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SHIP PURCHASE BILL DECIDED ON BY SENATE CAUCUS

Democratic Senators Agree On Measure at Meeting This Morning

REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER CONTINUES AGAIN TODAY

Both Parties Keep Strength Out As Republicans Desire to Adjourn

Washington, Jan. 23.—While Senator Burton, in the upper house, was bitterly denouncing the tactics of the democrats in their consideration of the government ship purchase bill, a caucus of democratic senators today practically completed consideration of the measure. The caucus rejected all proposed amendments which would have forced the leasing of government-owned ships.

The republican filibuster against the measure was resumed in the senate today. Burton expressed his opinion of the democrats in an extended speech.

"If the democrats think the ship purchase bill important enough for them to talk about every night for a week," he said, "then let us adjourn the senate from Friday to Monday so that they can talk about it among themselves. Why do they object to republicans talking about it while the senate is in session? It is not fair to call our arguments a filibuster. Why don't they answer these arguments without shouting 'filibuster' in public and then talking for days in a caucus?"

Both sides are keeping their full strength in the chamber. Whenever the republicans think they have a majority, they move to adjourn, but so far the democrats have been able to frustrate these efforts.

OLD STEAM ROLLER MAKES APPEARANCE LATE YESTERDAY

Multnomah Delegation Force Body to Adjourn Until Monday Morning

HURLBURT AND SELLING HAVE PRINCIPAL ROLES

State Printer Mad Over Lack of Work—Row Promised For Monday

When Representative Hurlburt got up and made his little talk yesterday afternoon and his motion to adjourn over until Monday until 10:30 was carried, with the aid of Speaker Selling, who exercised his prerogative and ruled down the negative vote to the motion, those who were in favor of working today, and they were in the majority, were caught asleep at the switch and before they had realized what had happened the thing had been done and everybody seemed too dazed to ask for a division.

In order to gain his point, however, Representative Hurlburt made the assertion that the state printer was so piled up with work that he would not be able to see daylight until Monday morning, which was far from the facts in the case, and he will doubtless be called to account when the house convenes on Monday. State Printer Lawrence, when he learned that Hurlburt had done so, was "mad clear through" for he stated that the printing department was not only up to the minute with work but he was waiting for the chief clerk of the house to edit the copy of the new bills that were introduced yesterday in order that his force of printers would have something to work upon today. As it is, Printer Lawrence says, he will not have enough work to do today to keep his day force busy and will be compelled to lay part of them off and he will have to lay off his whole night shift. This makes the printers "sore" as some of them who have families, have just come to work and "need the money."

Several of the "cow county" members were absent from the floor of the house when the motion to adjourn over until Monday was raised, having gone out for a little fresh air and to stretch their limbs after the long and weary debate over the continuing appropriation bill and when they returned and found that adjournment had been declared and they would have nothing to do but sit around and "suck their thumbs" until Monday morning, there was wailing and gnashing of teeth but it was all the good it did them. Anyhow they are pretty much peeved over the action of the minority and the speaker and are likely to call somebody to account on Monday morning.

GRASSER IS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Judge Kelly Will Pronounce Sentence at 9 o'Clock Tuesday Morning

MANY SPEAK ON THE PROHIBITION BILL

House Is Crowded to Doors —Hearing Held at Capitol Last Night

After deliberating for about five and one half hours the jury in the case of the state against Blasius Grasser, charged with the murder of summer Bacon, brought in a verdict of manslaughter. The jury retired after receiving the charge by Judge Kelly at 4:45 yesterday afternoon and did not report until 10:15 when they brought in their verdict of manslaughter. It is said that after the preliminary skirmish the jurors settled down to a division with five to murder in the second degree, five for manslaughter, and two for acquittal. They held to these lines for several hours and finally reached a compromise verdict of manslaughter.

When it was reported that the jury was ready to bring in its verdict and the officers, attorneys and attendants of the court were called into the courtroom the sheriff was instructed to bring in the prisoner to hear the reading of the verdict. Grasser came up the stairs from the jail with his jaws set and his face indicated that he was laboring under a severe tension. As the verdict of manslaughter was announced Grasser heaved a sigh of relief and his face assumed an expression of repose and contentment that has been absent since he was told of the boy's death.

As he was being locked up in the cell of the county jail he turned to Sheriff Eack and said:

"I'll tell you, Sheriff, I'll never fool with a shotgun again."

The prisoner will be sentenced at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning of next week. The sentence for this crime of which he has been convicted is from one to 15 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary and a fine of \$5000. The imposition of the fine is not optional with the judge but must be given with the sentence. Of course if the prisoner has not the money he cannot serve out his fine in prison and the fine cannot be collected. Grasser has been living on a 20 acre tract about 6 miles south of this city and has the place nearly paid for. A damage suit claiming over \$12,000 damages has been filed against Grasser by Alva Bacon, the father of the murdered boy. After this claim has been settled the remainder of the estate of Blasius Grasser will go to the state after the attorney's fees are paid.

Austria's Activity Apparently Unexpected by the Russians

By J. W. T. Mason (Former European Manager of the United Press.)

FRENCH WRECK THE BRIDGE OVER MEUSE RIVER AT ST. MIHIEL

German Entrenchments Under Violent Cannonading Most of Time

New York, Jan. 23.—The suggestion yesterday that Russia's new advance towards Thorn probably was due to unexpected difficulties in the south-eastern war area seems confirmed by Petrograd's admission that the Austrians had been cleared of the enemy. Since then the Austrians apparently have partly recovered the offensive and again the Slavs are being rebuffed at a moment when their hopes had been raised by Petrograd's optimism.

There is no indication of what part of Bukovina has passed again into the occupancy of the Austrians but it is probable the Russian line of communication through the central or northern districts forms the Austrian objective. It would be in accordance with the previous recklessness of Slav strategy if the Russian communications were left open to a flank attack.

The Russians seem to have adopted the principle that a beaten enemy cannot recover—in the face of which the Austrians are again proving their resolute ability. Doubtless, however, the opening of the re-entry of the Austrians into Bukovina is the direct result of Russia's desire to drag Rumania into the war.

After conquering the Kiriliba pass, the Russians did not start towards Budapest but moved farther south and seized other passes, to make their control of the Transylvania gateways more impressive. By doing so, it is probable that the Slav flank farther north was weakened and the Austrians were able to effect an entrance into the crown land through badly defended passes.

The appearance of Austrian troops in Bukovina at present is extremely disconcerting to Russia's effort to gain Rumanian support. If the Russians are compelled to withdraw altogether from Transylvania, Rumania's participation in the war will probably again become very uncertain. Rumanian statesmen will not take chances if the war appears likely to become a draw. They are out for the spolia.

UNREST STILL GROWS THROUGHOUT HUNGARY

Demonstrations Against Part They Are Forced to Take In War Approach Riots

CIRCUIT COURT'S PROCEEDINGS TODAY

Two Criminal Cases were Continued until next term by the consent of the district attorney and the attorneys for the defense this morning in the circuit court. Lee Hing, a Chinese, charged with a statutory offense, was one of the cases continued and the case of the state against John Schultz, charged with assault with intent to kill, was also continued until next term of court.

Attorney S. T. Richardson, first counsel for the defendant in the case of the state against E. E. Hosmer, argued the demurrer to the indictment charging Hosmer with criminal libel, this morning in department No. 1 of the circuit court before Judge Kelly. Richardson filed his demurrer yesterday morning to the indictment. Judge Kelly took the matter under advisement and will hand down his ruling within a few days.

Today was motion day in department No. 1 of the circuit court and the court room was the scene of attorneys this morning where they met to hear arguments on motions and demurrers and to have cases set for trial. A large volume of business was disposed of before Judge Kelly adjourned court to go to Albany this afternoon. He will return to Salem next Monday morning at nine o'clock, when the case of the state against M. Silver, charged with arson, is set for trial.

A suit for conversion of personal property brought by W. E. Richardson, administrator of the estate of Thomas H. Silver, deceased, against the Salem Bank of Commerce, was on in department No. 1 of the circuit court this afternoon before Judge Kelly. The jury was selected soon after court convened at one o'clock. The men chosen on the jury were: Alphonse Bonito, Dan Webb, A. E. Huckerstein, W. P. Salberg, J. G. Reigelman, G. W. Johnson, Harry Bunting, B. P. Fresh, Fred Schwab, H. D. Trover, J. A. Apple, Frank Mapes.

On account of the further postponement of a case in Albany, Judge Kelly was in chambers in department No. 2 of the circuit court for this county today. He attended to a number of court matters to be settled by mutual agreement of the attorneys in the cases.

A demurrer to the amended answer was argued in the replevin suit of S. H. Esterlin against E. E. Cooper in the circuit court today and Judge Kelly took the matter under advisement. A demurrer was argued in the case of M. A. McLaughlin and Ray Wasson, doing business as the Salem Lumber Co., against the Amunville Mercantile Co., and the matter taken under advisement by Judge Kelly. An action on a promissory note was continued on motion of the defendant, and W. S. Mott in the

SALE OF ARMS TO ALLIES STIRS GERMAN PRESS

Editorials Make Many Comments On Attitude of the United States

GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT

Local Teachers Are Holding Institute at High School

By Karl H. Von Wiegand.
Berlin, via The Hague, Jan. 23.—A semi-official statement issued by the government protesting against American manufacturers selling arms to the allies was applauded by all the newspapers here today. The statement charged that the spirit, if not the letter of American neutrality was being violated by such sales.

Some of the more radical newspapers displayed a strong anti-American tone in their editorials commenting on the statement. Some charge that it has been revealed that the terms under which the allies have been purchasing arms in America make the purchase nothing short of a subsidy to the United States under the veil of a trade war.

One of the radical papers published this ominous statement:

"Once Germany is convinced that the United States is determined to continue supporting the allies against Germany, the knowledge will leave deep traces on the German mind, the importance of which America can hardly afford to disregard."

GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT.
Capital, Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 22.—Governor Johnson issued a statement today placing the ban on national legislation by the present legislature and particularly opposing the bill introduced yesterday by the house by Charles of Modoc seeking to strike out the three year leasing clause in the national land law.

TWO ARE DROWNED

Father Is in the Library. Daughter Newcomer—Where is father? Mrs. Newcomer—in the library, dearie—but don't wake him up now.—Push

THE WEATHER

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Zero weather throughout the middle west was predicted for tonight. The temperature dropped to 22 degrees below zero at Bismarck, North Dakota, during the morning. Duluth reported 12 degrees below. The thermometer here touched 3 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock this morning, but it soon had climbed to 12 above.

The Pacific Steam Navigation company has decided to extend its straits mail service from Callao to Panama, in view of the opening of the Panama canal.

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS DENIED BELING MINISTER

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 22.—A marriage license was denied today to the Rev. James M. Darnell, former pastor of the Unitarian church at Kenosha, Wis., who came to Minneapolis to marry Ruth Super, mother of his six months old child. The license was refused because of a state law which provides that persons must be divorced six months before they may be married again. Darnell arrived here early today with Miss Super and the latter's mother. The party left for Watertown, S. D., when Darnell was unable to get a marriage license here. A gold engagement ring, set with a diamond and containing an inscription, was recently found tightly fastened around the leg of a partridge shot near Gashowitz, Bohemia.

ZEPPELIN FLOUNDERS IN THE NORTH SEA

Hottelovian, Jan. 23.—Fishermen arriving here today from Noordwijk reported that they saw an airship flounder in the North Sea, far off the coast. It was believed to have been one of the Zeppelins, supposed to have raided the English coast.

German Cities Bombarded.
Berlin, via wireless to Bayville, L. I., Jan. 23.—Bombardment of the Belgian cities of Ghent and Zebrugge by hostile aviators was announced in the official war office statement this afternoon. No serious damage was done. German airmen pursued the enemy's aeroplanes and engaged them in a rifle fight at a great height, but they escaped.

Attacks by French infantry at Souain and in the vicinity of Perthes have been repulsed with heavy losses, the statement declares.

The enemy's troops dashed from their trenches and ran toward our works," it says, "but the attack broke under our fire. The French were forced to return to their own trenches."

It is announced that the Germans captured a French position in the Argonne, taking four machine guns and making prisoners three officers and 135 men. The German offensive continues to meet with success. Trenches lost to the enemy January 21 in that region have been recaptured and seven cannon and one machine gun have been taken.

French attacks at Hartmannsweiler are declared to have failed.

The repulse of the Russians at several points in Russian Poland was claimed in the statement. The most signal Russian defeat, it was declared, was near Przenydz, 50 miles north of Warsaw.

These declarations were made this afternoon in the official statement issued by the war office, which contradicted claims of a serious reverse to French arms in that vicinity made in the official German statement of yesterday.

The statement admits the French were forced to evacuate trenches in the St. Mihiel region but declares they retired less than 200 yards. The position of the French field guns has not been materially shifted, it is declared, and their bombardment is more effective than ever.

Fighting at Hartmannsweiler, northwest of Meuselhausen, in Alsace, continues. In the last few days the Germans have resorted repeatedly to the bayonet in their efforts to drive the French from entrenchments in the hills there, but the statement asserts all these assaults have been thrown back.

A gain of 300 yards along the roadway near Lombrayville is claimed. Infantry encounters at St. Hubert and in the Argonne are claimed. West of the Argonne there has been no military activity, both sides being busy repairing works damaged by the recent floods.

The Germans are bombarding Berry-aux-bac. The war office declares the advantage has rested with the French in annihilating south of Ypres and near Arras, Albert and Reye, which continues.

The war office has no confirmation of a report published in the Matin today have recaptured La Bassee. That region has been the scene of very bloody fighting, but officials are not inclined to credit the report.

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