

POSSIBLY MAY EVADE ORDERS

O. I. COULD DODGE COMMISSION.

After June 17 Irrigation Company seemingly won't be subject to Mandates of State Public Service Commission

(Special to The Bulletin.)
SALEM, Dec. 14.—It will probably not be until January that the public service commission takes up the final examination of the affairs of the Central Oregon Irrigation company. And when that examination is followed by the commission's orders, whatever they may be, there is expressed in well informed quarters here the belief that those orders may never get fully enforced. That is, perhaps they will not if they are especially displeasing to the company.

The reason for such an outlook, as intimated by an observer in touch with the irrigation problem and the commission's activities, is because the company may be able to dodge. And folks up in Central Oregon say the C. O. I. is good at dodging.

For instance, suppose that the commission makes some pretty drastic orders. Suppose the company delays all it can—and it's a neat little delayer. It might appeal to the courts, for instance, from the mandates of the commission, and by the time the legal smoke cleared away, why June 17 might have rolled around.

And on June 17, remember, the contracts call for a new deal. So far as administration of the segregation goes, the present company passes in its checks. It pays its percentage to the house, and retires from the game. At least, it does all that so far as its relations to the commission are concerned.

June 17 Sees Change.
After June 17 a new order of things commences. In the words of the contract, a "corporation of water users" takes control. Of course, it happens that the company (unless the settlers in the mean time form an irrigation district) will control that corporation, as they will be majority holders of land as water users. But it will not be the same company to which the public service commission issued its edicts. That company will be off the stage.

Further, the new corporation will be a mutual affair. It will be in the nature of a co-operative association. And the commission, according to authorities, has no jurisdiction over mutual or co-operative corporation of this character.

Therefore, it is possible, and perhaps probable, that the commission next month may issue orders until it is blue in the face, unofficially speaking, and if the company doesn't like what is handed out, all it must do to escape the consequences is to sit tight, delay, and wait until that fatal June 17. After that the commission's orders will not be worth the perfectly good paper they are written on, so far as getting results is concerned—probably.

Members of the commission, it is understood, are entirely aware of this possibility, but intend to go ahead with their work, pushing it to completion as rapidly as possible. It is intimated that they have an idea that they can get some kind of action which will be beneficial all around. And if the worst comes to the worst, observers declare, there will at least have resulted a goodly lot of healthful publicity, which will show the water users and the public just where the company stands, and just where it merits praise or censure.

DEPORTATIONS NOT CRUEL SAY TEUTONS

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Germany's answer to the protest of the United States in regard to Belgian deportations arrived today. It offers explanations for the deportations, and declares that the acts were necessary. No brutality nor inhumanity was used, it is set forth.

LAND BOARD MEETS FRIDAY

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
SALEM, Dec. 14.—The postponed meeting of the Desert Land board will be held Friday afternoon. Central Oregon Irrigation company officials will appear before the board, presumably chiefly with a view to securing extension on contracts.

ENGLAND TO HAVE MORE MINISTRIES

Food and Labor May Be Departments—100,000,000 Pound Credit Asked.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Bonar Law announced today that the new government intends to create ministers of food, and of labor. He said the government has taken action in the case of Captain Blaikie, of the steamer Caledonian. The Germans captured Captain Blaikie, and threatened to execute him for ransoming a submarine.
Great Britain is preparing for a long war, in connection with which Bonar Law moved a credit of 400,000,000 pounds. He said daily war expenses are more than \$27,000,000. The votes of credit since the war began total \$18,700,000,000.
He said that the peace proposals have not arrived. In regard to the proposals, he merely said "I cannot discuss them now. I will repeat Mr. Asquith's statement that there must be adequate reparation for the past, and adequate security for the future."

Luxuries Are Taboo.
LONDON, December 14.—Lord Davenport, food controller, announced to the house of lords today that the government's new food plans prohibit costly luxuries. A stupendous rationing system may be instituted.

SENATE CHAMPIONS BILL ONCE VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Senator Wilfred Sausbury, of Delaware, was elected president pro tem. of the senate today. The senate passed the immigration bill with a literacy test, 64 to 7. President Wilson once vetoed this because of the test.

The house judiciary committee reported favorably on the nationwide prohibition bill, reported the suffrage bill without recommendation, and reported favorably on the food investigation act.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST RUMANIANS GENERAL

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 14.—General von Mackensen reported progress today along the whole Rumanian front, despite bad roads. The Rumanians have reported all of Great Wallachia, south of Bucharest, and the Cernavoda railroad. The Rumanians have evacuated all of full attacks in the Arguesu valley and the Gurgy mountains. Heavy artillery bombardments are going on in the Carpathian mountains.

SLINGSBY CASE IS DISMISSED BY LORDS

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The house of lords today dismissed the appeal of E. H. R. Slingsby, of San Francisco, seeking the estate of the late Rev. Charles Slingsby, for Teddy Slingsby, alleged to be the heir of Rev. Slingsby.

VILLISTAS AGAIN IN SANTA ROSALIA

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
JUAREZ, Dec. 14.—The Villistas have again captured Santa Rosalia, south of Chihuahua. Three hundred Carranzistas garrisoned the town. Continuous skirmishing is going on at the Mexican Central railway, 30 miles south. The main Villista army is believed to have been missed, west of Chihuahua.

CONTRABAND SHIPS CAUGHT BY GERMANS

Dutch and Brazilian Boats are Stopped—Rumanians Retreat.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 13.—The press bureau announced today that the German sea forces stationed off Flanders entered Soofden the night of December 9, and halted the Dutch steamer Caledonian, and the Brazilian steamer Rio Pardo, which, it was said, were carrying contraband to England.
It was also announced that the Rumanians have resumed their retreat. They attempted a stand at the flooded Yalomite river, but the Germans captured 4000. Patrol engagements in the Carpathians were successful, and the Austrians have repulsed the Russians in Transylvania.

Artillery duels are continuing in the Somme and Meuse sectors. Night patrols clash frequently, but the western front is otherwise quiet.

K. OF P. OFFICIAL PRAISES BEND

IS BEST CITY IN STATE, SAYS GLEASON.

Grand Vice-Chancellor of Pythians Pays Tribute to Neil A. Southwick—Many Attend Banquet.

Paying a tribute to the progressiveness of Bend, Walter G. Gleason, grand keeper of records and seals of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon, declared last night at the Pythian banquet at the Emblem club, that Bend is the best city in the state. He asserted that Portland is missing a good bet in not paying more attention to this city. He emphasized the point that optimism is the door of success. The remainder of his speech was given over to the benevolent work of the order which he represents.

The banquet was given in honor of Mr. Gleason and Leslie E. Crouch, grand vice chancellor, more than 50 members of Deschutes lodge, No. 103, and their wives attending. M. A. Palmer was toastmaster. Decorations were carried out in electric lights in the colors of the lodge, blue, yellow and red.

Mr. Crouch in his address paid a lasting tribute to the memory of Neil A. Southwick, killed in Sunday night's auto wreck, and in mentioning Denton G. Burdick, now convalescing from injuries received at the same time, suggested that a tribute is better given during life than after death. He said that he considered Bend one of the best cities he had visited for several weeks, and that during his coming term as grand-chancellor he intended to visit here for two or three days.

S. C. Caldwell, mayor-elect of Bend, one of the charter members of the lodge present, spoke briefly on the original organization, and N. P. Smith, also a charter member, related the history of the lodge since its inception. D. W. Gibson entertained with a reading on Damon and Pythias, and J. B. Anderson contented himself with paraphrasing remarks of the toastmaster.

An orchestra composed of W. J. Sprout, Robert Innes, Mrs. D. A. Houston, William A. Harris, William Van Cleve and R. D. Ketchum furnished music for the evening.

DOUBT CAST ON PEACE MOTIVES

FOOD LACK THE CAUSE, SAYS NORTHCLIFFE.

British Make Ready for Greatest Effort—Allies Will Stand Firm—Wilson Is Willing to Advance Peace.

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LONDON, December 14.—Germany's peace proposals are due to the fact that grave international discussions have arisen on account of the food shortage and the reign of terror. Relations are strained between the various German and Austrian states, and Turkey. The Kaiser has learned that the British are planning to make their greatest effort next year. His proposals are greeted with contempt here. France, Italy and little Belgium will stand firm as Plymouth Rock.

WILSON MAY AID

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Germany's peace proposals reached the state department today, and were immediately forwarded to the belligerents. Secretary Grew transmitted a confidential memorandum to guide President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

The president's closest advisers said he would offer his services in the event of Lloyd George being willing to discuss these proposals. The United States plans to keep out if the Allies are determined to keep on fighting. Unofficial indications as to the Allies' attitude are not encouraging.

BRITISH ARMY HUGE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
LONDON, December 14.—The war office's supplementary estimate provides an additional million men of all ranks for the year ending March 31, 1917. This makes a total of 5,000,000 men for a 12 month period.

Slay Force Aids Bezen

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—It is announced that the Teutons have continued their attacks against Bezen. The Russian cavalry fought the enemy southwest of the city, and advanced westward, co-operating with the infantry forces.

SUBMARINE GROUNDS; CREW IS IN DANGER

Lifesavers at Eureka Unable to Reach H-3, While Heavy Seas Pound.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
EUREKA, Dec. 14.—The submarine H-3 ran aground this morning outside of Humboldt bay. Watchers believed that the superstructure is breaking up this afternoon, and it is feared the crew will perish. Lieutenants H. R. Bogusch and H. F. Zemcke are aboard. Heavy breakers are pounding, and the submarine is being tossed about like a log.

Eureka lifesavers are unable to get close, but are attempting to shoot a life line aboard. It is believed that the sailors are so badly injured that they will be unable to help themselves on account of the terrific seas. Where the fog is heaviest, the submarine's outlines are only dimly discerned.
The H-3 had engine trouble at Astoria, and it is feared the engines may have collapsed. The Monitor, Cheyenne, ran inside the breakers, attempting a rescue.

STANFIELD IS NOW SURE OF SPEAKERSHIP

FORBES HAS STANDING

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 14.—Robert N. Stanfield, of Stanfield, is assured of election as speaker of the next Oregon house. Mr. Stanfield has 37 votes pledged to him, the list of members who will support him having been published today. Included in it are the names of Representatives V. A. Forbes and Denton G. Burdick of the twenty-first district. Because of his experience and closeness to Mr. Stanfield Mr. Forbes is looked upon as probably the most influential member of the new house.

MURDERER KILLED AFTER LONG CHASE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 14.—A police posse today killed E. Notolo, an Italian, following the murder of Mrs. D. Benidini, a boarding house keeper. The posse hunted Notolo for 18 hours. He ran for miles through the sage brush, barefooted.

SENATE PRESIDENCY CERTAIN FOR MOSER

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (Special).—Gus Moser, of Portland, will be the next president of the state senate. A list of 19 senators who have publicly pledged their support to Mr. Moser was published here today.

NEW COUNTY IS CONGRATULATED

WITHYCOMBE WISHES GOOD LUCK.

Proclamation Signed at 6:50 Last Evening in Presence of Forbes, Putnam and DeArmond—No Contest Expected.

SALEM, Ore., December 14 (Special).—At 6:50 last night Governor Withycombe signed the proclamation declaring Deschutes county to have been formed by the vote of the people at the November election. The last official act preceding the formation of the new county took place when Deputy Secretary of State Sam A. Koser had canvassed the vote in the governor's presence. Beside Mr. Koser there were present at the time the proclamation was signed, G. P. Putnam, secretary to the governor, Vernon A. Forbes and H. H. De Armond, all of Bend.

As soon as the governor had placed his signature on the official proclamation he said "Extend my congratulations to the people of Deschutes county. Good luck to them." Then turning, he shook hands with Mr. De Armond, calling him "Mr. District Attorney."

The appointment of the county court of Deschutes is due to be made in a few days and immediately after qualifying the members meet and the new county government exists. The court then appoints the other officers. On the third Monday of the sixth month after the proclamation is issued the courts of the old and the new counties meet in joint session and determine the settlement of funds between the two.

Both Messrs. Forbes and De Armond declare that the chances are now remote for further legal complications in connection with the formation of the county. In this opinion prominent attorneys in both Salem and Portland agree. According to them there is an overwhelming probability that the creation of the new county will be sustained in case any contest is brought. This is especially true now that the proclamation is issued. Using the idea first suggested by the late J. P. Morgan they say that it is harder to unscramble the new county than to prevent scrambling.
In an informal consultation with the attorney general's office this view is sustained.

BONE-DRY BILL MAY BE DRAWN BY BROWN

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
SALEM, Dec. 14.—Attorney General Brown is being besieged with requests to draw up an act for the coming legislature which will put into effect the "bone-dry" prohibition amendment passed by the people at the November election. The amendment is inoperative until penalties are provided. It seems probable that Mr. Brown will prepare the desired bill.

THREE SHIPS LOST

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Lloyds announced today that the British steamers Harley, Harlington and Saint Ursula were sunk. The crews were lost.

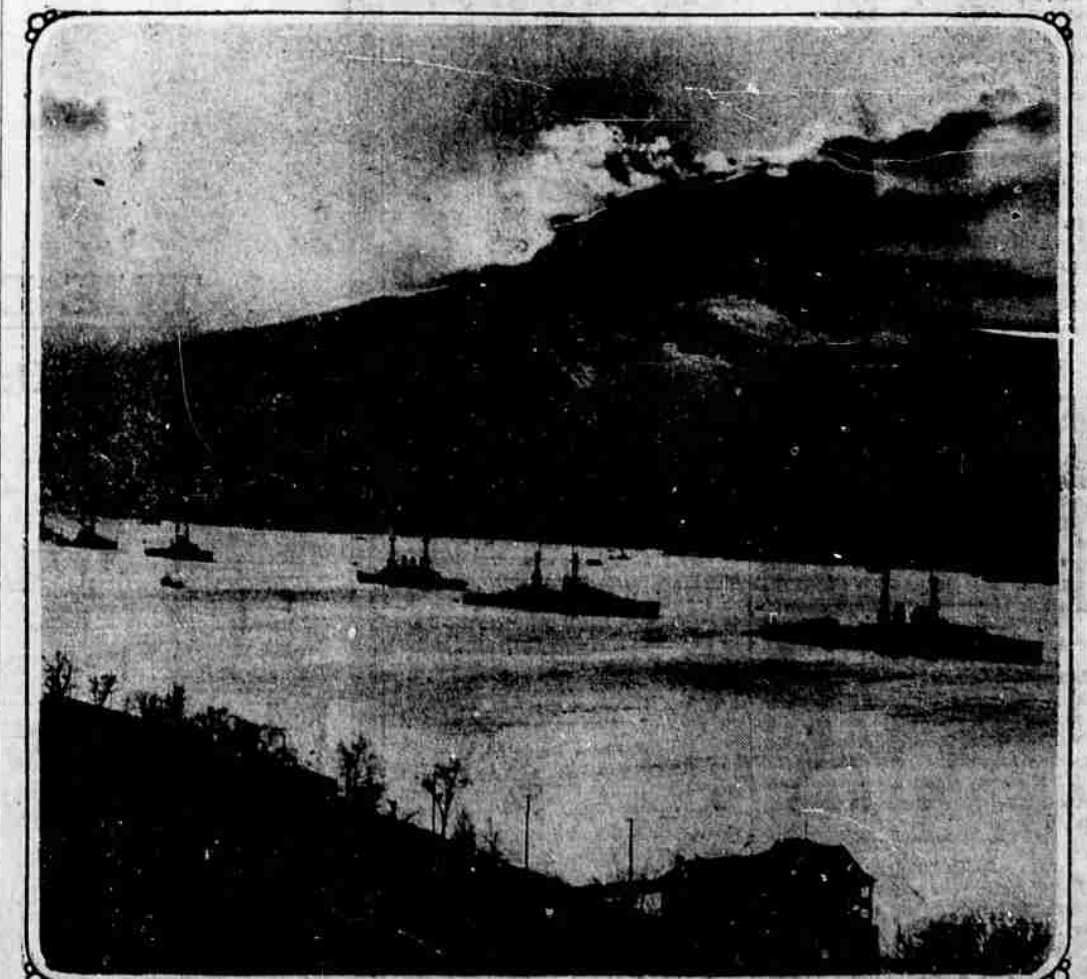
STUDENTS SORRY TO SEE G. DOBIE LEAVE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—Gilmour Dobie, who has been dropped as football coach by the University of Washington authorities, leaves a sorrowing student body and a remarkable record of accomplishments. To a man the undergraduates are with him in his troubles with the faculty, and everyone familiar with western football history knows what the elevens of the wizard coach have done.

In the nine years that Dobie has coached the Washington team, it has played 45 games, winning 42 and having tie scores in the other three. In these games Washington scored 1269 points to its opponents' 107.

Before coming to Washington Dobie coached for two years at the University of North Dakota without having his team defeated. Previous to that he coached one year at the Minneapolis South Side school, and the team was not beaten that season.

DREADNAUGHT SQUADRON OF EIGHT ASSEMBLED IN THE HUDSON RIVER



DREADNAUGHTS LYING IN THE HUDSON

Eight dreadnaughts of the Atlantic fleet put into port at New York so that the officers and men might witness the Army and Navy game at the Polo grounds and give the people of the city and surrounding territory a chance to see some of the navy's biggest vessels.
The fleet is in command of Admiral Henry T. Mayo, whose flagship is the oil-burning superdreadnaught Pennsylvania. The flagship went to the navy yard, while the rest of the fleet proceeded to an anchorage in the North river off Ninety-sixth street.
The New York led the flotilla into port and she was followed by the Texas, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Florida, Wyoming and Utah. It was expected that President Wilson would visit the ships, but a cold kept him in Washington.