

WHITLOCK WILL LEAVE BELGIUM

STEP IS FORERUNNER OF WARFARE.

Administration Acknowledges Seriousness of Move, Considered Since Submarines Began Sinking Relief Ships.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Brand Whitlock has been withdrawn as minister to Belgium, and America has abandoned Belgian relief work, turning over the task to Holland and other neutral countries, the State Department announced today.

Whitlock's withdrawal is regarded as a forerunner of actual warfare. The Department had considered abandoning relief work ever since the destruction of relief ships was begun by German submarines.

An official statement issued today said: "By order of the President, the American minister at Brussels is ordered to withdraw from Belgium to Havre. After consultation with the Relief Commission, Ambassador Whitlock is instructed to arrange for the departure of the American members of the Commission.

"The step and its seriousness is fully appreciated, and has been taken only after careful consideration, and full consultation with the interests involved."

SUBMARINE REPORTED NEAR NEW BEDFORD

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
NEW BEDFORD, March 24.—Mysterious manouvering by water-front police, started the rumor today that a German submarine had been found off the coast. Fishermen reported seeing a strange vessel, and put the police on their guard.

PORTLAND MAN ON SUBMARINED VESSEL

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The sinking of the Norwegian ship Ronald, was reported today by the State Department. George Goldreimer, of Portland, Oregon, was one of the passengers aboard.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT JOINS HOME GUARD

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
NEW HAVEN, March 24.—Ex-President Taft joined the Connecticut home guard this afternoon, in company with 26 other prominent men.

TWO ARE KILLED IN WASHINGTON SLIDE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
SEATTLE, March 24.—John Hoff and J. Ross, laborers are known to be among the killed, while telegraph operator Wolfe with several laborers are missing as the result of a snowslide which carried away a snowshed on the Great Northern. Details of the accident were meager.

U. S. MERCHANTMEN TO DETERMINE WAR

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
ZURICH, March 24.—German newspapers declared today that Germany will declare war on the United States as soon as the first armed American merchantman fires on a German submarine.

16,000 MEN NEEDED FOR AMERICAN NAVY

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Although the number of recruits increased materially during the week, indications are that the nation is not aroused by the imminence of war. The total strength of the navy is 61,000, meaning that 16,000 more men are needed. The heaviest enlistments are in the east, where army enlistments are increasing. Average enlistments, including holidays have been more than 300 daily, as against an average of 168 during the month of January.

BOY IS STABBED BY YOUNGER LAD

HARRY EVANS, 17, WILL RECOVER.

Thirteen Year Old Howard Raney Named as Assailant, But Will Not Face Formal Action Because of Father's Illness.

As the sequel to a flint encounter in which he engaged last night, 17 year old Harry Evans, son of Bert Evans, of this city, is confined in the Bend Surgical Hospital today, suffering from a knife wound in the left side. His alleged assailant is Howard, the 13 year old son of J. C. Raney, of Bend.

According to information placed in the hands of District Attorney H. H. DeArmond, the two boys were scuffling shortly after 6 o'clock last night and the blows exchanged became too strenuous to suit the taste of the younger lad. Drawing his pocket knife, he plunged it into young Evans' side. Heavy clothes worn by the older boy saved him from serious injury, and it was reported at the hospital today that he was in no real danger.

Young Raney's father is reported to be seriously ill, and because of this, Evans' parents are unwilling to take any formal action in the matter. District Attorney DeArmond is taking the matter under advisement, he stated this afternoon.

NO ORDERS RECEIVED

Oregon Militia Not Called From Washington, Says Governor.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
SALEM, Or., March 24.—Governor James Withycombe stated today that no orders have been received from Washington directing the militia to guard the railroad bridges over the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

"The information on which the action was based," Governor Withycombe said, "came from state sources. There is no suspicion against German-Americans, but we wish to take precautionary measures against possible acts by semi-irresponsible persons."

TO GUARD SHIPYARDS

Massachusetts Militia to Go On Duty—Other States May Follow.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Two regiments of the Massachusetts militia will be called to guard the Fore River Shipbuilding plant, arsenal, munitions works, and other shipyards. Governor McCall conferred with Secretary of War Baker this morning and it was decided to call out the militia.

Secretary Baker refused to give out any information concerning the militia plans. It is likely that other state troops will be called on.

People of Bend Will Vote Strahorn Railroad Bonds

The people of Bend overwhelmingly favor bonding for \$100,000 to insure construction of the Strahorn line out of Bend this summer if the results of the straw vote being taken by The Bulletin are taken as a guide. The votes are coming in slowly, more having been received today than on any day since the ballot was first printed in the paper, but with one exception, all favor the bonds.

Opposed to the single vote against the bonds there had been received up to noon today 20 in favor, a number of representative taxpayers be-

ing on the list, thereby indicating that the higher tax booby is not frightening people.

With the votes there are a few questions which are being referred to Mr. Strahorn for answer. His reply will be published here as soon as received.

A number of those voting favorably take the opportunity to comment on the plan, one saying, "We must carry this by all means," and another, "It is everything to Bend." The ballot is printed below for the benefit of those who have not yet voted.

Strahorn \$100,000 Bond Issue

Yes..... No.....

MARK (X) CROSS AFTER SIDE TO BE VOTED FOR

Signed.....

Question.....

TORNADO TAKES A HEAVY TOLL

THIRTY-NINE DEAD, 15 INJURED, WITH A PROPERTY LOSS OF \$2,000,000 IN SOUTHERN INDIANA LAST NIGHT.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
INDIANAPOLIS, March 24.—Thirty-nine are known to be dead, and nearly 150 injured, with property loss at least \$2,000,000 as the result of a tornado which swept Southern Indiana last night. Thirty-four bodies were recovered at New Albany. The tornado devastated a district a mile and one-half wide, and two miles long. Martial law has been declared, with orders that looters be shot on sight.

Fire has started in the ruins of buildings, and many bodies are believed to be buried in the debris. Hospitals are filled to overflowing, and the Indianapolis Red Cross society is organizing for relief work.

WILL GUARD OREGON RAILROAD BRIDGES

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
PORTLAND, March 24.—The Eighth company of Coast Artillery has been called out to guard the North Bank bridge across the Columbia, and the Harriman railway bridge across the Willamette.

LOGGERS ARE KILLED BY A FALLING TREE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
ASTORIA, March 25.—Eight loggers were killed and eight injured last night, when a fir tree, uprooted by the wind, swept them from the flat car on which they were riding to dinner.

AUTO OWNERS ORGANIZE CLUB

MEETING TODAY EFFECTED PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO CARRY ON GOOD ROADS WORK—OVERTURF PRESIDENT.

The first spring day in several weeks started the bug on good roads, as a result of which the Bend Automobile club was organized this noon at a meeting held at the Pilot Butte Inn.

Dispensing with many of the usual formalities of organization, the club elected H. J. Overturf, president; Harper W. Skuse, vice president; Frank R. Prince, secretary, and Clyde M. McKay, treasurer.

That the club may be on a working foundation within a short time, President Overturf appointed Dennis Carmody, O. C. Henkle and P. C. Garrison a committee on constitution and bylaws, upon which a report will be given at the next meeting March 31.

To interest not only owners of automobiles in the advancement of the cause of good roads, it was suggested that a Riders' Club be an adjunct organization to the automobile club, this organization to have a membership of "go-alongs" who are interested in the good roads movement of this locality.

The meeting this noon was called at the instigation of A. Whisnaut, who called the meeting together and briefly outlined the purposes and intentions.

Twenty-seven auto owners and others were in attendance at the meeting.

UNION MEN TO URGE CLAIMS

WANT HOME WORKMEN FOR RAILROAD.

Central Council Committee Will Put Matter Up to Commercial Club Committee Next Week—To Consider Other Phases.

Desiring to come into closer touch with the Commercial club work in regard to the proposed \$100,000 city bond issue for the Strahorn railway, a special committee representing the Central Labor Trades & Farm Council will meet with the Commercial club committee next week, before the final report is given at the Commercial club luncheon on Wednesday. This was decided on last night at the regular meeting of the council, when Harry Pearson, A. E. Edwards and H. Hall were named to confer with the boosters' committee and come to an understanding in regard to the relation of local labor with the proposed railroad.

Can Swing Election.

While it is understood that labor in Bend is generally favorable to the voting of \$100,000 bonds to insure Strahorn construction, instructions are still to be given, and it is claimed that a solid union vote can swing the election either way. One of the chief points which the council's committee will ask to have settled, is in regard to the labor supply. They contend that labor for the construction of the road from Bend should be drawn from Bend and the vicinity, rather than bringing in crews of workmen from other parts of the state and the United States. They will ask that local men be given the preference.

Other questions of minor importance, it is understood will be brought up when the labor committee and the Commercial club members who are investigating public opinion on the subject get together.

WILL PICK TEACHERS ON TUESDAY EVENING

School Board Meets and Adjourns, After Deciding on Co-Operation With Athletic Club.

Lacking time to go into the work thoroughly, the Bend school board, meeting last night, postponed the annual election of teachers for the coming school year, and will take up this and other business at an adjourned meeting to be held Tuesday evening.

Discussion was held as to the advisability of co-operating with the Bend Amateur Athletic club by having an instructor in the schools who would be able to handle both manual training and physical training. It was decided to take the matter up with the athletic club.

The directors voted in favor of taking out a membership in the National Educational association.

CENTRAL OREGON GAME PARADISE

AUTO TO POPULARIZE THIS SECTION.

Propagation of Trout is Big Problem—Protection for Game is Suggested by Game Warden Carl Shoemaker.

By Cary D. Shoemaker, State Game Warden.

The Fish and Game Commission comes in intimate touch with every class of citizen of Oregon. The itch to angle and the desire to handle a gun seems to be born in everyone. Children are delighted with fishing games and with toy pistols and guns, and as they grow older this inborn hankering to wade along the streams and climb the mountain sides grows with them. True, it is, that one's occupation may lead him from the paths of sport, yet there is always within his heart the desire for a good day's outing and the joy which goes with the pulling in of a gamey fish or the bringing down of a big buck. Oregon has a population of less than one million, has close to 100,000 sportsmen who annually purchase their licenses and make one or many pilgrimages to the shrine of sport.

In order to take care of the game birds, animals and fish that exist in the wild state and to provide for the distribution of game birds and game fish propagated at the hatcheries and the state game farm and to give an adequate patrol service, the Fish and Game Commission is compelled to maintain an extensive organization, the ramifications of which are many and intricate.

Streams Brought Nearer.

The constantly increasing use of the automobile and the better roads have placed many of the hitherto out of the way angling streams and hunting grounds practically at the back door of the sportsman. Fishing conditions in Oregon ten years ago were better, beyond question, than they are today. This is true because of the greater number of people who angle today and of the inroads being made upon the upper reaches of spawning streams and the elimination of a great many of the waters of the state for natural spawning beds, through the development of irrigation projects, power plants, and mining operations. As an illustration of this, the upper reaches of the Columbia river at one time were the natural spawning beds of the salmon. Today, these spawning beds have been practically ruined.

Stocking is Problem.

The greatest problem of the Fish and Game Commission, therefore, was to provide artificial propagation of the fry in the various streams of trout fry and for the distribution of the state. The central hatchery at Bonneville was established about eight years ago and millions of trout fry have been propagated there annually to restock the streams of Oregon. Last year there were liberated more than seven million fingerling trout throughout the state, of which number 287,000 were distributed in Crook county. It has been the policy of the Fish and Game Commission to obtain trout eggs wherever they could be taken in sufficient number to justify the expenditure of time and money and establish feeding stations where the young fry could be reared in as nearly the natural state as possible. Such a feeding station has been established in Deschutes county, and it is the opinion of Mr. R. E. Clanton, superintendent of hatcheries, that the work of building up this station will be started within a short time. Certain, it is, that the value of such a station has been demonstrated and must be continued if streams are to be restocked and replenished. The Fish and Game Commission maintains about 20 such stations, all of

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CANALS OPENED TO HALT ALLIED ARMY

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, March 24.—Having allowed a general retreat, the Germans are resorting to every effort to stop their pursuers on the western front, near von Hindenburg's lines. Fierce fighting has developed and dispatches from the front show continued Allied progress despite stiff resistance. The Germans have opened the sluices northeast of Tergnier, inundating the country and flooding La Fere.

Deschutes River Will Lure Hundreds Away on April 1



No matter how disagreeable the weather may be, no matter how much snow there may be on the ground, and no matter how few trout Mr.

Fisherman believes he will catch, the Deschutes river and its many tributaries will be lined next Sunday, April 1, with hundreds of buoyant men and boys of all ages.

For beauty and good fishing, the Deschutes river has no peer in the Northwest. Fishermen believe that the trout will strike better than usual this year.