

HOUSE LEAVES ARMY DECISION UP TO WILSON

MINORITY MEMBERS CLAIM FEAR CAUSED HIDE-STEP

House Will Consider the Bill on Next Monday, Allowing Eighteen Hours for a General Debate and the Five-Minute Limit After That Time. Explosive and Food Speculation Bills Now Up for Consideration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The house military committee reported today on the greater army bill, after attaching provisions which place the choice of raising the army under a volunteer or the conscription system in the hands of President Wilson. There is no question in Wilson's mind as to a choice between the two. Minority members of the committee announced that they are preparing a report which will show that fear of defeat by the people at the polls caused the majority members to cast off the responsibility of choosing the system onto the president. The house will consider the bill Monday, under an agreement to limit the general debate to eighteen hours and then to proceed under the five-minute rule.

Bills were introduced in the house today which will prevent the sale of explosives during the period of the war and providing for a maximum penalty of \$5,000 for speculating in foodstuffs during the war.

GEN. VILLA OFFERS SERVICES TO U. S.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO BOSTON HERALD TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN MEXICO, STATED BY VILLA. CARRANZA FAVORS GERMANY

BOSTON, April 19.—Declaring officers of the Carranza army have formed a compact with Germany, and that an effort is being made to raise a large army of Germans and Mexicans to fight the United States, Villa offers his services to the United States, says a special dispatch to the Boston Herald from San Antonio. Villa says he has a well trained army of 20,000 which could be easily increased to 50,000. He says, despite Carranza's public statement that he would maintain strict neutrality, Germans have been and are now planning jointly with officers of Carranza's army against the United States, and that Carranza dare not interfere. Villa declares the manufacture of ammunition under supervision of Germans has been going on for more than a month and that Germans are operating freely in Mexico; that wireless stations are now and have been in operation for many weeks, and that they are in the hands of Germans.

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Russian Socialist Urges Against a Separate Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—A representative London Socialist has called the government here that the Socialists in the Russian duma are urging Russia not to consider a separate peace with Germany or the Central German powers, but to stay with the Entente Allies.

Berlin Denies There Is Sub In Western Atlantic

AMSTERDAM, April 19.—An official announcement made today in Berlin states that no German submarines are now in the western half of the Atlantic ocean, as has been rumored.

SISKIYOU COUNTY RAILROAD TALKED

RAILROAD CONNECTING SOUTHERN PACIFIC AT GRENADA WITH BRANCHES TO FORT JONES, ETNA, AND SCOTT'S BAR

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The construction of a railroad connecting the Southern Pacific at Grenada, Siskiyou county, and run to Fort Jones, Etna Mills and another branch down the Scott river to Scott's Bar, on the Klamath river, is practically assured. The total distance to be built is sixty miles. Property owners in the district traversed have been required to guarantee interest for ten years on a \$1,000,000 bond issue.

TWO MEN INJURED AS POLE SNAPS

STRAPPED TO POLE STRINGING WIRES AND PRECIPITATED TO GROUND WHEN POLE BREAKS OFF AT THE BASE

Morris Leslie and Mike Lippert, employees of the California-Oregon Power Company, were severely but not dangerously injured yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock when a pole on which they were both strapped and working on in the Hot Springs addition snapped off and precipitated them to the ground.

Leslie fell underneath the pole and was the more severely injured of the two, although no bones were broken and internal injuries are not feared by the attending physician, Dr. Warren Hunt. Both men were strapped to the pole, which struck Leslie a glancing blow near the lower ribs and slid off, and which, it is believed, saved him from having several broken ribs. As it was, he was crushed somewhat and badly bruised, being rendered unconscious. He will probably remain at the hospital for a day or so to recover.

Lippert, who fell on top of the pole, suffered bruises and sprained knees and legs, where he slid down the pole, but was able to leave the hospital last night.

The men were stringing wires on a pole near the corner of Esplanade and Pacific Terrace when the accident occurred. The pole snapped off near the base and fell with them to the ground. They fell in the neighborhood of twenty-five feet.

KLAMATH SOLDIER BOYS SAID TO BE IN SHAPE

The Klamath boys at Vancouver barracks are all well and happy and are now appearing in their uniforms, according to W. T. Lee, candidate for city councilman, who returned last night from a business trip to Portland.

He saw most of the boys on a trip over to Vancouver and says they are a healthy looking lot, but do not know yet where they will be sent from Vancouver.

FARM PRODUCTS WORK STARTED

FIVE AND TEN-ACRE PLOTS OF SPECIAL VARIETIES PLANTED TO MAKE COMPARISONS WITH PRESENT WORK

The Klamath county farm demonstration work has been started by County Agricultural Agent H. R. Glaisyer, who says that the work is now well under way.

The purpose of this work is to grow specially selected varieties of grains, grasses and other farm products on nothing smaller than five acres of land, to be threshed separately and the yield then to be compared with the common yields growing near it.

The acreage this year is from five to ten acres, while in past years it has been carried on on smaller acreages.

The work is being done this year with wheat, barley, oats, rye, peas, three varieties of clovers, pasture grasses, both range and permanent, and alfalfa. An attempt is being made to determine the hardest variety of alfalfa and that which is best adapted to Klamath county by the agent.

Care is taken to raise the demonstration products under the same conditions and alongside of the common varieties used here so that a fair comparison may be made of the results.

After the products are cut and threshed, where necessary, it is planned to hold a field meeting in each community where such a demonstration has been carried on, to give all the farmers a chance to compare the results. Particular pains are being taken by Mr. Glaisyer to secure demonstration plots in each community.

SENATE NAVAL COMMITTEE ROOM "JIMMIED" LAST NIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The door of the senate naval committee room in the capitol building here was "jimmied" last night. Nothing was found missing. The work is believed to be that of spies seeking naval plans.

Slackers to Be Treated Same As Single Men

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.— war was declared are not exempted. The war department announced today that all men who have married since treated the same as single men.

British War Commission Personnel Is Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—It was announced today that the war commission coming to America for the conference here with United States officials from England will be composed of the following men: Arthur Balfour, Sir Eric Drummond, C. F. Dormer, G. Butler, Rear-Admiral Sir Dudley Dechair, Fleet Paymaster Lawford, Major General Bridges, Captain H. H. Spenderclay, Lord Cwalfif, governor of the Bank of England, and Ian Malcolm, member of parliament.

SENATE REPORT FAVORS CHANGE

MARINE AND NAVY FORCES RECOMMEND INCREASE WHILE SENATOR M'CUMBER WANTS VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Senator McCumber introduced an amendment in the senate today calling for the enlistment of volunteers proportionately in each voting district and then resorting to draft if this fails.

The senate naval committee reported favorably on a bill increasing the marine corps to 30,000 and the navy to 150,000.

PRESIDENT MAY STOP U. S. LIQUOR TRAFFIC SHORTLY

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE MEMBERS CONSIDER URGING IT

Department of Justice is Investigating President Wilson's Powers and Congress May Be Asked to Grant the Power to the Executive to Take Such Action as He May Deem Right and Just in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Certain members of the National Defense Council are considering urging that President Wilson stop all liquor traffic during the period of the war. Such action would close 1,332 breweries and 405 distilleries.

The department of justice is investigating the powers of the president in regard to stopping all liquor traffic.

Congress may be asked to grant the president power to take such necessary action as he sees fit.

OREGON SHIPBUILDERS CUT OUT ON FIRST JOB

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—It is not likely that Pacific Coast shipbuilders will be given the opportunity to build any of the first batch of submarine chasers, although the shipbuilders are still making effort to land some of the contracts, according to word received here from Washington.

"The navy department recognizes Douglas fir as a suitable material for hull construction, but owing to the small size of the vessels planned, the impossibility of shipping them over and the small cruising radius they possess, it has been deemed advisable to build at least the first batch on the Atlantic coast," reads a message received here from the navy department.

SPUDS ARRIVE FOR FARMERS

FIRST SHIPMENT OF MORE THAN 300 SACKS ARRIVE HERE AND WILL BE GIVEN OUT THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The seed potatoes secured by the Klamath Commercial Club for Klamath county farmers to aid them in getting in their crops this year in the national movement to increase the country's food production this year, have arrived, according to Secretary Fred Fleet of the club.

The potatoes may be received by those ordering them by first securing an order from Mr. Fleet, at the Commercial club, and then applying at the Klamath valley warehouse, where they are being stored at reduced rates.

There are 230 sacks in this shipment and Mr. Fleet states that nearly all of them are already engaged. Others desiring seed potatoes will be handled by the club if application is made here.

WOODS FOREMAN HAS LEG BROKEN

GEO. TOWELL, FOREMAN IN THE WOODS FOR EDMONDS MILL, STRUCK BY LOG AND SUFFERED BROKEN BONE BELOW KNEE

While working in the woods near the Edmonds mill, getting out logs for the season's run, George Towell, woods foreman and well-known in local logging circles, was struck by a rolling log and suffered a broken leg between the ankle and the knee yesterday about noon.

Towell was working with a crew at the time and the log took an unexpected turn and caught him unawares.

H. H. Edmonds, proprietor of the mill, who was in the city, secured Dr. George H. Merryman and they went out in an automobile and brought Towell here for medical treatment.

GOOD ROADS MEETING AT MEDFORD MAY 16-17

With the ambition of "lifting the Pacific coast out of the mud," the Tri-States Good Roads Association, composed of good roads boosters in Washington, Oregon and California, will hold its fourth annual convention at Medford May 16 and 17. The date of the session is twenty days prior to the \$6,000,000 road bond election in Oregon and the membership of 2,800 is bending its energies to get the issue approved by the people. The governors of Oregon, Washington and California, Federal and state legislators, highway commissioners and road builders from near and far are invited, many already having promised their presence.

French Report Progress

PARIS, April 19.—In an official statement today it was announced that "everywhere success has been obtained by the French forces." Gains have been made northeast of Soissons, north of Vailly and Oisel, while Mont Hautheights and Hill No. 227, including two German batteries, have been captured.

Tacoma Organizes Food Work

TACOMA, Wash., April 19.—The Tacoma War Food Commission was organized here today and has under way a campaign to raise a fund of \$2,500 to aid farmers and others interested in the cultivation of the soil.

Editors Meet at Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., April 19.—The annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial Association will be held here July 13, 14 and 15. The Commercial Association is making extensive plans for entertaining the editors.

THREE KLAMATH YOUTHS ENLIST

ONE LEFT THIS MORNING AND TWO WENT OUT TUESDAY TO VANCOUVER TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE NAVY

Klamath county has sent three more recruits to the United States navy through Postmaster Deltzell since his return from Portland.

Loy Hahn, a Klamath county rural district boy, left this morning for Vancouver to take his examination. J. McDonald and Lester Schreiner left Tuesday for Vancouver.

Mr. Deltzell says he has many inquiries daily. An army recruiting officer is expected to visit the city in the near future and will probably also visit Fort Klamath, where, it is understood, a number of young men are anxious to enlist.

Allied Leaders Here on Mission



Great Britain and France have sent leading men to consult and advise the American government about the war and the part America will play in it. Arthur J. Balfour, long premier of England, and now foreign secretary, among others, is here for Britain, while France has sent former Premier Rene Viviani, minister of justice; General Joffre, former commander of the armies in the field, and Octave Homberg, the first financial authority in France, who was here in connection with the loan of the allies.

Canadian Parliament Convenes Today OTTAWA, April 19.—The outstanding feature of the session of the dominion parliament, which opened this afternoon, will be the annual budget statement presented by Sir Thomas White, minister of finance. Sir George Porter, who opened the session, is acting premier during the absence of Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden at the imperial war conference in London.

Law Announces to Commons More Hospital Ships Sunk

LONDON, April 19.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law announced to the house of commons today that additional allied hospital ships have been submerged by Germany. He said the details will be given out later.

Heir to Field Fortune Joins Illinois Cavalry

CHICAGO, April 19.—Marshall Field, aged 23 years, and heir to \$50,000,000 Field fortune, enlisted today as a private in the Third Illinois cavalry to fight for the United States.

GERMAN REVOLT REPORTED FROM SOUTH AMERICA

500,000 GERMANS IN THREE BRAZILIAN STATES

Uruguay is Massing Troops on the Border to Stand Off Expected Attempt to Invade Their Country, As Planned by Germans—Attack on Chili for the Control of the Nitrate Fields is Also Expected.

BUENOS AIRES, April 19.—Dispatches received here today from Montevideo, Uruguay, say that the Germans in the Brazilian states on the Rio Grande, Parana and Santa Cathrins, and probably in other states, have revolted.

The dispatches declare that the Teutons are armed, including much artillery. There are 500,000 Germans in three of Brazil's states.

The Uruguay government is massing its troops on the frontier to ward off an invasion. It is known that the Germans in Brazil have planned to raid Uruguay and have considered the occupation of Chili on account of valuable nitrate fields there.

SEARCHING OUT GERMAN NAVAL BASE IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 19.—After numerous rumors and unconfirmed reports regarding naval bases said to have been established by German raiders and submarines on the coast of Brazil, what appears to be a reliable story of such a base has reached this city. The story is vouched for by Colonel Jose Maria da Silva, proprietor of a large plantation on the Ilha de Maraca, which is said to have been the rendezvous of several German ships at various times since the beginning of the war.

NATIONAL BODY CALLED TO MEET AT SPOKANE

SUOKANE, April 19.—Call has been issued for the third annual meeting of the National Parks Highway Association to be held in Spokane on April 27. Representatives of communities interested in the development of the highway through Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois are invited to the meeting.

State Dentist Here

Dr. Goldbery, of the dental department of the State Girls' Industrial school and also the School for the Feeble Minded, is here, and will file on one of the Tule Lake land tracts. Dr. Goldbery expects to remain here until after the opening of the filings.