

FRENCH TO OCCUPY ESSEN

MOSER MADE TEMPORARY SENATE HEAD

Enough Senators Mustered to Open Legislative Session.

SENATOR EDDY IS MAROONED BY FLOOD

House Ready to Effect Permanent Organization With Kubli as Speaker, is Report.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 8.—Both houses adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

EDDY ARRIVES

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 8.—Temporary President Gus Moser, after conferring with Upton leaders rejected Eddy's followers proposal. Eddy arrived this afternoon and immediately went into consultation with his supporters.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Formalities attending the opening of the thirty-second legislative session were somewhat jarred by flood, for with Eddy marooned, his followers made an eleven hour effort to defeat Upton for presidency by notifying temporary president Moser that to expedite proceedings they would support any other senator for president except Upton.

Meanwhile Pierce awaited inauguration which is not possible until legislature formally passes upon the election.

Oleitt also waited for an opportunity to deliver his farewell message.

Early this afternoon Kubli was unanimously elected as speaker of the house.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Enough senators were mustered by 10:50 o'clock this morning to call the senate to order, which was done by Farrell of Malheur. Senator Eddy, of Roseburg, was marooned by a flood at Albany, and several supporters of Eddy for president of the senate remained out.

Gus Moser was elected as temporary president and in a brief speech pleaded for the forgetting of political differences and the maintaining of harmony while in session.

Eddy followers are strongly opposed to Jay H. Upton, of Prineville, and they said the house was ready to elect a permanent organization with K. K. Kubli as speaker.

AD CLUB MEETS TUESDAY NOON

W. L. Kadderley, With the Extension Department of the O. A. C., scheduled to Speak.

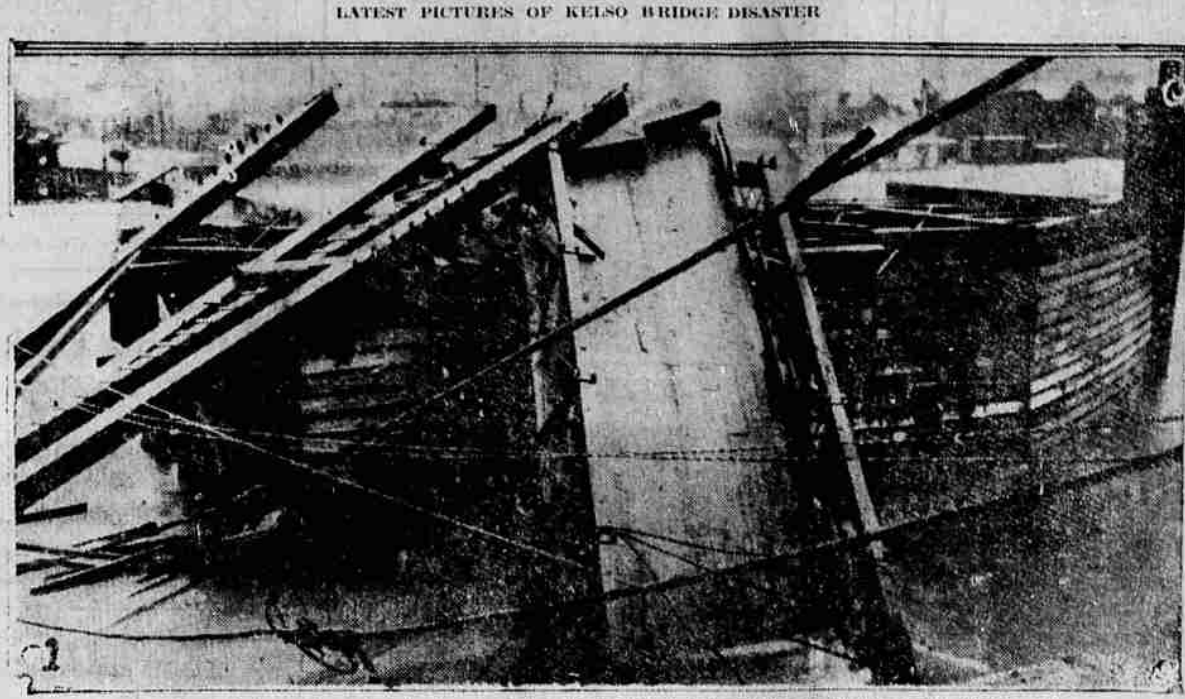
Tomorrow noon, when the members of the Union County Ad club meet themselves about a table well laden with food prepared by the Woman's Relief Corps of La Grande, W. L. Kadderley, assistant leader of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college will deliver an address on a current subject, his topic having not been announced yet. Mr. Kadderley was in La Grande Saturday and is at present in Baker on official business, but will return to the city this evening.

Mr. J. L. Ingle is in charge of the meeting and it is expected that a few specialties in the way of musical numbers will be arranged for the luncheon. The luncheon will be held in the K. of P. hall at 12 o'clock sharp.

It was announced late this afternoon that Mary Jean Thatcher will furnish a piano solo and the Ad club quartette will sing several selections at the Ad club luncheon tomorrow.

SUN YAT SEN SEES CROWN

(By Associated Press) SHANGHAI, Jan. 8.—Sun Yat Sen, deposed president of the South China Republic, expects his army which recently captured Wu-how, to retake Canton within two weeks, resulting him to power in the south, he announced today.



General view of wrecked bridge at Kelso, taken from a boat on the east side of the Cowlitz river.

FLOOD CREST THOUGHT TO BE REACHED

High Waters in Oregon and Southern Washington Still Serious

CASUALTY LIST IS SWELLED TO FOUR

Highways are Closed to Traffic; Railroads are Blocked; Many Homes Inundated.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—The flood in Oregon and southern Washington is still serious but in many places the crest is believed to be passed.

Between Portland and Eugene and in the Hood River and The Dalles areas, have received great damage. It will be several days before the loss can be checked.

Two persons are missing and two injured as a result of a cloudburst which swept the logging camp at Morton. The Washington rail company's connections on all four railroads to Portland and Eugene have been cut. Highways are flooded and traffic stopped.

Many farmers were forced to leave their homes in boats near Eugene and many homes were inundated in West Salem. All highways from Salem are closed.

LA GRANDE UNHURT

Although the heavy snowfall and resulting thaw swelled the Grande Ronde river and other streams in Union county to a high water mark, no material damage of any consequence has been reported. In some isolated points, lowlands in the valley have been slightly flooded, but in La Grande, with the exception of flooded intersections due to the gutters becoming plugged, no bad conditions have been experienced.

The Gray news stand and the yard office at the depot were cut off from lights last evening due to the blowing down of a telephone pole in the vicinity during the high winds that were experienced last evening.

Cornucopia Gets Snow

BAKER, Jan. 8.—The heaviest snowfall in ten years at Cornucopia occurred recently, is the report received here. The town was completely cut off from the outside world and slides on the road through the canyon below the town stopped stage travel and all the horses and men available were put to work battling with the barrier to traffic. The snow is reported as being nine feet deep in many places.

Umatilla High

PINDLETON, Jan. 8.—The Umatilla river is running exceptionally high as the result of flood waters from all its tributaries, and with the rain continuing generally all over the county and in the mountains, it is rising higher each hour. While the high wind storm of Friday night did some damage, no serious report have yet come in from this county. Railroads have watchmen out at all danger points, and both the telephone

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BULLETINS

CLOSE CHECK STARTED

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A close check was inaugurated by federal prohibition authorities on liquor shipments consigned to foreign embassies and legations with the view of determining whether disproportionate supplies are being brought through American customs to these favored destinations.

BUSINESS SETTLEMENT URGED

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Great Britain wants a fair business settlement of her \$5,000,000,000 war debt to the U. S. on such terms as will produce the least possible disturbance in trade relations of the two countries, Stanley Baldwin, British chancellor of the exchequer, declared today in an address to the joint session of the British and American debt funding commissions.

SMALL FIRE OCCURS SUNDAY; \$100 IS LOSS

A clothes closet in the residence of H. E. Dixon, at the intersection of Washington and Second streets, caught fire Sunday morning about 1:15 o'clock and before extinguished by the fire department, inflicted damage of about \$100, the greater share of the loss being in clothing destroyed. The fire was caused by the falling of soot from a recently cleaned fire, states the fire chief.

UNION TEAMS DEFEATED BY HIGH SCHOOL

First Team Loses in a Fast Game to La Grande by a Score of 20 to 12; Locals Win from Union Seconds.

By means of a thrilling rally staged in the last half of Saturday night's basketball game, the Blue and White team emerged winners from the big red team from Union, scoring 12 points in the last half while the invaders failed to make a field basket. Union outplayed the La Grande team in the first half which ended 11 to 8 in favor of the visitors but the last half was different—vastly different.

The first few minutes of the game was marked by even playing with neither side scoring. La Grande took an early lead when Price dropped the ball through and the score was promptly tied by Hetrick of Union. Hammelt scored a basket putting La Grande into the lead and so the score stood until the middle of the half when the La Grande team was pulled and another team, nearly as good as the starters took the floor.

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TURKS WILL GET ALLIED ULTIMATUM

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Jan. 8.—A draft of the Near East treaty will be presented to the Turks at Lausanne within a fortnight. The Turks will be told to sign or tear it up and take the consequences, in the advice received today from official information.

BUTTER DROPS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Butter dropped three cents this afternoon.

PIERCE SPEECH BY RADIO

Governor Walter M. Pierce's address will be delivered to the entire state and west this evening at nine o'clock sharp. He will broadcast his speech from the Oregonian broadcasting station at Portland. Radio stations in La Grande are preparing to receive the address.

THINGS AREN'T SO BAD



CRAWFORD TO BE APPOINTED O. A. C. REGENT

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 8.—Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce announced that he would appoint Judge Thomas H. Crawford, of La Grande, regent of the Oregon Agricultural college.

SUPREME COURT MAKES RULING

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Publishers are not prohibited by the Clayton law from making contracts with news dealers as their exclusive wholesale distributing agent, the supreme court held today in the case of the Federal Trade Commission against the Curtis Publishing company.

HOOP SEASON OPENS SOON

Although an exhibition game between the Clerks and the M. I. A. started the ball to rolling in the city basketball league, the official opening is scheduled to take place Wednesday evening. The Standard Oil team will face the Allied aggregation in the opening game and Union will play the Clerks in the second game of the official double header opener.

Six teams are entered in the city league for this season, three from La Grande, comprising the Clerks, the M. I. A., and the Standard Oil team, and three from town teams, Union, Perry and Allied, make up the others.

The games will begin at 8 o'clock and a large attendance is anticipated.

BANK ROBBER MAKES HAUL IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—More than \$8000 in currency was stolen by a sneak thief, who unlocked a teller's wicket and scooped up all available currency, at the Ashley & Rumelin bank, Second and Stark streets, during the non-hour rush Saturday, states the Portland press.

The thief escaped without leaving a clue to his identity. Though police and private detectives began work at once on the case, they had made no progress toward recovery of the stolen money, or the arrest of the robber last night.

The crime, one of the most extraordinary in the annals of Portland banking houses, was committed so cleverly that it was several hours before the loss was discovered. Employees of the banking house have been exonerated of all suspicion in connection with the robbery.

Honest Man Suspected.

That the crime was committed by some otherwise honest person, who, seeing the unlocked wicket and the great stacks of bills of large denominations, allowed greed to overcome honesty and gave way to temptation, was the opinion expressed by Detective Captain Moore. The details of the crime were such, and the chances of such an opportunity were so remote, that the police figure that no professional lawbreaker was responsible for the theft.

SMALL FORCE READY TO GO INTO ESSEN

Army Will Be Accompanied By French and Belgian Engineers.

HUGHES PLAN IS SENT TO FRANCE

Occupation of Essen Will Take Place Thursday, According to Present Advances.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The occupation of Essen by a small French force, accompanied engineers and custom officers, is now slated for Thursday morning. Belgian and French engineers and technical experts will accompany the French.

Hughes Plan Offered.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Plans for the settlement of the reparations controversy between France and England were outlined by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven address have been communicated to the French government officially.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 8.—France's Rhine army is gathering, to be ready to march when Premier Poincare gives the word for the carrying out of his still secret plan for seizing the Ruhr and the Rhineland. Trains were crowded Sunday night with officers and men, newly recalled from leave, returning to their posts, and Mr. Poincare conferred Sunday afternoon with M. Le Troquer, minister of public works, on final arrangements for the transportation of civil and military forces. The French troops on the Rhine have been ordered by General Degoutte to remain in their quarters, wherever there appears to be any danger of clashes with the Germans and every precaution will be taken to avoid demonstrations.

There are several times the number of French forces in the Rhineland as are likely to be required for the Ruhr operations, but all the troops will be held in readiness for instant service, although there is nothing set to justify the assumption of immediate action.

The details of the French plan remain a mystery, but M. Poincare has repeatedly described the proposed entrance into the Ruhr as chiefly the work of engineers and customs collectors. This is the nucleus but the military support required necessarily depends upon the French estimate of what assistance the Germans may offer. It is known also that the premier's idea was modified to make it attractive to the British but now that France is going in alone she is under no such restraint.

CONCERT WILL BE OF MERIT

Joint Recital of Emil Eyer and Umberto Martucci is Heralded as Event in Musical Sections.

Preparations are rapidly being completed for the presentation of Emil Eyer, tenor, and Umberto Martucci, pianist.

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Police Capture 2 More In Liquor Violations

Two more violators of the liquor ordinance were ensnared in the toils of justice and punished. Alfred Carlson and Jack Steers were captured over the week-end and each was found guilty this morning in the police court. Judge R. J. Kitchen imposed a fine of \$100 and a sentence of 30 days in jail on each offender.

Carlson was driving near the Fir street railroad crossing when Chief of Police Clint Haynes approached. "Get in and take a ride," invited Carlson. "I will just as soon as I search your car," replied Clint. And he got in and they rode to the police station, for in the search, the police did find a gallon of moonshine, about 19 bottles of brandy and some other articles.

Steers Making Delivery.

Steers was caught by the police while making a delivery of four gallons of moonshine and was arrested. Bail was set yesterday for both men at \$1000 which neither could furnish.

Bootleggers Reunion.

"Steers, Carlson, Mike Woodard, and Perry Wright, the last two serving sentences for liquor violations, had a regular bootleggers reunion yesterday afternoon in the bull-pen," Clint remarked today. "The afternoon was spent pleasantly at cards and following the completion of same the four enjoyed a delicious banquet, provided by the city, all pronouncing the affair a complete success."