

TREATY WORK NEARING END

BILL FOR DAMAGES TO BE SET SOON.

Japanese to Push Equality of Races Issue—British Delegation Thinks League Would Strengthen Monroe Doctrine.

By Fred S. Ferguson (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, March 19.—The supreme war council was expected formally to ratify today the tentative agreement understood to have been reached yesterday on territorial and financial questions connected with the preliminary peace treaty.

With the government heads already unanimous on this question, the fixing of the definite amount of the indemnity appears to be only a matter of a few days. Meanwhile, work is being pushed on the league of nations covenant, which is to be incorporated in the preliminary pact.

BRITISH BACK LEAGUE.

PARIS, March 19.—Lord Cecil, the British league of nations expert, told correspondents today that the British delegation considers that the league covenant should be made a part of the preliminary peace treaty.

"If the Monroe doctrine means what I think it does, non-interference in American affairs by Europeans without the consent of the United States, the doctrine is strengthened by the league, since no action could be taken under the provisions of the league covenant without America's consent."

HAYSTACK RANCHERS WILL FIGHT BONDS

Injunction Suit Will Be Answer to \$5,000,000 Bond Election in the North Unit, Says Attorney.

That ranchers of the Haystack District Improvement Co. will in the near future file injunction proceedings to restrain the North Unit irrigation district from including the lands of the company, about 2000 acres in all, in the assessment under the new \$5,000,000 bond issue was the declaration this morning of W. P. Myers, attorney for the company.

The bond election, which was held Monday, carried by a majority of 137. It was learned here today. It is the second election of the kind held in the district, the first, which carried, being invalidated because of defective procedure. The district comprises approximately 100,000 acres, all privately owned, and much of it now under cultivation.

COURT DISMISSES DAN HEISING CASE

Judge J. A. Eastes today dismissed the case of the state vs. Dan Heising, Metolius rancher, who, under the complaint brought by District Game Warden George Tonkin, was alleged to have had deer meat in his possession. The court held that there was insufficient evidence to warrant a hearing.

LOGGING ROAD TO START NEXT WEEK

Contractors in charge of the seven-mile extension of The Shevlin-Hixon Company logging road have arrived in Bend and expect to start work next week. Two carloads of machinery to be used on the job have just been received.

COUNTY VALUES DECLARED LOW

BUSINESS MEN HEAR COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Increase of 50 Per Cent. in Valuations Recommended—Assessor Wants Even More—Action on Report Is Deferred.

That assessed valuations in Deschutes county on real estate, buildings, merchandise and timber range from 11 to 4 1/2 per cent. was the report today of a committee appointed by the Commercial club to investigate valuations. Livestock, according to H. J. Overturf, member of the committee, is assessed at a much higher relative valuation than the other classes of property which were covered in the statement of R. W. Sawyer.

The committee's recommendations, made to the Commercial club in regular session at the Pilot Butte Inn this noon, advised that the law providing that the county may receive a share of taxes on stock from other counties, pastured in Deschutes, be taken full advantage of, that an effort be made to assess money, notes and accounts, of which only a small proportion are now taxed, and that valuations be increased 50 per cent. in such a manner that the proportionate discrepancy between the estimated values of different classes of property be as nearly as possible eliminated.

W. T. Mullarky, county assessor, expressed his thanks to the committee for its work, declared that it would be of considerable assistance to him, but advocated an even greater increase in valuations than that which had been recommended.

L. A. Hunt of Lower Bridge, from which section the request prompting the investigation originally came, thanked the club for the interest shown in the assessment question.

The report of the committee was laid over for more definite action until the next meeting.

At the opening of the club luncheon, the Hawaiian troubadours, playing at the Liberty theater, appeared through courtesy of Manager Ward Coble and gave several excellent vocal and instrumental selections. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Coble by the club.

BANK OBSERVES 10TH BIRTHDAY

FIRST NATIONAL'S GROWTH FROM MODEST BEGINNING PARALLELS PROGRESS MADE BY CITY AND COUNTRY.

With an enviable record of aiding in the development of livestock and agricultural interests in Central Oregon, the Bend First National bank celebrated its 10th birthday today. During the time which has elapsed since the founding of the institution the bank has been under the same management, and four of the original five directors—C. S. Hudson, president; H. C. Ellis, Dr. U. C. Coe and E. A. Sather, vice president—are still serving in that capacity. Guy Reynolds, just elected as the fifth member of the board, came to the bank six weeks after it started in business and has worked up from messenger to his present position of cashier.

At the outset the First National had resources of \$40,000, and from this beginning it has increased to more than \$1,000,000. During its history it has seen Bend advance from a village of 500 to a city of over 6000 population. In its policy of service the institution has recently added to its list of officers by choosing R. A. Ward, formerly county agricultural agent, as vice president. L. M. Foss became a vice president approximately a year ago. The bank will entertain its employees tonight at a dinner to be given at the Pilot Butte Inn.

DEBATE TONIGHT ON LEAGUE PLAN

BOSTON, March 19.—Much interest is being taken in the debate announced for tonight between Senator Lodge and Dr. Lowell of Harvard on the league of nations questions.

Advertising Will Bring Prosperity Declares Expert

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—Extensive advertising campaigns throughout the country will put business on its feet and relieve present stagnation, Roger Babson, director of the information service, department of labor, and business authority, declared today. He has sent statements to big business men all over the country urging increased advertising as a means of ushering in an era of great prosperity.

OVER \$17,000 IN TAXES PAID

AVERAGE OF \$1000 A DAY COMING INTO SHERIFF'S OFFICE—ACCOUNTANT PRAISES CONDITION OF BOOKS.

Deschutes county taxes are coming in at an average rate of \$1000 a day, and up to this morning \$17,042.25 had already been taken in, Chief Deputy Sheriff August Anderson reported today. The total receipts yesterday were \$3000. The entire taxes for the year amounted to \$291,432.85 and of this amount half must be paid in by April 5 if taxpayers are to avoid adding interest to the amounts due from them.

An unusually large number of full payments is being made. Mr. Anderson says, many property owners in Deschutes county apparently preferring to discharge their obligations at one time rather than to take advantage of the law allowing liquidation of tax obligations in two installments. That the county is generally increasing in prosperity is evidenced, he says, by the fact that a much more ready response is being made by taxpayers than was the case last year.

Max Crandall, expert accountant, who is going over the county's books, complimented the sheriff's office this morning on the efficiency of its book-keeping. He declared that records in this department of the county administration are in first class condition and are the best of any books he has gone over this year.

START MOVE TO REDUCE PRICES

INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS TODAY WITH STEEL PRODUCERS, AND BIG CUT IN QUOTATIONS IS EXPECTED AS RESULT.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—With the aim of reducing war prices, the government departmental chiefs today began a series of conferences with representatives of various industries. Today's conference was between the new industrial board and the steel men. The expected result is a new schedule of steel and iron prices much below the present quotations, but probably somewhat above pre-war prices.

The tables of the board show that steel and iron average 120 per cent. higher than in 1914. The plan advocated by the board, to which the steel men have tentatively agreed, is to make one reduction which will stand for some time so that users of steel will feel safe in proceeding with large purchases.

LOW PER CENT. BEER AN OPEN QUESTION

Government Has Formulated No Policy in Regard to Beverage of Slight Alcoholic Content.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—Assistant Attorney General Frierson, prohibition prosecutor, after a long conference today with Attorney General Palmer, stated that nothing definite has been decided as to the government's policy in preventing brewers from brewing beer containing 2.75 per cent. alcohol.

SPECIAL TAX MOVE OPPOSED

COUNCIL FAILS TO SET ELECTION.

City Fathers to Hold Extra Session to Settle Question Next Week—Health Bill Passes, and New Laws Are Asked.

Uninfluenced by the recent vote of the Commercial club and the Central Labor council favoring a special tax as the most advisable means of wiping out Bend's warrant indebtedness, four out of the five members of the city council, in session last night, expressed themselves as advocating a bond issue for this purpose. Frank Sutherland, the fifth member, expressed no opinion. D. G. McPherson was absent. After more than an hour's discussion, in which Mayor J. A. Eastes upheld the special tax cause as the one preferred by the people, the question was tabled, and will be brought up again at an extra session to be held next Tuesday night. An effort will be made at that time definitely to decide on a special election and to determine whether the people shall be given the opportunity to vote on a tax levy, a bond issue, an increased budget or on some combination of the three questions.

Councilman R. P. Minter led in the fight against the direct tax, declaring that short time notes, which would be needed to tide the city over until tax funds would be available, would draw 7 per cent. interest, while bonds would draw but 6. This argument was answered by D. H. Peoples, who stated that the cost of handling the bonds would easily make up the difference of 1 per cent. City Attorney Benson emphasized that the people of Bend are in favor of a special tax, and that to endeavor to give them something which they do not desire could result in nothing but failure.

Councilmen Give Views.

Councilman J. C. Rhodes believed that by bonding taxpayers would have a chance to recover from the heavy expenditures of the past two years. G. Benson feared that special taxation would frighten away prospective investors, while E. L. Payne, favoring bonds, urged that both solutions of the problem be placed on the ballot for popular decision at an election in the near future.

A. J. Goggins of the Central Labor council differed from the large majority of that body, declaring that a bond issue would poll a large union vote in Bend. He admitted, however, that co-operation with the Central council and the Commercial club would be necessary to insure success. Building Encouraged.

The council went on record as heartily endorsing the building of many private homes in the city this year by withdrawing its option on 16,000 brick contracted for with the Bend Brick & Lumber Co. for the construction of the new fire house. Councilman Minter's plea that the brick were needed for immediate work on dwellings in Bend prompted the action. A. H. Horn, of the brick

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91ST DIVISION COMING SOON

WESTERN TROOPS LISTED FOR EARLY CONVOY—NATIONAL GUARD UNITS WILL SAIL FROM FRANCE IN FEW WEEKS.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The war department today announced that practically all units of the 91st division have been assigned for early convoy.

The 91st is composed of men drafted in Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

GUARDSMEN LISTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The 26th division (the New England National Guard) and the 42nd, or Rainbow division, are scheduled to sail from Brest to Boston and New York, respectively, between March 28 and April 19, the war department announced today.

GENERAL STRIKE IS DECLARED BY GARMENT WORKERS

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

CLEVELAND, O., March 19.—A general strike in the men's clothing industry was called here today. Union officials stated that half of the 4000 workers employed had responded to the call. The men demand a 44-hour week and a 30 per cent. increase in pay, with time and a half for overtime. An additional demand is made for the abolition of the sub-contract system and recognition of the union.

The present hours of the workers are between 60 and 70 a week, union leaders said.

ATHLETIC CLUB WILL ENLARGE

MORE PEOPLE TO BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY PRIVILEGES—OFFICERS CHOSEN AT ANNUAL MEETING.

To increase the membership of the Bend Amateur Athletic club so that more people may be afforded an opportunity to enjoy the activities of the organization and to broaden the activities to provide interest for a greater number of people without greater cost will be one of the plans of the club this year.

The B. A. A. C. as an organization passed into its third year last night at the annual meeting of the members, at which time a new board of directors was elected, composed of Fred A. Woeffen, president; Frank R. Prince, vice president; George P. Gore, C. A. Hayden and Frank Inabnit, directors.

As soon as possible there will be a membership campaign, which will be carried on with the view to encouraging people of the city to avail themselves of the club in greater numbers than now.

Several important recommendations for the coming year were made by L. C. Carroll, who has been studying the needs of the organization since he became secretary on January 1.

The retiring board of directors are: Carl A. Johnson, president; H. A. Miller, T. H. Foley, H. E. Allen and D. G. McPherson.

PLEADS GUILTY TO STATUTORY CHARGE

Fred Lucas, Held to Grand Jury, Is Released on Bond—Jack Hayes to Plead Tomorrow.

On an additional charge, that of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as well as on the original complaint alleging a statutory offense, Fred Lucas pleaded guilty in Justice court yesterday evening and was held to the grand jury under bonds totalling \$2000. Bondsmen were found this noon. Jack Hayes, arrested yesterday on a complaint sworn to by Harry Riley, asked for further time, and the case was continued by Judge J. A. Eastes until tomorrow.

It is understood that a number of other cases of a similar character are being investigated by the authorities and that other charges may be preferred as a result.

ARMY TO LEAVE SIBERIA SOON

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—American troops in Siberia will be withdrawn this spring, Secretary of War Baker declared today following his arrival in this city. He said that the exact date of their repatriation will depend on weather conditions.

200 POSTMASTERS TO BE APPOINTED

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—President Wilson has ordered recess appointment of nearly 200 postmasters. This is necessary because the senate, by reason of its filibuster, failed to approve of the executive's nominations.

IRRIGATION'S NEEDS NOTED

MANY HELPFUL LAWS ENACTED.

Guarantee of Interest for Irrigation Bonds and Provision for Aid on Tumalo Project of Great Interest.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, March 19.—Never before has the legislature been inclined to look with such favor on reclamation and reconstruction projects as the recent one, in the opinion of State Engineer Percy A. Cupper who has prepared a digest of the irrigation and reclamation laws, including the drainage statutes enacted by the state legislature.

With a slight introduction touching upon the road building program, Mr. Cupper has digested the irrigation and reclamation laws enacted at the session as follows:

"The session of the Oregon legislature which has just closed outlined a big reconstruction program and provided the funds for carrying it into effect. A bill providing for the issuance of \$10,000,000 for road construction was passed and as this bill carried an emergency clause it is not subject to referendum.

"Another statute was enacted providing for the levying of a one mill state tax on all taxable property in the state for the reconstruction of maret roads. Under this statute the counties are required to provide a substantial and equal amount for this work and the expenditure of the funds is under the direction of the state highway commission.

Roads Only Part of Program.

In order to pay the interest on the bonds for road construction, and to provide additional funds for carrying out the road program, the auto license fees were considerably increased and at the same time they were exempt from general taxation in order that the entire tax on automobiles might be utilized in road construction.

These road measures were considered only indirectly as a part of the reconstruction program and the special constitutional amendment and statute are submitted to the people for their approval, providing for the issuance of \$5,000,000 of reconstruction bonds and the statute which is also to be approved by the people provides how funds arising from these bonds shall be expended.

Nearly two and one-half million is to be expended in the construction of public buildings. Two millions is to be expended on reclamation work and the remainder on land settlement.

Federal Aid Expected.

It is probable that the reclamation fund will be expended in cooperation with the federal government on a dollar for dollar basis.

"Of great importance to future reclamation in this state is the constitutional amendment providing for the guaranty of interest on irrigation and drainage bonds the first five years after their issuance. On account of heavy discount on drainage and irrigation bonds this class of reclamation bonds have been under a severe handicap, which it is believed will be largely removed, if the interest on bonds is guaranteed for the first five years.

"A number of other statutes, very important to reclamation, were enacted at the last legislature. Among these is the statute providing that irrigation districts may accept a part of the land of any land owner within the district as an offset against the reclamation charge on the remainder of his land. This will probably serve as a very efficient method of cooperating with the federal government, as it will make it possible to put large areas of land in the hands of an irrigation district without direct cost by the district, which the district may turn over to the federal government for land settlement or other similar purposes.

Bond Certification Important.

"Another statute was enacted providing for the certification of drainage district bonds in the same manner as irrigation district bonds are now certified.

"The provision of the irrigation district law relating to the validation of the procedure prior to the issuance of bonds was clarified by the recon-