

## FORD PEACE UNIT FOR PREPARATION

"Out of Trenches by Christmas" Slogan Worst Thing of All.

### AMERICA DECLARED IN GRAVE DANGER

With One Exception Entire Delegation Favored Administration's Plans for National Preparedness.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. —Lamar Tooze, delegate of the University of Oregon on Ford's peace expedition, returned here late Thursday night, firmly convinced that the United States is in grave danger of becoming entangled in the great European conflict, that every citizen should stand back of President Wilson in his present programme for preparedness, and asserting that Henry Ford's peace expedition was neither a success nor failure. Mr. Tooze is hale and hearty after a journey of 18,000 miles since November 30.

"The worst thing that happened to the mission was the slogan 'out of the trenches by Christmas.' Ford himself knew well enough that this would be impossible and everyone else knew it," said Mr. Tooze.

"The peace cause was weakened," the peace delegate continued, "secondly, when Ford failed to get the representative peace element of the United States. The expedition was gotten up in too much hurry. He had to take those who would go."

"And a sad feature of the affair was the fact that Madme Schwimmer headed the voyage. She meant well but she was not capable."

Whether the effect of the voyage will be permanent remains for the future to show, according to the university delegate, but he gave his reasons why the journey is an immediate success as follows:

"The expedition attracted the publicity which it set out to do. I believe this was the main idea Ford had in mind."

"The support of neutral countries was enlisted, especially that of Denmark, Holland and Sweden."

"A permanent neutral conference was established. Five representatives from each of the Scandinavian countries and Holland are to meet and draw up a practical plan for peace."

"The so-called dissension, while really amusing, was really over a difference of opinion over national preparedness. Colonel S. S. McClure, noted New York publisher, led the group that favored the President's policy."

"With only one exception students favored national preparedness. Some of the others were extreme radicals for peace, and that's what caused the trouble. My view was that our nation should always be prepared to withstand foreign aggression. Lack of preparation would be suicidal to the United States and would place this country in the same category as inert China. For this reason I refused to sign a platform containing opposition to the preparedness programme. I am more strengthened in my opinion since I saw—from a distance, it is true—the European situation."

### Famous Oregon Artist Donates Festival Poster

Washington and Oregon will both receive favorable attention from tourists over the country this year as a result of the beautiful bird's eye view of the Columbia river with the highway in the foreground, the feature of the 1916 Rose Festival poster, soon to be off the press. The slogan "For You a Rose in Portland Grows" is strongly emphasized by the face of an attractive brunette between two large white roses.



The poster was given by Fred G. Cooper, a former Oregon boy, now an artist of national repute. He gave the poster last year to incorporate his father's slogan "The Whole World Knows the Portland Rose." Mr. Cooper says the Columbia river from a scenic view point is one of the greatest advertising assets of both states and should be exploited far and wide. The Columbia river highway will be dedicated opening day of the Rose festival.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Railroad in Douglas County Is Held Liable for Taxes

Roseburg—In a decree handed down in the Circuit court here Judge Hamilton held that the taxes due from the land of the Southern Oregon company in Douglas county for the year 1909 were collectible, and that the holdings of the company were subject to sale to satisfy the delinquent certificates the same as other lands on which the taxes were not paid. The unpaid taxes amount to about \$30,000.

Suit was brought against the Southern Oregon company several months ago to compel them to pay the taxes due on their lands in this county for the year 1909. An answer was filed by the Southern Oregon company in which it was denied that the taxes were a lien against the land, or that they remained due and unpaid on the date of reaching delinquency. It was also alleged by the defense that the certificates of delinquency were not filed regularly with the clerk.

Another contention offered by the defense was that the Federal courts had decreed that their interest in the lands did not exceed \$2.50 an acre, while in some instances they were assessed as high as \$20 an acre. The defense contended this was sufficient to nullify the entire assessment.

The county attorney offered in evidence the original certificates of delinquency, which Judge Hamilton held were regular and sufficient to warrant disposal of the lands for taxes. Attorney John M. Guerin, of counsel for the Southern Oregon company, announced that he would appeal the case to the Supreme court. The question involved in the case are identical with those of the Oregon & California grant lands, according to local attorneys.

### State Land Board Stands Firm on Irrigation Project

Salem—The Desert Land Board Wednesday stood by its recent action in recommending to the government a further extension of the state's contract with the government on the Benham Falls unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation company's project in Crook county. At this meeting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Bend Commercial club protesting against any further extension of the contract was read.

Embraced in the Benham Falls tract are about 74,000 acres. The board decided to send the additional data furnished by J. E. Morson regarding the Morson Land company's project at La Pine, to the department of the Interior. The board is favorable to granting Morson a three years' extension on his contract with the state, as he desires, but the Federal land department so far has refused to give the state an extension on its contract until Morson supplies more information.

### County Assessors of State Hold Convention at Salem

Salem—Through the passage of the county high school tuition fund law, thousands of children in Oregon are now able to attend high school where before this was not possible because of the parents' inability to bear the expense. J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, told the county assessors of the state. The assessors began a three-day session and conference with the State Tax commission here Wednesday at the state house. Tax Commissioner Eaton is chairman of the conference.

Superintendent Churchill praised the new high school tuition fund law in his address, declaring that officials of the United States Bureau of Education at Washington, D. C., considered Oregon's law the best ever passed in the interest of secondary education.

Following an address by B. F. Keeney, of Lane county, on "Assessment of Motor Vehicles," Commissioner Galloway declared that automobiles ought to be taxed according to their respective horsepower.

### Timber Saving Is Great;

Salem—In the protection of privately owned timber in Oregon statistics given in the reports of State Forester Elliott indicate that great progress has been made in the last six years.

When the new forestry code was enacted, in 1911, and the compulsory fire patrol law, in 1913, a reduction in fire losses throughout the timbered sections at once was effected. In 1910 \$1,640,997 worth of timber was destroyed in Oregon. Last year it totaled only \$9333.

The total loss in the five years ending with the close of last year was \$96,620. This is less than one-sixteenth of the loss sustained from fires in 1910, the last years under the old system.

### Drinker Defies Court.

Baker—Facing a sentence of 50 days and a fine of \$65, imposed by Justice of the Peace Hubbard, because he refused to tell where he got the liquor that made him drunk in Baker last month, Charles Blackwell will demand that he be released. His attorney, announced that he will file a writ of habeas corpus. The state and national constitutional right of refusal to testify except under a guarantee of complete immunity will be made the basis for the writ. If necessary the case may be carried to the Supreme court.

## NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.07 per bushel; fortyfold, 97c; club, 95c; red Fife, 95c; red Russian, 94c.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17.50@18.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$14@16; alfalfa, \$19@20; oats and vetch, \$13@14.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$26; rolled barley \$31 @32.

Corn—Whole, \$37 per ton; cracked, \$38.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.10@1.30 per dozen; tomatoes, California, \$1.75 @2 per crate; cabbage, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred; garlic, 12½¢ per pound; peppers, 20@25c; eggplant, 25c; sprouts, 8@9c; horseradish, 8¢; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$4.75 per crate; beans, 10@12½¢ per pound; lettuce, \$2.40@2.50 per crate; peas, 8@10c per pound; cucumbers, \$1.50@2 per dozen.

Green Fruits—Grapes, \$4@5 per barrel; cranberries, \$11.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$12.50 @ 2 per sack; Yakimas, \$1.85; sweets, \$2.75 @3 per hundred.

Onions—Oregon, buying price, \$2 f. o. b. shipping point.

Apples—Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, \$2.25; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.25@1.50; Jonathans, extra fancy, \$1.50; fancy, \$1.25; choice, \$1; Yellow Newtowns, extra fancy, \$2; fancy, \$1.75; choice, \$1 @ 1.25; Baldwins, extra fancy, \$1.50; fancy, \$1.25; choice, \$1; russets, orchard run, \$1.

Eggs—Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candled, 40c per dozen; uncandled, 37@39c.

Poultry—Hens, small, 15@16c per pound; large, 16@17c; small springs, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 13@15c; geese, 10c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 34c per pound; firsts, 32c; seconds, 30c. Butterfat, No. 1, 32c; No. 2, 30c.

Veal—Fancy, 12c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 9c per pound.

Hops—1915 crop, 9½ @ 12½¢ per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18@25c per pound; valley, 25@26c; fall lambs' wool, 25c; mohair, Oregon, 28c.

Cascara Bark—Old and new, 3½@4c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.25@7.75; good, \$6.75@7; medium, \$6.50@6.75; choice cows, \$5.50 @ 6.50; medium, 4.75@5.20; heifers, \$4@6.40; bulls, \$2.50@4.50; stags, \$3@5.25.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@8; heavy, \$6.25@7.

Sheep—Wethers, \$6@7.25; ewes, \$4.25@6.55; lambs, \$7@8.55.

### Coast Hop Prices Take Jump in London Market

Portland—More interest is being shown in the hop market than at any time since the recent deals were completed by the Oregon Hopgrowers' association. Prices have not been advanced, but the market is on a very steady foundation.

The sharp advance in the London market, cabled the first of the week, of 10 shillings a hundredweight, equal to about 2½ cents a pound on Pacific, confirms advices lately received of the strengthening of the market abroad, due to a reduction of English stocks. Local exporters report no increase in orders from the other side, but anticipate an improved demand.

The Bagley crop of 427 bales at Hillsboro was bought by the F. S. Johnson company. The price was not made public. The same firm bought 59 bales from Charles Leith, of Woodburn, and a number of other lots at Woodburn, aggregating 200 bales, including the crops of Whitney, Lemry, Crosby, McCormick, Dubois and Killen. The prices of the Woodburn lots ranged from 9 to 10 cents.

### Apple Shipment Made.

Hood River, Or.—The first shipment of Hood River apples since Monday, January 31, left here this week. Wilmer Sieg, sales manager of the Apple Growers' association, said he has been unable to fill orders because of the snow. With the weather breaking every effort to clean up the stock will be made.

Reports from growers in all parts of the valley intimate no damage from the thawing of the snow.

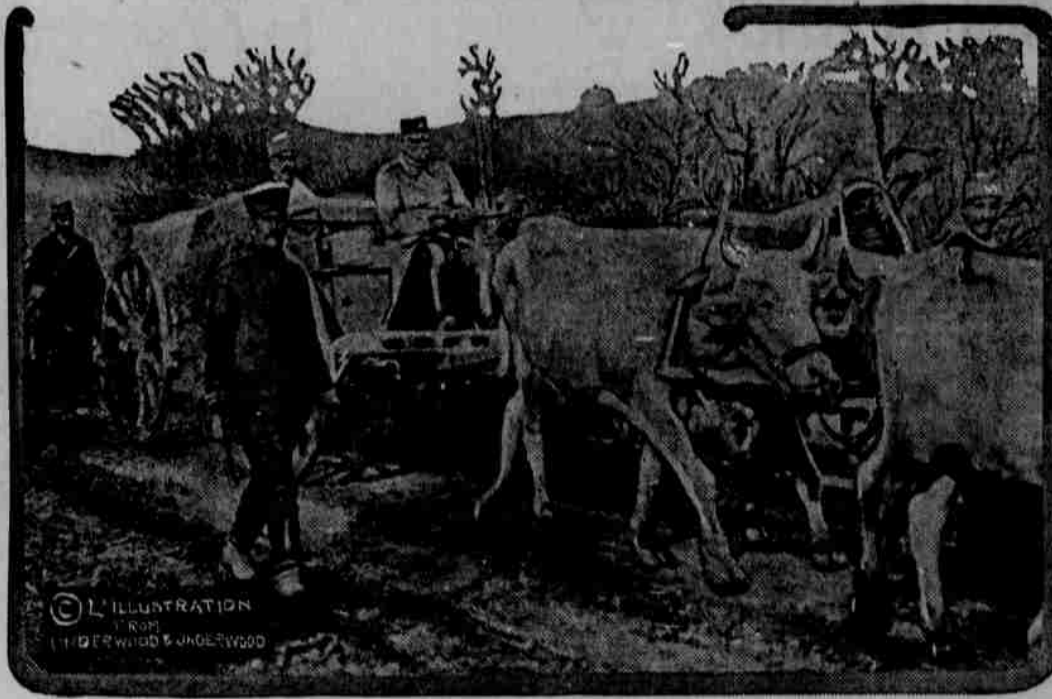
Local officials, however, have no encouragement as to exports of fruit for the coming season or for heavy sales of late export apples. The Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Distributors' joint committee, a London organization, is now engaged in a gigantic campaign to educate English people to use only home-grown vegetables and fruits. The local association has received from London a circular letter, issued by the organization, which says:

"This committee has obtained the support and co-operation of many kindred associations keenly interested in the growth and distribution of British fruits and vegetables, and the joint committee is now actively engaged in advocating an increased consumption of these products."

### Change Is Smallest in Years.

Portland—Owing to the strains incident to the annual settlements, some expansion in the country's business mortality invariably occurs during January, yet the numerical change in commercial failures last month was the smallest noted in several years. As reported to R. G. Dun & Co., there were 2009 insolvencies, with an indebtedness of \$25,863,286, against 170 for \$19,605,274 in December, 2848 for \$49,640,575 a year ago, 1857 in 1914 for \$39,374,347 and 1814 in 1913, when the liabilities were \$22,972,769.

## KING PETER OF SERBIA GOING INTO EXILE



This remarkable and historical picture shows Peter, king of Serbia, seated on an ox-drawn cart, on his way out of the country for which he fought so bravely. The vehicle used as a royal coach had been an ammunition wagon.

## SNOWSTORMS DO NOT WORRY THE GERMANS



These German troops on the eastern front evidently do not mind a snowstorm, for they are enjoying their hot rations at a field kitchen. In the background are transport wagons.

## RESCUERS OF MANY ARMENIANS



United States Consul and Mrs. Jesse B. Jackson in the parlor of the American consulate at Aleppo, Syria. The Armenians say that it was solely owing to the energetic action of Mr. Jackson, who adopted a strong attitude with the Turkish military authorities, that thousands of Armenian lives in Aleppo and in the surrounding regions were saved. Mrs. Jackson is a great favorite in the highest social circles in Aleppo. During the massacres of the Armenians, the rooms at the American consulate were packed with Christians. Mr. Jackson's home is in Paulding, O.

## LEADER OF MONTENEGRINS



This is General Martinovich, the Austro military leader of the Montenegrins who opposed the plan of surrendering to the Austrians and took command of the troops that sought to make their way to safety through Albania.

## SMOKE FROM HIS CAPTOR



This six-year-old Serbian youngster, a prisoner in a German detention camp, is happy regardless of the fact that the whereabouts of his parents are unknown. His costume is a nondescript one, being made up of "sawed off" trousers and cast off apparel.

## BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK BY TURKS



Photograph of the sinking of the British torpedo-boat destroyer Louis which was destroyed by the Turks after it had stranded and had been abandoned by its crew.

The sardine catch in Europe has been a great failure.