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THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY 1ST CONSIDERATION

HIGHWAY ENGINEER NUNN AND SPECIAL WRITER INSPECTING ROUTES OF THE STATE

ASSIST JOSEPHINE IN GRADING

Apportionment of Road Funds Must Await Decision of Bean-Barrett Case Before Supreme Court

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, accompanied by J. C. Johnson, special writer on the Portland Journal, reached Grants Pass last evening on an auto tour, which will include, before finished, nearly all the principal highway routes of the state. Mr. Nunn reports the roads down through central Oregon in splendid shape. He also had high praise for the grade over the Siskiyou mountains, which, he said, were in fine condition at this time.

This grade the highway commission plans to pave with a 12-foot hard surface pavement and 4-foot shoulders on either side.

"The highway commission cannot plan apportionment of road funds to the various projects of the state," said Mr. Nunn last evening, "until a decision has been rendered in the case now before the supreme court, which will determine whether bonds can be issued under the Bean-Barrett bill in addition to the \$6,000,000 recently voted by the people. Any expenditures under the Bean-Barrett bill will have to be for hard surface roads.

"However, you can assure people of Josephine county that the Pacific highway is to have first consideration by the commission. I recommended to them that they assist this county in the grading of the road between this city and the Douglas county line. Their decision on this matter will depend upon the funds available.

"One of the pieces of work to be undertaken will be making a permanent grade for the Pacific highway through Douglas county."

Mr. Nunn and Mr. Johnson left this morning for the north, stopping to inspect the survey work being done on the Pacific highway in this county, under the direction of Assistant Engineer Kelly.

Rome, June 25.—Four guns were captured by the Italians when they stormed the important Austro-Hungarian positions on Monte Ortogera on June 19, the war office reported today.

PROTEST HIGH TAXES MEXICAN OIL FIELDS

Washington, June 25.—Firm but friendly representations have been made to the Carranza government in Mexico against the new high taxes in the Tampico oil fields, and other representations against the so-called nationalization of foreign companies operating there, by the United States, it became known here today.

It is understood that Great Britain has seconded the representations against the oil field taxes. These representations seek to lower the taxes which oil men declare are confiscatory.

ILLINOIS VOTING ON \$60,000,000 ROAD BONDS

Springfield, Ill., June 25.—The \$60,000,000 good road bond issue was signed today by Governor Lowden. The measure will be submitted to a vote of the people at the next regular election.

CONTROL OF FOOD EXPORTS

President Wilson Signs Export Control Bill Creating Executive Food Administration Council

Washington, June 25.—The insertion of the liquor question in the food control bill has apparently thrown the situation in the senate into turmoil and confusion.

Just as it appeared that the administration was getting the upper hand with the aid of powerful republican support and seemed sure of passing the food control measure, the adoption by the house of the bone-dry amendment has upset all the plans. The wets who have heretofore favored the bill are now hedging. The drys are split among themselves as to the extent to which prohibition provisions should go. It is admitted that there is a danger of filibuster by the liquor element.

However, Senator Chamberlain, who is in charge of the bill, declares that the senate will agree to the house amendment for bone-dry during the war.

As a result of the house action on this question, the war tax bill now being drafted is left in mid air. There is approximately \$75,000,000 levied under the proposed bill on wines and beers. If the bone dry prohibition measure is adopted, a redrafting of this tax bill will be necessary.

Majority Leader Kitchin today predicted that congress would adjourn between August 1 and 15.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF OREGON U. MEETS

Portland, June 25.—The fifth annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon opened here today and will end Wednesday. To secure greater attendance the State Medical association convention was also set for this week and will open June 28.

BANKER WORKS AS USUAL: AGED 95 YEARS

Chicago, June 25.—Ellan Greenbaum, banker, 95 years of age, celebrated the anniversary of his birth by working at his office today. He founded the bank of Greenbaum & Sons company in 1855.

CHILE INTERNS LARGE BRITISH FREIGHTER

Valparaiso, June 25.—The Chilean government has ordered the detention of the British freighter Mottiford because she carried a gun. The government will apparently construe the neutrality laws as providing that a vessel carrying any kind of a gun or armament will come under those provisions requiring its internment.

EX-MAYOR ALBEE TAKES DOWN MYSTERIOUS SIGN

Portland, June 25.—Gone from the door of the office of Mayor Albee is the mysterious sign which for four years caused much speculation. Albee refused to divulge the meaning of the mark, which adorns the door of every office Albee has occupied.

COUNCIL ON POLICY AS TO FOOD EXPORTS

Washington, June 25.—The president today signed the export control bill, placing in effect the license and embargo provisions restricting the shipment of foods to foreign nations.

The president co-incidentally created an executive council, composed of representatives of the departments of state, agriculture and commerce, on food administration to decide matters of foreign policy in the handling of food exports.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY GIVES \$10,000 FOR RED CROSS

Over One Dollar Per Capita Is Averaged by Residents In Nation-Wide Drive for Big Humanity Fund—Hundred Percent Over Subscribed

It was an enthusiastic bunch of men who gathered at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon today noon to make report of their work on behalf of the Red Cross campaign. They were justified in their enthusiasm for two reasons; the merits of the cause in which they were working, and the consciousness of a splendid success.

Today is the last day of the campaign, but it will be two or three days before the final returns are in. One letter received from the county precincts today enclosed checks for \$26 and stated that there were more to follow.

The reports of the various team captains to Monday noon are as follows:

Mashburn	\$ 888.00
Loughridge	832.00
Cramer	1,371.05
Bywater	1,500.00
Williams	752.00
Sabin	928.80
Demaray	703.75
Quinlan	1,178.50
Brantwell	1,533.00
Blanchard	639.00
Ex. Committee	83.00
Total	\$10,409.10

Many subscribers did not specify whether the terms of payment listed on the cards were satisfactory, and it is very important that all who are able to make full payment do so instead of requiring the local committee to look after the installments. Make payments to R. K. Hackett, treasurer, at First National bank.

The returns to Monday noon by country districts are as follows:

Merlin and Hugo	\$165.00
Kerby	270.00
Williams	456.05
Holland	778.50
Murphy	260.00
Selma and Dryden	182.90
Leland and Placer	110.00
Wilderville	300.50
Takilma and Waldo	380.25
Provoit	75.00
Wolf Creek and Golden	84.50

Portland, June 25.—Outside of Portland, Oregon will raise more than a half million dollars in the Red Cross Drive, according to indications from present reports. The totals tabulated up to noon today from out in the state was, \$464,835.

RUSSIANS ARE DRUNK WITH FIRST TASTE OF DEMOCRACY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

By William G. Shepherd (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, May 1.—(By Mail)—Every theory, every belief, every scheme of sociology, every injustice, every problem of poverty and of affluence and of labor—is being voted on in Russia today.

Meetings by the thousands are being held. The Russian people are dividing themselves along the lines of professions and occupations and in their meetings the smallest problems are brought up. In a meeting of washwomen in Petrograd the other day, for instance, the women went so far as to discuss their social standing.

"We want an eight hour day," declared one washwoman. "We want to have time every day to visit our friends and enjoy life."

"No! No!" declared the next speaker. "What we want is more work. I want to get all the work I can do and work as long as I please. I have no friends to visit."

"That woman is wrong" declared a third. "If we haven't got any friends to visit, it's because we've never had time to make friends as other people do. What we need is more friends and more time to enjoy them."

Utter and absolute free speech exists; only this could make possible the infinity of the number of matters that are being discussed by the people of seething Russia. Folks are free to talk against each other. Only yesterday for instance, the soldiers of the 12th army at the front decided that the czar was not being guarded with sufficient care in his palace. They passed a resolution to that effect and the resolution reached Minister of War Kerensky.

"The ex-czar is giving liquor to the soldiers who are guarding him," was one of the charges.

Kerensky went to Tsarkoe Seio to look in the matter as reported. He found that, according to a long established custom at the palace, the guards were being given a bottle of wine each day. He laid the matter

before the troops guarding the palace.

"Yes," they replied. "We receive a bottle of wine every day from the czar's cellars. We are only following an ancient custom—but if we are being criticized for it by the soldiers of the 12th army, we will discontinue the practice."

Wherefore, in solemn assembly, they voted to abolish a pleasant and therefore somewhat lingering custom of Tsarkoe Seio.

People in Russia vote at the drop of the hat—on any subject.

The third impression I received as an American, was a sense of bewilderment at the problem of getting all this voting translated into laws.

The voting is not vague and unsystematic. Spontaneously a system has grown up out of the old organizations, whereby national organizations of all sorts are developing.

A few washerwomen, for instance, or a few farmers, in some extremely remote district hold a meeting and elect a delegate to a meeting of washerwomen or farmers in some nearby town. This larger meeting, in turn, elects a delegate to a convention in a still larger center and finally, delegates are chosen to represent a still larger district in the main organization which is being formed here at the capital. There is a bewildering number of such organizations, with an uncountable number of repetitions.

A man, for instance, may be a member of a soldier's organization; he may also belong to an organization of his craft and, in addition, he may vote in an organization of Ukrainians, or Letts, or Poles. There is no limit to the number of places in which he may express his opinion and have his votes counted.

How the new government, out of all the mass of public opinion—and there's never been so much public opinion anywhere in the world as there is in Russia now—will be able to sift the preponderant causes is a bewildering problem, but it is one that the new government is determined to solve.

ENTIRE GRECIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Believed That Eleutherios Venizelos, Friend of England and France Will Be Premier

Athens, June 25.—The entire Zaimis ministry has resigned.

It is believed that Eleutherios Venizelos, ex-premier and president of the provisional government formed while Constantine was still on the throne, is en route to Athens. He is known to have left Salonika and to have arrived in southern Greece.

It is believed that he will be named as premier of a new cabinet. King Alexander is known to have a great admiration for Venizelos.

Allied officials are known to believe that the king could not make a more popular move. Venizelos has always stood firm for Greece's standing behind its pledges to England and France, and it was his position on this question which caused the breach between him and the late King Constantine.

WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON FREIGHT INCREASE

Salem, June 25.—The public service commission has ordered the suspension of the fifteen per cent increase in interstate freight rates. Orders will be issued this afternoon or tomorrow setting time for hearings on the proposed increases.

BRITISH DRIVE DEEPER INTO GERMANY'S LINES

London, June 25.—In a score of raids by patrols mixed with local attacks, the British forces have driven a bit deeper into the German lines on the west front, General Haig reported today.

MODERN STOCKYARDS OPENED AT PASCO

Pasco, June 25.—The new Pasco Union stockyards, considered among the most modern yards of their size in the west, are completed and ready for business today. The yards represent an investment of \$30,000, exclusive of the site. Sheds are sufficient to house 25 cars at a time.

KAISER HAS NEPHEW LIVING IN DETROIT

Detroit, June 25.—Johann Wilhelm, nephew of the kaiser, would take up the gun against Germany—if the age limit of selective service were raised to include him.

Count von Hohenzollern is his title. He was born in Detroit and has been here for the last seven years.

The count's identity was disclosed when he applied to Marshall Behrendt for permission to enter districts restricted to Germans.

While he spent the greater part of his forty-seven years in Germany Johann was born here while his parents were touring the United States. His father is a brother of Bill Hohenzollern.

STEAMER ESCAPES BY ZIG-ZAG COURSE

A Gulf Port, June 25.—An armed American steamer arriving here reports a running fight with a submarine in the Mediterranean sea. The battle lasted half an hour. More than 40 shots were fired.

The steamer was not hit and it is unknown whether the submarine was reached or not. The escape was effected by taking a zig zag course.

H. E. Weber left Saturday night, returning to Washington points, where he is engaged with the Shasta Valley Land Co.

IRRIGATION RESERVOIR GIVES WAY

IMMENSE FLOOD IS SWEEPING THROUGH STRAWBERRY VALLEY IN UTAH

LOSS OF MANY LIVES IS FEARED

Irrigation Project Built by United States Government Five Years Ago Near Fairview

Salt Lake, June 25.—The mammoth dam 12 miles from Fairview, Utah, has given way under the terrific pressure of 11,000 acre feet of impounded water and a flood of immense proportions is now sweeping through the valley below, according to reports that have reached officials of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad.

The loss of life has not been reported.

This irrigation project is one the United States government built four or five years ago and is among the largest in the country. The valley below, known locally as Strawberry valley, is one of the most productive in the arid west. It is given over generally to diversified agriculture.

CONSIDER CHANGES IN HOUSE OF LORDS

London, June 25.—A most significant announcement, which is believed to indicate an even greater democratization of the British government, was made in the house of commons today by Chancellor of the Exchequer Law, who said that it had been decided to call a conference to deal with the future composition of the house of lords. The conferees, it was said, were also to discuss the relations between the two houses of parliament.

SAW TEUTON SUBMARINE IN GULF OF MEXICO

Galveston, June 25.—Passengers arriving here from Mexican ports report that their lookouts warned them of a German raider in the gulf about 200 miles out. Officials here refuse to discuss the matter.

GOVERNOR NAMES EXEMPTION BOARDS

Governor Withycombe has announced the personnel of Oregon's exemption boards, following announcement from Washington that President Wilson had in every case approved the local board appointed by the state executives.

In all but Multnomah and Marion counties the sheriff, county clerk and county physician will comprise the boards. The two more populous counties have been divided into districts and the work allotted among private citizens.

"You can say for Governor Withycombe and myself that there will be no politics or no favoritism in this work," declared Adjutant General White last night. "The work of the local boards will be watched closely and any questionable action will call for immediate removal."

CALL BANK STATEMENTS ON JUNE TWENTIETH

Washington, June 25.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Wednesday, June 20.