



HOUSE DEMOCRATS HURRIEDLY CALLED

Partisan Alignment in Ship Issue Rises.

BRYAN ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Ex-Secretary Declines to Advise Those Favoring Warning.

DEBATE ON FLOOR IS HOT

Republican Leaders Insist Democrats Are Trying to Force Issue Which May Lead America Into War.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—On the eve of what friends of the Administration have planned as the final fight to end agitation in the House over the question of armed merchant ships, debate on the subject broke out on the House floor late today and continued hotly for more than an hour. When it was over there seemed to be more of a partisan alignment than at any time since the issue arose.

Representative Mann, of Illinois, the Republican leader, and Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, Republican member of the rules committee, gave notice that they would oppose the rule tomorrow under which it is proposed to table the McLemore warning resolution after 90 minutes of debate on the rule and four hours' discussion of the resolution itself.

Realizing this task ahead of them, the Administration whips sent out calls to all absent Democrats within reach to hurry to Washington in time for the vote tomorrow.

Fourteen Representatives and two Senators met at lunch today with Mr. Bryan in the private dining-room of a hotel near the Capitol and discussed affairs generally.

Several of the diners asked Mr. Bryan for a direct answer as to what they should do.

Speakers on both sides of the warning question were applauded during today's debate until it was difficult of determination which sentiment was the stronger.

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ANTI-SALOON BODY OPPOSES BRANDEIS

ATTORNEY IS SAID TO BE IN FAVOR OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Public Utterances Quoted and Record of Argument When Counsel for Brewers Is Submitted.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, chairman of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America, protested against confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis' nomination to the Supreme Court today before the Senate investigating committee because of statements made by Mr. Brandeis in 1911, when he was counsel for the Protective Liquor Dealers' Association and the New England Brewers' Association before the Massachusetts Legislature.

Senator Chilton charged that this incident occurred 25 years ago, and that there was quite a difference between the public attitude toward the liquor question then and today.

COAST STORM HAS BROKEN

Southern Pacific Train Is Blocked for Two Days on Trip.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—The storm has broken and affairs are expected to be at normal within the next two days.

Mail arrived today which should have reached Coos Bay on Sunday. Water stood a foot over the tracks at the Schroder place.

NAVAL SECRET GIVEN OUT

Target Practice Figures Correct; Informer Declared Traitor.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The House naval committee became interested today in finding out where Representative Gardner got the confidential figures on target practice of the Atlantic fleet, which he made public some time ago.

Whoever told them, said Chairman Fasset, "was false to his trust, and a traitor to his country."

FRANCE RESTRICTS SUGAR

Government Takes Monopoly on Imported Product.

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RIDES STOLEN AT OWN RISK

Hobos Injured on Trains Cannot Collect Damages.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Hobos and others who steal rides on railroad trains may collect no damages for injuries and are liable to penalties under the anti-pass law.

BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK

Masunda, From Slam, Lost, but All of Crew Saved.

LONDON, March 6.—The British steamship Masunda has been sunk. All the members of the crew were saved.

The Masunda sailed from Bangkok, Siam, January 28, for England and arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, February 7.

AMERICAN CONSULATE HIT

Russian Shell Kills Man 20 Feet From Consul's Desk.

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SHORT HOURS ORDER STIRS EMPLOYERS

Merchants and Factory Heads Raise Voices.

PLEA SENT WELFARE BOARD

All Shades of Opinion Heard at Big Meeting.

WORKERS ALSO PROTEST

Special Delegation Will Appear Before Commission Today—Regulation Approved, but Lack of Notice Stirs Ire.

Employers of Oregon want no further regulation by the Industrial Welfare Commission.

The principal changes that the sub-committee suggests provide a maximum of 48 hours a week for women workers of the state, instead of 54 hours as at present, and a minimum wage of \$8.64 a week instead of \$8.25 a week, as at present, in the industrial occupations.

The exchange marketed 200 cars, chiefly apples, last year through the Yakima fruit sellers, joining the union and Ritchey Gilbert Company in forming that agency.

J. T. TREADWELL IS DEAD

One of Locators of Famous Alaska Mine Stricken on Oakland Ferry.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 6.—James T. Treadwell, who, with his brother, John, located the famous Treadwell mine on Douglas Island, opposite Juneau, Alaska, and afterwards organized the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company, which was later sold to the Rothchilds, died suddenly tonight, presumably from heart failure, on board a ferry steamer.

SNOW DEEP AT YACOLT

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SHIP HITS ROCK; 400 MAY BE LOST

SPANISH STEAMER PRINCEPE DE ASTURIAS SINKS.

Vessel Founders in Five Minutes and Those Aboard Have Little Time to Escape.

SANTOS, Brazil, March 6.—The Spanish steamship Principe de Asturias was sunk by striking a rock. She went to the bottom in five minutes. Eighty-six members of the crew and 27 passengers have been brought ashore by the French steamer Vigor.

RIO JANEIRO, March 6.—It is feared here that 400 lives have been lost by the sinking of the Spanish steamship Principe de Asturias. The vessel remained afloat only a short time after striking a shoal off Santos, and there was little time for escape of passengers and crew in the boat.

BUENOS AIRES, March 6.—The agents of the Spanish Transatlantic Line have received reports that about 100 persons lost their lives in the sinking of the steamship Principe de Asturias off the coast of Brazil.

LONDON, March 6.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Santos says that 338 passengers and 197 members of the crew of the Principe de Asturias are missing.

FRUIT AGENCIES UNITED

Yakima Growers' Exchange and Horticultural Union Merged.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Merger of the Yakima Fruit Growers' Exchange with the Horticultural Union was announced today, the latter organization issuing treasury stock for stock of the exchange and taking over the warehouses and other assets of the latter.

Important movements of German troops in Belgium, are reported in a Central News dispatch from The Hague.

VERDUN, via Paris, March 6.—Ninety shells fell around the Gath bridges and railway stations of Verdun yesterday.

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- The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 45 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees. TODAY'S—Probably fair; westerly winds.

4 MILLION SHELLS HURLED AT VERDUN

Kaiser Rushing More Troops to Front.

VILLAGE OF VAUX WIPED OUT

Fighting Near Supreme Court Bldg. on Fort Tavnanes, 4 Miles Away.

80,000 GERMANS KILLED

Ground Taken by French Year Ago Is Won, However—Town Is Vacant, but Little Damaged, Says Associated Press Writer.

BERLIN, March 6.—Capture of nearly 1000 French near Verdun, on Saturday and Sunday, was announced today by the War Office.

LONDON, March 6.—The Central News correspondent at The Hague says dispatches received there from the front show that the Germans are making vigorous efforts to capture Fort Tavnanes, four miles northeast of Verdun, but that the French are resisting them resolutely, inflicting heavy losses on the attackers.

G. P. PUTNAM JOINS GUARD

Private Secretary Follows Example of Governor's Teaching.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—George Palmer Putnam, private secretary to Governor Withycombe, today enlisted as a private in Company M, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard.

Governor Withycombe recently urged that all state employees join the National Guard, and as a result, a large number have already enlisted in the Salem company.

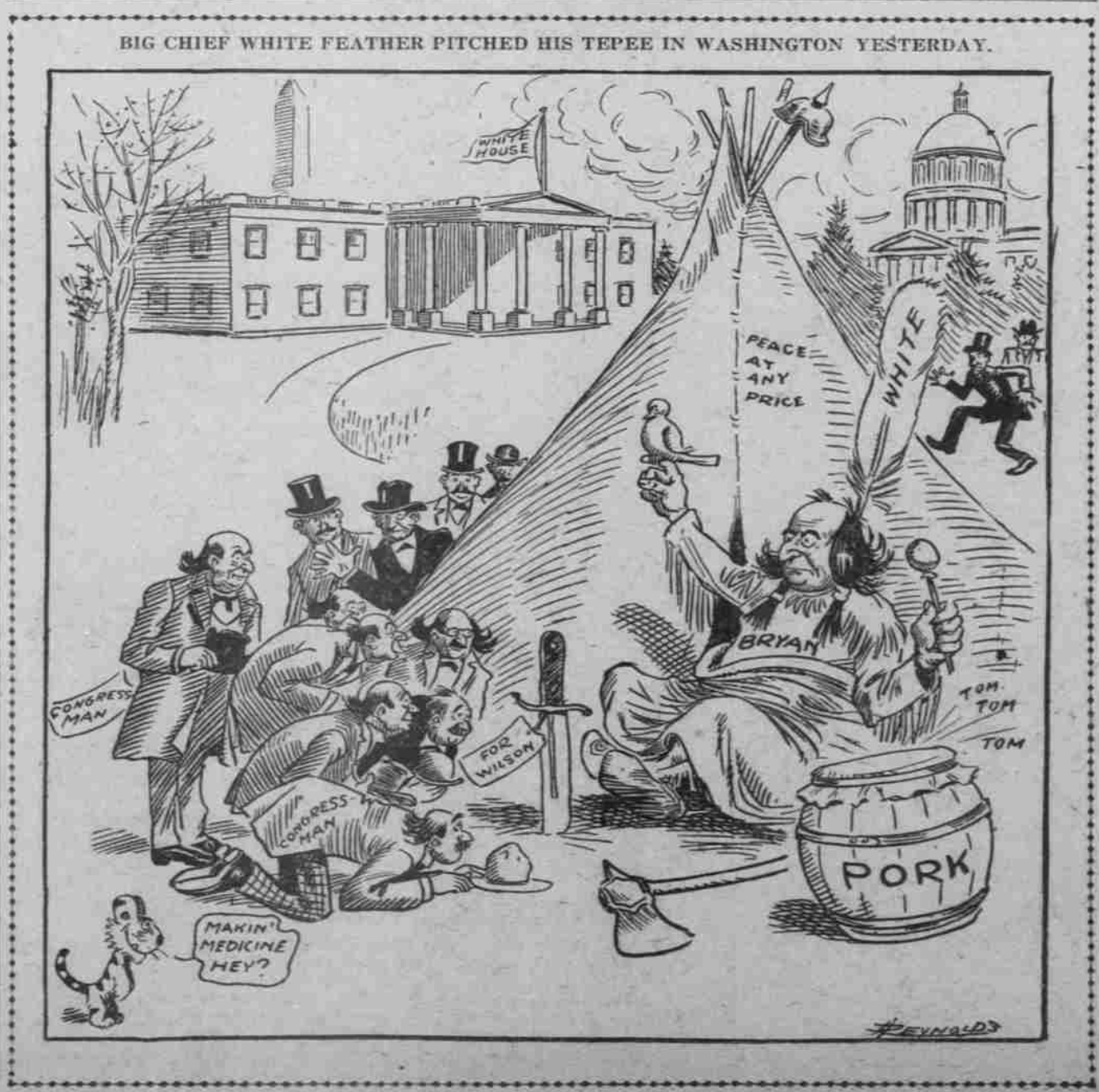
CLOCK ENDS 60-YEAR RUN

Old-Fashioned Timepiece Will Get Its First Repair.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—The old-fashioned weight clock in the J. E. Elkins family was recently taken to the jeweler to be repaired for the first time in its history.

POLICEMEN GET SHORTER HOURS

MINNEAPOLIS, March 6.—Mayor W. G. Nyce today issued an order reducing the hours of policemen from 56 to 48 a week, effective Monday.



MURDER CHARGE IS DISMISSED AT TRIAL

KLAMATH FALLS CASE COMES TO ABRUPT END.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter Freed From Charge of Complicity in Killing Mrs. Alma Kuehne.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Judge Kuykendall, in the Circuit Court today, dismissed the indictments against Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter, charged with complicity in the killing of Mrs. Alma Kuehne in Dodd

follow December 20, last. Dismissal came after District Attorney John Irwin had moved for a postponement of the Hunter trial until after the trial of A. Ernest Lawrence, who also was indicted on a similar charge.

Judge Kuykendall stated that the Hunter case had been set for today afternoon, and the Lawrence case for next Monday, and that they would be tried in the order set. Attorneys for the defendants announced they were ready for trial. One jurymen was examined by the defense, but District Attorney Irwin declined to proceed with his examination, stating that he was not ready to go to trial.

After some further parley the jurors were dismissed and arguments by Irwin and defendants' attorneys were heard. Following these, Judge Kuykendall adjourned court until 3 o'clock this afternoon, and, upon reconvening, dismissed the indictments against Mr. and Mrs. Hunter. The trial of Lawrence was set for next Tuesday, due to the fact that Monday comes on the thirteenth. This change was made at the request of Lawrence's attorney.

RELIEF ONLY TEMPORARY

Railroad President Not Optimistic as to Future, Expressing Opinion That Condition in Fall Will Be Far More Acute.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Return of D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, to Portland within the next 30 days and the establishment of a car distribution bureau at Portland immediately, was promised to the Oregon Public Service Commission today by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, after a conference here in which plans to relieve the present car shortage in the state were discussed.

WORS CONDITION LOOKED FOR

"I see nothing to prevent the greatest car shortage this Fall that the country has ever seen, as it is cumulative," President Sproule advised the Commission. "Our cars are being held in the East until they can be unloaded, and even then it is difficult to get them back unless they come empty."

CARS ORDERED UNLOADED

"Mr. Sproule was unable to offer us any absolute assurance that the situation will be materially bettered in the number of cars the state is now receiving," said Commissioner Miller. "We called his attention to the fact that the Southern Pacific now has 1500 cars in San Francisco, which have not been unloaded. He said he had ordered 100 of them unloaded today and that this state would receive its just proportion."

FURTHER TROUBLE EXPECTED

According to the commission, Mr. Sproule could offer but little hope for permanent relief for Oregon shippers this Fall, though he said a temporary relief now might possibly be given. One of the principal causes of the car shortage in Oregon and why no relief has been provided was declared by the commission to be the lack of a chief executive in Oregon. At present all questions must be referred to the San Francisco office. The car distributing bureau and Mr. Campbell's permanent presence in Portland are expected to relieve this situation.

LACK OF HEAD CRITICIZED

"Clerks in the dispatcher's office are now handling the distribution of cars in Oregon," said Commissioner Miller. "Under the present system of absentee management, the head office must depend upon the filed reports of agents for its knowledge concerning the needs of shippers. There is a state law requiring a resident manager in Oregon and when we called the attention of President Sproule to this, he acquiesced immediately in our request that Mr. Campbell remain in Portland rather than San Francisco or Chicago."

DEPARTMENT ADMITS TO US

"President Sproule admitted to us that one trouble has been that Southern Pacific officials have not understood the potential possibilities of the business in Oregon."

THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN ADVISED

That all serious car shortages have been relieved by all railroads in the state except the Southern Pacific.

ALLIES LOSE SUBMARINES

Thirty-Five Is Estimate Made by German Newspaper.

LONDON, March 6.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam, says the Frankfurter Zeitung, declares that the entente allies must have lost during the war 23 submarines—Great Britain 19, France 4, Italy 4 and Russia 2.

ONLY THREE OF THESE BOATS ARE SAID

By the newspaper to have been destroyed by German warships.