

NEW CABINET TO BE FORMED SOON SAY DISPATCHES FROM GERMANY

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FIGHTING IS BLOODY

Situation Growing Worse and Number Killed and Wounded Will Exceed 12,000, is General Belief.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—The formation of a new cabinet is only a matter of a few hours according to the latest telegrams that have been received from the headquarters of the Ebert government in Berlin today.

It is practically acknowledged in the messages that the socialists are sure of securing several important portfolios as a result of the change. Latest messages from Weasel indicate that six thousand government troops, reinforced by their armed countrymen had a skirmish with 15,000 communists guards near that city last night. The reports state that there were sixty-two killed and over two hundred wounded.

Situation is growing graver in Germany every moment and authorities are looking forward to serious conflicts in the near future. The Spartacists in the near future. The strength and have been victorious in every clash so far with the regular government forces.

No word has been heard from Essen where the communists are in control and where a soviet republic was proclaimed. The entire surrounding country is in the hands of the revolutionists and it is not believed that the government can make any serious attempt to wrest it from the victors until conditions at the capital have improved.

Latest dispatches indicate that the total number of killed and wounded since the revolution began will be a great deal larger than the first figures indicated. It is expected that the number will run beyond 12,000.

ELECTORS MUST REGISTER SOON

Final Warnings Are Sent Out From Office of County Clerk

Every elector who for any reason has failed to vote at any election during the past two years or who has moved into a different precinct or who resides within territory placed in another precinct by virtue of re-districting of election precincts by the county court at the December, 1919, term of court, must register before and including the 20th day of April 1920.

Because of re-districting the precinct boundary lines of Albany Precincts and precincts adjoining the city of Albany it will be necessary for all electors residing within the city limits east of Main Street and South of the Salem Road to re-register. Also all electors voting in Calapooia Precinct must re-register as this territory is now in precinct Albany No. 1. Also electors residing in sections 7 and 20 Tp. 11 S. R. 3 W. as this territory is now in precinct Sunrise. Also electors residing in sections 4 and 9 Tp. 11 S. R. 3 W. and section

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New Classified

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching of O. A. C. heavy laying strain B Rocks. Price \$1.00 per 15. No. 2, price 75 cents. Your Eyes First

Seth T. French, who is spending a couple of months in Portland, taking an advanced course in Optics will spend Saturday at home. Any one wishing their eyes tested will please call at F. M. French & Sons, Jewelers, Engravers, Opticians. 24m25.

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NEW JERSEY SOLON STRIKEN SUDDENLY IN A BARBER SHOP

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—Representative W. J. Browning of Camden, New Jersey, dropped dead here today while waiting his turn in a barber shop. He was the ranking republican member of the committee on naval affairs. Apparently Browning was in the best of health and no indication of his ill health had been rumored.

CAMPAIGNERS OF "WET REBELLION" WILL GET MEDAL

A Bronze Victory Emblem Will be Given

IRON RIVER, Mich., Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—Iron county, scene of the "whiskey rebellion," is planning to capitalize its brief day of fame and leave a lasting remembrance of the comedy-melodramatic clash between state and federal officials which for seven days caused Iron River, to displace the capitals of the world in the day's news. A bronze "victory medal" for the veterans of the bloodless clash between Major A. V. Dalrymple, federal prohibition agent, and Prosecuting Attorney Martin S. McDonough, will be struck, if county commissioners carry out plans they are considering. The victory medal plan, suggested by a facetious newspaperman, appealed to the fancy of the commissioners and they have asked Prosecutor McDonough to obtain designs for a suitable emblem.

LARK EVANS IS GIVEN 15 YEARS

Motion For New Trial Considered by Court

MEDFORD, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—Lark Evans convicted Saturday of robbing W. G. White, a jitney driver last September, was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary today by Circuit Judge Callkins. Motion for a new trial was asked and taken under advisement by the court.

I. W. W.'s Convicted

MEDFORD, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—What is probably the first conviction under the state syndicalism act was secured today when J. T. Smith, alleged I. W. W. was found guilty and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary by Judge Callkins. He was later paroled to the district attorney pending good behavior.

LABOR STRIKE HANGING FIRE

HONOLULU, H.—Settlement of the Filipino and Japanese sugar plantation strike, which began on the Island of Oahu January 19, still seems as far off as ever. The Federation of Japanese Labor which speaks officially for both Filipino and Japanese strikers since the Filipino union collapsed for want of funds, reiterates its intention to stand firm for its higher wage demands. From the plantations comes the report that in spite of the strike and more than 1600 strikebreakers of different nationalities on the job.

WOBBLIES HAVE SOLDIER DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—The failure of the government to aid former service men has resulted in the I. W. W. making a drive to get such men into that organization. J. E. Holden, state adjutant of The American Legion and members of the Ways and Means committee today.

CONGRESS CAN DECLARE PEACE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—The congressional authority given by the constitution of the United States of America to pass over the president's veto a joint resolution declaring peace to be existing is absolute according to the statement made today by Senator Thomas a democrat of Colorado.

ALUMNI OF OREGON UNIVERSITIES RESIDING IN ALBANY TO ORGANIZE IN SUPPORT OF MILLAGE TAX ACT

MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED PURSUANT TO APPEAL FROM STATE INSTITUTIONS THAT MORE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR THEIR CONTINUANCE AND THAT PASSAGE OF PROPOSED LAW IS VITAL TO THEIR EXISTENCE; MEASURE TO BE VOTED UPON.

Taking up the fight for the preservation of their Alma Mater, alumni and former students of the Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon will hold meetings at the Albany Public Library next Tuesday evening for the purpose of completing organizations. The O. A. C. meeting has been called by Edmund Anderson, who is acting chairman for Linn county, while the Oregon alumni will meet at the call of President Campbell, who is asking every former student to get behind the movement.

With former students of both the larger state colleges and those of the State Normal school organized separately, a joint Linn County organization will be formed to co-operate with the joint state committee at Portland.

The three big state institutions find themselves in a very serious predicament and are forced into the corner to fight for their existence. The colleges find themselves with but 3.8 per cent more revenue than when the millage bill of 1913 was enacted, while the student enrollment has increased 150 per cent. Added to this is the well-known fact that a dollar today is

worth but 45 cents of what it was at that time and an appreciation of the situation can be gathered.

The buildings at each college are woefully deficient and it will be impossible to supply the additional equipment, space or faculties that are required with additional funds, to say nothing of the difficulty of operating at all. With higher salaries being offered in other states, all three institutions have lost many valuable members of their faculties the last year on account of lack of funds with which to hold them.

The bill which will come before the people at the coming election May 21 calls for an appropriation of 1.26 mills for the support of the three schools. This means that a person paying on a \$1,000 valuation would have but \$1.26 added to his taxes in 1921 for the purpose of keeping up Oregon's institutions and maintaining them on an equal with other coast and middle-western state colleges. The ex-service man is also vitally interested in the passage of the bill for its failure would throw hundreds now taking vocational training work out of school. Many were kept out this year on account of lack of room, and the situation would be worse next fall if this bill fails.

SCHOOL MILLAGE BILL ATTRACTS

County Unit System Favored, Meeting Here Friday Interests

The public school question is not only a state but a national problem that is attracting the attention of the profoundest thinkers who have the future of the state and nation at heart. In this state the millage bill for the support of common schools is a matter that is to be decided at the next primary election. This in brief is a two mill tax on the property of the state and the amount of money raised by this tax shall revert back to the county where paid and apportioned in each district according to the number of teachers employed, making the county the educational unit instead of the state, as advocated by many voters.

Under this proposed measure, comparing Albany with Portland in resources and number of teachers, Portland has about 84 times the assessed value of property and thirty times the number of teachers to pay as Albany, which, by a plain process of reasoning shows that Portland has about three times the amount of property per teacher on which to levy a tax as Albany. Inasmuch as the entire state helps in building up Portland, many voters here, believe in a state unit of distribution.

The conference to be held here Friday under the leadership of the Albany directors, is attracting attention in many parts of the state and bids fair to be well attended. Medford has already adopted a schedule in the elementary and intermediate grades ranging from \$1200 to \$1800 per annum, which is an indication of what is being done in many other places.

FAMOUS NOVELIST DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward, novelist, died here today in a hospital of heart disease.

WILSON MAKES OUTSIDE TRIP

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—President Wilson made his first trip outside of Washington yesterday since he was taken ill last fall. He drove into Virginia as far as Alexandria. He was gone from the White House less than two hours.

VETERANS BILL GOES TO POLLS

Special Session of Solons is Terminated After Long Debate

OLYMPIA, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—After an all night contest between the house and the senate over the style of a bonus bill for ex-service men, the special session of the Washington legislature convened this morning at four o'clock.

The bill as finally passed by both houses contains a referendum clause providing for submission of the question to the people at the next election. The representative of The American Legion had asked that an emergency clause be attached to the measure but this was refused and the referendum proviso substituted.

The house amendment bonds provided in the \$11,000,000 bond issue to pay the compensation must be sold at par. The bill is designed to pay the world war veterans \$15 a month for each month in the service, the payment to be made to the widows and orphans of the deceased soldiers up to the time of the latter's death. Conscientious objectors are excluded from any benefits under the act.

Increase of the state contribution to the school fund of from \$10 to \$20 for each census child was provided in the bill which passed both houses. The tentative legislative program was framed on the basis of 15-10 for the common schools. The state superintendent asked 20-20 and the legislature voted 20-10.

The compromise figures out as follows: The total state tax produced under the 20-10 plan will be \$6,960,000, of which \$3,480,000 is increase. In its distribution 9770 school teachers will receive an average salary in crease of 265 a year, or \$2,589,120 of the total increase.

HUGE LOSSES IN FOREST BLAZES

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 24.—Forest fires burned over 74,000 acres of California timberland in 1919, according to the United States district forester here. Damage to standing timber range and improvements was estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

BERKLEY, Cal., Mar. 24.—Twelve students in the department of physiology of the University of California have volunteered as subjects for experiments on the effect of certain drugs upon the brain action and physical organs of the human body. Caffeine, contained in coffee, and asparin, used as a headache cure, are among the drugs to be used.

ANTI-RED TROOPS DISCOVERED FROZEN ON RUSSIAN PLAINS

LONDON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—Over sixteen thousand anti-Bolshevik soldiers have been found frozen to death on the Steppes plains in Southeastern Russia, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow. The men evidently perished in an attempt to penetrate the Reds territory.

MISS POWELL TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Will Seek Nomination at the Coming Elections

Miss Lenore Powell, present Linn county treasurer announced her intention today of becoming a candidate for nomination to succeed herself at the coming primaries in May on the democratic ticket. Miss Powell is completing her first term as treasurer of the county.

She was born in Brownsville and has been a resident of the county all her life with the exception of the few years during which she was teaching in the public schools of Portland. Miss Powell taught school in Brownsville her native town for over ten years and is well known throughout the community.

Revenues and disbursements through the treasurer's office for 1919 were larger than at any time previous in the history of the county it is believed. The income was \$862,185.06 and expenditures \$77,624.54, according to the figures of the auditor submitted recently.

LOSS OF TEACHERS IS FEARED HERE

Eastern Oregon Grants Increase in Salaries

Eastern Oregon is alive to the interest of the elementary schools of that part of the state, and threatens to take the best teachers of the Willamette valley unless the salary questions is properly adjusted. The Oregon Statesman has the following statement in its last issue:

"Tell your Marion County Taxpayers' league that if the millage bill for better salaries of teachers and support of elementary schools does not pass, Umatilla county will raise its salaries anyway and take the best teachers the Willamette valley has. We will let them take what they can get at their low salaries."

This is the word that comes from the aggressive county in northeastern Oregon, where the school officials say no salaries of less than \$1200 a year will be paid next year. If the elementary school bill does not pass, the eastern Oregonians will raise the money by local taxation.

WOOD HOLDS HIS LEAD IN DAKOTA

Lowden Second and Johnson is Third

SIoux FALLS, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—With about nine-tenths of the city vote throughout the state recorded and tabulated, the results of yesterday's primary on the endorsement of republican presidential candidates showed that General Leonard Wood was considerably in the lead.

Totals from 1740 precincts gave Wood 22,670; Governor Lowden, 19,283; Hiram Johnson, 17,560; Senator Miles Pointdexter polled only a small vote. Earlier returns all showed the same order of the candidates and it is expected that Wood will carry the state.

LEBANON PEOPLE MARRIED TODAY

Frank Southard and Sylvia Meutze, two popular graduates of the Lebanon high school of last year were married at the court house this afternoon by county judge W. R. Bilyeu, in the presence of the mothers of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Southard will make their home in Lebanon where they are well known and have a host of friends who wish them happiness and success.

VERITABLE CHAOS EXISTED IN NAVY DEPARTMENT SAYS OFFICIAL

Captain Harris Laning Tells Senate Investigating Committee Conditions Were Deplorable.

BLAMES SECRETARY

Says That Personal Characteristics of Daniels Were Responsible for the Lack of Unity in Department.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—By Associated Press.—A veritable chaos existed in the navy department at the time the United States entered the war according to the testimony which Captain Harris Laning gave today before the senate committee investigating the conduct of the naval department during the war.

Laning who was assistant chief of the bureau of navigation during the war told the committee that no one knew what to do after a plan of action had been disapproved by the heads of the navy department. He intimated that there was a general laxity and confusion resulting from lack of a co-ordination between the heads.

He said that the "personal characteristics of Josephus Daniels, secretary of the Navy often made it impossible to get approval of really important policies of the navy." According to answers which he gave in response to Chairman Hale's queries concerning the responsibility for the apparent confusion existing in the department Laning indicated that the secretary of the navy was greatly at fault for the conditions.

Laning testified before the committee following the close of testimony submitted by Rear Admiral Sims. The number of witnesses called so far have all borne out the statements made by Sims that there was a lack of unity between the allies and the United States during the early part of the war.

It is expected that Admiral Benson will be called before the committee to explain the remarks which Sims charged him with making concerning the English in which the latter was alleged to have been cautioned against them.

ELKS WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Order Shows Growth and Participation in Much Charitable Work

The regular meeting of Albany Lodge No. 359, B. P. O. E. will be held tomorrow evening at which time a large class will be initiated. A banquet will be served, marking the closing scenes of what is considered one of the most successful years of the order in this city.

The official year of the order begins and ends on April first. The order during the war period has been a strong factor in promoting every worthy cause and has taken an active part in raising money in the county drives for funds.

An annual event is a program and treat for the children of the city which is looked forward to by the little tots with great interest. More than the usual number of new members has been received, according to reports, and good fellowship prevails as the moving spirit of the order. Grand secretary Fred C. Roberts, of Dubuque, Iowa, in summing up some of the activities of the national organization, reports to W. M. Parber, local secretary, that 250,000 copies of the speeches of Evangelene Booth, delivered at the annual meeting at Atlantic City, have been sent out and about 800,000 copies of the American Creed and flag resolutions and 2,200,000 official cards during the year. The order is also the largest distributor of small silk flags in the United States, as every member is presented with a flag.