detectives were called into the case to avoid publicity, but today the matter was presented to the police. A reward of \$1000 was offered today for information leading to recovery of the necklace.

MRS. PHOEBE JAY IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Well Known Pendleton Woman Passes Away at 4:45 O'clock This Morning from Pneumonia.

An attack of pneumonia, which developed from a long illness from asthma, proved fatal this morning to Mrs. Phoebe Jay, well known resident of Pendleton. She died at her home, 1400 West Railroad street, this morning at 4:45. The funeral is to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence. Rev. H. H. Hubbell of the Christian church will conduct the service.

Deceased was 53 years old and had been a resident of this city for the past 13 years. She is survived by one son, Isaac Jay of this city, and by six grandchildren, as follows: Mrs. George Gillette and Ray Jay of Hermiston, Ora Jay of Pendleton, Harry Chambers of Pendleton, Dean Chambers of Baker, and Mrs. Gertie Hayworth of Nebraska. Her husband's death occurred two years ago.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND

BALTIMORE, March 21.—The bulk of the fortune of nearly \$1,000,000 left by the late Oscar W. Murray, former resident and chairman of the board of directors of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, is to be used to found a home for widows and orphans of employees of that road.

Standardization of Output Desired Quickly; Bids for 200 Submarine Chasers Opened

SPEED-UP PROGRAM RUSHED

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary Daniels advanced the date of opening bids for the fifteen new destroyers from April fourth to March twenty-fourth.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Munitions Standardization committee of the council for national defense met with Sec. Baker behind closed doors this afternoon to plan immediate cooperation with private munitions concerns.

The council has been consulting with the largest manufacturers of powder, explosives and rifles toward a standardization of the output quickly. The state department indicated this afternoon that it believes the war inevitable when it announced that in the war operations there must be cooperation between the allies and America.

Bids Opened at Noon.

Bids for two hundred submarine chasers were opened at the navy department at noon. Nearly a hundred additional shipbuilders were requested to inform the government of their capacity for building chasers. Keels for sixty are now laid in New York and four in New Orleans. Speed-up measures, including the suspension of the 8-hour day were enforced. It is expected that munitions firms which continue to demand exorbitant prices will be speedily commandeered. Naval architects are rushing to completion plans for three new 42 thousand ton superdreadnaughts, fifteen destroyers and thirty-eight small submarines. It is probable the government will soon assume control of all wireless apparatus. Chamberlain this afternoon conferred with Baker over the universal service plan.

INSANE MAN SEES TO TALK WITH LLOYD-GEORGE
LONDON, March 21.—A man, believed insane, gained entrance to Lloyd-George's home this afternoon. He was overpowered with difficulty and arrested, when he demanded to see the premier.

PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENT

The president's proclamation is as follows:

"Whereas, public interest requires that congress should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock, noon, on the second day of April, to consider grave questions of national policy, now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, proclaim that an extraordinary occasion requires that congress convene in extra session the second day of April, at which all persons entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice."

RUSSIAN TROOPS LIKE NEW REGIME

Receive News of Overthrow of Autocracy With Great Acclaim; Czar's Abdication Read.

PETROGRAD, March 21.—Russian troops at the front received news of the overthrow of the autocracy with acclaim, according to dispatches from field headquarters. The troops were mustered in the public square, where they marched, carrying red flags and singing the Marseillaise. At the request of Grand Duke Nicholas, General Alexieff, chief of staff, read the czar's declaration of abdication, and exhorted the soldiers to be loyal to the new government.

COUNCIL SESSION MAY BE EXCITING

Controversy Between Mayor Best and Councilmen May Come to a Head.

Tonight is the night that things are scheduled to happen in city administration circles. At least the public is in a very expectant state of mind, and from all indications, the conflict between Mayor Best and certain members of the council is very likely to become an open matter this evening.

Whether or not the mayor will be asked to resign as head of the police committee is uncertain. It is pretty certain, however, that Councilman Penland will tender his resignation as a member of that committee in the event that the mayor does not resign. His reasons, which are more or less public property and have to do with alleged misconduct on the part of the mayor, may be openly given by him this evening and they may not. It seems to depend largely upon whether any other member of the council requests them. In the event that he resigns, the council may refuse to accept his resignation or his action may precipitate a more thorough investigation of the charges made against the mayor by former Chief of Police Gardane and Councilman Penland.

Mayor Best has already announced that he will not relinquish any of his rights as mayor and will fight any move to oust him from the chairmanship of the police committee. He figures the council has no power to do so and believes the charter and ordinances will support his stand.

It is reported that several informal conferences have been held by some members of the council upon the course they will follow.

NEWSPAPERMEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGES
Will Be Sentenced Tomorrow for Launching a Military Enterprise Against Britain.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Albert Sander and Carl Wunnenberg, former newspapermen, charged with launching a military enterprise against Great Britain, withdrew their pleas of not guilty and pleaded guilty. Judge Van Fleet announced he would sentence them tomorrow. George Vaux Bacon, a newspaperman who went to England as alleged spy, testified against the men before the grand jury.

EPISCOPAL CLERGY IS READY FOR WAR DUTY
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 21.—The Episcopal clergy of the Western Massachusetts Diocese have passed resolutions offering their services to the government for any service shown by state or nation.

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WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER AGGRESSIVE STEPS AGAINST GERMANY; WAR DECLARATION MAY BE FIRST ACTION TAKEN

All Possibility of Averting Hostilities Apparently Killed; President's Decision Based on Tremendous Appeal From All Parts of Country for Revenge; Last Vestige of Patience and Hope Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The president has called an extra session of congress for April second. He has decided to meet Germany's high seas affronts with a sweeping action. War seems just ahead. Congress will be asked to consider aggressive steps toward Germany. With a state of war admittedly existing as a result of submarine attacks on American merchantmen, a declaration of war may be congress' first action.

The possibility of averting hostilities is apparently killed. The president's decision is based on a tremendous appeal from the country for revenge for Germany's killing of American citizens and destruction of American property. It is recalled that a year ago the president told his advisers he believed if America entered the war actively the struggle would terminate within a few months.

PROHIBITION BRINGS BREWER COMPENSATION

"Bran New," Popular "Dry" Drink Proves as Popular as Beer.

Prohibition is just. Though it uproots business and destroys industry which it regards as evil, it seeks to reimburse the losers by building up something better. William Roesch, manager of the Roesch brewery philosophies study these days.

In the years when Oregon was wet, the brewery turned out beer on a wholesale basis. When prohibition made such brewing unlawful, Roesch faced the proposition of shutting down his plant or adjusting it to the new conditions. He secured a formula for a non-intoxicating beverage of malt and hops. So good a substitute did it prove for beer that he found a ready market for it.

That market has been growing steadily ever since and yesterday Roesch received evidence of still greater growth. He received a letter from "L. Mitchell of Kenai, Alaska, ordering a first shipment of 'Bran New.' Mr. Mitchell states that he was in Walla Walla last fall and drank some of the Pendleton beverage, finding it the best of all substitutes for beer. Inasmuch as Alaska has now gone dry, he thinks he can do a big business with the local substitute.

FURTHER DROP IN WHEAT IS SHOWN

CHICAGO, March 21.—Yellow corn today sold at \$1.14 per bushel, the highest in history.

CHICAGO, March 21.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of prices today:

Open High Low Close
May \$1.86 1/2 1.87 1/2 1.83 1/2 1.84 1/2
July \$1.57 1.58 1/2 1.55 1/2 1.55 1/2

Portland, Ore., March 21.—(Special.)—\$1.42; Bluestem, \$1.49.

FRENCH OCCUPY TEN ADDITIONAL VILLAGES

Progress Further North and Northeast of Soissons it is Announced.

PARIS, March 21.—Ten additional villages were occupied by the French progressing further north and northeast of Soissons. It was announced.

JAPANESE SAILINGS ARE KEPT A SECRET

Activities of German Raider in Indian Ocean Given as Reason.

TOKYO, March 21.—Prohibition against the publication of arrivals and sailings of Japanese merchantmen in the Indian ocean is announced. Official announcement was recently made that a German raider is operating in Japanese waters.

5 Americans Died on Vigilance.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Five Americans died in the sinking of the Vigilance, the consul at Plymouth reported.

The Americans perishing were: Ensign Officer North, Engineer Adair, Stephen Lopan, Messboy, F. Brown, passenger, and Joseph S. Beria, quartermaster. Besides ten foreigners, including five Spaniards, two Greeks and three South Americans perished.

Telegrams Counsel War.

Floods of telegrams to the president almost unanimously counseled war. The president's advisers nearly all advised an immediate aggressive action. Facing overwhelming sentiment, the president decided not to wait until April sixteenth, when the extra session is scheduled to convene. He determined on the drastic course immediately after arising early this morning. He immediately prepared the proclamation advancing the date of the session fourteen days. At five-fifty he went for a game of golf, despite a damp, dreary day.

All Patience Is Short.

Cabinet members believe the president has lost his last vestige of patience and hope of bridging the war chasm. Many believed a specific declaration of hostilities is inevitable. The president and Baker may confer with the college heads and Senator Chamberlain regarding the best form of universal service. A strong congressional pressure will be used for the adoption of a land defense program.

STATE WILL BUILD ROADS THROUGH THE TOWNS UNDER 2500

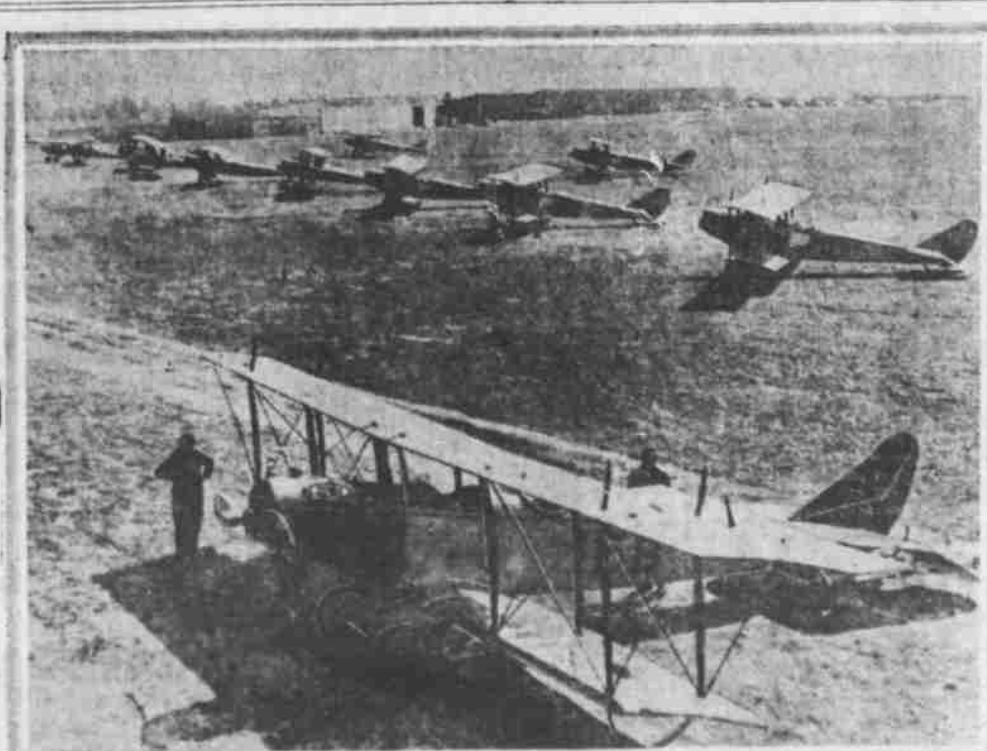
Same Will Be Given in Making Highways Through Villages in Building Country Roads.

In the event that the six million dollar bonding issue is adopted, the state highway commission will give the same state aid in building hard surfaced roads through small towns as it will be in building roads through the country. W. L. Thompson, member of the commission, stated today that the commission had gone on record to that effect.

At the meeting held to organize the Eastern Oregon Highway Association, Mayor Bishop of Prosser asked the question as to whether the state would build the roads through the towns or whether the towns would be forced to build the sections within their limits. Members of the Hermon delegation asked the same question, declaring it was a matter of much importance to the small towns.

At the time Commissioner Thompson could not give definite assurance but, since the last meeting of the commission, is able to declare that the state will build the roads through all towns under 2500 population.

U. S. AEROPLANE CAMP AT SAN DIEGO



FIRST U.S. AERO SQUADRON

Camp of the First Aero Squadron of the United States at North Island, San Diego, Cal. The planes, which are speedy and powerful fighting machines, have been assembled there for the first time. Daily flights are being made with them by army aviators who are fast developing the proficiency shown by fliers at the European battle fronts.