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OREGON WEATHER
Rain tonight and Wednesday; + southeasterly winds, moderately + high along the coast.

STILL A LIVE ISSUE.

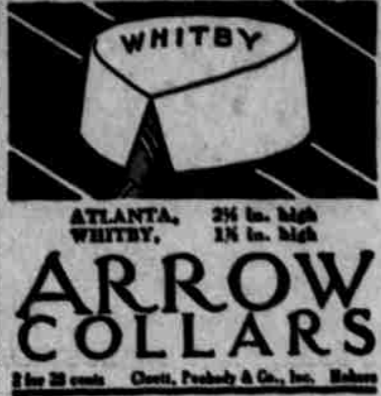
The defeat of the proposal to issue bonds in the amount of \$120,000 for the purchase of the water plant by the municipality does not settle the water question for Grants Pass. It does not mean that the 1,127 of our voters whose votes were recorded against the issue are satisfied with present arrangements, and that they seek no change. The election clears the boards and opens the way for a new deal. Work must now be undertaken by the city officials and by those interested in the material and social progress of the community to relieve the community of its handicap of an inadequate water supply and of rates that are too high. That there is something radically wrong in the local situation is proved by the fact that Grants Pass pays a much higher rate for water than many other communities served with systems not materially different in cost or expense of upkeep. But the state commission has fixed an arbitrary rate that the local company is to charge, and there appears no relief in that direction. The company was satisfied, apparently, with the lower charge formerly made, but to protect itself when an ill-advised attempt was made to force the rate down sought recourse to the commission, with the result so disastrous to the water users. The first move would seem to be the getting of adequate data upon water systems elsewhere that we might know what charges are made and service rendered under systems of various kinds and under municipal or private ownership. The issue at Grants Pass is not for municipal ownership unless it can be shown that through it the service can be improved and the water rates lowered. What the people want is better water, if possible; but, anyway, more water for less money.

PRODUCERS ORGANIZE.

Six thousand farmers are gathered at St. Paul for the annual convention of the Equity Co-operative exchange, designed to market their wheat and other products, lowering the price to the consumer and increasing the farmer's profits. Originated by a group of farmers who believed they could market their own grain, without the aid of brokers, the equity movement has spread until it embraces Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana. A central market has been established in St. Paul, to be the shipping point for all grain produced in that part of the United States. A half million bushel elevator is to be built at once. The farmers plan to ship grain by barge to New Orleans, and thence by steamer to Europe.

A meeting of the board of canvassers held at the city hall confirmed the count of the ballots as published elsewhere in the Courier today, thereby making the figures in the table official.

There is no doubting that the Oregon-Utah Sugar company expects to meet its obligation and build a factory somewhere in the valley.



Atlanta, 2 1/2 in. high
Whitby, 1 1/2 in. high

VON BERNSTORFF SAYS ATTITUDE OF U. S. "UNFRIENDLY"

Washington, Dec. 7.—The state department's formal refusal to give its reasons for asking recall of Attaches Boy-Ed and von Papen was forwarded last night to Berlin and given to Ambassador von Bernstorff, it became known today. The embassy interpreted this action as "very unfriendly."

The embassy explained, too, that the Berlin foreign office had asked that America's reasons be given secretly, if the state department did not care to make them public.

Secretary Lansing, however, the embassy said, refused any information.

State department authorities did not minimize the effect the refusal reply would have on Berlin, but they pointed out that Lansing is merely abiding by a strict custom.

The refusal has the effect of calling for a show-down from Berlin. Germany probably will ask that Bernstorff now confer further with Lansing on the subject.

With these developments giving a new tinge of seriousness to German-American relations, it was admitted that negotiations over the German torpedoing of the liner Lusitania will be hopelessly muddled if Germany makes good any diplomatic bluff she may be attempting in the Boy-Ed-von Papen cases.

For either breaking off of diplomatic relations or a complete acquiescence in America's demands are Germany's only alternatives, unless the state department permits a long series of conferences which would keep Boy-Ed and von Papen here indefinitely pending outcome of the sessions.

Concerning alleged German activity in Mexico, Attorney General Gregory today said:

"We are getting information all the time, but at present there is nothing I would call extremely important or very new."

The possibility that Germany will recall Ambassador von Bernstorff if Germany refuses to recall the attaches and America then dismisses them was widely discussed here today.

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U. S. TO CONTINUE HUNT FOR BOMB PLOTTERS IN EAST

New York, Dec. 7.—Federal officials here intend to run down to the last man pro-German propagandists involved in anti-ally plots.

With the indictment of Robert Fay and his alleged lieutenants on charges of conspiracy to murder, and to blow up munitions steamers, the authorities say today they are now probing strikes in munitions factories in this country. Fires, suspected to be of pro-German origin, in plants engaged in war orders, will be next investigated.

In all cases the government intends to trace relentlessly the men it regards as responsible. Their indictment and trial will be sought.

As to the alleged activities of labor's National Peace council, Federal District Attorney Marshall declared that the body's principal work was in fomenting strikes in war order plants with funds supplied by the Imperial German government.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and C. H. Canode and Wm. Kramer, Chicago labor men, will be witnesses to bare the alleged machinations of this organization. Gompers' reported knowledge of German efforts to call longshoremen's strikes and other labor difficulties will make him a valuable witness, authorities declare.

Horsehair in Russia. Horsehair is used in Russia for making a great variety of articles. Brushes are made from it, the manes being kept for soft brushes. White horsehair is considered the most valuable for this purpose and black the second best. The long hair of horses' tails is utilized for fishing tackle, violin bows, military headdress and cloth for pressing oil. Shorter hair is used for stuffing mattresses and furniture after having been cleaned with soap and water. The value of horsehair varies greatly, according to grade.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.
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citizens are ever to fight effectively upon a sudden summons, they must know how modern fighting is done. And the government must be their servant, must supply them with the training they need to take care of themselves and of it. The military arm of their government they must properly use to make their independence secure—and not their own independence merely, but the rights also of those with whom they have made common cause, should they also be put in jeopardy. They must be fitted to play the great role of the world, and play in this hemisphere for which they are qualified by principle and chastened ambition to play. "It is with these ideals in mind that the plans of the department of war for more adequate national defense were conceived which will be laid before you, and which I urge you to sanction and put into effect as soon as they can be properly scrutinized and discussed."

Reform in Philippines
Legislation for "alteration and reform of the Philippines government and public justice to the people of Porto Rico," were urged by the president.

Turning to revenue needs, the president said if the present "war" tax and sugar duties were discontinued and the national defense program enacted, the 1917 treasury deficit would aggregate \$297,000,000.

The first year's cost of the preparedness program, he said, would be \$93,800,000. By retaining the present "war tax" and sugar duties he estimated additional revenues of \$112,000,000 annually must be provided to cover the national defense expenses.

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