

THE WEATHER
Cooler tonight and tomorrow,
brisk winds.

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NEW LIBERTY FOR RUSSIA PROCLAIMED

SUGGESTIONS OF THE ARMY IS CAUSE.

LIFT RELIGIOUS BAN

Free Speech Guaranteed and Corporal Punishment Is Abolished by Order of Ministry—Demonstration to Greet Freedom.

By William G. Shepherd,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, April 29.—From the Winter Palace of the Czar, until recently the seat of the most autocratic government on earth, the following sign was displayed today, proclaiming the rising tide of world democracy: "The Proletariat of all countries unite."

At the suggestion of the army, Minister Cutchkoff issued the following orders, effecting a most radical change in the liberties and privileges of both the civil and military population of the country: All soldiers shall hereafter be Russian citizens; Complete religious freedom is granted, and the right of free speech guaranteed; church attendance shall not be compulsory; mail from the trenches shall be uncensored, and all mail, including pamphlets, shall be delivered to the soldiers; corporal punishment is abolished.

A great parade through the streets of the nation's capital will celebrate the new freedom.

ELECTION CREATES LITTLE INTEREST

Only 65 Ballots Cast on City Amendments Up to 3 o'Clock This Afternoon—Polls Close at Eight.

City elections held today on the issuing of \$16,000 worth of refunding bonds, and the amending of the city charter to provide for improvement districts and to switch responsibility for accidents from the municipality to property owners, created but little interest, and up to 3 o'clock this afternoon only 65 ballots had been cast, although it was estimated that at least 1200 should be eligible.

The polls are in the Minnesota avenue hose house, and will remain open until 8 o'clock this evening.

NATION'S STATESMEN "PICKED FOR DEATH"

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

TRENTON, N. J., April 30.—A notebook found today in the pockets of Charles G. Mueller, an Indianapolis architect, stated that President Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and other prominent men are "picked for death." United States authorities suspect assassination plots.

KEEP WATCH ON PLOT SUSPECT

GERMAN IN HANDS OF SECRET SERVICE.

Chemicals and Letter Sent From Germany via Japan, Found Among Effects of Fred Muller During Brief Stay In Bend.

On information furnished from the Deschutes county sheriff's office, Fred Muller, formerly of Burns, who passed through here Saturday night on his way to Portland, is being shadowed in that city by two secret service men, on suspicion of being connected with German bomb plot activities. Information to this effect was brought to Bend this morning by Conductor P. J. Gallagher, of the Oregon Trunk, who was detailed by Sheriff Roberts to watch Muller on the trip to Portland Saturday night. Gallagher returned to Bend this morning and said that he had wired ahead on the down trip, and that two detectives had met the train in Portland and were shadowing Muller in an endeavor to get more conclusive evidence before placing him under arrest.

Sheriff Roberts was warned before Muller's arrival here, that it would be well to watch the German, and from the time that Muller came into Bend, about 6 o'clock, until his departure at 9, he was constantly under surveillance by either Mr. Roberts or Deputy Earl Houston.

Chemicals Found.

During Muller's stay here his baggage was searched, a number of chemicals being found, some of which, if properly combined, might be dangerous as explosives. Mr. Roberts was informed by local pharmacists, Mauriatie acid, chlorate of potassium, and phosphate of magnesia, were among the substances found concealed in Muller's blankets. A German book and a letter of recent date sent from Germany by way of Japan were also noted. The articles were replaced exactly as they had been found, to avoid arousing Muller's suspicions. If he carried any weapons, or perfected munitions of any kind, they were hidden about his person, as a search of his effects failed to reveal them.

According to the information received from Harney county, Muller was always well equipped, with plenty of money at his disposal, but was never known to have any occupation.

REORGANIZATION OF ADMIRALTY WANTED BY BRITISH PUBLIC

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

LONDON, April 30.—The public of the nation is clamoring for a rehabilitation of the British admiralty. Lord North-cliff, who caused the reorganization of the war office in 1915, is leading the movement to reorganize the naval branch. The admiralty is criticized for its failure successfully to combat the submarines, for failure to afford sufficient coast protection, for permitting a number of destroyer raids to take place, and for the suppression of facts concerning German submarine activities and Allies' losses.

RESERVE OFFICERS DRILL WITH WOODEN GUNS

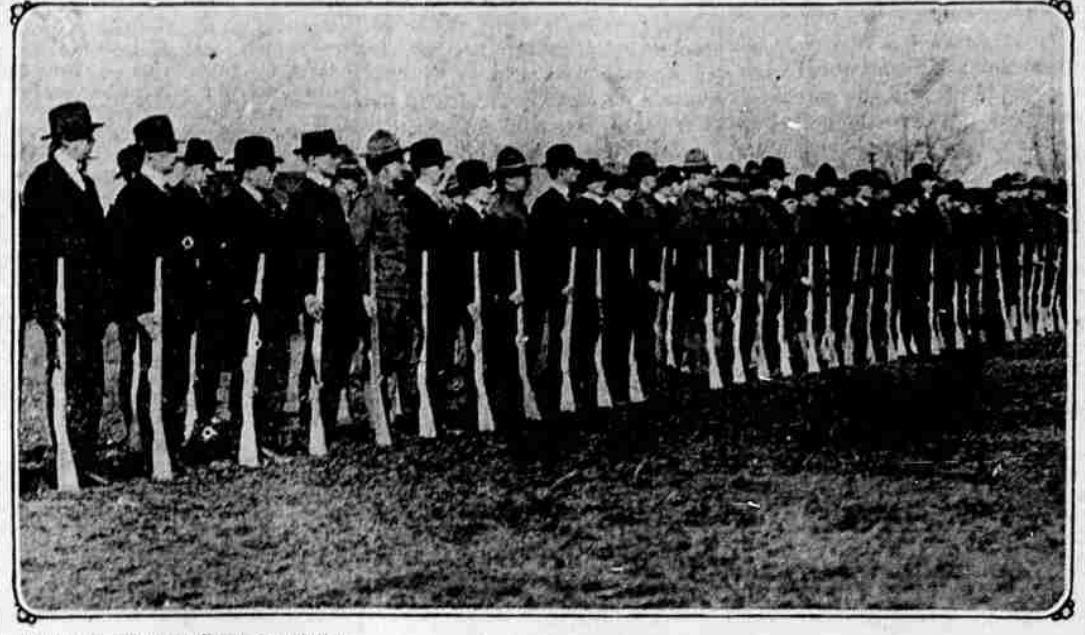


Photo by American Press Association. While the manufacturers of guns are filling rush orders for Uncle Sam, new recruits for the army, unable to get guns, are provided with wooden ones for drill purposes. Above is the officers' reserve corps on Governors island using the wooden "weapons."

Surgeons to be First U. S. Unit to go to Europe; Names Being Collected for Early Commencement of Drafting Plan

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—One thousand surgeons, wearing American uniforms, and dispatched as a military unit, will be the first United States expeditionary force sent to Europe, the War Department announced today.

In preparation for the outfitting of hundreds of thousands of men under the conscription bill, the House appropriations committee introduced a bill today in Congress having as its object the appropriation of \$2,699,000,000 for the army and navy.

The final decision to raise the nation's army of 2,000,000 by selective conscription, rather than by the volunteer system, was reached Saturday night when the Senate passed the

measure by a vote of 81 to eight. The final vote of the House showed 397 in favor and 24 against the draft bill.

According to the Senate bill, the draft would apply to men between the ages of 21 and 27 while the measure passed by the House fixed the age limits at from 21 to 40. This and other minor differences are to be smoothed out in conference early this week. Prohibitionists in the House maintained their fight to the end, attempting by one rule or another to force the House into concurrence with the Senate bone-dry amendment.

With the conscription bill still, in a sense, in a state of preparation, no direct communication had been received in Bend up to this afternoon by Recruiting Officer Davis, as to the course which would be taken in enforcing the new law in Bend and throughout other Central Oregon sections. The drafting, however, it is known, will be handled largely through county and city registrations, tax lists, and other public records, and it is understood that names have been already secured by Corporal Davis, on which the first levy in this section will be based. It is probable that Corporal Davis, who has been in charge of the recruiting department through Central Oregon for several weeks past, will also have charge of the forced enlistment, although no definite word to that effect has been received here.

FOOD REGULATION ASKED IN HOUSE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Governmental war-time regulation of the nation's food production and all other dependent industries, which is being urged by Secretary of Agriculture Houston, was demanded today in a resolution urged by Chairman Lever, of the House Agricultural committee.

DATES ASKED FOR FRENCH COMMISSION

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Senator Lewis, of Illinois, called on the State Department today to arrange for the French commissioners to stop at Chicago, Evanston, and Springfield, on their trip west. The commissioners will visit Springfield to pay homage to the memory of Lincoln. The time of their departure, and the route they will take has not yet been determined on.

FOOD PROBLEM MOST SERIOUS

COUNTY AGRICULTURALISTS IN CONFERENCE DECLARE STATE FACES SHORTAGE OF PROVISIONS AND LABOR.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

PORTLAND, April 30.—A general shortage of wheat, grain, a great lack in the number of cattle, not enough hogs for home consumption, and a widespread hay and labor shortage were revealed here today at the conference of county agriculturalists. The situation is regarded as serious. Farmers are not aroused to the seriousness of the situation.

The labor shortage is declared acute, and arrangements are made to close many of the high schools so that the boys can go to work. Merchants in some towns in the state have promised to close their stores and work in the fields during the harvest season. Oregon crops this year will be below normal and the agriculturalists are planning a campaign of drastic measures in an endeavor to better the situation.

MINING DISASTER PROBE IS STARTED

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

TRINIDAD, Col., April 30.—Investigation of the causes lying behind the entombment of seven miners who were suffocated to death in the Mountain King gold mine, was begun today by county authorities. All the bodies have been recovered. The men were caught when a derangement of the machinery prevented those above from supplying the needed air to the miners.

FREE DEMONSTRATION

A free demonstration of Dependable coffee will be held at Bennett's grocery this week. The public is invited to come in and attend the demonstration.—Adv.

FIRST VICTIMS CLAIMED IN WAR

U. S. LIEUTENANT AND GUN CREW BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE DOWN WITH SUBMARINED TANK SHIP, VACUUM.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

LONDON, April 30.—The American tanking steamer Vacuum, bound to the United States from Liverpool, was torpedoed Saturday, it was announced today. The American naval lieutenant, nine gunners from the American navy, the captain, and some of the crew are reported missing.

Unless the American lieutenant and the gun crew, now reported among the lost, are later rescued, they will be America's first fighting force to be killed in an engagement with German undersea boats.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Captain S. S. Harris, residing in Lampston, N. Y., was commanding the oil tanker when sunk, according to information received here. Lieutenant Thomas was commanding the gunners. The Vacuum carried two guns and had a crew of 34. It had been making the run from the United States to Europe since 1914.

ELKS PASS ON NAMES OF MANY

LIST OF APPLICANTS SENT IN TO HEADQUARTERS — DISPENSATION FOR ORGANIZATION OF LODGE TO FOLLOW.

Resident Elks gathered Saturday night at the Pilot Butte Inn to ballot on the names of 102 applicants for membership in the lodge which is to be organized here. The meeting was the first official gathering authorized by the grand officers of the order, following the petition for a charter filed by the Bend members. As a part of the business of the meeting, Vernon A. Forbes was elected temporary chairman and Ralph Poindexter temporary secretary. The names of successful applicants are being sent in to national headquarters at New Orleans, from there to be sent to The Dalles, as the nearest lodge to Bend. The receipt of the dispensation, and organization of the Bend lodge will follow.

U. S. Army Officers Among Heroes on Western Front

By F. A. McKenzie,
(Written for the United Press.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 30.—Ask any Canadian about the Americans in the ranks, and the chances are that he will mention two names, Major Stewart and Captain Stanley Woods, both from the United States army, and both killed about the same time in the fight for the recovery of Observatory Ridge in July, 1916.

Stanley Woods comes from a well known family in Kansas City, and was on the staff of General Leonard Wood. His father fought for the North and his uncle for the South in the Civil war. He resigned his U. S. commission, against the urgent representations of old army friends, and enlisted at Toronto as a private. He was anxious to get to the front, and so unhesitatingly tackled the

U. S. TROOPS ARE WANTED IMMEDIATELY

ALLIES SEEK HELP IN FRENCH TRENCHES.

METHOD IS OUTLINED

Shipping in Small Units Advised — Only Intensive Training Within Sound of Big Guns Needed, Say Commissioners.

By George Martin,
(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—It will be only a few days before the United States militia now being mobilized, are on their way to Europe, and less than six weeks before they are actually fighting the Germans, if the urgent recommendation of the Allies to the American government meet the approval of the administration.

It became known today that the Allies want American troops to go in small units, several hundred to be shipped on each vessel sailing for Europe. This will obviate necessity for concentrating enormous masses of men in one place, it is argued, and eliminate the crippling of food magazines and shipping arrangements in transporting them at once to Europe.

These American troops, the Allies assured the government, will not be fused with the English, French, Russian or Canadian troops, but will fight as American units. The recommendations of the Allies were intended to show the United States that it is unnecessary to train troops for months before shipping them abroad, for in any case, five weeks intensive training within sound of the big guns, would be necessary.

By virtue of an amendment to the military bill, adopted by the House, all privates in the regular army, national guard, and in the new army, will receive \$30 a month during the war, instead of \$15 a month as was formerly the case.

VALLEY OF SCARPE IS GRAVE OF MANY GERMAN SOLDIERS

By William Phillip Simms,
(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY April 30.—The Valley of the River Scarpe is fast becoming the Valley of Death for thousands of Prussians. In terms of losses the battle now raging is the worst defeat of the year for the German forces. With the northern end of the Wotan line slowly milling away, and the seriously threatened, General von Hindenburg is throwing division after division into the struggle. The British guns are reaping a horrible harvest.

Special Election Measures Listed by State Secretary

SALEM, April 28.—Secretary of State Ben W. Oleott Wednesday certified to all the county clerks of the state the ballot titles, ballot numbers and arrangements of the measures which are to be placed on the ballot for the special election to be held June 4. The titles, numbers and arrangements are as follows:

Submitted by the Legislature— Authorizing Ports to Create Limited Indebtedness to Encourage Water Transport. Purpose: Amending section 9 of article 11 of the constitution by providing that municipal corporations designated ports may be empowered by statute to raise money for bonuses to aid water transportation lines between such ports and to assist in establishing water transportation lines between such ports and other ports to assist in establishing water transportation on inferior rivers of Oregon or on rivers between Washington and Oregon, or Washington and Idaho reached by navigation from Oregon's rivers. Such indebtedness shall not exceed 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the municipality

and may be incurred only by a majority vote thereon.

300 Yes.

301 No.

Submitted by the Legislative Assembly. A bill for taxation of Oregon & California Land Grant. Purpose: Declaring and asserting the sovereign right of the state of Oregon to tax certain lands known as Oregon & California land grant and granted under certain acts of congress; authorizing, empowering and directing the listing of such lands on the assessment rolls of certain counties, and providing for the listing of such lands on the 1916 assessment rolls of certain counties, and relieving such counties from the payment of state tax thereon until the same is collected by such counties.

302 Yes.

303 No.

Submitted by the Legislature— Limiting number of Bills Introduced, and increasing pay of Legislators. Purpose: Amending sections 18 and 29 of Article IV of the constitution.

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