

WAR OFFICE IS BUSY ON DRAFT PLAN

TO MAKE FIRST LEVY BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

METHOD DETERMINED

Police Will Be Used to Round Up Slackers—Big Railroads of East Plan to Use Women When Men are in the Army.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The War Department is completing the machinery for conscription of the first levy of 500,000 men today. On some day designated by proclamation, probably before Sept. 1, all men between the ages set by the bill will be ordered to visit the polls and register. Each upon registration will be given a card designating his number, and the class in which he will be called for examination.

It is planned to use the police to get slackers who fail, or refuse to register. Under the bill a heavy penalty is imposed for failure to register.

Calls by classes will follow, and as each class reports, the men subject to exemption, munitions workers, men with dependents, agricultural workers, and other classes to be determined by the President, will be weeded out.

The remainder will be sifted by physical tests until the fit are saved, and the unfit rejected.

Following, another class will be summoned, and the process repeated until all men of the nation, who are physically able and who are not subject to exemption, have been determined. It is expected that a jury wheel will be used in determining the first levy.

WOMEN WILL DO PART.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Many big eastern railroads are making arrangements to employ women in place of men who will be drafted for service in the U. S. army. Among the roads which will take these steps are the New Haven, the Lehigh Valley, the Erie, the New York Central, and the Pennsylvania lines. All the railroads declare that no men will be replaced by women unless actually drafted.

Women will be used in the departments not actually engaged in the physical operation of trains. The Lehigh Valley is now using women in cleaning cars, and a few as train dispatchers.

The Long Island is prepared to employ many women as clerks in the clerical department. Other railroads plan to employ women as ticket agents, and in similar positions.

ENGLISH DEBT IS HUGE SUM

MORE THAN 18 BILLION, CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER REVEALS WHEN HE PRESENTS BUDGET TO COMMONS.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

LONDON, May 2.—England's present national debt is \$18,499,000,000 according to figures accompanying the budget which Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced in the House of Commons today to provide for the handling of the great indebtedness. The budget proposed three increases in addition to the present system in use for raising funds. An increase in the duty on tobacco, and an advance in the excess income tax are among the suggestions which are being made for making up the amount required in the budget.

The war cabinet of Great Britain is taking up the food question seriously, and is considering compulsory nation-wide rationing scheme, Captain Bothurst, of the Food Control department, announced to the House of Commons today.

DEATH CLAIMS A. O. HUNTER

HAD BEEN SICK FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

End Follows Second Operation Necessitated by Condition Brought On By Pneumonia—Prominent in The Bend Co.

A. O. Hunter, of The Bend Company, who has been sick in the Grace hospital in Detroit for a number of weeks, died there last night at 11 o'clock, according to a message received here this morning from his brother, D. E. Hunter, who has been with him for some time. The immediate cause of death is understood to have been an operation for boils or an abscess, following pneumonia. D. E. Hunter was hurriedly called to his brother's bedside late in March when he was reported to be critically ill with pneumonia. From time to time since then messages have been received from Mr. Hunter reporting on his brother's condition and giving rise to the hope that recovery was certain. A few weeks ago, following a first operation, the patient was reported to have passed the crisis of his disease. Later complications set in, however, necessitating another operation and death resulted.

Was Prominent Here.

Mr. Hunter, or "A. O.," was he was familiarly known by his friends in Bend, was in his 36th year. He had been identified with this city since 1910 when he first visited here and with his brother, D. E. Hunter, bought the old Pilot Butte Inn and the Drake property. In 1911 the brothers became associated with timber owners in this section in the formation of The Bend Company, taking over much of the real estate in what is now the central portion of the city and also a small saw mill near town.

The Hunter brothers acted as sales agents for The Bend Company after its formation, and "A. O." was here during a large part of 1911 and 1912. Following that time his stays here were shorter until the activity in connection with the building of the new saw mills began in 1915. He was here for a large part of 1916, leaving in October for Los Angeles and then going to Detroit to attend to business matters there.

Besides his brother, D. E. Hunter, of Bend, Mr. Hunter leaves a brother living in Dayton, Ohio, and a sister in Troy, Ohio. His aged father also survives in Dayton. He was unmarried.

Mr. Hunter had unusual qualities as a salesman, being spoken of by friends who knew him as the ablest they had ever seen. At one time he had charge of the school for salesmen conducted by the National Cash Register Company for its employees being the youngest man who ever held the position.

U-BOAT SITUATION MOST GRAVE, SAYS SECRETARY LANSING

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Secretary of State Lansing officially warned the nation today concerning the gravity of the submarine situation. "We might as well make up our minds that the situation is serious," he declared. The assertion was made following an announcement by Secretary Lane, in which he stated that the Germans had sunk 400,000 tons of shipping in one week, and that war would have to be carried into Germany if it was to be kept away from the United States.
Secretary Lansing's warning created the deepest impression here.

ARGENTINE BREAK IS THOUGHT NEAR

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
BUENOS AIRES, May 2.—The explanation given by Germany for the torpedoing of the Argentine steamer Monte Protegido, is unsatisfactory. It is generally believed that a break in relations between Argentina and Germany is near.

RUSSIANS EVACUATE POST IN THE SOUTH

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
CONSTANTINOPLE, May 2.—The evacuation of Mush by the Russians and retirement to the north is officially stated.

SHIPBUILDERS RESPOND TO CALL FOR "CHASERS"

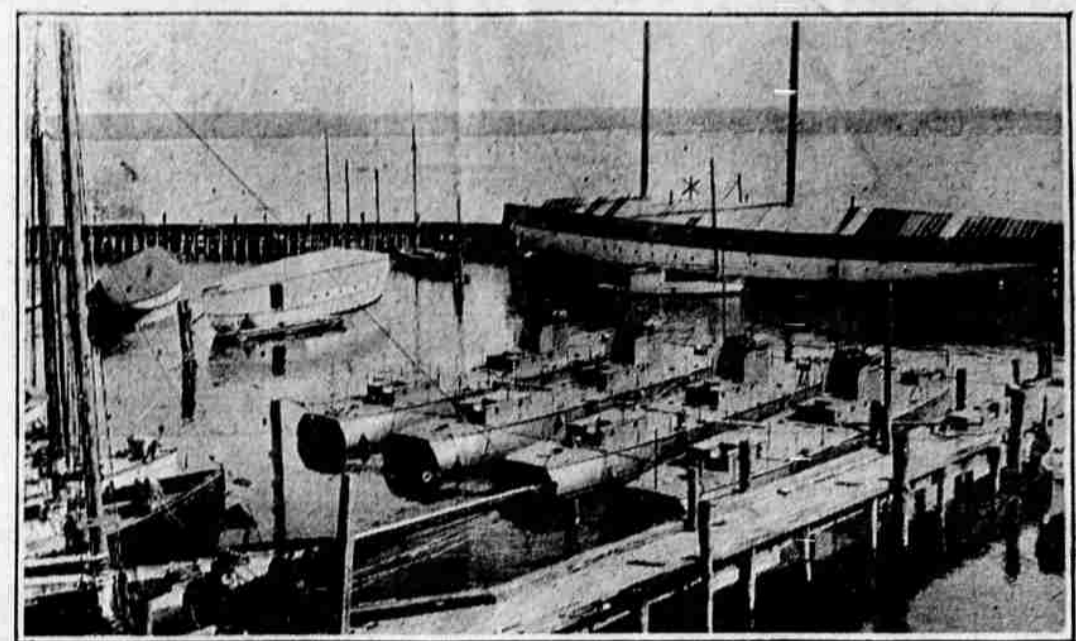


Photo by American Press Association.
Finished U boat chasers in a shipyard somewhere on the Atlantic coast ready to be sent to the barred zone, while work on others has been quickened in response to Admiral Jellicoe's appeal to us to hurry them across sea.

Governor Withycombe asks Co-operation of County Officials in Preparing for Enforcement of the conscription Bill

SALEM, May 2.—(Special)—Making preparations for the selective conscription by which the United States army is to be recruited, Governor James Withycombe, sketching the plan for the war census outlined by Secretary of War Baker, is writing to the sheriffs of all counties in the state, asking their co-operation, and hinting as to the methods by which the work may be most efficiently carried out.

In his letter, the governor says:

"Registration will be conducted through the usual channels, that is, the county and local precinct officials. Each county will be a unit by itself, all acting under the general supervision and with the co-operation of this office.

"At the suggestion of the Secretary of War, the governor designates the sheriff, county clerk and county physician as the official registration board for the county. It is hoped, and expected, that so far as possible the services of the various officials and clerks will be given without compensation, as a voluntary patriotic contribution to the great work of mobilizing the nation's resources for war-time efficiency.

Points Need of Haste.

"Immediately upon the signature of the completed bill by the President there will be sent to me instructions covering all details of state, county and precinct registration. Also there will be mailed from Washington, direct to each sheriff, all the necessary blanks. Should these not reach you, a reserve supply will be available at this office.

Preparation Urged.

"I am, therefore, writing this letter to inform you of what Oregon has been called upon to do. Until you receive the blanks, and I am able to place before you the detailed instructions which later will come to this office, you cannot actually start operations. But you can, and I sincerely hope you will, lay your plans and get in touch with your fellow county and precinct officials, with the end that general preparation may be made for prompt and efficient conduct of the work.

"You will please inform your county clerk and county physician that you three comprise the registration board for your county. I also suggest that you call for volunteers who will co-operate in the considerable clerical and detail work which will

be required. The assistance of local commercial and municipal organizations would be valuable, and should be enlisted. Here is a practical opportunity for public-spirited men and women of your county to co-operate with you in this big national undertaking, upon which in such a large measure depends the success of our military organization.

Opportunity For Service.

"While this office is responsible for the conduct of the war census in Oregon, the details of administration will be conducted, under my supervision, through the office of the Adjutant General of Oregon, whose address is 640 Morgan Building, Portland. Queries concerning the conduct of the work should, so far as possible, be addressed to him, and every assistance and co-operation will be rendered by both his and this office.

"It is my earnest desire that Oregon shall acquit herself creditably and I ask for your utmost co-operation and the patriotic assistance of the citizens of your county."

Sheriff S. E. Roberts, of Deschutes county, stated this morning that so far he had not heard from Governor Withycombe on the subject, but expected to receive definite word tomorrow. Until then, no organization of the work will be started in the county, he said.

Roads, Irrigation, and Food Subjects Discussed by Club

Discussion of the food preparedness question, of means for securing victory for the \$6,000,000 state road bond issue at the special election in June, and of the Benham Falls segregation featured the meeting of the Bend Commercial Club held this noon at the Pilot Butte Inn. The lengthy deliberations prevented the bringing up of other important matters which were intended to have been introduced.

Manager H. J. Overturf reported on the state roads convention in Portland Saturday, declaring that the carrying of the road bond issue was practically up to the Central Oregon district, and advising that speedy action be taken by the club in mapping out a campaign of action to insure that the measure should not fall in Deschutes county. The club referred the matter to the roads committee.

It was also reported that the question of the fish hatchery is being taken up, and that the plant will be properly maintained to provide for its efficient functioning.

A communication from State Engineer John H. Lewis relative to the throwing open of 9000 acres of the Benham Falls segregation, was read, intimating that the water rights of the Arnold ditch are somewhat involved, and expressing doubt as to whether or not the waters of the ditch could legally be used for irrigating a portion of the Benham Falls project.

Mr. Overturf declared that the matter is unimportant, suggesting that too much time has already been spent on it. As a test of the club's opinion on the question, R. W. Sawyer, of the Irrigation committee, moved that the committee be dis-

GERMAN-LOSSES ARE CLOSE TO 4,000,000

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
AMSTERDAM, May 2.—To date, Germany's losses in the war have been 1,300,000 killed, according to statistics just announced in Berlin by Dr. Friedrich Hausman. It is estimated that the total of killed and the German birth decrease has cut German population 3,800,000. Females now outnumber males by more than 2,000,000.

GERMAN POSITIONS UNDER HEAVY FIRE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN THE AFIELD, May 2.—France is waging her greatest artillery battle in the endeavor to blast loose the German hold on the crest of Moronvillers, the Gibraltar of the Champagne plains.

13 OF CREW OF U. S. VESSEL ARE MISSING

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, May 2.—Thirteen men of the crew of the American steamer Rockingham, which was submerged, are reported missing. A patrol vessel brought word of the tragedy through the testimony of 33 survivors rescued yesterday. Survivors said that the Germans submarined the Rockingham.

ARMIES ARE QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, May 2.—Another night of inaction, insofar as the movements of large bodies of troops were concerned, was reported today from the western front. General Haig reported that German raiders were repulsed in an artillery duel along the line between St. Quentin and Lens.

ARMY AND NAVY BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The House today passed the Army and Navy appropriation bill, totalling \$2,827,000,000, the largest of its kind in the history of the world, by a vote of 362 to one. Meyer London, Socialist, voted "No."

BEND RIFLES' ROSTER GROWS

TWO DRILLS WILL BE HELD WEEKLY.

Enlistments For Company to Reach 100 Before End of Week—Uniforms Ordered For Members—Drill Hour Changed.

The Bend Rifles, with an enlistment of more than 50 men, will get on an actual drilling basis Friday night. The enlistments have been coming in steadily to Captain Frank R. Prince and many more are expected before the close of the week, which it is expected will bring the number of men close to 100.

That the company's operations may assume more of a military aspect and that it may be afforded drilling facilities of a regular company, drill grounds and field headquarters have been established. The drill grounds are on the grounds formerly used by the baseball team on Bond street near Louisiana street and field headquarters have been established on the property west of the drill grounds. It is intended that outside drill will be featured Friday night. The hour of drilling has been changed from 7:30 to 8 o'clock. Assembly will be sounded at 7:45 p. m. The change in the hour will enable men working in the mills to return to their homes for dinner before drill. The Emblem club hall will be used temporarily for barracks until the athletic club building is completed. Drills will be held Monday and Friday nights.

Members Enumerated.

The company is made up of the following officers and privates: Captain, Frank R. Prince; first lieutenant, Carl A. Johnson; second lieutenant, D. G. McPherson; adjutant, J. B. Heyburn; first sergeant, Harry Shoultz; color sergeant, Mr. Lundeen; duty sergeants, T. Beagan, Myron Powell, B. A. Stover, Fred A. Woelffen; chief musician, Frank Kellner; chief drummer, H. H. Lamping; chief of medical corps, J. D. Donovan; corporals, Joe Lyons, Kenneth Sawyer, Charles Frazer; privates, R. C. Newell, P. H. Hosmer, D. Elkins, A. Whisman, E. F. McKee, A. M. Pringle, R. M. Smith, C. R. Smith, R. A. Stevens, Robert Innes, L. C. Devereaux, G. A. Taylor, T. R. Hoke, L. H. Kelley, H. H. DeArmond, M. Powell, F. S. Waite, R. W. Sawyer, C. L. Mannheimer, C. G. Sumner, B. Clarno, F. Meyers, J. H. Clarno, R. L. Whitson, William Hunt, B. Rogers, H. W. Skuse, W. H. May, H. Keller, S. Bond, U. S. Bond, T. H. Bond, A. Christianson, Edward Lyons, Gerry Horskotte, W. Ferguson, Guy H. Wilson and F. G. Wilcox.

Orders have been placed for uniforms for most of the company now enlisting. The uniforms are expected to arrive within the next week for the men.

COUNTY COURT TO AID FAIRS

REDMOND, TUMALO AND SISTERS EACH TO GET \$300—WATER FRANCHISE GIVEN, AND ROAD AID EXTENDED.

Co-operating actively in the national food preparedness movement, the Deschutes county court, in session today voted \$300 each for the Tumalo, Sisters, and Redmond fairs, with the intention of having the money offered by the respective fair associations as prizes for quantity in crop production. Twenty dollars in prizes was authorized to be given for essays by school children on the means of preventing the spread of disease, and the extermination of flies.

The court granted a franchise for a water system in Sisters. Petitions in the matter of the Dayton and Orcutt roads were continued, but \$200 was allowed for use on the stretch of highway from the 22 mile post road on the Bend to Burns road to the Stanley Smith place on the Silver Lake road. In donation work, \$190 has already been expended. P. B. Johnson, of Millican, was in urging the appropriation.