

POLITICAL ALIGNMENTS AT ISSUE

BRITISH PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLES AFTER SEVEN WEEKS' VACATION.

OPPOSITION TO LLOYD GEORGE REACHES CLIMAX

Stability of the Cabinet Will Be Given a Crucial Test, and the Attacks Seem Certain to Center on the Irish Policy, Domestic and Unemployment Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Now political alignments and a proposal of legislative and governmental changes of tremendous import to Great Britain were foreshadowed when parliament was reassembled today after a seven weeks' recess. Opposition to the Lloyd George ministry and discontent with many of its policies seemed to have reached a climax and it appears that the stability of the cabinet would be given a crucial test. The attacks seemed certain to center around the policy toward Ireland. The domestic situation, including unemployment and high taxes, the attitude toward trade with Russia, and the acceptance of the British mandate for Mesopotamia, also caused criticism.

It was predicted that Lloyd George must fight in a most vigorous manner in order to come unscathed from the struggle. The king, in a speech from the throne, spoke against the violence indulged in by a "misguided section of the Irish people," and said he favored a commercial treaty with soviet Russia.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE

GRAND JURY REPORTS EIGHT TRUE BILLS.

Chin Mon Bill and Mrs. Charlie Jones Charged With Murder of Chinaman Last December.

Eight true bills were reported by the Union county grand jury this morning and one not true bill. Chin Mon Bill, alias Chin Mon Ben and Chin Bill, Chinese, and Mrs. Charlie Jones were arraigned on an indictment charging them with first degree murder. They are charged with the murder of Jen Shen, on the night of December 19, in a Chinese rooming house on Jefferson avenue. At the inquest following the murder Chin Mon Bill signed a statement that he had fired the shot. Mrs. Jones and the murdered Chinese came from Portland, both having been in La Grande but a short time. Mrs. Jones is the wife of a Chinese police interpreter in Portland.

Roy McBuffie was arraigned on an indictment charging him with forging checks. Howard Copeland was arraigned on an indictment charging him with larceny. The parties against whom the other true bills were brought were not in custody this morning.

The not true bill was against Edwin Hogg, who was charged with giving away intoxicating liquor. The trials are being set this afternoon. Ruben Beveridge, charged with assault with intent to rob, will be tried at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

GAME OFFICERS TAKE QUARTET

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—With the arrest of Melvin Kays, Tom Scott and a man named Gregory, officers of the state game commission believe they have put out of operation a gang of deer poachers. The men are alleged to have killed deer in the vicinity of Pine creek in Molalla county since the closing of the deer season. A number of deer hides and a quantity of fresh deer meat were found in the cabin of Tom Scott, where Kays was arrested. Gregory and Scott were arrested the latter part of last week while Kays was arrested Thursday. Scott and Gregory will receive sentence today. In the event that the latter pleads guilty, Scott previously entered a plea of guilty. The remaining man, Kays, will come before the court later in the week, according to the game commission.

SAFE BLOWERS FLEE BEFORE MUSTARD GAS

BANK AUTHORITIES TOO WELL PREPARED FOR BANDITS.

Can of Mustard Gas Placed in Vault and When Vault Was Blown Open, Robbers Fled.

PONTIAC, Mich., Feb. 15.—Two safe-blowers opened the vault of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Utica early today, but were driven back by a wave of mustard gas placed in the vault by bank officials in such a position that a can containing the gas was broken open when the door was forced. The robbers fled empty-handed.

WALLOWA FISH POND FAVORED

AD CLUB DISCUSSES THREE PROPOSED LAWS.

Appropriations for Fish Nursery on Wallowa River and Union Stock Show Approved.

Discussion of several bills now before the legislature at the Ad Club luncheon this noon resulted in action being taken unfavorable to the proposed auto license law basing the fee on the weight of the cars while favorable action was taken on the proposed Wallowa river fish hatchery and the proposed \$5,000 appropriation for the Union stock show.

C. S. Dunn led the discussion on the auto license law. He read statistics showing that the license on Fords would remain the same as at present, \$15. Heavier cars would have to pay increased fees, the Pierce-Arrow, the heaviest of the pleasure cars listed, paying an increase from \$48 to \$88. Upon motion of H. E. Dixon, seconded by F. L. Meyers, a majority of those present voted that the Ad Club send a telegram to the legislators from Union county asking for an unfavorable vote.

\$10,000 For Nursery.

A communication was read from the Wallowa commercial club regarding house bill 290, which proposed a \$10,000 appropriation for a salmon nursery and feeding grounds at a site on the Wallowa river known as the Johnson place. Al Andrews led the discussion on this measure. He pointed out that the site is on the mouth of a canyon and that Mr. Johnson had expressed his willingness of donating 40 acres of good hay land for this purpose. The site is almost ideal for such purposes, Mr. Andrews said. Both commercial fishermen and sportsmen will benefit by this nursery, he stated. Mr. Andrews' motion to ask favorable action on this bill of Union county's legislators was unanimously adopted.

Stock Show Favored.

The discussion of the proposed \$5,000 annual appropriation for the Union stock show was led by Ed. Ferguson. He pointed out that one-twentieth of a mill was appropriated for county fair purposes and that the stock show had become such a good medium of advertising the entire county that all possible aid should be given it. On motion of H. E. Dixon, the club members voted to ask the Union county legislators to favor the appropriation.

Before closing, G. L. Larson called attention to the need of a greater amount of pep at the meetings. At his suggestion, President O'Brien was ordered to appoint a song leader, who is to have charge of the work of adapting some popular airs to songs boosting the community. Mr. O'Brien appointed Mr. Larson as chairman of this committee.

POTATO MEN WILL FORM ORGANIZATION

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—A permanent organization of the potato growers of Clarke county will be formed at a meeting in Vancouver Saturday, February 26, according to an announcement made by M. J. Newhouse.

O'CALLAGHAN ASKS FAVOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Lord Mayor O'Callaghan's counsel has asked the state department to reconsider the deportation order for O'Callaghan.

NO WORD OF LOST FLYER IS RECEIVED

OFFICERS AT SAN ANTONIO BELIEVE AVIATOR MET DEATH IN THE MOUNTAINS.

PORTLAND FLYER LOST ON ATTEMPTED FLIGHT

Speculation Now Centers On Possibility of Pearson, With a Motor That Was "Missing," Being Able to Get Across the Pecos Valley, River and Gorge.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—No trace of Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, Jr., Portland aviator, has been found. Pearson disappeared Thursday when he attempted a flight from El Paso to San Antonio.

Belief that Lieutenant Pearson met death on his attempted flight from El Paso to San Antonio was generally expressed by officers at headquarters. Airplanes and several parties of cowboys are in the searching parties.

His course has been traced beyond Saragosa in Reeves county and Fort Stockton, in Pecos county, and at both places he was headed toward San Antonio.

Speculation now centers on whether Pearson, with his motor "missing," was able to get across the Pecos valley, which, divided by the Pecos river, flowing in a deep gorge, is flanked on either side by rocks and crags, presenting certain death to an aviator forced to seek a landing on its dangerous rocks. Beyond this strip of "bad land" lies the plains, where he might have safely got his ship down without injury.

LOWER LUMBER RATES WANTED

OMAHA, Feb. 15.—A hearing on the application for a reduction of lumber rates from the Pacific northwest has opened here.

UMATILLA COUNTY TRAPPER TAKES 22 ANIMALS IN MONTH

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—Albert Peterson, government trapper at Ukiah, in Umatilla county, who arrived Saturday, reported a month's catch of 19 coyotes and three bobcats.

During January, Peterson worked under most difficult weather conditions. Five days he tended his traps in 18 inches of snow. High winds, high water and mud combined to make trapping an unattractive pursuit. Peterson says it stormed 17 days out of the month.

Peterson has been trapping for the United States biological survey since 1918, during which time his total catch has reached 195 animals.

TALKING GIRL STOPS CHATTER AT NOON TODAY

MIRIAM RUBIN HAS BEEN TALKING FOR ELEVEN DAYS.

Osteopathy Finds Cure for Queer Malady—Vertebrae in Spine Had Been Dislocated.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Feb. 15.—Miriam Rubin stopped talking suddenly at noon today, after chattering almost continuously for eleven days.

Recurrent attacks are expected, physicians said, but it is expected that a treatment has been found that will eventually effect a cure.

After every form of sedative known to leading physicians and neurologists of Waukegan and Chicago had been administered without result, Dr. Paul Berger, an osteopath of Waukegan, was called in. Dr. Berger's examination revealed that the vertebrae in the child's spine had become dislocated and one of them was pinching the nerves that control the organs of speech. Dr. Berger exerted pressure on the girl's spine and the vertebrae snapped back into place. Soon after Miriam dropped off to sleep and slept for more than an hour. After awakening she started talking again but fell off into another slumber. Although she talks incoherently at intervals, when awake. The girl's fever is receding and the nervous tension she has experienced for more than nine days has relaxed.

SMITH BARRED FROM MEETING

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 15.—Elmer Smith, who was tried in connection with the Centralia Armistice Day murders but was acquitted, was prevented from speaking in Raymond Sunday, although he attempted to enter Arendia hall.

He declared that he might bring some action against the city and, as his train pulled out, he shouted from the vestibule of his coach: "Goodbye, folks; I'll be back again."

City officials and members of the local American Legion post met Smith on his arrival, but Smith insisted on going to the hall. Before he reached the place 1000 persons were in the crowd that followed him. Mayor Lawler had prohibited the meeting. Marshal Pederson prevented Smith from entering the hall.

HUBERT BERRY MAKES ESCAPE

SALEM, Feb. 15.—Hubert Berry, of Portland, a youth who was committed to the insane hospital after his arrest for attempting to rob a pawnbroker, escaped last night.

TURNBOW IS DENIED NEW COURT TRIAL

SUPREME COURT HAS OVER- RULED PETITION FOR A REHEARING OF CASE.

PETITION CLAIMED JUSTICE BROWN NOT QUALIFIED

Justice Brown Was Attorney-General at the Time, Is Main Complainant; Justice Johnson Wrote the Decision On the Petition and Said It Is Matter of Discretion of Brown.

SALEM, Feb. 15.—The Supreme Court has over-ruled the petition for a rehearing made by the defendant, in the case of the State vs. Frank Turnbow, which was appealed from Union county.

Among the points raised in the petition was the claim that Justice Brown, who wrote the former opinion of the court, was not qualified to sit in the case, by reason of the fact that he was attorney-general at the time the appeal was perfected. Justice Johnson, who wrote the decision on the petition, held that as the attorney-general had nothing to do with the trial in the court below him, as in this case, it is a matter in the sole discretion of Judge Brown as to whether he shall participate in this class of cases.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Wednesday, rain and sleet. Fair in the eastern portion of the state.

SCOUT COUNCIL LEADERS CHOSEN

The local council of boy scouts was organized yesterday evening. F. L. Meyers was elected president of the organization. Five vice-presidents were chosen. They are: S. D. Crowe, Charles Harding, Earl Stoddard, E. Bragg, and G. L. Larison. L. B. Moe was chosen secretary and Dr. H. S. Brown was elected treasurer. The council is composed of twenty representative business and professional men of the city.

The constitution of Boy Scouts of America national council was adopted. The local organization will, in every respect, work in harmony with the national organization. A. Edward Parks, who has had active charge of the organization of the local troop of scouts, was chosen commissioner and scoutmaster. Two assistant scoutmasters were appointed, E. D. Tomler and C. C. Snow.

Application is to be made immediately to the national council for a charter for the local organization.

ENLISTED MAN IS ARRESTED ON BOMB PLOT

ACCUSED OF PLANNING TO BLOW UP PRESIDENTIAL YACHT.

Secret Service Men Working On the Theory That Plot Extended to Ships and Other Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An enlisted man of the navy has been arrested at the navy yard here in connection with the alleged plot to blow up the presidential yacht Mayflower. The secret service are proceeding on the theory that the plot may have extended to ships and other vessels at the navy yard.

The man under arrest is said to have offered an officer bribe, in order to be permitted to put a package aboard the Mayflower.

LA GRANDE IS DEBATE LOSER

UNION AND ELGIN TEAMS ARE WINNERS IN CONTESTS.

Results in Future Debates Expected to Favor Local Teams—Debating Is Live Topic at High School.

La Grande lost both debates yesterday evening but, according to Henry M. DuBois, principal of the high school, and Superintendent of Schools A. C. Hampton, La Grande has a good opportunity to win first place in the district contest.

The negative side of the question, "Resolved, That the Essential Features of the Kansas Industrial Court Law Should Be Adopted in Oregon," was upheld by the team that debated with Union high school here last night. Two of the judges voted in favor of the Union team and one in favor of the La Grande team.

The La Grande team was composed of Willard Stone and Miss Grace York. The Union team was composed of Francis Dobbin and Emma Baxter. The judges in this debate were, Rev. Jos. W. Gunn, H. E. Coolidge and Charles Harding.

The results at Elgin also gave La Grande one point to two for the winning team. Harry Snodgrass and Miss Geneva Smith were the representatives from La Grande. They were accompanied to Elgin by Miss Jean W. Whitney, head of the English department. The subject was the same as that debated here but the La Grande team upheld the affirmative.

Debate Again Monday.

Next Monday, La Grande will debate at Union, Union at Elgin, and Elgin at La Grande. The subject will be the same, but the affirmative team will debate at home instead of the negative.

The relative standing of the schools places La Grande at the tail end, but there is plenty of chance to climb to top place. Superintendent Hampton said this morning that he was well pleased with the showing made as debating has not been a live subject in the high school here for several years. Under Miss Whitney's guidance, he expects the La Grande teams to improve greatly before the season is over. "Miss Whitney has done splendid work this year," Mr. Hampton said. "In each English class, debate and argumentation are now a part of the work that is receiving special emphasis. It is only a question of time until that line of work will be developed to its fullest extent."

The relative standing of the teams is now as follows, the number of points being determined by the number of judges' votes received:

Team	Points
Elgin	4
Union	3
La Grande	2

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—The live stock market was steady today, eggs were firm, and butter three cents higher.

North Powder Mayor Here—

Charles Foster, mayor of North Powder, is spending several days in La Grande in connection with the trial of Koons vs. the City of North Powder.

TRAIN IS AMBUSHED

REIFAST, Feb. 15.—A passenger train carrying troops from Cork to Kinggreen has been ambushed by 20 Sinn Féiners with bombs and rifles. Many casualties are reported.

ANTI-ALIEN LAND BILL IS PASSED

BILL IS BASED ON THE CALIFORNIA LAW—PASSED BY VOTE OF 34 TO 25.

BILL WAS ENDORSED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION

House Passes Bill Providing for Employment of Home Teacher for Foreign-born, For Measure Organizing the National Guard, and For Classification and Sale of Eggs.

SALEM, Feb. 15.—The house today passed the anti-alien land bill based on the California law, by a vote of 34 to 25, one member being absent. The bill was introduced over the signatures of the house American Legion delegation and was endorsed by the state executive committee of the American Legion.

The house today passed a number of bills including the one providing for the employment of a home teacher to Americanize the foreign born, parents and children. The measure organizing a national guard and the one regulating the classification and sale of eggs were also passed.

Motion Picture Bills Delayed.

Motion picture bills, one of which would have made it unlawful to show pictures representing crime, another to sell tickets when seats were not available, were indefinitely postponed by the House yesterday. The game code bill was amended to fix the open deer season from September 1 to October 31, instead of August 15 to October 15, as passed by the senate. The bill providing for the appointment by the governor of a commissioner to regulate co-operative marketing of meats, was passed by the senate.

FIVE GAMES TO BE PLAYED

BASKETBALL FANS WILL ASSEMBLE AT Y. M. C. A.

Union Team Is Coming to Play the Purdy Squad Quinlet—Union Has Fast Bunch.

Five games of basketball will be played at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening, the first beginning about 7 o'clock.

The main game of the evening will be that played between the Athletic Club team of Union and the Purdy Squad, from the local city league. Union is said to have a fast quintet, which thus far has been undefeated. It is the purpose of some of the local players to increase interest in an Eastern Oregon basketball tournament, and these same officials are hoping that tomorrow evening's game will be only a forerunner of a number of other outside games yet to be scheduled.

Two games of the Intermediate Basketball League are to be played off. At 7 o'clock, the Ford team will play the Coker team, and at 7:30, the Culien team will meet the Oliver quintet. At 8:15, the city senior basketball team will start in action, the High School Seniors meeting the Lumber Jacks, while at 9 o'clock, the railroad team will run up against the Retailers.

Then at 9:30, the game between Union and the Purdy Squad will be called. Charles Reynolds will referee the latter three games, and the same admission will be charged for all games—25 cents to see one, or to see five.

Judiciary Committee Must First Consider

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate judiciary committee has notified Secretary Houston to make no further advances on the foreign government until the committee could consider them.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GHILLAN

STALE NEWS.
Brannigan met O'Flaherty on the street. There was blood in the Brannigan's eye.
"O'Flaherty! I'm hearin' you told McGroarty I was a dom hat! Did you do it?"
"No! I did not!" indignantly denied O'Flaherty, though he knewed it!

