

SAYS WAR WAS NOT PARTISAN, BUT AMERICAN

DESPITE FACT THAT WOMEN WERE AT HEARING, GENERAL SWORE CONSTANTLY.

TELLS COMMITTEE THEIR WORK RENDERED USELESS

Says, "What the Hell Did We Go to War For—to Steal?"—Declares Army Was A Partisan One, Not Composed Wholly of Democrats or Republicans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Charles G. Dawes, former head of the army supply procurement service in France, told the investigating committee that their work was rendered useless through the injection of partisan politics. "You cannot put a blotch on the army. What the hell did we go to war for—to steal? It was not a republican or a democratic war. It was an American war, yet, as a rule, these committees try to bring in partisan politics."

Many women were at the hearing, but the general swore constantly.

CASES SET FOR CIRCUIT COURT

Judge J. W. Knowles was a busy man yesterday arranging the various cases which are to come up in Circuit Court, which convenes Monday, Feb. 7th.

The opening morning, Monday February 7, the Mabel Oakman vs. B. F. Bloom case; Tuesday, Feb. 8, William Duncan vs. L. E. McClure case will be heard; Wednesday, the hearing of Flora Kivette vs. Leonard Adams of Elgin, has been set. The R. G. Porter vs. A. R. Roberts case has been set for Thursday, February 10. E. O. Zeek will appear against W. J. Townley, Friday Feb. 11, and H. M. Newcombe will appear before Judge Knowles against Earnest Thorson, on Monday, February 14.

LILLY ACCOUNT STRAIGHTENED

The bill presented by F. L. Lilly to the city commissioners several weeks ago and which was later referred to City Attorney Slater, was brought up again last night, at the regular meeting of the city commissioners. The commissioners allowed the sum of \$19.04 as the lump sum settlement of the bill. The regular routine business was carried on, the salary list was presented and passed by the commission and the monthly report of all officers were read.

Nathan Alexander Buys Out Robert Wallburn

BAKER, Feb. 3.—Announcement was made yesterday that Nathan Alexander of Boise had purchased the interests of Robert Wallburn in the Alexander company of Baker, Oregon. Mr. Alexander, former governor of Idaho, will continue as president. Nathan Alexander has owned an interest in the Baker store for several years and said today that it has been his ambition to move to Baker for a number of years.

HEARING IS AGAIN DELAYED

SALEM, Feb. 3.—The public service commission today again suspended, until March 31, the proposed advanced express rates.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

"Saturday, February 5th, the carrier boys will call at your homes or places of business to collect for the paper. We ask that you kindly have the money ready for them when they call, as they have only one day in which to collect."

PRESIDENT VETOES BILL FOR RESERVE

SUGGESTS THAT GROUND BE MADE FEDERAL BIRD RESERVE.

Creation of 77-Acre Game Preserve in Montana By Gun Club, Is Disapproved of By Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has vetoed the bill authorizing the creation of a 77-acre game preserve in Montana by the Milk River gun club. He suggested that the ground be made a federal bird reserve instead, as the land was used by game birds as a breeding ground.

MANY DIVORCES ARE GRANTED

JUDGE KNOWLES HAS BEEN BUSY WITH DECREES.

Cruel And Inhuman Treatment Seems Popular Grounds For Obtaining Divorce These Days.

Little cupid's wings are drooping for the New Year began with a lot of divorce hearings in La Grande and there have been several divorces granted during the month of January. There are still a number of them set for February.

Those granted during the month of January were headed by Tilton Booth, who charged his wife, Margaret, with cruel and inhuman treatment and also infidelity. This divorce was granted on January 4. On January 5, Basil B. Collins was granted a divorce from Marie Collins on a charge of infidelity, and May H. May was granted a decree from Guy D. May, on a charge of cruel and inhuman treatment. Lucille Graham was granted a decree from Wayne Graham on a charge of infidelity and cruel and inhuman treatment, on January 8. January 9, Gertrude Sheffield was granted a decree from Harold Sheffield, on the same charge. Charles Ochs, well known farmer near Cove, went back East and was married to a very young woman. Later, according to the evidence, she left him before they arrived in La Grande, and from time to time, she would come back and secure money and then leave. Finally Mr. Ochs considered that a wife was too expensive to keep on that basis and was granted a divorce here January 18. The hearing of the John R. Little vs. Helen Little case was held on January 31, but as yet no decision has been made by Judge Knowles.

FORD IS SUED FOR DAMAGES

PRODUCER CHARGES SLANDER IN PLAY CRITICISM.

Auto Manufacturer's Paper, Dearborn Independent, Alleged To Have Printed Libel.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—A praecipe in a \$5,000,000 damage suit against Henry Ford and his paper, the Dearborn Independent, was filed in circuit court today by Morris Gest, theatrical producer, who alleges an article in the Independent on January 22 contained "libelous, slanderous and false statements" concerning Mr. Gest and certain stage productions he had handled. The article mentioned in the suit was said to have attacked "Aphrodite" and "Mecra" in particular, terming them the "most salacious spectacles ever shown in America."

The article which was alleged to have been libelous was quoted in the praecipe. It asserted that the American stage was "under the influence and control of a group of ex-boot-blacks, newsboys, ticket speculators, prize-fight ring habitues and Bowery characters."

After saying "Mr. Gest stalks before his fellow Jews as the most successful producer of the year," the quoted article declared that Mr. Gest was not a great producer, but a "great pandarer to a public whose taste he has been no mean factor in debasing." Gest, it said, sold newspapers in Boston and in 1906 was a member of "a notorious gang of ticket speculators who were the bane of the public." "There is nothing in Gest's career to indicate that he would ever concern himself with anything but the lowest interests," the article said, and also declared that "the story of Mr. Gest is the last one in the world known as a 'success story' of the type of 'mail-order' who became a great theatrical producer."

MOTOR LORRY BLOWN UP BY MINE IN ROAD

LORRY WAS LOADED WITH AUXILIARY POLICE, FOUR OF WHOM WERE KILLED.

FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A METHOD HAS BEEN USED

Several Hundred Sinn Feiners Attack Fifteen Policemen Between Burgada and Rocaberry—Six of the Attackers Are Killed and Several Seriously Wounded.

DUBLIN, Feb. 3.—A motor lorry loaded with auxiliary police was blown up by a mine in the road at Ballingalee and four were killed. This is the first time that such a method has been used in attacking the crown forces. Three lorries loaded with police were attacked in Dublin, bombs being thrown at them. The officers returned fire and two civilians were killed.

Large Attacking Party Formed.

SKIBBEREEN, Ireland, Feb. 3.—Several hundred Sinn Feiners attacked fifteen police between Burgada and Rocaberry. Six of the attackers were killed and several wounded. The attackers were beaten off after a fierce fight, abandoning a quantity of ammunition. No casualties were reported among the police.

GOV. OLCOTT RESUMES DUTY

SALEM, Feb. 3.—Governor Olcott, who has been absent from his office for several days following a minor operation, resumed his executive duties Monday. Although not completely recovered, Governor Olcott was able to sign a number of bills and received and conversed with several delegations from various sections of Oregon with relation to matters of state.

LICKS ENVELOPES DIES OF DISEASE

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 3.—From moistening envelopes with his tongue and lips, Arlie King, 16-year-old store employee, died Monday of pyemia, after an illness of seven weeks. The youth was stricken after sealing several envelopes. His lips began to swell and the poison spread throughout his system, culminating in his death. The doctors say the deadly germ must have been on the envelope flap and that when he licked the flap he put his lip slightly, the germ entering his system through the small cut.

Dynamite and Spluttering Fuse Found By Legionnaire

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 3.—Twenty-six sticks of dynamite with spluttering fuse were placed under the American Legion building here last night while fifty ex-service men were inside filing their applications for a state war bonus. Henry Lancaster, Legionnaire, saw a man crouching, and investigating, found the dynamite wrapped in a Montesano newspaper with the fuse lighted.

The would-be-bomber escaped. The police questioned the Japanese section foreman to whom the wrapping bundle was addressed, but he proved his innocence. Two suspects were caught on a blind baggage, having fuses and a bottle of explosive. They were held but are not believed guilty of the Legion attempt but of an attempt to blow the safe at Cosmopolis. The police believe the attempt was connected with the Centralia Armistice Day affair.

INVITATION IS FAVORED

RESOLUTION IS REPORTED FAVORABLY BY COMMITTEE.

Resolution Authorizes President To Invite Nations To A Conference For Disarmament.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A resolution authorizing the president to invite the nations to send delegates to a disarmament conference were reported favorably by the house foreign affairs committee.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

FORTLAND, Feb. 3.—Cattle and sheep were steady today, hogs lower, selling for \$11 and \$11.25. Eggs were weak and butter was firm.

DOWN AT SALEM

BY BRUCE DENNIS

The importance of the Port of Portland legislation, which has been passed by the Senate in a most satisfactory manner, to Eastern Oregon, is great.

The livestock and wheat of our country must have transportation facilities. It will be remembered that packing houses cannot ship our livestock back to the middle states, neither can they successfully ship our dressed meats by rail. But they can organize for foreign marketing if refrigerated ships can land at the packing houses in North Portland. This brief tells the reason why Eastern Oregon stepped into the Multnomah county fight before the legislature and insisted that not only should the North Portland harbor be developed but also that Tom Mahoney and W. L. Thompson, two former Eastern Oregon men now living in Portland, and Harry Cornett, a man heavily interested in

Eastern Oregon, should be placed upon the Port of Portland commission. While the vote of the senate showed a decided cooling of the peace dove, the fact remains that for three days there was the most terrific battle that has yet presented itself to his session. The Port of Portland commission yielded to Eastern Oregon finally in every contention and the vote lacked but two of being unanimous for the Port bills. In yielding, the commission made no mistake, for the addition of the men named to the commission will prove to be very helpful in all of the commission's undertakings.

The teachers' tenure law, another Multnomah county measure, is going to take up some time and be productive of lots of oratory and fun. After we have thrashed out Multnomah's cases, then the other state affairs will get undivided attention.

Meeting of Minds



BATTLESHIP REMAINS AS SEA POWER

BATTLESHIP NOT SUPPLANTED BY NEWER INVENTIONS.

Many Argued That Airplane And Submarine Were the Basis of Sea Power, Says Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The battleship remains the basis of sea power and those arguing that the airplane and the submarine had supplanted it are asking the country to "accept hopes for these accomplishments," the navy general board says in a report to Daniels.

INDIAN PAGEANT TO BE PUT ON

INDIANS FROM PENDLETON TO HAVE CHARGE.

Large Birthday Cake for the Fortieth Birthday Anniversary Is Being Made.

A special feature of the C. E. Convention that meets at the Presbyterian Church this week end is the great Indian pageant, "Seeking the White Man's Book of Heaven," that will be put on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by some Indians from Pendleton under the direction of Rev. Jas. M. Cornell, who has been working among them for many years. This pageant will present the group of Indians going from out in this country to St. Louis, Mo., seeking for the Bible, which they called "The White Man's Book of Heaven," and the result of that famous quest.

The young folks of the Christian Endeavor, assisted by the Epworth League and Baptist Young People's Union, are getting everything in readiness for one of the greatest C. E. Conventions ever held here. Rev. Jas. Aikin Smith, under the instructions of the Ad Club and the Realty Club of the city, has solicited funds for Convention expenses and reports that the men of the city were most cordial and generous, but that two that he interviewed refused to assist and gave as the reason, "We decided at the first of the year not to give to ANYTHING. We have become tired of giving."

There promises to be plenty of pep in the meeting. The young folks have been practicing on some parodies of popular songs that are catchy and expressive of the idea of "Fellowship," which is the watchword of this Convention.

The Church is being beautifully decorated by Mr. Nelson and the ladies are busy preparing a great banquet for some 200 to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Gym on Saturday at 4 p. m. The McPherson Bakery is making a 30-pound cake to be decorated with 40 candles and the colors of the C. E., which are red and white. This banquet is the birthday celebration of the organization of the C. E., 40 years ago.

WILL AGAIN HOLD SUMMER NORMAL

SIX WEEKS' COURSE WILL BE HELD IN PENDLETON.

Sessions Will Open on June 27, and Will Close on August 5—Eight Instructors Authorized.

Authorization of the Pendleton Summer Normal school, for a six weeks' course to be given June 27 to August 5 has been made by the Oregon State Normal school and will be a repetition of last year's program, with several valuable additions, under the direction of City Superintendent of Schools H. E. Inlow, being held in the high school. Classes in extension from the University of Oregon and a few classes for grade students as part of the teacher training, are included in addition to the regular program for the summer, which will bring over two hundred students to Pendleton.

Eight or more regular instructors have been authorized for the teaching of the courses here, and in addition there will be special lecturers from other educational institutions of the northwest.

THREE BILLS ARE KILLED BY SOLONS

EBERHARD'S BILL MAKING EVERY COUNTY A JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS KILLED.

BILL BANNING PUNCH BOARDS IS PASSED

Whether the Roosevelt Highway Bill Passes Depends Upon Negotiations Between Coast and Eastern Oregon Representatives—Aliens Kept From Teaching.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—The house has unanimously passed the Belknap bill prohibiting alien and disloyal persons from teaching in public schools, the university or state colleges. The house also passed a bill banning punch boards. The Dennis resolution requiring the highway commission to make all roads sixteen feet wide was killed in the house.

The senate killed Eberhard's bill making every county a judicial district, which would have increased the number of circuit court judges in the state to 44. The department of the legislature also killed the Ellis bill for marking the boundaries of unfenced lands.

The senate passed the Northlad bill for the organization of logg-off lands in improvement districts; the bills increasing the salaries of certain Multnomah county officials and effecting the salaries of certain state officers.

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CROSSING BILL IS IN HOUSE

REPRESENTATIVE ALBERT HUNTER FATHERS BILL.

Union County Man Would Require Autoists to Stop Before Taking Railroad Crossing.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 3.—Agitation for a systematic program for the elimination of grade crossings in Oregon, which has been heard by the state legislature, crystallized a few days ago, when a bill fathered by Representative Hunter, requiring drivers of automobiles to stop at railroad crossings, was introduced in the house. Automobileists in the legislature, and this includes the majority of the membership of both houses, believe that steps should be taken to bring about the elimination of grade crossings.

In the first place, the authority for regulating grade crossings is held by the public service commission, although it is not clear how much authority is vested in this commission. Further, counties in which the grade crossing eliminations take place must bear a portion of the cost, and many counties are sorely in need of funds.

Several legislators said that the need of elimination of grade crossings has been called to their attention on motor trips between Salem and Portland, where it is said that danger signals are found on only one crossing on this trip.

The bill introduced by Representative Hunter has been approved by the Association of Locomotive Engineers, who believe that its passage will aid in the prevention of accidents.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Friday, fair. Colder in the eastern portion of the state.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLILAN

WANTED IN ON IT.
He was an avaricious person who had never failed to claim indemnity on the slightest pretext. One day as he approached a railroad crossing, he noticed that a lot of car-parts were lying about. Among the debris he found a human who was all but unconscious.