

CONGRESS STRIKES LEGISLATIVE SNAG

Nearly Every Pending Administration Measure Facing Some Opposition.

LESS THAN 30 DAYS LEFT

Series of Tests Proposed to Determine Which Measures Stand Any Chance of Passage—'Revenue Fight' Is Begun.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—With less than 30 working days remaining in the life of the 64th Congress, the Democratic steering committee of the Senate decided today to hold daily sessions of the Senate from 11 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night, beginning Thursday, February 1.

What general legislation is to be taken up first no member of the steering committee would say. The general understanding, however, is that the railroad labor bills will be considered as soon as the Indian appropriation bill is out of the way, provided the interstate commerce committee does not ultimately decide to await action on this matter in the House. In view of the fact that Representative Adamson is preparing to rush a separate bill on the subject through the House the Senate committee may decide to wait until that case the corrupt practices bill or the mineral land leasing measure may have a tryout.

Series of Tests Suggested.

Owing to the unusual opposition from one source or another to nearly every pending Administration measure, some of the leaders believe it would be wise to call up the various bills to see just what progress might be made on them and to determine if threatened opposition is so unyielding as to make their passage before March 4 impossible.

Another obstruction to business which Democratic leaders fear is the urgent desire of Republican Senators to force discussion of President Wilson's peace address, as provided for in Senator Cummins' resolution for a debate and the Borah resolution to reaffirm the faith of the Senate in the Monroe doctrine and the principles of Washington and Jefferson, advising against entangling foreign alliances.

Revenue Fight Scheduled.

In the House this week the revenue fight will begin. The ways and means committee will meet tomorrow, when the entire membership for the first time will consider and pass upon the measure framed by the House. Mr. Kitchin said the bill would be reported out of the committee Monday, taken up by the House Tuesday and passed probably Wednesday night or Thursday. The Republicans favor a protective tariff proposition with rates not exceeding the Payne-Aldrich tariff rates as a substitute for the Democratic plan. Republican Representatives will caucus probably Friday afternoon to formulate a resolution. A resolution to be considered among others is one introduced by Representative Anderson, of Minnesota, to create a committee of 15 Republicans to receive and consider suggestions as to a legislative program for the House in the next House. This is regarded as a compromise on Representative Gardner's progressive program.

CAR SHORTAGE IS WORSE

Grays Harbor Millmen to Investigate Business Obstacle.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The car shortage, now the worst in the history of Grays Harbor, has become so acute that the millmen of the Harbor have combined to make investigation of conditions for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Harbor district is being fairly treated by the railroads.

Henry Elgren, J. P. Keating and T. W. Tabb were named as a committee to make this investigation at a meeting of millmen. Most of the mills have an abundance of Eastern orders, but are unable to ship their goods due to the car shortage. Orders also are declared to be plentiful, but many of them cannot be taken because the mills lack means to transport the lumber wanted.

AMATEUR PLAY IS GIVEN

"Dan Weatherbee" Presented at Hood River Church.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A large and appreciative audience was at the Riverside Congregational Church Friday night to witness a performance given by 35 amateurs of the city. "Dan Weatherbee" was the vehicle, and the players were garbed in the costume of rural New England of half a century ago.

Principal parts were played by S. B. Bartness, W. H. McClain, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Drewery, D. C. Crankshaw, Mrs. A. S. Keir and Miss Frances Prange. The play was in charge of Mrs. C. K. Marshall and Mrs. Sam G. Campbell.

Mrs. M. E. Hollingsworth Buried.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. M. E. Hollingsworth, a prominent resident of Centralia, who died in Tacoma Thursday, was held this afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Hollingsworth was 52 years of age, and had been a resident of this city since 1904. She is survived by her husband and four children. The latter are Dr. H. L. Hollingsworth, of Columbia University, New York; Professor E. A. Hollingsworth, superintendent of Day schools; Irwin Hollingsworth, of Tacoma, and Mrs. N. E. Steinbach, of Tacoma.

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GRAFT IS CHARGED

Union Agents and Manufacturers Jointly Accused.

INSIDE MONOPOLY SOUGHT

Federal Prosecutor Promises to Boycott and Strike, to Obtain Large Sums of Money.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Federal Government's case against labor business agents who are alleged to have terrorized Chicago business for years will be resumed tomorrow, following a two-days' recess.

Albert L. Hopkins, special assistant United States Attorney, declared today he will show the jury that a conspiracy to obtain graft was carried out by union officials by means of strikes and threats of strikes.

Four former members of the Electrical Workers' Union and 11 switchboard manufacturers are on trial under indictments charging them with having attempted to create and enforce a monopoly by means of a union boycott.

Umbrella Is Cash Receiver.

Principal among the union business agents is Mike Boyle, said to have hung an umbrella on a bar rail so persons against whose plants strikes were declared, could drop cash into the umbrella and be freed from trouble.

"I will show how the conspiracy was carried out," said Mr. Hopkins, "and I will cite to the jury specific instances of graft."

Among them will be shown the payment of \$20,000 to Michael Boyle by the Chicago Telephone Company. I will show that switchboards were shipped from outside manufacturers who were barred on account of the boycott.

MAN IS BOND FOR WIFE

R. L. SHRODER GOES TO JAIL SO SPOUSE CAN GO FREE.

HOQUAM, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Because he could not obtain \$1000 bail for his wife R. L. Shroder, with consent of the court, has gone to jail himself as living bond for his wife's appearance, and the woman has been allowed to go free.

Mrs. Shroder is the Hoquiam woman who is accused of contributing to the liguency of her daughter. Mr. Shroder was arrested on the same charge, but was held in less degree as a criminal. His bail was fixed at \$100, which he obtained. He then tried to get bail to free his wife, but was unable to do it. Mrs. Shroder, according to Attorney Fearful and the husband, is ill and confinement in the jail was hurting her. The husband volunteered to turn over his \$100 bail for his wife and go to jail in her place. Judge Ben Sheeks consented to the transfer.

FARMERS HEAR LOAN PLAN

Chehalis Meeting Discusses Federal Act and Name Committees.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A meeting was held in the Citizens' club rooms here yesterday, at which about 25 farmers were present, to talk over plans to form a local association under the Federal farm loan act. Provisions of the law were explained by Dr. W. W. Stewart. A poll of the audience indicated that sixteen or eight would take stock in the new association.

Two committees were appointed, one east of Chehalis composed of F. M. Smith, Ben Phillips and H. E. Handie, and one west of Chehalis composed of Henry Rayton, A. Anderson and George Whitaker, who will canvass their respective neighborhoods to find out how many will agree to enter such organizations. Another meeting will be held at the Citizens' Club rooms February 10.

Aberdeen's Population 20,334.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Aberdeen's population is placed at 20,334 and Hoquiam's at 11,666, according to figures recently issued by the Federal census department. The populations given for the other principal towns of Washington follow: Bel-

ABOVE—JOHN C. ("JACK") ADAMS, OF TROOP A, CAVALRY. BELOW—ALFRED BILES, OF COMPANY F.

Lieutenant Alfred F. Biles, recently of Company F, and John C. Adams, of Troop A, Cavalry, Oregon National Guard, will leave at once on receipt of their assignments to take up their schooling and duties as Provisional Second Lieutenants in the regular Army, to which commission they have been appointed through competitive examination. Mr. Adams' entry into the regular Army is a source of surprise among his Portland friends, but yesterday he said he awaited only assignment. He has received notice of his passing in the examination and premises he will be ordered to Fort Leavenworth. He prefers the Cavalry branch of the service, but is prepared to take up work with the infantry. His brother, a year and a half ago, was graduated with high honors at Annapolis Naval Academy. Mr. Adams, who is a corporal with Troop A, is now on furlough for 30 days.

Lieutenant Alfred F. Biles was Second Lieutenant with Company F, Oregon National Guard, and also served on the border. He is preparing to leave at once on receipt of his assignment. Both Mr. Biles and Mr. Adams were privates until comparatively recently.

INGHAM, 32,935; EVERETT, 35,402; NORTH YAKIMA, 26,561; SEATTLE, 348,639; SPOKANE, 150,223; TACOMA, 112,770; VANCOUVER, 12,180; WALLA WALLA, 25,136.

RANCHERS RESCUE DEER

Animals Are Trapped in Ice While Swimming Idaho Stream.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Residents of the North Fork country report that large numbers of deer have perished in the river during the recent cold spell. Many were rescued from the river by the ranchmen. Some of the deer perished from cold after being brought ashore, and others recovered and remained on the flats adjacent to the river. The deer were favorable for them to feed on the low ridges and along the rock hillsides.

The deer have regular crossings on the riffles of the river above the rapids and eddies. It is a peculiarity of the streams of the Clearwater region for the ice to form at the bottom of the riffles. Jams are thus created below the rapids, and as the water cuts its way through these jams high walls of ice are left along the shore for long distances. When the deer endeavor to swim the riffles they are often carried into the rapids below and between the walls of ice. Unless rescued they perish.

AMITY LOSES TEACHERS

Better Places Elsewhere Taken by Two of Faculty.

AMITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Two Amity High School teachers resigned this week, both resignations to take effect on January 29, the opening of the second semester.

Miss Gladys Robey, science teacher, will teach domestic art in McMinville High School, and Miss Mildred Pope, English and Latin teacher, will teach English in the Eugene Junior High School.

Miss Elsie Schultz, of Gresham, will succeed Miss Robey, and Miss Ada Ross, of Lexington, Or., will succeed Miss Pope.

TOM ROBERTS WOUNDED

Former Portland Merchant Recovering in France.

Tom Roberts, former member of the firm of Roberts Brothers, is recovering in a French hospital from shrapnel wounds received in the trenches Christmas. The news is conveyed to Portland in a letter received by a friend in this city, Paul C. Giesy.

Mr. Roberts indicates in his letter that he considers himself lucky to have gotten off so lightly, as two comrades who were struck at the same time have since died of their wounds.

Mr. Roberts enlisted in a Canadian regiment almost two years ago.

Time Limit on Loading Disapproved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The proposal of the railroads to relieve congestion at Eastern seaports by reducing from 15 to 5 days the free time allowance for unloading commodities for export was disapproved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission and tariffs proposing for its enforcement were suspended until June 1.



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BERLIN HAS NEW BREAD

RYE, WHEAT AND BARLEY BLEND DECREED BY MAGISTRATES.

Decision Reached Despite General Protests That It Will Not Improve Food Conditions Materially.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 28.—"Uniform bread," consisting of half rye flour and 40 per cent white flour, and 10 per cent barley flour, is to be adopted exclusively in Berlin, according to a ruling made today by the magistrates. The ruling conforms with a recommendation of the Bread Commission, which has been investigating the increasing bread shortage that has made itself painfully felt during the last few weeks.

The decision was made despite protests from every quarter and in face of arguments that "uniform bread" would not appreciably better the situation. The bread shortage has been confined largely to white loaves and is due to transportation difficulties and the over-generous production of cakes by bakers. Cake-making, therefore, has been forbidden hereafter.

The protests against the proposition to introduce "uniform bread"—as Hamburg and other cities have done—were based on the arguments that it will be more expensive than the old rye bread. Rumors of the impending introduction of the unpopular "uniform bread" were accompanied by reports that the weekly allowance of 1400 grams would be reduced, but it was declared today that this step was not intended in the new circumstances.

STOCK-RAISING FLOURISHES

Forest Rangers Declared Making of Salmon River Country.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Never before has stock-raising been as flourishing in the Upper Salmon River country as at present. The cattle business has increased 25 per cent during the past year, and the sheep business has increased 100 per cent in the same time. The con-

HUNGER STRIKE IS HOAX

Mrs. BYRNE PERMITS "GENTLE, FORCIBLE FEEDING."

Birth Control Advocate Offers No Resistance and Official Says Incident Is Every-Day Affair.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who went on a "hunger strike" to 30 days in the penitentiary at Blackwell's Island for spreading birth-control propaganda, was described tonight by Commissioner of Corrections Burdette G. Lewis as "progressing well under gentle, forcible feeding."

WOMAN SUES FOR \$60,000

Montana Resident in Davenport Says Farmer Broke Promise.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Louise Giefer, formerly of Kalispell, Mont., has sued August Timm, a wealthy wheat farmer of Davenport, for \$25,000 for breach of promise. She alleges that at his request she relinquished a homestead in Montana, losing thereby \$7500, and that she dropped an insurance policy of \$2000.

Mrs. Giefer alleges that at Mr. Timm's request she went to live at the ranch, and that on her promise to marry he purchased 800 acres of land and deeded the tract to her. A few days later, she says, he took the deed from among her personal effects, and she asks the court to restore her the land, valued at \$34,000, as well as allow the \$25,000 for her injured feelings.

CEMENT PROPERTY SOLD

Holdings Near Lewiston Bought by Tacoma Man for \$70,000.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The properties formerly owned by the Idaho Portland Cement Works at Asotin, Wash., and at Lime Point near Lewiston, have been sold by that company to E. A. Plummer, of Tacoma. The price paid was approximately \$70,000.

Prior to the sale special meetings of the stockholders and directors of the company were held at Lewiston, where the sale of the property was authorized. Mr. Plummer declined to reveal the identity of his associates in the sale. The cattle business has increased 25 per cent during the past year, and the sheep business has increased 100 per cent in the same time. The con-

VILLAGE IS SWEEPED AWAY

Only 14 Houses Left Standing After Earthquake in Bali.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Batavia gives further details of the earthquake on the island of Bali. It says the great landlides destroyed a whole village with the exception of 14 houses.

Noted Talmud Scholar Dies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Rabbi Abraham Eleazer Alperstein, widely known as a Talmud scholar, died here today. He was considered one of the most learned orthodox rabbis in the country. He was born in Kobrin, province of Grodno, Russia, in 1852 and had lived in the United States 26 years.

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