

CONGRESS GRINDS OUT WAR BILLS

Adamson Introduces Bill to Give Govt. Power to Seize Public Service Corporations.

LIQUOR MEN WILL RE- STRICT SALE DURING WAR

Plans to Make German Ships Seized Part of American Merchant Marine.

(By United Press)

Washington, April 13.—Congress is studying war measures. Chairman Adamson, of the House Interstate committee, introduced a bill giving the president power to seize all railroads, telegraph and telephone companies in time of war and to draft the employees of the companies for military service. The president approved the bill. The measure also enlarges the interstate commerce commission to eleven. A heavy penalty is named for interference with the United States mails and interstate commerce in time of war. The house is speeding up the discussion of the seven billion dollar bond issue bill. It is expected to pass tomorrow. The debate is unrestricted.

Will Restrict Liquor
A committee of distillers proposed the voluntary restriction of liquor manufacture during the war.

Use Seized Ships
Plans to make the seized German and Austrian ships a part of the American merchant marine were discussed at a conference between secretary McAdoo and chairman Denton of the federal shipping board.

New Defense Zone
The president issued a proclamation creating "defensive areas" along the coast. Ships can't penetrate the areas except at certain times and then only after identification.

Will train Aviators
Officials of the French and British flying corps have been detailed to assist in the rapid upbuilding of America's aerial "quadron."

MILLIONAIRE "DIAMOND JIM" BRADY IS DEAD

(By United Press)
Atlanta City, April 13.—James Buchanan Brady, New York's famous "Diamond Jim" is dead.
Brady's million dollar stomach, "made for him" by surgeons of John Hopkins hospital, was not proof against the illness racking his frame since last year.

CUBAN GOVERNMENT DENIES SUBMARINE STORY

Havana, April 13.—Cuban authorities denied the reports of German submarines on both sides of Cuba.
The story of the sinking of the British windjammer, off Cienega is declared proofless, and stories that passengers on a steamer between Key West and Havana sighted a submarine are ridiculed.

Chas. L. Baker, proprietor of the Hotel Julian, of Corvallis, is a guest of Manager Bert Westbrook, of the Hotel Albany.

C. J. Lowe, of Portland, is in the city.
A. M. Blackburn of Lebanon, is an Albany visitor.

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AUSTRIAN MINISTER TO BRAZIL DEMANDS PASSPORTS

Peace Move By Austria and Bulgaria Admitted By Bulgarian Legation at Washington.

(By United Press)
Rio de Janeiro, April 13.—The Austrian minister formally requested his passports, stating his government's intention of supporting her ally, Germany in the Brazilian break. The people demand for war with Germany is undiminished. Disorders are reported in several cities because of the governments delay in declaring war.

Peace Move Admitted
Washington, April 13.—Austria and Bulgaria launched informal "peace feelers" in Switzerland. The United Press learned. The Bulgarian legation here admitted that the report is probably true.

Spain Demands Indemnity
Madrid, April 13.—The Spanish cabinet approved the German note demanding an indemnity for submerging the steamer "San Fulgencia."

HONOR GUARD GIRLS WILL MEET TOMORROW

An important meeting of all girls between the ages of 14 and 30 years, who wish to join the Girls National Honor Guard, is called for Saturday evening at 7:15 sharp at the library. This will be a short session and every one will be able to keep the evening engagements. It is absolutely essential that each girl bring her 25 cents yearly dues, as she will not be a member until these dues are paid. Officers will be elected and definite plans for work will be taken up at this time.
Membership in the Girls National Honor Guard closes April 15, so this is the last chance to join.

CITY NEWS

An Old Timer
This morning an old Grand Army veteran was in the city wearing one of the old time army coats. The blue coat, with cape attached, attracted marked attention and reminded the younger generation of pictures of Civil War and Revolutionary soldiers.

Represents Farm Paper
Horace Addis, field Editor of the Oregon Farmer, was in the city today. He reports conditions on the farms in this county looking good.

Returned to Salem
Miss Hazel Roberts returned to Salem this morning after visiting with Miss Bertha Worrell.

Sunday School Worker
E. R. Martin, State Secretary of the American Sunday School Association, returned to Portland this morning after visiting with Rev. G. W. Rhorbaugh and looking over the local field.

Hogs Jump Higher
Hogs took another jump yesterday and landed at the \$14.75 mark in Portland. The local market raised to \$14.15. This corner was after the local quotations on page five were printed in today's Democrat.

Wheat and Flour also took a rise, and Bluestem now perches on the \$1.90 mark in Portland. Eggs are up and bringing 30 cents a dozen in the Portland markets. Locally no change was noted this morning, but the advance will no doubt be marked here by tomorrow. The Portland markets quote hens at 22 cents and broilers at from \$4 to \$6 per dozen.

Called to Medford
M. D. Weills, of the local office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., today received a call to go to Medford and assist in the commercial department of that office for two weeks.

Here From Eugene
W. A. Leadbetter and son, are in the city today from Eugene, where they are now making their home. They made the trip in Mr. Leadbetter's Buick.

Cross Complaint Filed
Answer and cross complaint has been filed by defendant R. W. Trapp in the case of Leo. Hanly et al, vs J. O. Michelson, et al.

MANY HEAR GOOD ROADS DEBATE

Olson and Spence Drive Home Arguments For and Against Bonding Measure.

FIGURES AND FACTS GIVEN BY SPEAKERS

Summary of Arguments on Both Sides Printed For Benefit of Linn County Voters.

The Good Roads Association of Linn County met in convention at the armory at Albany on Thursday afternoon April 12th. Mr. A. C. Schmitt of Albany briefly addressed the meeting and turned the same over to Rex Davis of Harrisburg, President of the Good Roads Association of Linn County.

Mr. Davis announced the purpose of the meeting and presented as the first speaker Senator Conrad P. Olson. Senator Olson explained briefly the Good Roads bill as passed by the last legislature, among them being the six-million dollar bill providing for the Beane-Barrett bill issue for the purpose of establishing and building certain State roads, post roads and forest roads, as designated in the bill. The Senator also stated that the Beane-Barrett bill also contained a pledge to match dollar for dollar the sums appropriated by the government in the improvement of post roads and forest roads as provided in the Beane-Barrett bill which sum so provided in said bill is \$1,900,000.

Autos Would Pay
The Senator stated that the sum now received by the State from automobile licenses amounted to \$320,000 per year and from the quarter mill levy \$210,000 and in the opinion of the Senator the returns from these sources would pay every cent principal and interest of the entire \$7,900,000 bonds before maturity and leave a surplus besides.

Mr. Olson speaking in favor of the bill stated that the number of automobile owners in the state of California had increased thirty per cent since the establishment of paved roads, and that the lasting qualities of their machines had increased not only in the saving of tires but a machine which heretofore lasted four years would on paved roads last 5 to 7 years.

Farmers Would Benefit
Mr. Olson contended that the farmers of Oregon and those living in the rural districts in the vicinity of said roads would reap the great benefit of the establishment of the roads without being required to pay a heavy tax therefor, stated that Multnomah county pays thirty per cent of the general tax, forty per cent of the automobile tax and that ninety per cent of the automobiles are in the cities.

30 Mile in Linn
He stated that in Linn county there is thirty miles of the road provided for in the Beane-Barrett bill. He also stated that the automobile tax from Linn County amounts to \$3,270, being grossly inadequate for the establishment and maintenance of such a road by the state funds. Linn county would also get a forest road through Lebanon and Cascade over the Cascade Range to eastern Oregon. A great portion of this road would pass thru the Government forest reserve.
"This whole thing," he said, "resolves itself into the proposition—Do you want to build the roads now and use them or do you want to build them a piece at a time?"

Case Cited
Senator Olson gave as an illustration the farmers of Power Valley in Multnomah county who since the building of the paved roads are enabled to get their produce to the Portland markets by auto truck thereby saving fifty cents on the ton in freight and since from 30 to 75 cents per ton since it is not necessary to handle the same when it arrives in the city.

Tourist Business
The people of California two years ago voted an eighteen million bond issue for paved roads and last year

C. A. C. DANCE WILL BE INTERESTING TONIGHT

Competitive Drill Between Officers and Privates Will Be Feature of Evening.

A great time is expected at the military dance given by Fifth Company, C. A. C. in the armory this evening. No one knows but that it will be the last dance at which members of the local company will take part before leaving for duty "somewhere in America."

The music for the occasion will be furnished by the full Albany Band and the boys are donating their services. All money taken in at the doors will be turned over to the company's mess.
The dance will start promptly at 9:00 o'clock following company drill. An interesting event will be the competitive drill between the commissioned and non-commissioned officers and the privates in the manual of arms.
The members of the company were busy all day decorating and the dance will be one worth attending, aside from the patriotic feature of it.

CUPID THINS RANKS OF BROWNSVILLE TEACHERS

Four Getting Married and Four Leaving Next Year Spoils Institute Plans.

As a result of four of his teachers planning on getting married this year and the intentions of four more to teach elsewhere, J. H. Brennerman, superintendent of the Brownsville schools finds interest in a parent-teacher's institute in poor favor.

County School superintendent J. H. M. Cummings received a letter from Prof. Brennerman to this effect yesterday, and is loath to give up her plan for the institute which are now mapped out. The war excitement is also given as a reason for the lack of interest on the part of the teachers. It is probable that the institute will have to be foregone at that place this year and await an opportunity when cupid, Mars and other invaders are not so busy.

BOUGHT BIG DELINQUENT TIMBER LANDS TAX RECEIPT

Deputy Sheriff Ralph Thom today made out a delinquent tax certificate of the Portland Lumber Company's Linn county timber lands, which certificate has been purchased by F. H. Wellcome, of Minneapolis, Minn. The taxes for 1915 amounted to \$3242.66, and there was \$493.39 penalty and interest attached.
The property, consisting of 13,554 acres of land situated on the Upper Callapooa river near the Lane county line, is assessed at a valuation of \$271,080.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER INSPECTS PACIFIC HIGHWAY

A trip over the Pacific highway with G. T. Hockensmith was one of the features of the visit of Simon Benson, chairman of the highway commission who came to Albany yesterday to here the joint debate between Senator Olson and C. E. Spence.
Mr. Benson made an investigation of road conditions in Linn county and acquired some information which will doubtless be of value to him in his new position.

RUMORS OF SUBMARINES IN PACIFIC UNCONFIRMED

(By United Press)
Washington, April 13.—Rumors of a submarine in the Pacific are persistent, but lack official verification, the navy department announced.
A German raider in the south Atlantic is reported unofficially.

HINDENBURG LINE DENTED BY ALLIES

One Mile of Famous Defense Wall Falls Into the Hands of British Troops.

DESERTION STALKS BEHIND GERMAN LINE

Big Advance Reported and Germans Calling Up All Available Reserves.

(By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, April 13.—The allied forces are keeping the Germans busy on a fifty mile front. One mile of the Hindenburg line has been captured. Official reports showed that General Haig is still advancing north and east of Vinny, and struck a sudden vigorous blow below Cambrai, and Nivelle, and resumed a heavy offensive movement north and south of St. Quentin—a northern drive on a new front. General Haig reported big advances and a Paris statement indicated initial successes.

New Center Established
Haigs report indicated a new center with fighting a considerable distance north of Vinny and near Loos. The combat was apparently between raiding parties and may indicate the extension of the offensive movement.

Germans Are Desperate
Desertion stalks behind the German lines. Prisoners are forced to dig trenches and reinforcements were immediately sought. British airmen are sweeping the sky clear of Germans. The Bavarian prisoners bitterly denounce the Germans. The German chiefs are scraping all possible men together to oppose the allies.

CALIFORNIA MILITIAMAN SHOT FROM AMBUSH

(By United Press)
San Francisco, April 13.—While guarding a railroad tunnel at Sierras, private Murphy, a California militiaman was shot from ambush, according to a message the Western Pacific received.

HOSPITAL SHIP IS TORPEDOED BY GERMANS

(By United Press)
London, April 13.—The British hospital ship "Glochester Castle" was submerged without warning in the channel on March thirteenth.
The hospital ship "Salta" struck a mine and sank on April tenth. Fifty two perished, the admiralty announced.

REV. I. G. KNOTTS ELECTED TO PRESBYTERY OFFICE

At the meeting of the Willamette Presbytery at Lebanon this week, Rev. I. G. Knotts, of this city was elected clerk for the ensuing year.
The officers elected were as follows: Rev. Carl H. Elliott of Salem, Moderator; Rev. I. G. Knotts, of Albany, state clerk; Rev. D. J. McCloud, of Cottage Grove, reporting clerk; Rev. W. M. Calk, of Eugene, assistant clerk.

STATE TREASURER KAY SUED FOR ACCOUNTING

Salem, April 13.—State Treasurer Thomas Kay has been sued by his sister Mrs. Fannie Kay-Bishop for an accounting of the income from her father's estate, valued at forty thousand dollars, in nineteen hundred to nineteen fifteen.
The action is an outgrowth of a long standing family differences.

PRESENT RECRUITS WILL BE RELEASED AT END OF WAR

Postmaster Stewart in Charge of Recruiting, Receives Orders on Enlistments.

The following very important orders in relation to enlistments were received this morning by Postmaster Stewart, in charge of the Albany Recruiting office, from Captain E. J. Huebscher, in charge of the U. S. army recruiting office at Portland:
As the recruiting officer has the authority to waive minor defects, without reference to the war department, do not wait for waivers on applicants who lack as much as 6 pounds in weight, one and one-half inches in height, or two inches in chest measurement. The age limit has been raised to 40 years.
Colored applicants may be accepted for either infantry or cavalry.
"It is the policy of the war department to discharge from service, at the termination of the present emergency, all men who have enlisted in the regular army since the declaration of war, or may enlist now."
These orders do not apply to the navy. Although there is no recruiting officer here at present recruiting is going on steadily through postmaster Stewart.

CHINA MISSIONARY VISITS FRIENDS IN ALBANY

Harry Openshaw, missionary from South China left this morning for Boston after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Van Tassel.
Mr. Openshaw came to Albany in 1893 and joined a party of missionaries which included Dr. Hill, a former Baptist pastor of this city, and started with them in that year for the mission field in China. He has been here ever since except during the year 1911 when he visited at the Van Tassel home.
Mr. Openshaw stated that Americans stand exceptionally well in China and is greatly impressed with the trade opportunities which are opening in that section of the world for American business men.

CITY NEWS

Reception For Tischenor
The Spanish-American War veterans will tonight tender a reception to Hon. F. B. Tischenor of Curry county at the St. Charles Hotel. Mr. Tischenor is a veteran of the Spanish American war and former member of the legislature from Southern Oregon.

Prof. McPherson Here
Prof. Hector McPherson, of the Oregon Agricultural College, was an Albany visitor today. Prof. McPherson is a resident of Linn county, operating a farm on this side of the river and fording to and from college every day.

Mud at Hitching Racks
A visitor in the city calls attention to the fact that where the horses stand at the public hitching racks and the sales grounds, there are deep mudholes. A few loads of gravel, he thinks, are needed for the convenience of the people coming to the city to shop.

Visiting at Nephew's
Mrs. Margaret Powell, of Hillsboro, is visiting at this city at the home of her nephew, F. M. Powell.

Father Pays Visit
T. N. Humphreys, of Myrtle Creek, is in the city for a short visit with his son, J. A. Humphreys. Mr. Humphreys is on his way home from Portland where he went to consult a specialist.

Returned to Newport
Rev. M. M. Gilchrist, of Agate Beach who has been visiting friends in this city and vicinity, returned to his home this noon.

Olson Head Forester
Conrad P. Olson, who spoke here on the bond issue yesterday, is Grand Chief Ranger for Oregon of the Foresters of America.

Will Return Tonight
Mrs. Charles F. Goetting, and son, Charles, Jr., will return this evening from Portland, where they have been visiting friends.

JAPAN THOUGHT SAFE ALLY FOR U.S.

Portland Lumber Dealer and Shipping Agent Believes Brown Men Friendly.

DANGER OF RUSSO-GERMAN ALLIANCE HAS EXISTED

Overthrow of Russian Imperial Party Relieves Pacific Coast From Danger.

That the United States has nothing to fear from Japan and that this country can be considered a good ally of ours, is the opinion of J. A. Pattison, lumber importer and steamship agent, of Portland, who was at the Hotel Albany yesterday. Mr. Pattison and E. G. Ditto are making a trip through the valley in the former's Oldsmobile. On the windshield of the is a banner bearing this legend:
"We are at the service of Uncle Sam any time, any place. Are you?"
Mr. Pattison's company is agent in Portland for the Mitsui & Co., Limited, of Tokio, Japan, large ship owners and exporters and importers. His connection with shipping puts Mr. Pattison in touch with much knowledge that the average citizen does not know and gives him a close insight into foreign affairs.

In speaking of American shipping being injured on this coast as a result of the war with Germany, he gave a significant smile and remarked that there was very little here to hurt. Japan owns 90 percent of the ships flying in the Pacific Coast trade. There are but three regular steamship lines that might be called American, and most of them are from Canada. The Robert Dollar line, which has offices at San Francisco and Vancouver, B.C., The Dowell Co., of Seattle, and The Canadian Pacific Ry. and Steamship Co.

Practically all the United States lines went to the Atlantic Coast where higher freight rates and shorter haul prevail. This resulted in a great shortage on this coast. The Japanese were quick to see their opportunity, and now their ships are carrying 90 percent of the tonnage.

Speaking of the preparedness of the Japanese, Mr. Pattison states that Japan, with her tonnage, could land one million soldiers, equipped completely from soap to nuts, in 22 days time. "I could not trick them to take this coast if they should start in. But, hints Mr. Pattison, the danger of a break with Japan has passed and this country need never fear an invasion. "Three months ago," said Mr. Pattison, "there was danger of grave trouble. I don't think there is any doubt that Germany was encouraged to make the proposals she did make in the Zimmerman note and a German-Russian-Japanese-Mexican alliance was undoubtedly under way."

"But the overthrow of the Imperial party in Russia, which was strongly pro-German, and the establishment of the republic, the plot was broken in two and any further hope for such a thing has gone. The peace party in Japan, which is composed of the better hand over the war party, and believes in supremacy through commercial supremacy."
"Japan is confronted with a problem similar to Germany's that of placing its rapidly increasing population. They have over 70,000,000 people in a little territory no bigger than the states of Oregon and Washington, and must have room to expand. But the older and wiser heads see more hope by a friendly treatment of China and other countries."

Mr. Pattison states that three months ago a munition factory capable of turning out 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition per day was unloaded and set up in Mexico and 200 expert munition workers accompanied the machinery. Japan has been supplying in the Mexican government with arms for some time states Mr. Pattison.

AMERICAN AVIATOR IS HONORED BY FRANCE

Paris, April 13.—Lieutenant Sweezy, an American aviator, has been made a captain and given an indefinite leave of absence "to serve America" it is officially announced. He will stay for the United States at the earliest possible moment.

He formerly lived in Portland, Seattle and Spokane, and to visit throughout the northwest.