

WOMEN LAY SNUB TO CONGRESSMEN

One-Minute Hearing Refused Delegation.

ONLY THREE EVEN LIFT HATS

Chance to Show Californians Favor Suffrage Asked.

MEN LEAVE THEM TALKING

Representatives of Congressional Union in California Told They Have No Appointment After Tentative Arrangement.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Declaring that they had been treated cavalierly by Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Committee on Appropriations here today, representatives of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage issued today a statement of protest. The committee had been holding a reclamation hearing and the women said they had asked for one minute in which to prove that the women of California favored universal suffrage.

Charlotte Anita Whitman, of Oakland, chairman of the state union, declared that the members of Congress "fled," and that only three of them even raised their hats.

The delegation arrived at a hotel where the Congressional party was holding its hearing, on an appointment made with Representative Mendell of Wyoming.

Fitzgerald Denies Appointment.

The women entered the room as the hearing opened and Miss Whitney addressed Chairman Fitzgerald.

"Ladies," said Mr. Fitzgerald, "we have no appointment with you at this or any other time. This is the time set for a reclamation hearing."

The delegation retired. The doors of the room were closed, but the women waited.

An hour's vigilance was rewarded with the appearance of the Congressman with Mr. Fitzgerald in the lead.

Miss Whitney had time to say: "Gentlemen, we want you to know that California women stand behind the suffrage movement that comes before the next Congress." By that time most of the Congressmen had fled past.

"We are here on important matters for the government," Mr. Fitzgerald said later. "If we gave our time to any and every delegation that wanted to talk to us we could accomplish nothing."

Mendell Regrets Incident.

Mr. Mendell said he "regretted the incident." He made a tentative appointment for the women, he said.

"I told Mr. Fitzgerald the women were coming," he said, "but because the committee was busy and there was not a binding appointment, a few minutes would not have violated the rules of the committee. Several others of the committee regret the occurrence. However, the committee has no jurisdiction over these matters and is here only on reclamation hearings and inspections. I did what I could to arrange the hearing."

STOCKMAN CORNERS WOOL

Wealthy Bakeronian Contracts for 200,000 Pounds for Portland.

BAKER, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—That P. J. Brown, one of Baker's wealthiest stockmen, had gained a corner on nearly half the wool of Baker County, was disclosed today. Mr. Brown admitted that he had contracted for 200,000 pounds at prices ranging from 16 to 25 cents, and that with the exception of two carloads it already has been shipped to Portland, where he intends to hold it for an advance in price.

Of the 200,000 pounds, two-thirds of it is coarse, Mr. Brown said, and this will be held for 27 cents. The fine wool will be held for 20 cents and he is confident that he will get these prices before the summer is over. Another deal has also just been made by William Wildman, Joseph Rand and Elmer Simons, of this county, who sold 35,000 pounds to Isadore Koshland, a Portland buyer, for 18 cents a pound.

AUSTRIAN RUSE DETECTED

Friendly Inhabitants Left Behind in Evacuated Towns.

BRESCIA, Italy, June 17, via Chiasso and Paris.—Information has been brought here of alleged Austrian ways of procedure in the Codino district.

STEAMER ESCAPES AFTER SURRENDER

GERMAN SUBMARINE CREW TOO EAGER TO SINK ANOTHER.

Bombs Fail to Disable British Vessel, Which Speeds to Port After Being Captured.

MILFORD HAVEN, Wales, June 17.—With a big list to port and all her pumps working at full pressure, the steamer Turnwell arrived here today after having surrendered to a German submarine, the crew of which had exploded bombs in her hold.

The escape of the steamer was due to the fact that the submarine's captain, eager to sink another steamer, did not remain long enough by the Turnwell to make sure of the effectiveness of the bombs.

The Turnwell, which is a vessel of 4264 tons, left Liverpool June 15 for New York. She was overhauled by the submarine 20 miles off the Pembroke-shire coast Wednesday and her crew ordered to take to their boats.

The Germans boarded the Turnwell, exploded the bombs and then hurriedly put off from her, having sighted the British coasting steamer Trafford, a vessel of 234 tons, which they pursued and sank. The Turnwell's crew then returned to their ship and plugged the holes made by the bombs as best they could, started the pumps and made all possible speed for the nearest port. On the way the Turnwell picked up the crew of the Trafford.

BANKER SUED FOR \$50,000

James H. Van Zandt Alleges Malicious Prosecution.

Because he was arrested on May 19 charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, James H. Van Zandt yesterday filed suit against Herman Hirschberg, an independence banker, and Charles P. Anderson, a farmer of Independence, for \$50,000, alleging malicious prosecution.

Van Zandt was released from the charge on May 25 by District Judge Daxon, who severely scolded Anderson for causing his arrest. Van Zandt had leased his farm to Anderson. Acting on a rumor that Hirschberg actually held title to the land, Anderson quickly came to Portland and swore to a complaint against Van Zandt for leasing a farm he did not own. Van Zandt easily showed that he had clear title to the property and that Hirschberg merely held the deed in escrow.

GERMANY HAILS NEW FOE

Participation of Greece on Side of Allies Is Conceded.

BERLIN, via London, June 17.—The news of the complete victory in the Grecian general election of the party of ex-Premier Venizelos, which is in favor of Greece's participation in the war on the side of the allies, has proved an unpleasant surprise to the newspapers of Germany.

The Kreuz Zeitung publishes a headline over the Athens election dispatches reading, "The Next Enemy," and says: "With this result the return of M. Venizelos to the government is as good as secured, and with the support of such a majority in the chamber (Venizelos has 192 seats and the government 100, out of a total of 316) he will be able to carry through, against all other influences, his policy of joining with the quadruple entente."

INSANE TO PLAY BASEBALL

California Physician to Experiment on New Theory.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., June 17.—Dr. J. A. Riley, superintendent of the Patton state hospital, has a theory concerning the value of baseball as an insanity cure, which will be tried out in a series of games between the "Giants" and the "Cubs" beginning tomorrow.

The two teams are made up in part of patients of the hospital, some of whom have been classed as incurably insane, and the effect of the games on them will be noted as carefully as the reactions in the cases of those suffering from milder mental ills. The remaining players are attendants who will try to prevent any vagaries of their teammates from breaking up the games.

TAXICAB METERS FAULTY

Inspection Leads to Condemnation of 16 Per Cent.

Sixteen per cent of the meters used on taxicabs in Portland were found defective by City Sealer of Weights and Measures Jones in a recent examination of the meters. Out of 35 taxicabs tested Mr. Jones had to condemn six.

This is the first time taximeters have been examined officially in Portland. Their examination was required under the recently adopted taxicab ordinance. Following the adoption of the ordinance Sealer Jones reported that most of the taxicab drivers took the meters off and resorted to the same fare system.

SUBMARINE IS TORPEDOED

Austrian Under-Sea Fighter Sinks Italian Diving Boat.

LONDON, June 17.—It is officially announced that the Italian submarine Medusa has been torpedoed and sunk by an Austrian submarine, says a dispatch from Rome to the Stefani agency.

The Medusa was a vessel of 241 tons and was built in 1911. She had a speed of 15 knots above water and eight knots submerged. Her ordinary complement was 14 men.

LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE IS ORGANIZED

Positive Action by Nations Advocated.

CONCILIATION PLANS ARE MADE

Propaganda to Be Started to Enlist Senate's Support.

TAFT IS MADE PRESIDENT

Use of Military Measures Against Violators of Agreement to Submit Disputed Issues Indorsed in Resolutions.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—Within historic Independence Hall today—the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill—there was formed an organization whose object it will be to promote the creation of a league of nations with a view to preventing wars, or, at least, to lessen the possibilities of armed conflicts. The name adopted by the organization, after some debate, was "League to Enforce Peace, American Branch."

Ex-President Taft, who presided over the conference part of the time, was elected permanent president, and, in addition, a long list of representative American citizens was named as permanent vice-presidents. A permanent executive committee was selected, with instructions to take all measures necessary to promote the objects of the league.

Force Indorsed, if Necessary.

In moving the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions, which embodied the objects of the league, the ex-President of the United States expressed the hope that "out of this historic building may come a message that shall again help the world."

The conference was not an assemblage of what one participant termed "pure peace men," but a gathering of those who, for the most part, believed in trying to bring about peace, even though they had to use force to do it.

The morning session of the conference was taken up with the delivery of formal addresses in support of the object of the league and with the forming of a temporary organization. During the noon recess the resolutions committee formulated its report and it was presented to the afternoon session by Chairman Lowell.

Aims of League Defined.

The report of the resolutions committee said:

"We believe it to be desirable for the United States to join a league of nations binding the signatures to the following:

"1. All justifiable questions arising between the signatory powers not settled by negotiation shall, subject to the limitations of treaties, be submitted to a judicial tribunal for hearing and (concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

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HIGHWAY PANORAMA WINS

Three-Fold Honor Awarded to Columbia River Scene.

EXPOSITION GROUNDS, San Francisco, June 17.—(Special.)—The Columbia River Highway painting by Roulledge in the Transportation building wins the highest award, the medal of honor, in competition with all others of the kind. This award embodies the highest compliment that can be paid to such a piece of work, first, as a piece of scenic beauty, and third as a method of advertising.

This immense panorama encircles a wing of the Palace of Transportation, is done in color and relief and vividly portrays the Columbia River Highway's special features. In competition with the other similar representations from Washington, California and other scenic spots in the West that skirt highways and many in the East.

The painting looks down upon every mode of transportation in existence, from ox-carts to flying machines, including every known make of an automobile.

OFFENSIVE BEGUN ON BRITISH FRONT

Tremendous Attack Is Launched on Line.

EXTENDED PREPARATION MADE

Guns Fed by Motors as They Concentrate on Enemy.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES USED

German Lines Are Penetrated Near Hooge and Gains Made in Region of Festubert, but This Is Yielded Later On.

BY FREDERICK PALMER.

(Correspondent of the Associated Press at the Front in France.)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 16, via London, June 17.—The heavy distant bombardment by the French in the region of the "labyrinth" which has continued like the ceaseless roll of thunder for several days, was drowned early today by the nearer roll of heavy artillery.

Preparations had been begun for an attack accompanying the offensive of the allies at two points on the British front, where for several days we had only sniping exchanges of the rifle and machine gun shots between trenches and of shells between batteries and a full in the siege warfare.

Guns Fed by Motor Trucks.

At the transfer station for ammunition, the most significant point in the rear when action is under way, all hands were busy through the night. Motor trucks were running from the rail head, feeding the guns as they concentrated on the German trenches, tearing them apart with high explosive shells and bathing them with shrapnel before the infantry charged.

An attack in the sector of Hooge was made along a front of three-quarters of a mile. The front-line trenches and a German salient were carried, and also a length of the second line. The number of prisoners taken has not yet been stated.

Ground Gained, but Yielded.

In the Festubert region, also, the first line of trenches was taken and the second penetrated in parts, but the ground gained had to be yielded.

Through the day there was only desultory firing until mid-afternoon, when one looking over the country around Festubert witnessed a renewal of the bombardment. In the warm, hazy June day, only the brownish aureoles from the burst Lyddite shells, as they raised the dust of the trenches heavenward, were visible, while even the flashes of the hidden guns were invisible and the foliage hid the infantry.

Thursday's War Moves

ANOTHER 24 hours of fighting in Galicia has developed nothing to stem the Austro-German advance toward Lemberg from the west and northwest. Berlin says the Russians are retreating over their own frontier toward Tarnograd, about four miles from the Galician border.

This means an invasion of Russian territory at a new point, but according to British military observers it may spell ultimate advantage for the Russians, in that a general Russian retreat northward to Poland would divert General Linsingen's attempt to crush the Russian center near Zurawna, which would effectively sever the communication of the Russian army in Southeastern Galicia and Bukovina. The military writers here say that the real danger zone from the Russian standpoint is in the Zurawna district and along the Dniester.

According to Berlin, the Austro-German forces have battered through Niemerow, 20 miles northwest of Lemberg, and are advancing toward Jaworow, which is only 25 miles west of the Galician capital. Three great masses of Austro-German troops are sweeping from the Sarn toward the capital city and the prediction is made that the decisive battle, if one is fought, will take place in the vicinity of Grodek, where the British military observers consider that the Russians should benefit by the lake country.

The British newspapers, though not minimizing the importance of the Austro-German successes in Galicia, acclaim what is styled the Grand Duke Nicholas' elusive strategy in shifting his front from north and south to northwest and southeast. This maneuver, it is asserted, has deflected the Austro-German blow to some extent at the same time denied to them a full test of strength. Thus the Russian retreat is characterized in London as strikingly paralleling the allies' retreat in the west last Fall, which culminated in the allies' victory on the Marne. The struggle along the Dniester and before Lemberg, it is considered, must determine which side is the more astute in the present maneuvers.

A series of deep, late encounters is described by the French in that sector along the battle-front in France comprising the territory to the north of Arras—Aix Noullette, Souchez, Neuville St. Vaast and other towns—which for weeks past has been the scene of fighting of a most determined character.

Shells to the number of 300,000 were poured into the ranks and trenches of the Germans and at various points the contending forces fought with bayonet and grenade.

For two days, says the French report, the actions have been numerous and desperate; the artillery duels violent and continuous. The French have carried several lines of trenches on the road from Aix Noullette to Souchez; they have advanced in all directions toward Souchez, gaining their ground by what is recorded as a series of "brilliant assaults."

Berlin's account of the battle admits the loss of positions to the French for two days, but says that the French yesterday told the members of the House of Commons that a new loan bill would be introduced in the House next Monday.

Still another loan—possibly for \$1,750,000,000—is to be asked for by the British government, Premier Asquith yesterday told the members of the House of Commons that a new loan bill would be introduced in the House next Monday.

LABOR OFFERS PEACE PLAN

Bryan Asked to Head Delegation to Confer With President.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Plans were made here tonight at a conference of labor men for 50 labor leaders to go to Washington next Tuesday and lay before President Wilson proposals which, if followed, will, they say, not only prevent the country from becoming involved in the war, but will enable it to bring the war to an end through mediation. The labor men made it known that they hoped to have William Jennings Bryan head the delegation to call on the President.

800-POUND WOMAN DIES

School Door Enlarged for Heaviest Girl in Kansas.

HARLAN, Kan., June 17.—Mabel Hammon, aged 26, declared to be heaviest woman in Kansas, died here today as the result of a stomach ailment. She weighed 800 pounds.

When she attended the local school in her girlhood days, it was necessary to enlarge the door of the school house. She has a younger sister who weighs 550 and is said to be still growing. The parents are average size.

KENTUCKIAN BEST ARTIST

F. Duveneck Wins World's Grand Prix at San Francisco Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—The world's grand prix in art has been awarded to Frank Duveneck, of Kentucky, by the award jury of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, according to an announcement made today upon the eve of Mr. Duveneck's departure for the East. Mr. Duveneck, who is a portraitist, was the unanimous choice of the jury of 45 men.

CONTRACTS LET FOR 66 MILES OF PAVING

Ideas of Roadmaster Followed Closely.

ST. HELENS BIDS REJECTED

Concrete and Bitulithic Chosen With Short Stretch of Brick.

WORK MAY START MONDAY

Mr. Yeon Highly Gratified and S. Benson, Advocate of Good Roads, Lauds County Commissioners for Guarantee Provision.

At a meeting that lasted just four minutes yesterday morning, the County Commissioners awarded contracts for paving the Columbia River Highway, the Base Line road, the Sandy road, the Powell Valley road, the Foster road, the Slavin road (Capitol Highway) and the Canyon road.

The total mileage to be hard-surfaced under these contracts is 66.77.

The Foster road, the Slavin road and a section of the Canyon road, aggregating about 10 miles, will be paved with concrete. The remaining section of the Canyon road and all the other roads named, except one small stretch on the Columbia River Highway, which is to be hard-surfaced with brick, because of the heavy grade, will be paved with bitulithic, on a crushed rock or old macadam base.

St. Helens Road Bids Rejected.

All bids for paving the St. Helens road, on which there is about four miles of hard-surfacing to be done, were rejected because the bids exceeded the estimates.

The recommendations of Roadmaster Yeon, published in full in The Oregonian yesterday, were adopted intact except in the case of the Foster Road and the Slavin Road, with a combined length of 8.75 miles, for which Mr. Yeon had recommended bitulithic. But the roadmaster was frankly pleased with the awards in general.

"I am well satisfied," said Mr. Yeon. "The Commissioners have handled the situation fairly and with good judgment. All the concrete roads are to be paved in accordance with the Wayne County, Michigan, specifications, requiring crushed rock aggregate, armor expansion joints and a rich mixture of cement, so we will have the best concrete roads that can be built."

Work to Start at Once.

"I hope to have actual paving work under way by next Monday, at any rate, by a little later in the week. The paving contracts and the 10-year maintenance contracts, as well, I think can be all ready for the signatures of the Commissioners and the contractors by the end of this week. We will then go right ahead with construction."

"If the contractors will get busy at once, as they have promised to do, we can have all the paving finished by December 1, with the exception of not more than three miles on the Columbia River Highway, where fills should have all of next winter to settle. Most of the paving can be finished by September or October."

Mr. Benson Well Pleased.

S. Benson, who might almost be termed the father of the road bond issue, expressed himself as highly gratified at the awards.

"I wish to declare my personal thanks to Chairman Lightner and the County Commissioners for the loyal and sensible manner in which they have handled the whole paving matter," said Mr. Benson. "I realize that the past few weeks have been arduous ones for the Commissioners. I think they deserve the thanks of the public for the conscientious study they have devoted to the problem, their safeguarding of the public interest by requiring ten-year maintenance guarantees, the fairness they have displayed and the good sense and discrimination with which they have awarded the contracts."

Here are the awards:

Columbia River Highway, 26.20 Miles. Section A—Bitulithic, awarded to Warren Construction Company for \$121,077.52.

Section B—Bitulithic, awarded to Warren Construction Company for \$29,806.62.

Section C—Bitulithic, awarded to Warren Construction Company for \$137,275.50.

Section D—Bitulithic, awarded to Pacific Bridge Company for \$155,232.78.

Section E—Brick on concrete base, awarded to Boy-John-Arnold Company and Hans Pederson for \$22,821.66.

Sandy Road, 12.75 Miles. Section A—Bitulithic, awarded to Warren Construction Company for \$198,890.

Section B—Bitulithic, awarded to Warren Construction Company for \$16,159.17.

Base Line Road, 8.83 Miles. Section A—Bitulithic, awarded to Clark-Henry Construction Company for \$132,493.29.

Section B—Bitulithic, awarded to Clark-Henry Construction Company for \$15,886.20.

Powell Valley Road, 7.62 Miles. Bitulithic, awarded to Oskar Huber for \$121,608.90.

Foster Road, 4.38 Miles. Concrete, Wayne County mix with armor. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

