

SCHOLTZ TELLS WHY GOVERNOR REMOVED HIM

Director of Farm Markets Gives Side of His Difficulty With the Chief Executive Over Policy of the Department.

DECLARES THREATS WERE MADE TO HIM

Charges Governor Attempted Intimidation to Force Him to Lie Down, but He Refused to Betray His Trust.

Boise, Idaho, March 24, 1917.—To the People of Idaho:—Years ago while struggling to make a living, under adverse conditions, on the ill-fated King Hill irrigation project, I conceived the idea of a state department to help farmers in their marketing and other commercial problems. Later, I moved to Boise and started a farm paper with "state aid in marketing" as the principal slogan of the publication. After two years' editorial effort, sufficient public sentiment was developed to force the bill for a state department of farm markets through the legislature.

Then farmers organizations throughout the state insisted that the governor remove the office from partisan politics by appointing the author of the law as the organizer of the department—my activities in the farm organizations having shown me to be affiliated with neither of the old parties.

RESIGNATION IN ADVANCE. Reluctantly, but as a matter of political expediency, the governor com-

plished with these petitions and offered me the appointment; on the condition, however, that I sign the resignation form presented to me, which I was given to understand was his policy in making appointments, in order that he could remove without difficulty an appointee for misconduct in office. Believing this was an established policy, and believing also, as I did at that time, that the governor would not take advantage of such undated resignation unfairly, or without ample cause, I accepted the position under this condition; but with the express understanding that I be permitted to conduct the office in a non-partisan manner, independent of politics.

Everything went along smoothly the first 18 months of my term—or, in other words, until the last campaign was over and the governor found himself safely re-elected.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY. Since the last election I have conducted the office in identically the same manner as before, and have made the same effort to work harmoniously with the governor, but have been forced to realize that I had served the governor's purpose and was no longer wanted in the administration.

By threats and intimidations the governor has attempted to make me lie down in my fight against the vicious outside interests that have so long robbed the producers and consumers in this state.

When I had a number of bills presented in the recent legislature, for remedying the evils from which Idaho producers and consumers have long suffered, Governor Alexander summoned me to his private office and demanded that I go to the agricultural committee in the legislature and withdraw the measures. I tried to reason with him. I showed him that these measures had the indorsement of the farmers' organizations in all parts of the state. I told him I had discussed the need of these relief measures with over fifteen thousand farmers throughout the state, and that I should not be expected to betray the trust that these farmers had placed in me.

The governor finally made the threat that unless I went over to the legislature and had these bills withdrawn that I would be out of office inside of six months.

REFUSED TO BETRAY TRUST. I refused to betray the trust the farmers had placed in me.

Some of the bills were forced through the legislature upon the demands of the farmers' organizations. The farmers demanded that the measures passed by the legislature become law. The governor then decided to sign them; but also decided to put in a new state market director to administer the laws.

The governor yesterday carried out his threat to get me out of office, when he took from his files the resignation signed a year ago last April, and dated it for acceptance at this time.

I have been fair to the governor. I have made a sincere effort to work in harmony with him, but I have refused to be intimidated in what I knew to be my plain duty. I have refused to trade my conscience and self-respect for a state house job.

For my successor in office, whoever may be appointed, I have the best of good wishes and hopes for success. My heart is in the cause which the Idaho farm markets law represents. I want the department to grow and increase in value, as my reputation is at stake in the success or failure of the principle of state aid in marketing.

W. G. SCHOLTZ,
State Director of Farm Markets.

ALLIES APPROACH

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were interested in an increase in the fighting on the northeast (Russian) front reported by both Petrograd and Berlin. Apparently Germany is feeling out the strength of the Russian forces, under the new democratic government of Russia. Petrograd admitted a short retirement in certain sections between the Sulch and Chvania rivers.

HEAVY LOSSES FOR BRITISH AND FRENCH

Berlin, March 24.—(Wireless.)—Heavy losses suffered by British and French troops following the Germans in their successful evacuation of western front positions were detailed in a government press agency statement today.

"During rain and snow, the English and French followed the Germans across the evacuated and destroyed district," the statement said. "The pace of their advance is regulated by the protecting German cavalry and infantry."

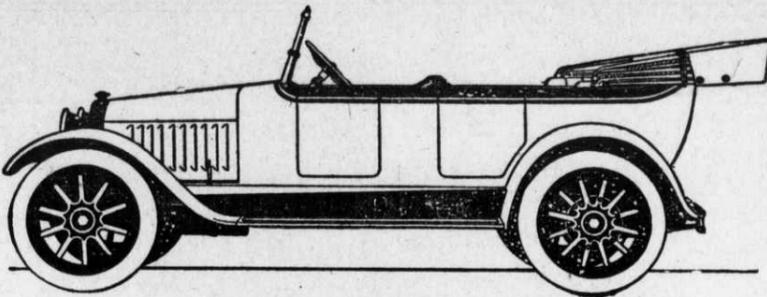
"During attempts to break the German lines of such posts, the English suffered heavy losses in the unknown terrain. Near a village, south of the Aners, in a narrow space, 52 dead English were seen lying on the ground, and in another place 200, close together."

CAUGHT BY ARTILLERY.

"Two battalions tried to settle in a gigantic crater blasted on a street, but were caught under a heavy annihilating fire by the German artillery. Grenade fire killed a number, and the remainder hastened backward."

"Otherwise, the Germans inflicted heavy losses on the following entente troops, since German batteries were always exactly informed about the range and had the advantage of observation posts."

"Enemy batteries and infantry masses suffered in the same fashion. The French, on March 20, tried to occupy Ruoy, northeast of Ham, with large detachments of cavalry, but were forced to retreat in the afternoon. The attack, which was attempted with two battalions from the district of Leauy and Cramony, northeast of Soissons, failed under heavy losses. On the heights west of the Meuse, against French denials, the captured trenches, without exception, remained in the Germans' possession, and our booty was increased to eight officers, 566 of ranks, 33 machine guns and three mine throwers."



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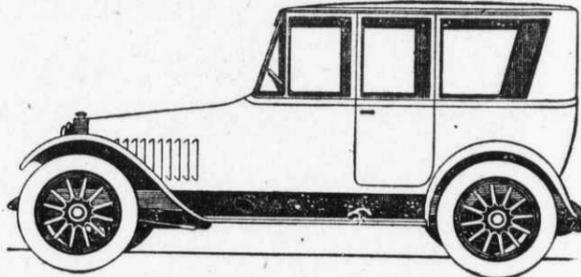
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OFFICIAL CALL ON CITIZENS.

Governor Alexander stimulated the

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No details have been arranged but the general plan has been discussed between the governor, Mayor Hays, Rev. Willis Martin and others, and it is expected the Boise Commercial club will take an active part in the preparations.

A movement is on foot for a demonstration in the capital city the latter part of this month. It is hoped to make this as distinct and typical for

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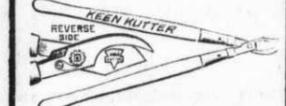
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