

BEND POWER GIVES BONDS FOR \$100,000

FUNDS ACQUIRED FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

TRUST DEED SECURES

Bonds for \$500,000 More May Be Added as Values of Plant Increase—Increased Service to City Made Possible.

Further evidence of the position held by Bend investments in the eastern money markets was shown today, when, by the recording of a trust deed, it became known that the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. had bonded itself for \$100,000 to provide funds for extension and betterments to its utility plants in Bend. In addition renewed evidence is given of the faith of the company's officials in the future of the town.

Under the deed of trust, which is given to the Wells-Dickey Trust Co. of Minneapolis, and S. C. Dickey, as trustee, the immediate issue of \$100,000 worth of bonds is provided for. Additional bonds, up to a total of \$500,000, may be issued later, as further values are added to the plant. Instrument lengthy.

No statement concerning the bond issue has been made by local officers of the company but it is known that since the purchase by the present owners all the company's earnings have been required to keep the plant up to the demands made by the growth of the town.

These, and further investments, besides, the owners have put in carrying out the policy of giving Bend the best of service and keeping the plant ahead of the town, in this way putting back into the business every cent taken in. Future development will now be cared for by the bond issue.

The trust deed is one of the longest instruments ever filed in Deschutes county, the recording fee being \$38.40.

100,000 VOLUNTEERS FOR ARMY SOUGHT

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Representative Emerson, of Ohio, will introduce a bill in Congress, asking the President to authorize the organization of the Roosevelt Volunteers, numbering 100,000 men. The army would be subject to the War Department, under the President's control.

NEW PLAN FOR PHONES TRIED

FORESTRY LINE TO BE STRUNG ON RAILROAD TIES AND OVER BARE ROCKS TO AVOID BREAKING OF LINE.

Marking a new era in telephone construction in Central Oregon, Ed Mahn and V. V. Harpham, of the forestry service, have commenced the thorough overhauling of the Big River line, and by means of a unique system of construction, hope to be able to avoid the breaks in the line which occurred literally by hundreds in the woods last summer.

According to the plan worked out by the forestry service, the line runs from the city limits to the Shevlin-Hixon logging road. At this point, insulated copper wire will be used, stapled loosely to the ties to avoid the vibration of passing trains causing breakage. When the end of the railroad is reached, the wire will cross the river, and connected with common iron wire, which will be strung loose along the lava rock. Experience has shown that this variety of stone is almost a perfect insulator. It is expected that 13 miles of the line will be completed this season.

BIGGEST BATTLE OF WAR LOOMS

GERMANS MAKE HUGE PREPARATIONS.

British Thrust Forward Two Wedges Seeking to Penetrate von Hindenburg's Line—French Prepare for Spring Drive.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) LONDON, April 12.—The greatest battle of the European war is coming soon. Germany is gathering her entire reserves, preparing to hurl her full forces at the Allies on the western front, according to the information conveyed in an interview given by General Maurice, director of military operations, today.

Stumbling over slippery hummocks, through sticky mud holes, in the most wintry weather of 50 years, the British rammed still farther into the German line today. General Haig has thrust forward two formidable wedges at Monchy Preux and Bulls Court, and by bringing enormous pressure to bear against the sides of these wedges, is endeavoring to force the Germans from the intervening ground.

Against this mode of offense, the Germans are making constant counter attacks. The British artillery is continuing its work with an incessant, awful pounding. Haig's men are literally blasting their way forward.

Reports from Paris today were that new activity is commencing, indicating that the French are preparing to commence a great spring drive.

PHILIP BROOKS WILL ASK FOR COMMISSION

Philip R. Brooks left last night for San Francisco to confer with Major General Bell, of the Western division of the army, with the view to obtaining a commission in the service at once. Before he left, Mr. Brooks stated that he would take his examination in San Francisco, to obtain a commission and, if accepted, he would enter the service of the United States at once.

Mr. Brooks was a member of the Minnesota National Guard, in the artillery, and did service during the years 1900 to 1907. Mr. Brooks hopes to obtain his commission at once and if he is successful will remain in San Francisco.

COUNTY TO AID IN ROAD WORK

\$800 WILL BE MATCHED AGAINST WORK DONE BY RESIDENTS BETWEEN TERREBONNE AND LOWER BRIDGE.

Provisions for the improvement of the Lower Bridge-Terrebonne road were made today when the Deschutes county court met in adjourned session. It was decided that for every dollar's worth of work furnished by the residents of the section, a like amount of cash would be put up by the county, the entire appropriation, however, not to exceed \$800. The matter of the Jaeger road was continued because of misunderstanding as to the width of the highway.

The matter of the adjustment of taxes on Melrose Park in Redmond, reducing from a city lot to an acreage basis, discussed at the last meeting of the court, was taken up, and the petition made by Thomas W. Marshall, owner of the property, granted. The vacation of certain streets and roads in Redmond was also ordered.

PURE ACCIDENT IS EXPLOSION CAUSE AT U. S. ARSENAL

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—One was killed and one injured in an explosion at the Frankfurt arsenal last night. The explosion was "purely accidental," according to Major Pelot, the officer in command at the arsenal. Conclusive evidence was found, he said, showing that the careless removal of a timer from a shell fuse was the cause of the accident.

REPORT GIVEN ON BOND ISSUE

NO RECOMMENDATION MADE, HOWEVER.

Tax Levy and Building Site Needed for Library—Good Roads and Food Preparedness Discussed by Commercial Club.

Nearly 100 members of the Bend Commercial club and of the Ladies Auxiliary, gathered at the Pilot Butte Inn yesterday evening to hear a non-committal report on the advisability of bonding the city for the Strahorn railroad, and to listen to a variety of addresses, ranging from food preparedness to good roads. The meeting was held in the evening, rather than at noon, so that the members could go directly afterward to the O. A. C. food preparedness lectures, but the lateness of the arrival of the evening train resulted in the lectures being postponed until today.

The first report of the evening was that given by Manager H. J. Overturn, in which he stated that he had made tentative inquiries concerning the securing of Carnegie aid for a library in Bend, and had been given to understand that a city tax levy of \$2000 a year, together with the providing of a suitable building site, would result in the erection of a \$20,000 building. The matter was referred to the library committee.

Strahorn Committee Reports.

C. S. Hudson, chairman of the Strahorn committee, reported that after a thorough canvass of the opinions held by Bend voters, the committee had found sentiment for and against the proposed \$100,000 bond issue to be so evenly divided that the committee would make no recommendation as to action.

J. W. Morris, representing the Oregon State Motor association, spoke, outlining the aims of the organization as better roads and unity of action and concentration of work by the auto owners of Oregon. He declared that with a unit of the association in each county of the state, it should be possible to bring about such conditions as to induce 15,000 cars a year from outside states, into Oregon, representing \$3,000,000 brought into the state by tourists. He extended an invitation to the Bend Auto club to affiliate with the state organization, if they felt so inclined.

Free Delivery Pledged.

W. W. Ward, superintendent of the Northern Express Co., announced that a free delivery and pickup service in the business section of Bend would begin Monday. In two years, he said, the company hoped that the volume of business would make possible the extension of the service to the residence districts.

County Agriculturalist Blanchard gave a few remarks on the food preparedness question, declaring that the boys and girls of the schools should be enlisted to till the vacant lots and back yards in Bend. President Floyd Dement, of the club, backing up Mr. Blanchard's assertion, maintained that it is the patriotic duty of every citizen of the United States not actually engaged in war to relieve the food stringency in all possible means.

ARMY MEASURE CLASH FEARED

SENTIMENT GROWS AGAINST SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION—PRESIDENT MAY FORCE BILL'S PASSAGE.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The threat of a serious fight over the army bill grew today in Congress. Majority Leader Kitchin found the anti-draft sentiment very strong. Friends of the selective conscription system are dwindling in number. Many believe, however, that the President will force the measure through. The House is expected to pass tomorrow, the \$7,000,000,000 bond issue. Hours of speaking are expected before the bill comes to a vote.



New hotel opened today by Mrs. Nettie Stevenson. —Photo taken during construction.

BULGARS BREAK WITH U.S. RUMOR

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SURPRISED, BUT DENY KNOWLEDGE OF ACTION—SEPARATE PEACE IS SOUGHT.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Bulgaria was reported today to have broken off diplomatic relations with the United States. The action caused considerable surprise here in official circles. The State Department denied all knowledge of the alleged rupture, and members of the Bulgarian legation here said that no news had reached them from the home government for some time.

MAY SUE FOR PEACE.

LONDON, April 12.—An Exchange telegraph dispatch today asserted that Bulgarian delegates are in Switzerland attempting to conclude a separate peace.

BRAZIL WILL BREAK WITH GERMANY SOON

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) RIO DE JANEIRO, April 12.—Serious anti-German outbreaks at San Paulo today marked the public insistence for war with Germany. A breaking off of diplomatic relations is expected today.

PLAN TO INCREASE NATIONAL GUARD

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Recruiting the National Guard to 100 a company, and later to 150, if the war continues, was the announcement made by the War Department today.

INTERNATIONAL WAR CONFERENCE PLANS

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Separate meetings of the French and British war commissions with American government heads, will be held here soon, it is officially announced.

AUSTRIA SUES FOR PEACE THROUGH POPE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) ROME, April 12.—Austria is pressing Pope Benedict to move for peace, according to an authentic report circulating in Vatican circles today. It was declared that the Pope is refusing to proceed for "diplomatic reasons."

CALIFORNIA TROOPS ARE CALLED TODAY

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Five regiments of the California Coast artillery were called out today.

NO PLOT EVIDENCE INVESTIGATOR AT EDDYSTONE REPORTS

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—"No evidence of a plot," was the statement today of State Fire Marshal Port, after making a careful study of the Eddystone munitions disaster. An accidental "flare up" of black powder in the "shaking chamber" caused the explosions, according to Port. Despite his statements, however, Federal agents were working today on plot clues. Nearly 60 unidentified dead in the morgue were buried today.

HOTEL COZY

MONSTER NAVY OF WOOD ASKED

WILSON APPROVES PLAN TO BUILD 3000 VESSELS TO TAKE FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO THE ALLIES.

(By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Plans for three thousand wooden 3000-ton vessels to be built the next three years are completed and have been approved by the President. The boat are to be used to transport food and supplies to the Allies. The government shipping board has called for 150,000 lumbermen and woodworkers to begin work immediately. Each ship will be manned by a trained gun crew, will be equipped with anti-submarine guns and wireless connections. Commencing November 1, three ships will be put into service daily. Seventy per cent of the ships will be built on the Pacific coast. They will be taken through the Panama canal loaded with lumber.

PROGRESSIVES OF THE U. S. CONVENES

Roosevelt and Perkins are Not Present—Attack on Solidity of the South is Planned.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) ST. LOUIS, April 12.—National Progressive party leaders gathered here today to unite under the Moose banner the liberal elements of all political parties to organize a party and a campaign for 1920.

Neither Theodore Roosevelt nor George W. Perkins was invited. Albert D. Norton, who has been a member of nearly all parties and an ardent Mooser since 1912, is the leading spirit of the convention.

The plan is to weld the liberal elements of the Democratic, Republican, Socialist, Labor, Prohibition and the Women's parties in a National Liberal party.

Among those interested in the party are Matthew Hale, of Boston, formerly a member of the Moose National committee; J. A. H. Hopkins, of New Jersey, John M. Parker, of Louisiana, and others. It is hoped Bainbridge Colby, Victor Murdock, and other middle western leaders will take an active part in the convention.

Norton and other leaders said today the "Solid South" would yield only to a third party that embraced the ideals of all parties now in the field. Permanent working plans for the future will be formulated and it was learned that nationwide prohibition and a declaration for universal military training will be added to the platform of 1912, which, it is expected will be endorsed.

A committee of the Socialist party which has been in session here for nearly a week will meet with the executive committee of the Bull Moosers.

D. A. R. CONGRESS IS CALLED FOR MONDAY

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, April 12.—Washington is looking forward to a lively party when the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution gather here next Monday for the twenty-sixth annual congress. Four energetic candidates are in the race to succeed Mrs. William Cumming Story, of New York, as president general. Mrs. George T. Guernsey, state regent of Kansas, has a slight lead over her three opponents in pledged votes. Eleven vice president generals and a full ticket of national officers, are to be voted upon, with candidates galore for each office.

BEND HEARS WARNING OF FOOD LACK

HOME PREPAREDNESS SOLUTION GIVEN.

EXPERTS SPEAKERS

O. A. C. Men and Women Lecture in Schools—Demonstration Car Seen by Many—Local Committee Will Carry on Work Here.

By means of lectures at the Bend schools, and exhibits in their demonstration car which arrived over the O.-W. R. & N. last night, experts from the Oregon Agricultural College showed this morning that the country is actually facing a severe food shortage, as a result of the war. After proving this shortage would be a reality, they outlined methods by which it could be overcome. Miss Helen Cowgill spoke on "Methods of Canning," and Miss A. Grace Johnson, on "Food Preparedness," at the Reid school, while Prof. A. G. Bouquet lectured on "The Home Vegetable Garden," and Prof. C. C. Lamb on "Poultry Raising," speaking at the high school. Following the lectures, crowds gathered at the union depot, inspecting the demonstration car. Committee to Act.

In order that the food preparedness movement may be continued in Bend, a citizens' committee, appointed by President Floyd Dement, of the Bend Commercial club, met just before noon with Traffic Manager Robinson, of the O.-W., General Passenger Agent McMurray, and H. A. Vickers, of the Oregon Agricultural College, who is in charge of the car. Discussion of plans for the securing of vacant land in Bend, and the interesting of children in taking care of back yard gardens, were discussed. The members of the committee are City School Superintendent F. Thordarson, Mrs. J. D. Davidson, Clyde McKay, Miss Mary E. Coleman and County Judge W. D. Barnes.

Hundreds Hear Experts. If the suggestions of Prof. Bouquet, Prof. Lamb and Mr. Robinson are heeded, there will be general confiscation of back yards and vacant lots and a mobilization very soon of hoes, rakes and spades in the city of Bend, answering the call to the food preparedness campaign which these two institutions are fostering in Oregon this week.

Several hundred pupils of the Bend public schools listened this morning to the suggestions of Professors Bouquet and Lamb, on town lot vegetable gardening and poultry raising. (Continued on last page.)

GERMANY SEEKS AMERICAN PEACE

COPENHAGEN REPORTS SAY THE MOVE IS POSITIVE—WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS INTIMATE DISFAVOR.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) COPENHAGEN, April 12.—Apparently positive reports are current here that the German foreign office is making overtures of peace to the United States. Further details were unavailable.

It is understood that Secretary of State Lansing has already received Germany's proposals and intends sending Colonel House to The Hague for an "unofficial conference."

U. S. NOT FAVORABLE. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The State Department denied today that any overtures of peace had been made by Germany, stating that there was no reason to believe that any such proposals are en route. It was added that the government is not ready for overtures of the kind leaving the inference that the administration is against concluding a separate peace.