

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE

URGES OPENING OF LAND TO RE-
TURNED SOLDIERS AS A
PATRIOTIC MOVE

ADDRESS EMPHASIZES DUTY
OF STATE TO SERVICE MEN

Goes Very Fully Into Oregon's Needs
in the Way of Reconstruction, and
Social and Industrial Development—
Recommends That State Constabulary
Be Established.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—Governor James Withycombe delivered his biennial message to the thirtieth Oregon legislative assembly yesterday afternoon. The governor's first thought at this time, expressed in his message, is for the care of returning soldiers. He says that Oregon has approximately 2,000,000 acres of private owned logged-off lands, which he advocates should be purchased, either by the government or by the state, to be divided into organized districts, improved and allotted in units to prospective settlers.

"These settlers should be required to make a reasonable initial payment, and to meet the unpaid balance on long-term installments, at a low rate of interest, following the amortization plan," he says.

Soldiers Come First.
Returning soldiers should be given preferential rights in contracts for public work, such as state highway work, the governor urges.

Pointing to the immense wealth of Oregon and tributary territory in natural resources, the governor declares that the situation demands a strong merchant marine "managed by Oregon men and manned by Oregonians." The chief executive urges the legislature to memorialize congress, asking for the construction of a large number of ships which may be chartered to men in coast states on terms which will enable them to compete successfully with any shippers in the world.

He deprecates the 6 per cent tax limitation, but says the financial situation in Oregon is not hopeless. As one big saving he recommends that all state aid for the industrial accident

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FLOUR PRICES TAKE DROP

NEW PRICE IN PORTLAND 15
\$11 PER BARREL, WHOLESALE

Trend Toward Lower Prices of Many
Commodities Seen. Butter May
go Higher.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—The first drop to occur in the price of flour since the government took over the output of the mills was noted here yesterday when the price went down twenty cents a barrel. The reduction was made voluntarily by the millers, who are no longer under restriction imposed by the government. The wholesale price of the flour, which is still made to conform to government standards, is now \$11 per barrel.

Millers say they will make a further reduction in the price of flour providing they can secure a reasonable market for the low grade stock which they must make along with the patent grade.

While bread may become cheaper following the reduction of flour prices, there is no such outlook for butter.

The striking hens have returned to work and production is increasing rapidly. This caused a wild break in the front street market prices during the day, some hens lots being sold at 40¢ to 50¢ a dozen.

While the price of eggs is still high, the outlook is for lower prices.

During the day there was a severe break in the price of live hogs in the stock yards, as well as count killed hogs and calves at the foot street. This means some lower prices to the consumer.

La Grande People Must Boil All Water

For two days the pumps have been running pumping water from the Grande Ronde river into the city water mains because of intakes at Beaver creek supply being plugged up with snow and ice and for the further reason, that the Beaver creek supply is near exhaustion.

This forces La Grande to look to the Grande Ronde river for a winter water supply, a condition that has been feared for some time. Two weeks ago at the city commissioners' meeting the analysis of the river water was read, which according to the State Board of Health, was not good and indicated the water is carrying considerable germs.

It is now incumbent upon every citizen to boil all drinking water. Do not let the children go to the water taps in the home for a drink but boil the water that every member of the family drinks.

At the schools all children should be admonished not to drink the water until arrangements can be made to sterilize it in some way.

The present very unpleasant and awkward condition brings up the chlorination plant which Fred Curry, when city manager, and Dr. Brown, as commissioner, have advocated for the past year. Its cost is between \$700 and \$1000 and with it installed the river water would be treated just as the water is treated to supply an army in the field giving positive protection against disease.

At a business men's luncheon many months ago Dr. Brown explained the necessity of such a plant and Mr. Curry, then city manager, told in frank and open language what was likely to overtake the city at any time, urging that the chlorination plant be put in for the safety of the people.

The very conditions which Mr. Curry mentioned have come and we are

BOLSHEVIKI THREATEN SWISS

SAY WILL SHOOT THIRTY SWISS
IN PETROGRAD FEBRUARY 1

Arrest of Thirty Bolsheviki by Swiss
Government Causes Threat to
Be Made.

GENEVA, Jan. 15.—The Bolsheviki government in Petrograd has telegraphed an ultimatum to the Swiss federal authorities that unless thirty Bolsheviki, who were arrested and imprisoned in the fortress of Savatan, in the canton of Valais, are released before February 1st, thirty Swiss citizens in Petrograd will be shot without trial. There is great indignation here over the situation.

The Bolsheviki movement seems to be spreading in the Rhine towns and in north Switzerland, where Madame Balanova, a Russian who recently was expelled, has returned secretly with several million rubles for the carrying out of Bolsheviki propaganda. The police are searching for her.

OREGON GOES WITH "DRYS"

STATE LEGISLATURE RATIFIES
DRY CLAUSE TODAY

Unanimous Vote Recorded for National
Prohibition Amendment—
Passed House Yesterday.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—The Oregon state legislature ratified the national prohibition amendment this afternoon by unanimous vote. The house passed it yesterday.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—The house of representatives has ratified the dry amendment by a vote of 53 to 3. Four members were absent. The senate is expected to take similar action today.

Utah Unanimous.
SALT LAKE, Jan. 15.—The senate has ratified the dry amendment. The house passed it yesterday by a unanimous vote.

Low Ratifies.
DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 16.—The senate ratified the dry amendment today by a vote of 12 to 9.

Utah Unanimous.
SALT LAKE, Jan. 15.—The senate has ratified the dry amendment. The house passed it yesterday by a unanimous vote.

GEN. KIKUZO OTANI



General Kikuzo Otani, who is commander in chief of the allied forces in Siberia.

WHERE IS THE COMMON SENSE?

The hour was 8:30 this morning.
On Fourth street school children were on their way to school.

At the intersection of Depot and Fourth there were at least twenty children within a distance of two hundred feet.

A small Buick car headed north on Fourth plowed its way through those children at not less than forty miles an hour with cutout open and on a pavement made slick by the falling sleet.

Pedestrians thought it was a hastened trip to the hospital and watched the car, expecting to see it turn west on Adams avenue toward the institution, but before reaching the corner it slowed down and turned into the business district.

"It's an outrage and a crime for a car to take that speed on streets where children are going to school," said one citizen who had stopped to witness the speed, "Where are the police?"

If the citizen had left off the last part of his remark and said "Where is the common sense of the driver of the car," he would have better covered the case. It would take a policeman on every block to stop such things as occurred this morning, for when a car is going so fast that it is impossible to read the license number it is going mighty fast. It is no wonder the children ran like a flock of sheep to safety.

DISTILLERS STILL HOPING

PLANNING TO FIGHT PROHIBITION
SWEEP

Will Appeal to States At Referendum
Elections, Which Are Necessary
in Fifteen Cases.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The distillers' committee recently named to fight national prohibition effected a permanent organization here Tuesday and announced the use on which an attack through the courts will be made.

The resolutions adopted stated that fifteen of the states which have already ratified the prohibition amendment or are about to do so have laws which require a referendum and provided that legal steps should be taken to compel reference of the amendment in these states to the people.

DR. CARL LIEBKNECHT
IS SEVERELY WOUNDED

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Dr. Carl Liebknecht, one of the Spartacist leaders, was wounded severely in the fighting in Berlin, according to an exchange Telegram dispatch from Amsterdam. The report gives no details.

Last week it was reported that Dr. Liebknecht had been killed, but later reports from Berlin direct showed this to be untrue.

BEATHE FOR...
Probably soon.

High Winds Wreck Joseph High School-- Other Damage Done

MOLASSES EXPLOSION KILLS 30

THIRTY DEAD AND FIFTY IN-
JURED IN BOSTON CATA-
STROPHE TODAY.

BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED
AND ELEVATORS CAVED IN

Two-Million-Gallon Tank of Molasses
Blows Up at Noon Today—Work-
men Caught By Flying Timbers and
Molasses—Soldiers and Sailors
Rush to the Rescue.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Thirty persons were killed and fifty injured when a huge molasses tank, one hundred feet high and about seventy feet in diameter, exploded on Atlantic avenue here today. Three near-by buildings were completely demolished and elevators were caved in by the force of the explosion. The North end pier was pushed into the harbor.

Thousands of tons of molasses were thrown into the air and a pall of smoke clouded the harbor. The workmen who were eating their lunch at the time of the explosion were stunned by the roar and thrown to the ground, and covered by molasses and timbers. The victims were terribly injured, their chests being crushed in, many bones broken and bodies twisted by the falling timbers.

Fifteen doctors were rushed to the scene to aid in taking care of the wounded. Crews of two relief ships were rushed from the yard across the harbor to render aid.

Buildings were lifted from the ground and automobiles were flung around like chaff. Molasses covered everything within a few minutes.

The crew of the steamship Nantuxet, which was tied at the north end pier, threw a guard around the district. A company of United States guards arrived later and helped the sailors keep back the crowds with bayonets drawn. Sailors and soldiers waded into the molasses and timbers to rescue the wounded and take out the dead, who were buried under falling debris. Ambulances carried the wounded to the relief hospitals.

The tank was said to contain over two million gallons of molasses and was owned by the Puritan Molasses company.

Y. M. C. A. MEN UNDER ARREST

THREE HELD IN PARIS ON A
CHARGE OF DEFALCATION

Total Amounts Alleged Taken From
Funds of Association Is
About \$25,940.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—It became known Tuesday that three Young Men's Christian association workers are under arrest in Paris, charged with defalcation of funds of the association.

The men are George Schaefer, former secretary of the chamber of commerce of Rochester, N. Y.; the Rev. R. Arthur of Eagle Pass, Tex., and a man named Mansfield, who to have been a former secretary of the sailors' union of New York City.

The total amount alleged to have been misappropriated approximately \$25,940, most of which has been recovered.

POLICE CATCH BOOTLEGGERS

TWO MEN AND YOUNG WOMAN
ARRESTED AT BAKER

Police Give Chase in Motor Car—
One of Trio Shot When He Tried
to Escape—Girl Was Driving

BAKER, Jan. 15.—Sheriff R. P. Richland for Baker, about noon and Anderson, District Attorney W. S. Levens, Chief of Police Culbertson and Officer Buck Adkins Monday afternoon arrested John Caviness, George Bloom and Betty Peebler on the charge of bootlegging.

Chief Culbertson, it is stated, discovered that the trio were leaving the officers mentioned went out on the Richland road and lay in wait for this party near the Sunnyslope school.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock the car which they had been watching for made its appearance. The order was given to halt, but it was ignored and more speed put on. George Bloom jumped from the car and started to run but was shot through the ankle by one of the officers.

Sheriff Anderson and Attorney Levens were pursuing in the latter's car, while Chief Culbertson and Officer Adkins were on the police motorcycle. After a chase of about a mile the car was overtaken and although there had been an endeavor to dispose of the whiskey, there was enough left for evidence. George Bloom is now in the hospital, while the remaining two are in the county jail.

Betty Peebler claims that she went merely for the ride and knew of no other purpose. She was formerly a waitress at the Senate cafe.

Caviness is one of the proprietors of the Caviness & Kelly Taxi Cab service and George Bloom has been employed there as a taxi driver.

At the hearing today Caviness and Miss Peebler waived preliminary examination. The bail of Caviness was fixed at \$1,000 and that of Miss Peebler at \$250. At a late hour this afternoon neither had furnished bonds for their release.

BALLOON CREW DESERTS SHIP

FOUR MEN JUMP INTO SEA TO
SAVE THEMSELVES.

Disabled Balloon Was Drifting Ocean-
ward—Crew Picked up by a
Seaplane.

CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 15.—Four men from the naval aviation camp here saved themselves from being carried out to sea in a disabled "Blimp" balloon today by jumping into the water a short distance off shore. They were rescued by a seaplane. Lieutenant Walter H. Griffin was slightly injured.

Officers said seaplanes would endeavor to shoot the blimp down.

MAJ.-GEN. WOOD IS TRANSFERRED

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Major-General Leonard Wood has received official word of his transfer to the central department, with headquarters at Chicago.

1699 MEN HOME With War Veterans

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The U. S. steamer cruiser S. Louis arrived here today from Brest, France, with 1699 war veterans and 1655 men.

The men on board were trained at Camp Lewis, Washington, and are entirely northwestern men.

JOSEPH, Jan. 15.—(Special)—

With the high school building blown into two sections, one of which was destroyed, plate glass of all the stores wrecked, small buildings laid waste and some of them flat on the ground, the town of Joseph this morning very much resembles "No Man's Land" after an artillery bombardment.

Departing from the unusual calm of the mountain section yesterday a fierce windstorm broke over the city reaching a climax last night when the straight wind assumed such volume that buildings were parted and torn away from their foundations.

For the second time in four years the \$30,000 high school building suffered damage. This time it is half wrecked and will not be of use until extensive construction and repairs are made.

Windows in all parts of town were blown out and in the business section plate glass was shattered in almost every store. The McCully Mercantile Co. store has not a plate glass left in the building.

Small buildings lie in heaps of debris on different streets and the path of the windstorm is easily traced by the wreckage.

The happy feature of the whole storm is that not a life was lost and no person suffered an injury.

Joseph people are just beginning today to realize what has happened and work will be started immediately to rebuild and repair the damage done.

Poles Down at Union.

UNION, Jan. 15.—Some telephone poles and a few wires were blown down by a high wind storm here last night. Linemen are at work this morning repairing the damage. No damage to buildings or injury to persons has been reported.

High Winds at Summerville

SUMMERVILLE, Jan. 15.—A severe wind storm was experienced here last night, but no news of any damage done has been heard this morning.

Elgin Reports Little Damage

ELGIN, Jan. 15.—An exceptionally high wind raged over this town for several hours last night and citizens ventured out this morning with many misgivings as to the condition of public buildings. It was noted with relief, however, that no damage of any consequence was done. Telephone trouble men went out this morning to look for possible breaks in their lines.

North Powder Escapes

NORTH POWDER, Jan. 15.—While a wind storm of unusual violence visited this section last night, it cannot be determined this morning that any damage was caused by it. Telephone wires are all up and all connections good.

EXPECT MANY COMING TO U. S.

750,000 AUSTRIANS PLANNING TO
EMIGRATE, REPORTED.

Italian and Austrian War Prisoners
Want to Make Home Where
Democracy Thrives.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Thousands of Italian and Austrian war prisoners are planning to come to America as soon as possible, John B. Denmore, director of the federal employment service, told the house immigration committee Tuesday, at the beginning of hearings on bills to prohibit immigration.

A Red Cross worker who visited the prison camps informed him, Mr. Denmore said, that 750,000 Austrians were in Italy, most of whom expected to "drift to the United States" as fast as they can, along with thousands of Italian prisoners in Russia.

Discussing industrial and employment conditions, he said that up to this time the demand for labor was about equal to the supply and that the change from a war to a peace basis had resulted in little labor disturbance and a minimum of unemployment.