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JULY FOURTH URGED AS DEFENSE DAY

President Favors That Date for Test Rather Than Armistice Day.

Washington, D. C. — Formal disapproval of the war department's selection of armistice day for the holding of a second defense test and a recommendation by President Coolidge that it be held on July 4, were announced by the White House.

The president, in a letter to Acting Secretary of War Davis, suggested July 4 as a "more appropriate date" and directed the department, if it chose any other day than a national holiday, to hold its plans in abeyance until the authority of congress is secured.

The president also advised the department to emphasize in its letters to governors that participation of their states in the test is "purely voluntary."

The war department will accept the president's suggestion and hold its defense test on July 4, it was said, in well-informed quarters here.

Acceptance of the earlier date calls for extraordinary efforts to speed up the test machinery so that the muster will show the maximum results possible and the preparation of plans and instructions already is under way.

ELIMINATION ASKED IN FEDERAL BUREAUS

Philadelphia.—In justice to business there should be a curtailment of federal bureaus and commissions engaged in investigating the industrial machine, Senator William M. Butler of Massachusetts, chairman of the republican national committee, declared here in an address to the Textile Manufacturers' association.

The time has arrived, he insisted, when business, "seeking to stand four square with the government," might ask congress to give it credit for "good intentions and sincerity of activities" by halting the multiplication of supervising agencies.

"The government, with justice to the members of the great American industrial family, can go further," he continued, "and begin an elimination of certain of the boards, bureaus, departments and commissions of Paul Frying activity, and accomplish a substantial saving of the public payroll without any loss of public service."

TAX PUBLICATION LAWFUL

Newspapers Have Right to Print Names of Taxpayers and Amount.

Washington, D. C.—Publication of income tax returns by newspapers was upheld as legal by the United States supreme court.

Newspapers can publish lists of names of taxpayers and the amount of tax paid, the court held.

The final decision was rendered on the publicity clause of the 1924 revenue act which permitted publicity of the returns but failed to specify whether or not they might be published by periodicals.

In its decision, the court quashed the indictments returned against the Baltimore Post and Walter S. Diekey and Ralph Ellis, owner and editor, respectively, of the Kansas City Journal Post.

McCammant Named Federal Judge.

WM. S. CULBERTSON



William S. Culbertson of Kansas, vice chairman of the Federal tariff commission, who has been appointed minister to Rumania.

MILLION DOLLAR BUS FIRM INCORPORATED

St. Paul, Minn. — A million-dollar motor bus and freight company, backed by Great Northern railway interests, filed articles of incorporation here. The company, known as the Great Northern Transit company, will operate a fleet of passenger buses and freight trucks, according to the articles filed.

The directors include Louis W. Hill, Ralph Budd, W. P. Kenney and D. J. Kerr, all of St. Paul. Mr. Budd will be the president, with Mr. Kenney as vice-president and F. L. Paetzold secretary-treasurer.

The company, which is capitalized at \$1,000,000, will maintain headquarters here.

Mr. Budd, president of the Great Northern, said the company had not decided definitely where the buses would be operated, but "the plan is to study the situation carefully, and where an improvement in service can be offered, we propose to operate bus routes supplementary to our train service in the northwest."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

E. M. Ammons, former governor of Colorado died at his home in Denver. He was 65 years old and had been in failing health for several months.

The Anti-Saloon league celebrated its 32nd birthday Sunday. It was founded in Oberlin, O., by a group of churches, throwing aside denominational lines.

Dr. Charles R. Erdman, Princeton, N. J., was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States at the convention in Columbus, Ohio.

British government is reported to be refusing to admit delegates from Russia and other European countries who proposed to attend annual conference of British communist party, which opens at Glasgow May 30.

The German government proposes increase in tariff rates on imported grains in hope of stabilizing prices and increasing home production. The proposed new tariff on automobiles, it is said, will practically bar American machines from German market.

Mrs. George E. Chamberlain, wife of ex-Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, died at Washington, D. C., Sunday. She had been in poor health for several years. She had lived in Washington since 1908, when her husband was first elected to the United States senate from Oregon.

Mussolini Says Italy Will Pay.
Rome.—Italy will pay her war debt to the United States on a basis of long-term payments yet to be worked out. Premier Mussolini announced during senate debate on the budget. The premier denied that Italy recently had been asked by the United States to pay her debt, but admitted that he had had semi-official conversations with American representatives regarding the methods of funding the debt.

U. S. TAKES STEPS TO COLLECT LOANS

Attention of Several Governments Called to Agreements Made By Them.

Washington, D. C. — The United States government has taken steps to collect not only the war debts owed by Europe, but the reconstruction loans made after the armistice.

Several debtor governments have failed to pay either interest or principal on reconstruction debts and in consequence the Washington government has called their attention to the agreements negotiated at the time the loans were made that there would be no discrimination in the discharge of obligations of this character.

Belgium is said to have paid Great Britain about £8,000,000 on post-armistice reconstruction and aid loans. Rumania also is understood to have made substantial payments to nations which advanced relief funds, but has made no move to pay the United States.

The Jugo-Slavian government incurred a number of reconstruction debts, but has not made payment to any of her creditors, and for that reason is not held to be in the same position as Belgium and Rumania.

The debt commission sees no distinction whatever between pre and post-armistice debts insofar as the obligation of the debtor nation to pay is concerned.

Some consideration is being given by the Washington government officials to a proposal to publish a list of all debts owed the United States, showing not only the amounts due, but in each case the total payments made on post and pre-armistice debts.

COMMISSION ADVISES JOINT USE OF TRACKS

Salem, Or.—The necessity of additional rail service without unnecessary duplication of investment was emphasized by the Oregon public service commission in an answer filed in connection with the petition of the Oregon Trunk for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the extension of its line from Bend to Klamath Falls.

It was said that this answer expresses clearly the attitude of the commission in connection with recent developments in the central Oregon railroad situation.

Particular mention was made in the answer to the fact that under the proposed plan of the Oregon Trunk, its tracks would parallel the line of the Southern Pacific company for 80 miles, from a junction point near Odell or Skookum to Klamath Falls, while identical service might be afforded at a saving of more than three and one-half million dollars through joint use of the Southern Pacific tracks between these points.

DOROTHY ELLINGSON SANE

Confessed Matricide to Face First Degree Murder Charge.

San Francisco. — Trial of Dorothy Ellingson, 17-year-old confessed matricide, on a charge of first degree murder, was set for June 15 by Superior Judge Harold Louderback. The girl was accused of shooting her mother to death in their home here on the morning of January 13.

Dr. J. M. Scanlan, medical superintendent of the Napa state hospital, and his staff, seven other physicians, presented a report to District Attorney Brady, saying that a close observation of the girl for a period of more than 30 days had determined that she was in full possession of her faculties and mentally responsible in every way.

Railway Taxes Cut by Board.
Washington, D. C.—The board of tax appeals in a decision held that the railroads under war-time control of the government may exclude from their earned and taxable income the 2 per cent their income withheld from them by the director general of railroads as taxes.

Northwestern Line and Omaha Unite.
Chicago, Ill.—A consolidation of the Chicago & Northwestern railway and the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis and Omaha railway, the former of which controls the latter, is in prospect through a stock exchange, it was disclosed here.

Citizenship not for Oriental War Vets.
Washington, D. C. — Japanese and other Asiatics who served in the United States army, navy or coast guard during the World War are not entitled to naturalization, the supreme court has decided.

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The Salem district of the Portland area of the Methodist Episcopal church held its annual conference at Silverton with 85 out-of-town visitors in attendance.

T. H. Loneragan, national chaplain of the American Legion, will attend the state convention of legionnaires to be held at Prineville next month as the guest of the Pendleton post.

With a crowd estimated to be the largest ever attending the annual strawberry carnival was held in Roseburg.

Fire losses in Portland for April totaled \$53,532.82 and involved four deaths, according to Edward Grenfell, fire marshal.

Labor conditions in Oregon have greatly improved, according to the monthly report of the United States department of labor.

Salem will be the scene of the next Oregon state encampment of the Odd-fellows, it was decided at the closing session of the order at Ashland.

Jack Smith, 16, was drowned in the Willamette river above Corvallis while in swimming.

Bar examinations which were to be held in Salem July 14 and 15 will be held on July 7 and 8.

The Clackamas county Jersey Jubilee was held at the Clackamas county fairgrounds near Canby.

At a meeting held at Halfway the dates for the Pine valley fair were set for September 24 and 25.

Several hundred residents of Clatsop county attended the annual Scotch broom celebration at Columbia beach.

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Kellogg's All-Bran, pkg. . . 20c
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Swift's Silverleaf Lard, 8 lbs. \$1.98
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Swift's Jewel Shortening, 4 lbs. 85c
Snowdrift Shortening, 8 lbs. \$1.98
Snowdrift Shortening, 4 lbs. \$1.05
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Pint 30c
Quart 58c
Half Gallon \$1.07
Gallon \$1.98

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2 1/2-lb. can 48c
5-lb. can 85c
10-lb. can \$1.58
Standard Corn, 6 for . . . 89c
Standard Peas, 6 for . . . 89c
String Beans, 6 for . . . 89c
Tomatoes, No. 2 1/2, 6 for . 89c
Borden's or Carnation Milk, tall cans, 12 for . . . \$1.15
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