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HOUSE PUTS SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT

TEST VOTES LEAD TO McLEMORE RESOLUTION FINAL MERIT VOTE.

TUMULTUOUS SCENES IN HOUSE DURING DEBATE

Two Tests Votes Indicate House Will Defend the President and Table the Measure—Thousands Present When Votes Are Taken—Women Wave Handkerchiefs in Debate.

Washington, March 7.—The House of Representatives twice today went on record as backing President Wilson, during the debate on the Mc-Lemore resolution which declares Americans sail on armed ships at their own risk. The third vote, that to be on the merits of the bill just as President Wilson wants it to be—a final showdown—will come this evening sometime, probably about 6 o'clock.

The house was a place of tumult all day—scenes long to be remembered were enacted.

The first test came when the House refused by a vote of 256 to 150 to amend the resolution, and the second when the bill was called up for immediate consideration by a vote of 271 to 138.

Virulent Debate Begins. Pou opened for the administration. Every gallery was filled, mostly with women. During the discussion, they waved their handkerchiefs. The house was tense with suppressed excitement. Pou began by reciting President Wilson's request for a showdown.

"It has unjustly been charged that the president wants war. All the imps of hell never devised a more infamous lie," he shouted.

Representative Campbell declared he will offer a substitute resolution if the McLemore resolution is tabled. He said:

"Billigents are fighting for their very existence. The thing for us to do is to avoid war and warn Americans to avoid armed liners."

Representative Harrison asserted the issue was absolutely clear, though everybody was trying to confuse it.

"War or Humiliation" is Cry. Representative Chipperfield leaped to his feet and cried out that the President's policy meant either war or humiliation.

Audience Stirred to Frenzy. Thus the debate proceeded. Members and auditors were stirred to frenzy. It is estimated 1000 witnessed the proceedings.

War's Support Rumored. Rumors that the President would not regard the war as unwelcome have been revived and were circulated about the capitol. Friends of the administration flatly denied them.

It is believed the final vote on the proposition to table the resolution will begin about 6 o'clock. The four hour debate followed the last vote which brought the measure up for consideration on its merits.

WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED

Oklahoma Man Runs Amuck Ending Crusade With Suicide.

Lawton, Ok., March 7.—Daniel O'Kane murdered his family of seven and then committed suicide early today, following a quarrel with his father. He was believed insane.

Armed with a razor, hammer and revolver, he apparently went methodically about it, slaying his wife, five children, his father and then shot himself.

STATE CASE NEXT.

Damage Case Nearing End and Mills is Next Defendant.

The \$11,000 damage case against the O-W brought by the Mt. Emily Timber company is nearing the end. The case of State vs. Mills is next on the docket.

RUSSIAN JEWS COME IN FLOCKS

FUGITIVES PASS THROUGH THIS CITY DAILY.

"Peanut Butcher" Discovers Interesting Tale of Jews Fleeing to American Cities.

Nearly every east bound train passing through La Grande carries passengers who are direct from Russia. On some occasions there are nearly a coach load of them. They are en route, usually to big cities in the east—New York, Chicago and St. Louis. A large portion of them are Jews.

As a rule they are well dressed, quiet, and would hardly be noticeable from the general run of passengers—with one exception—their baggage is not of the American model, particularly those convenient receptacles which travelers carry and which in this country are known as suit cases. The Russian "go-away" sack is decidedly foreign in make-up and appearance.

One of the "peanut butchers", who knows the Russian language, has been able to get a fairly correct line on the new class of foreign immigration which approaches the land of the free from the western instead of the eastern shores. He says they are neither political fugitives nor exiles, but they manage to escape the domain of Russia and are glad to reach American shores, with no intent ever to return. The fact that it costs a lot of money to get away is sufficient to show that they are not of the pauper element. One man said that it had cost him \$1000 to get away from Russia. They must leave the land of the Czar by stealth and frequently through the mollifying influences of bribery. They reach the Pacific coast points—mostly San Francisco and Seattle on Japanese steamers. The big trouble is to get away from their own shores.

From the interior they travel at night and resort to every known intrigue to make their escape. In this they are aided by sympathizers in their own country who give them such aid as they consistently can—probably in much the same way that the "under-ground railroads" were operated in the northern states before the war. The Russian element which is most active in this work

CONDUCTOR CAPTURES 2

UNION JUNCTION ROBBERY A FLAT FAILURE.

Conductor No. 23 Arrests Two Tramps and Finds Valuables.

Conductor J. M. McShain took the law in his hands early last evening and summarily captured a tramp whose pockets were loaded with valuables including watches and razors taken from the section house at Union Junction. When Conductor McShain brought No. 23 into Union Junction headed for La Grande last evening he found the place humming with excitement. Someone had bleeced the section house and the Greeks were ready for combat, but against whom they didn't just know. Their story was told to the O-W conductor, and the presence of two suspicious characters pointed out to him. He gave chase in and out among the cars of the train and finally cornered one of them. "I want you" he said as he collared the man. Search disclosed the missing valuables on his person. His partner submitted to arrest too, and the two were left in charge of the men at the station.

Greeks Displays Knife. After McShain had captured the thieves, one of the Greeks grew bold and displayed a huge knife with which to thoroughly mince meat the tramp, but was dissuaded by cooler heads. Later on in the evening the two were brought to La Grande and will have a preliminary hearing tonight sometime or tomorrow.

Returned From Baker.

M. W. Kiddle, of the Pioneer Flouring Mill company of Island City, returned home this morning from Baker where he had been on mill business.

Hospital Patient Improves.

Mrs. George Gray, of Lower Cove, was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital Saturday and at last accounts is reported to be improving but will probably not be able to leave the institution before a week or ten days.

Oddities About Celebrities.

Washington, March 7.—Representative Butler, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, known as "The Fighting Quaker," has two sons in the navy.

NEW TONG IN BIG CHINESE DIFFICULTIES

BOW ON TONG MEMBER SHOT DOWN IN DAYLIGHT AT FRISCO.

EARLIER IN THE DAY OTHER VICTIMS FELL

At Noonday Member of Bow On Tong Is Shot in Back by Highbinder Who Hides in Suey Sing Tong Headquarters—Theatre Shooting Last Night the Beginning.

San Francisco, March 7.—Shortly before noon today Set Yit, a member of the Bow On tong was shot in the back and fatally injured by an unidentified assailant. The highbinder fled to headquarters of the Suey Sing tong.

This is the second shooting today, following the outbreak of war last night in a theatre when one was killed and four injured.

The police believe the shooting of Set will implicate his tong, which heretofore has not been involved.

TONGMEN SHOOTING AGAIN

San Francisco Chinaman Averages Shooting of Last Night.

San Francisco, March 6.—As revenge for shooting done in a Chinese lyceum theatre last night, a Hop Sing gunman this morning shot and severely wounded Wong Loy, leader of the Suey On Tong.

Strikers Return to Work.

Anchorage, March 7.—Striking laborers have resumed work on the government railroad today pending arrival of a special investigating committee to arbitrate differences between the men and engineers. All agreed to return upon the stipulation of a new wage scale expected to be adopted soon.

are the socialists and such of the Russian Jews as can be of service in this line to their countrymen who are able to leave.

In many cases they have friends in America and lose no time in reaching them after they have once safely landed on the soil of the United States.

How much of this detail is true or how much may be fiction it is not easy to say, but the fact remains that there are Russian immigrants passing eastward through La Grande on nearly every train.

FRENCH FORCED BACK BY TEUTONS

FRENCH COMMANDER AT VERDUN.



General Humbert.

The youngest French general commanding an army in the field—General Humbert—is having the chance at Verdun of gambling for the biggest stakes of military renown, an opportunity to be envied by all his fellow commanders. He was appointed to take charge of the forces in the Argonne early last fall, succeeding

General Sarrail, who had come into conflict with General Joffre and General Millerand, then secretary of war. General Humbert was only a major when the war began, and his rapid promotion has been due to his ability to carry out the plans of General Joffre, who is now at Verdun directing the defense.

REPUBLICANS STILL LEAD

Registrations are not being conducted in this county with the celerity that they should be. County Clerk Ed. Wright has compiled data up to Monday morning which shows a total registration in this county of 1760, subdivided as follows: Republican 995, Democrats 595, Progressives 18, Prohibitionists 43, Socialists 68, Ind. 39, Misc. 2. Total 1760. In the face of this lack of registration, the clerk's office and the secretary of state's office as well, are prodding the people to attend to this matter. No one need register.

CLUB WOMEN HIE HITHER

EUGENICS TESTS CONDUCTED TWO PLACES.

Mrs. McMath and Mrs. Bayly Will Arrive Here Tomorrow.

Commencing tomorrow, Union county will be the home of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher state bureau for three days—the institutions will be moved from Portland to La Grande, branching out from here to touch Elgin, Cove, and Union. Mrs. George W. McMath, president of the two co-related institutions, leaves Portland tonight and tomorrow will go to Cove, being joined here by Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent. A Parent-Teacher association meeting will be held there in the afternoon and in the evening a similar meeting will be held at Union under auspices of the Union Woman's club, Mrs. Louis Goodbrod president. Friday Mrs. McMath will speak in La Grande in the interests of Parent-Teacher work and to make it possible for all teachers to attend the afternoon meetings will be divided into two sections from 2 to 4 when a parent conference will be held and from 4 to 5:30 when a teacher conference will take place. Mrs. McMath will speak at both meetings. Round-table talks will follow each. Saturday morning Mrs. McMath and Mrs. Ivanhoe go to Elgin.

Eugenics Department Ready.

Mrs. A. Bayly, head of the eugenics department of the state congress, will leave Portland tonight and conduct tests in Union tomorrow, returning to La Grande Thursday. She will give the first test at 9:30, continuing until 5 p. m., in the club rooms. Friday she will be at the Neighborhood club rooms all day for consultation with mothers on matters pertaining to baby welfare.

Saturday afternoon Miss Anna Turley of the extension course of O. A. C. will speak on feeding of infants.

The Friday and Saturday meetings will be held in the Presbyterian church and the public is cordially invited. Mrs. A. L. Richardson who is the

HEAD OF OREGON CONGRESS OF MOTHERS COMING



Mrs. George W. McMath, President of Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association Who Will Spend Several Days in Union County Towns This Week.

KAISER'S MEN STORM HILL NO. 245 AND WIN IT

FRENCH TEMPORARILY SECURE ON GOOSE HILL BEHIND LOST VILLAGE.

HEAVY FORESTS ABOUT THE FRENCH DEFENDERS

New Figures Given Out Concerning the Losses in Aerial Raid Sunday—Hull Works Claimed to Have Escaped Punishment From Rain of Bombs Upon the Military Station.

Paris, March 7.—Capture of Hill 245 near Rengville is officially admitted today. Germans charged and seized the position under intense bombardment. Germans who occupied Forges made the assault. At the same time the French positions on Goose Hill are under severe shell fire, and a general renewal of infantry operations is expected to begin at once.

Teuton Advance Steady.

Despite staggering losses the Teutons advanced up the slope on hill 245 steadily, leaving a trail of dead and dying. The French retreated to Goose Hill are under severe shell fire, court. Then the Teuton artillery immediately centered its fire on these positions.

A French communique at noon said the French still hold the summit of Goose Hill. The hill rises 240 feet above a thickly wooded country surrounding.

Fresnes Also Taken.

Berlin, March 7.—Fresnes, 12 miles southeast of Verdun has been captured, it is officially stated. Three hundred French surrendered with the village.

Zeppelin Raid Unharmful.

London, March 7.—Absolutely no military damage was done in the Zeppelin raid on the British naval positions at Hull, Monday, a revised official statement said today. The total killed numbers 13. Ninety bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Hull with no harm to the military establishments there.

OFFICIAL SALMON DAY.

Friday, March 10, Is Date to Pay Homage to King of Fish.

The coming Friday of this week—March 10—is the date set to be observed as "canned salmon day." The O-W. R. & N., railway company will do a considerable part toward making public qualities of the salmon, the king of fish. The company's stations are to be decorated with displays of the canned fish and there is also literature prepared to spread the merits of the salmon before a hungry world.

No one any more undertakes to underrate the importance of the salmon, and it is fitting that the fish industry be extolled. Only about a week ago the railroad company handled the largest shipment of canned salmon ever sent east at one time. That train had fifty cars and was loaded with nearly two and a half million cans of salmon, enough to have furnished a meal for one-tenth of the entire population of the United States. Nothing more plain could be given as to the magnitude of the salmon industry.

Suffrage Carnival Ball

New York, March 7.—Ten thousand dancers will glide and whirl to the tune of votes for women at the suffrage carnival ball in Madison Square Garden tonight. Society with a brilliant capital S will adorn the boxes and fill the floor. There will be a perfect storm of gowns and gables with smattering of mere males in somber fish and soup suits. Two hundred coy maidens will skitter about taking masculine attention with giggles and gaudy gabardines and masculine money with useless programs. A band will blare and lights will glare and millions of dollars worth of jagged jewels will twinkle twinkle gayly.

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