

Draft Bill Goes to Wilson Before Night

SPEAKER CLARK AND MARSHALL SIGN BILL TODAY

SECRETARY BAKER GIVES LAST PERUSAL

Conscription Measure Then Goes to President Wilson for His Signature or Veto—Expected to be Signed Before Night—Senate Adopts Provision for Conscription Bill After Two Hours Debate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—Speaker Clark signed the conscription bill and then sent it to the Senate where Vice-President Marshall signed it this morning.

The bill then went to Secretary of War Baker who is giving the bill a final perusal prior to its presentation to President Wilson for his signature to make it a law. This is expected to be done before night.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—After a two hour debate the Senate today adopted the amendment to the Urgent Deficiency bill providing for the new conscription army to serve during the war with Germany and for a period of four months after peace is declared.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—The House passed the revenue bill provision this afternoon requiring that all 1916 income tax payers should pay an additional one-third of the 1916 tax and which also provides a 16 per cent tax on the profits of corporations which exceed \$5,000 annually.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee reported favorably today on the daylight saving bill which will set all clocks ahead one hour.

FOOD PRODUCER CHARGES TRUST

LAYS POSITIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT THAT MIDDLEMAN TRUST BOOSTS PRICES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—A nationally known food producer has laid charges concerning the existence of a nationwide middleman's trust, for the purpose of boosting prices, before the Agricultural Department.

The department says that the charges are supported by "exceptionally positive information."

The Department of Justice and the National Defense Council have been notified of the charges.

The written evidence includes thousands of letters and documents which are in the hands of the government.

Honduras Breaks With Kaiser And Takes Side by America

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—The State Department has been officially advised that Honduras has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and "has taken her place by the side of the United States."

Treasury Department Calls For \$200,000,000 More

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—The treasury war certificates are now ofered for sale, making the total issue an additional \$200,000,000 of \$700,000,000.

American Doctors Off to Trenches in France



Dr. Gerhard H. Cocks, a famous New York specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and nose, and Dr. Austin L. Hobbs, an X-ray specialist, are among twenty-three doctors, sixty-five nurses and 152 civilians who have gone to the front as the Presbyterian base hospital unit from that hospital and Columbia University in New York city. In the party are engineers, electricians, cooks orderlies and chauffeurs.

SPORTSMEN WANT EARLY SEASON

IMPORTANT MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMERCIAL CLUB TONIGHT TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH BIOLOGIST FINLEY.

A meeting of the Klamath Sportsmen will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Commercial Club rooms to take up with State Biologist W. L. Finley the possibility of opening the duck season in Klamath County, fifteen days earlier this year.

The meeting is called by W. P. Johnson, President of the League, who said today that if the sportsmen will turn out in a large body tonight the chances of securing the opening of the season fifteen days earlier are good. The opening at this time is October 1 and the Sportsmen's League desires to have the season open on September 15.

Another important question to be taken up tonight is the care of the herd of Elk which Klamath secured last February and which are now being fed near Ft. Klamath. Definite settlement of these questions are to be made tonight and a large attendance of sportsmen is desired.

American Squadron at the Front Today

AUSTRIA ORDERS ISONZO CIVILIANS TO EVACUATE

TRIESTA IN PANIC AND RECORDS REMOVED TO VIENNA

Italians Continue to Advance—Taking More Than 6,000 Prisoners in Last Offensive—Berlin Reports Bullecourt Evacuated 24 Hours Before Enemy Occupied City—Rain hampers on French Front.

ROME, May 18—Austria has ordered the civilian population in the Isonzo section, where the Italians are continuing to advance, to evacuate.

Advice from Trieste say that the city is panic stricken, all banks being closed, while the public offices, business houses and shipping records have been removed to Vienna.

It was officially announced today that the Italians have taken 6433 Austrian prisoners during the present offensive.

Grazigna heights have been captured.

LONDON, May 18—A British statement issued today said that rain was hampering operations on the French front. The French are reported to have repulsed persistent attacks by the Germans around Craonne.

BERLIN, May 18—An official statement says that Bullecourt has been "evacuated according to command and without disturbance. The enemy occupied the city 24 hours later," says the bulletin.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GIVE DANCE TONIGHT

The local graduates and ex-students of the University of Oregon will tender an informal dancing party tonight at the White Pelican Hotel to the students of the Klamath County High School.

The ball room at the hotel has been decorated with the Oregon colors while Oregon music has been arranged for the orchestra. The dance is to be distinctive of the University. Mrs. Barlow's six piece orchestra will play. There are about fifty former students of the University in Klamath County, of which a goodly portion reside in the city.

Rebekah Elect Officers.

The following officers were elected last night by Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104, I. O. O. F. lodge: Georgia Sloan, Noble Grand; Alfreda Steinmetz, Vice Grand; Alice Goeller, Recording Secretary; and Adeline Cofer, Treasurer.

U. S. NAVY ORDERS SERVICE "UNIS" ONLY

SEATTLE, Wash., May 18—Good-bye gold braid. Local navy officers have received orders to lay aside the customary full dress and gold braid and to wear service uniforms at all times, whatever the occasion. The order is considered in keeping with the war time spirit of dispensing with ostentation and conforming with the sentiment of sacrifice.

GERMAN INTRIGUE IN THE VATICAN TOLD TO PRESS

CARDINAL GERLACH MAKES A HASTY FLIGHT

Italian Secret Service Overcomes German Schemes—Small Burglary and Flight of Cardinal Gerlach on Same Night, April 6—Two Cracksmen Allowed to Escape and Paid for Securing Spies' Papers.

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LONDON, May 1 (By Mail)—A tale of German intrigue reaching into the inner circles of the Vatican, involving the hasty flight of Cardinal Gerlach from Italy, the cracking of a safe in the secret headquarters of the German Embassy at Vienna, and the mysterious escape from prison of Italy's two most notorious criminals, was told for the first time today to the United Press by a reliable authority.

Stranger than fiction, the true story of the inside workings of the Italian secret service in tracking down the pro-German element of the Pope's court forms a dramatic chapter in the secret history of the war.

On the sixth of April, Vienna dispatches announced the burglary of a house, adjoining "but having no connection with," the German Embassy. A large sum of money was said to have been secured by the robbers, who escaped.

The same night a sensation was caused in Rome by the flight of Cardinal Gerlach across the Swiss border. Italian secret service agents burst in the doors of His Eminence's house two hours after his escape and discovered the machination of a score of pro-German plots. The next day more than three hundred arrests resulted throughout Italy.

This, for ten days, was all the world knew concerning the workings of the German espionage system. No one connected an insignificant robbery in the Austrian Capitol with the Cardinal's disappearance and the wholesale arrests of German agents.

Another event which caused little interest at the time of its occurrence, yet which had a direct bearing on the successful breaking up of the Teuton spy-net, was the reported "escape," early in January, of two of Italy's most notorious safe-crackers, who had been incarcerated for life in prison at Rome.

What had never been disclosed until today is the fact that a warrant for their release was signed by the Prefect of all the Italian police himself, and that each of the criminals was later given \$10,000 by the Italian government. The service they rendered the government proved well-worth the price.

For more than two years the Italian secret service, extending its research over a far greater ground than one tracing certain pro-German plots and realizes even today, had succeeded in intrigue in Italy to Vienna. In the Austrian capital, spies succeeded in narrowing the search down to a certain house, adjoining "but having no connection with," the German Embassy.

Had they acted hastily, the spies

KLAMATH FARMERS ORGANIZE BODIES

ALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED HELD FOR AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE AND ALL BUT ONE ELECTS REPRESENTATIVES.

Despite inclement weather last Saturday night every Agricultural Defense day meeting scheduled throughout the county was held according to H. R. Gialyser, County Agricultural Agent, who has now received official reports from all the meetings on the action taken but six.

One of the purposes of these meetings was to elect agricultural members to represent each organization on an agricultural council for the county which is to direct and supervise the work desired by the government on the farms.

Besides this work Mr. Gialyser is co-operating with the local reclamation service office which gathered a large amount of data on the farmers' needs and will use this information in connection with his work.

The main meeting was the only one failing to elect a council member. The members of the Klamath County Agricultural Defense Council elected, so far reported, are as follows:

- Lone Pine Farmers' Club—L. F. Geertson.
- Southwest Klamath Farmers' Development League—J. A. Bushong.
- Mt. Laki Improvement Association—T. N. Case.
- Pine Grove Farmers' Club—W. T. Elliott.
- Olene Farmers' Club—John Van Meter.
- Keno Farmers' Club—P. C. Bristow.
- Fort Klamath Farmers' Club—Jas. E. Pelton.
- Bonanza Club—H. M. Daniel.
- Spring Lake Farmers' Club—Wm. Cheyne.
- Shasta View—John L. Hale.
- Langell Valley Stockmen's Club—M. T. Prince.
- Malin Farmers' Club—No representative.

RAILROAD STEEL TO ARRIVE SOON

Local Transfer Company Gets Order to Unload Material Which is Expected in Few Days. Deeds Recorded.

Word has been received here by a local transfer company to make arrangements for the unloading of several cars of steel, presumably for the Strahorn Railroad contract.

The advice comes from a Portland office and the latter states that the steel should arrive within a few days.

The twenty-four deeds for right of way were filed this week by City Attorney Grosbeck with County Clerk Delap. These deeds are recorded in Mr. Strahorn's name while the single deed transferring the right of way from Mr. Strahorn to the city and covering the twenty-four deeds, must be accepted by the city council by resolution, which will be placed before them Monday night for action. Mr. Grosbeck will then have this deed recorded in the city's name.

NATIONAL GUARDS ALL TO BE CALLED

WILL GO TO FEDERAL SERVICE IN THREE UNITS DURING JULY AND AUGUST. TO BE ON WAR FOOTING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—It was announced today that the National Guard units not now with the colors will be called to Federal service in three groups on July 15, July 25 and August 5.

All companies are ordered recruited to war strength and it has been authorized that those not full on the dates they are called out will report anyway.

Companies not fully equipped will be equipped on reporting at a California point in the August 5 group.

PERMANENT BODY TO ASSIST WAR

ALLIED COMMISSION HERE, ONE IN LONDON AND ONE IN PARIS EACH, ON WHICH UNITED STATES BE REPRESENTED, SUGGESTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—The establishment of a permanent joint committee of all the allies to sit at Washington, D. C., to facilitate America's cooperation in the war has been suggested by the French and British War Commissions.

America would be represented on like committees sitting at London and Paris also.

BANKS ASKED TO CUT LOAN PURCHASERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—The treasury department has asked that all banks cut their preliminary purchases of treasury certificates to a minimum of 50 per cent of their anticipated Liberty Loan subscriptions, to prevent the derangement of the money market.

CALIFORNIA G. A. R. CLOSING WITH FAREWELLS

LONG BEACH, May 18—The Grand Army encampment closed today with farewells.

French Minister Greets Russian Peasants for French

PETROGRAD, May 18—French Minister of Munitions Thomas appeared at a meeting of Russian peasants today, greeting them on behalf of the French peasants. This is his first public appearance in Russia.

Thief Kills Sheriff and Shoots Self; Posse Surrounds

MACOMB, Ill., May 18—Walter Niles shot and killed Sheriff James Bartley when Niles was arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile by Bartley. Niles then shot and seriously wounded himself when he was surrounded by a posse.

FIRST AMERICAN MEDICAL UNIT NOW IN FRANCE

COMMANDER SAYS MEN EAGER TO GO TO FRONT

London Decorated With Flags in Their Honor—British Army Officers Welcome Them at Pier Where They Arrived Today—J. S. Burgess—General Officially Advised of Their Arrival—252 Americans in Unit.

PARIS, May 18—Squadron Number 2 of the American munitions transport composed of forty members went to the French front today to begin the transportation of munitions to the French batteries and trenches.

LONDON, May 18—It was officially announced today that the first contingent of the American Army medical unit arrived in England today.

The officers in charge declared that the men are anxious to see immediate service on the French front.

British army officers welcomed them at the pier. London is decorated with American flags today in their honor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18—Surgeon-General Gorgas was officially advised today of the arrival of the American medical unit in England.

The unit is composed of 25 officers, 65 nurses, 156 enlisted men, one chaplain, five clerks.

Major Gilchrist commands the unit.

LT. THOMAS DIED FROM EXPOSURE

RETURN OF AMERICAN NAVY GUN CREW REPORTS MANNER OF DEATH OF GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, CREW CAPTAIN.

SOME PORT IN AMERICA, May 18—The naval gunners of the submarine American steamer Rockingham arrived here today.

They report that Lieut. Thomas, United States Navy gun crew commander, died of exposure after the vessel sunk.

The vessel was torpedoed May 1 and the first men were picked up following on May 4.

Lieutenant Thomas was a native of Grass Valley, California, where his parents live. They had been informed of his death but the manner was not known.