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SPEEDY PAYMENT LAND GRANT TAXES NOW EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Land office officials expect a prompt payment of taxes and the opening of the O. & C. land grant in Oregon. The attorney-general's office, which for a time called a halt by refusing to sanction the payment of any of the penalties and interest on the taxes, while not modifying its opinion that these assessments do not constitute a lien upon the lands, has approved the payment of all tax claims up to the date of approval of the Chamberlain-Ferri act as a proper measure of justice toward the state and the land grant counties.

It is probable that the attitude of the attorney-general is directed to the future, for the time is coming when the government will file suit against the railroad company to recover the taxes it will pay. The department of justice has not wanted to be in a position where it might be confronted with an opinion of its own to embarrass its litigation with the railroad.

No Delays Expected. There is expected to be little delay in the payment of the taxes, as practically all the preliminary work has been done. It may become necessary to have written a description of each of the tracts of land on which payment is made, so that a receipt can be taken individually for each tract, but this would not involve much delay.

Not much of the timber land so far classified will be immediately offered for sale. Certain tracts, however, will be. These are lands which adjoin or interlock with other lands where lumber companies are now cutting, and where considerable advantage would result from cutting over the grant lands at the same time.

It is also probable that if the grant lands are found to include bodies of spruce that can be gotten out to advantage, a special effort will be made to make this spruce available because of the wartime need for aircraft construction.

Information for Settlers. Homeseekers desiring locations on the lands of the grant will be given unusual facilities for gaining information concerning the tracts that are offered for settlement through plans that are being worked out in the general land office under the direction of Commissioner Clay Tallman.

As a result of the inspection of the lands, made in classifying them, a description reaches the land office of each tract. Mr. Tallman believes this information will not have reached its full possibilities if it remains in the files of the land office, or is merely placed in one big volume in a land office for inspection. He, therefore, plans to have printed, in good time before the opening, a little book which might be called the "homeseekers' guide."

Land to Be Well Described. This will contain a concise statement of the character of each tract that is offered. The information will be in tabular form, but it will tell the prospective settler what he most wants to know, and enable him to pick out the lands of which he may want to make a personal inspection.

Attached to the book will be a map showing the location of the lands. Even in the brief form proposed, it is expected that the book for the first opening will be a volume of 50 pages. This will cover the agricultural lands classified in the southern end of the grant, reaching perhaps one-third of the way up state from the California line.

Officials of the land office are highly pleased over the developments which will allow a prompt payment of taxes and opening of the grant.

PRINCIPLES OF THE PACIFIST.

THE "People's Council for Peace and Democracy," at its New York meeting, denounced the war and demanded the repeal of the conscription law. At its Washington, D. C., meeting, it demanded the impeachment of President Wilson. At its Seattle meeting it called for "overthrow of the government," branded President Wilson as a "traitor" and declared "the day of revolution in the United States is at hand."

If these utterances are not seditious it is hard to define sedition. Representatives from state "People's Councils," expressing such sentiments, would of course voice them in a national convention, hence the edict against the convention by the various governors.

It might be a good thing to photograph these delegates, as England photographed the "conscientious objectors" that had to be corralled in work camps. The photos effectively dispelled any public sympathy, as degeneracy was written on most of them. The peace crowd in America comes from the same class of parlor "posours," male sob sisters, unsexed and unbalanced women, with a sprinkling of paid German agents. Inordinate intellectual vanity, megalomania and paranoia, delusions of persecution, etc., are car-marks of most of the pacifists—who are the froth and dregs of radicalism.

The New York Independent has compiled ten rules, which, it says, "summarize in a nutshell the methods and experiences of the most successful practitioners of disloyalty." Here are the "rules for disloyalists":

- 1. When driven to make an unequivocal statement, protest your loyalty and then change the subject.
2. Assert on every occasion that "Wall street" made the war. Never mind explaining when, how, or why.
3. Get in all the sneers you can at any professions of ideal motives. If you can find any flaw in our democracy say that "we are just as bad an autocracy as Germany." Use the word "hypocrisy" at every opportunity. Place the war in as sordid a light as possible.
4. It is dangerous to denounce the United States directly. But rake history from end to end for mud to throw at the allies. Especially, twist the lion's tail.
5. Profess great concern lest sending food to Europe will starve America. Support every embargo movement that applies to the allied nations and none that does not.
6. If the president asks for any extension of power rave about "dictatorship" and the "overthrow of the liberties for which our fathers," etc.
7. Spread rumors that the allies are going to betray us or take advantage of us as soon as we are deeply enough involved in the war.
8. Accept conscription in principle but hamper its working in every possible way. One good way is to start scares about revolution and internal disorder as a pretext for keeping a large part of the army at home.
9. Demonstrate that the enemy is unconquerable and victory hopeless. Play the "candid friend" and act as a depressant.
10. Be very jealous to prevent "entangling alliances," and be much concerned about the Monroe Doctrine if we "mix ourselves in European quarrels." A permanent league of nations would embarrass your junker friends if they remain in power after the war. Germany can only hope to conquer other nations if they act selfishly and in isolation.

To these the Chicago Herald would add: "Oppose sending our boys to France to save the country and insist on the war being fought on our own soil," and "when caught in the hamstringing act mention the names of Washington and Lincoln."

These rules are followed in congress and in the press by German agents and sentimentalists. They form the code of action governing the Pacifists as well as the paid propagandists.

ANOTHER MIRAGE DISCOVERED.

"LESLIE'S WEEKLY" has opened a department descriptive of vacation spots—a very commendable feature. Correspondents are requested to ask details concerning the same, inclosing stamps to the Editor Travel Bureau.

Illustrative of an ideal place to recreate, the periodical's issue of September 8 contains a well-known copyrighted photo by Kaiser (credit not given) of Crater Lake used by Medford as a poster stamp, showing Wizard Island and a catch of trout. Underneath the picture appears this startling caption:

PEACE AND PLENTY ON THE COLUMBIA.

An ideal fall vacation can be found almost anywhere in this land of varied climes, from Maine woodlands to the salmon-filled Columbia of the Pacific Northwest, shown above with the result of a few hours fishing. The sportsman seems to be the one who knows best the charm of fall days. Those who crowd the resorts throughout the summer may find their pleasures ample, but the fall offers many compensations for those who have to take their vacation later.

All of which is interesting news. Just why Crater Lake should be annexed as a fixture of the "salmon-filled Columbia, 300 miles away, and Crater Lake rainbow trout depicted as salmon, only Leslie's knows—and it doesn't tell.

It is evident that the much-traveled explorer acting as Leslie's travel editor, like Admiral Peary when he discovered Crocker land, has seen a mirage—from his skyscraper office—the mirage of Crater Lake reflected over the snowy summits of the Cascades and mistaken it for the Columbia. At any rate, it will not cost any quarter of a million to ascertain that it is a mirage of a much more famous beauty spot, well worth a journey of discovery.

One wonders what kind of information this "travel bureau" dispenses to the dear people.

TUBERCULOSIS ON INCREASE IN BERLIN

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 6.—Vital statistics for the city of Berlin now published for the months of March, April and May, show a 50 percent increase in the number of deaths from tuberculosis as compared with the same months of 1916. The winter

months were also highly unfavorable in their showing regarding the spread of tuberculosis and other lung diseases.

CONFERENCE OF WOMEN OF NATIONS POSTPONED

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 6.—The conference of women of belligerent and neutral countries has been postponed until the internationalist socialist conference is held.

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COST OF DRINKING AND OF SMOKING IN DENMARK DOUBLED

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 6.—Drinking and smoking will really be taxation program just introduced in parliament. This provides for a special tax on wines equal to the retail cost to the consumer and almost doubles the tax on beer, making it, according to the president of the brewers' league, the highest in the world.

The measure increases the tax on cigars, cigarettes and tobacco from 20 to 33 percent for retail price and is expected to return 16,000,000 kroner additional taxes. The income tax on incomes of more than 6000 crowns is increased by 33 to 75 percent. The property tax on property of the value of 15,000 crowns and upward is virtually doubled.

A 25 percent increase in railroad passenger and freight rates is provided.

The minister of finance, in introducing the measure, said that the government would not have resorted thereto if any end of the war were in sight, but that as conditions are at present the measure was an imperative necessity.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor: Ever since the concert given Monday night, I have been trying to suppress my indignation, but, like Banquo's ghost, it "will not down."

I am an American American to the backbone, and when I attended the so-called patriotic concert I went as an American, not as a Frenchman. The Marseilles was well rendered, but what was the matter with our own Star Spangled Banner? Was it to be used as drapery? The boys of the Seventh company are American boys. It seems to me every number on the program should have breathed Americanism, stirring our pulses, making us feel more fully our love and loyalty for our own country.

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SILVER WORTH NINETY-SIX CENTS AN OUNCE NOW

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Fifty thousand Mexican dollars, lying in sacks on the floor of a dealer here in silver bullion, was one of the evidences today of the rapidly mounting price of bar silver, which has now reached the record-breaking figure of 95 5/8 cents an ounce. A year ago it was selling at 68 cents an ounce. The Mexican money was to be converted into bullion and represented, it was said, but a small fraction of the silver currency now being brought out of Mexico, despite measures by the Mexican government to prevent its money from being drained off by the attraction of high bullion prices in this country.

The Mexican silver dollar, for years valued at about 50 cents, is now worth in the neighborhood of 75 cents at prevailing bar silver prices. The rise in value of the metal has raised the question as to whether a similar attraction will come to bear on American silver dollars, tempting owners to melt and sell them as bullion. There will be no danger of this, it was said today by silver authorities, until bar silver climbs to \$1.29 an ounce.

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