

OTHER NEUTRALS MAY JOIN AMERICA

Aid in Protest to Great Britain Expected.

PRESIDENT WARNS SHIPPERS

Concealed Contraband Certain to Hamper Government.

REPRISALS ARE DISCUSSED

Members of Congress Suggest Embargo on Shipments to Allies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Wilson appealed today to American shippers of non-contraband goods...

This statement followed a discussion by the President with his Cabinet today of the general shipping situation...

Other Neutrals May Act Also.

Publication of a synopsis of the note, the feature of which was confirmed at the White House and State Department...

Britain's Own View Reiterated.

From the way the President discussed the situation with callers, it was evident that the Washington Government had spoken firmly of its desire...

BRITAIN TO MOVE ALIENS

Subjects of Enemies Must Leave District on Coast.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Notices to leave have been served by the police on persons regarded as undesirable in the coast towns adjoining the Tyne-side district...

ALL DRINKING PROHIBITED

Petrograd Extends Vodka Ban to Other Intoxicants, Including Beer.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says an order has been issued here prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic drinks in the city...

ITALY IRRITATES VIENNA

Prince von Buelow's Plans for Conditional Concessions Disturbed.

VENICE, via London, Dec. 30.—Italy's expedition in Avionia, which she occupied several days ago, appears to have produced considerable irritation at Vienna...

Baker Has 5-Inch Snow.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The second snow in the last two days started tonight and inside of an hour there was an inch added to the four inches of snow already on the ground...

CULVER IS VICTOR ON 341ST BALLOT

JEFFERSON COUNTY SEAT FIGHT LASTS DAY AND HALF.

Selection is for Two Years Until Voters Choose—Madras and Metolius Lose—Buildings Offered.

METOLIUS, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—After a day and a half of balloting the County Court of Jefferson County today decided to favor Culver as the county seat for two years...

Each town offered free rental of county offices and Courthouse for the use of the county for two years.

Following the naming of the new county seat the following officers were named at a meeting of 175 taxpayers at Culver in the afternoon.

William Beogil, Cluver, County Judge; W. E. Johnson, of Madras, County Clerk; W. P. Barnett, of Madras, County Treasurer...

That Culver had been chosen as the county seat of Jefferson was the information contained in a telegram received yesterday by J. W. Brewer, of the Oregon Immigration Commission...

AUSTRIAN ATTACKS FAIL

Montenegrins Repulse Enemy Near Grabovo With Heavy Loss.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A Cotline dispatch to the Havas Agency says that the Austrians on December 28 delivered a series of energetic attacks against the Montenegrin troops in the region of Grabovo...

All the efforts of the Austrians, adds the dispatch, to storm the Montenegrin position completely failed.

PHILANTHROPY IS DISLIKED

Philanthropic bureaus are impracticable, he added, "because of the taint of charity which clings to them."

OREGON ON TRIAL CRUISE

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The battleship Oregon, which has been overhauled in preparation for her place at the head of the naval parade through the Panama Canal...

JOB FAMINE DUE TO CHANGES IN STYLES

Capricious Women Are Declared to Blame.

DRESS DEMANDS UNCERTAIN

Responsibility of Employer to Employee Is Urged Also.

YEARLY WAGE SUGGESTED

Organized Labor Market Under Federal Direction Is Another Theoretical Remedy Offered Before National Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—American women should help to provide steady employment for thousands of workers by being less capricious in demanding ever-changing styles.

Employers should be made responsible for their employees both in slack and busy seasons by legislation compelling them to pay a living wage throughout the year.

The labor market should be organized and directed by a National employment bureau with branches in every important city, and labor unions should discontinue the practice of drawing sharp lines between the trades.

Labor Exchanges Suggested. These were some of the suggestions offered to insure steady employment to willing workers by speakers at today's sessions of the National Conference on Unemployed.

John B. Andrews, New York, secretary of the association, outlined a plan by which the entire labor market of the country would be organized under a new branch of the Federal Department of Labor with headquarters at Washington.

The first step toward a solution of the unemployment problem, he said, is the establishment of a network of organized labor exchanges.

Economy Declared Possible. "Even where the cost of executing public work is slightly higher in— (Concluded on Page 2.)

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Normal Course Not Followed. In these cases the President believed that the Senate either would hold up his nominations or would go to the extent of rejecting them, and it was to block the position of the Senate that the recess appointments were made.

Normally all these appointments would have been held back until Congress met, for in none of the eight cases was the crying demand for the hastening of the new appointments. The President resorted to political trickery, (Concluded on Page 2.)

SENATE READY FOR FIGHT WITH WILSON

Dictation of Patronage Resisted to End.

PRESIDENT READY IN ADVANCE

Appointments in Recess Show Plan Was Prearranged.

COUNTER-MOVE IS PLANNED

Clause in Appropriation Bill Providing That Rejected Appointees Shall Be Stricken From Payroll Is Suggested.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—Notwithstanding President Wilson's assertion that he has no desire to engage in a patronage row with the Senate and notwithstanding his statement that more serious things than patronage are engaging his attention, members of the Senate are well aware that the President intends to distribute "pie" as he sees fit, regardless of whether his appointments are approved or disapproved by the Senate.

Realizing that the President, before starting his patronage fight, went carefully into all the details, Senators of that which Emperor Francis' troops suffered in Serbia.

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CANADA WOULD BE FACTOR Steps to Make Weight in War Felt Are Outlined.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 29.—In a stirring address before the Canadian Club at luncheon today Premier Borden traced the steps Canada was taking to make her weight adequately felt in the war.

"The preparation must be thoroughly and adequately made," he said. "It would not only be useless but criminal to send our citizen soldiers into the line without the training and discipline which are essential."

The Premier said it was probable if the conflict should last another year the free overseas dominions would have put into the fighting line 250,000 men.

AMERICA IS NEW WAR RISK

Lloyds Issues Insurance Against Conflict With Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A premium of 15 guineas per cent was being paid in Lloyds today on policies worded: "To pay a total loss in the event of the declaration of war between Great Britain and America within 12 months from date."

The premium to insure against war's being declared between Norway and Great Britain within 12 months is now 7 guineas per cent.

FALL FINDS OLD LOST PIN

Albany Woman Stumbles, Hand Hits Bauble Missing 26 Years.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A fall recovered for Mrs. Gourey Willis a stickpin she lost 26 years ago.

While going through a gate Mrs. Willis stumbled and her hand, thrown out to break her fall, struck the gold stickpin, which was buried under loose dirt near the gate.

Mrs. Willis lives three miles southwest of Albany.

Tuesday's War Moves

THE American note protesting against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting on an early improvement came as a complete surprise to the British public, as there had been virtually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments.

The placards posted by the afternoon papers were given over exclusively to the American note and the papers gave it the largest headlines they have given any news during the past month.

Consequently the British people regard this as one of the most important occurrences of the whole war. Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan message has produced such a sensation.

The first impression of the public is that the note may create friction and perhaps some unfriendly feeling, although the newspapers point out that it specifically declares that the representations were made in a friendly spirit.

The situation is comparable to that which arose at the time of the South African war when neutral shippers began to send cargoes intended for the Transvaal Republic to the neutral port of Delagoa Bay.

The Washington note had not reached the Foreign Office tonight, but it could not have been dealt with had it arrived, as Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who has been away for the Christmas holidays, is not returning until tomorrow.

Even the war news took a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers, although the news columns of the Russian front was highly gratifying to the Allies.

There has been a slackening of the fighting in Northern Poland between the lower Vistula and Pilica Rivers, where the Russians have captured some German trenches, prisoners and guns—an indication, it is believed, that the German frontal attack on the army guarding Warsaw has been definitely checked.

In Southern Poland the Russians also record some successes, while in Galicia they have apparently inflicted a defeat on the Austrians almost as serious as that which Emperor Francis' troops suffered in Serbia.

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BUREAU MERGERS PLANNED

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Create a State Board of Education superceding the regencies of the state university, the Agricultural College and the normal school, the board of higher curricula, the State Textbook Commission, the present Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Create a department of finance of which the State Treasurer shall be the head and which shall take over the corporation, insurance and banking departments.

Combining of Work is View. Combine the work of the Social Hygiene Society with the State Board of Health and give that board jurisdiction over the "food" department of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner's office; also give the board visitatorial jurisdiction over the State Board of Medical Examiners, registration of graduate nurses, dental examiners, optometry examiners, pharmacy board and barber examiners.

Create a State Board of Agriculture to take over the duties of the present State Fair Board, the Horticultural Board and the Pure Seed Board, with visitatorial jurisdiction over the Agricultural College and its experiment stations.

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Merge the State Tax Commission with the Railroad Commission. Some Not to Change. The Attorney-General's department, the State Board of Forestry and the State Fish and Game Commission are not to be disturbed, but the bill will provide that the State Treasurer shall (Concluded on Page 2.)

SHAKE-UP OF STATE BOARDS PROPOSED

Mergers, Shifting and Abolition Planned.

ECONOMICAL BILL FORMING

Measure to Be Submitted to Multnomah Men Monday.

MORE EFFICIENCY SOUGHT

Senator Day, Chairman of Body Drafting Act, Outlines Sweeping Rearrangement of Bureaus, Which Discards Several.

Table with 2 columns: 12 DIVISIONS INTO WHICH MULTNOMAH LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ASKS STATE GOVERNMENT TO BE ORGANIZED. Rows include: Board of control, State land board, Department of education, Department of finance, Department of health, Department of agriculture, Department of animal industry, Railroad commission, Department of justice, Department of forestry, Board of fish and game commissions, All of the existing boards, commissions, departments or bureaus in the present state government are to be merged with these.

Consolidation of various state boards, bureaus and commissions and abolition of many others are proposed by the Multnomah County legislative committee recently appointed for that purpose as a means of increasing the efficiency in administering state affairs and effecting economy in their operation.

This subcommittee, which consists of Senator L. N. Day, chairman, and Representative-elect S. B. Cobb and Lloyd J. Wentworth, is drafting a bill which will be submitted to the entire Multnomah delegation next Monday night and introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature.

Great Improvement Aimed. Senator Day has devoted much study to the present system of state government. The changes that he proposes, he says, will correct many evils that now exist, eliminate duplication of effort, avoid conflict of authority and remove the cause of much unnecessary expenditure of money.

"But it is not probable that we will effect a great savings," said Senator Day, "as many of the commissions that we propose to abolish or to consolidate work without pay. I don't care, though, how little we save. It is our duty to save wherever it is possible to save—if it is only a dollar."

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