

DRAFT MUST BE INVOKED TO SUCCEED

COMMISSION MEMBER
URGES SYSTEM.

NEEDED TO END WAR

Lieutenant Colonel Bridges, of British Commission, Brings Message of Universal Service to the People of America.

By George Martin,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Conscription is vital to America before the nation may attain success in war.

Lieutenant Colonel B. T. N. Bridges, British war commissioner, delivered this message today to the American people. "We were saddled with the volunteer system at the beginning of the war," said the veteran British fighter, direct from the front. "We were hampered and retarded in the use of every phase of war development. The volunteer system threw the very best industrial forces into the trenches when they were needed worse at home, and left at home those whose places should have been at the front."

The British commissioner then delivered in brief the entire message of the Allied commission. "If you're going to war, go whole hog. You must go to war intelligently, and systematically. Men, women and children, all must fight, either at home or at the front. It's no longer a war of expeditions. It's a war of nations."

French Commission Here.
Lieutenant Colonel Bridges explained that England believes that conscription alone, with the co-ordination of the national forces, will enable America to put a speedy end to the war. "The people of England," he said, "are won over to universal service. They are strong for conscription. They opposed it at first, only because they did not know what it was. Now they realize that it is only making war on a business basis."

The French commission has arrived safely in the United States, the State Department announced today. The place of their arrival is withheld. The party has not arrived in Washington so far, and their movements are being kept secret.

FOREST IMPROVEMENT MONEY NOW HERE

Providing for improvement work to be done in the Deschutes National forest this year, the first draft of the government allotment has been received by Supervisor W. G. Hastings, allowing the expenditure of approximately \$3000. A considerable portion of this is to be used in financing the drilling of a well in the Fort Rock country, for range cattle.

PROBE BARES STANDARD OIL

INTERESTS DOMINATE GASOLINE INDUSTRY, SAYS FEDERAL COMMISSION — REMEDIAL LEGISLATION ASKED.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Standard Oil interests substantially dominate the gasoline industry, according to the findings of the Federal trade commission, in its report to the Senate. Refining, pipe-line transportation and marketing, the commission declares, are controlled by the "oil octopus."

Real competition does not exist because of interlocking stock ownership. The commission finds that gasoline prices are arbitrarily increased despite the supreme court decision dissolving the trust. The commission strongly urges remedial legislation.

NO LIQUOR WAS SOLD AT HOTEL

GUESTS BROUGHT OWN
SUPPLY.

Charges of Violation of Liquor Laws Investigated by District Attorney in Hearing Today—Many Witnesses are Heard.

District Attorney DeArmond's investigation before Justice Easton of alleged violation of the state prohibition laws at the time of the opening of the Pilot Butte Inn in March was begun this morning before a large audience in the council room. From the many witnesses examined, it was brought out that while guests of the hotel had liquor with them at the time, it was confined to themselves and their friends in their rooms. No evidence of sales was brought out, and Manager Birdsall denied having any knowledge of liquor brought to the hotel or used by its guests.

A number of witnesses testified to having seen one, two or possibly four men under the influence of liquor during the course of the evening, but no names were mentioned, the witnesses preferring to give the names to the district attorney privately.

As the hearing developed chief importance was given to questions concerning a barber named Orchard, who was stated by Manager Birdsall to have offered to sell him several gallons of whiskey. Mr. Birdsall said that he refused the offer. None of the succeeding witnesses were approached by Orchard. Mr. Birdsall also stated that he had investigated claims by the barber of a theft of money and found them to be without foundation.

De Armond Tells Aim.
A number of witnesses testified freely of having been given drinks, and even of "swiping" them from the rooms and seeking for more, while others saw neither liquor nor signs of intoxication. Beyond the Orchard matter related by Mr. Birdsall, no evidence was given of sales or attempted sales.

Before the taking of testimony commenced District Attorney De Armond addressed the court, explaining the motives actuating him in initiating a probe of conditions allegedly existing at the Pilot Butte opening.

"This investigation is called for the purpose of determining whether or not there were any violations of the prohibition law at the opening of the Pilot Butte Inn last month," he declared. "Numerous complaints have been laid before me by various persons to the effect that the law was violated at said time and place, and under Section 29 of the prohibition law it is incumbent upon the district attorney to inquire into any such alleged violations, by issuing subpoenas to those he has reason to believe have some knowledge of the facts, citing such persons to appear before him, or citing them to appear before a magistrate, and in view of this law and believing that a better investigation could be made by having such investigation before a magistrate, I have proceeded under that plan in this investigation."

"At the outset I wish to say that the investigation is not directed at any particular person or persons, nor at any particular hotel, the Pilot Butte Hotel appearing in the proceedings only because the violations, if there were any, occurred at the public opening of that hotel. No person need fear the results of this investigation unless he is guilty of violation, and if any persons are guilty, I believe that his guilt will be disclosed by the investigation. Various reports and rumors have been made regarding the happenings at such opening, and I consider that it is due the hotel, the public and the officers of the law that this investigation be held, and if such reports are true, we hope to be able to bring any who might have violated the law to trial, and if such reports are not true it will certainly remove any suspicions that might be current in the minds of the public, and therefore should be welcomed by everybody concerned."

ITALIANS PREPARE FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
ROME, April 24.—The Italians are apparently launching a great offensive on the Carso front. Artillery fire is active, and troops are massed as if to attack.

LEFT BEHIND BY THE GERMANS—BAPAUME



Photo by American Press Association.
Ruthlessly destroyed by the German army in its retreat to the Hindenburg line, villages, towns and entire cities in northern France are no more. This is one of the main streets of the city of Bapaume and is one of the first pictures of the German work of devastation to reach this country.

HAIG RESUMES BATTLE TODAY

FURTHER PROGRESS REPORTED—THE GERMANS CHANGE DEFENSE TACTICS—LENS AT MERCY OF BRITISH.

LONDON, April 24.—General Haig gained more ground today, resuming the British offensive.

"We made further progress east of Monchy-lez-Reux and Rouex," the official statement of his advance said. "South of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, ground was gained on a wide front. We reached the St. Quentin canal, and captured the villages of Villers, Pleuch, and Beaucamp."

The Germans have changed their defense tactics, apparently making no attempt to use elaborate underground defenses. They are fighting from natural barriers, using shell holes as rifle pits. The German artillery has the range of the British positions, and is able instantly to start a certain fire against advancing forces.

Lens is more than half enveloped by the British, and General Haig is now in position to take the city by a single great blow.

The occupation of Samara station, and the capture of a vast amount of supplies from defeated Turks, was announced officially this afternoon from the southern front. Captures included 16 locomotives, 224 rail-road cars, and two barges containing munitions. The enemy's casualties were very heavy.

DIPLOMATIC SQUABBLE OVER WHEAT ENDED

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
BUENOS AIRES, April 24.—The amicable settlement of the diplomatic quarrel between Argentina and Great Britain over the exporting of wheat was announced today. According to the agreement made, Argentina will send England 180,000 tons of wheat and 20 tons of flour, England promising to send Argentina 200,000 tons of wheat from Canada, Australia and elsewhere, later on.

Building Activity in City Making Good April Showing

Despite such adverse conditions as the plunging of the country into war, and a late spring, Bend building is showing a healthy upward trend, and already in this month 22 building permits have been issued, representing investments totalling \$47,840. Eleven buildings of the total, will represent the major part of the expenditure, \$44,900, the balance being for small improvements on already existing buildings, and for shacks and cabins.

The largest permit taken out is that for the Bend Amateur Athletic gymnasium, while Phillip Brooks' \$8000 permit for the new garage on Wall street, is next in size. Other properties which will add to city values are a \$2000 dwelling and one for \$3000, being put up by Charles A. Carroll in River Terrace, a \$1000 house by H. L. Hilliard, and an \$1800 bungalow by F. Thordarson, both in

15 MEN ENLIST IN U. S. ARMY AND NAVY

Burns and Prineville Send Good Representation—Redmond Stages Demonstration.

Recruiting from outside points continues brisk, and T. L. Carriger and Corporal Charles Davis, recruiting officers, respectively, for the navy and army, reported the enlistment of eight men for the water branch of the service, and seven for the army. The naval recruits, Fred Taylor, Ralph Taylor, Lloyd Tryon, Nathaniel Wheat, T. E. Wiseman, Homer Holley, R. A. Sanders and E. W. Jenkins, came in from Burns last night, while the new men for the army, Frank Brosius, Herbert Hamilton, Arthur Millner, Warren Yancey, Charles Duncan, Ernest Estes and Harold Charlton are all from Prineville, and in company with earlier recruits from the Crook county seat, left last night from Redmond for Portland.

A parade and general patriotic demonstration attended the leaving of the young men.

NORTHWEST WHEAT LEADS THE NATION

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
PORTLAND, April 24.—The Portland local wheat market leads the nation this afternoon. Unheard of figures were reached, when actual sales made from interior points brought quotations of \$2.40 and \$2.41 a bushel. May bluestem brought the higher bid.

WILFORD ALLEN IS ON ACCIDENT COMMISSION

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
SALEM, April 24.—Wilford Allen, editor of the Grants Pass Courier, was today appointed a member of the State Industrial Accident commission, taking the place of Lieutenant Colonel Abrams, of the militia, who is with his troops.

WILSON SIGNS BILL FOR \$7,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—President Wilson this afternoon signed the \$7,000,000,000 bond issue. The signing was devoid of ceremony. The pen used by the President was given to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who may give it to Lord Cunliffe, of the British commission.

ALLIES CHECKED CLAIMS GERMAN

WAR CRITIC AVERS HINDENBURG LINE ONLY BENDING TO GIVE CHANCE TO DESTROY BY COUNTER ATTACKS.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
AMSTERDAM, April 24.—The heaviest attacks of the Entente alliance against the German line have failed. Germany is yielding at certain points because of a definite plan to keep the fighting line in motion, according to Major Morsh, military critic in the Berlin Tages Zeitung. "The Germans, even at the cost of abandoning their dead, and portions of their own positions are maintaining their own strength while destroying that of the enemy," he writes. "To prevent the enemy from breaking through, there is the necessity for us to keep moving along the fighting line. We are yielding at some points to furnish opportunities for destructive counter attacks."

"This aim has been attained, and the first and greatest of the Entente attacks has failed. Further attempts will be made, but our confidence is undiminished."

GOOD ROADS MEN TO MEET IN PORTLAND

Oregon's conference of good roads advocates will be held in the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, next Saturday, April 28. It is called by the Legislative Good Roads committee, of which Dr. W. D. Wood, of Hillsboro, is chairman. In attendance will be the officers and leading members of the different good roads associations of the various counties and communities of Oregon.

While there will be several addresses, each of which will provide information of service in the campaign for the \$6,000,000 road bonding act, there will also be time for consideration of the practical business that will come before the conference. The most important business will be to determine what assistance can be rendered by the state-wide committee to the local organizations which are working for the bond issue.

Representatives of the local organizations will be asked to state their needs, and from their suggestions will develop such co-operation as the circumstances require and the financial resources of the state committee permit.

The campaign for the bonding act will come to its climax during the month following the April 28th conference. It will be time well spent for the brainiest men of every community to confer together for one day and get the benefit of each others' ideas so that the last 30 days of campaigning will count for the utmost.

MEN FOR TRADE WAR ARE PICKED TODAY

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Men who will help direct America's war for foreign trade are being selected in the chief cities of the country today. The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce is holding examinations for commercial attaches, positions which range up to \$5000 salary. The men selected will be sent to South America, Australasia and the Far East.

STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL NAMED

C. S. HUDSON MEMBER
FROM THIS SECTION.

Council Expected to Serve as Clearing House for Organized Mobilization of Oregon's Resources—May Control Funds.

SALEM, April 24.—(Special).—Governor Withycombe, at the request of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, has appointed a State Council of National Defense, which will be Oregon's official organization for co-operation with the National Council in the work of mobilizing the state's resources for war-time efficiency.

The distinction falls to a Bend man of being Central Oregon's representative on this council, the governor having asked C. S. Hudson, president of the First National Bank, to serve. Mr. Hudson has accepted. The chairman of the council is Henry Ladd Corbett, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Other members are General Charles E. Beebe, of Portland; Clarke Leiter, editor of the Observer, La Grande; R. N. Stanfield, of Pendleton, speaker of the last House of Representatives and one of the largest ranch owners and sheep raisers in the west; W. E. Shimpff, of Astoria, member of the legislature, and Charles Hall, a prominent citizen of Marshfield.

Meeting Called.
At the governor's request, Mr. Corbett is calling an immediate meeting of the council at Portland. Its first purpose is to select a member of the council to go to Washington to represent Oregon at a nationwide war conference called by Secretary Baker, to meet with him on May 2.

It is expected that the State Council will serve as the official clearing house for all organized mobilization of Oregon's resources as directed and advised by the national authorities, and that locally it will coordinate the activities of the various organizations working in different fields. The State Council probably will exercise general supervision over the application of any funds which may become available from the national treasury, and it presumably would be the agency in conjunction with which the government would act if the direct regulation of food prices and similar work, is undertaken.

When asked today concerning his plans in connection with the appointment, Mr. Hudson declared that while he is uncertain as to what his exact duties will be, he is already co-operating to the best of his ability by authorizing preference for farmers' stock and agricultural loans, at the First National Bank, of which he is president. "I hold it to be the duty of every man, and particularly of every banker, to use the funds he controls for purposes of preparedness along agricultural and livestock lines," Mr. Hudson said. He mentioned that active steps are being taken in the formation of a calf club, for the bringing of Tillamook calves to Central Oregon, and distributing them among the ranchers in this vicinity.

RURAL CREDIT FORMS ARRIVE

FULL DIRECTIONS FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FEDERAL FARM LOANS SENT BY SPOKANE LAND BANK.

Exact directions for the organization of farm loan associations under the Federal Rural Credit bill, and the necessary method of procedure in securing such loans, have just been received by U. S. Commissioner H. C. Ellis, of this city, from the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. Application blanks for the loans are included, and standard forms for the by-laws to be adopted by the associations, are to be sent later. Borrowers may not take less than \$100, nor more than \$10,000, according to the Rural Credits law. While the number seeking loans is relatively small, it is expected that an increase will be noted with the growth of the farm and home preparedness propaganda.