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SUPERINTENDENTS ASK TAX INCREASE

Also Recommend That Each School District Be Given \$100 More Annually.

An increase in the county school tax and a new basis for its distribution among the various school districts in the county is recommended in resolutions adopted by the county school superintendents who are in session at the state house as a state examining board.

The superintendents recommend that the county school tax, which is now levied on the basis of \$8 for each child enumerated in the school census, be increased to \$10.

As to the distribution of the county school fund, the superintendents recommended that each school district be given \$200 instead of \$100, as at present; that \$15 be allowed for each teacher who attends the annual county teachers' institute, instead of \$6 as at present; that the balance be apportioned on the basis of actual school attendance and the number of teachers employed.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian and who was recently appointed state historian to compile a record of the Oregon soldiers and sailors, will confer with the county superintendents tomorrow relative to the questionnaire which is being prepared for mailing to every school in the state. It is planned to obtain through the work of the schools a full record of every soldier or sailor. Each home from which an enlisted man went to war is to be visited and a questionnaire for that soldier will be filled out. The work is to be completed between January 6 and 17.

MEETING OF HIGHWAY OFFICIALS, SALT LAKE

Chief Subject For Discussion Will Be Concerning Government Aid.

State Highway Engineer Nunn will leave tonight for Salt Lake to attend a meeting of highway engineers and highway officials of the west. The meeting will be held January 3.

The chief subject for discussion will be the bill pending in congress which provides that the government shall spend \$600,000,000 in aiding highway construction in the various states. Highway officials of western states desire to have a provision inserted in the bill which will change the basis on which the government will extend aid.

At present the basis is 50-50. The government requires the state to put up dollar for dollar, while the western road men want this ratio cut to at least 25-75 put up by the state. They argue that the western states, which have long distances and comparatively scanty population, compared with eastern states, are not getting a fair deal under the 50-50 arrangement.

If the bill becomes a law Oregon's share will be about \$9,000,000.

NAVAL FORCES TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO BIG FLEETS, SAYS DANIELS

Admiral Benson Will Visit Pacific Coast To Survey Situation Here.

Washington, Jan. 1.—American naval forces will be equally divided into Atlantic and Pacific fleets by next summer, Secretary of the Navy Daniels told the house naval affairs committee today.

The secretary also said that he and Admiral Benson would visit the Pacific coast soon to survey the situation there with a view to putting the new plan into operation.

The Pacific fleet at present is practically stripped and its ships and equipment added to the Atlantic fleet, because of war conditions.

Daniels pointed out that under the new plan of dividing the forces into equal parts, the navy would be kept at top notch by competition and rivalry between the two forces.

Keep Main Air Stations.

The navy will keep one main air station at San Diego and another at Pensacola, the secretary said, adding that no additional stations would be built now. A training station for the marine corps will also be kept at San Diego and it is probable that the naval training station at Goat Island will be transferred to San Diego or some other southern California port. Final decision on this matter will be reserved until Daniels visits the coast, he said. Daniels also gave the committee a statement on Japan's naval strength. He shows that Japan has 13 battleships with four building or projected, seven battle cruisers, ten cruisers, 16 light cruisers with seven building or projected, 66 destroyers with 23 more building and 16 submarines with 27 building.

Asks About Conditions.

Representative Hicks of New York asked Daniels about reports of the unsanitary condition of the marine corps camp at Brest.

Daniels replied that the printed stories were "very sensational" and that General Butler has been officially recommended to him for making the conditions at the camp tolerable.

Representative Butler of Pennsylvania, father of General Butler, who was mentioned by Daniels, discussed the condition of the camp, but both Daniels and Butler requested that what they said should not be printed. Their remarks, however, tended to confirm reports that the conditions at Brest were very bad. At one time, it was said, the discussion that the Marines had taken away from the horses to make beds for sick soldiers. Daniels ended the discussion by pointing out that the marines were under direction of the army the moment they landed in France.

The committee was then handed proposed legislation put by the permanent strength of the marine corps at 26,297, about 9000 more than the present authorized permanent strength, but about one-half of the present temporary strength.

Soon in Permanent Stations.

The marines, Daniels said, would soon be taken out of the New York and Mare Island navy yards and placed at the permanent marine stations at San Diego, Paris Island, S. C., and Quantico. The station for advance training will be at Quantico and the other two will be used for preliminary training.

Daniels declared that the buying of 12 acres of land at the New York navy yard was "absolutely necessary." He asked \$2,500,000 for this purchase, stating that the New York yard would always be the most important one. Delay in the purchase would interfere with naval construction, Daniels said.

Explaining the need for land at Newport, R. I., the secretary said that he planned to establish one of the base stations naval training stations there. The other two are to be at Hampton Roads and Chicago.

Daniels asked for construction of a center system at Key West, Fla., at a cost of \$2,000,000, declaring that Key West was one southern port adapted for a base. The other two bases, he said, would be kept at New London, Conn., and San Diego.

Our NEW YEAR'S WISH. That it may bring you a bountiful supply of the good things of life, and a capacity to fully enjoy them. W. W. MOORE

DETROIT AND FRISCO

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and forth on Market street in confetti four inches deep, other throngs lined up at the bars gathering in inspiration, without which it is believed, such a celebration would fall flat. Daylight found isolated celebrants confiding to lamp posts that the end had come because the country is going dry.

RESUME PRO-GERMAN PROBE

Washington, Jan. 1.—The senate committee investigating activities of the German propagandists will resume hearings Friday.

STREET CAR STRIKE

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1.—Milwaukee streetcar men struck today for higher wages. There were no disorders.

WHAT LABOR WANTS

London, Jan. 1.—Labor wants an international minimum wage, regulation of child labor and abolition of sweat shops, George H. Barnes, labor leader and former member of the war cabinet, declared in an interview today.

JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

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Admiral Grayson Orders President To Take Rest

By Robert J. Bender

Paris, Jan. 1.—President Wilson enjoyed today his first relaxation since coming to Europe. Despite a cold rain he played golf early this morning at the famous St. Cloud links. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Rear Admiral Grayson.

After returning from his golf the president held a lengthy conference with Colonel House.

President and Mrs. Poincare called upon the Wilsons at the Murat palace this afternoon.

Grayson has ordered the president to take two days absolute rest. He will spend one of these days in Paris and one on the train en route to Italy, for which he will depart at 7 o'clock tonight.

Visit other Italian Cities.

Rome, Dec. 31.—President Wilson will visit Naples, Florence, Venice and probably Milan, in addition to Rome, it was semi-officially announced today.

The Giornale D'Italia declared today that Premier Orlando has decided to postpone reorganization of the ministry until President Wilson's arrival.

Preparing for Visit.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Decorations of the chamber of deputies, in preparation for President Wilson's visit was begun today.

Former Crown Prince

Appears At Public Dance

Wieringen, Jan. 1.—The former German crown prince, mingling with the people for the first time since the recent unpleasantness connected with his gift of a pair of silk stockings to a local modiste, attended a public dance last night. He neither ate nor drank, fearing, it is believed, he might be poisoned.

Portland Greet New Year Very Noisily

Portland, Or., Jan. 1.—Nineteen hundred and nineteen was greeted here by crowds which thronged the streets and cafes until an early hour this morning.

There was much noise, little booze and no disorders. Bootlegging added to the good time of a few of the celebrants, liquor changing hands on street corners.

The price, early in the evening was \$15 a quart, \$16 by midnight and \$20 at the break of dawn.

During the year 1918 there were approximately 25,000 industrial accidents or an average of 84 for every working day, reported to the state industrial accident commission. In 1917 the total number of accidents reported reached 15,000.

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