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LABOR PARTY IN ENGLAND VOTES FOR WAR

OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTS RESOLUTION FOR IMMEDIATE PEACE PROPOSALS.

ALSO OPPOSE LABOR CONFERENCE AFTER WAR

Convention at Manchester, England, Refuses to Endorse Peace Program.—Resolutions Are Adopted Designed to Make the Rich Bear More War Burdens—Want 75 Per Cent Income Tax.

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 25.—(United Press)—The labor party overwhelmingly rejected a resolution urging immediate peace proposals.

It rejected by two to one the proposed international labor conference after the war.

It adopted resolutions designed to make the rich bear more of the war burdens.

It urged a 75 per cent tax on all large incomes.

Russians Tell of German Attacks

Petrograd, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—It is announced that German attacks at the Tirus swamp have been repulsed. A German counter attack was successful on a one-third of a mile front southeast of the River A. They forced the Russians back.

NINETY ARE INDICTED IN CINCINNATI VOTE FRAUD SCANDAL

Grand Jury Investigating Returns Six Sealed Indictments and Ninety Defendants Are To Be Arrested Immediately.

Cincinnati, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—The grand jury investigating the vote fraud returned six sealed indictments, naming ninety defendants. It was announced the police would immediately begin arresting the accused, revealing their names later.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—The United States weather bureau forecast: Fair southwest; probably rain northwest. Rain and snow east. Southerly winds.

Land Office Still Busy With Land-Seekers' Names

There has been no decrease in the daily business received at the United States land office since January 2, due to the 640-acre homestead law. There has been approximately 120,000 acres of Uncle Sam's public domain appropriated. Over \$10,000 has been received and receipted for. The office is working at its full capacity with some four or five hundred applications not noted.

Since January 12 the following entries have gone to record:

- Gardner W. Sheppard, Baker, 280 acres.
- James W. Wheeler, Heppner, 480 acres.
- Eddie A. Hammer, Gurdane, 320 acres.
- Roy Hinkle, Nye, 200 acres.
- Joseph A. Rush, Nye, 200 acres.
- Walter Seiger, Baker, 320 acres.
- John D. Bellenbrock, Monument, 320 acres.
- Joseph B. Jenedy, Baker, 320 acres.
- Otto A. Schuck, Durkee, 320 acres.
- John M. Smith, Durkee, 320 acres.
- John M. Leonard, Durkee, 240 acres.
- Otto Schuck, Durkee, 320 acres.
- Constantin Mpampatas, Durkee, 640 acres.
- Nicholas Spyropoulos, Home, 320 acres.
- Cleveland Ebell, Baker, 320 acres.
- Harvey L. Howry, Baker, 640 acres.
- Charles Howry, Baker, 480 acres.
- Jeremiah J. Troy, Pleasant Valley, 320 acres.
- William Coffey, Baker, 316.21 acres.

GEORGE FIRST PREMIER TO HAVE WOMAN AS SECRETARY!



MISS F.L. STEVENSON

Miss Stevenson is one of Lloyd George's private secretaries, the first woman ever secretary to a British prime minister. She held the same job when George was chancellor of the exchequer, went with him to the ministry of munitions, then to the war office. She is a graduate of Royal Holloway college.

Union Shriners Leave For Portland Tonight

Twenty or More Shriners and Candidates Will Attend the Annual Ceremonies.

Twenty or more Shriners and candidates will be in Portland tomorrow and Saturday for the annual ceremony. A few are already in Portland; the majority plan to leave tonight; one or two will go tomorrow morning. The men plan to be back Sunday evening.

Candidates for the Shrine from this section are Arch Bacon, James Dobbin, James Y. Walman, Dave Fitzgerald, John Allen, G. Blockland, A. Blockland, G. C. Bilyeu and Jerry Ricker. Harris French is now in Portland and L. L. Snodgrass will probably leave tomorrow morning. Fred J. Holmes, C. C. Pennington, Clint Van Fleet, C. T. Bacon, Arch Bacon, Howard Davis, James Dobbin, James Y. Walman, Dave Fitzgerald, John Allen, G. and A. Blockland of Island City, G. C. Bilyeu of Enterprise, Jerry Ricker of Enterprise, Fred J. Holmes and possibly George Cochran and Al Daniels will leave tonight.

LOST—Pocketbook containing four or five dollars. Return to Clarence Ford and receive reward. 1-25-2p

FARMERS TO MEET ON SATURDAY TO FORM NATIONAL LOAN BRANCH

A mass meeting of farmers of Union County is hereby called for the purpose of organizing a National Farm Loan Association for Union County, said meeting to be held Saturday, January 27, at 10 a. m. in the City Hall at La Grande. At this meeting the National Farm Loan Act will be discussed and explained, and such steps taken as to aid in making the Federal Farm Loan Act popular and effective.

This call is issued after consultation with the Agricultural Council of Union County and all farmers and others who are interested are urged to attend.

- Sam Brooks, Imbler.
- Frank McKinnon, Alicel.
- J. E. Chenault, La Grande.
- C. D. Huffman, La Grande.
- J. K. Lantz, Cove.
- Chas. Playle, Alicel.
- Geo. Benson, Union.
- Lane Goff, North Powder.
- Walter M. Pierce, La Grande.
- Bernal Hug, Elgin.
- H. H. Weatherspoon, Horticultural Commissioner.
- Robert Withycombe, Superintendent Experiment Station.
- Paul H. Spillman, County Agriculturist.
- Clarke Leiter, Editor The Observer, La Grande.

SUFFRAGISTS PICKET THE WHITE HOUSE!



Suffragists, carrying big banners, are stationed all around the white house so President Wilson cannot help seeing them every time he comes and goes. The banners read: "Mr. President, What Are You Going To Do For Woman Suffrage?" It is planned to have more than a thousand pickets about the house by inauguration day.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Leak of State Department Messages Is Explained. Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—(United Press)—A high official has declared confidential state department messages have leaked because our code is known abroad.

Prince Leopold Reports Capture of Russian Prisoners. Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—It is announced that Prince Leopold captured six miles of Russian forts, fourteen officers, and seventeen hundred men. Thirteen machine guns are operating on both sides of River A A, in the Riga sector.

Lieutenant Guynener Bags His Twenty-Seventh Aeroplane. Paris, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—It is announced that Lieutenant Guynener destroyed his twenty-seventh German aeroplane, the second within two days. The French repulsed a German attack south of Berry Bac. The enemy lost heavily.

German Raider Identified As Former Hamburger Liner. Buenos Aires, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—Montevideo dispatches said the German raider has been identified as the Camp Ortegale. She was formerly the Camp Oreta and formerly ran from Buenos Aires to Hamburg on the Hamburg-South American line. She is built of steel, is a twin screw steamer, of seventy-eight hundred tons.

Japanese Diet Dissolved; Teraychis Is New Premier. Tokio, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—The Japanese diet has been dissolved. Count Okumu's ministry is overthrown. The political situation is critical. The Mikado has appointed Teraychis premier replacing Okumu. Viscount Kato led the opposition. It is claimed Teraychis' cabinet selection is unconstitutional.

GRAND JURY SAYS JAIL UNSAFE. REPORT ASKS BETTER MEETING ROOM

County Court Asked to Take Action in Regard to County Jail—Five True Bills Returned—Four Served—Several Matters Have Been Postponed for Further Consideration.

The grand jury has returned five true bills and in the report submitted says the present county jail is unsafe and asks the county court to take action to make it safe. The report also asks that a suitable room for the meetings of the grand jury be provided, such room also to be used as a store room for records and stationery.

The true bills returned were those against Adolph Newlin, charged with unlawfully selling liquor; Louis Bill, charged with burglary; William Curteman, charged with assault, and Tilford J. Shipman, charged with larceny from a dwelling.

Brill, who is but 18 years of age, has pleaded guilty, sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary from two to five years, and has been paroled.

Service on one of the true bills has not been made as the man can not be found.

The action of the grand jury in regard to the county jail was taken because the recent attempt at escape by Louis Brill showed how easy it was for a prisoner to bore his way to freedom.

The members of the grand jury were: Rudolph A. Hug, foreman; A. J. Elliott, H. H. Cleaver, E. G. Adcock, Chris Miller, William Swiger, Ed Ayers.

John Shoemaker, Elgin is Dying -- Paralysis

Pioneer Grocerman, 65, Has Been Sick Since Early Summer.

John Shoemaker, pioneer grocerman of Elgin, is dying at his home today of paralysis. His physician gives him but a few hours. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last summer and has been confined since.

John Shoemaker has been engaged in the grocery business in Elgin for a number of years, and up to the time he was stricken last summer was actively engaged with his son in the Shoemaker Grocery. He has two sons, Frank Shoemaker, grocerman, and Richard Shoemaker, an employe in the Elgin National Bank. Mrs. John Shoemaker is with her husband.

Outlook After The War Is Not Dismal

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—Vice-President Willard Straight addressed the opening session of the American International Corporation. He said American trade leads the world because United States is the leading neutral nation and the most productive.

He declared the future after the war was contingent upon the ability of American business to develop immediate opportunities along broader, and more generous lines.

"International Trade is essentially an exchange of commodities. It cannot hope to continue selling three billion dollars worth more yearly than buying. We must purchase goods abroad if we wish to sell."

O-W, and Meteors Taste Defeat.

A defeat of 26 to 19 registered against the Meteors by the High School and by a score of 19 to 11 against the O-W, by the Comets were the results of the games played in the "Y" gymnasium last night. It is the unanimous opinion of the basketball fans that this league is one of the best ever conducted and is worthy of a much larger crowd. The scores show that the games were close. The standing of the league now is:

Teams	W.	L.	P.C.
High School	2	0	1.000
Comets	2	0	1.000
O-W	0	2	.000
Meteors	0	2	.000

Police Raid Chinatown.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—The police raided a Chinatown house, chopped down doors, and rescued Jung Oy, seventeen, a slave girl. Mrs. Donaldina Cameron of the Presbyterian Mission, led the raiders. The girl disappeared three months ago.

An experimental plant that obtains power from the ebb and flow of the North Sea tides has been built at Hamburg.

BONE DRY BILL IS REPORTED TO THE HOUSE

IT WILL BE MADE A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS MONDAY.

BOWMAN'S BILL IS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

House Memorializes Congress Urging Establishment of Naval Base at Astoria—Also Urges Improvement of Harbor at Crescent City—Lewis and Belland in a Tilt—Congress Asked to Pass Suffrage Amendment.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25.—(United Press)—The committee on alcoholic traffic reported the bone dry bill to the house. It was made a special order of business for Monday morning.

At 10:30 o'clock the judiciary committee adversely reported on Bowman's bill prohibiting the circulation of initiative, referendum and recall petitions by hired agents. It was indefinitely postponed.

The house memorialized congress, urging the establishment of a naval base at Astoria. Representative Tichenor protested, advocating Port Orford. Representative Peck urged Coos Bay. Representatives Lewis and Stott opposed "continually memorializing congress."

Mr. Lewis said it cost the house \$810 for daily operating expenses. He charged that the time was wasted.

Mr. Belland replied, asserting that Lewis wasted much time talking.

After a bitter debate the house memorialized congress to appropriate \$300,000 to improve the harbor at Crescent City, California.

The Rogue river delegation argued the improvement would benefit their district.

The house adopted a resolution providing for a joint committee to discuss the Columbia river fishing laws with a Washington committee.

The house memorialized congress to urge the development of Oregon water resources.

The house asked congress to act immediately on the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment.

FIFTY KILLED IN A QUAKE BALI ISLAND

Amsterdam, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—An earthquake shook Bali Island, a Dutch possession in the Malay Archipelago. Fifty were killed and three hundred injured. Thousands of houses, factories and temples were destroyed.

Babe Unwelcome; Mother Acquitted

Paris, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—Josephine Barthelemy, aged twenty, was acquitted of the charge of killing her own baby. She told the jury she killed the child because it had a German father.

She pleaded a German soldier attacked her and that the baby was unwelcome. Her lawyer said: "Would you condemn a girl for stifling the life of a child whose father killed France's son, and violated France's daughters?"

Government re-established the custom of placing a cradle outside of townhalls where mothers leave unwelcome children, the government guaranteeing support.

Borah Is Against All Entangling Alliances

Washington, Jan. 25.—(United Press)—Senator Borah introduced a resolution warning the United States against "danger of becoming involved in entangling alliances with European nations." He asked the Senate to reaffirm the Monroe doctrine and principles. The resolution is aimed at President Wilson's speech.