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Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization for Sherman county, Oregon, at the Court House in Moro, on the second Monday in September, 1917, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of lands, lots or other property assessed by me. All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant, and filed with the Board within 15 days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Otto Peetz,
County Assessor.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman county.

Franklin G. King, plaintiff,

vs.

Lilly C. Hussey, G. C. King and Mrs. G. C. King, husband and wife, defendants.

To Lilly C. Hussey: You are hereby required to answer the complaint filed in the above cause within six weeks from date of first publication of this summons, exclusive of the date of first publication; if you fail, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint; for a decree foreclosing the mortgage described in the complaint for \$350.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum from the 30th day of January, 1914; \$100.00 attorney's fees, and costs and disbursements; for an order that: Lots three and four of section seven in township four, south of range eighteen, east of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, be sold to satisfy above summons, and cutting off all persons claiming any interest in said premises, through you; that the purchaser have immediate possession. This summons is served pursuant to an order of D. R. Parker, Judge, made on the 11th day of August, 1917, directing that this summons be served by publication for six weeks in the Sherman County Observer.

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DECISION ON EXTENT OF WAR TAX NEAR

House Expected to Pass War Credit Bill This Week and to Consider Insurance.

Washington.—This week's program of congress promises to be one of the most important of the war session. A decision by the senate on how far wealth shall be conscripted in the war tax bill, passage by the house of the \$11,538,000,000 new war credit bill and the soldiers' and sailors' insurance measure and the launching of a new deficiency appropriation bill aggregating between \$4,500,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 are among the things to be done.

After a month virtually in recess under a "gentlemen's agreement" to transact no business, the house reconvened Tuesday prepared to remain at work until recess or adjournment of the session. Most of the leaders now think that hardly will be before October 1 or 15.

Unless plans of administration leaders go awry, the \$11,538,000,000 war bond and certificate and soldiers' and sailors' insurance bills will be passed by the house before the end of the week.

In resuming consideration of postage section of the war tax bill the senate by a vote of 89 to 29 struck out the provision levying a 1-cent tax on letters and post cards, designed to raise \$50,000,000 in revenue. A provision giving American soldiers and sailors abroad the privilege of mailing letters free was retained.

An 80 per cent tax on war profits will be demanded by a group of senators who are determined upon an upward revision of this section in the war revenue bill.

5 PER CENT OF ARMY TO REPORT SEPT. 5

Washington.—Only 5 per cent of the national army will be mobilized September 5, instead of 30 per cent originally planned.

This was announced by Provost Marshal General Crowder. Forty per cent will go September 19 and 40 per cent October 3.

The remaining 15 per cent will go "as soon as practicable."

This latest change in plans is due to congestion in traffic entailed in early September by movement of the national guard to training camps.

The object of calling only 5 per cent is to place in the camps enough to form a skeleton organization to assist in receiving and assimilating the larger contingents later. Boards are requested to select men with previous military training for the first 5 per cent.

One per cent of the quota of each board will be sent on each of five consecutive days beginning September 5 so that the movement will not be completed until September 9.

U. S. HAS FAITH IN RUSSIA

In Face of Disquieting Rumors a New Credit is Extended.

Washington.—In the face of persistent disquieting rumors from Russia, and following Secretary Lansing's declaration that the United States is not worried over the Russian situation, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced a new credit to Russia of \$100,000,000. This brings the total Russian credit up to \$275,000,000. The new Russian credit announced brings the total advanced to the allies up to \$2,066,400,000. This is more than the sum of the first Liberty loan.

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GENERAL MANN



General W. A. Mann, who will command the first national guard division of 19,000 men soon to go to France.

MEN WITH ACTUAL DEPENDENTS EXEMPT

Washington.—Married men with actually dependent wives and children will not be drafted into the new national army. Provost Marshal General Crowder ruled.

Acting upon suggestions of President Wilson for ameliorating the lot of certain families, Crowder held that a man ought to be exempted in case his wife and children were really dependent on his labor; in other words, that boards ought not to force a wife to go to work for herself and children where the soldier's pay, or his pay plus relatives' contributions did not suffice to meet the family needs.

President Wilson wrote that such hardships should be avoided as far as possible. Crowder concurred, but reiterated that there ought not to be exemption in cases, for instance, where the wife is wealthy, or where her relatives are willing to take over the task of supporting her.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

The German general staff reports that the British lost 21 tanks during futile fighting last week.

Troops under Prince Leopold of Bavaria, advancing on the Russian city of Riga, have reached the River Aa at some places on the Gulf of Riga coast, the German general staff announced.

The British, French, Italians and Russians have captured 167,780 war prisoners since April 9, when the 1917 campaign opened, according to a statement issued by the British war department.

Canadian troops are still advancing against Lens. West and south of the coal city the fighting was one continuous battle of assaults by the Canadians and immediate counter attacks by the enemy.

The Italian troops on the Isonzo front are marching to complete victory. The Italian second army, General Cadorna reports, has broken through the Austro-Hungarian line of defense at several points and is closely pursuing the Austro-Hungarians, who are retreating and defending the difficult ground yard by yard.

In Roumania the Russo-Roumanian forces still are holding their own against the invaders, having retaken height positions northwest of Soveia which the Germans captured last week. On the Fokshani sector, Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces seemingly have been unable to make further advances, owing to the stiffening in the line of the defenders.

Hill 304, the last remaining important stronghold of the Germans fronting Verdun, fell into French hands. Hill 304, together with Le Mort Homme, commands all the ravines and approaches as far as Douaumont. The loss of these positions deprives the Germans of all observatories from which they could watch the French movements.

Russian Defeats Charged to Traitors. Petrograd.—At the trial for high treason of General Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, General Ivanoff, former commander in Volhynia and Galicia, testified he had information showing that military secrets had been communicated direct from Petrograd to Germany and Austria by way of Warsaw.

American Destroyer Saves Vessel. A Gulf Port.—The destruction of a German submarine by an American destroyer and the killing of four members of the submarine's crew who had boarded a British steamer, is reported by William Raymond Brown, an American seaman, who arrived here aboard a British steamer.

GERMAN ASSAULTS AT VERDUN REPULSED

Crown Prince Fails to Beat Petain Back in Fierce Counter Attacks.

Paris.—General Petain is holding all his gains of the great Verdun offensive in the face of formidable counter attacks which the crown prince is now launching. The French commander reports the repulse of strong assaults on newly won positions in this sector.

France has taken 7600 prisoners, 201 of them German officers, in the Verdun drive. The sixth German division of reserves, formerly ranked as one of the strongest enemy units, was literally wiped out. After the first French assaults the division was reduced to three regiments (approximately 3750 men) and of these the French took 2794 men and 60 officers prisoners. Even the regimental band was taken. The musicians had been forced into the front trenches for fighting.

The large number of officers captured by the French is striking proof of a decreasing German morale. In the French assault on Verdun, December 15, only 208 officers were taken out of a total of 11,000 prisoners.

With a checking up of prisoners and German casualties, it developed that of one German regiment the French captured 860 soldiers and 28 officers.

Moscow.—Russia is passing through a period of mortal danger, Premier Kerensky told the national conference which opened in Moscow to consider the present situation of the country and plans for a new national government.

The premier declared that any attempt to take advantage of the conference for an attack on the national government, would be repressed pitilessly "by blood and iron."

General Korniloff, the commander in chief, entered the hall in company with Premier Kerensky. His appearance was the signal for prolonged cheers.

In the present month, General Korniloff said, soldiers had killed four regimental commanders and other officers, and ceased these outrages only when they were threatened with being shot.

"Thus we are implacably fighting anarchy in the army," declared the commander. "Undoubtedly it will finally be repressed, but the danger of fresh debacles is weighing constantly on the country."

"The situation on the front is bad. We have lost the whole of Galicia, the whole of Bukovina and all the fruits of our recent victories. At several points the enemy has crossed our frontier and is threatening our fertile southern provinces. He is endeavoring to destroy the Roumanian army and is knocking at the gates of Riga. If our army does not hold the shore of the Gulf of Riga, the road to Petrograd will be opened wide."

"If Russia wishes to be saved the army must be regenerated at any cost."

ITALIANS FORCES ADVANCE

Series of Victories Have Pushed Austrians Back Along a Wide Front.

London.—Italy's fighting legions have within one week scored a series of victories that have sent the Hapsburg foe reeling back along the whole front from Piava to the Adriatic. As a triumphant climax to the first phase of their drive, they captured the 2245 feet high Monte Santo, the "Deadman's Hill" of the Gorizia front, seven miles north of the city.

The capture of Monte Santo indicates that the Austro-Hungarian center has been pierced and that the Teutons' lines to the north and south of that sector are in grave danger.

\$3 Wheat Price Asked.

St. Paul.—A government-fixed minimum price of \$3 a bushel for No. 1 northern wheat, other grades to be priced on a differential not exceeding 4 cents a bushel, is urged in a resolution adopted by the representatives of farmers of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, in conference at the state capital on the call of Governor Burquist.

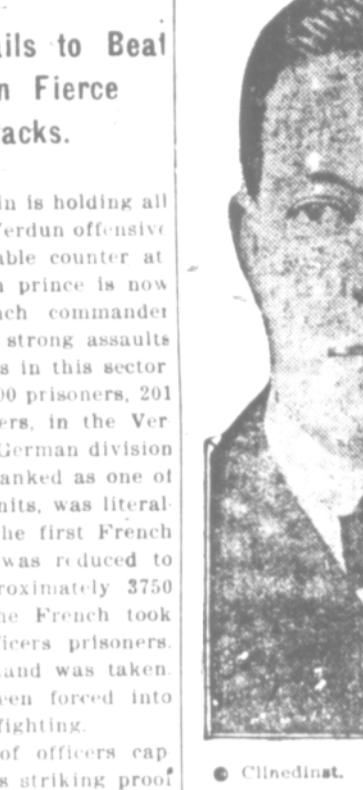
Wilson Pledges Support to Russia.

Washington.—President Wilson sent to the members of the national council assembly at Moscow assurances that this government is willing to extend "every material and moral assistance" to the government of Russia.

German Cruiser is U. S. S. Can Schurz

From an American Port.—The former German cruiser Geier, which was seized by the government on the declaration of war, is to enter the war against the Germans as a unit of the American navy.

CONGRESSMAN BAER



John M. Baer, recently elected to congress from North Dakota, is a cartoonist and the youngest man in congress.

FATE OF NEGROES IN HANDS OF MILITARY

Houston, Tex.—The fate of the more than 100 negro soldiers, who shot up the west end of Houston, is entirely in the hands of the military, notwithstanding the action of District Attorney Crocker in filing murder charges against 34 of them.

The battalion of the twenty-fourth infantry that included the shooters was put on a train and taken toward Columbus, N. M. Major General George Bell, Jr., who took command, said:

"I assume that the local authorities will seek to try the men against whom charges have been filed. However, their disposition is in the hands of the military. The justice meted out by army authorities will be much quicker obtained than it could be by civil procedure."

"Mutiny in time of war is punishable by death. Murder at all times involves the death penalty. Punishment will be dealt out to those participating in the disturbance promptly and effectively."

The negro troops became angered against the city policemen of Houston because of the reported shooting of a negro sergeant by a police officer. Stealing company ammunition, about 125 of the negroes seized their rifles and left the camp, starting toward the city, shooting indiscriminately.

BEET SUGAR PRICE FIXED

Saving of \$30,000,000 to Be Made in Six Months.

Washington.—An agreement by the country's beet sugar producers to limit the prices of their product so as to effect a reduction of about one-half cent a pound in the present prices of sugar was announced by the food administration, with a notice to the public that this should mean a saving of \$30,000,000 between now and the first of the next year.

It was announced that wholesale grocers had agreed to limit distribution charges to prevent exorbitant charges.

In the near future the administration will state the price at which wholesale sugar should be delivered at large consuming centers. The beet sugar price fixed is the equivalent of \$7.25, cane sugar basis, f. o. b. seaport refining ports.

Order Bibles for Soldiers.

New York.—An order for 1,000,000 khaki pocket testaments for American soldiers and sailors has been placed by the national war work council of the Y. M. C. A. with the American Bible society.

Beeves Sell For \$16.30 in Chicago.

Chicago.—Choice beeves sold at the Union stockyards at \$16.30, a new high-price record for cattle on the hoof.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$2.05; bluestem \$2.10; red Russian, \$2.05; forty-fold, \$2.05. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$48 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$25.

Butter—Creamery, 40c. Eggs—Ranch, 36c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 60c; valley, 40c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$2.16; turkey red, \$2.16; forty-fold, \$2.13; club, \$2.12; fifty, \$2.12; red Russian, \$2.11. Barley—\$47 per ton. Butter—44c. Eggs—Ranch, 48c.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

N. Y. E. Scott, of Philomath, was accidentally killed while deer hunting on Mary's creek.

Hotels and private homes in Bend are finding it almost impossible to secure female help.

The state board of conciliation recently appointed by the governor held its first meeting at Portland.

The Southern Pacific company reported to the public service commission a net car shortage in the state of 599.

The state Endeavor union will hold its third annual institute at Wichita, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Cranberry raisers of Marshfield report a probable average crop this year, although the berries will be small.

Fires near the headwaters of Lake Creek, in western Lane, have destroyed more than 1,000,000 feet of green timber.

Women in wartime work are becoming common on Coos bay and there are many filling places formerly held by men.

With orders to shoot to kill, federal troops have been dispatched to every section of western Oregon to guard the timber belt.

The Oregon Normal school at Monmouth will be opened on September 24 instead of September 10, as previously announced.

The Everfresh plant, at Sutherlin, is installing two huge vats holding 20,000 gallons each, for the manufacture of elder vinegar.

While kindling a fire at her home near Hillsboro, Mrs. J. B. McNew, 68, was so severely burned that she died within a few minutes.

Reports received from Douglas county indicate that most of the forest fires which have been raging for the past few weeks are now under control.

Still Kulik and Alex Aushki, employees at the Big Creek Logging company's camp at Knappa, were burned to death while trying to escape from a forest fire.

The annual Hood River apple packing school, held under the auspices of the Apple Growers' association, will begin September 17 and continue for five days.

The snows that covered the earth during the most of last winter and the extremely low temperatures prevailing decimated grouse in the Hood River valley.

The Sutherlin lake irrigation district, in Jefferson county, is preparing to apply to the state securities commission to certify a proposed bond issue for the district.

Polk county's prune crop, which had promised to be one of the best in several years, now appears to be afflicted with a mysterious disease which is causing the fruit to drop seriously.

The desert land board has petitioned the secretary of the interior to extend the time for the completion of what is known as the Paisley Carey act project, in Lake county, for five years from September 11, 1917.

Willamette valley loganberry crop is very short this year. Sutherlin reports the local juice factory handling only 90,000 pounds of berries this season against 250,000 pounds in 1916. Lack of rain is given as the reason for the shortage.

George W. France, postmaster at Ten Mile, Douglas county, was indicted by the federal grand jury under the federal espionage act, recently enacted, on the specific charge of attempting to influence young men not to enlist in the army or navy.

Several California operators in oil have men in Coos county, securing leases on lands situated about Coos bay and one company of Los Angeles promoters is signing contracts to start drilling within four months from the time of closing leases.

Water rights for irrigation, mining and other beneficial uses that have been acquired upon lands in the Oregon-California railroad land grant will be protected under the federal laws, according to James T. Chinnock, superintendent of water division No. 1. Special instruction in food conservation will be given at all teachers' institutes and all county and district fairs held in Oregon this year, according to co-operative plans agreed upon by Herbert C. Hoover and President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college.

As a result of a conference between residents of Aurora, Hubbard and Woodburn, S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, and officials of the Southern Pacific railroad, the location of the 10 miles of pavement to be laid along the Pacific highway in Clackamas and Marion counties may be changed to points on the highway in the same counties where rock is available.