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COMPENSATION ACT ATTACKED BY SENATE FOE

INDUSTRIAL MEASURE IN DANGER WHEN SENATOR LA FOLLETTE OPENS FIRE.

MULTNOMAH GIVEN TEN
HOUSE COMMITTEE HEADS

Thirteen Bills Introduced in House Today Making a Total of 69 Introduced up to This Time—Speaker Selling Announces Committee Appearances Today—Consolidation Sought.

Salem, Jan. 14.—Multnomah county secured 10 chairmanships when Speaker Selling announced his committee appointments today.

Today 13 new bills were introduced in the house making 69 so far.

The attack on the Workmen's Compensation law came in the senate today in the form of a bill introduced by Senator La Follette, striking out the provision that the state shall contribute to the Industrial Accident fund a sum equal to one-seventh of the total sum contributed by employers and employees.

The full text of the Barret joint resolution read in the house the first time January 12, consolidating certain offices, reads:

"Whereas, the State of Oregon has become burdened with public offices and public officers; and

"Whereas, for the past decade there has been a tendency to increase salaries and create new offices without due regard to resultant increase of taxes; and

"Whereas, with 750,000 people we are aping states of 7,500,000 population, and must get back to business principles, and no longer despite the day of small things; and

"Whereas, the time has come when there should be a large number of offices abolished and other offices combined; and

"Whereas, there is apparent agreement upon the general propositions of lower salaries, abolition of offices and combination of offices, but no well crystallized sentiment as to how these results shall be accomplished.

Be It Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, that three members of the Senate, of whom the President of the Senate shall be one, and four members of the House, of whom the Speaker shall be one, be appointed a special committee to receive and to prepare bills looking toward the abolition of certain offices and commissions, the consolidation of others, and the merging of others with the offices of the State Treasurer, Secretary of State, State Labor Commissioner, the State Railroad Commission,

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SNOW STORMS SOAK FIELDS

BEAVER CREEK RISING AND
RIVER IS SWELLED.

At Kamela a Foot of Snow Has Fallen—Tracks Still Clear.

Precipitation composed of half rain and half snow has been falling in big quantities in Union county the last 18 hours. Snow that is soggy and wet has been accumulating to a substantial depth in valley points and because of excessive dampness has been a boon to the streams of this section. Beaver creek is rising rapidly and the river is showing the effects. Farmers rejoice in the blanket of snow.

Streets and sidewalks were a sea of slush last night and today.

Seven members of the section gang with shovels and wheelbarrows could not clean up the snow as fast as it fell on the depot platform while the snow was at its heaviest this morning. Reports from up the line show about a foot of new snow at Kamela, but so far the fall has not been heavy enough to require the services of snow plows.

"Made in America" Campaign Grows



New York, Jan. 14.—(Special).—Here is an American fashion created with the German cavalry uniform as the basis. It did not come from Germany and no German designer has the slightest knowledge of it, but was made in this country by American dressmakers, who recognize the tendency toward the military.

This costume of covert cloth, untrimmied but for its own cut and buttons of tan bone, will serve many purposes. Sufficiently elaborate for afternoon wear with appropriate accessories, it is also quite correct for a morning shopping tour, if worn with a tailored hat and with shoes and gloves to correspond.

A most attractive hat that will also serve many purposes is this of white faille classique, with a soft crown and a curving coronet. Tan satin flowers and leaves are laid flat against the satin and outlined with tan silk stitching. A tan veil of figured mesh, which unfortunately shows in a solid black in the reproduction of the photograph, relieves the extreme severity of the hat and is equally smart when worn over the face or thrown back to fall over the shoulders.

It is almost superfluous to mention that the skirt is short, since at present all skirts are short and particularly so in a costume that at all suggests the military, as this one does. The jacket, fitting snugly above the waistline, is fastened with a row of tan buttons, below which a peplum of circular cut falls in deep

PATIENT FOUND INSANE
Suicidal Mania Persistently Appears in Lumberman's Mind.

After having practically recovered from self-inflicted throat wounds, Sam Babich, a Palmer Lumber company employe at Vincent, has been sent to the hospital at Pendleton. He was brought to the La Grande hospital some time ago when in a serious condition from his throat wounds, and though he recovered, he did not get over his desire to commit suicide. He begged hospital physicians that he be operated upon and his cut off in the operation. Finding the doctors would not do it, he persisted in trying it himself, and was last evening adjudged insane and sent to the hospital at Pendleton.

points over the hips. The collar is of tan cloth, matched by a tiny bit of tan on the cuffs, above which tabs of the covert cloth are buttoned into place.

That her costume may be entirely complete, milady wears with this suit boots of patent leather, with tops of brown cloth, closely buttoned.

CORONER "ARRESTS" SHERIFF HUG

To technically arrest the sheriff of Union county was the first official duty that fell to Dr. J. P. Graham since his election as county coroner. The "arrest" was effected last evening when the coroner served papers in a replevin suit. Mr. Graham went about his official duties as "process server" with considerable dubiety as he knows more about serving portions

County Fair Abandoned.

Baker, Jan. 14.—There will be no county fair in Baker this year. This was accepted without question by the members of the Commercial Club and those connected with the Baker County Fair association and the Baker County Speed association which owns one of the principal stockholders of the speed association, said that the fair grounds would eventually be turned over for agricultural purposes. The property has been given to the fair association for its use without charge save that the fair association has paid the taxes and has paid for the up-keep of the grounds.

Those who have been prime movers in the work of carrying on the fair said today that yesterday's action by the county court in refusing to appropriate \$2000 for the county fair has effectually stopped all efforts to hold a fair. There was some talk of getting the farmers to start a petition to the county court but the majority doubted whether this would avail, no matter how liberally it was signed.

Leaves Father Improved.
J. K. Fitzgerald returned today from Portland where he has been

WHOLE TOWN DEVASTATED BY ALLIED GUNS

GERMAN LAND BATTERY DRIVES
ATTACKING SHIPS AND MEN
OFF AFTER HARM DONE.

FRENCH WITHDRAW TO A
POINT SOUTH OF AISNE

Fighting at Soissons Continues With
Germans Exerting Themselves to
Take the Points—Turks Said to Be
Conducting Massacres in Persia—
Berlin Statement Claims Little
Change.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The town of Westende was wiped out by a combined fire of allied warships off the Belgian coast, and land forces. The German official statement declared the allied torpedo boats and monitors participating in the bombardment were driven off by a German land battery after the town was seriously damaged.

Fighting in Northeastern France and Southern Belgium, the statement says, is largely confined to artillery exchanges at Ypres and Neuport.

French Troops Retire.

Paris, Jan. 14.—Retirement of a considerable body of French troops from the North to the South side of the Aisne river, is admitted in official statements issued today. Destruction by floods of temporary bridges across the stream caused the retirement.

Fighting about Soissons is continued. Germans have thrown enormous force into the action but the statement claims encounters were turned against the enemy. At certain points in the Soissons vicinity the French declared they had made slight gains.

Blood Massacres Reported.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—A story of bloody massacres of Turks over-running Persia is brought to Tiflis by Souda Eh Dowlah, former governor of Zerbaijan province. He is quoted as saying that the Turks murdered a hundred innocent Persians and are laying waste all the country they occupy.

of medicine than legal papers. Anyway, he "arrested" Sheriff Hug with all due form.

This came about in the J. W. Evans vs. Bach & Cooley Lumber Co. replevin case where in the sheriff had previously attached some lumber for Evans, and the United States National bank of La Grande now lays claim to prior rights to the lumber.

spending two weeks visiting his father who has been quite ill for some little time. Mr. Fitzgerald reported his father much improved.

New Mayor at North Powder.

North Powder, Jan. 14.—Mayor Riordan and Councilmen Chris. Johnson and Mark Gilkison were installed last evening at the meeting of the city council, being the duly elected officers of the corporation for the ensuing year.

An initiative and referendum ordinance was passed by the new council preparatory to adopting a new city charter, which is now being prepared by Attorney F. B. Mitchell of Baker, the legal representative of the city fathers. After the adoption of the new charter, an election to vote on the question of issuing \$20,000 bonds for a new water system will be held.

SENATE EMULATES HOUSE.

Immigration Bill With Literacy Test Ready for President.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Senate today adopted the conference report on the Dillingham immigration bill. It included the literacy test, opposed by the president. It is expected that he will veto it. Formal ratification must first come by the House.

Second 'Quake Felt in Italy

THOUSANDS RUSH TO STREETS IN WILD
FEAR WHEN ROME IS AGAIN ROCKED

STORY OF HORROR TOLD BY REFUGEES AT ROME

Martial Law Declared Over the Entire De-
vastated District—Government Exerts Itself

Rome, Jan. 14.—Official reports received tonight by the government place the fatalities resulting from yesterday's earthquake in the province of Abruzzi at approximately 20,000. Previous reports to the government during the day pointed to 4,000, but 20,000, is tonight deemed a nearer the correct estimate.

Rome, Jan. 14.—Another earthquake shock was perceptible in Rome and vicinity at 3 o'clock this morning. A panic immediately followed everywhere in the district where it was felt. People, already terror stricken, rushed to the streets by the thousands in their night clothes.

In most of the villages, processions formed and prayers were recited to ward off another visitation such as was felt yesterday morning. So far as known no additional damage was done by the quake this morning.

By ALICE ROHE.

(Staff Correspondent at Rome.)

Rome, Jan. 14.—With martial law prevailing in the entire region of the devastated earthquake district where many towns were destroyed yesterday and enormous property damage done, in Central Italy especially, the government officials are making extraordinary efforts to compile the list of dead and relieve the injured. It is believed it will be several days before accurate figures are obtained.

In reports received by members of the cabinet in special session today, estimates place the fatalities in a greatly varied total. Some say at least 10,000 were killed and upwards of 30,000 injured.

Premier Salandra, after reviewing the reports received from all sources, said he didn't believe more than 4000 were killed. The premier's estimate came an hour after he had told the cabinet that early reports indicate the death list will be 20,000. These figures were lowered later by receipt of dispatches from Potenza indicating the casualties in that district were greatly exaggerated in the first instance. Still later he went back to his original figures.

Several trainloads of refugees have reached here from the vicinity of the worst disaster and their stories apparently bore out the government figures attained tonight of 20,000. They told tales of terrible suffering. Avezzano was undoubtedly the center of the quake and the destruction there was appalling. Practically every house in that town and several surrounding villages, was leveled and thousands of people were caught when the houses toppled over. Other hundreds were killed or terribly wounded, the refugees say, by flying bricks and debris. Mutilated bodies are visible in the ruins.

At least 20 cities and towns are destroyed.

GOV. BLEASE RESIGNS POST

QUITS FIVE DAYS BEFORE TERM
IS UP.

Looks Upon Career in Office as "One
of Mercy" Only.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 14.—Governor Blease has resigned five days before the expiration of his terms.

Attacks aimed at him as a result of wholesale pardons handed out to criminals, he freeing more than 3000 convicts, are ignored by Blease.

"I am proud of my record of mercy," said Mr. Blease in announcing his retirement previous to the date his term would automatically expire.

ing of his advanced age and general health, said he never felt better in his life and had no idea of closing this earthly career for many more years. He certainly looks the part of one who has every reason to expect rounding out the 100 mark and then some.

Mr. Lewis is a native of New York

Aged Visitor in Baker.

Baker, Jan. 14.—Nearly 100 years old—to be more exact, 97 years of age—Mr. Davis Lewis, whose home for several years has been at Albion, Idaho, arrived in Baker last Tuesday on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Jennings, with whom he may make his home the balance of his life.

Mr. Lewis was a caller at the Democratic office yesterday and in speak-