

# INVESTIGATION OF DISLOYALTY DECIDED UPON

**Executive Committee of the State Council of Defense to Take Up Charges of Sedition.**

**Plan Perfected to Create County Councils of Defense and Co-ordinate All Organizations — To Have Central Headquarters.**

The state council of defense, through its executive committee, will investigate charges of disloyalty.

This announcement was made Saturday night by Dr. E. A. Bryan, chairman of the council, following a meeting of the executive committee. Dr. Bryan made the further announcement of plans to perfect a complete working organization through the creation of county councils of defense or units in each of the 41 counties, the members of which will be appointed by the governor and in turn will organize the larger towns and precincts.

**TO CO-ORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS.**

Co-ordination of the various patriotic organizations as the Liberty loan, food control, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and women's work, etc., will be taken up with the complete reorganization of the council and the creation of the county councils. This it is believed will prevent duplication of work, solidify movements that are statewide in their scope and bring about the closest kind of co-operation.

In order that the council can carry out its plans on a much more extensive scale than heretofore, perfect its statewide organization as a unit behind such important movements as are desired, central headquarters will be maintained in Boise, a suite of rooms being procured for that purpose which will be in charge of Secretary Joseph Hansen under whom will be a corps of stenographers.

"We plan to make the work of the council as re-organized, more comprehensive, more perfect, more co-ordinate and effective," said Dr. Bryan. "To do this it is necessary that not only every county have a county council of defense, but the counties themselves be thoroughly reorganized. By maintaining central headquarters closer touch can be kept with the various units working under the direction of the council. No time will be lost in the county organization work. From now on all questions that a state council of defense should properly deal with, will be taken up and carried out."

**DISLOYALTY DISCUSSED.**

Regarding the matter of investigating charges of disloyalty, which was discussed freely by members of the executive committee, it is known that the council has given the matter serious consideration and that it will even more extensively investigate such charges as are now or in the future come before it. When the council reorganized this question was discussed and considered at length.

The maximum membership for the county councils will be 10, but in this latitude will be allowed to enable those counties which desire a larger membership to exercise discretion in the matter. On the recommendation of the state council, the members of the county units will be appointed direct by the state's chief executive.

**PERSONAL ORGANIZATION.**

Members of the executive committee of the state council will personally supervise the organization of the counties. Mrs. S. H. Hays, the only woman member of the council, chairman of the women's committee, will organize the Washington county council. Secretary Hansen will leave for the southeastern part of the state this week and proceed with the organization of councils in the various counties there. Dr. Bryan will go north and organize one of the county councils in the Kootenai county. J. F. Alshie's assistance will be secured in organizing some of the other counties in the panhandle. Henry Z. Johnson will organize Canyon county; J. T. Pence, Washington and Gem counties; Robert McCracken, counties along the Oregon Short Line railroad between Ada and Bannock counties. Ada county will be organized by the executive committee. The other counties in the state will be organized by members of the committee just as rapidly as is possible.

**FOLLOW NATIONAL COUNCIL.**

The fundamental principle underlying the county organization plan is to utilize the various working units within those counties, so that they will not be at cross purposes. The county councils, it was explained, will pattern after the state council in the matter of their organization, each county having its own chairman and standing committee. The state council is patterned after the national council of defense. When the organization is complete there will be in existence within the state of Idaho not only a state council, but 41 county councils all of which will work as one force under the national council which has its headquarters at Washington, D. C.

**MANY IMPORTANT PROBLEMS.**

It is expected that as the war opens up on a larger scale insofar as the United States is concerned, that the state council of defense will be given many important assignments which will command all of its energy to satisfactorily perform. Grave problems face the nation now but many more as serious will follow and the state councils will be required to make many patriotic sacrifices in order to carry

## The Little News of Boise

**CAR STOLEN.**  
E. E. Garity of Owyhee county asked the police Saturday night to help locate his automobile. It was stolen from in front of the Pinney theater during the performance of "The Flame." Its number is 8590.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**  
A marriage license was issued Saturday afternoon to Charles LeRoy Abbott of Boise and Ruby O. Newman of Middleton.

**WILLS FILED.**  
The will of Jennie Opie and that of Edmond L. Harrison were filed Saturday with Probate Judge Dunlap to be probated.

**PETITION FILED.**  
A petition for the probating of the will of the late Emma A. Kerr was filed in the probate court Saturday.

**TRIAL JURY ORDERED.**  
A trial jury for a cast involving \$30.85 has been ordered to report in district court Monday morning. The case is entitled W. B. Connor versus Charles E. Wittich and is for merchandise. At a trial in the justice court the case was ordered dismissed at the plaintiff's costs and an appeal was taken and a jury demanded.

**DIVORCE CASE DISMISSED.**  
The divorce cast of John E. Adams against Maude Adams was dismissed Saturday by Judge Davis on motion of the plaintiff at his costs. The couple were married in Boise, Jan. 29, 1916 and unfaithfulness was the charge made.

**LARCENY CASE DISMISSED.**  
An order sent from Challis by Judge McCarthy Saturday was to the effect that the grand larceny case in which Frank Brasstiff and Frank R. Beury would be further continued from Nov. 21 to Nov. 24 as court matters would keep him at Challis longer than was anticipated.

**AGRICULTURIST TELLS OF WORK.**  
H. W. Hochbaum with the university extension department, told of the organization of the county agriculturists, their work and of what had been done in various states by such agents and particularly in Idaho, in an address Saturday night before some 50 members of the University club. Mr. Hochbaum said that the farmers were urged to work together in problems of benefit to the country and to introduce modern methods of farming on their farms. Following the address light refreshments were served.

**FIRE DAMAGES AUTO.**  
The top and cushions of a new car owned by W. H. Aikens were burned Saturday night at 912 East Washington street. The main body of the car was only saved by prompt action of the fire department and the excellent results of the chemical in extinguishing a gasoline blaze. The car was be-

out the will of the nation, it was pointed out.

**BANKS BACK COUNCIL.**

The financing of the council, the executive committee was informed Saturday night, has proceeded very satisfactory. A total of 27 banks in the state have given assurances that they will cash and handle the certificates of indebtedness issued by the council. They pledge to that body a total so far of \$15,500 which can be used to carry on its work. It is probable that all of the banks in the state will eventually decide to carry a share of the certificates of indebtedness with the result that the \$20,000, a sum tentatively decided as necessary to finance the council, will be over-subscribed and if more is needed it can easily be secured. Frank R. Gooding, a member of the council, can be given credit for proposing this plan. He stated at the time he was positive the banks of the state would see that the council had the funds it desired, and his prediction developed to be correct.

The members of the executive committee of the council who outlined the important organization plans at the conference Saturday night are: Dr. Bryan, chairman; Mrs. S. H. Hays, R. M. McCracken, Henry Z. Johnson and J. T. Pence. Frank R. Gooding, also a member of the committee was not present. He is now in northern Idaho fixing coal rates as federal coal administrator.

**COUNTY UNITS FINANCE THEMSELVES.**

The county councils will be expected to finance themselves, funds being raised to meet their incidental expenses by various means, probably largely through donations on the part of those interested in the work. "The council," said Dr. Bryan, "has a great work before it, that will call upon the energy of us all, as well as for sacrifices that must be made in the present national crisis. State councils will, I believe, be utilized more than ever in the future to carry out state work for the national council of defense. By organization we can perform a great work not only for our nation but for the state as well."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The alumni of St. Theresa's academy will attend the funeral of Miss Weise at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Its members are to meet at St. John's cathedral at 3:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Josephine Petrie of New York young people's secretary of Home Missions, is touring the northwest. She will arrive in Boise on Monday. On Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock she will address a joint meeting of Westminster guild and Christian Endeavor societies. All guilds and endeavors are cordially invited to hear Miss Petrie.

Chapter A. P. E. O. will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. G. H. Grovelly, 801 North Seventeenth street to sew for French orphan-

ing filled with gasoline when the blaze broke out, just a few minutes before 7 o'clock. Mr. Aikens had had the car only a few days but was fortunate enough to have it insured.

**HELD TO DISTRICT COURT.**  
Andrew Davis, colored, must stand trial in district court upon the charge of having intoxicated liquor in his possession. He was bound over Saturday afternoon by Judge Floyd C. White, who fixed his bail at \$500 which was furnished. Davis was arrested Friday night in a room over the Bank Clear store. He had seven quarts of whisky in his possession. He informed the officers where he obtained the booze and practically made an admission of his guilt.

**ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING.**  
C. Roberts was arrested Saturday night on the charge of speeding. He was released on a \$5 cash bond.

**PERSONALS.**

Miss Ruth Nelson and little son, who have been guests at the home of Judge and Mrs. R. H. Dunlap for several weeks, left Saturday on their return trip to Gray's river, near Astoria.

Miss Bessie Dunlap has gone to Portland and other points to spend her vacation of several weeks.

**DEATHS.**

**STILSON**—Merritt Stilson, aged 85 years, died Saturday evening at the home of his son, E. D. Stilson, 2026 North Sixteenth street. Death resulted from paralysis. Mr. Stilson was a native of New York. At an early age he moved to Wisconsin, where he lived for 50 years. Five years ago he moved to Boise to spend the remainder of his life. Besides his son, he is survived by two grandsons and one great grandson all of Boise. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Fry & Summers chapel. Burial will be in Morris Hill cemetery. The funeral will be by automobile.

**BUNNEY**—Mrs. Christine Bunney died at a local hospital Saturday evening after a brief illness. She was 48 years of age and is survived by her father, Henry James of Alladin, Wyo., and four daughters and one son: Mrs. J. T. Sutton, Winnifred Bunney and Dorothy Bunney of Boise, Mrs. George W. Glover of South Dakota and W. D. Bunney of Butte, Mont., also a sister, Mrs. Curry of Goldfield, Nev., and a son-in-law, Clyde Crouse of Boise. The body is at the Fry & Summers parlors and no funeral arrangements will be made until relatives arrive.

### ADA COUNTY TAXES 15 TO 20 PER CENT HIGHER THIS YEAR

There will be an advance of between 15 and 20 per cent in taxes in Ada county this year, according to a statement made Saturday afternoon by W. A. Kincaid, county assessor. This raise was made necessary because a change in the school laws requiring that more money be raised for educational purposes by the state and also because in practically every school district in the state there was a general raise in the school levy of from 10 cents to \$1 on each \$100 and further because the city tax of Boise was raised 21 cents on each \$100 over the tax of 1916.

There has also been quite a slump in the value of taxable property in the county and while exact figures are not obtainable at this time, it is estimated at between \$700,000 and \$800,000 by the assessor.

In Boise this year the total tax for all purposes is \$3.20 on each \$100 valuation. The school district levy throughout the county vary so greatly that it is impossible to place an average estimate upon country property, but figures showing the amounts of various levies will be given out later. In 1916 the state and county levy was 92 cents on each \$100 as against \$1.17 on each \$100 this year. In Boise in 1916 the city levy was \$1.07 on each \$100 as against \$1.28 on each \$100 this year. The independent school district in 1916 levies a tax of 60 cents on each \$100 and this year made a levy of 75 cents.

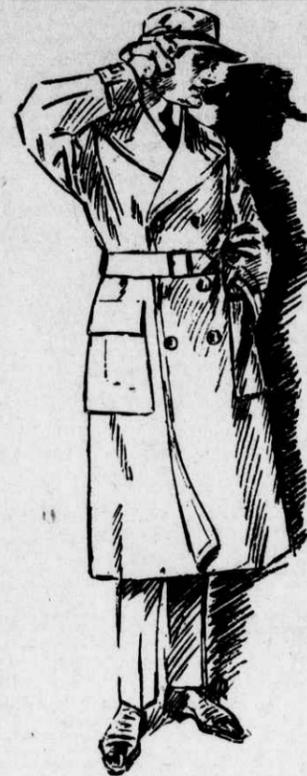
Mr. Kincaid advises people to begin thinking of the approach of tax time now and to be prepared to meet their higher taxes on as early a date as possible as it will mean a slight saving of expense to the county if the usual rush can be avoided in the last days.

### JAMES A. ROBERTSON STRUCK BY AUTO; SUFFERS BAD SHOCK

James A. Robertson, father of Miss Nancy Robertson, city clerk was run down and dragged by an automobile last night about 9 o'clock while busy raking leaves in front of his home at 1304 Jefferson street. His injuries consisted of a cut above his right eye, numerous bruises and the severe shock. Mr. Robertson is 82 years of age and, although not feeble, suffered severely from the shock. He was found by some boys shortly after the accident. A telephone call brought the police with a machine to the scene. Mr. Robertson was taken to police headquarters and his injuries dressed after which he was taken home. He was rendered almost unconscious and did not know what struck him, but evidences showed he had been dragged by a machine. The owner of the machine is not known as no witness to the accident have yet been found.

**NOTICE.**  
All members of Howlish Wampa Tribe are to meet at Grunbaum hall Sunday at 1 o'clock.  
(Signed) J. M. GRAHAM.  
—Adv. N17

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### Announcement

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### Farm Bargains in Boise Valley

10 1/2 acres, all cultivation, near school and car, will trade \$1500.00 equity for Caldwell or Boise property—\$2500.00 (5)  
15 acres, Eagle Island, deep, rich, black loam, free water, 5-room plastered house, \$2650.00 (40)  
40 acres, clover, alfalfa, corn, grain, 4 miles from Boise, \$8000.00. (2)  
70 acres 1 mile from Kuna, all hay and grain, \$7000.00. (13)  
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### ISSUE COMMISSION TO NEW MEMBER OF UTILITIES BOARD

### Mooted Question of Third Member Settled by Appointment of Erb—Commission Expires 1923.

Idaho now has its third public utilities commissioner. Governor Alexander Saturday formally appointed George E. Erb, a prominent business man of Lewiston. His commission will expire on the second Monday in January, 1923, so that he will have a five year term. Mr. Erb is to take over his new duties just as soon as he can arrange his personal business affairs which should be by Dec. 1. He succeeds Axel P. Ramstedt, who resigned 11 months ago.

The appointment of Mr. Erb settles a mooted commission question which has caused more widespread speculation, probably, than any other appointment within the gift of the governor. It was conceded from the first that the appointment would go to northern Idaho and that a Democrat would be named. Just who the successful appointee would be caused many guesses. Numerous names were mentioned, including men prominent in the public life of the state. As there are two lawyers on the commission, the appointment of a lawyer from

northern Idaho was not probable so the legal profession was eliminated early in the speculations.

**COMMISSIONER BUSINESS MAN.**  
Commissioner Erb is not an attorney. He is, however, a successful business man and one of wide and varied experience. Those who know him best in the north, declare that he is one of the best qualified business men in the north and that he will be found to have all of the qualifications necessary to act as a member of the public utilities commission.

The office of Commissioner Ramstedt, will be taken over by Commissioner Erb on his arrival in the city. It is probable that a preliminary conference of the entire commission as it is now composed will be held and that the work of the three commissioners will be reassigned.

At the present time Commissioner Erb is acting in the capacity of police judge at Lewiston but will resign that position to take up his duties at Boise.

### COLLAPSE OF ITALY GOD'S JUDGMENT IN OPINION OF KAISER

Amsterdam, Nov. 17.—Italy's "terrible collapse is God's judgment," according to Kaiser Wilhelm. Copies of the Cologne Gazette received here today quoted the kaiser as believing the diet had gone with his Germanic troops over Italy.

"A higher power must have participated in the Italian offensive," he was declared to have told his troops at the Taklimento river line, on the occasion of his recent visit there.

**TWO SPIES CONDEMNED.**  
Rome, Nov. 17.—Two spies, Donati and Andrei, were today condemned to death by a military tribunal.

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