

STATES ASKED TO DESIGNATE NATIONAL DAY

REGISTRATION FOR ARMY TO BE PATRIOTIC FESTIVAL DAY

Conference of State Defense Council Representatives Hear Plans of Secretary of War—Nation Wide Registration of Men Under Draft Bill is Planned—President Wilson is Consulted in Matter.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Secretary Baker of the war department, in addressing a conference of the representatives of the state defense council today, urged that the states co-operate in every way possible with the federal government in carrying out the provisions of the universal military conscription bill.

He urged that the states over the entire country name one day for the nation wide registration of those coming under the conscription bill.

"Let us make it a national demonstration of our patriotism and a national festival occasion," said Secretary Baker.

Secretaries Daniels, Lane, Redfield and Wilson spoke also, after which they met with President Wilson.

Secretary Lane said today that 400,000 tons of shipping were submerged week before last. He declared that if that proportion continues the existence of the people of England and France is threatened.

Lansing Gives Warning

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Secretary Lansing issued a warning to the country today, declaring that the submarine situation is serious, and that "we might as well wake up to the fact."

ALLIES OPPOSE PEACE OFFERS

GERMANY'S OFFERS DECLARED NOT TO BE GENUINE, AND TO ALWAYS LEAVE SITUATION OF GREAT MENACE TO WORLD

WASHINGTON, May 2.—A member high in the British war commission declares that the entente allies are opposed to German peace offers because "they are not genuine and mean a German victory which is menacing the world's civilization."

He said that Germany will probably offer to return Alsace Lorraine, restore Belgium and relinquish all conquered French territory, but would keep clear a route through Austria to Bulgaria and through Serbia to Turkey, giving Germany "practically an impregnable position" for a base to begin a "new and inevitable war against the world's civilization."

Obregon, Carranza's War Minister, Resigns; Health

MEXICO CITY, May 2.—President Carranza's war minister, General Obregon, has resigned. The reason given for his action at this critical time is that his health has broken, and he is unable to carry on the duties of his office.

German Explanation Not Accepted; Break Expected

BUENOS AIRES, May 2.—Official information here says that German's explanation of the submarining of the

As the Mongolia Looked When She Sailed Down the Hudson River



The first blow against Germany has been struck by a mere merchant steamship. The Mongolia of the Atlantic Transport line, with a gun crew from the American navy on board, has reported the sinking of a German submarine in British waters. One shot from her stern gun did the work. This is what Captain Rice, master of the vessel, had to say about it: "We were going at full speed ahead, and two minutes after we first sighted the U-boat it emerged again about 1,000 yards off. Its intention probably had been to catch us broadside on, but when it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it. The lieutenant gave the command and the big gun boomed. We saw the periscope shattered by the shell and the submarine disappeared."

Russians Evacuate Mush and Retire North, Report

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 2.—An official statement here announces that the Russian forces have evacuated Mush and are retiring northward.

Socialist—German Paper Denies Hollweg to Speak

AMSTERDAM, May 2.—The socialist newspaper, the Vorwaerts, flatly contradicts the Tageblatt's announcement that Bethmann von Hollweg will make new peace offers to the Reichstag tomorrow.

HOUSE PASSES BIGGEST BILL

CALLS FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000,000 FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY—BUT ONE VOTE REGISTERED AGAINST IT

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The house of representatives passed the \$2,500,000,000 army and navy appropriation bill today, the largest appropriation bill passed in the history of the country, by a vote of 362 to 1.

Myer London, a socialist, voted in the negative.

Parishing Thought Chosen

SAN ANTONIO, May 2.—Army men here believe that General Pershing has been selected to head the American expeditionary force to Europe.

Will Teach School

H. W. Keese of this city leaves in the morning to teach a three months' term of school at Vincent, near Bonanza.

WAR CONFERENCE DONE IN SIX DAYS

PROMISES TO SOON SEND SOLDIERS TO EUROPE AND SETTLEMENT OF OTHER QUESTIONS. DISPOSES OF BIG QUESTIONS

WASHINGTON, May 2.—It is predicted that the conference will finish its work in six days.

The promise of early transportation of American fighters to Europe, the speeding up of ship building plans, and the practical settlement of the financial problems has disposed of the largest questions.

The commissioners are anxiously awaiting Germany's new peace terms.

BEET MEETING HERE THURSDAY

RESIDENT MANAGER OF GRANTS PASS COMPANY WIRES THAT HE WILL BE HERE WITH FIELD MAN THURSDAY NIGHT

The sugar beet meeting will be held at the Houston opera house Thursday night of this week.

Secretary Fleet received a telegram from Alex Nibley, resident manager of the Utah company at Grants Pass, which said that he will be here Thursday night with a field man, who will remain over several days if it is desired.

Secretary Fleet is assured of enough acreage for the beet sugar company this year, and this meeting will be the forerunner of starting the industry here this year.

A large attendance of all interested is desired.

Business Men Meet Tonight

A meeting of the Business Men's Association will be held tonight at the city hall at 8 o'clock.

BIG ROAD BOND ISSUE SUPPORTED AT STATE RALLY

KLAMATH MAN WRITES OF MEET IN PORTLAND SATURDAY

P. W. Snyder and J. M. Garrett of This City Attended Meeting in Portland. Snyder Appointed by County Judge. Governor Withycombe Advocates Passage of the Bill and Issuance of the Bonds.

By J. H. BARRETT PORTLAND, April 28.—I attended the good roads statewide rally in Portland on Saturday, April 28th, and I want to say to the people of Klamath county that I was well repaid for the long trip. I have never attended a gathering where there was more pronounced spirit of earnest endeavor to formulate and promote a plan for campaign purposes to the end that Oregon may have the benefit of good highways, such as the feeling expressed at the meeting in Portland on the date named.

Governor Withycombe in his brief speech advocated without question or reserve unanimous support of the bond issue. He said it was the best piece of road legislation which had ever been offered to the people of any state in the Union, and he urged that every county organize for the purpose of passing the bond issue on June 4th.

Mr. Frank Terrace of King county, Washington, a plain, honest farmer, told how Washington also rebelled when good roads were first advocated, as some people in Oregon are rebelling, but he also told of the great improvements and benefits that the highways of Washington have wrought. His speech was inclined to cut deeply into an Oregonian's pride because he told of the sparsely settled country that Washington territory was when Oregon was quite a state, and then he said "by building of good hard surface pavements and good post highways, our state has advanced to far in the lead of Oregon." That the truthfulness of the statement cannot be questioned we all know.

The speech delivered by E. J. Adams, member of the highway commission, was to the point, and dealt with the road bill as it really is. I hope to be able to circulate copies of this speech throughout different parts of Klamath county before the campaign is over, so that every one may read it.

Mrs. Chas. H. Kastner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, was in attendance from Hood River at the meeting. Her talk was one that impressed every one, for she told of not only the need of good roads for military and commercial purposes, but she brought in the fact that isolation of farm homes would be a thing of the past if we had good roads; in other words, she explained that the wives of the ranchers who live a distance from town would be enabled to enjoy life better and accept some of the benefits of the town if we had good highways, whereas, under present conditions, they are forced to become stay-at-home bodies, losing track of the trend of events in the world, and suffer that loneliness which only intense isolation brings.

I want to urge all my neighbors and friends throughout the county to support the good roads bill at the special election, June 4th, for I am convinced beyond question that it is a most meritorious measure, and believe it should prevail in Klamath county without a dissenting vote.

KLAMATH GIRL AT U. OF C. ENGAGED TO GUARDSMAN

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Calif., May 2.—The engagement of Miss Harriet Fink, a freshman in the university, from Klamath Falls, to First Lieutenant Charles D. Wehr, an officer of the Nevada National Guard, was announced here today.

Wheat Takes Drop

CHICAGO, May 2.—May wheat opening at \$2.71 yesterday, dropped steadily, closing at \$2.57 1/2. July and September wheat also dropped.

WAR BUDGET IS PRESENTED TO ENGLISH HOUSE

ENGLAND'S DEBT IS MORE THAN \$18,500,000,000

British Have Loaned Allies \$4,000,000,000, and Her Colonies \$500,000,000 Since Beginning of the War—Compulsory Food Rationing Considered. Wilson's Attitude Explained by Lord Percy Cecil.

LONDON, May 2.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, introducing the budget today, told the house of commons that England's debt today is \$18,500,000,000.

He said that England has loaned the allies approximately \$4,000,000,000 and the English colonies \$500,000,000 since the war began.

The budget includes three tax increases, cares for the vast debt, and also includes an increased tax of excess profits of manufacturers from 60 to 80 per cent.

Captain Balfour of the food control department told the commons that his cabinet is considering compulsory food rationing for England to meet the situation.

Acting Foreign Secretary Lord Cecil denied to the house that Balfour had reported that President Wilson believed that a solution of the Irish problem will "do more for world democracy" than any one other British concession.

The budget shows that England plans to spend \$10,500,000,000 in the next year. The government is now spending \$30,120,000 daily for the war.

SECOND BOND ISSUE IS CALLED

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THIS CITY, FISCAL AGENTS FOR GOVERNMENT, WILL RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS ON \$200,000,000.

A telegram was received today by the First National bank of this city, ordering the bank to receive subscriptions on national treasury certificates, as fiscal agents of the United States government, for an additional \$200,000,000 issue, from Governor Kahn of the Pacific Coast Federal banking reserve district.

The First National here announces that the bank will take \$5,000 of the certificates themselves, and will be glad to receive other subscriptions.

Under the order made several weeks ago for the first \$200,000,000 subscription, the amount was subscribed almost by the time the announcement had been made to all parts of the United States and a great eagerness to secure the certificates was exhibited throughout the country.

The telegram received by the bank here today is, in part, as follows:

"We have the following telegram from the secretary of the treasury, and as fiscal agents of the government you are authorized and directed to receive subscriptions in your district for an additional issue of \$200,000,000 of 3 per cent treasury certificates of indebtedness, maturing July 17.

"The certificates are to be dated May 10th, on which date payment should be made to the federal reserve bank.

"Your patriotic efforts in securing subscriptions are urged."

EASTERN RAILROADS PLAN TO HIRE WOMEN WORKERS

NEW YORK, May 2.—Many of the large Eastern roads are making elaborate preparations for the employment of women as clerks, car cleaners and in other duties, to replace the men called into the army.

Captain Sweeney



In France they say "Tell it to Sweeney," just as they do in every city of the United States which sports a rialto. Captain Charles Sweeney, soldier of fortune, and captain in the Foreign Legion, is responsible for that. Captain Sweeney is a West Point man. But things got too dull for him in the United States, and he joined the Foreign Legion, which for many years has been the home of foreigners who wished to serve France. They made him a captain; they had to, because he did so many daring things he was needed. He arrived in the United States on the Adriatic the other day, and he is going to do what he can to arouse the American people to the importance of the war. The captain wears on his coat all the medals for bravery which the French government gives.

PITTSBURG LIFE, TRUST WRECKED

ATTORNEY WITH \$300,000 CREDIT TO NAME GETS CONTROL AND WRECKS INSTITUTION IN FEW DAYS, ALLEGED BY AGENTS

PITTSBURG, May 2.—As the result of an investigation made by federal agents it is announced today that the Pittsburg Life Insurance and Trust company has been wrecked.

Warrants are out for six persons alleged responsible, including Attorney Birdseye of New York city.

Birdseye had credit in New York good for \$200,000, purchased control of the company, and within a few days had looted it, it is alleged. He used dummy directors.

The last statement made by the company claimed \$24,000,000 assets and \$118,000,000 insurance in force.

FAREWELL RECEPTION LARGELY ATTENDED

A house full of the intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Camp, at the Methodist parsonage last night, expressed the high esteem in which that worthy couple is held in Klamath Falls, and voiced the general regret at their departure.

The pleasure of the occasion was enhanced by a very pretty violin solo by Catherine Walton, with Beatrice Walton as pianist. Evelyn Bennett rendered several piano numbers with excellent interpretation, and Mrs. Don Sumwalt sang several selections in her own charming way. Messrs. McGinnis, Walton and Bennett made lighthearted addresses, to which Mr. and Mrs. Camp feelingly responded. Fruit punch was served.

LOCAL OFFICIALS ORGANIZE BODY FOR PRODUCTION

PETERSON NAMED BY GOVERNMENT TO CANVASS

This Work, Now Handled by the Department of the Interior, is Expected to Be Taken Over by the War Department, and the Work Made Compulsory—Heads of Committee Named.

The startling facts regarding the food supply of the United States and the vital need of every individual taking immediate action to remedy the situation were brought out yesterday afternoon at a meeting of various city officials headed by Fred Peterson, who has just been appointed in charge of the work of stimulating production in Klamath, Lake, Harney, Crook and Jefferson counties by the government through the Oregon Agricultural College.

This work, now forwarded by the department of the interior, will shortly be assumed by the war department, according to official belief, and work now optional will become compulsory.

With less than three months' food supply in the nation on hand, the world's wheat supply a quarter of a billion bushels short, the general food supply on hand less than for the past fifty years and prices the highest since the Civil War, drastic action is necessary to meet the situation.

Awakened to this responsibility, the meeting yesterday, consisting of Mayor C. B. Crisler, J. W. Siemens, president of the Commercial Club; Mrs. E. H. Wattenburg, president of the Women's Library Club; R. H. Dunbar, city school superintendent; O. D. Matthews, councilman; Miss Edna Wells, county school superintendent, and W. H. Mason, resolved itself into an active body to take definite action.

A committee was, on nomination, named as a permanent executive committee, consisting of Mayor Crisler, President Siemens and Fred Peterson.

This committee was vested with power to act, and convened this morning. F. L. Fountain, Chas. Graves and W. F. Arant have been asked to take charge of the general work, with a working committee suggested under the following heads:

Securing vacant lots—C. B. Crisler. Seeds—O. L. Gregg. Water—E. M. Chilcote. Publicity—Fred Fleet. Labor—R. H. Dunbar.

As soon as the appointments made are accepted it is expected strenuous measures will be adopted to get the best results possible under an efficient plan of action.

Mr. Peterson's duties call for his visiting each of the counties in his jurisdiction, and by holding meetings of the farmers and townpeople to bring to their attention the necessity that as large yields as possible of necessary food products must be secured, and that so far as possible every person should raise what he needs for himself.

He expects to take up his work as soon as the roads will permit traveling.

AMERICAN SHIP IS REPORTED SUBMARINED

LONDON, May 2.—Surrey, brought here by patrol boat, reported that the American steamer Rockingham has been submerged. They report that thirteen members of the crew are missing, and that thirty-three have been saved.

WEST FRONT IS COMPARATIVELY QUIET

LONDON, May 2.—A bombardment in the region is the southern front on the western front. The British and Germans are inactive. The situation is doing nothing.