

PEACE AIMS BACKED UP BY BRITISH LABOR MEN

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 23.—British labor today backed up the peace terms announced by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

"Unless Germany accepts the aims of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George and labor's minimum terms we must fight on," declared Chairman Purdy in opening the annual conference of the labor party here today.

"A negotiated peace while Germany occupied the territory of other nations would be a German victory."

The growing political power of labor was emphasized here today when the annual conference of the labor party opened.

The meeting took on added significance in view of the recent appeals of Premier Lloyd George to the working classes and the growing possibility of a Liberal-Labor coalition government before the end of the year.

Peace will take a prominent part in the discussions of the delegates and labor's position in the war will be debated from every angle. Women delegates are present for the first time.

This is the most important labor meeting ever held in Great Britain and representatives from all the trade unions are present.

The party is to be reorganized and a new constitution will be adopted widening the scope of the party organization to include all producers "by hand or brain."

Numerous resolutions had been presented in advance for debate. They propose the following:

- 1.—The election of cabinet members by the house of commons.
- 2.—An early international conference of labor representatives from all countries to discuss peace.
- 3.—The retirement of all members of the labor party from cabinet posts.
- 4.—Government suppression of food profiteering and the punishment of profiteers.
- 5.—That the time has now come for a general peace by negotiations.
- 6.—That representatives of labor sit at the peace conference table.
- 7.—The holding of an international labor conference simultaneously with the general peace conference to see that the interests of the working classes are protected.
- 8.—A substantial levy on capital.
- 9.—Reforms in the British health administration.
- 10.—Workmen's compensation in England.
- 11.—A declaration in favor of home rule for India along the lines of the South African government.
- 12.—The establishment of an international language "so that the workers of the world can understand one another without the aid of an interpreter."

GIVE US BACK OUR 'JITS' CRY OSWEGO FOLK

With the object of securing a restoration of the jitney service between Oregon City and Oswego, discontinued about a month ago, E. E. Brodie, W. A. Huntley and W. P. Hawley were appointed by the Commercial Club Live Wires Tuesday a committee to take up the matter with the Portland Railway Light & Power company, which operated the jitney service.

Discontinuance of the service severed the only traffic link between the two towns and the business men here are anxious to have the line reestablished, with a schedule maintained that will accommodate Oswego shoppers.

B. N. Byerlee, editor of the Oswego Times, said that people of his town were being forced to go to Portland, because of lack of transportation facilities.

He also urged that the portion of the Pacific highway between Oregon City and Oswego be first improved with state and county funds, rather than the short and costly stretch between Oswego and the Multnomah county line.

WAR CABINET PLAN HAS SUPPORT FROM OREGON'S SENATOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—President Wilson has served notice on Democratic leaders in the senate that he will use all his influence and power to beat the bill to create a war council.

"The president will fight to the finish," was the word brought to the capitol today.

President Wilson issued a statement tonight characterizing as an "astonishing and unjustifiable distortion of the truth" assertions made by Senator Chamberlain in his speech at New York Saturday concerning inaction and inefficiency on the part of the government in its war preparations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Without waiting to learn the administration's attitude officially, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, on behalf of the senate military affairs committee today recommended immediate passage of the bill creating a war cabinet of three members to take over the active management of the war.

The measure expressly provides that the cabinet "is to be composed of three distinguished citizens of demonstrated executive ability to be appointed by the president, by and with the consent and advice of the senate."

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Wilson summoned Senator Martin of Virginia and Senator Simpson of North Carolina to the White House Sunday to tell of his opposition to the war cabinet, munitions ministry or any other new device which will change control of war direction at this time. Sunday conferences at the White House have been rare.

This conference marks the determined attitude of the president against changing at this time.

Neither Senator Martin nor Senator Simpson would discuss the conference. The White House refused any statement except the general indication that the president's opposition to the new plans remains unaltered, even after his review of Senator Hitchcock's bill with Secretary Baker Saturday and his conference with the senate leaders Sunday.

Remarkable Photo Taken at Lunch Hour During Battle of Cambrai



This photograph taken at the height of the British advance at Cambrai showed East County troops resting for lunch in the trenches behind their machine guns. The picture was taken while bullets were flying over the heads of the men.

Oswego Water Supply Is Fine Says Investigator for Public Service Commission, Praises Patullo

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special to the Enterprise)—Not only has the order of the Public Service commission of the Oswego water case been lived up to by the water company, but many things have been done for the betterment of conditions not called for by the commission's order, according to a report of Examiner Rasch for the commission filed with Commissioner Fred Buchtel today.

The examination was made in company with Dr. Holt, secretary of the state board of health, Superintendent Patullo of the Oswego Lake, Light, Water & Power company and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cooper of Oswego.

The report of Mr. Rasch on conditions found at the plant is as follows: "The location of the spring has been changed and it was encased in cement four feet above the ground and well screened. Extending back a considerable distance the ground has been spaded, seeded and surface ditches have been dug to divert the surface water from draining into the spring."

"An additional pump, electrically connected and operated, has been installed and the pump house has been extended to house this pump. The entire floor of this new addition is of cement and new flooring has been put in the old pump house."

"The sterilization plant was now in operation. The report to the contrary given out some time ago was true, but at that time the pump was not in operation. The connecting hose is removed from the water and the sterilization plant is shut off when the water is not being pumped into the mains. There was a prevalent odor of free chlorine at the spring, and the water from the faucet in Mrs. Cooper's kitchen had a faint taste of chlorine, but not sufficient to be objectionable or unsafe, according to the statement of Dr. Holt. I instructed Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith to notify the commission by telephone if the water becomes objectionable from excessive chlorine."

"The reservoir connections have been made and Mr. Todd, who is employed by the water company, informed me that he had cleaned the reservoir recently and had finished by using lime."

"Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith both expressed to me their complete satisfaction with everything about the water works, and also stated that this was the first time in years that the water did not become muddy and rolled following heavy rains. They did not, however, accept the statement of Mr. Todd that the reservoir was thoroughly cleaned. Not that they

disputed Mr. Todd, but did not believe that any man had sufficient ability to clean anything thoroughly, and would not be satisfied until they could actually witness the cleaning." In order that they might be satisfied, I requested Mr. Patullo that they be notified the next time the reservoir is to be cleaned, and also notify others who might be interested, that they be present and supervise the work. He readily agreed to this and assured me that it would be done.

"The supervision of the sterilization plant has now been turned over to Mr. Simington, who will be held responsible for its proper working and any shortcomings in its manipulation could be readily ascertained and the blame located, and if Mr. Simington does not make good the commission should be notified."

"I am also satisfied that the order of the commission has been lived up to by the water company, and that they have also done many things not called for by the commission, that has made for the betterment of the plant and the service in general. Mr. Patullo has shown a noble spirit of cooperation at all times, notwithstanding the various causes for delays over which he had no control."

LOUIS EBY ALLEGES PERMANENT INJURY ASKS \$1745 DAMAGES

Louis B. Eby, through his guardian ad litem, Ben W. Eby, has brought suit in the circuit court for \$1745, against Blanche Miller Brown, by reason of personal injuries sustained in a collision with the defendant October 8.

Young Eby, who is fourteen years of age, was riding a bicycle at the corner of Main and Third, and charges that the defendant in an automobile, was riding along the wrong side of the street, when the collision occurred. Plaintiff claims he was thrown from his bicycle and sustained serious injuries of a permanent nature.

OREGON CITY IS ASSURED PERMANENT PURE WATER BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Representative Hawley was today advised that the lands in the Southern Pacific selection, used as the intake for the Oregon City water system, have been recommended by the geological survey for a power site withdrawal, thus retaining the title in the federal government and securing to Oregon City a perpetual pure water supply.

LICENSE TO MARRY.

Chas. R. Achilles and Helen E. Howell were granted a license to wed Friday.

Pole Cats Vanish Remove Gas Masks Skunk Row Is Over

Remove your gas masks, folks,—for the threatened litigation between J. S. Imel and George McKinnis for the possession of three live skunks, will not be "aired" in local courts.

By some legalism known only to the district attorney's office, the parties, who are well known Clackamas county men from the Clackamas Heights country east of Oregon City, have settled their difficulties out of court. McKinnis has agreed to give up the three skunks, which he purchased from Imel's fine stock of thoroughbred animals last week, but does not feel like carrying the animals back to the original owner. Imel, on the other hand, being an experienced man in handling the delicate "critters," has agreed to come after the animals.

Imel, who operates a skunk farm on the Abernethy east of town, last week sold his entire stock of about a dozen animals to McKinnis, delivering three choice "star blacks" and taking McKinnis' check for \$25 in payment.

McKinnis called for the other skunks the next day but claimed some were missing and stopped payment on the check. Imel immediately got in touch with local authorities and wanted the matter brought before the court. Skunk hides, when the market is "strong" are worth from \$3 to \$6 claims Imel.

With the settlement of the case, all local officers heaved a sigh of relief.

THIRD OREGON SAFE IN FRANCE WRITES CAPT. W. R. LOGUS

Word was received by Mrs. W. R. Logus, of this city, from Captain W. R. Logus, who is "Somewhere in France" Tuesday, telling of the safe arrival of the Third Oregon regiment of which Captain Logus is connected.

The note was written January 3rd.

Captain Logus states: "At last we are in camp. It is cold, but we have cantonments, stoves and electric lights, also good food. We are all well and contented."

This is cheering news to many wives and parents of boys who have gone to France to hear they have arrived safely. Many anxious relatives have been making inquiries in this city, and this is one of the first messages received from the boys of the Third Oregon.

TEXAN IS SAFE AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 18.

The Hawaiian-American line steamship Texan, which was in a collision at sea last Monday, arrived here safely today under her own steam.

LOCAL FIRM IS TO MAKE GRADE FOR HIGHWAY

The Oregon Engineering and Construction company will supervise the grading of the "Canemah cut" or the strip of the new Pacific highway being built, between the lower end of Canemah and what is known as "Stringtown."

President Moffitt announced Tuesday he would start a crew of men immediately and will rush the work as fast as practicable. The work is from the state highway cut, and is approximately 1 1/2 miles of the new river road. The Canemah job will consist largely of a big rock cut and fill.

With this end of the work looked after by the construction company, and the two or more crews which the county will have on the job by the latter part of the week, it is predicted that the grading will be in shape at an early date. The county has already started work farther south on the road.

DECISION RIGHT SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

Young Kieling's claim for agricultural exemption was denied at the time of the first draft and he was sent to Camp Lewis. His appeal was taken through the district board and on to the president of the United States, and the decision of the local boards was affirmed January 10th by the nation's executive. It was held by the lower boards that it was not necessary to the carrying on of the war that Kieling be kept on the farm which he had leased from his father.

At the present time, the boy is in service in France, having been sent over from Camp Lewis some time ago.

OREGON MAKES FINE ECONOMY RECORD IN HANDLING R. F. D.

According to the annual report of the postmaster-general for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, received yesterday by F. S. Myers, postmaster at Portland the cost of maintaining the rural free delivery mail service in Oregon for the year covered by the report was \$1.71 per patron. The annual cost per piece of mail handled in the year was 1 cent, which was less than one-half the cost in most states.

On the date of the report 180,817 people, or one-fourth of the population of the state, were being served by the rural delivery of mail. A total of 257 rural routes, covering a mileage of 6357 miles, were being operated. The cost of this service for the year was \$310,550. Since the report was made a number of additional routes, as well as extensions of routes already in operation, have been provided, and a larger proportion of the state's population is being served today.

JUDGE DISMISSES SUIT TO VOID REAL ESTATE SALE TO SOLDIER

Henry Luiten obtained a judgment of foreclosure in the sum of \$1100, costs and attorney's fees against Charles Schauf and John Schauf Thursday.

Judge Campbell signed an order dismissing the suit of Allan C. Peel against James S. Thatcher and W. F. G. Thatcher et al this afternoon. The suit which was filed recently in the circuit court charged that Mrs. Thatcher and her husband fraudulently deeded away an interest in certain mortgaged real properties to a United States soldier, in order to bring the property within the provisions of the 1917 "moratorium" law of Oregon, which prevents foreclosure or execution against property held by sailors and soldiers during the war.

The suit was dismissed without prejudice, and the receivership which was ordered by the court at the time of the suit was ordered dissolved.

Winnie Hanson was given a decree of divorce from Olaf Hanson her husband, together with \$15 per month alimony and the custody of their minor child, Odessa.

Great Campaign Planned For the Sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps to Help Down the Huns

Uncle Sam is again appealing to Clackamas county for aid in carrying out successfully the great war by buying War Savings and Thrift Stamps, and in line with this appeal a meeting was held last evening at the Commercial club which was addressed by Mr. L. J. Simpson of North Bend Oregon, who is vice-chairman of the state executive committee for the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps and also chairman of the First Congressional district which comprises 17 counties. Uncle Sam asks every man, woman and child to buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps not only for your country's sake but to your own. The government wants everyone to practice economy, thrift and self denial, in order that every available penny may be

placed at the disposal of the nation and in return for this support, your government is going to pay you 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly.

This country's quota has been placed at \$748,580 for the coming year which is \$20 per capita and to pledge this large sum, it is going to be necessary for everyone to put their shoulder to the wheel. Every store, business house and bank in the county is going to be asked to place these stamps on every spare cent into them. At the meeting held last night the following appointments were made.

A. C. Howland was elected as chairman, J. E. Calavan was placed in charge of organizing the schools throughout the county, E. C. Caulfield

was delegated to the work of appointing salesman and organizing the business houses, Jas. H. Cary assumes leadership of the industrial committee which includes the campaign to be made among the mills, factories, etc. Rev. Milliken is in charge of the work among churches, clubs, lodges, Sunday schools, etc., J. J. Cooke is to handle the general publicity for the work.

These officers will meet Tuesday evening at the Commercial club and appoint their sub-committees throughout the entire county. This great work is going to tax the county to its utmost but it goes without question that everyone will exert themselves to the utmost to put this community among the governments staunchest supporters.

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Imel claims that McKinnis agreed to purchase his whole stock, consisting of twelve animals of that certain brand known among skunk fanciers as "star blacks." He selected three which he took away on payment of the check and returned the next day for the balance. Then, according to Imel's story, McKinnis claimed there were two skunks missing from the number and refused to take the remaining "critters" at any price. He promptly called up the bank and stopped payment on the check which he had tendered the day before.

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"Savory" Case Pending As Result of Refusal to Honor Check Because Two Skunks are Lost. Officers on Trail of Hot "Scent"

Adjust your gas masks, folks, and harken to the four-reel thriller entitled, "The Mystery of the Three Skunks or Why the Case will be Settled Out of Court."

Wrathful and highly indignant, J. S. Imel, who operates a skunk farm along the Abernethy about three miles north-east of Oregon City, appeared before local officials Thursday. He wanted action—immediate action, if you please—against George McKinnis, who he claims, selected three fine specimens from his string of thoroughbred skunks, tendered his check, removed the skunks to his home—and then

itself would not be so bad, but McKinnis has failed to return the three beauties to the Imel skunk kennels. McKinnis stated, that he would skin the animals and sell the hides, says Imel, who frankly intimated to Sheriff Wilson that he suspected a "skin game," of some sort.

Pending the return of the animals Slough Sheriff Wilson will work on the "scent," and possibly may work up a "strong" case. According to District Attorney Hedges, the matter may be "aired" in the local courts, providing any local sleuths can be imposed upon to bring in the three exhibits.

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