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## STATE IS READY FOR RED MENACE

### CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM AND SABOTAGE BILL PASSED BY SENATE

### SENATOR PIERCE ALONE IN OPPOSITION TO BILL

Immediate Action Against Bolshevism,  
Which Now Threatens the Nation,  
Is Urged by Author of Measure.  
Senator Dimick—Is Not Opposed to  
Organized Labor.

SALEM, Jan. 17.—Senator Dimick's bill defining criminal syndicalism and sabotage was passed by the senate yesterday by a vote of 29 to 1. This is the first bill to be passed by the upper house at this session of the legislature.

The one vote against the bill was that of Senator Pierce of Union and Wallawa counties. Pierce voiced the opinion that passing such a bill would only serve as a taunt to labor agitators and would not increase the menace of Bolshevism. He sought to have the bill postponed and said:

"There is cause of this Bolshevism, this turmoil which is spreading over the world, and perhaps society must reorganize itself. Perhaps the industrial world must reorganize so every man can earn a living for himself and his family.

"This bill may only add fuel to the flames, and instead, let us attempt to remove the cause and not wave a red flag in the face of those who are protesting against existing conditions."

Senators Dimick, Eddy and Moser spoke in vigorous warning that something must be done to meet the menace of Bolshevism which is spreading over the world.

"This bill, under the circumstances, is one of the prime needs of the day," declared Senator Dimick. "I have been told by Mayor Baker of Portland that 135 returned soldiers and sailors in Portland have enlisted in this cause. I have been told that a large sum has been raised in Seattle for use in enlisting soldiers in Bolshevism. It is their intention to destroy, to tear down. They have no desire to build up. Reading of the daily papers shows this thing is moving westward. You have to look the matter straight in the face. The issue is here."

Continuing, Senator Dimick said the bill would affect no honest persons, nor any body of honest, organized labor. He thought organized labor would support it, because organized labor represents Americanism, and the bill is intended to preserve Americanism.

Senator Eddy called attention to the fact that there is no crime in Oregon, except that which is defined by statute, and there are no statutes to meet the acts covered by the bill in question. He denied that the bill would affect organized labor and spoke a tribute to the working man of the nation.

## RUSS SITUATION TO BE HANDLED

### PEACE CONFERENCE WILL SOON HAVE FORMAL MEETING.

President Poincare's Speech to Be Formal—Press Representatives to Be Present at Guests.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The Russian situation involving an immediate decision will be taken up by the inter-allied council. It is understood that the peace conference will have a formal meeting with all envoys present. President Poincare's speech will be formal and newspaper correspondents will be present as guests.

## BASKETBALL GAMB TONIGHT

The first basketball game of the season will be played in the high school gymnasium tonight at 8 o'clock, when the school team will meet the Alumni. Admission will be free and all who wish to see the game are welcome.

## Water Pressure Hits Low Mark Throughout the City

Due to the idle pumps last night water pressure reached a low point this morning when home owners on the hills of South and West La Grande did not have sufficient pressure to guarantee safety for the kitchen range boilers.

Many breakfasts were eaten today that had been prepared on the heat-stoves of the homes, and those who did use their ranges suffered anxiety lest the lack of water would cause damage to the coils or explode the tank.

"The plan yesterday was to pump water into the main from the Grande Ronde river and at nightfall the pressure registered close to eighty pounds.

Pumps were then disconnected for the night and the use of water through the city sent the pressure down to twenty pounds this morning. Had misfortune overtaken the city and a fire broken out early today there would have been nothing to do but watch the blaze until pumps could have been attached and the mains filled from the river.

The pumps are working again today and the pressure since noon has been kept up.

Too oft repeating the necessity of boiling water at this time cannot be done. Tell your friends and neighbors that water must be boiled before it is used for drinking purposes. Take no chances.

## STEEL SHIPS FOR PACIFIC

### LOS ANGELES TO GET TWO NEW MERCHANT VESSELS

### U. S. Shipping Board Makes Assign- ment on Condition Full Cargoes Are Guaranteed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The United States shipping board has assigned two merchant steel ships, ranging from 7000 to 9000 tons to the port of Los Angeles, it was announced yesterday by Representative Henry S. Osborne of California.

The ships are to be turned over to the Los Angeles and Pacific Navigation company in March, provided that Los Angeles guarantees full cargoes and prompt loading facilities for both vessels. The assignment was ordered with these conditions specified by J. P. Rossiter, director of the division of operations of the shipping board, following a conference with United States Senator James D. Phelan of California, Representatives Osborne and M. De Brabant, William Garland and Willis Booth, representing the Los Angeles chamber of commerce and the Los Angeles and Pacific Navigation company.

"The final details are being gone through now," Osborne said.

## NEARLY HALF OF TROOPS TAKEN OVER IN U. S. SHIPS

PARIS, Jan. 17.—American ships transported 46.25 per cent of the 2,079,000 American troops sent overseas, according to official figures given out. British ships carried 48.25 per cent; Italian ships leased to British, 3 per cent, and ships of other nations, 2.50 per cent.

The American navy escorted ships carrying 82.75 per cent of all the troops.

## WISCONSIN ON THE DRY SIDE

### STATE OF BIG BREWERIES RAT- IFIES AMENDMENT

Legislature Records vote of 58 to 30 for Measure Is 37th State to Ratify.

MADISON, Wisconsin, Jan. 17.—Wisconsin ratified the prohibition amendment today by a vote of 58 to 30. Who and what will make Milwaukee famous now is left to the future statesmen to determine, as for the past half century the beer made in the Wisconsin city has been known throughout the country.

## PRISON INQUIRY ASKED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—The first move in the promised penitentiary inquiry was made in the house yesterday afternoon, when Representative Hughes of Marion county secured the adoption of a motion that the speaker appoint a committee of seven members to investigate the physical conditions of the penitentiary buildings. He laid stress, however, upon the point that the committee was to go no further than to investigate the conditions of the buildings themselves.

## SECRETARY SELECTED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—The joint committee on consolidation yesterday afternoon appointed Lily Stipp of Oregon City as secretary and J. F. Campbell of Clatsop county as secretary.

## GERMANS DELIVER MONSTER DIVER

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The German submarine U-129 has arrived at Brest a fortnight later than other U-boats turned over to France. The delay was due to the damaged condition on the diver.

The U-129 is the world's largest submarine, being 354 feet long and having a displacement of 2900 tons. She made only one cruise before the armistice was signed.

## Zone Regulations Go Off but Price Fixing of Fuel Will Be Decided Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Zone regulations of all coke and coal, except Pennsylvania anthracite, will be suspended until February 15th, the fuel administration announced today. Price regulations, including both wholesalers and retailers, will be decided upon.

## DUTCH UPRISING IMMINENT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17.—In view of rumors of the impending outbreak of a revolution in Holland, the Het Volk says military guards have been placed before the Town Hall and telegraph office at Leyden, which is about midway between Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

## STATE PASSES RELIEF BILL

### \$100,000 APPROPRIATION FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

### Bill Passes Both Houses in Record Time—Creates Commission to Handle Fund.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 17.—Putting through its first bill in record time, the Oregon Legislature yesterday created a Soldiers' and Sailors' Commission for the relief of men returning from the service, appropriating the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose. All this was achieved before the time of convening in the morning and adjourning in the evening. The governor affixed his signature to the bill shortly after 5 o'clock.

The personal of the commission who will have charge of the application of the fund is as follows:

William B. Ayer, chairman; John Burzard, Harry Anderson, James A. Cranston and Judge John Stevenson, all of Portland.

In its passage through both houses the message met with but one dissenting vote, that of Senator Woolf, of Washington county.

As it passed the house in the morning the bill carried provision for an appropriation of \$25,000, but this was pruned to \$100,000 by the separate ways and means committee on the ground that such a sum would be sufficient to cope with present emergencies, and that if more is needed it will be provided before the legislature adjourns.

The commission created under the bill is given power to give such relief to returning soldiers and sailors who are out of employment, as is deemed advisable under the circumstances of each case.

If it is understood that the general intent of the bill is to furnish money to such needy men in the nature of a loan, which will rest upon them as a moral obligation. It is admitted that such of the money may never be repaid, but no provision has been made in the bill for recovering such amounts by legal action.

The bill was read a second time immediately, owing to the fact that an emergency is considered at the present time, the commission will file its report monthly with the secretary of the state.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Jan. 17.—Fair.

## MAJ. GEN. J. W. CARTER



Maj. Gen. J. W. Carter, who made a fine record as head of the militia division in the war department, is soon to be assigned to a division in France.

## Mexican Leaders Planning to Overthrow Carranza

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 17.—Declared with funds and openly declaring his purpose, General Blanquette, recognized as a leader in Mexican affairs, sailed yesterday morning from Key West for a Mexican port and will meet Felix Diaz at sea for a conference, which has as its object the formation of a new military effort designed to place the Cientifico party in power, overthrow Carranza and seat Francisco de la Barra as president, according to Mexican political exiles, adherents of the Cientifico party, now resident in Jacksonville.

Villa and Zapata have signified their willingness to cast their lots with the new revolution and each will be given the governorship of one of the northern states of Mexico in payment of the political debt.

General Blanquette, since the signing of the armistice, has been busy in the east arranging for the supply of funds of which he is now in possession, and for a plentiful store of ammunition which the Cientifico party has secured and which has been landed in Mexico. He declared that the Mexican federal government is practically without ammunition and that on account of Carranza's alleged pro-German attitude, American interests have decided to refuse the sale of munitions to the present head of the federal government or his agents.

This leaves the federal army, numbering about 12,000, according to the Mexican general, practically without ammunition. Villa and Zapata are also without ammunition, though they are plentifully supplied with arms, he declared, and their forces are waiting word from himself and General Diaz to combine against the Carranzistas, who, he said, have been thrown around Mexico City.

Openly declaring his purpose, Blanquette made statements which he allowed to be accepted, as indicating that at least tacit approval of the United States government and allied governments had been given the new effort.

"Carranza has been pro-German in all his policies and has made every possible effort to make Mexico pro-German, heart and soul," he said. "The Cientifico party now has the opportunity to overthrow him. Mexico is anxious to be on friendly terms with the United States, Great Britain, France and other allied nations, and we expect some aid from these sources though it is not best to say just what assistance I am looking for."

Felix Diaz has assembled five gunboats, all of antiquated type, which the new movement proposed to use against one of the Gulf ports of Mexico, if necessary, to effect an entrance though Blanquette declared resistance was not expected.

The Cientifico party is anxious for foreign capital to come into Mexico and will assure such interests every protection once Carranza is overthrown. Blanquette said consolidation of Cientifico forces is to start immediately upon the arrival of Diaz and himself in Mexico. Diaz has a large number of loyal troops in the state of Sonora which has been pro-Diaz for many years and Blanquette also has a large personal following.

"The funds have been supplied and there is sufficient money available from the same source," said Blanquette, "to assure a successful effort. The overthrow of Carranza and his government is certain in March and then Mexico will open again to her political exiles and to foreigners, except Germans, who will not be welcomed, as they have proved themselves Mexico's enemies."

## TRANSPORTS WITH OFFICERS AND MANY MEN HAVE LEFT FRANCE FOR THIS COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Transportation, carrying 400 officers and men from the American Expeditionary Forces have sailed from France for the United States.

## DIVORCE REGULATION SOUGHT

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—The circuit court of Clackamas county has been washing dirty linen for Multnomah county in divorce matters long enough says Representative Harvey Cross of Oregon City, who introduced a bill in the house yesterday providing that a plaintiff in a divorce suit must reside in the county where the suit is filed for at least six months before proceedings are started.

"Four hundred and fifty divorce cases in a year, with the great majority of them from Multnomah county, have given Oregon City a national reputation as a mecca for prospective divorcees," said Mr. Cross. "The condition is all wrong and my bill will rectify it, if passed."

## BERLIN SEES END OF TURMOIL

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg is probably the end of the Spartacist rebellion. Other leaders may try a revival, but Berlin is occupied by 40,000 troops and machine guns are placed at all intersections. Every bridge is held by troops and the postoffice where this message was sent, is guarded by machine guns.

## Chlorine Plant Is Bought By the City

City Manager Collier announced today that a chlorine plant had been purchased from the California Jewel Filter company, and according to telegraphic advices from the company, it would be installed by a Grande by next Wednesday. In the meantime the manager asks everyone to boil water until the plant is in working order. This is the same type of plant used by military service and they are also used in many cities. It is the same plant that was contemplated some time ago.

## LABOR MUST BE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT

### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LA- BOR ISSUES A WARNING— SITUATION GRAVE

### KENYON WOULD CALL ON GOVERNORS TO ASSEMBLE

Broad Lines All Over the Country to Come Unless Congress Acts Quickly Is Federation Belief—Chairman Kenyon Calls for Public Places to Furnish Employment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Warning from the American Federation of Labor says that there will be broad lines all over this country unless congress takes immediate action on the labor question.

Chairman Kenyon of the committee on education and labor, has made a recommendation that a conference of the governors from the forty-eight states be called by the department of labor and urge upon them the necessity for having state assemblies and for establishing public places to furnish employment.

## MISSING WILL IS NOW DEMANDED

### MAN KILLED BY COMMON LAW WIFE MAY HAVE NO WILL

Search is Being Made With the Belief That Document Exists.

MINEOLA, Long Island, Jan. 17.—Search for any will left by Jacques Lebaudy, who was shot and killed by his common law wife at their Westbury home, held the interest here today. The coroner's jury investigation of the tragedy will be resumed Tuesday. It is estimated by the counsel for Mrs. Lebaudy that the estate valued at from two to twelve million dollars and that the will will go through the courts.

## WILD BEES USED IN WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Swarms of wild bees were used by German troops when they sought to prevent the landing of British troops at Tanga, German East Africa, making possible the effective use of machine guns, according to R. M. Ewart, superintendent of the British East African police, who arrived here yesterday enroute to London.

The German troops, Ewart said, instructed natives to collect millions of wild African bees in wooden hives. These hives were kept in readiness, and when the British troops landed the bees were released.

"The angry insects swarmed about the men and horses," Ewart said, "and while the men were fighting them off, many of them suffering intensely from scores of stings, the Germans turned loose with machine guns inflicting heavy casualties."

## ENLISTMENT BILL IS UP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill today to authorize the resumption of voluntary enlistments in the regular army.

Another bill introduced by the Senator authorizes the purchase of land for a National cemetery in France.

## Police Stop Seattle Parade

Workers Hold Mass Meetings and Condemn Police—No Acts of Violence Committed.

## COAST IN GRIP OF SEVERE GALE

### HARDEST WIND OF THE SEASON IS REPORTED

Gale Travels at Eighty Miles an Hour—All Shipping Tied Up, but No Losses Known of.

ASTORIA, Jan. 17.—The southerly gale which struck this section about 3 o'clock yesterday morning was the severest of the season thus far. The wind attained a rate of about 80 miles an hour at the mouth of the river. Practically all shipping was at a stand still all day and the shipyards closed for the day.

No damage at sea has been reported and, aside from the blowing down of signs and breaking of a few windows, there was little damage in the city. At Columbia Beach station the train shed was wrecked and at various places trees were blown down, blocking the highways.

## ANNAPOLIS HAS FIRE LOSS OF \$135,000 EARLY THIS MORNING

ANAPOLIS, Maryland, Jan. 17.—Fire early today destroyed the Colonial theatre and three other buildings, causing a loss of \$135,000. Several other buildings including the Masonic Temple were damaged.

## NORTH POWDER AGAIN AFFLICTED

### THIRD WAVE OF THE INFLU- ENZA HITS VALLEY TOWN

Appeal Made to La Grande today for Nurses to Care for the New Cases.

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Jan. 17.—(Special)—For the third time influenza has overtaken this community and several new cases appeared today, some in more or less violent form. Pneumonia accompanied the epidemic in some cases and today the Red Cross branch wired La Grande chapter to please furnish nurses if possible. The response was that nurses would be sent to this city this evening and it is believed the new wave of the disease will soon be put under control.

## COMMITTEEN NAMED

SALEM, Jan. 17.—Speaker Jones appointed the house committee of the committee on reconstruction and consolidation as follows:

Consolidation—Richardson, chairman; Graham (Washington), Cross, Reconstruction—Sheldon, chairman; Burdick, Smith (Clatsop), Dedman and Horne.

Members of the reconstruction committee expert to meet in Portland tomorrow night with the committee of one hundred there.

## FOCH ARRIVES AT TREVES

PARIS, Jan. 17.—Marshal Foch, the allied commander in chief, arrived in Treves Wednesday morning for the meeting with German armistice delegates for discussion of the extension of the armistice. The marshal received Matthias Erzberger and General Von Winterfeldt, German representatives, in his private car.