

## AGREEMENT REACHED ON WAR BILL

### ADOPTION OF REVENUE MEASURE AT EARLY DATE EXPECTED AT CAPITAL.

### DANGER OF DEADLOCK IS CONSIDERED REMOVED

Report of Conference Is Basis for Complete Agreement—Most of Features Contested Have Been Disposed of—Final Action by Both Houses Expected This Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A basis for complete agreement on the war revenue bill was reached late today by the senate and house conferees. Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate managers, announced that virtually all important questions, including the war excess profits rates, had been agreed upon and that all possibility of a deadlock and failure of the bill had passed.

Announcement of the conference agreement on the war profits and other basic disputes was deferred, but it was said that it would be made Wednesday or Thursday, when a reprint of the bill as finally agreed to will be completed. The conference report is expected to be presented to the senate and house late this week and the conferees hope it will be adopted by both bodies next week and the bill sent to President Wilson at Paris for his approval.

The basis agreement on the measure was upon three bitterly contested questions—war excess profits taxes this year, the senate allowances to oil and gas interests, and the senate amendment to repeal the existing zone system of second-class mail rates. It was learned that in harmonizing difficulties on the basic disputes the conferees agreed to an increase of the senate war excess profit rates, adapted the oil provision substantially as provided by the senate, and eliminated the second-class mail amendment.

The agreement on war excess profits rates for 1919, it was stated, provided for retention of the senate rate of 30 per cent on corporations' net income in excess of credits, and not in excess of 20 per cent of the invested capital; for increase from 60 to 65 per cent in income in excess of 20 per cent and for retention of the 80 per cent tax on war profits. The higher rates were strongly urged by Representative Kitchin and others of the House managers.

**Senate Conferees Score.**  
The senate conferees were reported to have won their fight for retention of the senate provision for a tax exemption of 20 per cent on a bona-fide sales of oil and gas wells and mines. This provision, designed to protect and stimulate prospectors, was opposed by the house managers as too liberal, but they finally yielded after then senate conferees had accepted the higher rates on war excess profits.

Elimination of the second-class postage amendment had been generally expected. The proposal has been bitterly opposed by Representative Kitchin and others of the house conferees. It provided for repeal of the present zone rates on second class mail based on the proportion of news and advertising and for substitution of a new zone plan of one cent a pound on periodicals within the first and second-class parcel post zones and one and one-half cents a pound beyond that radius. The present rates have been vigorously attacked by publishers as unjust and in some cases confiscatory.

**Chief Features Settled.**  
With the basis reached for settling these three vital disputes agreement on other provisions of the bill still left open was regarded as certain. Among these are the amendment to prevent importation of intoxicating liquor into the District of Columbia for beverage purposes, the amendment of Senator Thomas of Colorado level a tax of 100 per cent on political campaign contributions in excess of \$500 and that of Senator Trammell, of Florida, to allow a bonus of one month's pay and uniform to men discharged from the military service. Conferees said the "bone dry" amendment would be retained, but the fate of the other way in doubt.

Other amendments remaining to be acted upon are several of the so-called "relief" provisions of the senate war excess profits section, some dependent upon the basis of agreement on rates reached by the conferees. Many administrative provisions also remain for final action.

## CANUCK VETERANS STOP RED MEETING

WINNEPEG, Man., Jan. 28.—Several persons today occupied cots in local hospitals, suffering from minor injuries sustained Sunday, when 1500 returned soldiers broke up a socialist meeting of Bolshevik tendency, chased the Socialists from the hall, hurled a piano from an upstairs window in the building, then wrecked the Hungarian club and a German restaurant.

## ALLEGED WHITE SLAVER IS ARRESTED AT HUNTINGTON

BAKER, Jan. 28.—A man giving his name as George Carter was arrested Sunday at Huntington on a white slavery charge. Deputy Sheriff Kidwell and P. E. Merriman, United States commissioner of Idaho, made the arrest. The man is being held in the Baker county jail on a federal warrant.

## UNION MAN LOSES APPEAL

### SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS VERDICT OF CONVICTION.

Scott Goodall, GUILTY OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, NOW ATTEMPTING TO SECURE PARDON.

UNION, Ore., Jan. 28.—Scott Goodall of this place, convicted last spring of torturing a horse and sentenced in the circuit court to sixty days in jail, appealed his case to the supreme court and has again lost it there. The supreme court sustained the verdict of conviction.

After fighting the case through all the courts and losing out, he is now trying to get a pardon and has commenced or is about to circulate a petition to get one. Goodall was convicted in the justice's court at Union some three or four years ago for torturing a cow by tying it down with wire and leaving it in the hot sun during the summer time, and was sentenced by the justice here to the full extent of the law. He appealed his case to the circuit court and was convicted there and got off with a fine. He again appealed his case to the supreme court and was convicted there at that time, so this makes two times he has appealed on this charge to the supreme court, and each time the judgment was affirmed. The petition is to be acted upon in February.

## ITALIANS TENDER APOLOGY TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Rear-Admiral Niblack, commanding American naval forces in the Adriatic, informed the navy department yesterday that the action of the Italian authorities in hauling down the American flag on the steamer Dinara was due to a misunderstanding and that the Italian commander had apologized and ordered the flag restored.

## BOILER BLOWS UP; ENGINEER KILLED

RENO, Nev., Jan. 28.—Hurled 300 feet, Paul Whistler, engineer of a Western Pacific freight locomotive, was instantly killed when the boiler exploded Sunday afternoon about eight miles west of Portola, Cal.

## MRS. LEITER TO LEAVE LA GRANDE FOR SHORT TIME

Mrs. H. B. Leiter, formerly one of the proprietors of the Arcade and Star theatres in this city, announced to The Observer today that after February 1st she will be traveling representative for Oregon for the Universal Film company, and will make her headquarters at Portland. She received a wire this morning from Sol Baum, the Universal manager, she stated, asking her to take the position February 1st.

Mrs. Leiter has a wide experience in both the selling and exhibiting end of the moving picture business, which will be very valuable to her in her new connection. She will handle the Jewel and Lois Weber productions, Fleischer photoplays, Century and Lyons & Moran comedies, L. K. G. comedies and a new special feature, "The Hearts of Humanity."

Mrs. Leiter wishes it to be known that her connection with the Universal company will be only for a few months, however, or until such time as the plans for the apartment house which she is arranging to erect in this city shall be completed and the building finished. She will then return to La Grande and give her whole attention to the new undertaking.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—Karl Liebknecht and thirty-three other members of the Spartacus group of Socialists, who were killed during recent disorders, were buried at Friedhofsfelde, near Berlin, Saturday.

## WILL PROBE IDAHO AFFAIRS

### ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE

Governor Davis Asks Legislature to Institute Investigation Regarding Charges.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 28.—Governor D. W. Davis yesterday asked the legislature to probe into "certain irregularities" in the Adjutant General's department as reported by the committee on state affairs of the two houses.

The message read to the house of representatives brought a flat denial from C. S. Moody. He declared there was not on "red penny" missing or unaccounted for during his administration in office. He demanded an immediate investigation. His beton that the house appoint a committee of three members, one of whom should be a Democrat, was killed by being laid on the table. The majority made it clear that the state affairs committee, on which there is a Democrat, will conduct the investigation.

## REBEL LEADERS ARE CAPTURED

### HEAD OF MONARCHIST INSUR- RECTION IN PRISON.

Republican Government Has Been Restored in Portugal—Ex-King Reported in Country.

MADRID, Jan. 28.—Ornelas and other Portuguese monarchist leaders were reported today to be under arrest at Monsanto. They were captured, according to a Lisbon dispatch, after a battle in which the insurgents lost fifty killed and 130 wounded.

The Portuguese war minister has ordered disarmament of all civilians. The republican government has been restored in Zizeu, which was one of the royalist strongholds.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The Portuguese royalists at Oporto, have issued a decree revoking all legislation passed since the monarchist revolution began, said an Oporto dispatch to the Daily Mail. The treaties are still being maintained, however.

Coimbra, Villareal, Braganza and Vizeu are in the hands of the royalists, it was officially announced by their leaders in northern Portugal.

Manuel II, former king of Portugal, is now in that country, according to advices received from Spanish sources today. A Vigo message said he had crossed the Mino river in the region of Camina Saturday morning. Persons close to Manuel in England denied he had ever left his home here to join the monarchist rebels.

## PLAN NATION WIDE STRIKE

### TEXTILE WORKERS THREATEN TO START TROUBLE.

WIK Walk Out Unless Given Eight-Hour Day Before February 3rd—Thousands Affected.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A nationwide crisis involving industries engaged in manufacturing silk and cotton goods and to some extent woolen goods, is pending unless employers in those trades exceed the 8-hour day by February 3, it was learned here Monday.

Information that employees planned to work no longer than eight hours on that date and on each day thereafter was conveyed to the reconstruction commission recently appointed by Governor Alfred E. Smith to adjust labor disturbances. This information came from John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers of America.

The textile workers at their convention here last November demanded a 48-hour week. The employers have not granted this reduction from the present schedule of 54 hours. Mr. Golden said Monday, nor have they made any advance toward a compromise.

In New York state alone, 60,000 employees are involved, it is estimated.

## RELIEF BILL ADOPTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Both the senate and the house this afternoon adopted the conferees' report on the \$100,000,000 relief bill which will provide food for suffering thousands of European countries.

## CHAMBERLAIN IS EXPECT LOCAL TROOPS SOON

### INDUSTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO FORMER BASIS

Oregon Senator Says Long Step Will Be Taken Toward Solving Unemployment Problems.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A long step toward solving the unemployment problem in the United States will have been taken up in the senate in a bill to validate informal war contracts Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, said yesterday in the opening debate upon the measure.

The industries of the country will be able to return to a peace basis and re-employ the men they have been compelled to lay off when war work was suspended only when the purse strings of the government are loosened by the present legislation, the senate was told.

Thousands of concerns have all their available capital tied up in raw materials and machinery for the manufacture of war supplies, Chamberlain said, and they will not be able to proceed with their regular work until their claims against the government are adjusted.

Meanwhile Senator Kenyon was pressing his bill for the creation of a public works board, with a \$100,000,000 fund to relieve unemployment, before the senate committee on education and labor. Within a few days he will introduce a second bill for the establishment of the United States employment service on a permanent basis, with agencies all over the country.

## THE WEATHER

Jan. 28.—Fair tonight and Wednesday.

## BAD DEFECT IN HOWELL BILL

### LIEUT.-COLONEL WILLIAMS AT- TACKS PROPOSED MEASURE

Says Senate Bill No. 43 Would L. W. W. to Organize Military Units in the State.

SALEM, Jan. 28.—Lieutenant Colonel John M. Williams, formerly adjutant general of Oregon, now stationed at Camp Lewis, yesterday pleaded with the legislature against enactment of Senator Howell's bill authorizing organization of home guard units to be known as the Oregon volunteer guard. He said that under the bill the L. W. W. could organize military units and could not be prevented.

"I understand that you have passed a bill that has come to the house," said Colonel Williams. "It provides that the citizens of each county, 65 to 165 in number, may get together and form a company with the sheriff as commander-in-chief. If I were the leader of the L. W. W. in Portland I could form companies under that bill and you couldn't interfere with them. You must curb that or the Bolsheviks in this state may form companies and no one can say them nay."

## SOLDIER WANTS ARREARS OF PAY

### SAYS GOVERNMENT OWES HIM FOR 11 MONTHS BACK WHEN DISCHARGED.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—With the government still owing him 39 days of ration money and with the \$30 a month allotment to his wife unpaid for the past eleven months, Corporal John F. Haley of the spruce production division, was given his honorable discharge at Vancouver barracks last Saturday.

"I enlisted in the spruce division in February, 1918," said Mr. Haley. "During most of the time I have been foreman in spruce camps. My corporal's pay was \$36 a month, which amount, together with my ration allowance of 40 cents a day, was deducted from my civilian pay and was supposed to be paid me later by the government."

"Minus the insurance money and the \$15 a month for my wife, I received \$12.80 a month, but the \$15 a month, plus another \$15 which the government is supposed to pay, was never received by my wife, despite dozens of letters and telegrams to Washington. And when I was discharged the other day the paymaster held out my ration money for the past thirty-nine days, amounting to about \$15. My serial number is 545,701."

## AVIATOR BREAKS ALL-SPED RECORDS

LAWTON, Okla., Jan. 28.—Favored by a high tail wind, Lieut. Robert H. Baker, in a de Havilland, 12-cylinder plane, broke all previous records in a flight from Fort Sill to Oklahoma City last Saturday, when he made the ninety miles in twenty minutes flat, or at a speed of 270 miles an hour.

Lieutenant Baker, who today confirmed a published report of the flight, said the time of twenty-two minutes previously given was erroneous.

## BAN LIFTED IN SALEM

SALEM, Jan. 28.—The influenza ban was lifted in Salem yesterday and public schools and theatres which have been closed for several weeks, were re-opened. Ban on visiting by relatives of inmates will be lifted at the Oregon State hospital Wednesday. Four cases of influenza are still remaining at the hospital.

## THREE BOXING BILLS FORWARD

### THE MULTNOMAH DELEGATION BILL IS OPPOSED.

Governor Regards Emahiser Bill Favorably—Portland Promoters Alleged to be Selfish.

Three bills for legalizing boxing in the state of Oregon are in the hands of the Oregon legislators. A bill known as the McFarland measure was brought into the house a few days ago by Representative McFarland, of Multnomah county. The bill is patterned after the rules and regulations under which the Portland boxing commission conducts the fistie game in Portland. It provides for ten-round bouts and it is alleged that it has been especially moulded to meet the ideas and satisfy the selfish requirements of the men controlling the game in the only city in Oregon now enjoying the sport.

A letter from Senator Walter M. Pierce addressed to C. D. Emahiser states that he had served notice on the Multnomah delegation that they could not pass their bill in the senate, unless they recognized the rights of the community, which their present bill does not.

Senator Pierce's letter indicates that their bill was a selfish measure, framed up to meet the requirements of Portland, but making no provision for the smaller cities.

He also stated that the boxing bill drafted by Mr. Emahiser was openly declared by Portland men, not directly interested in the present city commission arrangement, to be distinctly the best bill for Oregon. After going over the situation carefully it was decided by the Eastern Oregon senators that a bill of this nature should be started through the house and a proposition was made the Multnomah delegation to withdraw the bill and introduce the La Grande measure. They would not consent to this arrangement and the McFarland bill was started through the house. Mr. Pierce will offer amendments to the latter, however, taken from the La Grande bill, which will provide the same privileges to La Grande and other small cities in the state as those enjoyed by Portland.

A third bill to legalize boxing is in the hands of Representative E. E. Smith of Portland, providing for a state athletic commission to consist of Governor Withycombe, Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff, and a secretary at a salary of \$2400 a year.

The latter was arranged and forwarded to Salem to oppose the bill now in the house fathered by the Portland boxing commission. It is considered a joke.

Mr. Emahiser received a letter from Governor Withycombe some time ago, after submitting a copy of his bill for the governor's consideration, stating he was deeply interested in the provisions of the measure and that same would not meet with his opposition.

There is little doubt in the minds of the local sport followers but that the La Grande boxing bill would have passed the house and the senate had it not been for the opposition of the Multnomah delegation.

## STEAMSHOVEL KILLS WORKMAN

VALES, Jan. 28.—Gustavo, Megallizze, steamshovel pitman, was instantly killed Tuesday morning at the construction camp of the Shattuck-Linger company at the Warm Springs dam site near Riverside. The shoveler, as the hit shovel slipped and the bucket dropped to the bottom of the pit, striking the man. Nothing is known of the man, except that he came here a short time ago and obtained work on the excavation part of the big Warm Springs dam.

## A GENERAL STRIKE IS ADVOCATED

### SHIPYARD WORKERS APPEALING TO COUNCILS THROUGH- OUT COUNTRY.

### ENGINEERS' UNION VOTES SYMPATHY STRIKE

Action Expected to Put Seattle Up Against Shortage of Coal Which Will Cause Schools and Other Large Buildings to Be Closed—Iron Workers Refuse to Join the Strikers.

SEATTLE, Jan. 28.—A nationwide strike of all metal tradesmen, in sympathy with the Seattle, Tacoma and Aberdeen shipyard workers, is the plan local strike leaders are working here now.

As the eighth day of the great strike closes, letters and messages are being sent to all trades councils in the country, asking that strikers be called and that the Macy Board's proposed wage scale be rejected.

Schools and other large buildings in this city may be forced to close, owing to the probability of consumers facing a coal shortage on account of the action of the Engineer's union, who have voted to declare a sympathetic strike February 1st. Other unions are also expected to declare in favor of a general strike.

The Plasterers', Structural Iron Workers' and City Fire Fighters' Unions have rejected a proposal to strike.

SEATTLE, Jan. 28.—Executive committee representing 130 unions affiliated with the Seattle Central Labor Council late Sunday voted to campaign for "mass action," and a general strike in February in support of the 25,000 metal trades workers, who have been on strike here since last Tuesday for higher wages. This vote was reached after the committee received a resolution offered by H. F. Jones, president of the Building Trades Council, asking that a general strike be deferred.

Other developments in the strike situation in Washington cities yesterday, affecting some 35,000 men, were: Receipt of requests by more shipyards here and in Tacoma from the United States shipping board asking that schedules of cost be prepared for cancellation of steel contracts given by the government.

Cancellation of ship contracts, it was said today by shipyard employers, could have no effect on the strike situation, inasmuch as the shipyards have been working for the government under government conditions. Union officials said every effort would be made to hasten the general strike referendum being taken by all unions in Seattle, but that it was not probable the result would be known in time to inaugurate the general strike by February 1.

## WILSON PRAISES FRENCH WOMEN

PARIS, Jan. 28.—A tribute to the women of all countries and of France particularly, and the hope that the cause of equal franchise may in some way be "presented to the consideration of the peace conference" were voiced by President Wilson in a speech to a delegation of French working women at the Murat mansion Saturday.

But in no circumstances can the peace conference be expected to dictate to the several nations in this matter, the president explained, since it was a purely domestic issue.

Again the president reiterated the principle which he has unwaveringly expounded since he came to Europe, that this "must be a people's peace because this was a people's war."

"The people, not the governments, won the war, Mr. Wilson declared.

## GET LEADERS OF NEW YORK BELLS

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 28.—In the arrest here yesterday of two fugitives the police believe they have the ringleaders of the Bolshevik and anarchist movement in this city.

According to the prisoners, Luigi Querica and Christ Salamone, there are thousands of Bolsheviks in Rochester, well organized, and regular meetings have been held within the last few weeks.