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SIX MILLION DOLLAR ROAD BONDS CARRY

MAJORITY OF 8,000 VOTES FOR ROADS

Portland With a Majority of Over 9000 Wins the Fight for Progress and Good Roads—Baker Elected Mayor by Small Majority—New Penitentiary is Snowed Under—No Extra Pay for Legislators—Uniform Tax Classification Carries.

PORTLAND, June 5.—Oregon will issue \$6,000,000 in bonds during the next five years to construct a system of state highways, the electors having voted yesterday in favor of the bond issuance by a majority estimated between 8000 and 10,000. The legislative highway committee, which conducted a campaign for the bonds, claimed they carried with a lead of 9000.

A proposal to issue \$400,000 in bonds to construct a new state penitentiary at Salem was defeated, returns today indicated. Some sections voted two to one against it.

George L. Baker was elected mayor of Portland over W. H. Daly by over 1000 majority. It is very close between Kellner and Mann for commissioner. Looks like Kellner will win out. Harbour was elected as the other commissioner.

Incomplete returns on the highway bond vote from 25 out of 36 counties in the state give: For 46,637; against 36,598.

Simultaneous elections carried, increasing pay for legislators lost, uniform tax classification carried, authorizing ports create limited indebtedness carried.

Multnomah county road bonds—For, 17,386; against 8000. These are complete returns from 223 precincts.

AIRSHIP RAID NOW IN PROGRESS

LONDON, June 5.—Official announcement is made that an airplane raid is now in progress over the Thames estuary. One German airplane is reported to have been brought down. Bombs were dropped over Essex and Kent.

The statement follows: "An airplane raid is now in progress over the estuary of the river Thames. The enemy have dropped bombs over the adjoining district in Essex and Kent. No further details are yet at hand. Up to the present one hostile machine has been reported brought down."

Between eight and twelve German taubes were the raiding aircraft. They were hotly engaged by British aircraft guns and aviators and driven back. The German machine reported brought down is said to have tumbled headlong into the sea. Still another is reported to have been hit.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CHICAGO, June 5.—A number of large corporations here are buying liberty loan bonds to give employees at the annual Christmas distribution in lieu of the customary wage bonuses or profit-sharing gifts.

One of the corporation heads who will adopt the plan said today that it not only provided the men with a suitable bonus, but took care of the Christmas giving at an early date and would allow the corporations to profit by the interest on the bonds for practically a half year before the bonds became the property of the men at Christmas.

JACKSON COUNTY VOTES FOR BONDS 450 MAJORITY

With All But Few Scattering Precincts, Vote Stands 1756 Yes to 1294 No—Only Third of Vote Polled—New Penitentiary Defeated as is More Pay for Legislators.

Vote on Road Bonds.		
Precinct	Yes	No
Medford	685	221
Jacksonville	93	55
Gold Hill	68	46
Central Point	101	113
Florence Rock	42	9
Rogue River	32	61
Willow Springs	20	28
Phoenix	70	68
Ashland	319	313
Eagle Point	71	89
Griffin Creek	38	15
Mound	31	29
Butte Falls	12	43
Sams Valley	50	75
Applegate	24	48
Watkins	21	18
Ruch	18	27
Sterling	6	12
West Talent	55	24

Majority for 462.

Medford Wins County.

The \$6,000,000 road bond issue carried Jackson county by a majority of approximately 450 votes, with all but a few scattering precincts reported. The vote was very light, only about a third of the normal vote being polled. The new penitentiary appropriation was lost by a three to one vote. The port bill carried the county as did the uniform tax amendment and the uniform election bill. Increased pay for legislators and the harmony amendment were defeated.

The Medford vote won the county for the bonds, with 464 majority. Ashland only gave 6 majority for the bonds and 9 against, and the banner opposition precinct, Butte Falls, with 43 against and 12 for. Central Point and Rogue River, both on proposed paved road, voted against the bond issue.

Ashland's Vote.

The Ashland vote was as follows: On Port bill, yes 313, no 225; on increased pay for legislators, yes 111, no 426; harmony amendment, yes 283, no 196; uniform tax, yes 339, no 178; uniform elections, yes 418, no 141; new penitentiary, yes 147, no 425; highway bonds, yes 319, no 313. As under the new law, the sheriff collects election returns, and no returns will be collected until the registration returns are completed, it will be a couple of days before complete figures are available.

FRED JACOBS OF PORTLAND KILLED

PORTLAND, June 5.—Fred A. Jacobs, principal owner of one of the largest real estate offices in Portland, was instantly killed here today when the brakes on his auto refused to work and the machine, in which he was riding, rolled down an embankment in Rose City Park, a suburb. Jacobs' neck was broken. He resided in San Francisco several years before coming to Portland 11 years ago.

RAIL MAIL CLERK IS UNDER ARREST

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—Elton D. Hocker, railway mail clerk on the run between San Francisco and Ashland, Ore., was arrested here today by United States postal inspectors. A search of his room revealed several thousand dollars worth of jewelry, according to Inspector Stephen H. Morse, who said that Hocker had been under surveillance for some time.

GERMANS LOSE DESTROYER IN NAVAL BATTLE

Naval Base at Ostend Bombarded—Force of Six German Destroyers Engaged in Running Fight at Long Range and One is Sunk—Big Offensive in Preparation West Front.

LONDON, June 5.—A German destroyer has been sunk and another damaged in a running fight between six German destroyers and Commodore Tyrwhitt's squadron, the admiralty announces.

The German naval base at Ostend on the Belgian coast has been bombarded by British warships, the admiralty announces. The British forces were undamaged.

The text of the admiralty announcement reads: "The vice admiral at Dover reports that the enemy naval base and workshops at Ostend were heavily bombarded in the early hours this morning. A large number of rounds were fired with good results. The enemy shore batteries returned the fire but our bombardment forces suffered no damage.

"Commodore Tyrwhitt also reports that early this morning a force of light cruisers and destroyers under his command sighted six German destroyers and engaged them at long range in a running fight. One of the enemy destroyers, the S-20, was sunk by our gun fire and another severely damaged. Seven survivors of the S-20 have been picked up and made prisoner. There were no casualties on our side."

Aerial Attacks.

LONDON, June 5, 12:25 p. m.—The aerial attacks on German establishments in Belgium are being continued by the British. Further operations were reported officially today as follows:

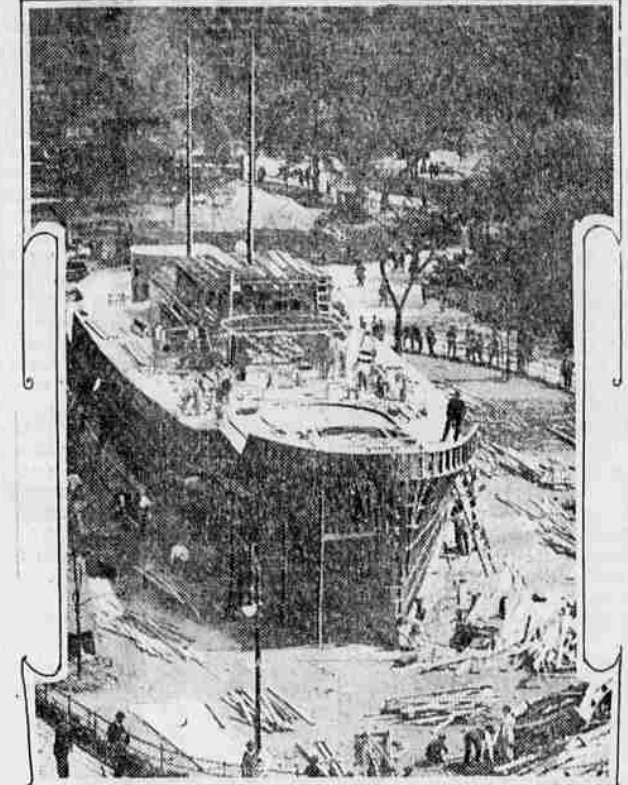
"Naval airplanes on Sunday night attacked the airbase at St. Denis Westrem, near Ghent. Many bombs were dropped with good results. The enemy's seaplane base at Sebrugge was attacked by our seaplanes at the same time and shipping in Brugge also was bombed. All our machines returned safely."

Great Offensive.

All the familiar signs which herald a great offensive are reported from the British front in France and everything points to the near approach of a resumption of fighting on a great scale in the western front. The thunder of the British guns increases day by day in volume while trench raids and other feintings for position multiply in number.

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BUILD SUPERDREADNAUGHT TO DRAW RECRUITS.



A modern superdreadnaught is being built at Union Square, New York, where millions of people pass daily, to draw recruits. It will have turrets and wood guns and a crew of several hundred men who will go thru all duties and drills of regular sailors.

WIRELESS PLANT SHIPPED MEXICO BY GERMAN SPIES

NEW YORK, June 5.—The police announced today that they had information that the head of the German wireless system came to this country, made plans regarding wireless outfits and other details thru which information was to be conveyed to Berlin and then departed, probably for Mexico.

This disclosure was made in connection with the arrest last night of Herman Frenck, an electrical engineer charged with conspiracy in violating the postal laws.

Others held on the same charge are Harry F. Periss, Irvin Bonaparte and Axel D. Melchar, the last named being a saloon keeper in Brooklyn. Periss and Bonaparte are employees of a German electrical company.

The government alleges that the men operated an "underground" mail system to Germany by having letters carried by members of the crews of Norwegian ships. Documents found in offices occupied by Periss are said to show shipments of wireless electrical apparatus on Ward line ships to Mexico.

MONGOLIA FIRES FOUR SHOTS AT GERMAN U-BOAT

LONDON, June 5.—The American steamship Mongolia fired four shots on June 1 at a German submarine which discharged a torpedo at the liner. Neither the Mongolia nor the submarine was damaged.

The Mongolia was 250 miles from the British coast when the submarine appeared and fired a torpedo. By skillful maneuvering the steamer escaped the torpedo and opened on the submarine with her guns. Four shots were fired. The submarine fled, although unhurt. The Mongolia proceeded on her voyage and has arrived at a British port.

It was the Mongolia which fired the first gun for America in the war and sank a German submarine in April. After leaving on the voyage just completed, the liner put back to port on account of an accident to a gun in which two nurses were killed.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Violations of Swedish and Danish territory by German submarines and the Erling on them by authorities of those countries, were officially reported to the state department.

SUMMARY OF VOTES CAST IN MEDFORD JUNE 4

No.	PRECINCT	Port Bonding		Inc. Legislature Pay		Harmony Plan		Uniform Tax		Joint Elections		New Penitentiary		Road Bonds	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
29	Medford No. Main	36	16	15	38	13	34	34	16	29	21	9	47	55	7
30	Medford So. Main	23	9	2	31	12	17	18	13	23	11	5	28	26	12
31	Medford No. Central	20	24	11	34	21	21	30	13	35	13	17	36	46	13
32	Medford So. Central	7	21	5	27	4	5	19	18	13	18	5	32	27	12
33	Medford No. Riverside	28	16	6	38	20	19	30	12	29	13	11	34	31	15
34	Medford Newtown	35	33	19	73	25	54	54	27	54	34	18	82	83	28
37	Medford Park	15	15	8	21	15	12	22	8	22	0	10	23	37	4
38	North Medford	14	9	5	25	12	12	22	5	24	6	10	24	21	13
39	Medford Northeast	26	18	11	38	21	22	32	15	34	18	6	59	51	10
40	East Medford	48	14	21	37	24	25	37	18	37	19	16	55	65	19
41	Southeast Medford	29	19	10	33	16	20	31	9	32	11	6	45	39	13
42	Southwest Medford	25	22	8	39	12	31	22	21	31	21	3	50	38	20
43	West Medford	46	24	9	69	28	38	39	25	60	19	15	63	62	28
44	Northwest Medford	25	12	7	31	19	17	22	12	28	11	8	34	30	15
34	Medford South Riverside	10	5	2	12	5	9	16	5	9	6	2	13	12	4
35	Medford Oakdale	43	22	16	54	25	37	45	18	46	29	21	51	62	17
Totals		456	273	155	591	272	371	458	235	506	252	143	667	685	221
Majority		183		436		69	223	252		504	404				

YOUNG AMERICA DOING PART IN AIDING NATION

Registration Proceeding Generally Thruout Country For War Service Without Disturbance—Few Arrests Reported—Weather is Generally Fair—All 21 to 31 Must Register.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Registration proceeded generally without disturbance thruout the country and the few arrests reported were construed by officials not as evidence of any effective organized resistance, but rather as sporadic affairs to be expected in an undertaking of such magnitude and importance.

Weather generally was fair and incoming reports indicated a healthy registration during the early hours and continuing as the day passed on.

The extent of evasion will not be known until complete returns are assembled, but officials are confident it will be negligible.

America is stepping forward today to do her part in making the world safe for democracy.

In every city and town in the most remote valley, hamlet, and at the wildest mountain cross-roads ten million sons of liberty are inscribing their names on the honor roll of the ages, that the free governments for which their fathers died may not perish from the earth.

All Must Register.

White or black, married or single, sick or well, alien or native born—even enemy subjects of the Kaiser—all men between the ages of 21 and 31 are expected to present themselves today between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. for registration. It does not matter that a man for any reason is unfit for army duty; that will be established later. It does not matter that he may claim and be entitled to exemption from army service—that will be attended to in another way. It does not matter that he is not a citizen of the United States. Every man between those ages is required to register today unless he already is in the military service in some branch or other.

As each man registers today he will be numbered and at a later time the numbers will be chosen for service by lot. Not until then will any man know whether he has been drawn for the first increment of 650,000 men who probably will be called to the colors for training early in September before they go to the battlefields of northern France or the trenches of outraged Belgium.

Exemptions Later.

After the men have been drafted, the question of exemptions will come up to be decided by fair and impartial boards. They will determine whether physical or mental defects debar a man from service or whether the dependence of others on him, or the country's need of him in civil life make it necessary to exempt him from service at the front.

In the meantime, today's duty is registration. The long arm of the federal law is reaching out to seize those who seek to evade this first duty to which all have been called and those who by counsel or influence seek to prevail upon other to shirk it.

The department of justice for the time being has put aside all other work; the great machinery of the federal government has concentrated today upon enforcement of the law. Citizens have been called upon as

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DANGER OF DAM BREAK NOW OVER

Fish Lake Dam Develops Leak Which Threatens Break—Water is Drained From Lake Rapidly—Dirt Filling Washed Out of Dam Leaving Bare Rocks—No Water for Irrigation Until Flood is Past Diverting Point and Stream Clears.

Telephonic reports received in the city this noon from the Fish lake dam of the Rogue River Canal company, were to the effect that the break in the dam was under control, that the water was running from the dam thru the pipes, and that all danger of the dam giving way was past. The break in the wall of the dam occurred Monday night. Outlets were at once opened to drain the dam and by noon the water level had been lowered beyond the danger point, according to telephone advices.

The ranchers and others riding along Butte creek in that vicinity were greatly alarmed Monday night and Tuesday morning by the escaping water from the dam rushing down the creek, took no chance today, however, and a number of them moved their household goods to higher ground, fearing that the dam might give way and carry everything before it down the creek.

Civil Engineer Ralph Cowgill of the canal company had a crew of men at work at the dam. He hurried to the scene Monday night as soon as the news of the leak was received in the city.

Debris Clogs Intake.

City Water Superintendent Arnsperger, before leaving for the dam and the city water works intake Tuesday morning, said that from reports he had received during the night from the city intake the water supply of Medford was not endangered from the break in the canal company dam. He said, however, that because of the rush of water from the dam the intake and vicinity was filled with debris of various kinds which would have to be cleared away before the normal supply of water could flow into the intake.

However, as a precautionary measure, before starting for the intake this morning he ordered Acting Chief of Police Crawford to stop all irrigation of lawns and gardens in the city until further notice.

City Engineer Arnsperger telephoned from the dam at noon Tuesday that the danger was past but that it would require two days to drain the dam, meanwhile all irrigation in Medford will be forbidden.

Alarm Created.

Considerable consternation was created thruout the city when the rumor spread that the dam at Fish lake had gone out, carrying with it the water supply of Medford. Many people lately imbued with the preparedness idea at once started to filling tubs, buckets and other receptacles

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK GENERAL WOOD'S TRAIN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 5.—Railroad officials investigating the finding of a large timber on the track in front of the train which last night more Major-General Leonard Wood from Chattanooga to Birmingham are inclined to believe the obstruction fell from a passing freight train and that its presence was merely an accident.

RUSSIAN COUNCIL REPEATS APPEAL

PETROGRAD, June 5.—The council of soldiers and workmen's delegates today sent a long statement to the socialist parties and central federations of trades unions of the world repeating its appeal of March 28 to the peoples of the world to unite in resolute action in favor of peace and in which it inscribed on its banner: "Peace without annexation or indemnities on the basis of rights of nations to decide their own destiny."