

OPPOSITION CONFRONTS STATESMEN AT SALEM

SALEM, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special)—Only a little over a week remains before the legislature convenes for its 30th biennial triumphal march through the statute books of Oregon and as near as can be determined here the individual legislators continue to be riding high in the air as to what they intend to do in regard to big legislation that will probably appear before them during the next two months.

Numerous bills of a minor character are admittedly decorating the interior of the solons' beans, but in most cases they are too inconsequential to mention.

The past few days a large number of the prospective lawmakers have dropped into the capitol for chats with the governor and other officials. Invariably they have felt out the men around the state house as to the possible trend of public opinion on some of the big measures that are likely to come up for consideration. Almost as invariably they have given indication that they are yet unsettled as to how the individually intend to redeem themselves toward such legislation. There seems to be more of a tendency than in the past to feel out the beating of the public pulse in this regard. This seems to be particularly true of the consolidation commission's program.

The printed report of the commission will not be in the hands of the members until a short time before the session convenes and a number of them are getting a little uneasy about the head as to just how to take what the commission will have to feed them in a very large spoon.

All agree that the people of the state have been insistent on some sort of a consolidation program which would have for its effect the cutting down of state expense. They find here a ready-made program and are sort of riding between the devil and the deep blue sea. They know the people want consolidation, elimination and all sorts of shuns, providing it only saves money, but whether the sort of shuns that are offered by the consolidation commission are what the people really want is what is bothering the legislators.

This attitude of mind is very pronounced among a large number of the members—developed to a surprising extent, as earlier in the game there had been a general tendency to scoff at the commission's report. Just how far this attitude will extend when the legislature meets is of course, still problematical in the extreme, but there is no question about this attitude existing and it may result in the commission's report being given more serious consideration than anyone up to the last few days had thought possible.

One thing seems rather certain about the coming session. All is not going to be harmonious in the House and the machine is not going to run along as nicely greased cogs as in the past. A number of members of the house feel that Denton Burdick had something slipped over on him when the Jones-Gordon combination was made which apparently will slip Jones into the speakership. On top of that even some of those who joined up with Jones along in the beginning of things are wondering just where they are going to get off at with the committee-ship and have been bothering Jones a little of late along those lines.

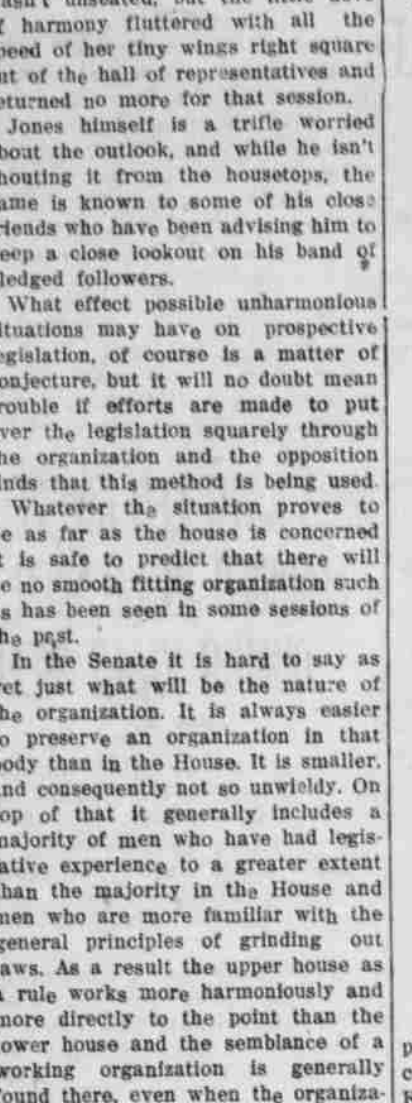
Reports have drifted in here of insurgency in the very ranks pledged to Jones by written pledges.

One Marion County legislator who is a close friend of Jones expressed the fear that possibly the insurgency may develop to such an extent as to cause a number of the members to repudiate their pledges and to endeavor to put Burdick into the high seat, regardless of the original franchise.

It doesn't seem likely that such a mess will come to pass, but the expression of one of Jones' closest friends is put down here for what it is worth. It is generally assumed that the Jones organization will stick until after the votes are counted at least and there doesn't seem to be much likelihood that the Marion County contender can now be defeated for the place.

But what may happen after the election "must give us pause" as Hamlet used to say in some of his more worried moments.

U. S. Troops Passing in Review Before King and Queen When They Returned to Brussels



American soldiers are shown in the photograph, the first received in this country, passing in review before the King and Queen of the Belgians. The occasion was the triumphal entry of the rulers into Brussels after their captal had been occupied for four years by the Huns. The king, queen, and generals representing the allies, are mounted.

FACILITIES CRITICISED BY SENATOR OF OREGON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the Senate military committee, spoke for more than three hours today in the Senate in criticism of the War Department, dealing particularly with what he termed the failure to provide adequate hospital facilities for returned wounded soldiers and to formulate a definite plan for demobilization.

The Senator reiterated many of the charges he made in his address at New York soon after the Nation entered the war and in a subsequent address in the Senate and said that information had come to light since that had justified the statements he had made.

Senator Chamberlain's New York address brought forth a sharp statement from President Wilson. Referring indirectly today to criticism the Oregon Senator said his purpose then and his purpose now was to bring about an improvement in conditions.

WILSON AND PARTY SAIL FOR CALAIS TUESDAY

DOVER, Eng., Dec. 31.—President Wilson and his party sailed from Dover to Calais at 11:20 o'clock this morning.

The presidential train reached Dover at 11 o'clock and little time was lost in boarding the steamer Brighton which set out almost immediately on the cross channel trip.

The morning was cold and raw, with a sharp east wind whipping the channel into whitecaps, indicating that the crossing was likely to be a rough one. President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson remained on the bridge of the Brighton until the steamer left her pier. They smiled and waved farewells to those on shore, while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

NO FAVORISM IS SHOWN SOUTH ON CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Replying to recent assertions that too large a proportion of the government's war contracts went to the South, Senator Fletcher of Florida declared in the Senate Thursday afternoon that one Pennsylvania concern alone had secured more contracts than had been issued to the South.

Of the ordnance contracts, not more than 5 per cent had gone to the South, he said, and of quartermaster contracts, not more than 7 per cent. The shipping board has spent a total of \$10,285,000 on housing in the entire South, Senator Fletcher said, while in Pennsylvania alone \$23,029,500 has been spent for that purpose, and in New Jersey, \$13,000,000.

Senator Smith of Georgia, said that his state had fared better in the matter of appointments and contracts under President Taft than it had under President Wilson and characterized reports that the South had received more than its due share of war contracts as "unjust and utterly devoid of truth."

Q. ROOSEVELT GIVEN PRAISE BY OPPONENT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Saturday, Dec. 28.—Christian Donhauser, the young German aviator who claims to have shot down Quentin Roosevelt near Chambery, France, July 14, told the correspondent today of the battle which ended fatally for the son of the former president of the United States.

GERMAN REDS KILL MANY IN LAST OUTBREAK

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Bolshevism broke out in German Silesia on Saturday, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Express. Miners on strike, under menace of loaded rifles, have compelled their employers to sign "all sorts of documents," the dispatch says.

PHANTOM TORPEDOES SECRET

LONDON, Dec. 27.—"Phantom torpedoes" from the clouds sank a Turkish ship carrying 3000 troops, just before the end of hostilities. Only the armistice prevented other aerial "phantoms" from operating effectively against the German warships in the Kiel canal and other German naval shelters. These hydroplanes, discharging torpedoes above the water, have been the greatest secret of the Allies.

W.M. M'ADOO TO OPEN LAW OFFICE SOON

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—William G. McAdoo will open a law office in New York city about April 1, it was learned here today. The former secretary of the treasury will remain as director general of railroads until President Wilson appoints a successor. McAdoo plans to leave about January 6 for a three-months rest in California. Upon his return he will take up his

POLISH FORCES TAKES POSEN FROM GERMANS

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Polish forces now control Posen and have executed several German officers, disarming others, a Central News dispatch reported today. Communication with Berlin has been cut.

Riots began in Posen last week, shortly after the arrival of Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous pianist, who is expected to be made president of the Polish republic. The Poles, seeking annexation of the district of Posen, are opposed by the Germans.

WOODEN SHIPS FACE TIE-UP IF LOCAL MEN DON'T CHARTER

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Portland is facing a tie-up of the wooden ships now in the harbor and under construction by the United States shipping board. This is the opinion of local ship chartering companies, which assert that the type of wooden ships constructed by the government are entirely inadequate for the demands of shipping from this port.

LOWER RATES FOR COAST AND ORIENT ASKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield today arranged conferences with officials of the operation division of the shipping board with the announced object of obtaining lower rates on water transportation between Pacific coast ports of the United States and points in Japan and China.

CLEMENCEAU TO SUPPORT STAND OF THE ENGLISH

PARIS, Dec. 30.—In addressing the chamber of deputies last night, Premier Clemenceau made it plain that it was his intention to support Great Britain in the peace negotiations on the question of the freedom of the seas, and he declared that his attitude in this matter was approved by President Wilson.

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 29.—Premier Clemenceau was given a vote of confidence, 350 to 134, in the chamber of deputies today after a stormy debate in which the war aims of France were outlined by Stephen Pichon, foreign minister, and the premier had indicated his adherence to the old system of alliance called the "balance of power."

SACRIFICES WERE WORTH WHILE SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

DOVER, England, Dec. 26.—"The war was worth while, because it gave the world security against unjust aggression and established an understanding between great nations for maintenance of just and right," President Wilson said here today.

Responding to an address by the mayor shortly after setting foot on English soil, the president also said he was grateful to match his mind with minds of others who proposed to do their best in the great settlement.

"We have gone through serious times together and therefore can regard each other in a new light, as comrades and associates, because nothing brings men together like common understanding and purpose," said Wilson.

"I think that despite all the terrible sufferings and sacrifices of the war, we will some day be looking backward, realizing that they were both worth while, not only because of the security they gave the world against unjust aggression, but also because of the understanding established between great nations which ought to act together in permanent maintenance of justice and right.

"It is with an emotion of peculiar gratification that I find myself here, afforded an opportunity of matching my mind with the minds of those proposing to do their best in the great settlement of the struggle."

Escorting airplanes and seaplanes filled the air when a British squadron took charge of the distinguished visitor in mid-channel. Salutes were exchanged, the sailors manning the rails during the ceremony. Massed crowds on the admiralty pier unleased cheers and the shore batteries and warships in the harbor fired salutes.

ENVOYS LEAVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—All diplomats have left Petrograd, and the State Department was advised today that they would not return.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 30.—C. A. Liddle, after 30 years "on the road" with the Erie railroad, abandoned his job to avoid danger from the trains. And every day since his wife would congratulate herself that now she could be content in the knowledge that he would come home safe from his work in the office of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Then, one day, he took a holiday and with his wife visited a cousin at Warren, Ohio. The three went riding in the cousin's automobile. They came to a crossing. All three were killed by a passing train.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Tony Brukus, though he lives in Chicago, comes from sunny Italy, where weenies and love are served red-hot. That is why Tony can't understand why, when he persists in paying attentions to Mrs. Anna Shakis, who is beautiful in Tony's eyes, he is hailed into court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Uncle Sam is paying a board bill of \$150,000, 000 a year for the armies of jackrabbits, prairie dogs and other pestiferous animals that roam over the western plains. This startling fact is disclosed in the annual report of the secretary of agriculture, just made public.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 30.—In 1913, in the "hard times" just before the war, Johnny Groves could have understood and forgiven, but with prosperity everywhere he can see no reason for an abedodded man to take advantage of his disability. Johnny is blind and in 10 years had not had a customer of his news stand cheat him until the other day a stranger gave him a round piece of metal and took change for a half dollar.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Mrs. James Johnson shooed a man away from the front porch with a broom. "We want no agents around here," she rasped. The man smiled. Mrs. Johnson turned pale, then threw her arms about his neck. "George, my son, George!" George Johnson had returned home after 33 years' absence in search of his fortune. He was 21 when he went away rather than become a farmer. Today he owns a cattle ranch at Donderay, Mont., is married and has seven children.

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—Only one-arm hugging is allowed here now by the terms of an ordinance passed by the city council. The act provides that only one arm shall encircle a damsel's waist while dancing and that there shall be no undue familiarity. The ordinance says: "Partners shall keep their faces and bodies free from each other."

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Fire in the heart of the business district Sunday night destroyed nearly an entire block on State street, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. The origin of the fire has not been discovered.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 30.—The French war cross, Le Croix de Guerre, has been awarded to H. M. Wight, instructor in zoology at the college, who has distinguished himself in France. This word was contained in a letter to B. G. Thompson, special field agent in entomology at O. A. C. Smith, a student in the school of

Berlin, Jan. 1.—The new German government has finally been announced as follows:

Scheidemann, foreign minister. Noske, minister of the army and navy. Landsburg, minister of finance. Wessell, minister of social affairs. Ebert, Landsburg and Scheidemann are holdovers from the former cabinet.

The new government has issued the following proclamation to the people: "The government's domestic policies will be: To prepare for a national assembly, to provide food, to undertake socialization of public institutions, to seize war profits, to find employment for all, to support those unable to obtain employment, to promote national defense, to disarm unauthorized persons.

The government's foreign policies will be: To bring about a favorable and quick peace; to reform German diplomacy abroad, through new men and a new spirit."

PLANES REJECTED WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Postoffice Department announced today that it had turned back

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials free.

BIG NAVY URGED FOR AMERICA BY DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Unless a league of nations or other tribunal that will make certain the limitation of international armament is established, the United States must build the greatest navy in the world, Secretary Daniels today told the House naval committee.

"It is my firm conviction," declared the Secretary, "that if the conference at Versailles does not result in a general agreement to put an end to naval building on the part of all the nations, then the United States must bend her will and bend her energies, must give her men and give her money to the task of the creation of incomparably the greatest navy in the world."

With the completion of the proposed new three-year building program, adding 10 dreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, 10 scout cruisers and 130 smaller craft to the fleet, America still will rank second in naval strength to Great Britain, said the Secretary, who appeared before the committee to make his final recommendations for the 1920 naval bill which the committee is considering.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield today arranged conferences with officials of the operation division of the shipping board with the announced object of obtaining lower rates on water transportation between Pacific coast ports of the United States and points in Japan and China.

Mr. Redfield said investigations made by firms intending to supply railroad equipment to the Orient showed that water rates from the Pacific coast to Eastern ports ranged from \$50 to \$60 per ton, while rates on the same materials from Liverpool to the same ports ranged about \$12 per ton.

The shipping board has indicated that it did not consider a reduction from the United States possible at this time. Mr. Redfield today cabled a protest to Chairman Hurley, in Paris, and arranged for conferences with officials of the board here.

SHIPS LEAVE FRANCE WITH MANY TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Sailing of three more transports from France with American soldiers was announced today by the War Department. The Santa Marta left December 27, and is due at Newport News January 3. The Madawaska left December 15 and is due at Newport News January 5. The Louisville left December 18 and should reach New York January 6.

The Madawaska carries Companies 113, 114, 115, 401, 408 and 409 and the headquarters of the 174th Infantry Brigade, all en route to Camp Dix, N. J. She also has aboard 1158 sick and wounded.

The Louisville has on board casual Companies Nos. 1008, 1009, 1068, 1069, 109 and 1791; a number of casual officers and 73 sick and wounded.

The Santa Marta is bringing 112 casual officers and one officer and 12 men of the First Field Artillery.

BIG MERCHANT MARINE WANTED BY E. N. HURLEY

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 31.—The transport Aeolus arrived here today from France with 2900 officers and men, most of whom had been wounded or gassed.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The American merchant marine flag must fly in every port of the world, Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board declared in an interview today. He announced that the United States will soon be able to build ships as cheaply as England.

UNITED STATES CONSUL HELD BY BOLSHEVIKI

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Confirmation of the arrest of American Consul Treadwell by Bolsheviki in Russian Turkistan was received by the state department today. The American consul was not taken to prison, according to the advices, but is being detained at Tashkent in his room.

Treadwell, who holds a "roving" commission for this government, had been sent to Turkistan to make an investigation. The nature of the investigation, however, was not revealed.