

PRESIDENT GIVES SUFFRAGISTS HOPE

Mr. Wilson Promises to Confer With Leaders in Congress on Amendment.

WOMEN MUCH ENCOURAGED

Mrs. Field, of Oregon, and Miss Joliffe, of California, Lose Petition of 300,000 Names, but They Present Substitute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Women suffragists brought their demand for a constitutional amendment to Congress again today and renewed their request for support to President Wilson.

While the President declined to take up their cause in their annual address tomorrow, as they asked, he promised to confer with Congress leaders over the amendment, and from that assurance the women derived much encouragement. Heretofore the President consistently has held that suffrage was a state issue. "What effect, if any, the recent defeat of suffrage in the election in the Eastern states may have had on his attitude was not disclosed, but the women were confident that their latest pilgrimage to the White House has been the most fruitful of all."

Interview Climax of Big Day.
The President's interview with 300 women in the east room of the White House was the climax to a day's demonstration which included the presentation of petitions to Congressmen, speaking on the steps of the Capitol, the introduction of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment in the House, and a parade on Pennsylvania avenue.

The celebrated suffrage petition, 18,000 feet long and bearing 300,000 names of voters in the Western suffrage states, which was brought across the country in an automobile by Mrs. Sara J. Field, of Oregon, and Miss Joliffe, of California, was lost between here and Wilmington, Del., by the express company which had been entrusted with the last few miles of the journey. The women had another petition with them, however, and, although less pretentious, it was presented to Representative Mondell, Republican, of Wyoming, on the steps of the Capitol.

Three Measures Introduced.
When the House assembled Mr. Mondell introduced the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Representative Baker, of California, a Democrat, introduced an identical measure, and Mayor London, the new Socialist Congressman from New York, presented still another. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, sat in the gallery with a party of suffrage leaders and watched the proceedings. The introduction of three identical resolutions seemed to please Dr. Shaw.

"We have introduced this self-same resolution in every Congress for the last 47 years," said she, "and while we never have had any difficulty in getting it introduced, we rarely have enjoyed such a degree of cooperation from all the political parties."

Satisfied that that was about all to be expected of Congress for the day, the women marched on the White House.

GRANT VALUE \$2.50 ACRE

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and it is certain that they will pursue it before the court.
Mr. Dunne had advanced this theory at the land-grant conference in Salem a few months ago, and the Southern Pacific officials have tenaciously clung to this principle ever since. Mr. Dunne, chairman of the board, even dwelt upon it with emphasis in his annual report to the stockholders recently.

It is certain, therefore, that this point will be again contested before Judge Walworth tomorrow.

Action Is Significant.
It is significant, however, that a similar contention was made in the Cooe Bay case yesterday by John M. Galt, and Joseph Simon, attorneys for the defendant company, and that Judge Walworth overruled their contention.

He accepted in this particular case, as Attorney Smith had prepared it. The court has arranged to sign the decree and enter it on record this morning.

The restrictive provisions in the Cooe Bay grant are similar to those in the Oregon & California grant with one exception.

Each grant provides that the lands specified shall be sold in tracts of not more than 140 acres each, and for not more than \$2.50 an acre. The Oregon & California grant, it is provided, must be sold to actual settlers only. The Cooe Bay grant has no such restrictions. The land can be sold to absent purchasers.

The Cooe Bay lands originally were deeded by the Federal Government to the State of Oregon to be held in trust until they could be transferred to some person or corporation in consideration of the construction of a wagon road from the Willamette Valley across the Coast Range to Coos Bay.

Railway Seizes Control.
Under these terms the lands passed into possession of the Cooe Bay Wagon Road Company, which actually built the road. This company subsequently sold 25,000 acres to one John Miller, and entered into an agreement with Mr. Miller to sell him the land.

Mr. Miller, it seems, was a former employee of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, and subsequently transferred his property and his right to purchase over to Cols. P. Huntington and his associates in the Southern Pacific organization.

After a short period they were sold to the Oregon Southern Improvement company, which, after three years, suffered a foreclosure of mortgage on the property, which was sold at a forced sale to the Southern Oregon Company, the present owners.

The principal stockholders in the Southern Oregon Company are Charles H. Smith, of Menasha, Wis., and members of his family.

The Government started suit against the Southern Oregon company some time after the suit against the Southern Pacific in the Oregon & California case was started. The Government alleged in both cases that the owners had failed to comply with the requirements of their contract, and asked for a forfeiture.

Forfeiture Once Decried.
The case against the Southern Pacific was tried in the courts and a decree of forfeiture granted the Government by the Federal District Court in Portland. This finding was upheld by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The United States Supreme Court, however, in its historic decision last June, ordered a specific performance of the contract and enjoined the railroad from disposing of any of the land at

all until Congress has time to specify the terms of its disposition.
Congress is given a period of six months after the filing of the decree in which to act. Thus, if the decree is filed on Wednesday, Congress will have until June 3 to act. If Congress does not act by that time the railroad can come into the United States Court in Portland and ask for a modification of the injunction.

The initial action against the railroad was started by A. W. Lafferty, attorney for a number of settlers on the land in question, who asked for a specific performance of contract upon their payment of \$2.50 an acre for the land upon which they alleged they had settled. Mr. Smith declared yesterday, however, that the Government's contention is that none of these so-called settlers have any standing.

Attitude Is Anticipated.
The Supreme Court's decision last June in the Oregon & California case was followed a few weeks later by a decision by Judge Walworth in the Cooe Bay case, in which the court ruled substantially to the same principles of law as those contained in the Supreme Court's order.

In both the Oregon & California case and the Cooe Bay case Mr. Smith was retained by the Government to prepare decrees based on the court's decision.

The decree in the Cooe Bay case, therefore, is expected to be a criterion of what will be his decree in the Oregon & California case.

SUGAR ISSUE IS SERIOUS

PORTO RICO LABOR CHIEF DEMANDS SPECIAL DAY AND WAGE.

Crop Is Biggest in History, but Only One Grinding Mill Has Commenced Operations.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 6.—With the largest sugar crop in the island's history to be harvested, and with the grinding season barely a month away, sugar men are facing a serious labor trouble.

A general demand is being made by Santiago Iglesias, head of the local labor organization and representative in Porto Rico of the American Federation of Labor, for an eight-hour day and a dollar wage for all agricultural laborers.

So far only one sugar mill, Guanica Central, at Esanada, has commenced grinding. It is probable that no other mill will start before January 15.

The demand for an increased wage follows a general and successful strike during the last cane harvest, in which it was estimated 40,000 laborers were engaged.

In the end the field laborers returned to work after an increase of from 10 to 25 per cent had been granted them.

The average wage following the strike was from 75 to 80 cents a day. Before the strike it was reported on good authority that as low as 50 cents a day was being paid to field laborers.

Efforts are being made to organize the field laborers this year before the sugar season actually begins.

The sugar crop for the past year was in excess of 350,000 tons and was valued at more than \$20,000,000. It is estimated that this year's crop will be from 30 to 35 per cent larger.

COLORADO DRIES WIN OUT

AUTHORITY OF STATE TO ENACT PROHIBITION LAW UPHOLD.

Brewers Urge for Strict Enforcement and Plan Manufacture of Soft Drinks January 1.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 6.—The authority of Colorado to enact and enforce state-wide prohibition was upheld by the State Supreme Court today in a unanimous opinion, written by Justice W. P. Roberts.

The court held that cities governed under special charter were without authority to continue traffic in intoxicating liquors after January 1, 1916, if state-wide prohibition becomes effective.

George G. Richmond, deputy city attorney, who had charge of Denver's case, stated the City Commissioners would accept the Supreme Court's ruling and had no intention of continuing the controversy.

Officials of breweries in Denver, however, were quoted as saying they would unite with the city authorities to resist a strict enforcement of the prohibition law. It was said their plans contemplate dismantling local plants for manufacturing non-alcoholic drinks after January 1.

FEDERAL PROBE FATAL

C. S. Mellen Declares New Haven Is in "Practical Ruin."

Suppression of Proposed New England Extension Is Declared Fore-runner of Destruction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Federal prosecution of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and its directors accomplished the "practical ruin" of that railroad, in the opinion of Charles S. Mellen, as expressed on cross-examination today at the trial of the 11 former directors of the road on the charge of criminal violation of the Sherman law.

It was from fear, he said, that this would be the result of the inquiry into New Haven affairs begun in 1912 by the Federal grand jury in New York that he got Lewis Case Lodge to see President Taft and the then Attorney General, George W. Wickersham, and induce them at least to limit the inquiry to the so-called Grand Trunk case—the alleged suppression of the Grand Trunk's proposed New England extension.

"This was done," continued Mr. Mellen, "but it meant indictment and my destruction and the real they accomplished later."

The former New Haven president explained that at the time the New Haven's financial affairs were in a "critical condition."

SHORTAGE OF COAL LOOMS

Northwest Supply Is 3,000,000 Tons Below Normal.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 6.—The American Northwest faces a coal shortage of 3,000,000 tons, according to the Duluth News Tribune today.

Only about two-thirds of the 3,000,000 tons both hard and soft coal, usually on Duluth and Superior docks at this time of the year have been received.

CONGRESS STARTS UNDER OLD RULES

Clark Speaker of House Again and More Than 2000 Measures Offered.

BUDGET NATION'S LARGEST

Clarke of Arkansas Wins Place of President Pro Tempore of Senate.

Wilson to Talk Today—Air Charged With Seriousness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Congress assembled and organized today for the session, which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the House saw Speaker Clark returned to the chair. Representative Mann returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of 2900 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing amendments to the National defense and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women, and a miniature rules fight that flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

Vice-President Is Absent.
In the Senate practically the same was done, except the election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as President pro tempore. Vice-President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

Both houses then, after sending a joint committee to the White House to give official notice of the opening of Congress, adjourned until tomorrow when the real business of the session begins with President Wilson's address to a joint session in the hall of the House at 12:30 o'clock.

The greater part of the proposed increased expenditure is for the enlargement of the Army and Navy programs, and aside from working out the problem of National defense, it will be the business of Congress to raise the revenue to pay for it.

Old-timers, most of them Republicans, re-elected after going down with the Presidential landslide of 1912, came trooping back to place in the House, eager for a part in the absorbing business of the next few months.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon sat on a bench in the front row and laughed while the House got into its little row over the rules, and his references to "Cannonism" were hurled back and forth across the dividing aisle.

Notice was given that in the Senate demands would be made for a showing of what the United States has accomplished against Great Britain's interference with American commerce abroad.

Bills to Await Organization.
The Republicans began their part of the organization work today, re-electing Senator Galt, their floor leader, and chairman of their conference.

The first roll call in the House today showed 427 members present and eight absentees, one of them accounted for by death. The Democratic majority, although reduced, put Speaker Clark back in the chair, 221 to 194, and when the roll call came on Monday, 1915, of the last House, the Democratic leaders showed they still had a majority in hand, beating Republican Leader Mann's proposal for a revision, 229 to 192.

PORTO RICANS AROUSED

ISLANDERS PROTEST AGAINST COMING NEW YORK EXECUTION.

Appeals Will Go to Governor Whitman, President Wilson and Mrs. Galt, to Save Murderer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—News reached here today from San Juan, Porto Rico, that the public is much exercised over the coming execution at Sing Sing Prison of Antonio Ponton, said to be the first Porto Rican ever convicted of murder outside of the island. Ponton was condemned to die December 29 for the murder of Bessie Kromer, a Schenectady school teacher.

Petitions signed by thousands of Porto Ricans including many school children, are on their way to this country in the custody of Father Echavarria, a prominent Porto Rican priest, and will be presented to Governor Whitman. If the Governor refuses to intervene the priest will appeal to President Wilson.

A lengthy petition, it is stated, already has been forwarded to Mrs. Norman Galt, fiancée of President Wilson.

Girl Freed From Industrial School.
SALISBURY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The

State Board of Control today authorized the parole from the Girls' Industrial School to her parents of Irma Larson. Action was taken on recommendation of Mrs. E. M. Hopkins, superintendent, who reconsidered her recommendation of last week against the girl's release. The girl's parents, who live near Salem, had petitioned for their daughter's release.

FRENCH STATUE DEDICATED
Pedestal of Joan of Arc Monument Made With Stone From Dungeon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—At the dedication today of a statue of Joan of Arc on Riverside Drive, Jean G. Jusserand, on Riverside Drive, declared that the French nation has only one purpose in the great war—"that it can fight and win the fight."

The bronze statue, of heroic size, represents the maid in armor on horseback, standing in the stirrups and holding a sword in her upraised right hand. The pedestal contains 18 tons of stone from the dungeon in which Joan of Arc was imprisoned in Rouen and from which she was led to the stake in 1431. It also contains a stone from the Cathedral of Rheims, in which Charles VII was crowned through Joan's efforts.

Letters of congratulation were received by the monument committee from President Wilson and Governor Whitman, of New York.

IRELAND MORE POPULOUS
Decrease in Emigration Shown by Recent Census.

DUBLIN, Nov. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The latest census figures for Ireland show an increasing population. This, for Ireland, is an agreeable novelty. For the quarter ended September 30 last, the number of births in Ireland was 27,770, a rate of 26.8 per thousand, and the deaths 14,670, a rate of 13.4 per thousand. There were only 3511 emigrants, so that the net increase in population is 5693.

It is the decrease in emigration which has turned the scale. The situation might be even more satisfactory when the census of the heavy death rate of children under one year. About one Irish child in every dozen dies before it has reached the age of 12 months.

APPROPRIATION HELD DOWN
Secretary of Treasury Advises Only \$150,000 to Start Postoffice.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The fact that the Secretary of Treasury recommends an appropriation for only \$150,000 to begin the construction of the new Portland postoffice indicates the Department's belief that two years will be required to finish the building, which probably will be begun in February.

An appropriation of \$150,000 was made last session and this will be used to meet first payments, but with the amount now asked this will be only half the authorized cost of the structure, and the balance of the appropriation will have to be made next year.

ATLANTA IS USING RECALL
Effort to Oust Mayor Is Result of Long-Standing Fight.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 6.—The recall of Mayor James G. Woodward was demanded in a petition filed today with the City Council.

The petition contains 3235 names, or 209 more than the necessary 25 per cent of the city's registered voters, in an attempt to force the recall of the Mayor. The petition contains the names of many of the signatures would be investigated before an election was ordered.

An effort to oust the Mayor is the outgrowth of a fight which resulted several months ago in the removal by the police board, of which the Mayor is a member, of Police Chief J. L. Beavers.

NEBRASKA ERASES "T. R."
Name Withdrawn as Republican Candidate for Presidential Election.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt no longer figures as a Republican candidate for Presidential nomination in Nebraska. Secretary of State Post today received a letter from Colonel Roosevelt asking that his name be dropped from the primary ballot, and the request was complied with.

The letter, mailed from Sagamore Hill, December 4, reads as follows: "Dear Mr. Post—Four days of November 29 has just come. I request that my name be withdrawn from consideration at the primary election. Thanking you for your courtesy, I am, Very truly yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Read The Oregonian's classified ads.

WAR PLANT STRIKES TRAGEDY TO GERMAN

Franz Rintelen Financed Labor's National Peace Council, Is Charge.

PAYMENTS MADE BY LAMAR

United States Attorney Issues Statement Telling of Activities of Organization in Stirring Up Strikes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall in a statement issued late this afternoon declared he has information which convinces him that the organization known as Labor's National Peace Council was financed by Franz Rintelen, now held in a British prison, through David Lamar, to stir up strikes in factories engaged in manufacturing munitions.

"In view of the publicity given to the story concerning Labor's National Peace Council I think I will state that I have, and for some time have had, information that convinces me that the society was financed by means supplied through David Lamar. Part of the activities of this organization consisted in stirring up strikes in various plants which were engaged in munition manufacture."

In the case where a strike was purchased there was considerable opposition to the strike among portions of the labor element which disapproved. The activities of this organization came to the notice of Mr. Gompers (Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor), who absolutely disapproved of the plans they were carrying out.

"Von Rintelen was in this country from April to August 3. After he left the country and ceased supplying money, the activities of Labor's National Peace Council dwindled and came to an end."

Franz von Rintelen, who is said to be a prominent official in the German secret service, was arrested at Falmouth by British authorities and sent to the Tower of London. He is known as a friend of Emperor William. He is charged with attempting to return to Germany on a false American passport. Until now no effort has been made to extradite him.

Lamar was convicted in 1914 in Federal Court of having impersonated a Congressman.

SERBIAN ARMY RE-FORMING

Minister of Finance Declares "Better Days Are Coming Soon."

PARIS, Dec. 6.—"Better days for Serbia are coming soon," says Dr. M. R. Vesitch, former Serbian Minister at Paris and recently appointed Serbian Minister of Finance, in an interview in the Temps today. "Our army, which has been retreating for two full months without respite, is re-forming."

The retirement was forced because the allies were not ready with sufficient troops in the Balkans. These troops are now landing. They will have the cooperation of the Serbian army of 200,000—I don't exaggerate—200,000. We shall again and again have victories such as those of last December."

WAR SHARE PAYS DIVIDEND

New York Company Emerges From Financial Difficulties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company, which emerged from its financial difficulties a little more than a year ago, today declared a quarterly dividend of 11.2 per cent on the preferred stock and an equal dividend on the same issue for the account of back payment.

Allis Chalmers common and preferred have been among the active war shares.

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These essentials, developed in the highest degree, account for the extensive use, in big legal offices and municipal buildings, of

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Dancing and Theater Hats

—Distinctive new models of velvet, plush and broadcloth, in white, black and colors. Small, close-fitting shapes worn for dancing and semi-dress wear, trimmed with gold or silver flowers, ribbons and novelties. \$4.95 Third Floor

Exquisite Negligees for Xmas

—The prettiest and newest negligees to be found anywhere, in taffetas, crepe de chine, figured silks, charmeuse, soft wools, in an exceptional collection of styles and exquisite colorings. Special, from \$25.00 to as little as \$3.50 Fourth Floor

Fascinating Heatherbloom Petticoats

—New petticoats just in by express—an unusual variety of silken tones and shades, with all silk's lustrous beauty and rich, subdued rustle, with three times silk's wearing qualities. Elastic fitted tops or patent hooks. Extra special, \$1.00, \$1.49, \$2.45 \$1.98 and Fourth Floor

Play Suits for the Boys' Xmas

—Indian suits, cowboy suits, policemen's suits, firemen's suits, Boy Scout suits, football suits, so realistic they would delight any boy.
—75c suits 69c, \$1.25 suits 98c, \$1.75 suits \$1.49, \$2.00 suits \$1.69. Other suits \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$6.00. Fourth Floor

The Sixth Floor Gift Store

Answers the Question "What Shall I Buy for Xmas?"

A Thousand Beautiful and Useful Gifts—From practically every foreign country in the world, and from our own United States.

—Gifts for men, for women, for children. From prices as low as 25c, up as high as \$150. Sixth Floor

Hand-Initialed Gowns—In Gift Boxes

—Very new and dainty—slip-over style of fine, soft nainsook, with fine Valenciennes insertion and edging, hand-embroidered front and initial to give it individuality. Full cut and long. All sizes and initials \$1.50

The Prettiest Boudoir Caps

—Of silk crepe de chine, net, cross-bar net, combined with finest laces, chiffon and silk roses and bows. Regular \$1.00 caps for 59c
—Also caps of dotted Swiss or snowflake cloth trimmed with embroidery, ribbon and rosettes. Regular 45c caps for 29c

Traveling Bags for Her Xmas

—A handsome genuine seal or walrus bag, a lightweight suitcase of black enamel, or a new 1916 Innovation Wardrobe Trunk, would delight almost any girl. Special sales for today.
\$10.00 to \$25.00 bags now \$7.50 to \$18.00
Black enamel suit cases, cretonne lined, \$6.00
Black enamel suit cases, extra special, \$4.25
1916 Innovation wardrobe trunks, nine models Seventh Floor

Cretonne-Covered Candy Boxes

—Filled with home-made candies or cakes, make the most delightful holiday gifts, at practically no expense to the giver. These boxes are of tin, covered with almost every kind of beautiful cretonne made, some trimmed with gold braid, others with brass knobs.
—Half-pound size 35c and 65c. One-pound size 75c. Two and three-pound sizes at \$1.25. Sixth Floor

Hand-Colored Buckingham Prints

—A well-chosen picture carries with it so much sentiment at holiday time—especially such pictures as these beautifully hand-colored prints from the world's original masterpieces. At least 25 subjects to choose from. Size 10x13 inches, double mounted mats, 19x23 inches. Special \$75c Sixth Floor

Indian Blankets for Xmas Gifts

—Would be much appreciated—both from the standpoint of beauty of characteristic Indian designs and colorings, and their great serviceability, as couch covers, steamer and traveling rugs, and motor rugs. Eastern friends would be especially delighted with one of them. Specially priced from \$4.95, \$7.95 \$5.95, \$6.85 to \$10.00 Fifth Floor

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—Exquisitely beautiful garments that women love—not as a luxury, but as a necessity. Pure white or flesh color, hand-embroidered or lace trimmed—the finest Italian glove silk or Venetian silk. The prices are unusually low, as you will note.
Kayser Silk Bloomers, \$2.50 and \$3.50
Kayser Silk Vests, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$4.00
Kayser Silk Union Suits, \$4.50 and \$6.50
Kayser Silk Corset Covers, \$1.25 to \$3.00 First Floor

Mr. Edmund Gurney

For 15 Years Ladies' Tailor in Portland Will Give Free Instructions Today

from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 6. Mr. Gurney will give practical instructions in the tailoring of skirts. Mr. Gurney will teach his simplified method free of charge. Sewing machines and press irons will be at your disposal free of charge. This course of study does not consist of lectures, but is a practical, thorough course in skirt-making.

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