

HOOVER IS SEVERELY CRITICISED

SENATOR PENROSE MAKES A SHARP ATTACK ON FOOD ADMINISTRATOR.

NOTICE SERVED ON HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

Pennsylvania Senator Denounces Hoover for Political Activities—Lewis Declares Passage of Bill Necessary to Support President in Work at Peace Conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—"I object to having this money expended by an irresponsible non-resident who may never return to this country and who is not subject to a congressional subpoena."

In the foregoing words Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, in the Senate this afternoon sharply attacked Herbert Hoover, Food Commissioner for Europe.

Senator Penrose was speaking in support of his amendments to the \$100,000 Relief Bill, providing for the placing of the administration of the fund in the hands of a commission of three instead of in the hands of one man as heretofore.

Notice was served by Senator Penrose that after March 31st, when the Republicans come into control of Congress, subpoenas will be issued for the heads of several government departments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Debate on the administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for food relief in Europe and the near east, covered a wide range in the senate Monday and again prevented a final vote on the measure.

Passage of the bill is conceded by both advocates and opponents and Democratic leaders were hopeful Monday night that this would be accomplished before adjournment Tuesday.

Attack on the bill and the administration of the relief fund by Herbert C. Hoover, was led by Senators Penrose, Pennsylvania, and Sherman of Illinois, both Republicans, while Senators Martin of Virginia, the Democratic leader, and Lewis of Illinois, the speaker in support of it.

Hoover Insults Republicans

Senator Penrose said Mr. Hoover "had insulted every Republican citizen" by advising the American people to support the Democratic party in the last congressional campaign and that he would offer an amendment to the bill requiring that the fund be administered by a commission named by the president "with the advice and consent of the senate."

The Pennsylvania senator offered an amendment requiring that the relief fund be used to purchase supplies in the United States. Senator Martin criticizes this proposal as a profiteering stipulation on a charitable fund, and Mr. Penrose finally modified it to read that wheat to be given free to the people of Europe should be purchased in this country as far as possible. The amendment then was adopted.

Another amendment offered by Senator Ashurst of Arizona, Democrat, would give every soldier, sailor and marine a bonus of six months' pay and his uniform upon his discharge, but his amendment was defeated.

Defeat Would Embarrass Wilson

Senator Lewis urged passage of the bill as necessary to sustain President Wilson in his work at the peace conference. Defeat of the measure, he declared, would "dishonor" the president and embarrass him in future negotiations at Paris. He also charged that senators who are prejudiced against Mr. Hoover were injecting questions foreign to the bill and thus complicating its passage.

EXPECT STRIKE WILL END SOON

THE RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION PROMISES WAGE ADVANCES

Normal Service on Sumpter Valley Line Likely to Be Resumed at Early Date.

SALEM, Jan. 21.—Early settlement of the Sumpter Valley Railway strike seemed assured last night when a telegram from Washington was received by the Oregon Public Service Commission to the effect that the Railway Administration had promised wage advances which would aggregate from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and which the Commission felt sure would be sufficient to cover the difference in the wages being sought by the men and their old scale.

ARMY WILL COMPRISE 500,000 NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—American forces at home and overseas will be reduced to less than 500,000 before July 1, 1920, General Lord stated to the house military affairs committee this afternoon when asked to explain how he arrived at his estimate of money needed for the ensuing year.

ITALIAN FORCES CAUSE TROUBLE

CLASHES OCCUR IN OCCUPIED BALKAN TERRITORY.

Peoples of Peninsula are in State of Great Unrest—Feeling Against Italy is High.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—An official dispatch Monday from Belgrade to the Serbian press bureau here said popular feeling against the Italian army grows every hour in the Serb, Croat and Slovene regions occupied by the Italian forces, and that open clashes occur daily.

"From all occupied towns and villages," said the dispatch, "desperate appeals to the allied powers are coming, asking for support and protection. Numerous hostile acts of the Italian army against the Slav population are reported. Serb and Croat newspapers are advising the people to wait in patience the just decision of the allied authorities, but the situation in the meantime is very dangerous for the preservation of peace."

Another dispatch, from Cetinje, Montenegro, under date of January 15, says occupation by Italian troops of the Montenegrin towns and ports of Antivari, Dubicigno and Virbazari, and the River Boyana to Scutari has produced a painful impression in Montenegro, and that "grave consequences" are feared, as the Italian military authorities have started in "energetic propaganda" in favor of King Nicholas, who recently was deposed by a Montenegrin national assembly, which voted to join the country with the new Jugo-Slav nation, under the leadership of Serbia.

MAY JOIN ARMY VOLUNTARILY

ACTION TAKEN AT WASHINGTON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Senate Repeals Sections of Draft Act Which Prevented Voluntary Enlistment of Men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The sections of the draft act prohibiting voluntary enlistments in the army were repealed by the senate yesterday afternoon.

The senate also unanimously approved a measure granting enlistment of the army, navy and marine corps their uniforms and personal equipment, following their discharge, after adopting amendments giving the men 30 days' pay and five cents a mile for transportation to their homes or places of employment.

STATE POLICE BILL WILL BE OPPOSED

SALEM, Jan. 21.—On the grounds that it would cause an unwarranted expenditure of money strong opposition is expected to develop in the senate against the passage of Senator Orton's bill creating a department of state police, according to present indications.

The bill calls for the appropriation of \$60,000, or as much of that amount as appears to be necessary, to put the department in operation. Further, it calls for a superintendent at a salary of \$3000 a year; a deputy superintendent, whose salary would be \$2400 a year, and twelve officers at \$1500 a year each, a total of \$23,400 a year in salaries.

One of the purposes set forth in the bill is that of enforcing the prohibition law. Against the measure will be made the argument that since nationwide prohibition will soon be established the necessity of a state police organization will be cut down to a large extent.

LOYAL PARTY LEADS AT POLLS

BERLIN REPORTS 344,000 VOTES COUNTED THIS MORNING.

Democrats Elected in Wurttemberg—Small Vote Recorded in Schleswig-Holstein.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—Three hundred and forty-four thousand of the votes cast in this city yesterday in the elections to the national assembly had been counted at 6 o'clock this morning. These were divided as follows: Loyal Socialists, 140,000; Independent Socialists, 104,000; Non-Socialists, 100,000.

No gains for the Independents and Socialists were reported in Wurttemberg. Four Democratic candidates were elected there.

But slight interest in the elections was shown in Schleswig-Holstein, and the vote in that province was small.

ONE WOMAN AT PEACE TABLE

POLISH DELEGATE OCCUPIES A UNIQUE POSITION.

Appeal Issued to the Police in the United States to Provide Food for Compatriots.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Sophie Helakowska, a Pole, will have the honor of being the only woman delegate commissioned to represent her country at the peace conference. The Polish committee of which she is a member, has already arrived in Paris, according to information from that city.

Count Sobanski, a member of the Polish committee, in London, has issued an appeal to the Poles in the United States to contribute clothing, food and other necessities to Poland.

The allied aid being extended to Poland may be summarized as follows: Marshal Foch has ordered Rumanian troops to Lemberg. A food commission appointed by Herbert Hoover has left Gnesco for Warsaw to investigate its needs. A committee from Holland, headed by M. Jansen, is now in Paris advising regarding the Poles' needs in food, clothing, medicines and shoes.

A political mission, headed by Prof. Coedige, an American, and Arthur Schilling, is working in Poland to help restore the country. Evidence is growing of internal unity in Poland.

O. W. EMPLOYEES BAND RECEIVES BASS HORN

The O. W. employees band has just received a \$200 Mammox Bass horn from the Oberling Locomotive company. This is one of the largest bass horns made and was ordered for E. R. Parker. His goal is to have the band want nothing but the best.

WILSON NOT TO LEAVE TABLE

REPORTS THAT HE WOULD RESIGN ARE UNFOUNDED

Erroneous Rumor Named Root or Taft as His Successor at Peace Conference.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Reports that President Wilson will name Elihu Root or former President Taft as his successor at the peace table is erroneous. The President's plans are dependent on the progress of the convention, and he will remain until the return of the George Washington from the United States. Wilson is devoting all time possible to the conference in hopes of getting the entire program shaped before he leaves in order that it will not be necessary to name other delegates.

BULGAR TROOPS PLUNDER GREEKS

SALONIKI, Sunday, Jan. 19.—Bulgarian soldiers continue plundering dwellings and shops of Greeks at Demotice, Rumelia, says a dispatch. It is reported that soldiers who are participating in the work declare they are acting in obedience to orders from their superiors.

JURISTS DROP MOONEY CASE

INVESTIGATION BY GRAND JURY IS DISCONTINUED

Department of Labor Refuses to Allow Denmore to Appear Before It for Examination.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—It was announced here yesterday by the grand jury which had been investigating the charges of irregularity in the prosecution of Thomas J. Mooney and other allied cases, had discontinued its investigations. The jury had requested that John B. Denmore, who filed the charges of irregularity with the department of labor, be allowed to appear before it. The department of labor refused the request.

CARDINAL MERCIER MAY BE DELEGATE

PARIS, Jan. 21.—One of the Italian delegates at the peace conference may be replaced by Cardinal Mercier, it is rumored here today. Cardinal Mercier was one of the most heroic figures of the war. He was in Belgium when war broke out and he labored among the people of that stricken country during the four long years of their oppression and suffering.

Openly defying German military authority, he did as much as was in his power to alleviate the hardships of the Belgians.

WIPING OUT POLISH NOBLES

RUSSIAN REDS WAGING MURDEROUS WARFARE.

Whole Families of Poland's Nobility Said to Have Been Killed by Russian Bolsheviks.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Bolsheviks in Russia are waging warfare against the nobles in Poland, and in some places entire families of the nobility have been wiped out. This is the statement of a peasant from Poland who is reported by dressing himself in a peasant woman's costume. The priest was arrested by the Bolsheviks and demanded 200 rubles in ransom for him. The money was paid and he was re-arrested, but was freed by his friends.

Flu Regulations Cease to Operate in La Grande Wednesday Morning

MEN OF 91ST ARE NEAR HOME

PASSED THROUGH ST. PAUL YESTERDAY

Division Composed of Northwestern Men Expected at Camp Lewis on Thursday.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21.—Four troop trains carrying the 346th field artillery of the Ninety-first division, composed largely of Washington, Oregon and California men, passed through here early yesterday. They were going to Camp Lewis to be discharged. The men sailed from West January 2, arriving in New York January 16, left there January 17, and if all goes well will arrive at Camp Lewis January 23.

The men of the 346th proper did not get into the front trenches because of lack of equipment, though many of them have been in the service since September, 1917. They trained in this country until last July, when they went abroad.

With the troop trains today were two or three coaches of casualties, many of these bearing the marks of battles. These casualties were not abundantly supplied with rations, while the men in the 140th were quite liberally supplied in that direction, and they gladly shared their "feed" with their trainmates.

CHINA-JAPAN WANT KIAOCHOW

NATIONS PRESENT CONFLICTING CLAIMS AT CONGRESS

Diplomatic Advice State Both Want Territory and Town Formerly Occupied by Germany.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The re-possession of Kiao Chow and the port of Tain Tau will be among the claims of China at the peace conference, according to highly authoritative diplomatic advice received here yesterday afternoon. This is the first intimation of what the claims of China will be at the peace table and discloses that the request may cause a controversy at the peace conference, for this territory and port will also be claimed by Japan.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT McMINNVILLE

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Frank Meade, Mr. and Mrs. Meade lived in La Grande some fifteen years ago and were very prominent in social and business circles.

THREE DIVISIONS READY TO RETURN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Twenty-seventh, Thirtieth and Thirty-seventh divisions, including all organizations of these divisions, are released from duty and ordered to prepare for immediate embarkation to the United States. It was announced today by the state department. The Twenty-seventh includes the Ninety-first regiment composed of men from the Northwestern states.

THE WEATHER

Jan. 20.—Rain tonight and Tuesday.

With the exception of dance halls, all places of business, and all churches, lodges and other public and private gatherings, may resume their normal and usual activities tomorrow morning. This was the word given out last night by Dr. Bacon, the city physician, in whose hands the matter of closing was placed by the city commission. Dr. Bacon stated to The Observer that the conditions are good in the city now, only a few cases of the influenza remaining under quarantine, and only one new case having been reported for several days.

ADJOURN CASE TILL TOMORROW

MOTION OF DISMISSAL IS OVERRULED BY COURT

Defense Asks for Adjournment Until Tuesday to Have Chance to Introduce Evidence.

The case of the city vs. Mae Wood was heard in police court this morning at 9:30 before Judge Eakin, but was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Chief of Police Rayburn was the only witness for the prosecution. He stated that he had visited the Golden Rule store, owned by the defendant, several times on January 17th and had found the number of people therein to be far in excess of the number allowed by the regulations put into effect by the city.

At the conclusion of Chief Rayburn's evidence, counsel for the defense moved that the case be dismissed on the ground that it was incumbent upon the city to set forth its reasons for the promulgation of the resolution as to the closing order. The motion was overruled by Judge Eakin, however, and the defense thereupon asked for an adjournment until 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in order to introduce evidence.

The adjournment was ordered by the court. The case of the city vs. Sam Harris proprietor of the Hoovers grocery, who appeared in answer to a similar charge, was also adjourned until tomorrow.

THREE TRANSPORTS REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Three transports of the twenty-nine due this week with 29,000 returning veterans landed here today with 4956 officers and men. They are the George Washington, the DeKalb, and the Giuseppe Verdi. There were 3474 aboard the George Washington, most of whom belong to the Forty-ninth infantry.

GOVERNMENT IS TO GIVE AID

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—The Railroad Administration finally agreed this evening to take care of the deficit sustained by the Sumpter Valley Railway in meeting the demands of railroad workmen, which assures the resumption of grain service. The details of the plans of meeting the railroad losses are yet to be worked out. Joseph N. Teal and Charles T. Early, of Portland, who, with Walter Meacham, of Baker, have been here representing the railroad, left last night for home.

ARGENTINE TROUBLE CAUSED BY EUROPEAN MAXIMALISTS

NEVADA DRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The reign of terror in Buenos Ayres was caused by Maximalists of Russia, Italy and Spain, according to a dispatch from the state department this afternoon.

News of the lifting of the ban brings inexpressible relief to almost every person in the city, and more especially to the pastors of churches and their congregations and to the proprietors of moving picture theatres. The latter made immediate arrangements to get films here for their show tomorrow night and judging from the expressions of sentiment heard from town folks of late they will be greeted by good houses on their reopening.

Dr. Bacon states that the raising of the ban does not mean that people may relax vigilance, however. The flu is still bad in parts of the county and state and another wave may affect this city at any time. All are asked to observe all possible precautions for some time yet, therefore. Picture show proprietors will do all in their power to protect their patrons and those who attend the shows and go to other public gatherings are asked to co-operate in the way of avoiding forming crowds.

CONSOLIDATION PROGRAMME UP

RICHARDSON WITHDRAWS CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

Senator Dimick Expected to Be Head of Committee—Program Coming Up.

SALEM, Jan. 21.—Threatened disruption of the legislative consolidation program was suddenly and unexpectedly blocked yesterday afternoon when Representative Richardson of Multnomah county, withdrew his candidacy for the chairmanship of the joint senate and house committee, and likewise withdrew entirely as a member of the committee.

In withdrawing from the committee, Mr. Richardson made it plain that he did so solely in the interests of harmony in order that a sane and constructive consolidation program might be formulated on behalf of the people of Oregon.

A poll of the joint committee made it at once certain that they were hopefully deadlocked on the chairmanship. Senator Dimick received three votes for the chairmanship and Mr. Richardson received three votes. Senators Dimick and Eberhard supported the candidacy of Mr. Richardson, while Representatives Thomas, Graham and Cross voted for Senator Dimick.

The committee, with its new member as successor to Mr. Richardson, will meet again at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is practically certain that Senator Dimick will be chosen as chairman.

WIRZ CASE IS PRECEDENT FOR FORMER KAISER'S TRIAL

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Leon Bourgeois, former premier and French authority on the league of nations, in a statement to the Matin, cites as a precedent for the punishment of Germans of all degrees convicted of violation of the laws of war, the case of Henry Wirz, who was tried by court martial and executed after the civil war for cruelties suffered by northern prisoners in the camp he commanded at Andersonville, Ga.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL IN JULY

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The trial of the former Kaiser will be held after the conclusion of peace, possibly in July, says the Evening Standard. In the meantime, Joloff will be held responsible for his custody.

UNUSUAL DIAMOND FOUND

LONDON, Via Montreal, Jan. 21.—A soft, blue-white diamond weighing 188 quarter karats has been found at the Jaccarfontain mine, Orange River colony. This promises to become one of the diamond field's historic gems.