

REPORT SHOWS IMPROVEMENT CITY FINANCES

AUDITOR ALLYN REPORTS SIX DEPARTMENTS REQUIRING LESS THAN BUDGET

FIRE AUTO BONDS ARE CALLED

Funds Now on Hand for Payment of \$8,500 of City's Bonded Indebtedness

Auditor H. H. Allyn has made a semi-annual statement of the condition of the city of Grants Pass finances which he has presented to the city council which show some interesting figures.

The disbursements exceed one-half of the yearly budget by only \$14.05. Six departments—general, police, fire, library, parks and water and lighting department expenditures were less than one-half of the yearly budget by a total of \$529.92, but the sanitation, streets and sewers, and upkeep of public buildings exceeded the budget for the half year by \$543.97. The sanitation department exceeded by \$68.85, due principally to the flu epidemic. The streets and sewers exceeded by \$446.39, while \$28.73 was spent for upkeep. In the budget there was no provision for upkeep.

In the general government there is a credit to the budget of \$138.62; police department, \$1.90; fire department, \$212.13; library, \$79.67; parks, \$40.06; water and lighting, \$66.54; total, \$529.92.

The cash receipts were: Fines, licenses, etc. \$291.32; improvement bond liens, principal, \$4,433.89; interest, \$1,620.43; received from equity treasurer, \$25,267.83; total cash receipts, \$31,613.47.

Warrants outstanding January 1, 1919, \$8,977.59; warrants issued during six months, \$11,157.22; total, \$20,134.81. Increase in warrant indebtedness in six months, \$96.36.

Improvement bond indebtedness January 1, 1919, \$77,833.26; bonds paid in six months, \$2,676.49. Total improvement bonds outstanding July 1, 1919, \$75,156.86.

Municipal bonds outstanding: Railroad bonds, \$200,000; funding bonds, \$80,000; sewer bonds, \$13,000; fire auto bonds, \$5,500; total outstanding bonds July 1, 1919, \$298,500. Bonds paid during six months, sewer bonds, \$3,000; total bonds, \$5,576.

The treasurer has called the following bonds to be paid, interest to cease July 1, 1919: Improvement bonds, Sixth street, \$1500; sewer bonds, \$1500. He has also called to be paid August 17, 1919, fire auto bonds, \$5,500, a total of \$8,500, bonds now called for payment. The payment of the fire auto bonds leaves the fire department out of debt except for the balance due on auto fire engine pump recently installed. Payments of \$100 monthly are being made on the pump.

AMERICAN FIRMS MAY COMPETE IN GERMANY

Coblentz, July 28.—American army headquarters permitted five American commercial travelers to proceed through the Coblentz bridgehead into the interior of Germany today. This permits American firms to compete with European for the German trade.

BERLIN BANK BORROWS ONE HUNDRED MILLION

London, July 28.—An American loan of \$100,000,000 has been obtained by a representative of a Berlin bank, it is announced.

COMPILING RECORD STATE'S SOLDIERS

State Librarian Has Charge of Important Work—Will Distribute Medals

The official record of every Oregon soldier serving in the world war is being compiled in the state library here, under the direction of State Librarian Cornelia Marvin, who was authorized to make the compilation by the recent legislature. From these records will be made the distribution of service medals, scheduled for November 11 next.

The work of compiling these records was begun last March, and, although it is not expected that the compilation will ever be complete, it is planned to have it as complete as practical under the circumstances well before the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

Blanks have been sent out to every school district in the state, and county librarians are working in cooperation with Miss Marvin. The records will also be checked by school districts of which there are more than 3000 in the state. In order that none of the Oregon men may be omitted.

Among other points to be covered in the compilation are the nativity of each individual, his occupation before the war, whether or not he saw foreign service, the manner of his entry into the service, whether by enlistment or draft, and his rank and honors in the service.

It is expected that the compilation will contain the names of at least 35,000 Oregon men. Numbers of photographs are also being received and the record will eventually be published and kept on file in the permanent archives of the state library.

Aside from this, a compilation will be made of the names and record of all Oregon citizens serving in war work other than combatant, such as Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., K. of C., Salvation Army and any other line of endeavor which was essentially a part of America's war program.

The local work is in charge of County School Superintendent Alice Bacon, Home Service Secretary Mrs. Jennie Moss and Mrs. R. K. Woodson.

BALTIMORE MAN APPOINTED ALBANIA RED CROSS WORKER

Bucharest, June 27.—Captain William Warfield, of Baltimore, has been appointed director of the American Red Cross unit to Albania, succeeding Major Albert W. Buck, who has returned to France. Captain Warfield will have a force of nearly 50 American workers.

BANDITS GET 1500 PESOS FOR RANSOM

Washington, July 28.—Acting on the advice of the Mexican government, which feared the boy would be murdered, John West Thompson, American ranchman, paid 1500 pesos ransom demanded by Mexican bandits for the release of his 14 year old son.

Secretary Lansing today said the Mexican government has agreed to refund the amount of the ransom and will make every effort possible to capture the bandits.

Philip Thompson, 14-year-old son of John West Thompson, an American citizen, was kidnapped from his father's ranch 39 miles from Mexico City and is being held by Mexican bandits for 1500 pesos ransom, the state department was advised Saturday. Urgent representations have been made to the Mexican government, it was announced.

The bandits took a horse and a revolver from the boy before taking him from the ranch and they were said to have threatened to execute him unless the ransom was paid.

RACE WAR ON IN CHICAGO'S "BLACK BELT"

DROWNING OF NEGRO LAD AT BATHING BEACH PRECIPITATES TROUBLE

BLACK KNOCKED OFF OF RAFT

Two Blacks Killed and 50 Whites and Blacks Injured in Chicago Riots Last Night

Chicago, July 28.—Trouble between whites and negroes was renewed in Chicago's "black belt" today when Moses Thomas, a negro, fired several shots at a wagon load of white workmen being taken to a southside factory. When attempts were made by whites to disarm Thomas a dozen negroes rushed to his assistance. Police reserves were rushed to the district and the rioting was quelled with no injuries.

Rioting last night resulted in the death of two negroes and the injury of 50 whites and blacks, including four patrolmen.

The trouble is alleged to have started when a negro boy on a raft crossed an imaginary boundary line between whites and blacks at a bathing beach. White boys, it is reported, threw stones and knocked him into the water, where he was drowned. A general race fight ensued.

STATE LIME PLANT IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER

C. W. Courtney, superintendent of the state lime plant near Gold Hill, accompanied by Mrs. Courtney, left this morning by automobile on a trip through Douglas and Lane counties in the interests of the lime output. The plant has been closed down until about September 30, when deliveries of lime are to be commenced. As the plant requires a total of 20 men for its operation, Mr. Courtney says it is important that there should be shipped at least one car of limestone each day in order to reduce overhead expense.

County Court May Retail Lime
Ground limestone may be supplied by the county courts of Oregon to farmers at cost. Procedure is explained in chapter 118, session laws 1919 as follows:

On petition of 50 or more farm owners of the county the court must order at least one car lot—30 tons—from the state plant at Gold Hill. The lime will be stored in a suitable place and sold to farmers for cash sufficient to cover all costs. These costs are \$2.50 per ton in car lots at the plant, freight charges of \$2 per ton to Salem—other points in proportion—and handling and storage unless provision is made to have the car unloaded by the farmers into their own wagons. If stored the cost to the farmer will be about \$5 per ton at Salem and other points a like distance from Gold Hill.

The advantages of this plan are that farmers can get lime in less than the minimum car lot from the plant, and by having it stored can reduce the cost of hauling home by taking back a load of lime with them whenever they haul a load of farm produce to market.

The law mentions the fact that the plant must be kept running full capacity in order to produce ground limestone at lowest cost. This plan of distribution will thus help keep down the cost and also supply lime in quantities suited to the farmer's needs.

All orders should be addressed to Dr. A. B. Cordley, secretary of the state lime board, Corvallis.

PACIFIC FLEET QUILTS PANAMA FOR SAN DIEGO

"BIGGEST EVENT IN HISTORY OF CANAL," SAYS GOVERNOR HARDING

PANAMA SHORE LEAVE FOR 3600

Flagship New Mexico Leads Six Dreadnaughts to Waters of the Pacific

Panama, Canal Zone, July 28.—The Pacific fleet sailed from Panama for San Diego last night.

Aboard the Flagship U. S. S. New Mexico, July 27.—The Pacific fleet, under the command of Admiral Rodman is floating in Pacific waters.

Six dreadnaughts, led by the flagship New Mexico, Saturday successfully negotiated the Panama canal, the largest ships that ever have passed through this waterway. The average time for each warship from Colon to Balboa was ten hours.

"This is the biggest event in the history of the canal," said Governor Chester Harding of the Canal Zone.

"It was no more trouble than putting through the canal a fleet of Great Lakes tugboats," said Admiral Rodman.

WOMENS RELIEF CORPS RECEIVING MEMBERS

General Logan Womens Relief Corps on Saturday held a most interesting meeting at which 10 new members were received into the organization. Other applications for membership were received and there are still others to follow. The corps now has a membership of about 120 but the leaders confidently expect an enrollment of 150 before the end of the summer.

At the close of the meeting the members of the G. A. R. and a few invited guests partook of a banquet at which 70 or more were seated. There were the silk flags which always deck the tables where the W. R. C. serve and there was the usual abundance of good things to eat, together with the hospitality for which the organization is famous.

The annual encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be held this year at Columbus, Ohio, and it is expected that a large delegation from this county will be in attendance.

FOUR STORY GARAGE HAS ENTRANCE ON EACH FLOOR

Los Angeles, Cal., July 28.—A four-story garage, from any story of which entrance and exit is directly from the street, is one of the architectural landscape oddities of "automobile row" in Los Angeles.

The explanation is simple: The garage is built on a hillside.

WILL PROBE COST OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Washington, July 28.—Senator Poindexter introduced a resolution today for investigation by the federal trade commission into the operations of big oil companies for the Pacific coast, and the causes for the recent advance in the cost of petroleum products throughout the country. The resolution was referred to a committee. Senator Poindexter would have the commission determine if there is any combination in restraint of trade or unfair competition on the Pacific coast.

HOUSE QUILTS WHILE SENATE DISCUSSES

Senator Walsh Says Article 10 Would Not Handicap Freedom of the Irish People

Washington, July 28.—The house has decided to take a recess from August 2 to September 9, while the senate is expected to be working on the peace treaty. The senate has passed and sent to the house the administration bill authorizing the increase from 9,500 to 18,000 in the number of commissioned officers to be retained in the army this year.

The president began the discussion of the peace treaty with democratic senators today, holding abeyance further conferences with republicans.

Washington, July 28.—Democratic senators who conferred with President Wilson late today said that the president would submit the treaty with France to the senate immediately, probably tomorrow.

Washington, July 28.—Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana, today denied that Article 10 of the covenant would handicap the cause of Irish freedom or fix eternally the boundaries of nations. He said it is clearly meant to protect each other from "external aggression."

HAYWOOD SAYS I. W. W. VICTIM OF PAPER WAR

Leavenworth, July 28.—William D. Haywood, I. W. W. leader who has been released pending an appeal, plans to return to Chicago and then make a tour of the country appealing to workmen. He said, "Our organization is mis-judged. We did not oppose war with Germany and never resorted to violence. We are victims of a newspaper war."

LIFTS BAN FROM SOFT DRINKS AND ICE CREAM

Washington, July 28.—After two hours of debate while the temperature hovered around the 100 degree mark the house today voted to repeal the 10 per cent tax on soda water and ice cream.

FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD JULY 28 TO AUG. 2 INCLUSIVE

Pacific Coast States: Normal temperature and generally fair.

STATE MUST PURCHASE IF GAS MASKS ARE USED

Washington, July 28.—Refusal of the war department to lend the state of Oregon 1,000 gas masks to be used in fighting forest fires is likely to start some legislation providing that the thousands of masks left over from the war be placed at the disposal of the proper authorities in the wooded areas of the country where they can be put to some useful service.

F. A. Elliott, Oregon state forester, made the request for the masks through Senator Chamberlain, who was somewhat surprised to be informed that the department was willing to sell the masks at \$5 each. Answering the request the chemical warfare service said that these masks had proved valuable in fighting fires and that many of them are now in use by the fire-fighting organizations of municipalities. The war department has laid down a set of rules under which applications may be made for the purchase of the masks.

RESERVATIONS ARE ADVOCATED BY C. E. HUGHES

BELIEVED ADOPTION OF PEACE COVENANT COULD BE GUARANTEED

INTERPRETATION TO 4 CLAUSES

Immigration and Imposition of Duties to Remain Questions of Domestic Policy

Washington, July 28.—That the adoption of the league of peace covenant by the United States might be guaranteed by the addition of a number of reservations to the instrument of ratification, is the opinion of Charles Evans Hughes, as expressed by him in a letter to the Honorable Frederick Hale, of the senate body.

Mr. Hughes told Senator Hale, of Maine he feared the senate would fail to ratify the peace treaty with the covenant as at present, and he said, "there is plain need for a league of nations."

Mr. Hughes believes that four clauses of the covenant need the addition of reserving or interpreting statements, which would remove the United States from danger in case of ratification, if the statements were attached to the instrument itself. Article I, which provides for the withdrawal of a member; article XV, which deals with phases of the Monroe Doctrine; and article X, which provides for "war against external aggression," should be further qualified before ratification, he says.

As to the possible reservations themselves Mr. Hughes wrote as follows:

First: That whenever two years notice of withdrawal from the league of nations shall have been given, as provided in article I of the covenant the power giving the notice shall cease to be a member of the league at the time specified in the notice, notwithstanding any claim, charge or finding of the non-fulfillment of any international obligation or any obligation under said covenants; provided, however, that such withdrawal shall not release the power from any debt or liability theretofore incurred.

Second: That questions relating to immigration, or the imposition of duties or imports where such questions do not arise out of any international engagement, are questions of domestic policy, and these and any other questions which according to international law are solely within the domestic jurisdiction are not to be submitted for the considerations or action of the league of nations or of any of its agencies.

Third: That the meaning of article XXI of the covenant of the league of nations is that the United States of America does not relinquish its traditional attitude toward purely American questions, and is not required by said covenant to submit its policies regarding questions which it

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3D DIVISION ORDERED HOME FROM GERMANY

Coblentz, July 28.—The Third division American army is ordered home, it is reported here today. The division will begin entraining for Brest August 5.

HUNGARIAN SOVIET TROOPS ROUTED BY RUMANIANS

Vienna, July 28.—Hungarian soviet troops have been thrown back in disorder across the Theiss river by the Rumanians at Szojok and at other points, it is reported today.