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EIGHT-HOUR LAW INVALID

FEDERAL JUDGE AT KANSAS CITY CALLS ADAMSON LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

DECISION CARRIED TO THE HIGHEST COURT AT ONCE

In Passing On Point Raised Yesterday in Injunction Case, Jurist Points Out Decision Makes Speedy Appeal Possible—Declares Decision Has No Importance Other Than to Expedite.

Kansas City, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Federal Judge Hook today declared the Adamson law unconstitutional and invalid. He refused federal attorney's application for a dismissal of the Missouri, Oklahoma, Gould railroad's injunction against the law.

The judge made the following statement:

"The decision merely permits rushing the case to the United States supreme court as rapidly as possible. I gave the government time to perfect an appeal to the highest court."

Federal District Attorney Wilson and Special Counsel Hagerman immediately started preparing the appeal. The supreme court's decision will definitely decide the law's constitutionality.

Hearing Comes to Sudden End. Kansas City, Nov. 22.—(Special)—The legal skirmishing in the railroad's fight against the Adamson law was brought to a sudden issue yesterday in federal district court by a motion filed by the government asking for an immediate decision by the court at Kansas City so the case can be decided by the supreme court before January first, when the law should become effective.

The government asked for a dismissal of the injunction petition because the law is constitutional, but if the law be held unconstitutional by the lower court, the government asks the lower court to direct the railroads to join the government in getting the case advanced immediately to the supreme court. Judge Hook announced he would decide on the motion today.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Three outstanding features characterize the railroad situation today, as the consequence of announcements made last night. The first is the Adamson law will be determined, legally before January 1st by the highest court. The government is hurrying a decision ahead of January 1st if possible; the brotherhoods may affiliate with the Federation of Labor.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—(Special)—The constitutionality of the Adamson law may be determined by the supreme court before January 1 by agreement between the railroads and the government. Attorneys for the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Burlington roads conferred yesterday with Attorney General Gregory and discussed making a test case. At a further conference today there is every prospect for agreement.

Because of the renewed seriousness of the dispute over the law, Wilson has made a recommendation for railroad legislation the principal part of his next message. It is known definitely the recommendations will be practically the same as those made to congress last August, when the Adamson law was enacted as a part of Wilson's program.

The president has been urged in vain to recommend legislation authorizing the interstate commerce commission to regulate the wages paid on railroads. In addition to the proposals made last summer for the enlargement of the commission, forced investigation of disputes before strikers, lockouts and authorization to the commission to consider wages in fixing rates, the president is understood to have decided again to urge congress to make all arbitral awards in such disputes according to judgment by record of a court of law. A. P. Thom, counsel for the railroads, will be the first witness at the joint congressional committee to investigate railroad problems on Thursday.

Baltimore, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Efforts to effect an affiliation between the American Federation of Labor and the four railway brotherhoods received a decided impetus yesterday

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Idaho Woman Dies Saving Two Children

Santa Rosa, Calif., Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Clyde Lebaron, aged two, Robert Lebaron, aged one, and Mrs. Nash, of Scam, Idaho, were burned last night, when fire destroyed the Lebaron homestead 18 miles west. Mrs. Nash was taking care of the children during the parents' absence. She died attempting a rescue.

TAX RATIOS ARE DETERMINED

Union County's Share of State Levy Based on a Ratio of .71

Union county's basis of apportioning the state tax and for the distribution of valuation of public service corporations, has been definitely fixed for 1916 as .71. Other Oregon counties are:

Baker	.76
Crook	.53
Gilliam	.78
Grant	.66
Harney	.65
Hood River	.64
Malheur	.42
Morrow	.88
Sherman	.68
Umatilla	.78
Wallowa	.76
Wasco	.75
Wheeler	.75

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK; MANY DIE

Eleven Hundred Taken Off Sinking Ship—Liner Was Biggest Ship Afloat—Thought to Have Had Injured Aboard Her.

London, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—The admiralty has announced the British ship Britannic sank in the Zea channel of the Egean sea yesterday. Fifty drowned and 98 were injured. Eleven hundred were saved. A mine or torpedo was responsible. The White Star liner was the largest British vessel.

New York, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—The White Star offices announced today the Britannic never was armed. Her construction was completed after the war and she never engaged in trans-Atlantic service. She usually carried 2500 cots, 200 nurses, 100 surgeons and 900 sailors. It is believed the Britannic was bringing wounded from Salonika when destroyed.

MRS. LUTES PASSES AWAY

Mother of Four Children Dead—Remains Sent to Weston

Mrs. T. C. Lutes died yesterday in this city, leaving a husband and four children. The remains are now at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

The body will be forwarded to Weston, where the family formerly lived, for burial.

CALIFORNIA G. O. P. GIVES UP

Sends Telegram to Willcox Admitting State to Wilson

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—The Republican state committee has figured Wilson's California plurality at 3807. They telegraphed Chairman Willcox with concession of the state to President Wilson.

BULK APPLES ARE IN DEMAND

Imbler Growers Find Market At 75c F. O. B. Imbler

Imbler, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Local apple men are finding market along the railroad for all sound apples of odd sizes, one shipper having sent part of a carload to Huntington, receiving 70 cents on board cars here for loose pack of these apples. A few hundred boxes were caught in the orchard by the recent freezes but all these are being thawed and sold to make vinegar.

GREAT FLOCK OF L. W. S. FLOCK TO PORTLAND.

Portland, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Thirty-eight Industrial Workers of the World have been arrested. They arrived on a freight from the Puget Sound district. Detectives learned 75 more are at Vancouver, Wash., waiting to enter the city. Six hundred are reported enroute.

Portland, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Henry Johnson, a clerk, is missing. The police found his hotel room walls bloodspattered and the mattress bloody and a half-filled bottle of alcohol on the floor. Bloody rags were discovered. Wayne Jakels, a roommate, was packing a satchel when arrested and said two men attacked Johnson. The police released Jakels after interrogation. Detectives are hunting

FINANCIAL STATUS IS GOOD

GROWTH SINCE SEPTEMBER IS OVER \$345,653

LOANS KEEPING PACE WITH REMARKABLE INCREASE IN INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS

COUNTER DRAIN LEFT MUCH IN CASH HERE

For the First Time in La Grande Banking History Deposits Total Million and Three Quarters—Business Since June Healthy.

Monetary conditions in and about La Grande are of such a character that the prosperity of the country is readily recognized as healthy. After making financial strides from June, 1916, to September this year that opened the eyes of the money centers, La Grande banks have jumped forward since September 12th to a degree that doubly substantiates the stability of La Grande business. For the first time since banking began in Union county local banks are hugging the \$2,000,000-deposit mark. After tremendous strides forward during the last of June, July, August and the first of September at a time when automobiles were coming in by carload lots daily and a corresponding sum going out by next mail to auto companies, deposits in La Grande banks advanced surprisingly, yet since then crops have been harvested and now the deposit total in the two banking houses in La Grande stands, or did stand Nov. 17th the date of the last call, at a total of \$1,731,216.00. This is an increase in deposits alone over Sept. 12 of \$360,467.00.

Loans and discounts in September aggregated \$1,284,892.00 and Nov. 17th \$1,459,335.00. The increase in loans and discounts, therefore, is \$174,443. In many localities banks do not find ready fields in which to make their money work.

The total La Grande banking resources on November 17, this year, were \$2,238,440, in contrast to \$1,892,787.00 in September. The increase is \$345,653.00 for the three months and since June the very substantial increase of \$539,693.00.

Publication of bank statements for the current call has been delayed through failure of the comptroller's department to send necessary blanks in ample time.

CENTRAL POWERS WITHDRAW THEIR DIPLOMATS FROM ATHENS

Rome, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Athens has wirelessly that the Central powers' diplomatic representatives at Athens left Athens amidst great demonstrations. French Vice Admiral Fournet demanded the king eject the diplomats and alleged they furnished information to submarines and headed an espionage bureau.

The Greek cabinet yesterday refused to comply with the demands but public disapproval overrode their decision.

Paris, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Dispatches have indicated the Italian-Macedonian front is the most active, Italians advancing west of Monastir.

PORTLAND MURDER SUSPECTED

Clerk Is Missing and Room Found Bloodspattered—Roommate Released.

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NEW EMPEROR IN AUSTRIA



Turkey Dinners Are Costing Slightly More

Turkeys Not Any Higher, But Other Delicacies That Go With Them Show Some Increase—Cranberries Now 20 Cents a Quart.

La Grande's Thanksgiving dinner this year will cost more than it did a year ago owing to the advances in the prices of foodstuffs, but the increase will not be as great as many people suspect. The cost of a Thanksgiving turkey this year will not be any more than last year according to local markets. Retail quotations for top dressed turkeys vary from 24 to 27 cents a pound, which was about the range a year ago.

In Portland the lowest quotation for No. 1 turkeys is 32 cents with No. 2 stuff selling for several cents less. It is reported that turkeys are plentiful in the state but that other states are drawing heavily on the supply. The price of grain has been so high that many of the turkeys are not fattened up as much as in former years.

Other Thanksgiving delicacies such as cranberries, mince meat, raisins, etc., show a rise over last year. Cranberries bring 20 cents and bleached raisins 20 cents a pound.

FOOD EMBARGO PROMOTED.

Washington, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Representative Fitzgerald of New York has announced his intention of introducing a congressional resolution to place an embargo on exportation of food stuffs.

Washington, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—The trial of O. R. Barnes, of Elgin, accused of bootlegging has been set for Friday at 10:30 a. m.

Weather Forecast.

Weather tonight and Thursday—Fair, westerly winds.

PORTLAND BOY ENLISTS TO WIN A BRIDE

Portland, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—John T. Twohy, jr., son of a Portland and Seattle capitalist, will go to Montreal and enlist in the Canadian calvary to win a wife. He said the girl's father told him to prove his manhood by fighting the Germans. Twohy starts for Canada this week. He refused to reveal the girl's identity.

Salem, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Deputy Warden Shorwood, of the Oregon penitentiary, denied a report that rifles and revolvers were smuggled inside for a jail break. Only one box of cartridges is known to be inside the prison. A trusty confessed to smuggling it in. It is unknown where it is hidden.

FRANZ JOSEF IS NO MORE

SIXTY-EIGHT YEAR RULE IS BROUGHT TO A SUDDEN END BY POTENTATE'S DEATH

EMPEROR DIED TRYING TO SPEAK; DUKE CALLED

Not Until Late This Afternoon Did Austrian Authorities Officially Announce the Death—Central Powers Will Send Their Potentates to Funeral—Grandson Called in From Front.

Washington, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Archduke Charles is emperor of Austria-Hungary in fact, following the death of his grandfather, the famous Franz Josef, last night. Up to a late hour this afternoon no official admission of the death had been made and then the Austrian embassy here pronounced officially that the emperor was dead.

London, Nov. 22.—(United Press)—Vienna has failed, late today, to officially announce the death of Franz Josef, emperor of Austria for 68 years and himself 87 years of age, which occurred last night.

It was learned today that Franz Josef was of fairly good health Monday night, a few hours before the end. He received Baron Bruhin at that time. Inflation of the lungs and catarrh have been bothering the emperor of late it is understood.

End Comes Suddenly. The emperor was unable to sleep Tuesday night. He suffered with throat pains. At 9:20 o'clock he gestured toward his throat, tried to speak and then died.

Archduke Notified. Also Kaiser. Archduke Franz Josef was immediately notified. Charles succeeds Franz Josef. The kaiser was also notified by telephone of the sudden death.

Royalty Will Attend Funeral. It is understood the kaiser, the czar of Bulgaria and the Turkish crown prince will attend the funeral.

A conference of Austrian-Hungarian premiers, scheduled for this week was immediately postponed but the Hungarian cabinet went into special session this morning.

Franz Josef's reign was an eventful as it was long. From his imperial vantage point he saw the French monarch crumble, the Commune flare briefly and the republic of today rise on its ashes; he saw the black pinions of the Prussian eagle stamped on the flag of the new German Empire, later to tower threateningly over Austria itself; he saw the papacy shorn of its territorial domains, while about a bickering family of petty principalities was wielded into united Italy; he saw Spain, one of the greatest of colonial powers, lose the last of her dependencies in two oceans; he saw Japan opened to western civilization, and later defeat the sprawling Colossus of two continents; he saw the most absolute despotisms—Russia Turkey and Persia—concede representation to the people; he saw at a distance the United States cement its federation with the blood of a great internecine war, and he saw his own brother prove that monarchy could not take new root on American soil.

In his own country he faced internal dissensions and external aggressions from the moment he came to the throne.

But in human interest his personal sorrows overshadowed all. One after

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The Time To Do Your Christmas Shopping and Advertising Is Now

The time to do your Christmas shopping is now when the stores are full of stock to select from. The wise merchant will do his Christmas advertising now. All the December magazines are out with their appeals for mail-order advertising. The time to meet this competition is now.

The place to buy things is here at home, where every article advertised in foreign magazines can be had cheaper and better than you can send away for and buy "sight unseen."