

THREE COURSES ARE OPEN TO CONGRESS

PRESIDENT NOT TO FINISH ADDRESS UNTIL NEXT WEEK

HITCHCOCK SAYS WEST FAVORS ARMED NEUTRALITY

Three Courses Open to Congress: Armed Neutrality and Further Preparedness; Declaration That State of War Exists; and Declaration of War. Proponents Are Examined as to Existing Crisis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Prior to a cabinet meeting this week at which details of preparedness measures were discussed, Senator Hitchcock, member of the senate foreign relations committee, discussed the situation with the president.

Afterward he outlined the following three courses which he believed open to congress:

Passage of a resolution endorsing steps already taken by the president to place the United States in a state of armed neutrality and authorizing further preparedness.

Adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, and, adoption of a declaration of war against Germany.

Senator Hitchcock said there was undoubtedly sentiment in the west for taking the first of the three instead of declaring war or declaring that a state of war exists.

Other advisers of the president taking the view that the best step to take is a declaration that a state of war exists, are examining precedents in order to map out the best course to pursue. The general expectation is that in the end the resolution adopted when the United States went to war with Mexico will be followed closely in the present situation. That resolution recited repeated acts of

HOBBS CASE TO RESUME MONDAY

SECURING OF JURY EARLIER THAN WAS EXPECTED CAUSED CASE TO BE ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY AWAITING WITNESSES

The Hobbs murder trial came to an abrupt halt yesterday afternoon when the remaining four jurors were secured sooner than was expected and owing to the lack of witnesses the case was adjourned over until Monday.

The jury selected is Geo. E. Gillette, W. E. Bowdoin, Wm. F. Hill, Frank Keeter, W. J. Denton, Peter Bour, Chas. Mack, S. K. McKenzie, Early Arant, H. M. Miller, Geo. Kelfer and A. J. Simmers.

In selecting the jury the state excused five and the defendant nine, while 11 were not qualified by the court.

The subpoenas for witnesses are now out and the case is expected to be resumed Monday without further delay.

WAR INVENTORY MAY BE TAKEN

FORTLAND, March 29.—A war census aimed to determine the number of men available for military duty and the facilities for turning out materials needed if the United States should go to war, will probably be taken in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Arthur M. Churchill, who is now engaged in a similar mission in California, is expected to come north within a few days and begin the work.

There is also likelihood that the war department may undertake work along the same line in the northwestern states.

aggression on the part of Mexico against the United States.

The president is not expected to put his message to congress into final shape until just before delivering it. In the meantime he will confer with congressional leaders.

THE ST. LOUIS SAW NO SUBMARINES

CARRANZA'S PLAN FINDS SUPPORT WITH ARGENTINA

PROPOSAL TO CUT OFF ALL BELLIGERENTS LIKED

Belief Expressed in Official Circles That Germany Did Not Make Suggestion—Peace Without Victory Is Wanted—Aid by United States Is Thought to Be a Distant But Bright Prospect.

By CHARLES P. STEWART

(United Press Staff Correspondent) BUENOS AIRES, March 5.—(By Mail.)—Gen. Carranza's proposal that the neutral countries cut off supplies from the belligerent nations unless the latter make peace terms has many supporters in official circles here.

The officials who favor the Mexican first chief's plan say they do not believe it was dictated to him by the Germans. Even so, however, they declare they want to see peace restored and do not particularly care whether this is accomplished by pro-German, by pro-ally, or by entirely neutral influence.

A large South American element objects to an out-and-out victory by either of the European groups. The view is that South America will suffer if either side should gain a complete monopoly of South American trade.

The suggestion that the United States would furnish competition in either case is held to be a distant prospect on the ground that it will take the United States some time to build up an adequate mercantile marine, if she ever does.

Independents Might Have Chosen Speaker of House Representatives



CHAMP CLARK AND JAS. R. MANN—CENTER, READING DOWN. REPRESENTATIVES MARTIN, RANDALL, LONDON, SCHALL, FULLER

Between Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives and candidate for re-election, and James R. Mann, Republican leader and candidate of his party, stood five independents, who may have the deciding voice in the organization of the House. It is now stated they have thrown aside party differences on account of the crisis in support of Clark. The two old parties were tied. W. P. Martin of Louisiana and Thomas D. Schall, the blind representative from Minnesota, are Progressives. C. H. Randall of California is a Prohibitionist. Meyer London of New York City is a Socialist, while A. T. Fuller of Massachusetts puts himself down as an independent.

JUDGE D'ARCY IS GUEST OF HONOR

TENDERED INFORMAL BANQUET AT WHITE PELICAN LAST EVENING BY THE PAST OFFICERS OF LOCAL LODGE OF ELKS

Tendered an informal banquet at the White Pelican hotel last night by the past exalted rulers and present and newly elected officers, Judge P. H. D'Arcy, state district deputy of B. P. O. Elks, who is here visiting the local lodge, is being royally entertained by Lodge No. 1247 of this city.

The lodge quartet was present and following the dinner an enjoyable time was spent by those present with after-dinner addresses, singing and a royal good time.

Mr. D'Arcy arrived last night from visiting the Roseburg lodge. He is one of the most prominent public-entertainment workers in the state and connected with most of the big movements of this nature in Oregon.

Judge D'Arcy is a prominent attorney of Salem and of state note, and the Elks is his hobby. Although the guest of honor he was the leading spirit last night at the informal dinner and the life of the party.

He is spending today reviewing the books of the lodge and tonight will address the lodge assembled at the beautiful temple in the city, as well as be present at the initiation services which will be held.

SECRETARY OF WAR ENROLLS FOR SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Newton D. Baker, "present occupation, secretary of war," has formally enrolled himself as an alumnus of Johns Hopkins university, who is ready to place his services at the disposal of the government in any capacity in which they might be needed.

First U.S. Armed Ship's Trip Told

LONDON, March 26.—(Delayed by censor)—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived this morning. She carried a meager number of passengers—thirty-three all told—but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time any indications that German undersea boats were after the big liner. If any of them saw the St. Louis they made no attempt to destroy her, but carefully kept away from the guns of the American ship.

But signs of war were not lacking and the last three days aboard were anxious ones for passengers and crew alike. On Friday and again on Saturday after the St. Louis entered the forbidden zone, driftwood was passed—apparently parts of destroyed lifeboats. Yesterday a great field of oil was encountered. Vague rumors of the sinking of ships either ahead of or near the St. Louis increased the nervous tension.

For three days and nights the captain did not leave the bridge and never in her twenty-two years of existence has the American ship been driven so furiously as she was from the time she passed into the zone until she was picked up by a pilot.

The journey was virtually without incident until the war zone was reached. Unusual precautions were taken as soon as the liner passed the Ambrose light, but as she neared the danger point even the lift rafts and collapsible boats were made ready for immediate use. Reflectors were strung up fore and aft and carbine lights were tied along the rails for use in event the St. Louis became the victim of a torpedo or gunfire.

State Rural Credits Fund Details Complete

Attorney for Organization Here Prepares Answers to Questions on Securing Loans Under Act

A long list of anticipated questions on how to secure a loan under the State of Oregon Rural Credits Fund has been prepared by Chas. J. Ferguson of this city, attorney for the State Land Board.

This rural credits act was passed by the people at last election, and is designed to make possible the securing of easier loans and loans for longer periods at smaller cost to the farmer.

Mr. Ferguson says that the details for Klamath County are practically completed and he expects to receive applications beginning Monday next.

Who Can Borrow: Loans cannot be made except to owners who operate and occupy the lands mortgaged.

(a) When said applicant lives upon the land offered as security and where such land forms a single holding, and where said applicant man-

ages the land himself, performing the labor thereon with the assistance of his family or hired help.

(b) Where the applicant offers land as security which is made up of non-contiguous holdings, on one of which applicant lives and from which he operates the different holdings as outlined in subdivision (a), which non-contiguous holdings, however, shall not be more than five miles distant from the land on which said applicant lives.

(c) Where for any reason the applicant must be absent from the land offered as security for not exceeding nine months out of each year, but upon which he maintains his legal residence and which land he operates as outlined in subdivision (a).

(d) Where on account of water or lack of water or any other condition which in the judgment of the

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GORE ARRIVES TOMORROW NIGHT

W. H. Gore of Medford, appointed by the state highway commission to look after southern Oregon's interest in the \$6,000,000 bond issue to be voted on in June, will arrive in the city tomorrow night to address Klamath Falls people.

Mr. Gore conferred with a member of the highway commission, who was in Medford recently, and personally knows the views and intentions of the commission in the use of the money for the betterment of Oregon roads under the bond issue, if it is successful.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DEMIRES ROOMS

Secretary Fred Fleet, of the Klamath Commercial club, desires that all persons having rooms to rent or space they will allow persons to use to let him know at the Commercial Club.

Mr. Fleet is gathering data on rooms and accommodations to be sure that visitors here will find accommodations ready for them.

He finds that room space is not the most plentiful article even now and that a crowd of several hundred people for the drawing will tax the city's hospitality.

KLAMATH CLUB FANS TO DANCE

The Klamath Falls baseball club benefit dance will be given at the White Pelican hotel tomorrow night, the proceeds from which will be used for supplying the team with new uniforms for this season and other supplies.

Manager Watts announced today that he has secured Jimmie Sheehy, of the University of Oregon team, for the nine and other players of ability are being lined up rapidly, promising that as good a team as has represented the city in the past will be on hand again this year.

A large crowd is expected to turn out tomorrow night for the ball at the hotel, as although the weather has not brought the game to the front yet, the underlying forces are busy and the first stretch of spring weather will find them at it.

MME. MELBA SINGS FOR RELIEF FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Mme. Melba will sing at a benefit performance to be given in the Exposition auditorium here tonight for the benefit of the Entente allies, the funds to be devoted to relief work.

Local society people, including Mrs. Francis Carolan of the Belgian relief society, are taking an active interest in the affair. Since the war broke out Mme. Melba has been appearing in benefit performances in various parts of the world, having spent considerable time in Australia. It is her first concert appearance in San Francisco for a considerable time.

BIGBEE WOULD LIKE BERTH HERE

Word was received this morning by Jimmie Bowden from former twirler Lyle Bigbee, now with Portland, asking what kind of a guarantee could be given him for this season with Klamath Falls.

Bowden referred the telegram to Manager Watts, who told Bowden to wire him that the only guarantee that could be given him is that if he lines up with Weed or Medford that he will get a royal beating.

This telegram indicates that Bigbee has already got the hook from McCredie, or is slated to officially wear it shortly.

He made the trip to Honolulu, but has shown but little, and a recent beating in a practice game for the Beavers is believed to have capped the climax.

Farming Held to Be a Business by Agent

Working on This Assumption, County Agent Glaisyer Holding Farm Management Meet Here

Believing that farming is as much of a business as is a mercantile or manufacturing establishment, County Agricultural Agent H. R. Glaisyer has included in his project work for this year a farm management demonstration, the purpose of which is to assist interested farmers in keeping a record of their farm business and to assist them to summarize that record at the end of the year in such a manner that the figures so secured will be of value to the individual farmers. He will be assisted in this work by W. L. Kaddery, farm management demonstrator, in the employ of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college.

"Agricultural conditions have changed considerably within the past fifty years," said Mr. Glaisyer. "The

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