

EARLY ACTION ON TREATY IS LIKELY

Desire for Compromise is Voiced by All Factions.

NEW GROUND IS SOUGHT

President's Effort to Save Pact as It Would Be Disregarded and Common Basis Found.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Expressions that seemed to point toward a reopening of the peace treaty fight within a few weeks were voiced on the senate floor today when the subject bobbed up during consideration of the railroad bill. The symposium of views during the brief debate included opinions from virtually all factions of the divided senate membership, but they all struck a note of conciliation.

Early Action Predicted.

The discussion reflected the trend of negotiations which have been in progress privately among senators for an agreement that would get the question finally out of the way. There was increased activity in that direction during the day and some of the leaders predicted some formal action early in the new year.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, leader in the "irreconcilable" republican group of treaty opponents and a member of the foreign relations committee, brought the subject to the floor by another attempt to get before the senate his two resolutions to establish a state of peace. The effort was blocked but he obtained unanimous consent to send the measures to the committee.

A plea made by Senator Knox for some sort of a settlement was seconded by Senator Smith of Georgia, a reservation democrat, who declared the time had come to stop academic discussion of who held up the treaty and get together in a give-and-take effort for compromise. Action was urged by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, and by Senator Myers of Montana, a democrat, who voted last session for some reservations and also for unreserved ratification.

Move Up to Democrats.

In the committee compromise negotiations preceding private conference, the principal activity seemed to be among the democrats, the republican reservationists indicating that they awaited some concrete proposal from the other side of the house.

Among the democrats there was much discussion of the possible effect of the compromise negotiations on the contest between Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska and Senator Underwood of Alabama for election as democratic leader of the senate. The negotiations started yesterday with the mild reservation of republicans which was conducted by Senator Underwood's supporters, but he declared tonight that while he stood for some sort of compromise, he was not in revolt against President Wilson nor leading any sort of opposition to the treaty.

Both Parties Are Blamed.

Consideration of the first of Senator Knox's resolutions, which would ratify the treaty insofar as establishment of a state of peace is concerned, was blocked by Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, while Senator Nelson stopped the second one, proposing merely to declare that a state of peace exists. Responsibility for the delay was declared by Senator Smith to be "about fifty-fifty between the two parties." He added that in his opinion more than two-thirds of the senate favored ratification with reservations of a certain kind.

Senator Myers said both parties had been "making a political football of the treaty." He recounted how he had voted in the last session and said that if the treaty came up again he would go even further in an effort to end unsettled business conditions.

MASONIC OFFICER RETIRES

Edward Washburn Refuses Re-election by Astoria Lodges.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—After serving 12 consecutive years as secretary of the local Masonic lodge, Edward Washburn declined a re-election at the annual election of officers last evening and will retire from this position the first of the year.

Mr. Washburn will also resign his position as secretary of the local chapter of Royal Arch Masons and recorder of the Albany commandery of Knights Templar, which positions he has held for the past 11 years.

"DEAD MAN" BACK HOME

Ellensburger Says He Wanted to "Disappear" for Time.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 17.—A desire to "disappear for a few months" was the reason given today by E. W. Lyon, an Ellensburg insurance collector for his flight to Bellingham, Wash., and later to Idaho, following the cashing of his check in late Washington, near Seattle, last September.

Lyon returned to his home yesterday after he had been mourned as dead, since his reported drowning, by his wife and four children.

CITY LIFTS BAN ON MEAT

Schlesser Brothers Agree to Boil Water Used at Plant.

The ban placed on meat offered for sale by Schlesser Bros., who

ARMY OFFICER UNDER TRIAL ON CRUELTY CHARGES.



—Photo Copyright by Underwood. Captain Karl W. Detzer, U. S. A., who is being tried by general court-martial at Governor's Island on charges of cruelty preferred by former American prisoners at Le Mans, France.

operate a slaughter house on the Columbia boulevard, was lifted yesterday by order of City Health Officer Parrish, after an agreement was reached, whereby boiling water will be utilized for washing carcasses until Bull Run water can be piped to the plant.

SCHOOL HONORS ITS DEAD

WASHINGTON HIGH HOLDS MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR 23.

Gold Stars Form Letters 'W. H. S.' in Service Flag—Silver Tablet With Names Presented.

Washington high school's dead were honored in memorial services held yesterday morning in the school auditorium, which was filled with students, parents and friends. Twenty-three Washington boys gave their lives in the war. The school's service flag of 642 stars had in the center 23 gold stars forming the letters "W. H. S."

M'NARY MAKES REPORT

NEED FOR FUNDS FOR RECLAMATION PROJECTS SHOWN.

Senate Irrigation Committee Approves Bill Introduced by Senator Jones of Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU U. Washington, Dec. 17.—As chairman of the senate committee on irrigation, Senator McNary of Oregon today submitted to the senate a detailed report on the present reclamation projects in the United States and the need for funds to continue reclamation work. The report was in connection with the bill of Senator Jones of Washington appropriating \$250,000 for the reclamation service, which has been approved by Senator McNary's committee.

The report pointed out that \$112,000,000 will complete the present projects and add 2,000,000 acres of irrigable lands to the present reclaimed areas. New projects which have been examined and are ready for approval, the report said, will cost \$100,000,000 and add another 2,250,000 acres of productive land. An effort will be made to bring the Jones bill to a vote early in the new year.

CHILDREN SELL SEALS

Youngsters of Schools Showing Rivality in Campaign.

The Christmas seal sale is having a tremendous boost in Portland this week through efforts of Portland's 38,000 school children, each one of whom seems to have constituted himself an agent for the Little Christmas stickers. Council is now high, having taken out \$400 worth of seals; Irvington is second with \$150 worth of seals. The boys at the Benson Polytechnic are selling for the first time and have taken \$75 worth of seals.

Parents Protest Examination.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A protest signed by approximately 100 parents of school children was filed with the county court today objecting to compulsory examination of their children by a proposed county nurse. The effort to induce the county court to employ the services of a nurse for the county has been instituted and supported by several organizations and probably will be one of the main features of the first meeting in January.

Linn Roads Meeting Delayed.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The big meeting of the Linn County Good Roads association, originally set for December 13 and then postponed one week on account of the storm, has been postponed again and will be held some time after the holidays.

West Point Quota Raised.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The quota of entrants for the West Point military academy from the service men in the western department of the army has been raised from 20 to 30, army recruiting headquarters announced here today, following request by Lieutenant-General Hunter Liggett, commanding.

ALLEGED MINE PLOT IS ORDERED PROBED

Federal Grand Jury Inquiry at Indianapolis.

CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

Agreement Between Miners and Operators to Limit Production of Coal Held to Exist.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17.—A federal grand jury today began investigating charges of conspiracy by coal miners and operators to limit production. The charges allege violation of the Lever fuel control act and anti-trust laws.

The jury today received instructions to let its conclusion be an answer to the question "whether the United States government or a group of men shall rule this country, and whether we shall be governed by law or force."

Judge Anderson referred to charges that the miners and operators in joint conference had reached agreement intended to wipe out competition between the coal mines of the region and recited that dues of the miners are held out of their pay by the operators and turned over to the union.

Defiance of Miners Cited. He declared the courts order for rescinding the strike has been complied with "in form, only" and instructed the grand jury to investigate fully the defiant attitude of the miners in refusing to heed the withdrawal order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Attorney-General Palmer will appear before the senate committee investigating the coal situation Friday or Saturday, Chairman Frelinghuysen announced tonight.

Explanation is Desired.

The attorney-general, it was indicated, will be asked to explain the basis of the agreement which finally ended the strike of bituminous miners and caused the resignation of former Fuel Administrator Dawson.

J. W. Dawson, an expert of coal production and costs, the only witness heard today by the committee, expressed the belief that the present wages paid miners were sufficient, and that "any increase granted them must eventually come from the public's pocket."

Coal operators are not making big profits this year, Mr. Dawson said, and, in my opinion, they cannot entirely absorb the 14 per cent increase which the government has already awarded.

Position Held Reversed.

"President Wilson and Attorney-General Palmer took the best method of avoiding strikes when they started out to make the miners' union obey the Lever law and call off the strike," Dawson said.

"But later they reversed that position," Senator Frelinghuysen interjected. "Unfortunately, yes," responded Dawson.

The United Mine Workers' union collects annually \$1,000,000 in dues, Dawson told the committee, and should be held responsible for contracts.

WASHINGTON MINERS RESUME

State's Coal Production Estimated at 7000 Tons Daily.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Coal production, with an estimated daily output of 7000 tons, was resumed in most of the mining sections of Washington today, according to reports from the different fields received here. While miners in the Cle Elum-Roslyn field did not begin work, when the whistles sounded this morning, officials of district 10, United Mine Workers, promised that the workers would vote to return to work before the end of the week.

Normal production in the state is approximately 15,000 tons daily, miners' officials stated.

DR. FOSTER WINS FAVOR

LOS ANGELES SLATED TO ELECT REED HEAD TODAY.

Salary of Superintendent of Schools May Be Increased From \$8000 to \$10,000.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The programmed election tomorrow of Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed college, as superintendent of schools for Los Angeles, evoked enthusiasm here today among educators and others actively interested in the progress of the city's public schools. The comment of several members of the board of education: Melville Dozier: "The schools of Los Angeles will suffer if Dr. Foster is placed at their head."

Lynn Helm: "Dr. Foster impressed me very favorably, the board probably will discuss the situation shortly. I am in favor of selecting him right away."

Bessie D. Stoddard: "Dr. Foster is certainly a wonderful educator, his strong personality and forceful speaking have made many friends for him."

Charles McCormick: "There is a possibility of the board unanimously electing Dr. Foster."

Every member heard Dr. Foster deliver his address on "The Spirit of the West" yesterday morning before 4000 teachers at Clune's auditorium. It made a strong impression.

The fact that Dr. Foster is a western educator and has a national reputation, coupled with the fact that

his address was received with such great enthusiasm yesterday has caused two members of the board to favor him, it was reported today, who previously had declared the new superintendent must be a local man. Dr. Foster stated he had not been approached by any one in regard to the superintendency. He spoke today at San Diego. He will speak 18 times during the week.

PORTLAND GETS NO WORD

Pending Election at Los Angeles Surprises Reed Directors.

Members of the board of trustees expect to receive a telegram today from Dr. William T. Foster, informing them definitely whether he intends to resign as president of Reed college to accept the superintendency of the Los Angeles public schools.

Because of the absence of any word from Dr. Foster since Los Angeles news dispatches first announced his pending election as superintendent of the Los Angeles schools, the board of trustees met yesterday and instructed its secretary to telegraph to the college executive for some definite word as to what action he expected to take. This answer is expected this morning by James B. Kerr, who was selected by the trustees to give out whatever information the board desires to make public. Whether the board discussed a probable successor to Dr. Foster was not disclosed.

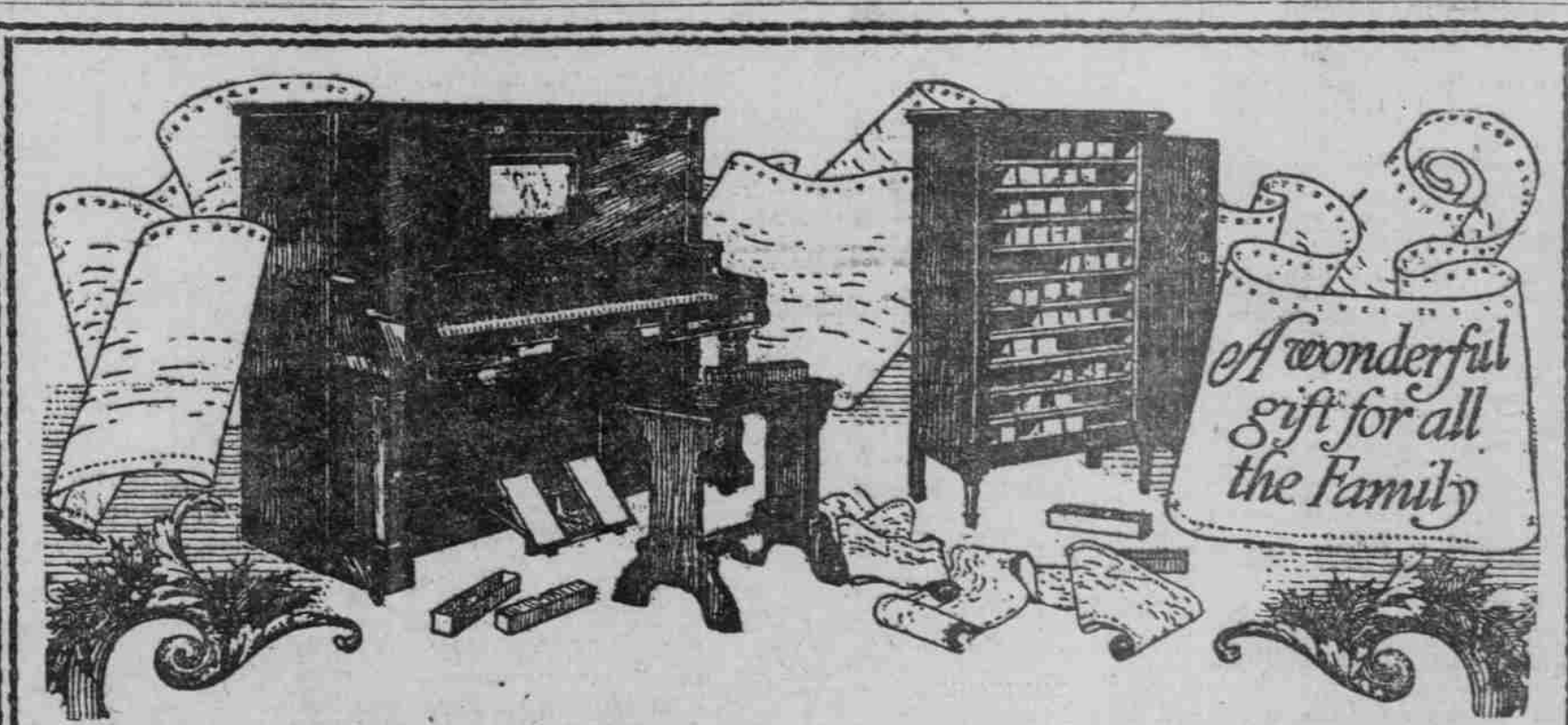
The trustees generally expressed surprise that the college president should accept the Los Angeles post, as is indicated by news dispatches, before first giving them some information or intimation of his action. Since word was first received in Portland to inform any of the trustees, the trustees have expected daily to hear from him, but as yet he has communicated with some of them.

"Dr. Foster went to Los Angeles to attend a conference, and if he was aware of the fact that he was being considered for the superintendency of the Los Angeles schools he failed to so inform any of the trustees," said Mr. Kerr yesterday. "The only information the board has before it is that contained in the press dispatches, and until some definite word is received he will issue no formal statement."

Dr. Foster came to Portland to assume the presidency of Reed college in 1911, when the college was first founded. His salary as president of Reed college is \$6000 a year.

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