

ARBITRATION LAWS LEGALIZABLE

Senator Borah Believes Compulsion, Such as Wilson Favors, Would Fail Test.

MEN HAVE RIGHT TO QUIT

Personal Liberty Contravened by Law Requiring One to Remain in Service of Another, Collectively or Singly.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—

In the opinion of Senator Borah, of Idaho, Congress will be unable to pass an effective compulsory arbitration bill such as President Wilson recommended in his opening address to Congress, and such as he also advocated last August.

Men Have Right to Quit

There seems to be an impression that the whole thing is made easy because we are to deal with a body of men and not a single individual. In other words, it is supposed, apparently, that while you cannot compel an individual to work or to publish him because he quits work, that you can compel a body of men acting collectively or as a union to work or to publish them because they agree to quit work.

Question Often Decided

It has been decided a number of times, and in one instance by no less an authority as Justice Brandeis, late associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, that members of a labor union have a right to provide reference to their wages and to determine as a matter of fact whether they are satisfied, and not satisfied as a matter of fact, with the wages which they are receiving.

Collective Bargaining Lawful

If you can prevent men from acting collectively and as a union in regard to their wages, to their sanitary conditions and to questions of health surroundings and such things, then you have, of course, destroyed collective bargaining entirely, and have found a way to inhibit collective action upon the part of labor, and it would be the beginning of the end of union labor.

BILLS CARRY GUARANTEE

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN INTRODUCES RECLAMATION PLAN

Both Principal and Interest on Bonds Issued by Districts Insured Under Proposed System.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, introduced today and Representative Smith, of Idaho, will introduce tomorrow a bill which provides a new plan under which the United States may guarantee both principal and interest on bonds issued by reclamation districts, and which provides for the construction not only of irrigation, but drainage projects in the several states.

Electric Smelting at Welsh Mines Causes a Loss of Metal of About 1 Percent as Compared with 9 or 10 Percent by Older Methods.

LATEST OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Russian.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 20.—Fighting has been in progress on the west bank of the Danube, nearly opposite Herzova, Dobruja, between Russian and German forces, the War Office announced today.

"Rumanian front—Rifle firing and artillery duels are proceeding. In the direction of Rimnik-Buzdu successful operations are being conducted by our scouting parties.

"On the left bank of the Danube enemy attacks have been repulsed. Fighting is proceeding between advance detachments and has attained more than the average intensity of our right flank in the region of the village of Cerna and in the center of the region of Umachea.

"On the Black Sea on Saturday an enemy airplane protected by a battle-plane dropped bombs without success upon our positions in the Dobruja. The battle plane was hit by one of our aviators named Ragozyn and fell into the sea.

"Western front—In the region southwest of Brody, Galicia, the enemy, after bombarding our trenches with heavy artillery for half an hour, conducted an attack in open formation upon our positions. He was driven into his trench by our fire. Repeated enemy attempts to attack our detachments also were unsuccessful.

"On the River Bystritsa, in the region of Jeppoulo-Zietz and Bohorodczany our scouts have been attacking the enemy's advanced posts and penetrated into Bohorodczany. The enemy after several men had been killed, fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners in our hands.

"In the wooded Carpathians, reconnaissance are being made by our strong scouting parties to the west and south of Mount Botochu."

German.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The War Office announcement tonight states that the hostile forces after retreating to the Northern part of Dobruja are again opposing resistance. The text is as follows:

"On the western and eastern fronts there have been no important actions. In the most northern part of Dobruja the enemy, who retreated there, has again offered fighting resistance. In the Cerna and (Macedonian front), hostile attacks launched after a strong artillery fire failed before our positions.

"On the Somme and the Aisne, in the Champagne and on the east bank of the Meuse, in isolated sectors, there were some strong artillery bombardments and patrol activity.

"In Macedonia, the artillery was more active at some places."

Italian.

ROME, via London, Dec. 20.—"In the Arsa Valley our artillery fire dispersed an enemy detachment and silenced enemy batteries," says today's report from the War Office.

"On the Carso the enemy's artillery was rather more effective against our advanced positions. Our batteries dispersed enemy troops on the march at several points, while our infantry drove off without difficulty an enemy detachment."

NIGHT BATTLE HEAVY

Artillery Engagements Continue on Verdun Front.

PEACE TALK NOT LEARNED

Prisoners Taken Along Somme by British Do Not Know of Kaiser's Proposals—Fighting in Air Grows More Spirited.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Heavy artillery fighting continues on the Verdun front, the War Office announced this afternoon. During the night the engagements were most spirited in the vicinity of Louvemont and Chambrettes.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 20.

A group of German prisoners taken on one section of the British front on Sunday only a non-commissioned officer had heard anything of the German Emperor's peace proposals. This circumstance, coupled with the fact that there have been no demonstrations from any part of the German trenches, caused much speculation among the British officers as to whether despite the Emperor's address to his troops, the new peace overtures have been permitted to reach the men actually engaged on the fighting line.

Documents captured within the last few days repeatedly mention the audacity and initiative of the allied armies and Field Marshal von Hindenburg is quoted as having issued orders that the supremacy of the air must be sharply contested. According to these documents, the German chief of staff orders that where the German lines are crossed by hostile aviators, German machines must penetrate the hostile zone over the allied lines.

There has been only a comparatively few hours of good flying weather in the last week, but numerous combats have taken place, 20 being fought on one morning on a certain sector.

German artillery has recently been active and has responded more freely to the continuous British fire. According to prisoners, the preponderance of British shells has depressed the German trenches and the German thought that their own artillery was not supporting them with the same vigor as the support the English gave to their men.

LISTER TO QUIT MANSION

RECOMMENDATION FOR BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION DISAPPROVED.

Governor Declares Intention of Renting Private Home for Next Four Years as Result of Criticism.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—As a member of the State Board of Finance, Governor Lister has refused to approve a recommendation for allowing the regular biennial mansion maintenance appropriation, and declares his intention of renting or building a private home for the coming four years.

His course is opposed by Edward Meath, State Treasurer, who, with the

force which was attempting to advance."

British, Front in France.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The official statement from British headquarters in France reads: "During the night the enemy lines were entered by us in the neighborhood of Gommeourt and considerable damage was done. A number of prisoners were taken in the course of another successful raid carried out by us early this morning against the enemy's trenches north of Arras.

"In a patrol encounter this morning north of Neuve Chapelle the leader of the hostile patrol was killed, his men were taken prisoner. The enemy exploded a camouflet south of Ypres.

"The enemy's artillery was particularly active on the right of our line north of the Somme and in the neighborhood of Festubert and Ypres. Our artillery vigorously replied.

"Enemy trench at Gommeourt and in the neighborhood of Loos and Hulluch were also bombarded by us."

French, Macedonian Front.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The French official report on the progress of the fighting in Macedonia, given to this afternoon reads: "There is nothing to report other than some patrol fighting on the Macedonian front, where the rains and the fog continue."

Progress of the War

ASIDE from the Rumanian theater a little fighting of moment is taking place on any of the numerous fronts.

In the northern Dobruja the Russians and Rumanians have faced about and are giving battle to the Teutonic forces which have been pursuing them. Just how strong the stand they are making is as yet being made known, Berlin merely saying that they have again offered fighting resistance."

Petrograd reports that attacks by the invaders near Pariltin, on the left bank of the Danube were repulsed and says that operations successful for the Russians and Rumanians are being carried out by scouting parties in the direction of Rimnik-Buzdu.

In France the British near Gommeourt and Arras have carried out successful raids against German trenches and bombarded other hostile positions at Gommeourt and near Loos. The Germans shelled the British north of the Somme near Festubert and Ypres and south of the Somme bombarded the French at numerous points, the French replying energetically.

Berlin reports the repulse of attacks against the position of the Teutonic allies in the Cerna River bend region of Macedonia.

In Galicia, southwest of Brody, the Teutonic allies, after a heavy bombardment of Russian trenches, essayed an infantry attack, but were forced by the fire of the Russian guns to seek their own trenches again. Petrograd reports the breaking through of barbed-wire entanglements on the Bystritsa River sector by the Russians and compelling the Teutonic allies there to flee.

The Austrians are again actively bombarding the Italian advanced positions on the Carso front of the Austro-Italian theater.

Governor, comprises the State Board of Finance in the absence of C. W. Clausen. Meath will probably make an individual recommendation for the appointment.

Governor Lister's declared reason for abandoning the executive mansion is the personal cost of keeping it up to substantial expectations and criticisms of the State Auditor's department and opposing newspapers on household items, many of which were raised as issues in the recent campaign.

The state mansion cost \$35,000 and \$15,000 for construction in 1917. It contains 23 rooms and the state allows \$4500 biennially for upkeep of the building all other expenses, Governor Lister has a family of four.

GREECE FILES PROTEST

ENTENTE AID TO REBELS ATONISHES GOVERNMENT.

Many Islands in Archipelago Seized by Revolutionists, French and British, Declares Athens.

ATHENS, Dec. 19.—(Via London, Dec. 20.)—A note was presented by the Greek government to the entente powers last evening. It reads: "The royal government learns with astonishment that a large number of revolutionists under command of conspicuous officers from Saloniki, landed several days ago on the island of Syra, despite the blockade of the allied fleet."

"The revolutionists spread their activities to other islands in the archipelago, where they committed depredations, made arrests and abolished the legal authorities, whom the government could not rescue on account of the allies' blockade.

"The government is most astonished to see the allies' warships permit the revolutionists to perpetrate these acts, since, by its reply to the situation on December 14, the government gave the strongest proof of its good will toward the entente."

The note further recites that the French landed at Zante, where they threatened a bombardment, and that the allies are making preparations to land on the Sporades Islands and the coast of Euboea. The note protests vigorously against the "filled naval authorities' tolerance of the extension of the seditious movement and the occupation of the islands of the kingdom by the allied authorities."

SEDITIONARY MOVE IS DENIED

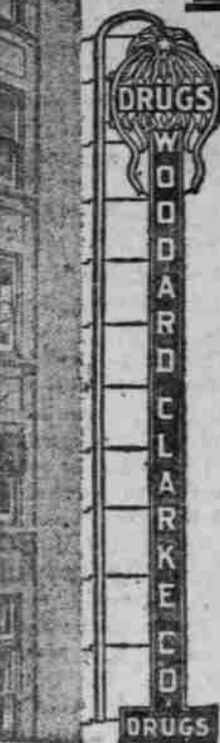
LONDON Surprised by Note of Protest From Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The receipt of the Greek note respecting the so-called revolutionary movement in Greece, has occasioned surprise in this city. The allies, it is said, cannot admit the Greek contention that the Venizelist movement is in any way a seditious one and it is added that a majority of the populations of the Greek islands have voluntarily thrown in their lot with the Greek provisional government.

Many Noblemen Fallen.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The new Almanach De Gotha's list of nobility fallen in the war includes 253 counts, 567 barons and 1465 lesser nobility.

Read the Oregonian classified ads.



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- Houbigant, Vallant, Pinaud, "Violet", Hudnut, Palmer, A. G. Wright, Lazelle, Rogers & Gallet, Imported Farina, 85c, and Mount Hood Cologne, 75c, \$1.40.

We Mark the Closing Days of This Week By Many and Notable Price Reductions

All our excellent Framed Pictures and Art Pieces, embracing fine Pottery, Basketry, Plaster Casts, Desk and Smoker Sets.



BASIS UP TO BERLIN

Germany Can Have Peace, if Wanted, Says British Press.

ENTENTE REPLY APPROVED

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's Attitude Must Be More Modest and More Explicit, Declares Manchester Guardian.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd George's reply to Germany's peace proposal meets with a chorus of approval in the British press and the general comment is that if Germany really wants peace she will, when the joint reply of the allies is received, state terms which can form a basis of discussion. The Manchester Guardian says:

"Premier Lloyd George has not shut the door on peace with that reasonable degree of which some of his less balanced supporters in the press have been listening. It is true he insisted on the impossibility of accepting the German invitation as it stands.

"In this he was ably seconded by Mr. Asquith and will be approved by the country and the general public. The German Chancellor must be both more modest and more explicit before he can expect any favorable answer to his invitation.

Snare Declared Avoided. "But the real danger in the situation which his offer created was that the allies, this country in particular, might be led into an abrupt and sweeping refusal, not merely of the actual invitation, but of any proposal to discuss peace terms. This snare Lloyd George has avoided."

The Guardian says that as the speech invited Germany to be more explicit, she has continued to do so. The settlement and the neutral world cannot take exception to this attitude.

The Guardian notes that the speech contains no reference to the crushing of Germany, but says discussion of any matter is conditioned on restitution. Because of the opinion that restitution is impossible, for the deepest wrongs cannot be undone.

SECURITY IS REQUIRED.

"Security we certainly require," the Guardian continues. "The best security is the firm unbroken front of the alliance fortified when the war ends by a universal league to enforce peace. In such a league America would play a great part and her presence alone would be no small security."

Expressing the opinion that restitution is impossible, for the deepest wrongs cannot be undone. "There is in this, as in all countries at war, a great volume of opinion, too widespread unfortunately, in favor of a serious effort on the part of Europe's statesmen to put an end to the carnage of the world by the whole generation of the young."

ROAD FUND DEMANDED

DOUGLAS TAXPAYERS PROTEST DIVERTING \$5000 TO EUGENE.

Supervisor System Indorsed and Present Laws Governing Highway Management Are Favored.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Adoption of a road from Roseburg to Coos Bay to a fund with which to build a similar highway from Eugene to Marshfield, comprised the chief business transacted at the annual meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers' League held here today.

Because of the demand for better roads most of the day was passed in discussing plans whereby the present method of constructing highways might be supplemented by a more modern and economical system.

Many suggestions were offered, but it was finally agreed by resolution to retain the present laws which vest the control of bridge and road construction in the County Court. Binger Hermann led the fight against changing the eastern terminus of the Coast Highway from Roseburg to Eugene and introduced a resolution recommending that the Legislature and the Douglas County

FRAUD IS CHARGED

Builders Accused of Mailing False Statements.

2 ARRESTED, 6 SOUGHT

Federal Indictments Charge Loan Association's Former Officers Reported Investments Made in Improved Property Only.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Two former officers of the Home Builders' building and loan association with an authorized capital stock of \$1,250,000 and 4500 stockholders, were arrested here today and six others are sought under Federal indictments charging conspiracy to use the mails to defraud.

James S. Green, ex-secretary of the corporation, and H. C. Galloway, general agent of the Home Builders' General Agency, a subsidiary company, were taken into custody. Warrants were issued also for Joy A. Winnans, ex-president of the Home Builders; William B. Judson, ex-treasurer; Samuel H. Garrett, ex-vice-president of the Home Builders' General Agency; Harry W. Peterson, ex-financial secretary of the subsidiary, and Rex De Barr, ex-auditor of the Home Builders. Garrett is in San Francisco. It was said all would surrender.

It was alleged by the government that false statements were sent through the mails. The corporation's alleged representations that dividends had not been protected out of money reserved for stock and that it had not bought unimproved property were the basis of the Federal indictments, it was said.

The Home Builders were allied with the Los Angeles Investment Company, now reorganized, against officers of which the government conducted a

CAPTAIN IS EXONERATED

Government Inspectors Pass on Death of Glacier Scam.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—George M. Pouratt, master of the Southern Pacific Company's stern wheel steamer Apache was exonerated by Government inspectors yesterday of blame for the sinking in this harbor on November 25 of a launch in which members of the crew of the Navy supply steamer Glacier were perishing.

Three of the Glacier's men lost their lives as the result of the accident. The Apache was lying at the end of a pier at its wharf revolving in the direction of the launch when the tide against the turning wheel was capitalized.

\$1 RENT ARGUED IN COURT

Teacher Freed on Payment of \$7 Damages to Plaintiff.

The delayed payment of \$1 for room rent, was the basis for an argument between landlady and lodger, which was heard in Municipal Court yesterday afternoon. Miss Beatrice Casey, a school teacher, was charged with assault and battery by Mrs. Winifred McCoy, the elderly mistress of a boarding-house at 653 East Washington street.

Judge Langguth declined to find Miss Casey guilty, but strongly censured her for the assault and battery. She immediately upon the payment of \$7 damages to Mrs. McCoy.

RUSSIANS ATTACK TEUTONS

Germans Report Holding Lines on Northern Rumanian Front.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Several attacks were made yesterday by the Russians along the Rumanian front, the War Office announces. These attacks were without success.

Farm Loan Association Formed.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—One of the first farmers' organizations to be effected in Oregon under the provisions of the rural credits law came into existence here yesterday. The local branch will be known as the Roseburg National Farmers' Loan Association. Fifteen prospective borrowers were present at the meeting and \$30,000 was pledged for the first loan. As soon as the location of a reserve city for the Western District is known formal application will be directed to the proper officials. The law becomes operative January 1.

\$85 Claim for Cows Disallowed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A claim filed by William Meier, of Salem, for \$85 has been disallowed by Secretary of State Olcott. Meier claimed that one of his cows was killed and another injured on the Oregon National Guard range at Finser. The secretary states that no provision is made in the law for payment of this class of claims, and it is returned to the Acting Adjutant-General with the suggestion that he submit it to the next Legislature for its consideration.

San Francisco Recruits 295.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—San Francisco led all other recruiting districts throughout the country, in proportion to population for recruits for the Army during the month of October. It was announced today at Army headquarters. The 19 recruiting stations in the San Francisco district enlisted 295 men in October, according to official statement.

Advertisement for F. Abendroth Diamonds, Watches, Jewellery, Silverware, etc., located at 146 Broadway.

Advertisement for New Perkins Hotel, located at Fifth and Washington Sts., Portland, Oregon.

Advertisement for An Electric Chafing Dish, for winter evenings.

Large advertisement for an Electric Chafing Dish, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing its benefits and availability at Electric Store Building.