

ALLIES CONFER TO PUT FORTH GREATEST FORCE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A general conference of the allies in Paris to consider all political and strategic aspects of the war is to be held. Announcement to this effect was made in the house of commons today by Premier Asquith.

The premier stated that the situation of the British forces in Mesopotamia, which has been a serious question to the English public, had improved materially and that General Townshend, whose army is surrounded by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara was holding his own.

The premier thought there was every ground for hoping the forces of General Townshend and General Aylmer, commander of the relief expedition, might unite, and that anything in the nature of a serious British check might be averted.

He announced that the government was now taking stock of all its munitions, men, finances and industrial resources so as to be in a position to put forth its maximum strength.

QUICK WORK SAVES BIG BATTLESHIP

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Quick work by sailors on the battleship North Dakota at the Philadelphia navy yard saved the ship from serious damage by fire last night. They jumped from the bunks at the sound of the fire alarm and extinguished a slight blaze in the engine room in about three minutes. The fire was started by the blowout of a fuse in a dynamo. Oil caught fire and ignited woodwork.

BIG BUSINESS GIVEN HEARING

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urged during Roosevelt's administration the latter investigated his record and refused to name him. His confirmation was unsuccessfully fought by the progressives in the senate.

Case of Van Devanter

When Willis Van Devanter was nominated by Taft to the supreme court, again objection was made by labor unions and representatives of the people and again indorsements flowed in from big corporation interests. And again the president refused to make public the indorsements. Van Devanter was a protégé of the senators from Wyoming—Warren and Clark. The latter, it will be noted, is one of the opponents of the Brandeis appointment. Van Devanter was city attorney of Cheyenne, and later chief justice of the Wyoming supreme court. Through the influence of the Wyoming senators he was appointed during McKinley's administration an assistant attorney general and assigned to the interior department, which has jurisdiction over the public lands.

During a long period of years when the public lands passed from the ownership of the United States into the hands of large corporations, the firm with which Van Devanter was connected—Lacey and Van Devanter—represented many of these corporations. The Union Pacific railroad was the firm's largest client and much of the firm's business outside of land cases was fighting damage suits brought by employees and others injured on the road.

Bryan's Accusations

On November 5, 1911, William J. Bryan asserted that Van Devanter was appointed by President Taft because of his known bias in favor of corporate interests. "Judge Van Devanter," Bryan asserted, "is the man who gave a decision giving to the Union Pacific railroad land along the right of way amounting in value to millions of dollars. He is the judge who held that two railroads running parallel to each other for 2000 miles were not competing lines, one of the roads being the Union Pacific road."

When Mahlon Hiney, chancellor of the court of appeals of New Jersey, was nominated by Taft to the supreme court, labor organizations denounced the appointment vigorously. They brought out the fact that Hiney had ruled as a judge that it was illegal for trades unionists to employ peaceful picketing and other such measures if they interfered with the business of the employer, but notwithstanding this, he was confirmed.

These cases all differ from that of Brandeis in the fact that there are no labor organizations protesting against the Brandeis appointment, but, on the other hand, it is the shoe machinery trust and representatives of the land-grabbing interests which were famous in the Ballinger-Pinchot affair, and big business generally which opposes the confirmation of the Boston lawyer.

KING ADDRESSES PARLIAMENT IN THRONE SPEECH

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Parliament reassembled today. King George in his speech from the throne said: "My Lords and Gentlemen: It has been my duty to summon you after a short recess to renew your deliberations. The spirit of my allies and my people, who are united in this conflict by ever-strengthening ties of sympathy and understanding, remains steadfast in the resolve to secure reparation and justice for all nations against the aggression of a power which mistakes force for right and expediency for honor."

"With a proud and grateful confidence I look to the courage, tenacity and resource of my navy and army, on whom we depend worthily to perform our part in the attainment of this goal."

"Gentlemen of the house of commons: You will be asked to make due financial provision for the conduct of the war. My lords and gentlemen, the only measures which will be submitted to you are such as, in the opinion of my advisers, lead to the attainment of our common object. I confidently commend them to your patriotism and loyalty, and I pray that the Almighty will give His blessing to your counsels."

Fourth Street Mission
Rev. Amos Dahuff will speak on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Smith, of the Free Methodist church, will speak Wednesday eve. Rev. Edward Hunter, will speak Thursday evening. Rev. Farquhar of the Congregational church will speak on Friday evening. Miss Jessie Hathaway will speak on Saturday evening, and

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CRATER LAKE FILM AT PAGE THEATRE

In addition to the Knights of Pythias films and other prominent features of the Allen motion pictures at the Page Wednesday and Thursday there are several scenes which will be of interest to the orchestra as well as the general public. A surprise scene showing a stage performance of Arthur Perry's in full blast is one, and another is a film showing "Peerless Pug, the Paramount Bear Pack," featuring that well-known marine hero, Mr. Frank Isaacs.

Those interested in the work of the county pathologist should not overlook "Lucky Jim's" adventure with the ranch blight germ—showing fully developed specimens of the bacillus which has created such havoc among the patches in the crawfish palaces of Portland.

It should also be borne in mind that the early scenes in Jackson county are photographed from actual originals, still in existence, as, for instance, the old store of sixty years ago, which still has in stock and for sale the hoops and other wicker garments worn by the performers.

The young ladies' quartette will sing. Bro. Hatch will speak Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday evening Rev. Nortridge will preach the 12th of a series of sermons which he is delivering at the Mission on the Hooks of first and second Kings. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

A boys and girls choir has been organized and is doing good work. Come and see.

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ROSEBURG HIGH WINS CHAMPIONSHIP IN BASKET BALL

By I. S. BEVERIDGE.

Roseburg high school team is the champion of southern Oregon, taking Ashland to two inglorious and decisive defeats Monday. The first game ended 33-11 and the second 23-14. Medford was never beaten as badly as that, but nine points separating our scores in both games.

So the pennant hopes of Ashland have taken the same road that Medford's took, and no longer can they point the finger of derision towards Medford. On Saturday night they played Roseburg at that city on a regulation floor and were soundly trounced, 33-11. When here, Roseburg said they could defeat that team by a triple score on any basketball field, but when they played on a cigar box lid they could hardly tell where the game would go. Ashland by sheer luck and the advantage of a small field which prevented the northerners from showing their speed and team work, won.

In the second game, Roseburg toyed with Ashland, running up a score large enough to win and then held the Ashland team at a safe distance. Comparing the scores, Medford has a shade the best of it, as we never all a double score, being beaten by only nine points, while Ashland in its first game lost by a triple score, or twenty-two points. In the second game they lost by nine points. The advantage is small and Ashland will do all in its power to come back and smash Medford.

NOTICE
Precincts Medford North Main and West Medford register now at the Mail Tribune office.

FRANKLIN GAME WEDNESDAY EVE. STARTS AT 8:15

The Franklin game with Medford high tomorrow evening will not start until 8:15 p. m. This gives an opportunity for both the revival and the games to be held in the Natatorium. Evangelist Mathis met the high school people more than half way, offering to begin services so as to end at 8 p. m.

The game itself should be a hummer and the fastest yet played, as Franklin does not rely on weight, but on speed. This is the case with Medford. The Franklin team will outweigh the locals several pounds to the man.

Both teams use the same defense—and Dewey has played at O. A. C., where it was originated.

The Portland center is a wizard at long baskets. Some of his shots are phenomenal and border on the impossible. He is a fast, clean player who wears his opponent down by sheer speed. Brandon may play against him and would be the logical choice if he had more experience, as he is going against a man of rare field generalship, a center who is always in the game, but who does no unnecessary work. There is one weak spot in his work and that is, he is easily worried if his opponent stays with him. This Medford must do.

Brown at forward is the star in Portland. Those who have seen him play call him a second Rudy Scholz. Certainly he is as swift, having the same ability to dodge his man or throwing over and then tossing the basket from a crouching position. He never quits. He is never still. Fast

and a tireless fighter, so far he has been the hughboo to all his guards. Dewey has a substitute, Schillerberger by name, who is a genius for team spirit.

The game may be going against Franklin and then this bird will go in with his peculiar war cry, something happens, every Portland boy feels the same electric shock, the team becomes a whirlwind and basket after basket is tossed. Schilly would be the all-star forward if he had the stamina and strength to stay, but he is good only for five or ten minutes. This keeps him off the team.

The Phoenix girls will play against the Medford girls' team in the hope of being the locals. The last time Medford beat them badly. This game will be held on Friday evening.

On Wednesday night the Jacksonville girls will pit their skill against our team and many predict that we will lose our long chain of victories.

DIED

Haskins.
Mrs. Arzie E. Haskins, wife of Newton Haskins, who lived most of her life at Sterling, died at Miranda, Cal., January 12. Deceased's maiden name was Arzie Esther Saltmarsh. She was born near Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, April 2, 1859, being 57 years 9 months and 10 days of age at the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, four children, Wallace E. Haskins, Mrs. Iarolena M. Sweet, Oren Haskins and Mrs. Christina Morey, besides one brother and a sister, living in Jackson county.

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