

LEGISLATURE OPENS WITHOUT ANY BLARE

Absence of Oratory Marks First Day.

HEADS NAMED WITH DISPATCH

Senator Kellaher, as of Old, Embraces Minority Cause.

SIDES NOT YET DISTINCT

West's Message Is Only Glanced At by Legislators—Job-Hunters Gather Out in Cold—Selling to Be Kind to His Rival, Eaton.

BY RONALD G. CALVERT.
STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Staff Correspondence)—The 25th Legislative Assembly of Oregon organized today without martial noise. No sound from the 45-centimeter guns of oratory disturbed its tranquil transactions. In the house the promised fight on the floor over the Speakerhip fell somewhat flat. Ben Selling, of Portland, produced the scheduled 37 votes; Allen Eaton mustered 22, his following including four Democrats and G. M. Horburt, with emphasis on the "and." Quiet as were the House proceedings, the Senate got down to business with even less demonstration. W. Lair Thompson got all the votes except his own and that of Senators Kellaher and Dimick. Senator Dimick, while professing a friendly feeling for Senator Thompson, thought that his constituents might prefer someone else. Senator Kellaher maintained his accustomed adherence to the minority cause, no matter what the minority stands for.

Smooth Running Predicted.

The prospect is that the Senate will work with unaccustomed smoothness. True there is some evidence of a split into factions. On the one side there will be Senator Kellaher, proudly leading the forces composed exclusively of himself. In the other faction will be the other 23 members. That this means peace and quiet is by no means assured. It may be accepted as certain that the rotund minority will inaugurate whenever the insurgent seems to be good.

The House, speaking of the members as a whole, is pretty well satisfied over today's results. Mr. Eaton, after the rollcall on Speaker had been announced, carefully refrained at some length from further promoting the antagonism between the country and city members, which had been attempted to foster during his campaign. That is to say, he explained in considerable detail what an awful thing it would be for the well-being of the session if he should go into particulars as to the assumed division on sectional lines.

PALESTINE NEAR FAMINE

Conditions Growing Worse Every Day, Is Word Sent to America.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs made public tonight a letter received from its agent, Wold Gluskin, who is now in Alexandria, dated December 4, in which he says: "Conditions in Palestine are becoming worse every day. Palestine is facing a famine, a real famine in the fullest sense of the word. It is possible that the population of an entire country will be left to starve."

The American Jewish Relief Committee has under way arrangements for sending foodstuffs to Palestine, it was announced.

WOMEN LEGISLATORS WIN

Arizona House Quits Smoking While Senate Continues Practice.

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FOOD PROBE POINTS AT BOARD OF TRADE

Both Millers and Bakers Complain of Wheat Price.

SELLING IS NAMED SPEAKER AT ONCE

Vote 37 as Predicted; Eaton Gets 22.

HOUSE ORGANIZED PROMPTLY

Defeated Legislator Escorts Victor to Chair.

W. F. DRAGER CHIEF CLERK

Newspaper Men Who Attend Meeting Over Election of Attachés Pledge Seives to Secrecy—Session Resumes This Morning.

For Selling—Anderson (Clatsop), Bowman, Thomas Brown, Cartmell, Clark, Cobb, Davey, Forbes, Grier, Handley, Hare, Hinkle, Horne, Huston, Irvin, Jeffries, Jones, Kelley, Kuehn, Lafferty, Lewis, Littlefield, Mitchell, Olds, Olson, Paisley, Pierce (Coos), Ritter, Selling, Smith (Multnomah), Smith (Klamath), Stanfield, Stewart, Stott, Vawter, Wagner, Wentworth—37.

For Eaton—Allen, Anderson (Wasco), Barrow, Blanchard, Sam H. Brown, Childs, Collins, Dillard, Eaton, Elmore, Fenwick, Gill, Hunt, Huribart, Pierce (Linn), Porter, Ritsley, Scheubel, Thoms, Towne, Weeks, Woodell—22.

Absent, Cardwell—1.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—True to predictions, Ben Selling, of Portland, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives at the opening of the 25th legislative assembly this morning by a vote of 37 to 22 for Allen Eaton, of Eugene.

The Selling forces remained intact and voted solidly for their man on the first ballot. Likewise the Eaton strength was undisturbed by the efforts of the opposition.

The lineup, when the final vote was taken, was precisely the same, with the exception of a single defection from each side, as previously indicated by The Oregonian.

Eaton Gains Woman's Vote.

Selling had 37 votes on the first ballot. Cardwell, of Douglas, one of his supporters, was absent. Eaton had the remaining 22 votes.

The four Democrats, including Miss Towne, the only woman member, voted for Eaton.

Selling had the support of the Multnomah delegation with the exception of Gill. On the other hand, Selling gained the vote of Stewart, of Wheeler, who previously had been counted with the Eaton forces.

Upon Eaton's own motion the election of Selling was made unanimous and Selling was escorted to the chair of Eaton himself, and Hinkle, of Umatilla.

Chief Justice Moore administered the oath and the new Speaker lost no time with speechmaking. He immediately proceeded with the organization.

Attachés Are Appointed.

The following named attachés were appointed.

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THE WEATHER.

YESTERDAY—Maximum temperature 47.4 degrees; minimum 42.3 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain, with westerly winds.

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FLEET'S ACTION CONFLICTS

Gratification, However, Expressed in Statement That England Is Prepared to Explain Detention Cases in Future.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Great Britain's preliminary reply to the American note of protest concerning neutral commerce, while gratifying in the concession it makes has in many respects failed to satisfy the United States Government.

Officials confidently hope that the second and complete answer from England will give the specific information requested by the United States and clear up the uncertainties which, according to the Washington Government, surrounds the commerce of neutrals. This disposition on the part of the Washington Administration was revealed in high official quarters today, although there was no formal comment.

When Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called on Secretary Bryan to inform him that the British supplementary note would not be forthcoming for several days, the Secretary told him that the American Government would make no comment in the interim, but would patiently await the coming of the note.

British Attitude Not Judged.

Administration officials were unwilling to discuss the note to any extent, declaring that it was better to judge the British attitude when its complete reply was in hand. General disappointment was evident in many quarters, however, for while the note conceded that the principles expressed by the United States were correct, the statistics, which it cited, were regarded as an adroit effort to evade the issue.

The general complaint of the United States is that Great Britain, while promising redress and while conceding the principles of international law, does not square the practice of its fleet with the utterances of its Foreign Office.

The United States, it is pointed out, has endeavored without result ever since the beginning of the war to obtain information from Great Britain as to the reason for detentions and has asked vainly for information as to the general rules governing the activities of the British fleet in connection with neutral commerce.

Scores of Ships Detained.

The American Government knows that scores of ships have been detained only through shipping companies and exporters. Requests for information at London equally have been met with the statement that ships were released, and efforts to obtain explanations of each case have been without success. This was stated authoritatively today though there was gratification over the promise in the last part of the note that Great Britain now was prepared, whenever a cargo coming from the United States is detained, to explain the case on which such detention has taken place.

Perhaps more than any other point.

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MILLIONS STILL NEED FOOD

Starving Belgians Outnumber Franco-British Army.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—"The civil army we have to feed is greater than the British and French armies combined. It was not generally realized in France that there still were 7,000,000 persons in Belgium who were virtually entirely dependent for food on the American Relief Commission."

MOTHER-TEACHER VICTOR

New York Court Rules Instructress Shall Not Be Dismissed.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11.—A teacher may not be dismissed because she absents herself from the public schools to bear a child, Commissioner John H. Finley, of the State Department of Education, decided today.

LESS THAN 125 IN PRISON

Policy of Governor Blease Cuts Number in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 11.—Less than 125 prisoners are now in the state penitentiary here as the result of the large number recently pardoned or paroled by Governor Blease, it was made known today.

Approximately 2996 men remain in the county convict squads, while there are 155 in the state reformatory.

Monday's War Moves

BRITAIN'S reply, the first incomplete, fails to satisfy the United States in many important particulars, but the Government will reserve any official comment on the statement until the second and complete answer has been received.

INDUSTRY OF NATION TO BE PUT ON TRIAL

Principles to Be Bared by Government.

CLASS NOTABLES TO BE HEARD

Big Interests' Attitude Toward Democracy Is Sought.

INVESTIGATION TO GO DEEP

Extent of Absentee Ownership Also Object of Search of Industrial Relations Committee—Rockefeller's Are Criticized.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The purpose of the hearings which the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations will begin in New York next Monday is "to find out whether the principles of democracy are being respected and maintained in our great basic industries," Frank D. Walsh, chairman of the Commission, said tonight in a statement outlining the Commission's plans for the investigation here.

During this inquiry many noted men and women—capitalists, philanthropists, social workers, labor leaders, writers and others—will be witnesses.

Rule of People Is Intend.

"The fundamental principle of democracy is that the people shall have a compelling voice in determining the laws and form of government under which they live," Mr. Walsh said. "That principle is now being applied to industry, and public opinion is rapidly coming to concede the necessity of giving wage earners a voice in determining conditions if they are to enjoy the measure of freedom which the founders of our country intended."

"The men who control our greatest industries are in many instances the men who are most active in promoting philanthropic and social betterment work. They have set aside vast sums of money as permanent endowments and their expenditures are rapidly giving them a compelling influence in the fields of philanthropy, education, economic and sociological research and other branches of social betterment work by which the thought of the country is molded."

Rockefellers Are Accused.

"If the record of these men in the management of the industry shows a belief in the democratic principles and a firm adherence to those principles, then we have nothing to fear, for the present, at least, in their interest in philanthropic and educational moves. But the Commission's recent inquiry into the coal miners' strike in Colorado indicated that this is not the fact and that the Rockefeller interests at least prefer paternalism or benevolent absolutism to democracy."

"If the attitude assumed by these interests toward their employees in Colorado is to be maintained in directing the work of the Rockefeller foundation, including the investigation of industrial relations, the public should know of it. In both activities the control is in the hands of the same men. This is not generally understood by the public."

Wisdom of Limitation Admitted.

Mr. Walsh said that when the Rockefeller Foundation was first proposed there was general discussion as to the wisdom of giving Federal sanction to the control by a self-perpetuating board of directors of a fund of \$100,000,000 with immunity from taxation for property used for philanthropic purposes, and with no limitation to the amount of the principal of the fund.

"Mr. Rockefeller and his agents acknowledged the wisdom of proposals that would limit the power of directors," Mr. Walsh continued, "and agreed to several amendments to the bill in Congress which were designed to bring the foundation under public influence and control and to limit the size of the endowment. But the effort to get a Federal charter then was dropped and the foundation was incorporated under the laws of New York, with none of the restrictions which Congress deemed wise."

Owners to Be Investigated.

Mr. Walsh said he did not mean to suggest that there is danger of a trend toward monarchical government in this country. "Such talk is absurd," he declared.

"I do mean that an industrial organization wherein the employees have no voice in determining conditions is essentially undemocratic and incompatible with American ideals."

"We have held several investigations in the West, going into industrial conditions in the mining, lumbering and other industries. Now we are coming here to examine the people who own, direct or control these interests. We want to investigate the effect these philanthropic foundations have upon industries."

Turkey Demands Big Credit.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent has sent a dispatch from Constantinople which says the Turkish government has introduced in Parliament a bill demanding an extraordinary credit of 10,000,000 pounds sterling Turkish (A Turkish pound is \$2.25) for war expenditures. Next year's budget, it was said, will show a deficit of 20,000,000 pounds sterling Turkish, in which is included the 10,000,000 pounds credit just demanded.

PRESIDING OFFICERS AND CHIEF CLERKS CHOSEN YESTERDAY FOR TWO BRANCHES OF LEGISLATURE.



LEFT—BEN SELLING, OF MULTNOMAH, SPEAKER OF HOUSE. RIGHT—W. LAIR THOMPSON, OF CROOK, KLAMATH AND LAKE, PRESIDENT OF SENATE. TOP—W. F. DRAGER, CHIEF CLERK OF HOUSE. BOTTOM—JOHN W. COCHRAN, CHIEF CLERK OF SENATE.