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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The quarterly meeting of the Oregon State Nurses' association was held in Portland April 23.

Chinook fishing opened on Rogue river April 15. The season is said to have opened with a fair catch.

The first semi-annual La Grande sale of the Northwestern Shorthorn Breeders' association will be held on May 1.

The fifth annual conference of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association for the Pacific coast and Hawaii was held at Astoria.

Efforts are being made at McMinnville toward the formation of company A of the national guard, to take the place of McMinnville's home troop of pre-war days.

Salem will be the first city in Oregon over the top in the Victory Liberty loan drive. The Salem banks have agreed to take the full quota of \$820,150 allotted the city.

Another big meeting of the farmers of Polk county has been called by the Farmers' union to take place at the Artisan hall at Rickreall on the evening of Friday, April 25.

A vigorous campaign for cleaning up Klamath Falls and making the sanitary conditions of the city what they ought to be has been launched by City Health Officer Soule and Mayor Struble.

Spanish influenza has struck Pilot Rock and vicinity for the second time. Although the present visitation is light the number of cases reached nearly 200. Schools were closed for two weeks more.

The position of state highway bridge engineer has been accepted by C. B. McCullough, head of the civil engineering department of Oregon Agricultural college. He will take up his work immediately.

The first contract in connection with the erection of the Standard Oil company's big distributing plant at Astoria has been awarded to the Portland Bridge & Building company. The cost is estimated at \$50,000.

The labor situation in Bend is better than in any other city in the state, according to Frank E. Manning, assistant director of civilian relief for the American Red Cross, after an investigation of conditions there.

The first meeting of the state emergency board for the present biennium may be called in about two months to provide money for indemnity claims against the state for the slaughter of cattle that have responded to the tuberculin test.

If the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company wins in its attempt to increase its telephone rates, the Salem city council will put the municipal telephone question up to the people of Salem through the medium of a special bond election.

Petitions bearing the signatures of many taxpayers have been presented to the county court asking for submission at a special election of the question of issuing \$360,000 bonds for the construction of permanent roads in Yamhill county.

Better prices for ties and a system of purchasing that will be fairer to the manufacturers are promised by former Governor West in a telegram received from him by O. H. Ball, secretary of the Western Oregon Tie and Lumber association.

For the first time in many months there were no fatal accidents reported to the Industrial Accident commission during the past week, according to the weekly accident report. There were 116 accidents reported from throughout the state.

H. E. Momyer, assistant superintendent of Crater Lake park, reports nine feet of snow at the lake. There was twice this amount at this time last year, he says, and from present indications the park will be open to auto travel about July 1.

Despite the fact that the United States railroad administration recently ordered a decrease of 10 cents a ton for freightage of roadbuilding materials, the Oregon public service commission will make every effort to procure a still lower reduction.

The executive committee of the Klamath Cattle and Horsemen's association met with that of the Klamath County Wool Growers' association Saturday for a conference regarding the range difficulties and to work toward an adjustment of these matters.

Governor Olcott has posted a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of Albert C. White, parole violator, who has evaded the officers for the past eight or nine months. A. G. Beals of Tillamook, prominent business man and former member of the legislature, has reported to the executive officers that he fears White will attempt to kidnap two of his children, adopted by Mr. Beals several years ago, and he also fears that White may endeavor to kidnap Beals or do him great bodily injury.

By floating more than \$1,000,000 of bonds the farmers of Malheur county are reclaiming 30,000 acres under the Warm Springs irrigation system. This is the only project now under construction in the northwest and will provide farms for at least 400 new families.

The citizens of Forest Grove have organized a Soldiers' Memorial association for the purpose of raising funds to build some structure, the nature of which will be decided upon later, as a testimonial in memory of the work of the soldiers and sailors during the great war.

Eugene will have a cleanup week from April 28 to May 3, inclusive, during which time the city dump wagons and teams will be at the disposal of the citizens free of charge for the removal of all rubbish that has accumulated during the past year or since the last annual cleanup.

The old carpet in the hall of the house of representatives at Salem, which has been worn almost to shreds by the legislative shoe soles of the last 30 years, is at last to be removed and a new carpet laid. Under a resolution of the last legislature Secretary of State Olcott, as custodian of the building, has placed the order.

Two hundred and fifteen miles of road work soon will be under way in eastern Oregon. Some of this work is grading, some graveling and some hard-surfacing. In a general way, this mileage will be applied on the Columbia river highway and the John Day highway, although parts of the 215 miles are not on either of those routes.

Superintendent Walter G. West of the Klamath Indian agency has received offers for the sale of 5975 head of cattle, desired for the Indians of the Klamath reservation. These cattle will be purchased out of the \$400,000 appropriation made for these Indians for the purchase of livestock, farming implements and equipment, new homes, and like purposes.

Japanese lessees of 66 acres of fertile land, near Boneboro, in Hood River county, planted to strawberries, bid fair to become rich this season. The berries, planted on land leased from the Boneboro and Cascade Orchards company, are 3 years old this year and should bear their heaviest crop. The tract is perhaps the largest single area in strawberries in the northwest.

Cancellation of contracts for ties by several western railroad systems is forcing many tie mills in the Willamette and Lewis valley to shut down, according to report of O. H. Ball of the Western Oregon Tie & Lumber association. Forty mills already are idle, Mr. Ball says, and unless conditions improve at once 40 to 50 more will be obliged to suspend operations.

If Governor Olcott should resign as secretary of state, he would relinquish his right to serve as governor and would hold neither office, according to the legal contention of Frank S. Grant, former city attorney of Portland, who filed an amicus curiae brief in the supreme court relative to the mandamus proceedings recently instituted by Governor Olcott to determine his rights and duties as governor.

The increasing demand for loganberry juice as a beverage and the high price paid for loganberries by manufacturing concerns of the Pacific coast are arousing interest in the possibilities of loganberry culture in the North Bend section. Experiments made in loganberry culture there have demonstrated that the yield is more prolific and the berries are superior in juice producing properties, than in other well-known loganberry sections of the coast.

According to figures just compiled by A. C. Petersen, manager of the northwest properties of the California Packing corporation, with headquarters in Dallas, the Dallas plant processed and packed during the season just closed a total of 5,757,789 pounds of prunes. Most of the prunes packed were grown in the vicinity of Dallas and represented the largest crop of prunes ever harvested in Polk county. Prospects are good for a still larger crop of prunes this year.

Butter wraps at Ledor shop.

## YOUR HAND?



## PEACE ENVOYS ASK COUNTRY TO TAKE LOAN

### American Delegates in Paris Sent Victory Message to Nation

Four members of the American peace mission in France, Secretary of State Robert Lansing, Col. E. M. House, General Tasker N. Bliss and Henry White, have sent this message to the American people urging support of the Victory Loan:

"TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE:  
"We have had the opportunity here in France to see and realize the magnitude of the accomplishment of our country in this war and the magnificent spirit with which this great task has been carried through to a triumphant issue.

"What has been done and what remains to be done before normal conditions are restored demand your continued and united support with the same spirit of self sacrifice and of determination as that which was manifested by the nation while the German armies faced our men at the Marne, and in the Champagne, at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne. We must not relax our efforts until every soldier of the republic is landed on the soil of America.

"To finish this mighty task imposes upon the government of the United States a great financial burden. The Victory Liberty Loan must thrive. If it should fail it would indicate that the Nation is willing to leave its task uncompleted.

"To secure the ideals for which Americans fought and died this great demand on national patriotism and united effort should meet a generous and universal response. Let us do our duty to the end.

"ROBERT LANSING,  
"HENRY WHITE,  
"E. M. HOUSE,  
"T. N. BLISS."

## WHEAT DIRECTOR IS NAMED

Julius H. Barnes, Head of Grain Corporation, Accepts Appointment.

New York.—Julius H. Barnes, president of the federal grain corporation, has been appointed wheat director of the United States by President Wilson, it was announced at the office of the food administration in this city.

Mr. Barnes will direct the handling of the entire 1919 wheat crop and will administer the \$1,000,000,000 fund appropriated by congress to take care of the crop under the government guaranteed price. He was selected for the place, it was announced, upon recommendation of Herbert Hoover.

In addition to the administration of the \$1,000,000,000 fund, Mr. Barnes will remain president of the \$150,000,000 government grain corporation, which will continue to function as the commercial agency for carrying out the government policies and which also acts as the purchasing representative of the American relief administration.

## OMSK GOVERNMENT TO BE RECOGNIZED

### Allies Reject Proposals to Send Troops Into Russia and Siberia.

Washington.—Decision of the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States to accord recognition to the Omsk government as the de facto government of all non-bolshevik Russia was reached after several other plans had been discarded. It was learned from official sources. Among the proposals rejected were the sending of large allied forces into southern and northern Russia and Siberia and the recognition of regional governments in various parts of Russia controlled by Russians opposing the bolsheviks.

Plans for sending armies into Russia were disapproved with little discussion, it was said, but the proposal to recognize the regional governments was rejected only after vigorous protests. This plan included recognition of the Omsk government, that of Denikine, the government of the north at Archangel and the establishment of a number of small Cossack leaders on the Don at Orenburg and in the Urals.

Development of a Siberian offensive against the bolsheviks on a large scale has been decided on, according to dispatches received by the Russian embassy here. The definite prediction is made that all the Volga territory will be occupied this spring.

## WILSON ASKS FULL LOAN SUBSCRIPTION

Washington.—New evidence of America's purpose to redeem in full the pledges made on entering the war was asked of the nation by President Wilson, who urged full subscription of the \$4,500,000,000 victory liberty note issue. Sixty thousand men who gave their lives in France have redeemed the covenant of blood made two years ago, the president said, but the pledge of treasure remains yet to be fulfilled.

"Today the world stands freed from the threat of militarism," the president cabled from Paris, "but as yet we stand only at the threshold of happier times. To enter, we must fulfill to the utmost the engagements we have made."

With the formal opening of the campaign, subscription pledges began to pour into the treasury, along with predictions of success perhaps even more optimistic than those accompanying the four previous bond issues.

Lewis B. Franklin, director of the war loan organization, said that as an incentive to the average investor all subscriptions of \$10,000 and less would be accepted in full and that any over-subscription of the issue would be deducted from the larger purchases. He explained that this was expected to create an immediate demand for the notes, which are regarded as highly desirable investments because of the liberal interest rate and tax exemptions. In this way it is expected that the price will be kept well up after the campaign closes.

Italy is reported to be preparing to occupy Fiume with a force of one hundred thousand men.

## ADRIATIC ISSUE BECOMES ACUTE

### Italy's Insistence on Claims to Dalmatian Coast Holds Peace Back.

Paris.—The Italian issue over the Adriatic has reached an acute stage, where a decision one way or the other cannot longer be deferred and a decision either way is fraught with serious consequences.

Premier Orlando of Italy is absenting himself from the meeting of the council of four. Whether this marks a virtual withdrawal of the Italians from the conference has not developed.

President Wilson, still opposed to recognition of the treaty of London, under which Italy lays claim to Fiume and the Dalmatian coast, has prepared a statement on the subject which will be made public if the deadlock continues, it is said.

It is probable that the actual meeting of the allied and German delegates to negotiate the peace treaty will not occur until April 28, as the physical impossibility of having the official draft of the treaty ready for presentation April 25 makes a postponement of the gathering imperative. Germany is ready to call for a plebiscite on the treaty, it is reported from Berlin.

President Wilson had a long conference Monday morning with Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda of the Japanese peace delegation.

A responsible French source announces that good progress has been made in the scheme for a defensive alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States, under which these nations agree to take immediate military and naval action should Germany break the peace treaty, so far as it affects the proposed demilitarized zone east of the Rhine. The alliance treaty, it is stated, will be an open one and will apply only to the Rhine area.

## BOLSHEVIKI RETIRE ON EASTERN FRONT

London.—A retirement along virtually all of the front in eastern Russia is admitted by the soviet government in a wireless message dated April 16 and received here.

The message says:  
"Our troops have retired to new positions 100 versts (about 67 miles) southwest of Strelitamak. We have evacuated Buguruslan, in the Ufa region."

Other retirements, "according to dispatches," are reported in the regions of Bugulma, west of Ufa; Meselinsk, Sarapul, Okhansk, Perm and along the upper Kama river.

On the Murmansk front, it is added, the bolsheviks have reoccupied Lake Aros.

London.—In a successful attack by Russian troops attached to the allied forces on the Murmansk railway south of Kem the allied forces gained complete control of Lake Vigosero, and the main road north to the White sea, according to an official statement from the British war office. The bolsheviks were driven 12 miles southward from Vojmasalma, at the southern end of Lake Vigosero, and the first objective of the attack. The main road to the White sea passes through Vojmasalma.

## JAPANESE ARE RESTRICTED

Special School Amendment Passed by California Assembly.

Sacramento, Cal.—The assembly adopted by a vote of 36 to 25 an amendment to a school bill which would prohibit Japanese from attending regular elementary schools where special schools for Mongolians are established.

Administration leaders urged that the amendment be withdrawn, and when it was brought to a rollcall voted against it. Greene, who offered the amendment, said Japanese were forcing themselves into the regular schools on the contention they were not Mongolians.

The present law provides that Indians, Chinese and Mongolians shall attend special schools where such are provided. The amendment would specifically add Japanese to the others named.



## VICTORY LOAN TEST OF PATRIOTISM—Wood

Major General Leonard Wood, who at Camp Funston trained two divisions of Americans for overseas service, has asked the American people to support the Fifth Loan. He says:

"We have carried the war on successfully so far and we must see it through. The Fifth Loan, coming as it does after the armistice, will be a more severe test than the others of the patriotism of our people. It is just as important as any loan we have made, and it should be carried through just as vigorously as the others. It is no time now to let up on our efforts. Reorganization is even more difficult and almost as important as the period of preparation. Put it over, and good luck. We must have it."