FRENCH CHAMBER BACKS GOVERNMENT

Deputies Express Confidence in New Cabinet by Vote of 314 to 165.

BRIAND FORESEES VICTORY

Premier Warns Country to "Beware of Enemies" in Making Reference to Germany's Peace Offer. Socialists Cause Disorder.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 314 to 165 tonight adopted a resolution of confidence in the new government.

Premier Briand in the course of the session delivered a speech on the German Imperial Chancellor's peace proposal, in which he warned the country to beware of France's enemies. He added that France would not do less in the premises than the other members of the allied conference.

"I have the duty to place my country on guard against possible poisoning," said M. Briand amid applause. "When a country arms itself to the teeth, when it seizes men everywhere in violation of nations and enforces labor upon them, I should be guilty if I did not cry out to my country, 'Look out! Take care!'

France Stands by Allies.

"I have the right in the first place to say to our enemies for the hundredth time, 'The blood is on your hands, not on ours.' Not that I doubt the clear-sightedness of my country, but in the face of these attempts to spread dissension among the allies, I exclaim, 'The French republic will not do less than the convention.'"

The Chamber held a large number of deputies who desired to witness the first appearance of the new Cabinet. M. Briand, instead of reading the declaration of the programme of reorganized ministry, outlined it extemporaneously. The Premier said that in secret sessions delicate questions had been considered. The Socialists interrupted the speakers with cries of "No," but Paul Deschanel, president of the Chamber, soon succeeded in restoring order.

Victory Regarded as Certain.

M. Briand then continued:

"The government is ready for all discussions and all explanations."

He referred to the adoption by the Chamber of a resolution demanding a reorganization in the conduct of the war, the constitution of a war committee and modification in the high command. He said the war committee would sit permanently and that it would increase the production of war necessities.

"No one can say that I have ever been unduly optimistic," said M. Briand. "But today, however, more than ever we must have the conviction that victory is certain. Nowhere have the German successes been decisive. It is true that valorous Roumania has been forced to yield and it is a sad event, but its army, supported by that of Russia, will come into its own. As to the question in the East, it is far from being settled and tomorrow there will be a new front which will neutralize the enemies' forces."

ROADS HARMONY URGED

LINN COUNTY CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT AT COURTHOUSE MEETING.

Plan Is Advocated to Bring Together at January Conference All Elements Now Framing Codes.

On the invitation of Professor F. G. Young, of the University of Oregon, representatives of the Oregon Association of County Judges and County Commissioners, the Oregon Good Roads Committee, the Oregon Society of Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Linn County Good Roads Association and of various commercial clubs and good roads organizations located in various parts of the state, voted yesterday to participate in the eighth annual Commonwealth Conference to be conducted under auspices of the University of Oregon in Portland, January 3, 4 and 5.

Yesterday's gathering, which took place in Room 200 at the Courthouse, was called on the initiative of the Linn County Good Roads Association, and its secretary, A. C. Schmitt, of Albany, acted both as temporary and permanent chairman of the meeting. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that various associations and bodies, including the county officials and the Oregon Good Roads Committee, were framing road codes to be submitted to the Legislature and urged that all elements be brought together in one forum before the commonwealth conference.

When the association of County Judges and County Commissioners was first invited yesterday to participate in the conference being conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Schmitt its members voted down a proposal to do so, but late in the afternoon they delegated a committee to confer with the general association.

TREASURERS TALK FINES

DISPOSAL IN GENERAL FUND ADVOCATED AT CONVENTION.

County Officials Also Object to Being Made Disbursing Officers for School Districts.

A law providing that fines, except in a few special instances, should all be placed in the general funds of the county when collected for law violations, was advocated by the County Treasurers of the state in their annual convention held at the Courthouse Tuesday. There are more than a dozen different methods of disposing of the fines under the present system, it is asserted.

The County Treasurers went on record as opposing a proposed law making them the disbursing officers for school districts. This is now a function of the School Clerk, and the Treasurers objected to having the additional work thrown on their offices. They contended it would be no saving to the taxpayers.

Miss Alice L. Adams, Treasurer of Yamhill County, said that a bill would be presented at the next Legislature to require the County Treasurers to collect automobile licenses.

E. H. Gearhart, of Clatsop, presided, and Miss Myrtle Blakely, of Jackson, was secretary of the meeting.

Officers elected for next year were: W. W. Francis, Linn, president; E. H. Gearhart, Clatsop, vice-president; Miss Myrtle Blakely, Jackson, secretary, and Miss Alice L. Adams, Yamhill, treasurer. On a legislative committee were appointed: W. W. Francis, Linn; D. G. Drager, Marion; M. E. Dunn, Clackamas, and J. M. Lewis, Multnomah.

FRANCHISE CHANGES FAVORED

City Attorney Would Make Jitney Permit More Specific.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The application of W. M. Foster, of Portland, for a jitney franchise to link Portland to Oregon City with a line of motor buses will be acted on by the City Council here December 20. City Attorney Schuebel has carefully gone over Mr. Foster's franchise ordinance and will recommend several changes.

The proposed franchise provides that Mr. Foster shall put up a $5000 bond, but the approval of the bond by the Council is not made necessary. The City Attorney would amend the franchise to provide for this approval. He also will recommend to the Council that Mr. Foster be compelled to adopt a schedule. A limit of the number of cars which Mr. Foster can operate under the grant is also favored by Mr. Schuebel.

The franchise provides that Mr. Foster shall pay $30 quarterly as a license to Oregon City and that his drivers shall pass a physical examination.

FEE CHANGES SOUGHT

COUNTY CLERKS WILL PRESENT QUESTION TO LEGISLATURE.

Final Reports of Committees and Election of Officers of State Body Will Be Today.

Revision of the fee system in use in offices of County Clerks of the state is desired by the Oregon Association of County Clerks, which made known this desire by a resolution adopted at the annual convention at the Courthouse yesterday.

Just the nature of this revision was not indicated by the resolution, which asserted that the fees committee did not have the time to draft tentative bills, but the need of a change from the present system was agreed upon. It was resolved that the matter should be put before the 1917 Legislative Assembly, with the request that a committee be appointed to consider revision and report to the 1919 session.

The Legislature will be asked to appoint a member of the Association of County Clerks on that committee. The resolution was drawn by a committee composed of L. B. Fox, of The Dalles; H. B. Robinson, of Dallas, and Warren Brown, of Prineville.

Final reports of committees, adoption of resolutions and election of officers will take place at the meeting of the Clerks today, which will conclude the three-day session.

H. B. Hazzard, United States naturalization examiner, explained many details of the naturalization laws to the assembled Clerks yesterday.

Ed Wright, County Clerk of Union County, is presiding at the sessions, and Max Gehihar, of Salem, Marion County, is secretary.

JOFFRE MADE ADVISER

NIVELLE, OF VERDUN COUNTER DRIVE FAME, IS CHIEF.

New Commander and General Sarrail to Be Responsible Directly to French War Office.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—In conformity with the change in military command announced last night, President Poincare today signed a decree naming "General Joffre commander-in-chief of the French armies, technical counsel of government regarding the direction of the war."

Another decree declares that the commanders in chief of the armies of the north and northeast, and of the army of the Orient, shall exercise command in conformity with the decrees of October 28, 1913, and December 2, 1913, which made the commander-in-chief of the armies in the field responsible directly to the Minister of War.

The most popular features of the reorganization of the government are the appointments of General Hubert Lyautey as Minister of War, and General Nivelle as successor to Joffre as commander-in-chief of the western front. All the newspapers print photographs of General Nivelle under the title, "one of the war's revelations."

The effect of this decree is to make both General Nivelle and General Sarrail, commander of the entente forces in Macedonia, responsible directly to the War Office and independent of the commander-in-chief.

SINKING LINER BEACHED

POWHATAN COLLIDES WITH VESSEL IN CHESAPEAKE BAY.

Wireless Message From Steamer to Effect That Number of Passengers Sustain Injuries.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 13.—The Merchants & Miners passenger liner Powhatan, from Norfolk for Baltimore with 17 passengers, was beached tonight in 25 feet of water on Thimble Shoal, in Lower Chesapeake Bay, after a collision with a vessel the identity of which was not established in radio messages received here.

Officials of the company said the Powhatan had reported by wireless that several persons were hurt, but did not indicate whether they were passengers or members of the crew. They could not confirm reports that the steamer's boiler had exploded after the collision.

Wireless calls for aid from the Powhatan quickly brought two destroyers and a hospital ship from the Atlantic fleet anchored in Hampton Roads, five miles away, and the coastguard cutter Yamacraw also responded. A strong northwest gale was whipped across the bay and made rescue work difficult, but wireless reports said the passengers and crew, including the injured, had been safely transferred to other vessels.

LOGGER'S INJURIES FATAL

Victim of White Pine Accident Dies in Baker Hospital.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—As the result of injuries received at the Baker White Pine Lumber Company camp at White yesterday, William Carson died this afternoon at St. Elizabeth Hospital here.

Carson was helping load logs, when one rolled on him, causing a compound fracture of his thigh. He was immediately hurried to Baker by train, but scarcely regained consciousness before his death.

He was about 45 years old and is not known to have any relatives in this vicinity.

GUARDSMEN HEAR RUMOR OF RETURN

Reports Circulated in Troop A of Move From Border Unsubstantiated.

VALUED TRAINING IS GIVEN

Soldiers Have Yet to Finish Their Pistol Target Practice—Court-martial Keeps Busy With Cases, Mostly Desertion.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.

WITH THE OREGON TROOPS, on the Border, Camp John H. Beacon, Calexico, Cal., Dec. 8.—(Special Correspondence.)—This camp, besides other things, is the best incubator of rumors there is, with the possible exception of a political campaign headquarters. The latest bit of this "I-heard" stuff is to the effect that 300 militiamen are to be sent home from this camp. So sure were some of the soldiers of the truth of this gossip that they began to collect their equipment for turning in to Quartermaster Doolittle.

Of course every one of the Oregon soldiers are anxious to get back, but the folks at home are more anxious for their return than are most of the soldiers.

Soldiers are not sleeping on saddle blankets. Army regulations do not allow it, in the first place, and any soldiers caught doing so would be severely dealt with. This for sanitary reasons.

Mornings Are Cold.

Cold? Of course it has been cold. One morning last week there was thick ice on the watering trough and the thermometer was 25 above. The coldest time is from 2 A. M. to 8 A. M. After that time it gets so warm soldiers doing stable police are stripped down to the waist. Every soldier in camp, unless he happens to be unfortunate enough to be in the field hospital, has a warm mattress and, if he wishes, he can have a straw tick.

There is no dispute about the good the Auxiliary has and is doing, yet the men themselves say without reservation there are certain male members of the organization who are trying to make political capital out of their connection with the Auxiliary. The miles between Portland and Calexico are not so long but that every trooper is cognizant of this fact, and has written home telling the folks to beware of these men.

Court-Martial Busy.

The coming week will be another busy one for those members of Troop A who have yet to finish their pistol target practice. It will also be busy for the court-martial and for the recruits. The court-martial ground a big grist last week. Most of the serious cases—desertion—were from the regular Army. There was one case, however, a Washington soldier, charged with stealing a pistol. Troop A played an all-star cast in this border drama. Captain George A. White was one of the judges, Lieutenant Hogan is judge-advocate and Lieutenant Wackrow was the defending attorney. Anyone fond of solving riddles can perhaps figure out the chance the prisoner had. Court-martial proceedings and its findings are secret. The sentence will not be known until approved by the Western Department.

Beginning Monday, the recruits that have been getting weeks of intensified drilling will begin shooting at the rifle range. While Lieutenant Hogan is teaching them to shoot with the rifle, Captain White and Lieutenant Wackrow will be busy with those members of Troop A that are yet to shoot pistol record. In order to get through both rifle and pistol practice (there are 27 recruits to shoot—155 of Troop A and 12 of Troop B, Tacoma) by December 14, the date set for turning them over to the regular troops, they will be a busy lot of young men.

Major Offley Gets Leave.

Major R. S. Offley, who for the first time in 25 years is to enjoy a leave that will permit him to pass Christmas at home, will leave for Portland Thursday. Major Offley has built a wonderful mind's-eye picture of a home life in Portland after his active Army career is over. He owns a home in Portland, and when the time comes, he says, he will beat this high cost of living, for he is going to have a front yard clustered in rosebushes, and in the back yard a cow, one rooster and two hens, and the cat and the dog will live in peace.

Major Offley has five years more to serve, and then he will have been in the Army 30 years. For a man who has seen service in all of Uncle Sam's possessions except Porto Rico and the Canal Zone, it is hardly to be wondered that he has visions of a citizen's life.

Major Offley has a warm spot in his heart for the militia, and, although he is a strong believer in compulsory service, no officer wearing an Army uniform could display a keener interest in the work the militia is doing on this border. In his duties as commanding officer of the camp Major Offley visits each of the militia camps daily. He naturally is a keen observer and more than one member of both the Oregon and Washington Guard is thankful to him for the good and kindly advice he has given them.

Only the other day, while riding near where the Oregon recruits were drilling, he paused and watched them while they were going through pistol drill. The recruits were being shown how to fire the pistol from a sitting position. All of the boys rested their elbows on their knees. Major Offley, who, by the way, is a good marksman, dismounted and, taking a pistol, showed them how, by placing the elbows between the knees, the knees closing on both elbows like a vise, a more steady aim could be obtained. This is not his duty, but he did not hesitate when he saw the advice was needed. This is just one instance of the many times he has gone out of his way to give good advice to the enlisted men. Another big thing about the Major is his splendid sense of humor.

AD CLUB HAS ELECTION

S. C. BRATTON CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATION.

Selection of Board of Directors, With 16 Candidates for Seven Places, Furnishes Plenty of Fun.

President, S. C. Bratton; first vice-president, "Jimmy" Duffy; second vice-president, R. H. Atkinson, and secretary-treasurer, Sidney Mills.

Thus far in the list the election of officers of the Portland Ad Club at the Benson Hotel yesterday was not exciting, for the four candidates mentioned had no opposition and were counted in unanimously.

There were 16 candidates for the board of directors, however, and only seven places to be filled, so the excitement of the contest centered upon this. Various startling stunts were pulled off to add interest to the event, and if the corrupt practices act had applied to the Ad Club most of the candidates would have gone away in the patrol wagon early in the game.

The successful seven were Percy Arlett, Roy O. Burnett, D. C. Freeman, M. E. Lee, James M. McLaughlin, R. D. Stone and Dr. S. E. Wright.

Louis Hamig, Harvey O'Bryan and Dr. Wright were the election committee.

While the ballots were being counted Rufus Holman introduced W. C. Leever, Commissioner of Jackson County; F. S. Gunning, Judge of Wasco, and W. S. Allan, of Yamhill, who gave enthusiastic addresses of the subject of good roads.

Miles Standish was chairman of the day and Charles F. Berg dressed up in messenger uniform to carry the returns for George L. Baker to announce. When Bratton was officially declared elected a red light was ceremonially displayed from the speaker's table, according to the accepted signal system adopted in National Presidential campaigns.

CHRISTIE FUND GROWS

DONATION OF $250 IS MADE BY OLDS, WORTMAN & KING.

Other Contributions of $50 and $25 and Numerous Ones From $15 Down Are Received.

A contribution of $250 from Olds, Wortman & King was the largest gift announced yesterday in the campaign for funds for the Christie Orphan Home. T. M. Joyce donated $50, Thomas Mannix and F. P. Kendall $25, and about a hundred other gifts ranging from $15 down were received.

The teams which are conducting the canvass will redouble their efforts in the two days that remain before the wind-up of the campaign and bring in the remainder of the fund if possible.

The standing of the teams, with the names of team leaders up to date, follows:

Mrs. Andrew C. Smith	$1547.00
Mrs. James P. Cooke	1362.50
Mrs. E. H. Holoway	590.50
Mrs. J. A. Hamilton	293.15
Mrs. P. J. Traynor	126.56
Mrs. Frank Swarzbeck	180.25
Mrs. J. D. Allman	263.75
Mrs. P. E. Sullivan	90.00
Mrs. H. F. Wheeler	101.50
Mrs. F. D. Bishop	72.35
Mrs. Ross B. Sutton	70.00
Mrs. W. Wenning	146.00
Mrs. E. D. Gambee	37.75
Mrs. John Manning	549.70
Miss Agnes L. Tillman	86.00
Mrs. James Schell	43.00
Mrs. M. Maher	24.85
Mrs. E. C. Hayes	34.75
Mrs. W. J. Smith	26.50
Mrs. F. W. Banghart	39.25
Mrs. M. Kellow	8.00
Miss M. Burke, Mrs. W. A. Wall	25.00
Mrs. McKenna	62.00
Andrew C. Webber	428.00
Peter Van Homelsson	154.00
Oscar W. Horne	168.00
E. L. Frederick	38.50
Casimir Campbell	66.00
St. Ignatius team	34.00
E. Moore and T. Starkey	33.50
L. Sauvie	11.60
J. F. Reidron	28.00
D. F. Campbell	45.00
H. D. Coffee	23.55
J. F. Donovan	45.00

ASTORIA ELECTS HARLEY

GEORGE M. HYLAND DEFEATED FOR MAYOR BY 3 TO 1.

Movie Censorship Ordinance Beaten, but $125,000 Bonds for Reservoir Apparently Is Carried.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—F. C. Harley was elected today as Mayor of Astoria, and, while the count will not be completed before early morning, the indications were that he defeated George M. Hyland by a vote of more than 3 to 1.

The election today closed one of the most bitter Mayoralty campaigns Astoria has ever witnessed. At the primary election Mr. Harley was nominated on the Republican, Democratic and Progressive tickets. About two weeks ago, during Mr. Harley's absence from the city, Mr. Hyland was nominated at a mass meeting as a citizens' candidate.

The contests for Auditor and City Surveyor were very close, and a complete count will be necessary. The indications, however, were that Y. D. Guilliume, Republican, was elected Auditor, and that G. T. McClean, Republican, defeated L. C. Rogers, independent candidate for Surveyor.

The other city officers elected are: Treasurer, John Nordstrom, Republican; City Attorney, Olaf Anderson, Democrat; Street Superintendent, Henry Schell, Republican; Councilman-at-Large, Louis Glaser, Democrat; Water Commissioner-at-Large, O. I. Peterson, Republican. The result on ward Councilmen is still unsettled.

An amendment authorizing the issuance of $125,000 in bonds to construct a new reservoir is believed to have carried, while the returns available indicate that an ordinance to provide for a moving picture censor board was defeated.

LUMBER TRADE GAINING

STATE COMMISSIONER HOFF'S REPORT TELLS TALE.

Capital Invested, Number of Employes and Wages Paid, All Indicate Decided Revival.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—In a report issued by State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff late today, he states that capital of $23,619,902 is invested in plants and equipment in the timber industry of the state, this being exclusive of timber holdings and working capital, including only buildings, machinery and other equipment. The total investment two years ago was $19,242,119.

A total of 22,984 persons are shown to be employed in the industries, with a total annual payroll of $14,317,135, as compared with $13,493,031 paid to 20,535 persons two years ago.

The lumber industry proper gave employment to 3104 skilled and 7050 unskilled laborers, who, during the past two years, received wages amounting to $3,432,769. Including payroll for office maintenance and operations in the woods, employes received $7,531,446.

Commenting on the condition of the timber industry, Mr. Hoff said:

"Wages, on the whole, both for skilled and unskilled workers, show a gratifying increase during the past six months, and give indications of going higher. All reports received show that there is an undoubted reawakening of business in the timber industries. The demand for men is steadily growing.

Reports from employers lead to the conviction that the coming years are to be prosperous ones for workers and operators."

Hotel Landlady Arrested.

Goldie Gray, landlady of the Richelieu Hotel, 33½ North Sixth street, was arrested last night on a charge of conducting a disorderly house. Sadie Witt, a domestic in the hotel, was charged with vagrancy.

"HOBOS" IN PARADE

Elks in Weary Willie Garb Have Gay Time.

COSTUMES ARE FANTASTIC

Seedy Looking Pageant With Band in Grotesque Make-Up Precedes "Tramps' Social"—Many Visiting Brothers Present.

If anyone ever wants to organize another Coxey's army, he can get a lot of eligible recruits among the Elks right here in Portland.

An army of about 800 of the worst-looking hobos the town ever saw paraded the streets last night preliminary to a "tramps' social" at the Elks' home. They were dressed in almost every conceivable brand of hobo attire, and no two of them were alike.

The parade was headed by the Elks' own band in "Weary Willie" attire, followed by an ancient carriage, driven by Frank Hennessy and drawn by a pair of seedy horses that threatened to topple over at any moment.

Then came a sorry procession of disguised Elks in varying degrees of hobo makeups.

There were grotesque figures, artistic figures, desperate figures, ragged figures and a number who were true to the regulation type but who confessed that they didn't need to do much making up.

Anyway, it was a happy, good-natured, care-free, pleasure-bent crowd. In addition to a big squad of Portland Elks reinforced by visiting Elks resident here, more than 100 members of the Vancouver lodge, accompanied by their band, as well as many from Salem, came to join in the fun.

The street parade was followed by an entertainment at the clubrooms. The two bands furnished music and many amateur performers gave exhibitions of their talents. The fun continued until midnight.

TWIN CITIES FALL OUT

MINNEAPOLIS CHIEF SAYS ST. PAUL HARBORS DESPERADOES.

Police Told to Wear Plain Clothes and Shoot to Kill—St. Paul Will Permit Arrests to Be Made.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—After a conference with Mayor Nye, Chief of Police Martinson issued orders today for all day patrolmen to report for night duty in plain clothes and to "shoot to kill" in an effort to stop the crime wave now sweeping through this city.

Mayor Nye declared the condition here is the result of a long-standing lack of harmony between the St. Paul and Minneapolis police departments, and advocated state police regulations which would prevent criminals from preying on one community and seeking refuge in another.

"Some of the criminals, of course, live here," said Mayor Nye, "but the ones who have caused us so much trouble of late are working out of St. Paul, I believe."

ST. PAUL, Dec. 13.—Chief of Police John J. O'Connor said today that Minneapolis police were perfectly welcome to make arrests in St. Paul, working with the assistance of the local police or alone.

"Anyone knows that waves of crime come and that the police for a time seem helpless. We have had them here. Let the Minneapolis police come here if they think the bandits have headquarters in St. Paul. My men will work with them or they may work alone in making the arrests," said Chief O'Connor.

VACANCY ON PAROLE BOARD

Rev. O. H. Holmes Resigns and Rev. James Elvin May Succeed.

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Rev. O. H. Holmes, of Forest Grove, has tendered his resignation to Governor Withycombe as a member of the State Parole Board. Rev. Mr. Holmes expects to go to Walla Walla, Wash., and his resignation has been accepted.

While no definite announcement has been made from the executive offices, it is understood on good authority that Rev. James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Salem, will be named by Governor Withycombe as successor to Rev. Mr. Holmes. Rev. Mr. Elvin was pastor at Seattle for three years, was at The Dalles for two years and came to Salem in 1915, where he has been active in commercial club and civic work, as well as in his church duties. He was selected as chaplain for the Fourth Oregon Regiment by Colonel Gantenbein last Summer, when there was a move on foot to organize such a regiment.

BOY ON BICYCLE IS HURT

Harold Arthur Runs in Front of Streetcar and Suffers Bruises.

Harold Arthur, 824½ Williams avenue, aged 16 years, was bruised late last night by a Woodlawn streetcar which ran into his bicycle at Williams avenue and Alberta street. Witnesses said the boy cut in in front of the car, and that he was riding without a light.

G. E. Hill sustained a cut over the left eye last night in a collision between a motorcycle on which he was riding and an automobile driven by F. J. Laher at Third and Market streets.

U-BOAT SINKS TRANSPORT

Algerie, 4000 Tons, Sent to Bottom Near Malta, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—An official communication issued today says:

"A German submarine on December 4, near Malta, sank the transport steamer Algerie, 4000 tons, which was in the service of the French navy.

"The Algerie was bound from Saloniki for France. Of the military men on board, one officer and six men were made prisoner."

Omnibus Bill Advocates Confer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. — Members of the House advocating an omnibus public buildings appropriation bill conferred today, and it was reported later that the rules committee would consider reporting a rule to bring up and expedite action on such a measure. There will be strong opposition to the bill.

Going Home for the Holidays?

Low Round-Trip Fares

Dec. 22 -25, inc.
Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, inc.
Return Jan. 3

Go for Xmas--Stay for New Years

Good Train Service to
McMinnville, Newberg, Oswego,
Forest Grove, Hillsboro and
All Points on Electric Loop
via

The Big Red Steel Electric Cars
Loop Special 1:00 P. M.

Christmas Day — New Year's Day
McMinnville and Return.

City Ticket Office, 6th and Oak Sts.
John M. Scott, Gen. Pass. Agent

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES

GREEKS ATTACK FRENCH

TOWN OF KATERINA CAPTURED AND ALLIES' LINE PIERCED.

Hellenic Regulars Are Said to Number 5000—Fighting Now in Progress Southwest of Saloniki.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Fighting is in progress between Greek regular troops and the French, the Overseas News Agency announces.

The News Agency says the fighting is taking place north of Katerina, about 60 miles southwest of Saloniki, and that the Greeks have a force of 5000 men.

The town of Katerina has been captured by the Greeks, the news agency says, the French line of positions having been pierced. The Greeks are said to have taken up a line between Katerina and Borotzko.

The situation in the region of Katerina has been somewhat obscure since last November, when French and Greek Royalist troops were reported to be apparently on the point of a clash over possession of the city. There had been previous trouble there between royalist and Venizelist forces and General Sarrail, the entente commander, sent a French force to occupy the town, presumably in the carrying out of his purpose to establish a neutral zone along the frontier of old Greece.

On November 24 a news agency dispatch from Athens reported that the Greek Royalist troops had refused to evacuate Katerina and that General Sarrail had notified the Athens government that unless they did so he would be compelled to use force. No further specific reports on conditions in the vicinity of Katerina have been received, but since that time has occurred the fighting between the entente and Greek forces in Athens and vicinity, with concurrent reports that Greece was assembling an army in the interior to attack the entente Saloniki forces in the rear simultaneously with assault by the central powers on the fighting front to the north of Macedonia.

GOLD DECLARED MENACE

MR. ROBERTS WARNS AMERICANS AGAINST ISOLATION.

Prediction Made That Industrial Conditions in Europe Will Be No Worse After War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Industrial conditions in the warring countries will be no worse, if not better, at the conclusion of the war than they were before its outbreak, said George E. Roberts, ex-director of the mint and now an officer of the National City Bank, in an address today at a luncheon of the Iowa Society. Mr. Roberts sounded a note of warning against the concentration of gold in this country, saying that a surplus of the yellow metal would tend to "isolate" the nation from the rest of the world.

"The amount of productive property destroyed in the warring countries is small," said the speaker. "Great Britain and Germany are practically untouched, and in some important lines their capacity has been increased instead of diminished.

"The loss of life and the disablement of men, particularly of skilled workers, will undoubtedly impair the productive capacity of these countries, but on the other hand there are reasons for believing that the war caused industry to be reorganized and put on a more efficient basis.

"It is hard to make the average man believe that a country can have too much gold, and yet gold or capital is only one factor in industry. You cannot use gold without labor, and we are not getting more labor. The only way you can put more gold or more capital into use is by hiring labor away from one employment to another or by bidding against other buyers for materials and property. The effect is simply to raise wages and the cost of doing business, and a larger amount of money is employed in doing the same volume of business."

OIL DISPUTE REFERRED

SENATE DESPAIRS OF SETTLEMENT IN ORDINARY WAY.

Navy Department Insists on Segregation—Senator Phelan Seeks to Validate Private Titles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Despairing of securing through the ordinary legislative methods a satisfactory solution of the controversy over Senator Phelan's amendment to the oil lands bill, which would legalize disputed claims of many private holders of fuel oil lands in California, the Senate lands committee decided today to refer the entire question to a special committee of Senators, representatives and officials of the Navy, Interior and Justice departments.

Navy officials, who have fought the Phelan amendment and who contend that the lands involved belong to the Federal Government and should be set aside as a naval fuel reserve, expressed satisfaction over the decision and predicted that it would mean adoption of the course they have advocated.

The lands committee named Senator Phelan himself, however, as one of its representatives on the joint body, and it is assumed he will continue vigorously to urge his amendment. Senators Pittman, of Nevada, and Clark, of Wyoming, are the other Senate members, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and Commander Richardson, of the bureau of steam engineering, will represent the Navy Department. Representatives of the House and the other executive departments concerned have not yet been selected.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Commander Richardson appeared before the lands committee today to oppose the amendment. They declared the Navy could not be developed to its full efficiency unless an adequate supply of oil was assured for the years to come, and said the California reserve presented the only developed supply now available.

It was made clear by Navy Department officials today that their stand of unqualified opposition to the Phelan amendment, which they characterize as an effort to blanket all claims to lands within the area, whether of legal validity or not, had in no way been altered.

CANADIAN CRAFT SUNK

TORPEDO-BOAT GRILSE AND ALL ABOARD LOST AT SEA.

Last Word Received Was "Now Sinking"—Boats Which Rush to Aid Find No Trace of Vessel.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Canadian torpedo-boat Grilse, commanded by Lieutenant W. Wingate, has been lost at sea with all hands, it is feared. This announcement was made by the Minister of Naval Service. She carried a crew of 50.

The vessel, on her way to Bermuda, called "S. O. S." by wireless at 3 P. M. December 12. At 7:30 P. M. she called, "Now sinking." The weather was rough.

Vesseles hastening to the scene found no trace of the Grilse or her boats.

The majority of the crew were enlisted in British Columbia, as were Lieutenant Wingate and Sub-Lieutenant Winslow. The loss of the Grilse is the first disaster to occur in the Canadian navy since the war begin.

Fund Aided by Dance.

An entertainment and dance will be given at Hibernian Hall, 340 Russell street, tonight under the auspices of St. Mary's Court, No. 2049, Catholic Order of Foresters. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Christie Home Fund. There will be a programme of local talent between 8 and 10 o'clock and dancing from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Filipino Reports Robbery.

A. Caciano, a Filipino student, reported to the police early this morning that two white men had attacked him at Park and Burnside streets at 11:30 o'clock last night and had robbed him of $250. He said one of the men had knocked him senseless with a blow from his fist.

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