

CRATER LAKE ROAD TO BE IMPROVED AS FOREST HIGHWAY

A three-year plan of co-operation in the construction of forest roads was agreed upon Tuesday by the state highway commission and District Forester Cecil at Portland. Before it can become effective the plan must be approved by the secretary of agriculture.

The forest roads which have been selected, when completed, will be parts of the state highway system.

Under section 8 of the federal aid act, which applies to forest roads, there will be available from the federal government for the three-year period \$382,000. This is to be matched by the state dollar for dollar, and in addition a number of counties have agreed to contribute \$100,000, making altogether a grand total of \$864,000.

Forest Department Supervises.

The work of construction is to be under the supervision of the forest department.

Forest sections of the following roads were designated in the agreement:

McKenzie Pugs road in Lane and Deschutes counties.

ML Hood loop road in Hood River and Clackamas counties.

Eugene-Florence, Lane county.

Willamette valley-Tillamook, Tillamook county.

Prineville-Mitchell, Crook and Wheeler counties.

Reynolds creek section of John Day highway in Grant county.

Pilot Rock to Prairie City via Ritter, Nye and Albany, Umatilla, Malheur and Grant counties.

Enterprise-Flora, Wallowa county.

La Grande to Pendleton, Union and Umatilla counties.

Medford to Klamath Falls, Jackson and Klamath counties (Crater Lake highway).

Reedsport - Marshfield, Coos county.

Provision is also made for a road in Curry county from Gold Beach to Bandon.

Two Routes to Be Considered.

In the road from La Grande to Pendleton both the Thomas Ruggles and Meacham routes will be considered before final location.

The agreement presents a well-balanced allotment among the different sections of the state in which forests are located.

The state highway commission authorized the survey of a road from Pilot Rock to Heppner in Morrow county at the expense of the state.

TEACHERS TO HOLD LOCAL INSTITUTE

A teachers' institute will be held at Neil Creek school house Saturday, April 21. The program is as follows:

Music by Neil Creek school.

"Industrial Work in Our Schools," H. C. Seymour, state club leader for Oregon.

"Rural School Libraries," Miss Blanche Hicks, Ashland public librarian.

Dinner under the management of the Neil Creek Parent-Teacher circle.

Music, selected, by Bellview school.

"Professional Reading for Teachers," Earl Kilpatrick, University of Oregon.

Period for answering questions, Music, Bellview school.

"New School Legislation," Superintendent G. W. Ager.

"Some Devices Used in Education," Mrs. Eva Lane Walker, Central Point teachers' training class.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND THURSDAY

LONDON, April 19.—The Manchester Guardian says that it is very certain that Premier Lloyd George will announce the government proposal for the solution of the Irish question on Thursday. The scheme will be based on county option, with some arrangement for keeping the counties that vote against home rule in orderly relation to the legislation of the Dublin parliament.

The proposal will put the home rule act into force at once, and while it is expected that both Irish parties will oppose the scheme, it is believed that neither will persist in their resistance. The Guardian says that it seems probable that Sir Edward Carson has yielded to the premier's suggestion.

SATURDAY TO BE PAPER DAY FOR RED CROSS FUNDS

On Tuesday afternoon a number of representatives from the various societies and churches met in the library hall to devise ways and means to assist the Red Cross in its noble and charitable work. As is well known, the regulations of the Red Cross restrict activities to securing funds. This meeting, therefore, was called for this purpose. Mrs. Fred Mears presided.

It was the unanimous agreement of those present to request the mayor to announce a paper day on Saturday, April 21. Similar means for raising money have been tried in the city and have proven very successful. All who have old papers (such as newspapers, magazines, etc., but not pasteboard) are very cordially asked to assist by bringing them any time this week to the fire department house. It would be very helpful if they would tie the bundles with strong twine (not cord).

Y. Meldo Hillis, superintendent of schools, warmly approved the suggestion that the school children gather papers after school hours and very kindly gave the use of the school sheds as centers for collections. The children will please bring their papers to their respective schools on Saturday. The children of St. Mary's Academy will bring their collections to the parish hall. The people outside of Medford are earnestly invited to co-operate and bring what they have.

"Many a mickle makes a muckle," say the Scotch, and it is by these little aids that the Medford chapter of the Red Cross will be enabled to have abundant means to do the efficient work that befits our city. It is the patriotic duty of all to lend their assistance in any way that may be of service to the country. The help to the cause of the Red Cross should, therefore, receive a hearty response, for what is done to aid it is done for the country. Let the slogan for Saturday be, "Paper weight in name only."

HEAVY FROST HITS CALIFORNIA FRUIT

MARYSVILLE, Cal., April 19.—Five million dollars' worth of damage was done in Yuba and Sutter counties this week by the heaviest frost that has visited the Sacramento valley in twenty-five years.

Estimates made by grape men, wine and raisin growers, indicate that 40 per cent of the 1917 crop was damaged last night. Apricot growers declare more than 50 per cent, and perhaps 70 per cent, of the crop was destroyed.

Prunes are in some sections a total loss, while in other sections they escaped all damage.

Peaches, which would have made hundreds of growers rich in Sutter county this year, except for the frost, are in some orchards a total loss. In all of the large orchards the frost did great damage. Less than 40 per cent will be harvested. Peaches in Sutter county were contracted for at \$35 to \$45 a ton. The peach loss will perhaps be \$2,000,000.

Tomatoes and all truck gardens were badly damaged. In various parts of the county smudge pots were kept burning all night. In this way thousands of dollars' worth of almonds were saved. Thousands of dollars' worth of almonds were destroyed, however, in Yuba and Sutter counties.

SARAH BERNHARDT RESTING COMFORTABLY

NEW YORK, April 18.—A bulletin issued this morning by the physicians attending Sarah Bernhardt said the actress was resting comfortably and that a slight improvement had been noted in her condition. Madame Bernhardt was operated on for an affection of the kidneys Tuesday night.

ACTIVITY ON RUSSIAN LINE LIMITED TO RIFLE FIRE

PETROGRAD, April 19.—Activity on all fronts was confined to rifle fire and scouting operations, says today's official communication.

REPORT DISCOVERY OF COMET FROM MELBOURNE

LONDON, April 19.—The discovery of a comet on Tuesday morning is reported in a Reuters dispatch.

BABE MAKES CHAMP FORGET POLITICS



National crises and politics are forgotten when Champ Clark, speaker of the house, takes an hour off to be with his first grandson, Champ Clark Thompson. This photograph shows the two Champs with Mrs. Thompson, formerly Miss Genevieve Clark.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR OXMAN CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—U. S. Webb, state attorney general, was asked today by the grand jury to appoint a special investigator to "frame-up" charges in the bomb explosion cases. F. C. Oxman of Durkee, Or., the cattleman, accused by F. E. Rigall of Grayville, Ill., of attempting to induce him to testify falsely in the trial of Thomas J. Mooney, now faces both state investigation and police court trial for having committed subornation of perjury. Oxman is out on \$2000 bail. Rigall said last night that District Attorney C. M. Fickert knew about Oxman's alleged attempt to induce Rigall to testify.

NO GERMAN U-BOAT IN AMERICAN WATERS

BERLIN, April 19.—It is officially announced that there is no submarine as yet in the western part of the Atlantic.

The statement follows: "The Reuter Telegram regarding an attack by a German submarine on the American destroyer Smith can be described only as a frivolous means of attributing to Germany the opening of hostilities. In fact, no submarine is as yet in the western half of the Atlantic."

SENATE COMMITTEE DOOR FORCED IN NIGHT

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Capitol police discovered today that the door of the senate committee on naval affairs had been forced during the night. Clerks in the committee after a hurried examination said no papers were missing. The temporary chairman said there was no confidential information in the room.

SPOKANE INDIAN IS HANGED FOR MURDER

SPOKANE, April 19.—Edward Maberry, a half-breed Indian, was hanged at Fort George Wright today by the United States marshal. He was convicted in the United States district court of killing Alice Vivian, an Indian on the Colville Indian reservation.

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BERLIN MUNITION WORKERS WIN STRIKE RETURN TO WORK

COPENHAGEN, April 19.—The latest German newspapers to arrive here, including the socialist organ, confirm the semi-official announcement that the Berlin strike has ended. A settlement was reached after an almost unanimous decision by the metal workers to resume work following granting of their principal demands.

Among the concessions made by the government are compliance with the demands of the union for the establishment of a standing commission of labor representatives which will have a voice in the food distribution in greater Berlin, a promise that strikers will not be punished by being sent to the front, explicit assurances of adequate food rations, and effective against invasions of the food regulations by the rich.

Confidentially the German papers throw an interesting light upon the accuracy of semi-official reports.

The Vorwaerts states that work ceased correspondingly on Monday in about 300 munition plants and that 210,000 strikers reported to the metal workers union alone. This number was further swelled by strikers who failed to report and by participants in other trades. As against these figures the official news bureau in a statement for home consumption estimated the number of strikers was about 125,000.

GREECE AGAIN FACES MINISTERIAL CRISIS

LONDON, April 19.—An Athens dispatch says King Constantine has been in consultation with certain party leaders in connection with the pending imperial crisis. The king had a lengthy conference with the British minister Wednesday, this being the first audience given the British representative since the attack on the French and British last December.

A dispatch from Athens yesterday said the resignation of the ministry was impending.

AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL SPELLS GERMAN RUIN

AMSTERDAM, April 19.—The proposal of Count Czernin, Austrian foreign minister for a peace conference of all the belligerents, is attacked by Count Von Reventlow in the Berlin Tages Zeitung as meaning ruin to the German empire. Von Reventlow declares that Count Czernin took no account of the fact that the German empire is now fighting a battle "which must lead to victory." He declares that a conference on the basis of the principles recommended by the Austrian minister would destroy Germany internally and externally.

YOUNG MILITIAMAN GUARDING BRIDGE SHOT

TRENTON, April 19.—A shot fired from ambush mortally wounded Robert Price, 18 years old, a private in the New Jersey National Guard, who was on duty guarding a railroad bridge near Yardville, N. J., early today.

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