

WILSON TO ARM SHIPS IS CERTAIN

PRESIDENT HAS POWER IS DECISION.

SENATE RULE LIKED

May Limit Speakers on Floor to One Hour Each — Republicans May Oust Cummins and Gronna From Committee.

By Robert J. Bender.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—President Wilson expects to instruct Secretary of the navy Daniels within a few hours, to arm American merchantmen. It was learned from the highest authority that the president has decided that the President is empowered to act in this matter.

Secretary Daniels will order the commanders at the Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco navy yards to issue all available guns. The Senate rules committee this afternoon agreed on a cloture rule providing that a two-thirds majority may limit the debate to one hour for each senator. The ruling meets with President Wilson's approval.

The new rule is scheduled to be brought before the Senate today for approval. Wilson consulted with several Democratic senators in regard to the cloture rule.

Democrats have started a campaign in the event that Stone is re-elected to the chairmanship of the committee on foreign relations. Stone has refused to give out any interviews.

Republicans Indignant.

The Republican senators may cause the elimination of Cummins and Gronna from the steering committee because they participated in the filibuster. Walsh opened the debate on the floor in regard to the filibuster rule. He said that "traitors might delay the Senate while the enemy thundered at the gates." It is not inconceivable that traitorous sentiments might have actuated the filibusters, he suggested.

MORE OFFICERS FOR U. S. ARMY ARE ASKED

Order Commanders to Pick 60 From Each Regiment for Possible Promotion From Ranks.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—The War Department today instructed the border regimental commanders to submit a list of 60 men in each regiment who would be capable of acting as officers, and training recruits. This is regarded as a precautionary step in the event that additional officers are needed to handle an army of half a million volunteers.

COUNCIL ORDERS MILES OF WALKS

NEEDED STEPS TAKEN FOR MAIL SERVICE.

Need for City Clean-up Emphasized by Chief of Police in Monthly Report — February Bills are Allowed.

A necessary step was taken by the city last night toward securing a mail delivery for Bend, when the council, meeting in regular session, ordered the construction of six and one-half miles of sidewalk in that part of the city lying between the river and the railroad tracks, and between the mills and the south line of the Lytle acreage. The action was taken on the recommendation of Postal Inspector Linebaugh, made several weeks ago to City Engineer Robert B. Gould.

An amendment to the sidewalk ordinance was passed, fixing specifications for walks, and providing that they must be built flush with the property line. The council heard the reading of an ordinance vacating Highland avenue at the race track, and acceded to the wish of Chief of Police Nixon by passing the dog license and registry bill, the measure providing also for wire muzzles. An amendment to the peddlers' ordinance was read, providing an exemption for newspapers, milk, and ice, and for home grown products, the taking of orders not to clash with the rights of interstate commerce.

Police Report Given.

The monthly report of Chief of Police Nixon was read, showing no arrests for the month of February, and recommending the removal of several houses in Bend now encroaching on streets or alleys. The recommendation was allowed, as was a request for a light in the alley to the rear of Thompson's furniture store. On another suggestion made from the police department, City Attorney Benson was instructed to amend the ordinance governing boxing and wrestling exhibits, so as to raise the fee for promoting such amusements from \$2 to \$5. Mr. Nixon emphasized the need for a city clean-up as soon as the snow shall have gone.

Warrants Examined.

Under the head of communications, the Deschutes Investment Co. applied for a permit to move a frame building, now in the rear of the First National Bank, to allow of the erection of a more permanent structure. The request was granted.

A letter from Keeler Bros., of Denver, stating that the Bend warrant list is being taken care of as rapidly as possible by their attorney, preliminary to funding the city debt, was read. The application of Finnegan Bros. for a plumbing license was granted. A letter from the Oregon Trunk railway, asking for a city franchise for telegraph wires to be strung for the Western Union from the depot to the down town office. The wires have already been strung for several weeks.

The matter of releasing the water right on the city's disposal tract, recently purchased from J. F. Bear, was referred to the city attorney.

Accept Viewers' Report.

Objections to the viewers' report for the straightening of Fir avenue, (Continued on last page.)

NEW PILOT BUTTE INN TO BE OPENED SOON.



(From the first published photograph.)

The new Pilot Butte Inn, the first photograph of which is shown above, will be formally opened to the public on the evening of Saturday, March 17. The opening program has not been announced but it is understood to include an elaborate dinner, followed by dancing and other entertainment.

Adjoining the site of the old hotel, long a landmark in Bend, the new hotel will provide for the traveller and auto tourist the comfort and attraction of a modern and up-to-date hostelry with every twentieth century convenience.

On the first floor are the dining room, with its rainbow decoration and beautiful view window, a smaller private dining room, ladies' room, writing room, lounge and office. The kitchen is also on this floor between the two dining rooms. A barber shop adjoins the office. The two upper floors are devoted

to guest rooms, single and en suite, 63 in all, all with individual bath or shower, or both. All have telephones and are furnished with the best that money can buy.

The general style of the hotel architecture is Swiss chalet, the idea being carried out in the stone work and planked upper story of the exterior, and the use of flame marked logs over the porches and above the stone work. Hollowed logs for window boxes add to the effect. Both inside and out of the building, no detail has been omitted to add to the attractiveness of the hotel or the comfort of its guests.

Phillip R. Brooks, of Vancouver, B. C., is the owner of the Pilot Butte Inn and to him the people of Bend owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for his enterprise and for the size of the investment he has made in Bend. That Bend needed a modern hotel has long been urged, but it was not until Mr. Brooks came here and realized the possibilities attend-

ant on the great growth of the city that there seemed to be any prospect of satisfaction of the need.

Following the first announcement of the new hotel in The Bulletin over a year ago, a period elapsed during which doubters scoffed at the idea insisting that it would never be carried out, and the months that passed without apparent action being taken seemed to lend color to the argument. When, however, actual work was begun, it became known that all the delay had been caused by Mr. Brooks' desire to have things right. He had given his word that the hotel would be built and he had made up his mind that when it was built it would be a satisfaction. Until he was satisfied with the plans he would not go ahead, but when they had met his ideas he was ready to proceed, and the result of his long study is seen in every detail of the finished Pilot Butte Inn.

W. C. Birdsell will be in charge of the hotel for Mr. Brooks.

POWER RATES ARE LOWERED

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD GRANTS REQUEST.

Bend Water, Light & Power Co. May Cut Rates at Any Time—Reduction Will Apply to Use of Power in Present Month.

That the Bend Water, Light & Power company is having no obstacles thrown in the way of its desired reduction of rates in this city, was evidenced last night, when a copy of an order entered by the State Public Service Commission was received by T. H. Foley, manager of the company's local interests.

The order is an amendment of the order issued by the commission on July 1, 1915, which fixed rates to be used in Bend. According to the new order, the old rates are to be considered as the maximum charges to be made, while the company is given permission to make any reductions desired. The petition from the company, and amendment of the previous order were necessary, as the commission had formerly ruled that "certain rates, and no others," should apply.

Rates Apply This Month.

The new order of the commission provides "That the order issued on July 1, 1915, is hereby modified and amended; that the rates therein fixed shall be deemed the maximum rates which may be imposed and collected by this utility, and that they may be changed at will by the utility upon proper publication, and filing of tariffs or supplements to tariffs, as provided by law and the rules of this commission, provided no such change or changes shall result in any increase over the rates heretofore mentioned, nor in any unjust discrimination as between classes of service and individuals."

Mr. Foley stated this morning that the decrease in rates, as petitioned, will go into effect on April 1, but will apply to charges incurred during the present month. The decrease provides a two cent per kilowatt cut for small consumers, and a cent and one-half cut for larger users of electric current.

MAY APARTMENTS ARE THREATENED BY FIRE

Buckets Used to Extinguish Blaze Starting From an Overheated Stove—Damage is \$150.

Fire, which for a few minutes threatened to consume the entire building, broke out at 8 o'clock in the May apartments on Bond street, but with flames futting out into the hallway from the room in which the blaze started, the blaze was extinguished with a few buckets of water.

Frank May, manager of the apartments, was called from a moving picture show when the fire was first discovered, but by the time he had arrived on the scene, the fire had been quenched. He estimates the damage at approximately \$150. An overheated stove is believed to have been the cause of the blaze.

ROAD HEADS FOR COUNTY PICKED

NON-APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY FAIR BOARD URGED BEFORE COURT—ROAD APPROPRIATION IS CONSIDERED.

January business was wound up, and March business begun when the Deschutes County Court met this morning in the council chambers of the O'Kane building. Appointment of road supervisors was the chief business left over from the first month of the year, while of prime interest under March business was discussion of the possibility of staging a county fair.

In this connection, delegations from Tumalo, Sisters, and Lower Bridge were present at the court session, and the suggestion made by the Tumalo citizens, that no fair board be appointed, but that the county make appropriations for the support of the various local fairs, met with general approval. A decision on this point will be made later by the court. Without the appointment of a fair board, according to the state law, the holding of a county fair is impossible.

Another issue was in regard to the appropriation of \$5000 for road improvement, to match an equal amount to be furnished by the federal government, and forms were being prepared during the latter part of the afternoon session to be used in case such a course should be adopted.

Road supervisors named, and the districts in which they will serve, are as follows: Charles Muma, 11; Robert H. Ledbetter, 17; A. B. Demming, 7; Peter Thompson, 8; Ivan Knotts, 9; W. L. Wilkinson, 10; L. H. Root, 11; R. J. Skelton, 12; F. F. Hafner, 20; C. M. Bragg, 21; P. B. Johnson, 22; O. O. King, 23; H. Brookings, 24.

REFUSE TO LISTEN TO LA FOLLETTE SPEECH

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WHEELING, March 7.—The Jewish society here has cancelled a date for a lecture by Senator La Follette because of popular sentiment against the filibusterers.

TO DISBAND MILITIA FOR LACK OF FUNDS

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
SAN ANTONIO, March 7.—The War Department today ordered that 30,000 border militiamen be mustered out before April 1 because Congress failed to provide for their maintenance by passing the army bill.

PLANNED TO POISON ENGLAND'S PREMIER, WITNESSES TESTIFY

Conspirators Plotted to Shoot Darts, Daubed With Strychnine, From Airgun.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, March 7.—The trial of Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her two daughters, and Arthur Mason, charged with conspiracy against the person of Premier Lloyd-George and Arthur Henderson, was started today at the Old Bailey.

Experts testified that the plotters planned to shoot darts daubed with strychnine and other poisons from an airgun. The poisons were exhibited in court.

JUDGE WON'T RESIGN

Springer Now Desires to Leave Matter to Election, is Report.

PRINEVILLE, March 7.—(Special.)—That County Judge Springer has withdrawn the resignation which he was practically forced to give recently, was currently reported here today. Judge Springer, it is understood, now desires to leave the question to an election, and is thought to be preparing for recall proceedings.

MANY PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED BY FRENCH

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
PARIS, March 7.—It was announced today that the French, in raids and sapping activities in the vicinity of the Somme, gained many prisoners. The raids centered between Olse and the Aisne. German attacks were heavily checked.

SUBMARINE DAMAGE CONTINUES TO BE BIG

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
BERLIN, via Sayville, March 7.—The official press bureau announces that submarine reports indicate that ships totalling 200,000 tons were sunk between March 1 and 3.

BRITISH GAINING ON THE FLEEING TURKS

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, March 7.—The Mesopotamian expedition official announcement stated today that the British are almost in range of Bagdad. The British cavalry fought the Turkish rear guard Monday at Lajj, nine miles southeast of Ciltisphon.

ARMY TRANSPORT IS NOW REPORTED SAFE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
SEATTLE, March 7.—The Merchants' exchange reported here today that the army transport, Dix, is returning to Seattle under its own steam, out of danger. The transport was earlier reported to be in distress off the coast.

GERMANS PRAISE FILIBUSTERERS

DECLARE LA FOLLETTE AND STONE SHOW AMERICA'S BEST SPIRIT—CALL WILSON A MEGALOMANIAC.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
AMSTERDAM, March 7.—German newspapers call Senators La Follette and Stone "representatives of America's best spirit," and regard the filibuster in the American Senate as entirely proper. It "halted Wilson's unreasoning ambition, and voiced the sober sentiment of the American people who do not want to take part in the war," one publication declared.

The Lokal Anzeiger bitterly attacked the inaugural address of President Wilson, and charged that his speech had desecrated the capitol. The Anzeiger called the President a megalomaniac.

EDISON MAY LEAVE U. S. NAVAL BOARD

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
ANNAPOLIS, March 7.—It is reported that Thomas A. Edison will probably quit the naval advisory board unless the navy experimental laboratory is built at Sandy Hook.

Roads, Lands and Libraries Boosters' Luncheon Topics

Variety was the keynote of the discussion at the weekly luncheon of the Bend Commercial club this noon, at the Wright hotel, for a report on the road meeting at Redmond Monday night, began things, while a talk by J. P. Lucas, of Hood River, on the county library in that city, was the concluding subject, with a report on the Benham Falls segregation in between. The attendance was one of the largest of the winter.

Paul C. Garrison told of the compromise effected in Redmond between the two factions seeking to route the proposed state road from The Dalles through either Deschutes or Tumalo, and his remarks were supplemented by Clyde McKay, another member of the Commercial club committee which visited Redmond. On the motion of Vernon A. Forben, action on the road question was deferred. Mr. Forben stated that S. Benson, chairman of the new State Highway committee, would be in Bend before June 1, on business connected with the proposed road.

Reporting for the irrigation committee, R. W. Sawyer read letters and telegrams sent to Secretary of the Interior Lane, and to the Oregon members of the House and Senate at Washington, D. C., and the answers received in connection with the much desired throwing open of the Benham Falls project to settlement. The answers stated that careful consideration is being given the matter by the land commission, and that due weight is being given to the suggestions sent in by the Commercial club. The information was also given that there is at the present time, no bill pending having as its object the prolonging of the contract withholding the land from homesteaders.

The committee urged that letters be sent to Congressman Slinott and to Senators Lane and Chamberlain, asking them to use their influence with the Department of the Interior to take the issue from its pigeonhole. In his address on the Hood River library, Mr. Lucas advised the people of Bend to waste no time in applying for aid from the Carnegie fund.

Bend Residents Will Send Remonstrance to Senator

Angered at the stand taken by Senator Harry Lane in thwarting the will of President Wilson and a large majority of the House and Senate, by standing with the filibusterers in their successful attack on the armed neutrality bill, Bend residents, Democrats and Republicans alike, are signing a strongly worded remonstrance drawn up by J. Salzmann, directed to the Oregon senator. Mr. Salzmann cast his vote for Dr. Lane at the time of his election to the upper house of Congress.

Although a personal friend of Senator Lane, J. A. Eastes, formerly mayor of Bend, declared this morning that the Oregon senator had made a fearful mistake and had killed himself politically. "I think he was honest in the stand he took in this matter," Mr. Eastes said, "but I firmly believe that a filibuster of the kind is utterly wrong. In extenuation of his act, I believe that Senator Lane is so ardent a peace advocate that he went much further than he should have done."

"I do not think that it would be possible to recall him, but I do think

that in a crisis of the kind, every man should be patriotic enough to back up the President."

R. M. Smith, also prominent in local Democratic circles, expressed his opinion in no uncertain terms. "It's difficult for me to say what I really think in such a way that you can print it," he declared, "but candidly, I think it's a mighty bad state of affairs that Senator Lane has helped to place us in. The worst of it all is that the reports go direct to foreign countries where they will do us the most harm."

"Incidentally, I am writing a personal letter to Champ Clark, remonstrating against such a revelation of naval secrets as that made by Senator Stone in regard to the submarine chasers."

Harrison Latham, of strong Republican persuasion, took the most charitable view of the affair. "I would not care to criticize Senator Lane, personally," he said, "but I do not believe that a small group of men has the right to thwart the will of the majority. There may be extenuating circumstances, however."