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IMPERIAL MUTS TAKE CITY BY STORM AND INITIATE CANDIDATES

The Imperial Order of Muts swooped down upon and took the legislature by storm, just as the house was on the point of adjourning for the noon recess and headed by the incomparable policeman's band, marched into the building and directly into the house chamber, where the head spokesman demanded in the name of the "Chief Mut" that all further business cease.

When Speaker Selling surrendered the gavel to Chief Mut Henry Werlein that worthy immediately took possession and after a brief and amazing rhythmic preliminary service, embracing the reading of the royal proclamation by the Naffer Kara Damma, Chief Mut Werlein ordered the "Pitchfork Guard of the Lower Realm" to bring in the members of the senate and the work of installation would immediately proceed.

Orders were also issued to have Governor Withycombe, former Governor West, and State Treasurer Kay, and Secretary Olett, brought before the imperial abrine, which was done, and Representative Marian B. Towne and Senator Clarke, as was also Mrs. Strayer, wife of Senator Strayer, were invited to occupy seats with the Chief Mut upon the throne. Chief Mut Jim Werlein gave a brief but highly amusing account of the origin of the Order of Muts, touching lightly upon the immense amount of good that they had accomplished in the way of relief to the needy and suffering of Portland and Astoria, and then the initiatory proceedings began.

Tal Et Tu Yuh Charley Berg, acted as interrogator for the initiatory work putting Governor Withycombe, President Thompson, of the senate, Speaker Selling, of the house, Mayor White, Senator Dan Kellaher and State Treasurer Kay, through a severe and highly ludicrous grilling to ascertain if they were fully qualified to become members of the order, and then the obligation was given and all of the members of the legislature, and about 40 prominent citizens of Salem, were declared duly elected members and Chief Mut Werlein, by virtue of the power and authority vested in his office, solemnly declared Representative Towne and Senator Clarke honorary members of the order, being the only two female members in the state who have been admitted.

The grilling of Governor Withycombe, Treasurer Kay and others was very witty and to the point and in

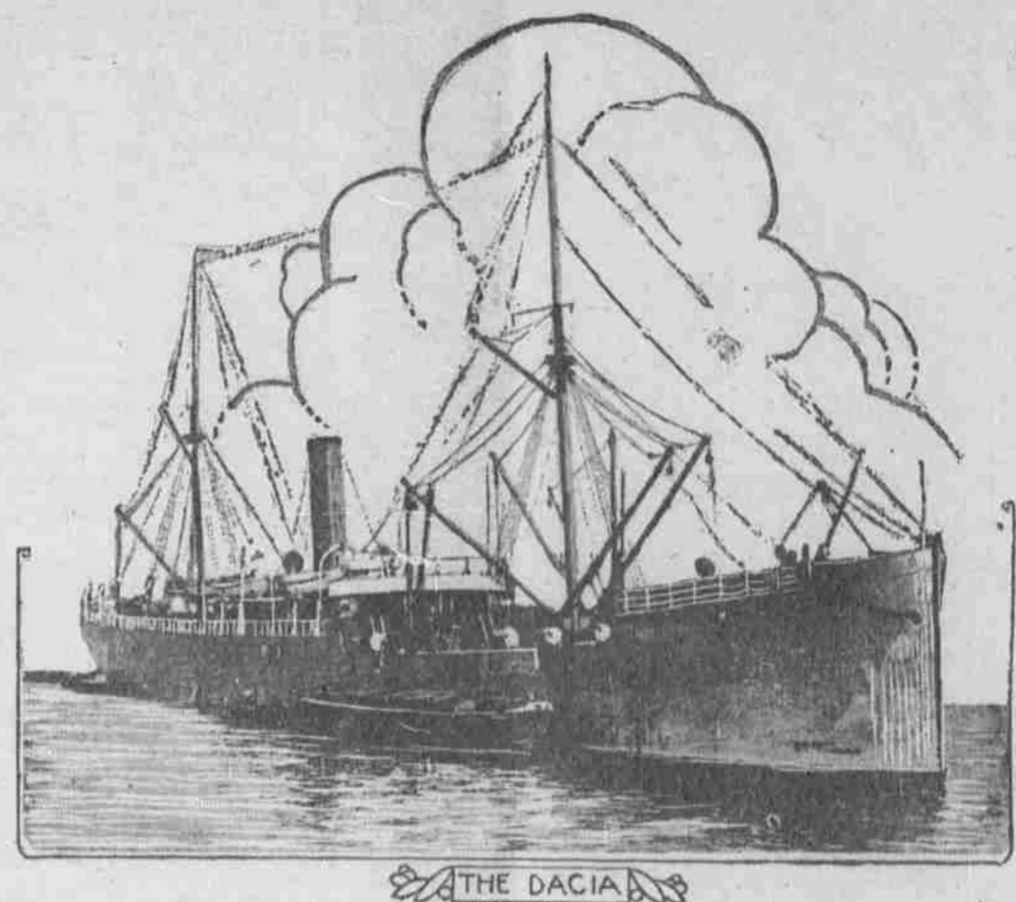
LANE TO REPRESENT WILSON

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane was designated today by President Wilson to be his official representative at the opening of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, February 20. Secretary Lane will leave Monday night for San Francisco.

Real "Interests" Concerned in Defeat of Paving Bill

Salem, Or., Feb. 10, 1915. To the Editor of The Capital Journal: The widespread tendency of modern business to eliminate competition finds its manifestation in one way or another in nearly every branch of human effort, and notwithstanding the fact that the word and spirit of the law in many states requires that the letting of public improvements for which the property owners are to pay shall be by competitive bidding, the monopolistic tendency has made itself manifest in many, if not all, branches of public improvement. The line along which many of the would-be monopolists in the business of public improvement were in the patenting of alleged inventions covering some general method of construction and then by means of threats, injunction proceedings, and other processes of the process of law, to bluff officials into permitting a letting to only the bluffers or persons whom they favor. Another characteristic of the astute monopolists is the manipulation of the licensing cement used as a binder, by inserting this cement in the specifications under a fictitious name, and then the would-be benefactor endeavors to prevail upon the officials that his particular brand of bituminous cement is the only cement that will unite successfully. The next step in order is to have the state to enact laws favorable to their patented inventions and their copyrighted brands of cement, thereby confining the inviting of bids on public improvements to their special kind of patented materials and when any property

CONGRESS AND AMERICAN SHIPPING INTERESTS WATCH VITAL INTERNATIONAL CASE OF THE DACIA



The outcome of the test case to permit the Dacia, the former Hamburg-American steamer now under American registry, to enter the cotton carrying service to Germany or neutral ports of Europe is awaited with much anxiety by shipping interests which contemplate the purchase of German ships intermedia American ports for engagement in the cotton carrying trade to Germany. The Dacia planned to sail with her cotton cargo from Galveston, Texas, and the British steamer proposed to capture her in accordance with England's stated that she would not recognize the sale of the Dacia as permissible. It is learned through shipping and insurance circles that the same interests represented in the purchase of the Dacia as well as allied and independent interests have already secured options on the purchase of some of the German and Austrian ships lying at American ports. Among the steamers about which negotiations have been going on are the Hamburg-American freighter Nassovia, now at New Orleans and said to be ready for purchase at between \$70,000 and \$90,000; the Hamburg-American freighter Constantia at Genoa; the Aegea, at New Orleans, at a price of about \$90,000 each, and the Austrian steamer Teresa, of 2,381 tons, now at New Orleans. The transfer of two British steamers to American registry for the German cotton carrying trade is also under negotiation. If the Dacia sails and is caught it sets a precedent which will have serious consequences. The case is affecting the shipping bill now before congress.

WORK OF SENATE HALTED BY PITCHFORK BRIGADE

The first action of the senate under first order of business was to kill the Languth Resolution memorializing congress to enact laws placing an embargo upon shipping todtuffs out of this country during the European war. The resolution stated that the price of foodstuffs was continually soaring and that the embargo would reduce the prices until it would be easier for the working man to provide a living for his family. The only other action of importance taken by the upper house at the morning session was to adopt a minority report placing House Bill No. 148 giving Eastern Oregon a representative on the Railroad Commission on third reading rather than killing it as it came from the committee.

Mount Lassen Breaks Out In Violent Eruption Today

Redding, Cal., Feb. 11.—Mount Lassen broke out in another violent eruption today. A cloud of black smoke ascended thousands of feet from the volcano and then drifted to the south. At 9 o'clock the smoke was ascending in large puffs, indicating subterranean explosions. There was no sign of an abatement at 9:15 o'clock, and it was believed that the eruption would continue throughout the day.

Bill Giving Eastern Oregon Railroad Commission Given Much Discussion

The senate was working on the order, first reading of senate bills, when the pitch fork brigade of the Muts attempted to enter the senate chamber. Col. Mercer, the ever efficient arguer at arms rushed without the door which the door keeper quickly locked. The column then passed, in one at a time, four of the members of the Muts' pitch fork brigade and the senators dispensing with all order and decorum unceremoniously deprived them of their pitch forks and hand cuffed them. President Thompson had the Muts seated in the front of the senate, announced "Senators we have here four ruffians who have interfered with the work of the senate, what shall we do with them." "Cries of "Hang them," "Throw 'em on the window," and other kindly treatments were being suggested when reinforcements arrived and the senators were forced by the presence of superior forces to give way and accompany the Muts to the House.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 11.—The sinking of the American steamship Washington in the Black sea by Russian warships was reported in semi-official advices here tonight from Constantinople. The report declared that the Washington was sunk while she was flying the American flag in the harbor at Trebizond. First she was fired on by a torpedo boat and slightly damaged. Later, the report said, she was sent to the bottom by two Russian cruisers. No mention was made of the fate of the Washington's crew.

DEPUTY ASSESSORS PREPARE FOR WORK

The deputy county assessors will begin taking the assessment of the property in this county on March 1 according to the announcement of County Assessor Ben F. West today. The property will be assessed at approximately the same values as last year and under the same law. The county assessor's office force is busy at present preparing the route books for the deputies. It is necessary to copy the names of each taxpayer in the county in these books in his proper district and as there is a total of 11,710 names on the acreage roll, 11,428 names on the town lot roll and 3,944 names on the personal property roll, it means considerable work. The roll is practically rewritten as each name must be accompanied by the description of the property giving the section, township and range, acreage, value of land, value of improvements, and the road and school and city districts.

RELIEF IS GRANTED TO WESTERN SHIPPERS

Washington, Feb. 11.—Vital relief to western and middle western shippers is embodied in a decision handed down today by the interstate commerce commission in the intermountain case. The railroads were permitted by the ruling to establish rates from Missouri river territory to Pacific points lower than to intermediate destinations. The decision was the result of the revolutionary effect of the opening of the Panama canal on rates in Pacific coast territory. The terminals to which the new rates apply are the points at which Atlantic to Pacific steamships deliver freight. The railroads represented that the shrinkage in rates on freight by way of the Panama canal had put them in serious straits. They declared they faced a double loss of revenue under the terms of the original order, because a lowering of the rates to Pacific points, to meet rates on water traffic, would have to be met by a corresponding decrease in the intermountain rates.

MONSTER CROWD ATTENDS BIG MEETING AT ARMORY LAST NIGHT

The high crowd which packed the Armory hall last night at the Men's Get Together supper where over 750 men were seated at the tables and the galleries full was indicative of the interest and unity which is attending the union revival services in this city conducted by Rev. Henry Ostrom. Every seat was occupied and speeches were short and to the point in all instances. Never has the city seen such a varied flow of oratory from the men who represented every walk of life in the city. All were working for the common good and the betterment of Salem and after listening to the representative utterances of the speakers last night Rev. Ostrom fittingly summed up the meeting with the expression that the destiny of Salem could safely be left in the hands of her citizens provided their spiritual being were awakened at the right time and kept uppermost in their minds. "Every man is proud to promise to the physical ailments of his fellow man," said Justice F. A. Moore, of the state supreme court, who spoke from the "Judges' Standpoint," "but there is but one great Physician and nothing but the power of Jesus can save. It is not the rush to get to heaven that characterizes the call for 'Dinner in the dining car' but such men can do his part in assisting others." R. J. Hendricks, editor of the Statesman, talked from the "Business Man's Standpoint." "There is religion in business and business in religion," said Mr. Hendricks, "and the two are inseparable." (Continued on Page Three.)

DAY CHARGED WITH UNDER HANDED WORK BY REP. SAM BROWN

Representative From Marion Says Steam Roller Boss Made Overtures

PROMISED TO PASS BILL IF HIS REQUEST GRANTED

Desired Certain Promises in Regard to Paving Included in Bill

ENGLAND ANNOUNCES NO HOPE FOR PEACE

London, Feb. 11.—England and her allies see no likelihood of an opening which would lead to early peace with Germany and Austria.

PARALYZE GERMAN COMMERCE

London, Feb. 11.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that the British government was considering drastic measures to paralyze all German commerce. He said that recent "flagrant breaches" of rules of international warfare made such action necessary. While the premier did not disclose what action was contemplated, it was generally understood that the German blockade of the English coast by submarines would be followed by the arrest of all German ships.

BOMBARDMENT OF TRENCHES GREATLY AIDED BY AIRMEN

Both Sides Use Aviators to Good Effect in Northern France and Flanders

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING MEASURES TO PARALYZE GERMAN COMMERCE

Paris, Feb. 11.—Bombardment of trenches by airmen from both sides along the entire battle line in northern France and Flanders was announced by the official statement issued by the war office this afternoon. The aviators are not only dropping bombs but are signalling the range to the artillerymen, who are keeping their guns constantly in action. From the sea to the Champagne region both sides are using their entire artillery strength and many villages and towns in the rear of the actual fighting line are suffering. The Germans have been repulsed in an assault in force in the Meurthe-et-Moselle region. In the vicinity of Marie Therese the fighting is increasing in intensity, both sides having brought up heavy reinforcements. The French maintain their positions in the Argonne in the face of determined attacks.

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The Weather

Oregon: Fair to night and Friday; variable winds, mostly southerly.