

SENATORS WRANGLE OVER CUMMINS BILL

Passage of Railroad Measure This Week Doubtful.

LABOR CLAUSES DEBATED

Difficulties Develop Over Question of Prohibiting Strikes—Compromise Efforts Started.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate held its fifth night session on the railroad bill tonight with grave doubt in the minds of the leaders that the measure could be passed in time to permit beginning of the holiday recess Saturday.

The labor clauses, including the anti-strike provision of the Cummins measure, were under discussion during the day, culminating in the rejection by a vote of 25 to 46 of the proposal of Senator Stanley of Kentucky, to eliminate the whole section. Efforts toward a compromise ensued.

During the debate an agreement was reached by senate and house majority leaders not to permit a holiday recess until the measure is brought out of the senate and sent to conference. At their conference Senator Defoe and Representative Mondell agreed to suspend house business Saturday to permit members of the house to go home for the holidays, even if the senate is held by delay on the railroad bill.

Compromise Is Sought.
Beginning Monday, house sessions will be perfunctory under a "gentlemen's agreement" to transact no business until January 5, but to adjourn from day to day under the senate recesses. The anti-strike provisions were in turn attacked and defended today while conferences were held looking to a compromise by modifying the clause imposing criminal penalties for strikes or lockouts.

After defeat of the Stanley motion to strike out the entire labor section, Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, offered a substitute plan, similar to the Canadian system, to prohibit strikes for 60 days after decisions of the adjustment board and requiring decisions from the board within 30 days.

Strikes Held Intolerable.
Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, supporting the Cummins labor proposal, declared railroad strikes to be intolerable in their effect upon the general public.

Opposing the anti-strike section, Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, said that criminal penalties for strikes would not accomplish their purpose. The Cummins plan, he characterized as "repressive, unfair and unjust."
"Strikes among certain classes of employees are unjustifiable and among these are railroad employees," declared Senator Walsh, "but we can not chain them to their posts like galley slaves."
Congress, he held, should remove the incentive and causes of strikes by enactment of arbitration legislation without banning what he declared to be the inherent right to strike.

WATER PETITIONS FILED

State Engineer Receives Applications for Irrigation Supply.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—John H. Lewis of Portland has filed application with the state engineer here covering the storage of 10,000 acre-feet of water from Willow creek in Malheur county, and the appropriation of 100 second-feet of water from Willow creek for irrigation purposes.

Other applications follow:
Alice W. Jordan of Parkdale, Or., covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed stream for the development of power.
M. Gwynn of Lakeview covering the appropriation of water from Juniper creek for the irrigation of a small tract of land in Lake county.
Frank A. Calderwood of Plush, Or., for the appropriation of all the waters of Willow creek in Lake county for the irrigation of 100 acres of land.
M. B. Green of Green Pass for the appropriation of 12 second-feet of water from Fall creek for the irrigation of 100 acres of land in Josephine county. This project will cost \$200, according to the estimate accompanying the application.

"U" HALL TO BE REBUILT

Architect to Draw Plans for Salem Structure.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Salem members of the board of trustees of Williamette university here today Fred A. Legg, architect, was instructed to prepare plans for rebuilding the interior of Waller hall, which was partially destroyed by fire early Wednesday. These plans, together with an estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement, will be submitted at a meeting of the entire board in Salem next Monday.

Insurance in the sum of \$19,500 was carried on the building and its contents, while each of the two university societies using the structure carried \$1000 insurance. President Dokey of the university was instructed by the trustees to make whatever plans he thought best to carry on the work of the college until the burned hall could be replaced.

SOLDIER AID IDEAS ASKED

All Secretaries of State in U. S. Requested to Send Law Copies.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—All secretaries of state in the United States have been requested by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state here, to send to Salem all legislation adopted in their respective states which in any way tends toward the relief of ex-service men.
These laws, when received, will be summarized and placed in the secretary of state's office for the convenience of legislators in attendance at the special session of the legislature here in January. In his letter to the various secretaries of state Mr. Koser is inclosing copies of the Oregon laws dealing with the ex-service men.

CANAL HEARING IS HELD

Olympia Project Discussed by Washington Interests.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Fifty representatives of commercial organizations of southwest Washington attended the public hear-

ing on the proposed Grays Harbor Olympia canal project here today. The hearing was called by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Woodruff of Seattle, district engineer for the United States war department, for the purpose of discussing the project and to obtain data on the feasibility of the plan.
Arguments for the construction of the canal were presented at the hearing by Colonel A. W. Thompson, president of the Associated Commercial Clubs of Southwest Washington; Ernest E. Hussey, chief of the engineering board of Seattle; L. A. Nicholson, Tacoma; J. C. Manley, city engineer of Tacoma; J. E. Anderson, Elmas; Phil Locke, Aberdeen, and George W. Osgood of Tacoma. No indication was made by Colonel Woodruff as to his recommendation on the project.

THRIFT CONTEST STARTS

LEADING COUNTY OF STATE TO RECEIVE PRIZE.

Campaign Is Outlined to Encourage to Save Earnings Systematically; Banks Will Assist.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—J. W. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, acting under his appointment by the United States treasury department as thrift director for Oregon, has outlined a plan whereby every pupil in the public schools of Oregon will be encouraged to save his earnings systematically. Teachers will be supplied with thrift saving stamps, which will show the amounts invested in thrift and war savings stamps each week. These amounts will be totaled each month, and at the end of the year, or at the next session of the state teachers' association, a prize of a \$50 thrift library will be awarded to the county having the highest ratio of thrift savings to the school enrollment.
Agencies co-operating in this thrift campaign in Oregon are the United States department of agriculture, Oregon State Bankers' association, Oregon State Teachers' association, Oregon Agricultural college and the state department of education. Letters have been sent to all teachers, together with a pamphlet giving a series of lessons in thrift. These were prepared under direction of the United States treasury department.

SCIENCE LECTURER HERE

WILLIAM W. PORTER TO TALK THIS NOON AT HEALING.

Doctrines of Faith to Be Explained by Man Who Has Thorough Knowledge.

Christian Science belongs to the group of evangelical denominations, according to William W. Porter, C. E., member of the board of directorship of the mother church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, who will lecture this noon at the Healing theater. Mr. Porter will be introduced by Lieutenant Richard J. Davis of the United States navy. His topic will be "Christian Science, the Restorer."
"The demonstration of Christian Science to the healing of the sick and the reconstruction of human thought on lines of right activity is today an accomplished knowledge," he declares Mr. Porter. "It is evident that if the existing systems of religion and medicine had been necessary or adequate to meet the needs and to satisfy the desires of mankind, no other system would have been necessary or even possible."
"Existing systems of religion and medicine represent and encourage the belief that evil, disease, discord and death are real, that they belong to the natural order of things."

USEFUL ARTICLES BOUGHT

Salem Residents Buy Christmas Presents for Daily Use.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Pre-Christmas business is better this year than ever before, according to Salem merchants and with a continuance of the present rush until next Wednesday, many of their stocks will be depleted. While the usual amount of toys are being purchased for the children the general tendency of buyers seems to lean toward those articles which can be used in the daily routine.
Prices for gifts most in demand by Christmas purchasers run from 20 to 100 per cent higher than last year, according to the merchants.

Dog Law Believed Invalid.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The recent legal opinion of Bert Macy, city attorney of Salem, in which he held that the state law providing for licensing and impounding dogs is invalid because of its conflict with city ordinances, is shared by President Kraemer of the Oregon State Humane society, with headquarters at Portland, and former law partner of Senator George E. Chamberlain, according to a letter received here today.

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JAPAN ISSUES BAN ON PICTURE BRIDES

U. S. State Department Gets Word of Decision.

ORDER IN EFFECT SOON

Action of Tokio Government Goes Into Force in About Month, to Avoid Needless Confusion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The state department has been notified of the intention of the Japanese government to stop issuing passports to "picture brides" when this can be done without injustice to those Japanese who have progressed so far with their arrangements to marry as to warrant consideration.
It has been planned to allow a period of about two months before the restriction is imposed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—"Therefore," said a statement issued by Mr. Ohta, "if any Japanese in continental United States wishes to send for his wife, to whom he has been married by the procedure commonly and somewhat erroneously called 'picture marriage,' his application for indorsement must be in the hands of the Japanese consulate at the end of January at the latest. That means there is only an interval of a month or so in which the Japanese consulates can accept such applications."

Confusion to Be Avoided.
"This interval, brief as it is, is provided with a view to avoiding inevitable embarrassment, which a sudden prohibition of 'picture marriage' would cause to Japanese men and women who have been making preparation for marriages. It would be unjust to stop the practice all of a sudden and without warning."
"This announcement on the part of the Japanese government is another proof that it is earnestly solicitous of maintaining and promoting friendly relations with the United States, and especially the people of California. For the sake of amicable relations between our two countries and peoples, Japan is always willing and ready to meet America half way."

"For my own part I have all along maintained that any and all problems pending or arising between Japan and America can be, and ought to be, settled by friendly exchange of views. The settlement of the picture bride question is ample proof that between our two governments there is perfect understanding and friendly feeling."

Agreement Is Discussed.
"When the gentlemen's agreement was concluded between Japan and the United States, the state department and the immigration authorities agreed to regard as valid and legitimate what has since come to be known by the vulgar term of 'picture marriage.' At the same time our foreign office has been employing great caution in issuing passports to picture brides and has endeavored to restrict the number of such passports as much as possible. On this matter, therefore, there has been perfect understanding between the two governments."

"But in view of the prevailing feeling of the American people, our foreign office has, of its own accord,

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property assessments. This ruling, the assessors contend, limits the value of appraisal work, as the property owner could easily evade payment of a part of his personal property tax.

ASSESSORS WANT CHANGE

High Court Ruling Declared to Limit Appraisements.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Ben West, secretary of the Oregon Association of County Assessors, is receiving many letters from assessors in all parts of the state urging that new laws be passed at the special session of the legislature which will remedy the present statutes applicable to assessment and property valuation work.
Under a recent ruling of the supreme court, assessors and their deputies are not authorized to administer oaths in making personal



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