



MINOR ISSUES RISE TO VEX PRESIDENT

Wilson's Political Future Troubled.

LITERACY TEST IS OPPOSED

Party's Attitude Toward Suffrage to Be Considered.

FOES PREPARE MATERIAL

Exemption of Labor Unions From Operation of Anti-Trust Law Is Another Question That May Rise to Embarrass.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—President Wilson has reached the stage of his White House career where political questions involving his future are piling up to bother him.

Secondary Issues Perplex. The really perplexing problems are, in a sense, those connected with issues of secondary importance.

There is the labor organization exemption clause, which again seems likely to be included in the sundry civil bill and which means much to all the labor unions of the country.

Embarrassments Are Indicated. As conditions are today everything will favor the Democratic party in the Congressional elections next Fall so far as the big bills already put into force are concerned.

It now is generally known that the President is strongly opposed to the immigration literacy test and the hints conveyed from the White House are to the effect that if the Senate follows the lead of the House the immigration bill will be rejected.

As to the exemption of labor unions from the operations of the Sherman anti-trust law. President Wilson clearly exhibited his disapproval of the idea when he signed the civil sundry bill, which Taft had vetoed at the beginning of his Administration.

The enemies of the Administration already are preparing to make capital of the many issues, aside from tariff and currency, that are multiplying rapidly.

NEGRO WOMEN ON BOARD

Committee Makes Selection for Cold, Dark Polling Places. CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Feb. 4.—Two negro women were chosen today to serve on the election board in the first ward of Champaign. The polling place in this ward is without light and heat, and when the City Council refused to provide these comforts, the committee having the appointments in charge decided to choose negroes.

DECKLOAD LOST, COOK ILL

Schooner Luzon, Doubly in Distress, Forced to Put Into Port. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The schooner Luzon, out 12 days from Grays Harbor, bound for Dunedin, New Zealand, was forced to put into port here today. Her deckload of lumber was lost in a gale, and her hull was badly sprung. Her cook is ill.

ROAD TO SEA TO BE GRADED THIS YEAR

COLUMBIA BONDS ASSURE WORK, MR. BOWLBY SAYS.

State Highway Engineer Announces Stretch From Portland to Beach Will Be Contracted at Once.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—That the Columbia Highway will be graded this year from Portland to the sea, was the announcement made tonight by State Highway Engineer Bowlby. This, he said, had been made possible by the authorization of a bond issue of \$360,000 by the voters of Columbia County.

"EASTERN EGG" MISNOMER

Designation Applied to Chinese Product Declared Misleading.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The Sonoma County Poultry Producers' Federation sent a communication to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors today requesting the board to adopt a drastic ordinance against the use of Chinese eggs as food in this city.

It is declared that these eggs are being sold in San Francisco as "Eastern eggs," a name used generally to distinguish eggs received from Middle Western states.

WALTZ, TOO, LEG-BREAKER

Baker Man Survives Tango and Hesitation, to Fall on Old Step.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—While dancing with a dashing divorcee at a fashionable dance at which the tango and hesitation waltzes were featured last night, Harry Near, a commercial traveler whose home is in Baker, slipped and with his partner fell to the floor.

WILLAPA WORK FAVORED

Army Engineers Recommend Government Help Dredge Channel.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary of War Garrison today sent to Congress a report of Army Engineers recommending the dredging of a channel 24 feet deep and 200 feet wide from deep water in Willapa Bay to the forks of the Willapa River at Raymond and a channel of same depth and 150 feet wide up the south fork of the river to Cram Lumber Mill and up the north fork to Twelfth street, the total improvement to cost \$491,500.

It is recommended that the Government appropriate \$347,950 towards the project, local interests to pay the remainder.

PIETY GRIPS TOWN "DADS"

Mayor and Chief, Converted, Will Enforce Old "Blue" Laws.

SUNBURY, Pa., Feb. 4.—Dr. H. T. Kelsor, Mayor, and Mesle Shannon, Chief of Police, both of whom were converted at a revival meeting Sunday, announced today they would eliminate all gambling houses, places of immorality and slot machines.

FIVE FLY 7382 FEET HIGH

French Aviator Establishes New Altitude Record With Passengers.

CHARTRES, France, Feb. 4.—M. Garat, a French aviator, established a new altitude record with five passengers today, ascending to a height of 7382 feet. He made the flight in a new biplane built by Paul Schmitt, an engineer, which reached a height of 5000 feet with seven passengers.

STEAMER VADSO SINKS; ALL SAVED

"Calamity" Craft Hits Alaskan Rock.

"POSSESSED," IDEA ONCE HELD

Iron Vessel Goes Down in 30 Minutes in Snow Storm.

26 PERSONS ESCAPE DEATH

At Early Hour Tuesday Morning Boat Crashes—In Small Boats Crew Reaches Arrandale Cannery, Where It Is Picked Up.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Feb. 4.—The steamship Vadso, of the Union Line, Captain Richardson, sank in Nanoga Gulf, Portland Canal, at 3:45 A. M. on Tuesday. The boat, on route for Granby Bay, in a heavy snow storm, hit a rock, sinking in half an hour in 170 fathoms.

The skipper's own story of the sinking is that the Vadso struck in a wild storm when it was still dark. The steamer immediately began to fill. Many of the crew were in their bunks, and had only time to get a few personal effects and lower away small boats.

Vessel Has Miskaps. Portland canal is the southernmost boundary of Alaska.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 4.—The Vadso was one of the oldest vessels in active service on this Coast, having been built in 1881 by Messrs. Motala & Co., at Gothenburg and named the Bordeaux, a name which was afterwards changed when she was purchased by the Boscowitz Company and brought out here five or six years ago.

The lost steamer, which was constructed of iron and had a single propeller, has been very unlucky of late years. Only last Winter she stranded in a fog in Baynes Sound and the damage was extensive. For a long time she lay off the Wallace shipyards up for sale, but eventually the Union Steamship Company decided to have her repaired, overhauled and oil burners installed at a cost of \$25,000.

A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT.



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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 47 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees. TODAY'S—Light rain or snow; colder; variable winds mostly northerly.

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"RED TAPE" TIES WEDDING

Youth Halts on Brink of Matrimony When Affidavit Is Asked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Carl Leiland Vandeven, of Santa Barbara, accompanied by his fiancée, applied yesterday at the marriage bureau here for a license. The clerk handed an elaborate affidavit required by the state to the young people.

135 GET DIPLOMAS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS

Exercises Held at Three Institutions.

Three high schools of Portland last night sent out as their February contribution to "world forces" to battle with new and practical problems 135 students who have finished the regulation course prescribed by the Portland High School curriculum.

GRADUATES ABLE, TALENTED

Prominent Men Give Advice to New "World Forces."

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WIRELESS AID TO CUPID ON HIGH SEA

ROMANCE BEGINNING OFF SEATTLE ENDS WITH UNION OF TACOMA GIRL AND POMEROY MAN AT MANILA.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Having gained the consent of her parents by wireless from the steamer ship Minnesota when in mid-Pacific, Miss Myra Benson, daughter of E. F. Benson, of Tacoma, president of the Washington Irrigation Institute, and L. N. Knettle, a banker of Pomeroy, were married in Manila Monday.

The couple will return with the Shriners, who are due to arrive here March 12. Miss Benson said they would not doubt make their home in Pomeroy.

E. F. Benson, the bride's father, previously was head of the land department of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

DESCHUTES LANDS OPEN

Mr. Sinnott Wins Contention Against Lottery for 18,000 Acres.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 4.—Representative Sinnott was notified today by the Commissioner of the General Land Office that more than 18,000 acres of agricultural land in the Deschutes forest reserve will be thrown open to settlement in April and become subject to entry a month later under the general homestead law.

Those first settling on land will have the first right of entry. This plan of opening is a victory for Mr. Sinnott, who for months has been fighting against having the land opened under the lottery system.

The assembly halls of Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson high schools were thronged last night with hundreds of friends of the members of the graduating classes assembled for the February commencement exercises.

BOILED DINNER IN COURT

Farmhand Gets Verdict for Indigestion, Employers Appeal.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 4.—It is up to the Kansas Supreme Court to decide what a boiled beef dinner that caused indigestion is worth to its hungry victim in damages.

The District Court of Smith County declared it was worth \$1000 and gave a verdict for that amount. J. D. Manlove, a farmhand who ate the dinner, thinks he should have \$15,000, while Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Jones, who served the meal, and who were the lone workers, assert the farmhand should get nothing.

The case came to the Supreme Court today on appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Jones from the verdict of the lower court.

LOGGING TO BEGIN SOON

Mayor and County Commissioner Are Told of Much Work Coming.

Labor conditions in Portland will be relieved within the next two weeks by the resumption of activities in logging camps, and of construction and other lines of industry, according to Mayor Albee and County Commissioner Rufus Holman, after a personal canvass of the city.

BR'ER GROUNDHOG HAS TIP

Wise Rodent Crawls Back Just in Time in Walla Walla Valley.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Br'er groundhog sure had an armful of wisdom this time when he crawled back in his hole Monday, as Winter started a return engagement here today, a cold breeze gathering clouds this afternoon that sifted out snow, covering the land.

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The boy's father found that the money exceeded \$2000. He deposited it in a bank and inserted an advertisement in a paper for the owner.

FRENZIED FINANCE IS CHARGED IN SUIT

United States Cashier Company Heads Sued.

RECEIVER, ACCOUNTING ASKED

Injunction Against Dismantling Kenton Factory Sought.

EXTRAVAGANCE IS ALLEGED

James S. Birrel, Owner of 10 Shares, Starts Action Accusing Officers of \$1,200,000 Oregon Concern. Prominent Men Figure.

Frenzied finance in the promotion and management of the United States Cashier Company, of Oregon, is charged against promoters and officers of that company in a complaint filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by Clark, Skelton & Clark, attorneys, in behalf of James S. Birrel, owner of ten shares of stock in the company.

The complaint asks for the appointment of a receiver for the company, demands an accounting of its property and of their actions by its officers and prays for a permanent injunction to restrain them from dismantling its factory at Kenton, from leasing it or from removing it from that place.

ACTON AIMED AT TWO.

Though all the directors of the corporation are named as defendants, the action is specifically directed against Frank Menefee, its president, and Thomas Bilyeu, inventor of the patent rights, on which the promotion of the company and the sale of its stock was based. These men, it is charged, have controlled and dominated the affairs of the corporation, the other directors having "through indifference, lack of knowledge of the corporate affairs or through design" permitted them to do so.

Organized in 1909, with a capital stock of \$200,000, the capitalization of the United States Cashier Company in 1910 was increased to \$1,200,000. Since that time, the complaint alleges, substantially the entire capital stock has been issued and sold. Yet today the corporation, according to the complaint, is so nearly bankrupt that its assets consist of the plant at Kenton, worth probably \$50,000, on which there are now two mortgages aggregating \$35,000.

ACCOUNTING IS WANTED.

To account for upwards of \$800,000 alleged to have been obtained in the meantime in money and properties through the sale or other disposition of the stock, while the company has been under the control of Menefee and Bilyeu, is one of the stated purposes of the action.

It is charged in the complaint that "practically all the moneys and properties represented by this \$800,000 have been wasted, misapplied and appropriated to other than corporate uses."

At the time when the capitalization of the company was increased by \$1,000,000, according to the complaint, Menefee and Bilyeu caused to be issued to themselves as promoters stock worth in excess of \$100,000, par value.

IMPROPER TRANSFERS ALLEGED.

"And in this connection," the complaint continues, "the plaintiff is informed and believes, and so states the fact to be, that large quantities of real estate and equities in real estate, and bills and accounts receivable, and other properties, taken and received upon the sale of the capital stock, have been wrongfully and through various transactions and manipulations transferred to and appropriated by the defendants, Menefee, Bilyeu and Campbell (O. A. Campbell, of Eugene), to their own use, to the great damage of the corporation, so that the defendants have in one way or another obtained, without substantial consideration to the corporation, practically all the properties and assets which it has acquired through the sale of its corporate stock. And that the defendants have wholly failed to account to the corporation in any manner for the real and true value of the assets so converted by them."

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