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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

GOVERNMENT WINS LAND GRANT CASE FERRIS ACT UPHELD

This Re-Vests Title In United States, Gives Railroad \$2.50 An Acre

SOME OF LANDS WILL BE OPENED TO SETTLEMENT

Counties Will Get 25 Per Cent of Proceeds of Timber Land Sales

Washington, April 23.—The supreme court today decided in favor of the government in the noted Oregon and California land case, involving millions of acres of land granted to railroads and claimed by the United States by forfeiture.

The "Oregon land grant" case, causing 10 years of litigation between the government and railroads, grew out of valuable grants of land in Oregon and California to transcontinental railroads. The railroads were to sell the land to actual settlers for not more than \$2.50 an acre.

In 1862 congress granted to the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads millions of acres of land to enable them to build a transcontinental railroad from the Missouri river to San Francisco bay.

An Oregon court, interpreting the mandate, held that railroads could not dispose of the land until congress passed legislation regarding it. In June, 1916, congress passed the Ferris act, "re-vesting" the land in the United States, allowing the railroads the \$2.50 an acre for it, that they were authorized to charge in the grant, and opening the land to settlement.

Effects of Decision. Portland, Or., April 23.—The important (Continued on page four.)

ABE MARTIN



Remember th' ole five-cent soup bone that'd make a dinner for a tiger!

Women Wronged by Germans, Says Wife of Famous Surgeon

Chicago, April 23.—New stories of the suffering and abuse of French women and children in the city of Noyon after the recent retreat of the Germans came to Chicago in a letter from Mme. Alexis Carrel, wife of the celebrated surgeon of the Rockefeller foundation. In her letter she says:

Every woman between the ages of 15 and 30 had been carried off nine days before the retreat by the Germans. The young women who were left in Noyon were all about to become mothers by German fathers.

Week Disastrous to Germans, Killed Wounded and Missing Are Estimated at 100,000

(United Press staff correspondent) April 23.—Germany has just gone through the most disastrous week of her history of the war.

Today, on the week's anniversary of the great French drive, the French army staff permits me to say that the coming seven days are likely to unfold more clearly the nature of the Franco-British offensive.

Since Monday, a week ago, when the great French offensive began, General Nivelle's forces have accomplished this: Capture of more than one hundred guns from the Germans.

Only in First Stage The fighting which was in progress today supercedes in importance any action on the entire western front.

While the German disaster of the past week has been tremendous, nevertheless the week's fighting is only the first stage of an entire action planned by the French. The Aisne-Champagne front comprises only one portion of the great Franco-British offensive.

WHAT ALLIES WANT OF UNITED STATES IS TO SUPPLY FOOD

That Is the One Vital Great Thing Necessary to Win the War

IS MESSAGE BROUGHT BY BALFOUR AND OTHERS

Courtesies and Greetings Soon Give Way to Business in Hand

By George Martin (United Press staff correspondent) Washington, April 23.—What the allies want from the United States more than anything else is food.

It was pooling of British brains and bitter war experiences with American wealth and resourcefulness. But it was made clear by a high official of the commission that the thought uppermost in the minds of the British representatives is: "The allies must have food."

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Robert E. Strahorn has offered to build the 20-mile Klamath railroad for \$300,000.

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Plan of Alternative Smashes Proving Highly Successful

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Two Important Towns Taken, and Stream of Prisoners Flowing Back

JUDGE SAYS MOONEY MUST HAVE NEW TRIAL

Says a Man's Liberty Is At Stake and He Must Be Given Square Deal

San Francisco, April 23.—Superior Judge Franklin Griffin exploded a veritable bomb in court today when he declared his belief that Thomas J. Mooney should have a new trial on charge of complicity in the preparedness parade dynamiting.

Deputy District Attorney Cunha began an argument against granting the writ of habeas corpus for a confession or error, but Judge Griffin interrupted him.

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'Whitcomb Matter Europe? No United States Marshal'

Seattle, Wash., April 23.—According to E. O. Sawyer, Jr., editor and publisher of the Seattle Sunday, who reached Seattle Sunday on route to his home in the north after a trip down the coast as representative of the Seward chamber of commerce, old Chief Goodlatoh, an Indian tribesman living near Cordova, is greatly worried by the war in Europe.

Chief Goodlatoh, on his periodical trips into Cordova, invariably hears much about the war, so many soldiers killed at such and such a place, or a great massacre at some other point.

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CONGRESS BEGINS WORK ON PROBLEM OF RAISING ARMY

Conscription In Some Form It Is Believed Will Be Main Feature

ACTION IS EXPECTED - NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY

Amendment Is Offered Permitting Raising Army To Led by Roosevelt

By J. P. Yoder. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, April 23.—After finally disposing of the great war loan, house and senate shortly after noon today went into the final stages of the problem of raising an army of two million men for defense of the nation.

It was still believed today that both houses will take final action Thursday or Friday at the latest. The conscription feature, in some form at least, will pass both houses.

While house and senate debated, the Roosevelt angle—the colonel's plan to head a volunteer division to the French trenches, was vigorously injected into the situation.

Republicans—Harding and Lodge, are behind a well laid campaign that has for its object granting permission for ex-President Roosevelt to plant the American flag on the European battle line.

Senator Harding of Ohio, started the Roosevelt fight by introducing an amendment to the administration bill, authorizing the president to raise by voluntary enlistment four infantry divisions—about 100,000 men.

Opposition Will Fail. Washington, April 23.—Congress today started debate on the administration's conscription army bill which, if passed, will subject millions of American citizens to the draft and enable the government to immediately start training the biggest army in American history for a smash at Germany.

The house had before it the army bill as reported by the military committee with conflicting recommendations, one proposing the volunteer plan and the other President Wilson's selective draft.

Administration supporters were confident Deat could not muster sufficient votes to beat conscription. Strong pressure is being brought to bear on wavering members. It will continue until the end of the debate, probably Wednesday, when the administration hopes to have all uncertain opponents shipped into line.

NO SALES WERE MADE IN DALLAS MOHAIR POOL Dallas, Or., April 23.—Bidding was lively in the Polk county Mohair pool Saturday. Eight hundred fleeces were offered, and 400 cents, the highest bid was made by William Brown & Company of Salem. This bid was rejected and the sale will be held again April 28.

THE WEATHER HOW DO YOU LIKE MY SPORT SUIT? Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday fair; cooler tonight with light winds; westerly winds.