

Gasoline Tax for Exposition Meets Defeat in Senate by Close Vote

SUBMARINE PROPOSAL IS ANNOUNCED

United States and Great Britain Would Slice Off Third of Theirs

OTHER POWERS NOT TO LOSE ANY SUBS

American Proposal Laid Before Conference While British Proposal is Placed on File.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The American program for the limitation of submarine tonnage was presented today to the naval armament committee of five powers. It proposes a submarine tonnage of 60,000 each for Great Britain and the United States, France approximately 42,000, Japan 32,000, and Italy 22,000.

It would result in a cut of about one-third each for the United States and Great Britain, leaving the other powers in their present position. The British proposal for the abolition of submarines has been placed on file without definite action.

ALIENS MAY LAND

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Orders directing a landing period of 90 days of aliens held in immigration stations because of excess in the quota already having been admitted, were issued today by Secretary Davis.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) MONROE, La., Dec. 24.—Fourteen were killed in a tornado near here today.

(By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Thirty-one were killed in a tornado in the lower Mississippi valley last night.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Italians declared that Italy could not accept the American submarine proposal.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Livestock eggs and butter were steady today.

(By Associated Press) GALLIPOLIS, O., Dec. 24.—The towns of Point Pleasant, Middleport and Pomeroy today prepared for the flooding of the Ohio river, following a 24-hour heavy rainfall.

(By Associated Press) NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 24.—Water was turned into the Chippewa-Quebec power canal this morning.

(By Associated Press) Shiping hospitals, stationed at high and germ-free altitudes, are the suggestion of a nerve specialist. Five million seven hundred and ninety-three thousand seven hundred and thirty-five barrels of beer were consumed in Great Britain during the first three months of this year.

Road Plans for 1922 are Nearly Completed

The road program for 1922 is line on the west, to Union-Baker very nearly complete, with the exception of the market roads. In all probability work will be done on the Union-Cove road, the Elgin road and the Catherine creek road, but nothing is certain in regard to the market roads in the county yet, according to the county court. The work on the state highway is expected to be completed in the near future and is certainly encouraging to the taxpayers.

WAR IN EGYPT THREATENING, FIVE KILLED

Students Precipitate Nationalist Conflict; Leaders Deported to Suez; Troops Restore Order.

(Special to The Observer) CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24.—Disorder in connection with the Egyptian nationalist agitation broke out today in Gizeh, a suburb of Cairo, when a party of students raided the government survey offices. British troops were rushed from Cairo. The students ultimately were ejected from the offices. Five were reported killed. Cairo itself was quiet. The authorities conveyed to Suez today six followers of Sais Zagloul Pasha, nationalist leader, who was forcibly removed from the city yesterday, whom Field Marshal Allenby, British high commissioner, had ordered from Egypt.

CATHOLICS PLAN X-MAS PROGRAM

Defitting the august feast of the birth of Our Lord, elaborate preparations have been made for the services of Christmas day at the Catholic church. The altars will be decorated with cut flowers, ferns and a host of lighted tapers whilst a crib of stately, depicting the stable of Bethlehem, will be displayed in the side grotto of the church. An appropriate sermon on the Gospel of the day will be delivered at each service.

Promptly at 12 o'clock, Saturday night, the Midnight High Mass will begin. For this service the choir has arranged a program as follows: Adeste Fideles, venite adoremus. Hasten, ye faithful, let us adore Him. The mass itself is selected from the more refined composers of classical music of Albert H. Rosewig's famous Mass in G. At the offertory, O Holy Night, cornet solo with violin obligato, will be rendered. Concluding the Mass, Angels will have heard on High, will be chanted by the entire choir. The members of the choir are as follows: Directors, Mrs. P. Massey; organist, Mrs. N. Deaflet; instrumental, Messrs. Fitzgerald, Gekeler and Loney. Sopranos, Mrs. McNamoe and the Misses Barbeau, Herlinger, L. J. and O'Connell, Provost, Roach and Walcott. Altos, the Misses Allon, Campbell, Fitzgerald and Zorn. Tenors, F. Loney and Dr. William Pearce. Bass, Mr. Massey and Mr. McCorkle.

At 8 o'clock Mass the children's choir will render the inspiring Christmas carols. At the 10:30 o'clock Mass the choir of the academy will chant the hymns of the day as also the Benediction.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Committee Appointed To Make Audit Of Books Of The State

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 24.—Following is the committee appointed to make the state fund audit under the Dennis resolution: Representatives North of Multnomah and Carter of Jackson, Senators Dennis of Union and Wallawa, and Patterson and Frank M. Warren of Portland as a member of the state at large.

CHANGES IN MOTOR BUS BILL MADE

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 24.—Four amendments were made to the bill giving the public service commission regulation of motor buses. One gives cities and towns the right to pass regulatory ordinances; another exempts neighborhood trucks hauling farmers' produce, and the third provides for a commission that "may," instead of "shall," require manifests of truck operators. The fourth removes the word "surety" from the mention of bonds required, substituting instead "good and sufficient bonds."

M. I. A. WILL GIVE PROGRAM

The M. I. A. will hold its Christmas exercises in the I. O. O. F. tabernacle at seven o'clock tomorrow evening. The program as announced today is as follows:

Opening hymn, "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning"; prayer, W. D. Hawks; community singing, Elmer Stoddard; "Star of the East," Bee-Hive Girls' Chorus; reading, "The Little Blue Stocking," Mrs. Elmer McManus; vocal solo, selected, Mrs. R. M. Rogers; instrumental quartet—saxophone, Jack Hiatt; violin, Dorothy Caldwell; trombone, Francis Snodgrass; piano, Ruth Bramwell; "The Other Wise Man," Mrs. Geo. R. Lyman; vocal solo, "Crown Him," Mrs. Geo. A. Bean; cornet solo, Elmer McManus; closing hymn, "Doxology"; prayer, David I. Stoddard.

In addition to the M. I. A. entertainment the L. D. S. church will observe Christmas at 10:30 tomorrow morning, the regular Sunday school hour, and on Monday afternoon Santa Claus will appear at the amusement hall. Dancing will follow the visit of Santa.

(By Associated Press) TRIAL POSTPONED. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—District Attorney Brady will be unable to start the second Arbuckle trial on January ninth.

ELKS' X-MAS TREE TO BE GIFT-LADEN

Tomorrow Afternoon is When Local Lodge Will Help Santa Distribute Presents.

The Elks will tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 have as their guests the 1200 children of La Grande under 12 years of age for the purpose of giving every youngster an opportunity to meet Santa Claus, who has promised the Elks to be here with presents for all. And one thing old Santa asked his hosts to make clear is that when the children gather around the Christmas tree at the corner of Depot and Washington in front of the Elks home that the democratic spirit for which the Elks are known throughout the world shall prevail. Boys and girls will all be treated alike at this Christmas party, whether they come from the home of the wealthy or whether their home is one of the humble homes which poets have so often immortalized.

The gifts will include candy and nuts and other things and the Elks band will furnish music.

At one o'clock today the committee in charge of the Elks' Christmas arrangements distributed food and Christmas dinner without thought of possible suffering among others less fortunate the Christmas dinners distributed were made sufficiently large to feed the biggest family and each family received as good a dinner as any on the committee distributing the baskets will eat tomorrow.

HARDING GIVES DEBS LIBERTY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The sentence of 10 years imposed upon Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, following his conviction of violation of the espionage act, was commuted yesterday by President Harding. Debs was ordered released on Christmas day from Atlanta with 25 others similarly convicted.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Sam McVey, negro heavyweight, died in a hospital here yesterday of pneumonia.

War Risk Insurance Must Be Reinstated Before End Of Year

All Policies Become Void if They Have Not Been Renewed Before January First.

Unless the soldiers who have a war risk insurance policy make arrangements to have it renewed before the first day of January their policy will become null and void, whether it will not lapse until a later day or not. There is just one week left to make application and unless this is done, as was mentioned above, the insurance is of no value. Blanks can be obtained from Roy Curry or from Mrs. Fay Catlin, secretary of the Red Cross and must be taken up in the coming week if the ex-service man desires to maintain his insurance.

FRICITION ON TREATY IS LITTLE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Harding in a formal statement declared that the differences of interpretation which have arisen over the four-power Pacific treaty are to his mind "unimportant."

Declaring that an unjustified effort had been made to magnify the difference of view with the American delegates regarding the treaty, the president asserted that he was "more than satisfied" with the work of the delegates and that they had his full confidence.

He also asserted that an unjustified charge had been made that the "American delegation is withholding information" and that he could not permit such a charge to go unchallenged. Reverting to another feature of the fight that is being made against the treaty in the senate, Mr. Harding asserted that the past contemplated no "alliance or entanglement." It is in full accord, he said, with cherished American traditions. The president asked that "unimportant" controversies as to interpretation should not be permitted to obscure the major purpose of the treaty, which, he said, was to preserve peace and to provide for a means of consultation when peace is threatened.

FAITHFUL FOURTEEN IN SENATE PREVENT LOADING HUGE EXPENSE ON STATE

WAR TOYS IN SHOPS LACKING THIS YEAR

Santa Claus Apparently Attended Disarmament Conference; Big Change in Year.

From all appearances our good friend St. Nick must have attended the disarmament conference. War toys are about as prominent as hair on a frog's back. In their place wooden trains, kiddie cars, and other wooden toys of similar nature are rivaling mechanical toys for the coveted place in the youngster's heart. Not this year will the pugnacious kiddie line his soldiers up and ping away at them with his toy machine gun. Instead he will manipulate the more or less intricate mechanicals of miniature railroads, cars and the like.

Last year in the shop windows on Christmas, the one thing that held prime interest was toys that had something to do with army and navy operations. But this year the old order changed. No more do the young feast their eyes on war toys but instead they seek the more peaceful miniatures. And maybe poor old dad will feel more at ease when he sets down to read the evening paper—no more will he expect to get plunked on the head with a wooden bullet by his ambitious youngster or have a young tank run up his leg and inspire profane thoughts.

POSTOFFICE TO OPEN PART DAY

The postoffice will be open tomorrow and Monday between the hours of nine and eleven in the morning. This only applies to the general delivery window and the other windows will be closed for both days.

Orchestra To Play At Hospital On Christmas Morning

As evidence of their thoughtfulness of the unfortunate the Storer Orchestra have volunteered to give a musical recital at the Grande Ronde hospital Christmas morning. The program will begin at 11 o'clock. The orchestra is composed of the following membership: Mr. Gekeler, director; Loney, Humphries, Reese and Robinson, Miss Lynch and Mrs. Mead. Their program will no doubt be greatly enjoyed by the shut-ins.

Each of Germany's blinded ex-soldiers is provided with an official "caretaker" and specially trained dog.

Sleep Was Not on the Program in Senate Last Night

ADJOURNMENT NOT IN SIGHT AT NOON

Panic-stricken Advocates of Foisting Cost of Multnomah's Fair on State May Continue Fight.

(By Bruce Dennis) (Special to The Observer)

SALEM, Dec. 24.—At 12:25 the gasoline tax measure went to vote. Fourteen votes were recorded against it, which defeats it. What the next move of the fair advocates will be in the legislature is not known as they still have power to prevent adjournment.

(Special to The Observer) SALEM, Dec. 24.—After a most strenuous night where few members got a wink of sleep and pressure from every known agency throughout the state was applied without mercy.

The faithful 14 senators lined up this morning, standing firmly against Multnomah's gasoline tax bill to finance the 1925 exposition.

The fight then settled itself into a parliamentary battle, as 14 have only power to defeat the bill but not the power to force it up for passage. No adjournment was in sight at noon.

Defeat Stands.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 24.—After President Rittner of the senate had ruled that the resolution submitting the constitutional amendment creating a state commission to manage the exposition and providing a gasoline tax had failed to pass on a vote of 15 for and 14 against, and a motion that Rittner's ruling by a vote of 15 to 14 and motion that the resolution be transmitted to the house with its amendments carried, Moser attacked Rittner's ruling, contending that 15 was a majority because the senate now has only 29 members and that 15 votes passed the measure. Rittner said that Attorney General Van Winkle had ruled that a majority vote of normal members was necessary.

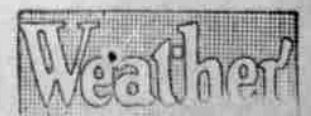
(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 24.—At 1:45 the house unanimously adopted a motion that Speaker Bean appoint a committee of four to confer with a like committee of the senate on the exposition measures which went through the senate over President Rittner's adverse ruling on 15 to 14 votes.

(By Associated Press) Long Debate. SALEM, Dec. 24.—The senate adjourned at midnight until 10 this (Continued on Page Five.)



Union County Ex-Service Favor the Loan Feature

present about one-half of the ex-service men are taking advantage of the state bonus. State figures published in the Oregonian are about as follows: About 8000 have applied for the cash bonus and about 6000 for the loan. These represent about half of the ex-soldiers in Oregon. In Union county, the majority is in favor of the loan. Out of about 300 men who have applied for one or the other consideration about 60 per cent are in favor of the loan with only 40 per cent asking for cash. The figures as to how many applied are similar to the state figures, that is, about one-half of the ex-soldiers have applied.



Tonight and Sunday occasional rain or snow.