

POWERS ACT WITH COMPLETE UNISON

Smaller Nations Adhere to Big Organization.

UNITED FRONT IS PRESENTED

Hun Colonies' Future Studied by Supreme Council.

DECISIONS NOT GIVEN OUT

"Question of Maritime Law" Considered, but Nature of Conversations Is Not Made Public.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The peace conference today made a distinct gain when the 19 small powers gave full adhesion to the organization formulated by the five great powers, thus securing a united front of the great and small powers at the outset of the work on the main subjects before the members of the commission.

This was largely due to the skilful direction of Jules Cambon, French delegate and former ambassador to Washington, who was designated by the council of the great powers to preside over the meeting of the small powers, held this afternoon.

This meeting convened at the Foreign Office at 3 o'clock, at the same time, the council of the great powers met, the two separate gatherings proceeding simultaneously, one in the office of M. Pichon, the Foreign Minister, and the other in the Salle de la Paix.

All Smaller Powers Present.

For a time there was some apprehension of the sequel to the different viewpoints expressed at Saturday's conference, but today's meeting of the small powers was without incident or renewal of the claims then set up for increased representation on the various committees, Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and all the other small powers had their full delegation at the afternoon meeting.

Cambon, in opening the meeting, took occasion to allude to the great part played by Serbia, Roumania, Greece and the others. This dispelled any lingering shadows of disagreement, and the meeting proceeded with entire harmony to designate the membership of the small powers on the commission.

Two Commissions Formed.

In the meantime the council of the great powers held to sessions during the day, resulting in the formation of two new commissions, to deal with financial subjects and the question of private and maritime laws.

While the official communiques gave no indication of the nature of the "question of maritime law," it would seem to be a term embracing President Wilson's second point, freedom of the seas.

The council also proceeded to hearings on the disposition of the conquered German colonies in the Pacific and the Far East, a final conclusion not being reached. The conference is giving evidence of real progress since the committees were named and most of these bodies began to initiate their work today.

Labor Commission Gathers.

President Wilson, who is chairman of the committee on the league of nations, joined his colleague, Colonel House, also a member of that committee, during the noon recess of the council. Later in the day Lord Robert Cecil, British member of the committee, joined him in further consideration of the questions which the President and Colonel House had examined.

The labor commission also began to get under way. President Wilson met Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; James Duncan, John R. Alpine and other members of the American labor delegation, for a brief exchange of greetings, and later Mr. Gompers and Edward N. Hurley, who are the American members of the labor commission, held their first conference on the work ahead.

Demobilization Is Discussed.

The military commission on demobilization also had a session, while M. Pichon completed the draft of instructions for the commission that will leave for Poland in a few days.

Henry White, American delegate on the waterways commission, also established relations with his colleagues of that body.

Thus, real progress on all the main subjects is becoming apparent as the commissions are beginning to formulate detailed projects for presentation to the conference.

The official statement today reads: "The President of the United States, the Prime Ministers and foreign Ministers of the allied and associated powers and the Japanese representative met this morning at the Quai D'Orsay from 10:30 o'clock to 12:30 and defined a programme of work and the constitution of new committees for economic and financial questions, as well as questions relating to private and maritime law.

Boche Colonies Discussed.

The afternoon session continued in the exchange of views on the former German colonies in the Pacific and the Far East. The representatives of the dominions and of China were heard. The next meeting will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the morning. Representatives of the smaller powers.

DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN SCORED BY SENATORS

INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS IS CHARGED.

Independent Adjustment Commission Desired to Handle Validation of Contracts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Consideration of legislation to validate war contracts informally entered into by the War Department was begun today in the Senate with the nature of the jurisdictional tribunal the chief point at issue.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, in presenting the committee's substitute for the bill passed by the House, urged prompt action in order that the industries holding the contracts might resume a peace-time status.

Sections of the measure providing for a committee with appellate jurisdiction consisting of representatives of the War and Justice departments and the business interests were opposed by Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, Democrat. He said he favored the proposal of Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, for an independent adjustment commission because many officers and "dollar a year" men connected with the Government were employees of corporations interested in contracts.

"Shouldn't some of these men be in the penitentiary instead of in the Government service?" asked Senator Nugent, of Idaho, Democrat.

Senator McKellar replied that he had urged the discharge of men connected with companies having Government contracts. He said Colonel R. W. Lee, of the motor vehicle division, had sent letters to vehicle contractors which he interpreted as advising the companies how to adjust advantageously their claims against the Government.

STRIKE MOVEMENT GROWS

General Tie-Up of New England Textile Works Feared.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—The movement among textile workers for a universal eight-hour day in the industry beginning next Monday was extended today to comprise approximately one-half of the mill industry in New England.

Workers in Fall River, the textile centers of Rhode Island and of the Blackstone Valley, in Massachusetts, Salem and Hildesford and Saco, Me., joined in the demand previously made by operatives at Lawrence, Lowell and Manchester, N. H. The mills in these cities employ upward of 120,000 persons.

An announcement was made that other centers of the mill industry would be asked to join the movement.

SAILOR SHORTAGE FEARED

Naval Authorities Endeavor to Keep Men in Service.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—American naval authorities here are doing everything possible to avoid adding to the number of unemployed in the United States by retaining in the service every able-bodied sailor who can be induced to remain.

Apprehension is felt that there will be a real shortage of sailors for the Navy on this side of the Atlantic, for a large number will be required to man the German merchant ships which the United States is to take over under the terms of the armistice.

36 STATES RATIFY DRY LAW

Preparation of Proclamation Ordered by State Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Thirty-six states, the necessary three-fourths, had certified to the State Department their ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment today and preparation of a proclamation to make the amendment effective was ordered.

CONSUL-GENERAL HONORED

Street in Sofia Named for Dominic Murphy, American.

ATHENS, Wednesday, Jan. 22.—The Municipal Council of Sofia has decided to name a street in that city after Dominic Murphy, American Consul-General to Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Parliament passed a resolution thanking him for his work in Sofia.

FEATURES OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Senate.

Former Adjutant Williams attacks volunteer guard bill as vicious measure, but Senate refuses to reconsider action.

Portland rent profiteers hit by bill for protection of renters.

Automobile stealing is made serious crime in bill introduced by Senator Farrell.

House.

House refuses to pass bill prohibiting red flag waving without elimination of provision "in defiance of laws."

Bill introduced to prohibit courts from enjoining strikes. Same bill declares labor organizations lawful.

Bills appear reorganizing judicial procedure of state.

Third land settlement bill as approved by unofficial land settlement commission of Governor introduced, carries \$250,000 appropriation.

WAR REVENUE BILL NOW SATISFACTORY

Most Contested Features Disposed of.

DEADLOCK DANGER REMOVED

Conferees' Report Basis for Complete Agreement.

ADOPTION SOON EXPECTED

Hope Expressed That Final Action May Be Taken by Both Houses During Coming Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A basis for complete agreement on the war revenue bill was reached late today by the Senate and House conferees. Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate managers, announced that virtually all important questions, including the war excess profits rates, had been agreed upon and that all possibility of a deadlock and failure of the bill had passed.

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Senate Conferees Score.

The Senate conferees were reported to have won their fight for retention of the Senate provision for a tax exemption of 20 per cent on a bona-fide sales of oil and gas wells and mines. This provision, designed to protect and stimulate prospectors, was opposed by the House managers as too liberal, but they finally yielded after the Senate

Official Report.

Table with columns: Wounded, Killed, Died, Missing and prisoners, Total casualties. Includes sub-sections for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

HIGHWAY OFFENSIVE TO OPEN AT SALEM

Rumor Barrage Forecasts Thursday's Event.

PERSONALITIES UNDER BAN

Opponents of Present Roads Officials to Have Floor.

GAS CHARGES RULED OUT

Political Speeches and Glittering Generalities Not Desired in Scheduled Discussion.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Special).—If half of the rumors current in the State House are founded on fact, all the dirty linen in the road question will be washed Thursday night. Marquis of Queensbury rules will be observed and no hitting below the belt, for Chairman Dennis, of the House roads and highways committee, insists that personalities will not be permitted.

"Free rein will be given to them," states Representative Dennis. "But there must be no calling of names. Personalities are under the ban. This must be distinctly understood by all participating in the discussion."

Points of attack Thursday night will be the cost of paving paid by the State Highway Commission; the methods of specifications, and an attempt to get the State Highway Engineer's goat.

Force Account Favored.

Remedies offered will be the elimination of all contractors, having the commission do all road work by force account; objection to the use of patented pavements, or at least the payment of royalty on payment made.

Most of the arguments to be advanced will be those which were threshed out four years ago. All the arguments offered by Mr. Spence, master of the State Grange, in his long campaign against the road-building policy will be revamped. People who have tried to "get" State Engineer Herbert Nunn will make another try.

In short, for the Thursday night session everyone who has a grudge in his system against the roads, road construction, commission or its policies will have an opportunity to speak his mind. The bars will be down, but there must be no personalities. It will be a converging of complaints.

State Plants Wanted.

Labor representatives will assert that the proper way to build roads is by force account at day labor. This would necessitate the commission having the state invest in paving plants, equipment, grading outfits, material and other things. Apparently, the labor people who advocate having the state build its own roads have not investigated the possible cost of such an enterprise, for C. M. Lynsford, of the labor lobby, declared today that

NESTLE'S CO. BUYS 2 STATE CONDENSARIES

PLANTS AT McMinnville AND BANDON TO BE OPERATED.

Purchase Price Is \$250,000, and New Equipment Is to Be Installed.

Entrance into Oregon of one of the largest milk products concerns in the United States was heralded yesterday in the announcement that the Nestle's Food Company has acquired the milk condenseries at Bandon and McMinnville. The purchase price is \$250,000 and there will be additional expenditure for the latest equipment.

An Oregon corporation of the Nestle's company shortly will open offices in the Chamber of Commerce building. Albert E. Boughner, assistant general superintendent, and Clarence W. Doty, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon corporation, will be in charge. They have been investigating conditions in the state for the last few weeks and are enthusiastic over prospects for development of the milk industry.

Both plants were acquired from the Gleibisch & Joplin interests, which sells the Yeloban milk. The Nestle's company deals in condensed milk, evaporated milk and baby food. The McMinnville plant, which has not been running since last March, will be developed to a capacity of 120,000 pounds of milk daily within the immediate future, it is promised.

Never in use, the Bandon plant will be made into a plant that will take care of 250,000 pounds of milk daily. The combined output will be about 1,000,000 cases a year and will be marketed largely in the Orient.

A. F. Flegel is doing the legal work here for the new corporation.

Further investments in Oregon plants and lands are being considered by the company, it is said.

OFFICER SURPLUS FEARED

Secretary Baker Explains Order Stopping Army Promotions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—In a letter today responding to the resolution of Senator King, of Utah, asking an explanation of the order stopping Army promotions after the armistice was signed, Secretary Baker informed the Senate that promotions were withheld because they would cause a surplus of officers, but that it was planned to give officers of the temporary forces a promotion for which they had been recommended by commissioning them in the higher grade in the reserve corps.

ITALIAN COMMANDER SORRY

No Disrespect Intended in Hauling Down U. S. Flag.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Rear Admiral Niblack, commanding the American naval forces in the Adriatic, informed the Navy Department today that the action of the Italian authorities in hauling down the American flag on the steamer Dinara was due to a misunderstanding and that the Italian commander had apologized and ordered the flag restored.

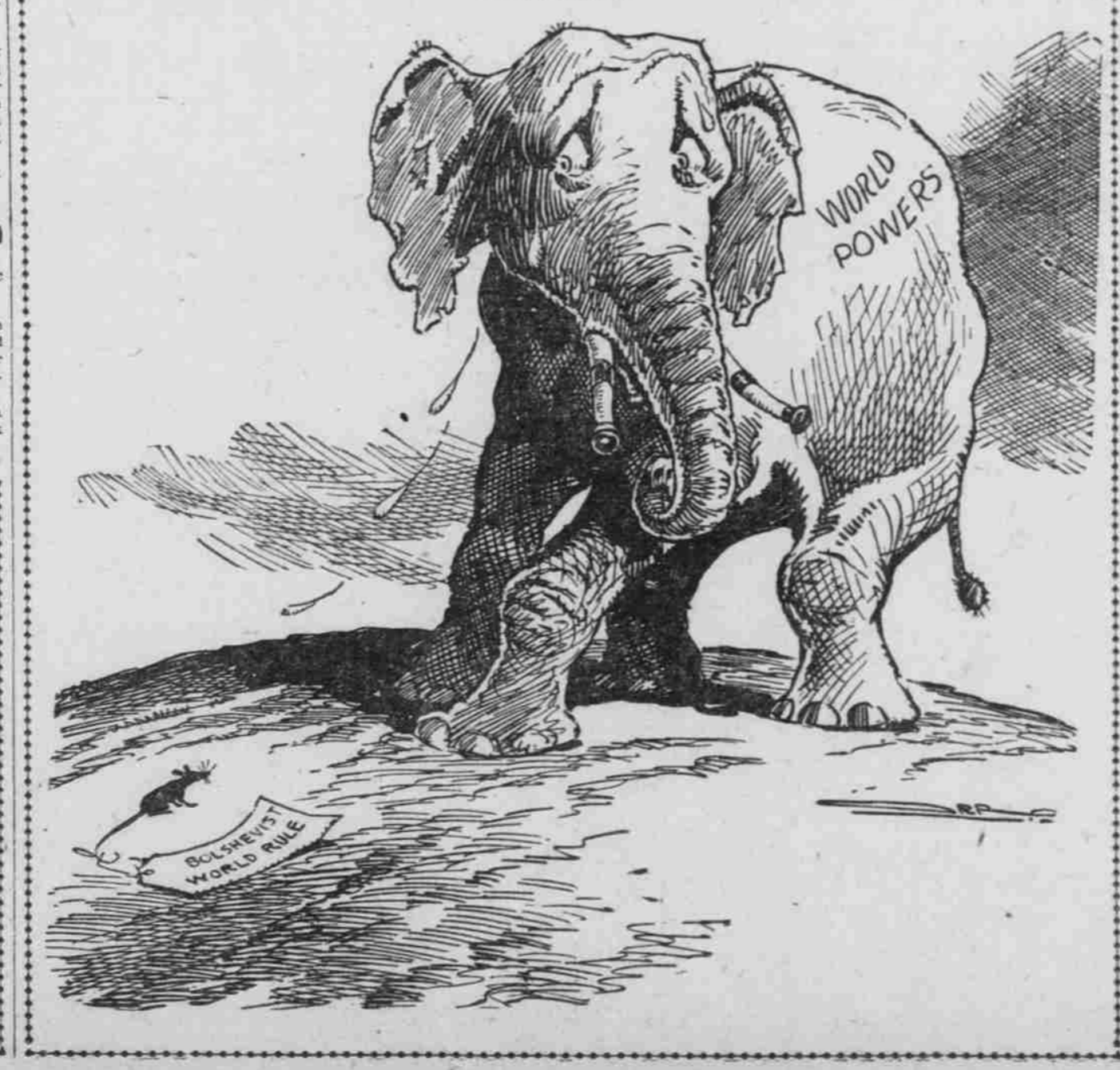
Mr. Jones Would Distribute Cannon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 27.—Senator Jones introduced a bill today donating German cannon to every county seat town in Washington.

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FRIGHTENED.



MEN OF ARTILLERY HOME THIS WEEK

Oregon Buckaroos Return to Camp Lewis.

6 MONTHS SPENT IN FRANCE

Wreckage of Battlefields Seen Before Departure.

JINX IN "13" IS OVERCOME

346th Regiment, Suffering No Losses, Healthy and Happy—Demobilization Starts Tomorrow.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Jan. 27.—(Special).—They are coming home to the Oregon men of the 346th Field Artillery—and it would be very hard to find a group of soldiers, two officers and 111 enlisted men, more happy and in a better physical condition. What is better, they, if plans made are carried out, will be home by Saturday.

After a journey de luxe which extended from Camp Lewis to France and twice across the continent, the de luxe part of the journey starting especially after the regiment left Camp Merritt for Camp Lewis, the 346th Field Artillery, minus the five men of the original command, detained late Friday night on the very spot where it entrained 17 months ago. When it is remembered that six of the 17 months were spent in the artillery camps of France, the splendid health report of the regiment stands out by itself.

Regiment Wins Distinction.

However, the regiment, while it did not get to fire a single shot at the boche, was ready and waiting on orders to advance to the front when the armistice was signed. This was keen disappointment, of course, yet the long months of training was not without its reward. While the regiment went overseas as a unit of the 51st Division, the 346th lost its identity as a part of the 51st Division.

As a reward for the very fine showing the artillerymen made in training at Camp Lewis, the 346th was designated as an artillery regiment.

There were the First and Second Armies, but the artillery regiment that made the high grade and graduated into the First Army—well, that distinction had to be earned, and once obtained was not easy to retain.

Boys Become Men.

The 346th is under the command of Colonel Frankenberg, United States Army, who was assigned to the regiment just before sailing for home. For about 20 days the regiment was held at the muddy camp at Brest before it embarked aboard the cruiser St. Louis, which brought the men to Hoboken, N. J. From the port of debarkation the regiment at once entrained and as quickly as the men could be run through the canteen kitchen and other details attended to, the journey across the United States began.

The men of the command may have arrived for training at Camp Lewis as mere boys, but they must be written large that they are men today. All the officers and non-commissioned men—that is, all who could be spared in the rapid preparations for returning home—were given an automobile trip over the whole fighting front. This was done for observation, a strictly military requirement. The battlefield was still cluttered with the wreckage of the terrific fighting, and in consequence, very nearly every member of the regiment has brought home with him German helmets, awards, rifles and other souvenirs.

Health Record Remarkable.

The remarkable health record of the regiment is due to the watchfulness of the Captain doctors and to each battery commander. The regiment was billeted between two regiments that had heavy losses from influenza. The epidemic spread to the 346th, but because the doctors and battery commanders fought the disease both night and day not a death was reported. This is one of the reasons why there is a splendid esprit de corps.

While the epidemic was raging around the 246th, Captain A. Herzig, Battery C, of Astoria, hardly enjoyed a night's good sleep. The regiment was sleeping under pup tents and the nights were cold, so a dozen or more times a night Captain Herzig would walk up and down the battery street and when he found one of his men with his head underneath the blankets, he would reach out and uncover the sleeper's head. It is not necessary to say that Captain Herzig is beloved by the men of his battery.

Mastering Out Begins Tomorrow.

A pleasing surprise awaited the men of the command when they arrived at Camp Lewis. All along they had visions of being in the service for at least a month or more. In a week or 10 days they will all be home. Selection of the first to go began this morning. The first will be the members of the command who will be sent to cantonments nearer home to be discharged. Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, mustering out of the Northwest men will start. The record here in camp is at the rate of 500 a day and

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