

MEDFORD MEN URGE FARM LOAN BANK, NORTHWEST

Members of the new federal farm loan board passed through the valley Friday and were met at Gold Hill by local members of the committee recently appointed at a mass meeting, who advanced arguments in favor of a farm loan bank for the northwest. The members of the board met were George W. Norris, W. S. A. Smith and Herbert Quick.

Local sentiment is in favor of establishing a farm loan bank in Spokane, Wash., rather than in Portland, if judgment can be made from the opinions expressed by some of the farmers who met the board. Portland, they said, has never given this section a square deal, and there was general apprehension that the valley would be neglected by the bank if it were established in the Rose city. Members of the board explained, however, that wherever the bank is located, there need be no uneasiness on that score, as the district including Oregon must embrace several states. Appraisers will be appointed in each section who will be able to form correct estimates as to valuations. The figures will, of course, be checked by the board of the bank, but, except in case of gross error, will no doubt stand.

A large number of pamphlets explaining the plans of the board were distributed by members of the local committee who met the land board at Gold Hill.

After the conference in Medford the members of the board with their secretaries were taken in automobiles to Ashland.

The federal land board left the eastern coast August 13 and since that time has held hearings in all the northern states, beginning in Maine. They will travel through California, the southern states and then to Washington, where the mass of data gathered will be made into reports. Shortly thereafter the location of the twelve banks and their districts in the country will be announced. It is hoped by the members of the board to have the banks in operation by the first of February, 1917.

"The greatest aid to the development of Medford and the surrounding section is a means of providing farmers with cheap money for the development of their properties," said Delroy Getchel, who was a member of the committee of Medford men who met the members of the federal farm loan board at Gold Hill this morning and conferred with them on establishing a farm loan bank in this district.

"I personally am greatly in favor of the proposed federal plan," continued Mr. Getchel, "and I think I may speak for the other bankers of the city. The establishment of such banks will in many cases compel local banks to make their loans on second mortgages and the laws will have to be amended so as to allow national banks to do so. However, that will work small hardship, as the banks will be able to take care of themselves."

REVOLT IN MOSCOW REPORTED BY BERLIN

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—Press dispatches from Stockholm to the Overseas News agency report that a revolt occurred recently at Moscow, resulting in the killing or wounding of many persons. According to this account, wounded Russian soldiers in a hospital train were left without care, with the result that a crowd assembled and protested. Soldiers refused to fire on the crowd, whereupon police were sent against the soldiers, a sanguinary encounter resulting.

INJUNCTION AGAINST BONDS

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but merely as a precautionary measure, and have not yet been served. The amendment provided that bids shall be received up to 5 o'clock of the last day. Objections could not be filed later than noon of that day, and a bid might be received in the evening and passed upon favorably without a chance of objection.

Filing of the complaint has not interfered with the receiving of bids as it was not known to have been filed until last night, said Mr. Newman. No bids have been received, however, although the time advertised was Tuesday night. The amendment provides that the Southern Oregon Traction company shall make a bid on the day the bonds are advertised for sale, of not less than par and accrued interest. Mr. Bullis appeared before the council and asked if he would be compelled to do this. Upon being told that it was not necessary, he has not tendered a bid.

OWEGO CONFIRMS U-BOAT ATTACK ENGLISH CHANNEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Details of the firing on and stopping of the American steamship Owego by a German submarine in the English channel on August 3 were told by Captain E. W. Barlow of the Owego on her arrival today from Rotterdam.

Captain Barlow confirmed cable reports that he was unable to see the submarine because of a thick haze. He said that apparently there was no intention on the part of the U-boat's captain to hit the Owego and added that he had no complaint to make.

"We were nearing the French coast at the time," Captain Barlow said. "I was at dinner when my mate told me he had distinguished gun fire close at hand. I went on deck in time to hear the sharp reports of a gun nearby. There was a calm sea with a thick haze. I could not see the submarine, but several shots were fired and a projectile passed the stern of my ship. I stopped and shortly afterward a submarine appeared. We were flying at the time an American flag 22 feet long and on both sides of the ship flags were painted together with the name of the vessel and the letters 'U. S. A.'"

"The submarine commander ordered me to come to him, which I did in a boat. His first words were:

"Captain, you should be more careful, this is war time." I replied by saying 'you should be more careful. Didn't you see my flag?'

"But I signalled you to stop," the officer said, to which I replied:

"How could I see your signals when I could not see your boat?"

"The commander was very pleasant. He examined my papers, then gave me a written permit to proceed. He signed the permit 'Heimbrink, Kommandant U.'"

"I am satisfied he did not intend to hit my ship and I have no complaint to make."

TAX LIMITATION BILL TO BE DISCUSSED

The flying squadron, which is speaking on "Tax Limitation and Rural Credits," will be in Medford on the evening of Thursday, September 14. The squadron is composed of former Governor Oswald West, Charles E. Spence, master of the state grange; Professor Hector McPherson of the Oregon Agricultural college, who has taken a leading part in the initiating of the rural credits amendment, and Robert E. Smith of Roseburg.

BULGARS SEIZE DOBRIC

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Ginchy and near Fiehebourg l'Avoue, inflicting severe losses on their occupants, says the British official statement issued this afternoon.

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—French and German troops were again engaged in infantry fighting yesterday in the region south of the river Somme, in France, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff. The French were repulsed with great losses, with the exception of a point to the west of Bemy, where, the statement adds, some portions of trenches remained in the hands of the French.



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CLOTHING BLASTED OFF WAR VICTIMS

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Describing the effects of the British bombardment of the German positions at Guillemont, the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company at British headquarters in France says:

"The ground east of the village was strewn with German dead, in many cases stark naked, every stitch of clothing having been blasted off. A large proportion showed no signs of wounds and there is little doubt that the men were killed by the intense concussion. In the dugouts those who escaped alive said their nerves were destroyed by the terrific pounding of the British guns."

The correspondent considers it significant that the ground was not bombed by German field guns, which indicates, he says, that the Teutons withdrew their field artillery out of range. Whether this is from apprehension that the guns might fall into British hands or whether it is preliminary to a general withdrawal the writer adds, can of course be only a matter of speculation.

HANLY ARRAIGNS WILSON AND HUGHES TO PROBE LOBBY INFLUENCING SENATE

AURORA, Ill., Sept. 8.—"Both President Wilson and Charles E. Hughes conceal their thoughts in evasion and are content to tickle the ears of their hearers with platitudes and harmless generalities," J. Frank Hanly, prohibition candidate for president, declared in the opening speech of his campaign tour here today.

Hanly particularly criticized both Wilson and Hughes for professing a great interest in the women and children of the nation and remaining silent on the "liquor curse."

The claim made by President Wilson in his acceptance speech that the democratic party had effected the emancipation of the children of the country by releasing them from hurtful labor was denied by Hanly.

"There can be no real emancipation of the children while the liquor traffic holds the warrant of the nation for their spoliation," Mr. Hanly declared.

TO PROBE LOBBY INFLUENCING SENATE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A resolution by Senator Curtis of Kansas, directing the senate lobby committee to investigate the activities of the alleged foreign lobbying opposition to the retaliatory provision of the revenue bill against Canadian fisheries was passed today by the senate. The resolution was adopted after the senate had disposed of a similar resolution by referring it to a committee. The new resolution adopted provides for a report at the next session of congress.

Senator Reed, democrat, a member of the lobby committee, said he believed it was high time for the American government to show other nations that it regarded as offensive any efforts to influence legislation in congress.

Senator Lewis, democrat, urged that if anything should be investigated it should be the recent demands of Japan on China. He declared that apparently they were in retaliation to the attitude of this country toward admission of the Japanese.

RATIFY PURCHASE OF DANISH ISLES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Since the senate approved last night the Danish West Indies treaty, virtually the only thing that stood in the way today of the acquisition of the islands by the United States was the ratification of the treaty by the parliament of Denmark, the lower house of which already has approved it. This

action of the senate came almost simultaneously with the appointment by the Danish parliament of a committee to consider the negotiations for the sale of the islands to the United States.

The treaty provides for the purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000. Senator Norris sought ineffectually to amend the treaty so as to make the purchase price \$10,000,000.

In accordance with diplomatic custom, the state department today formally notified the Danish government of ratification of the treaty by the senate. Officials feel that prospects of its acceptance by the upper house of the Danish parliament is enhanced by the prompt action of the senate.

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