

CANNOT DEPORT ALIEN SLACKERS

Washington.—Aliens who withdrew their first citizenship papers to escape the draft cannot be deported because of treaty obligations, Secretary Lansing formally advised the house immigration committee.

Passage of the proposed legislation, which would deny forever to the persons affected the right to become American citizens, might cause considerable embarrassment to the United States, said the secretary's letter to Representative Johnson of Washington, chairman of the committee.

Accompanying the state department communication were protests from Norway and Sweden against enactment of the pending legislation. The protests pointed out that the treaties between the United States and those countries exempt Americans from compulsory military service over there.

To the surprise of many members of congress who have been urging the passage of the deportation bill, it developed that only a comparatively small number of aliens escaped duty by abandoning their intention to become citizens. According to information supplied by the assistant secretary of labor the total of draft registrants under this head was 1745.

Washington, with 293, had more aliens to obtain exemption than any other state.

FOOD PRICES DROP

Nation-Wide Report Made on 22 Staple Articles Show Decline.

Washington.—Food prices are on the decline, the department of labor's bureau of labor statistics announced in a statement asserting that the retail price of 22 staple foodstuffs showed a decline of 2 per cent at the end of September, as compared with the last of August.

Onions and potatoes showed the greatest price decline, of 17 and 14 per cent, respectively. Cabbage, meats, cheese, flour and sugar also were lower. Raisins went up 8 per cent during the month and were followed in a climb of greater or less degree by rice, eggs, salmon, butter, beans, canned vegetables, coffee and cornmeal.

Armenians Rout Enemy.

New York.—Turks, Tartars and Kurds, who invaded Armenia, have been routed and the Armenians have reoccupied their lands, according to a statement published by James W. Gerard, chairman of the American committee for the independence of Armenia and former American ambassador to Germany.

Petrograd Reported Taken.

Washington.—The fall of Petrograd and the occupancy of both that city and the fortress of Kronstadt by the Russian anti-bolshevik forces has been reported officially by the general staff of the Finnish army to the Viborg representative of the northwest government of Russia, according to the state department.

Workers' Rehabilitation Bill Passed.

Washington.—The house has passed and sent to the senate a bill providing for vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry.

Frank L. Rahn, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the chief of Elksdom in this country, was a visitor in Portland Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rahn, the two making a tour of the United States.

A disease known as the Kansas horse plague has broken out with considerable force on some central Oregon ranches, W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, reports. George Rodman, a Jefferson county farmer, has lost 22 out of his herd of 30 horses.

Contract for the medals to be given by the state of Oregon to all soldiers,

sailors and marines entering the service from this state, was awarded by the state medal commission to Whitehead & Hoag, a New Jersey firm. The price will be 25 cents each.

Five fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending October 16. The workmen who lost their lives were: Allen Shumate, Portland, construction; Alfred H. Gove, Bend, logger; Paul Cantrell, Brighton, logger; Glen Wilhelm, Grants Pass, logger; James W. McElvain, Portland, construction.

Highways under construction in Oregon at present total 350.95 miles of pavement, 234.8 miles of macadam and 686.1 miles of gradings, according to the summary compiled by the state highway department. The construction now going on represents an expenditure of \$19,824,296.25 bid prices, and including 10 per cent for contingencies and 10 per cent for engineering.

The increasing travel to Crater lake and the exceptionally large travel in general this year, together with that in view for next season, has led Alfred L. Parkhurst, president and general manager of the Crater Lake company, which has all the Crater national park concessions from the government, to decide to build a new hotel in the park at White Horse. It will be in readiness for the early travel next season.

Contracts were let to the Warren Construction company on Monday for the building of the complete system of the Silver lake irrigation district. The system will consist of three large dams and approximately ten miles of main canals, diverting the waters from Silver creek, Buck creek and Bear creek to the southern and eastern "bench" sections of the valley. There are some 8000 acres in the district and the lands completely surround the town of Silver lake.

Out of 166 graduates in dentistry who made application for certificates before the state board of dental examiners and took the required examinations during the last year, 72 were successful.

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A shortening up of laboring hours in the factories and work shops has further curtailed the possible output and the enormous demand for goods due to two or three years of slack buying is consuming goods more rapidly than they can be manufactured.

Purchases made for this fall will not be more than 50 or 60 per cent delivered; and for spring merchants will be allotted a certain amount that they can buy.

Prices High

but not higher on merchandise than on all other commodities, and they will not be cheaper for a long time, and merchandise will be much scarcer next spring than it is this fall.

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