PROSPECT IS BRIGHT, SAYS MR. ALEXANDER

Secretary of Commerce Is Hopeful for 1920.

1919 TRADE PHENOMENAL

America Declared Awake as Never Before—Grave Problems, However, Are to Be Solved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Secretary Alexander of the department of commerce today summed up the commercial outlook for 1920 as follows:

"The closing year witnessed a fabulous growth of American foreign commerce. Our trade balance for 1919 will be approximately $4,000,000,000. A great fleet of merchant ships, new industries, new sources of supply and increased knowledge of our own resources are some of the assets gained from our war experience. Before the war we were engaged for the most part in the development of our own business, with little serious thought of extension of our activities into world markets, and we were indifferent as regards our position of inferiority on the high seas.

"Today we are awake as never before. The pride of antebellum days is revived and we look to see our flag at the masthead of an American merchant ship in every important seaport of the world, carrying American goods wherever markets may be found.

"Abnormal conditions, we hope, are passing. The tremendous increase in the exports of the war period, made up largely of military supplies and the still greater exports of the months following the war, in which foodstuffs figured largely, may not continue indefinitely. These tremendous figures have brought satisfaction to all, but give grave concern to those who look forward to 1920.

"The exchange situation in Europe is a grave problem and is so uncomfortable for foreign buyers as to necessitate in some cases government restriction on buying. If we would continue our foreign trade at its present high level there must be a freer and fuller exchange of commodities and a large extension of credit to European buyers. So let us look for a condition in which buying and selling will be of profit to both sides. On that basis we may build a commercial structure on a firm foundation.

"It is too much to expect normal conditions, for which we all are so impatient, to come within the 14 months since the signing of the armistice. The wonder is that the situation is not more unsettled. Let us hope that in the year 1920 there will be less social unrest, that production will increase and living costs be gradually reduced and that by intelligent cooperation and unselfish regard for the public welfare our national prosperity may continue."

ABERDEEN SEEKS PLANT

Realty Board Takes Steps to Get Branch Burned at Portland.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Grays Harbor Realty board will take immediate steps towards obtaining federal recognition of the paper and pulp mill possibilities of Grays Harbor with a view to bringing to this harbor a plant of the Palmolive company to replace the company's plant at Portland.

Revival of the pulp mill agitation was caused by the announcement from Washington that an appropriation of $1,000,000 had been proposed in congress for the purpose of investigating the wood pulp and paper famine and providing remedies. E. B. Arthaud, Phil Locke and J. E. Calder were named as a committee to look into the matter.

HUNT FOR OIL TO GO ON

Standard Company Not to Abandon Aberdeen Prospect.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Standard Oil company of California will not abandon this field, say officials here, but will abandon the well started several months ago and which now is down nearly 700 feet. A new well will be started about 30 feet west of the old hole. Stovepipe casing will be used in the new well, 18-inch pipe being used at the start.

The old well was abandoned because of caveins and other mishaps, to overcome which, Standard officials say, would be more expensive than to sink a new hole, in the light of the knowledge gained of formations.

RATIFICATION IS FAVORED

Sentiment at Salem Is Tested by Newspaper Ballots.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Out of a total of 320 votes received in a campaign being conducted by a local newspaper, 218 were favorable to ratification of the peace treaty in some form, while only 11 ballots were cast against ratification.

Five of those voting favored the Lodge reservations, while 88 others would approve any reasonable compromise.

COVE LODGES INSTALL

Masons and Eastern Star Give Old-Time Banquet Afterward.

COVE, Or., Jan 1.—Cove Lodge No. 91, A. F. and A. M. gave one of its old-time public receptions and banquets December 27, at a joint installation of Masonic and Eastern Star officers. There were 80 covers laid and for the second time the tables were in charge of the Eastern Star. L. E. Anderson, installing officer, with Hugh McCall of Grande Ronde lodge No. 51, marshal, installed the following:

W. D. Foreman, master; R. F. Musick, senior warden; R. S. French, junior warden; J. F. Dean, secretary; M. J. Duffey, treasurer; Ben Duffey, senior deacon; Grover Duffey, junior deacon; L. E. Anderson, steward.

Cherry chapter No. 123, Order of Eastern Star, officers were installed by Mrs. Nellie R. Grace of Grand Ronde Valley chapter No. 49, with Mrs. Hal C. Rees of La Grand, marshal:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Elsie Murchison; worthy patron, Hugh McCall; associate matron, Mrs. Alma Broadbears; secretary, Mrs. Stella Dean; treasurer, Mrs. Alice Duffey; conductress, Mrs. Christie Musick; associate conductress, Mrs. Ollie Foreman; chaplain, W. D. Foreman; organist, Mrs. Bessie Lay; marshal, E. Lawson; Adah, Mrs. Jean McCown; Ruth, Mrs. Constance Anderson; Esther, Mrs. Laura Lawson; Martha, Mrs. Kate Conley; Electa, Mrs. Hannah Conley; Flora, Mrs. Hugh McCall; warder, Ben Duffey; sentinel, R. F. Musick.

Cove lodge now has but one of the charter members, George W. Thomas.

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"WOBBLIES" MUST WORK

NEW YEAR'S ANTI-TOIL RESOLUTIONS DASHED.

Announcement by Chief of Police Carries Grief for Prisoners in City Jail.

A New Year's announcement carrying grief for prisoners in the city jail was made yesterday by Chief of Police Jenkins when he declared the Kelly Butte rockpile would be opened today under the management of the city. New Year's resolutions against work which may have been made by "wobblies" or others in the jail already are doomed.

The plan is to take the prisoners out each day by auto truck and return them to the city jail at night.

About 20 prisoners will be sent out today to start preliminary work, the chief announced. This work will include erection of a temporary cook shack for serving of meals to the prisoners there and erection of a shed for shelter in case of rain or bad weather. The chief said the rockcrusher would be run for about two hours today just to get it tuned up for the work to follow.

When the preliminary work is completed every available man in the city jail is to be put to work. Mayor Baker and Chief Jenkins believe this will have a wholesome influence in curbing crime in the city.

The plan to have the city take charge of the rockpile was adopted after Sheriff Hurlburt had declined to operate it if compelled to send the prisoners out each morning and return them to the jail at night.

The old detention house there is being converted into a temporary hospital for smallpox patients.

PASCO HAS $1100 LEFT

Expenditure of Balance of Budget for 1919 Is Ordered.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—City Clerk A. F. Wehe reported to the city council at its final meeting, January, 1919, Tuesday night that the city had kept its expenditures well within the budget and after all bills had been paid there remained $1100. One item of $411 which the city still owed on the chemical fire truck, but which was not due until next year, was paid out of the balance.

A thousand feet of new fire hose was ordered and the balance of the budget funds were drawn to apply on the purchase.

Because Councilman E. P. Olsen will soon leave the city, he tendered his resignation. His successor will probably be selected at the next meeting of the council Tuesday night.

IDAHO BUSINESS GAINS

Corporations of State Are Capitalized at $307,547,039.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—That the corporation business of Idaho is growing rapidly appears evident from figures that Secretary of State Jones has just made public. They show that the total capitalization of licensed domestic corporations in Idaho amounts to $307,547,039. Outside corporations qualified to transact business in the state have a total capitalization of $183,827,500. These figures are taken to be an excellent barometer of the business development of the state. The increase in receipts in the secretary of state's office this year over last year amounted to $13,604.40.

KENNEWICK HOME RAIDED

Fully-Equipped Still Is Seized; Sam Shaw Is Arrested.

PROSSER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A fully-equipped still was captured at the residence of Sam Shaw in Kennewick by Sheriff L. C. Rolph. Shaw was arraigned before the justice of the peace, who held him for action of the federal grand jury on a charge of operating an illicit still.

Shaw's capture was effected after a hair-raising chase in which the sheriff's automobile showed the greatest burst of speed, though it required two miles to overhaul Shaw's car. The sheriff had been trying to locate the source of moonshine liquor that had been sold in the vicinity of Kennewick.

CENTRALIA WOMAN SUES

Policeman Accused of Abuse and Non-Support.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Lester Jackson, a member of the Centralia police force, yesterday was made defendant in a suit for divorce filed here in the Lewis county superior court by Mae Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson alleged that for the past two years her husband has choked her, sworn at her and slapped her and in other ways mistreated her. Failure to provide was also alleged. Mrs. Jackson claiming that she had been obliged to cook in a camp to earn her living, thus supporting herself and a young child.

Foresters at Aberdeen Elect.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—W. C. Belles was elected chief ranger of the local lodge of Foresters of America at the election Tuesday night. Other officers chosen were C. M. Read, sub-chief; L. E. Elerding, treasurer; L. F. Michaels, financial secretary; G. A. Price, recording secretary; G. A. Martin, lecturer; James McBride, senior woodward; J. M. Bowes, junior woodward; V. Lonberg, senior beadle; E. B. Riley, junior beadle; E. B. Riley was also chosen physician.

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TAFT HAS NO FEAR OF BORAH'S THUNDER

Republicans Need Not Worry, Says ex-President.

BOLT HELD IMPROBABLE

Senator's Letter to Lowden and Other Candidates, However, May Enliven Things.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Borah's letter today calling on Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, to declare his position on the peace treaty and the league of nations is expected to bring the republican contest to the fore again after a temporary eclipse by the democratic maneuvers. As the same letter will go to all other republican candidates the answers will be curiously awaited.

Primarily the letter is regarded as in the interest of the condidacy of Senator Hiram Johnson of California, who, like oBrah, is irreconcilably against the league of nations. Johnson's answer is sure to be satisfactory to the Idaho senator, but there doubtless will be one other answer as equally pleasing to him. This will be the answer of Senator Poindexter of Washington, another member of the famous senate death battalion and one of the three original opponents of the league of nations covenant.

Borah Goaded by Taft.

Senator Borah is supporting Senator Johnson and it is for this reason that his quiz is interpreted as in Johnson's interest. Borah is thought to have been goaded to this desperate plan of political strategy by former President Taft. In warning republican leaders a few days ago against alienating republican friends of the league of nations, Mr. Taft made this reference to the treaty irreconcilables in the senate:

"Senator Johnson, Senator Borah, Senator Gronna, Senator La Follette, Senator Norris and others do not recognize party allegiance at all except for purposes of organization. They exalt their differences with their party rather than their agreement with it and the importance of its cohesion. Senator Borah enjoys nothing more than formal declarations, from time to time, of his purpose to leave the party and found another, if the party ventures to differ with him. He and his colleagues announced long ago their dissent from the regulars of the party on taxation. They are disclosing it now in respect to the railroads.

"To weaken the support of the republican party by making the league a party issue and alienating conscientious republican advocates of ratification will prevent such a victory as the republicans must have.

"Republican leaders need not fear the defection of Senators Johnson, Borah or La Follette in the next campaign on account of ratification of the league. Even though Senator Borah has been thundering and threatening a bolt, he is not likely to carry out his threat any more than he did his solemn announcement that he was going to vote against Senator Penrose for chairman of the finance committee.

"Where could he and his associates go if they did bolt? They could hardly go to the democrats on the score of the treaty and league. Their only refuge would be a third party of radical laborites, pro-Germans, Non-Partisan leaguers and Sinn Feiners. Such a party would likely draw quite as much from the democrats as from the republicans, and would not make the republican victory any less complete. The regular republicans who favor ratification with compromise reservations are thus more important to the party than the radical dissenters."

Taft Announces Leaders.

The fact that the Borah letter is also to go to democratic presidential candidates as well as to candidates for the senate and house appears unimportant at this time.

General Leonard Wood, Governor Lowden and Senator Harding are declared to be the leading condidates for the republican presidential nomination by former President Taft today in his daily copyrighted syndicate letter, but he adds that there is yet the possibility of other candidates moving to the front.

"It is not too much to say that General Wood, Governor Lowden and Senator Harding are at present the leading candidates for the republican nomination and in the order named," he says. "But the delay in alignment of candidates and delegates, due to the pressure of immediate post-war issues, is such that there is much opportunity for change, and it would not do to pass over, in a fair review of the situation, several others whose names will have consideration in another article."

Wood's Strength Explained.

The former president finds that several factors enter into the strength of General Wood, who, he says, is the foremost candidate at this time. He gives quite as much credit for General Wood's strength to the present national administration as to his former association with Colonel Roosevelt. The unjust treatment accorded General Wood by the Wilson administration, he says, has attracted many sympathizers.

Speaking of the taking over of the Roosevelt following by Wood, he says: "Except in those states of the far west where the radical element of the party supported Colonel Roosevelt, this transfer has been an easy one. Where it has encountered the friends of Senators Johnson, Borah and Poindexter it has met difficulties."

The candor with which Mr. Taft discusses the candidacies of other men for the republican nomination are said to be sufficient evidence that he is not himself a candidate.

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Idaho Wool Growers Adopt Scale of 17½ Cents Head.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A uniform wage scale agreement of 17½ cents a head and board was entered into between the Idaho Wool Growers' association and the Sheep Shearers' Union of America today at the final session of the two-day convention of the wool growers here. This scale will apply throughout Idaho for 1920, according to the agreement.

The scale last year varied from 15 to 22½ cents a head.

President William McClellan of Butte, Mont., represented the sheep shearers in the negotiations. Hugh Sprott, president; Jack Skillern, vice-president, and John Ridenbaugh, secretary, were re-elected by the Wool Growers' association. The wool growers adopted resolutions urging that congress and the federal trade commission give the Palmer plan of separating the meat trust from other than the packing business a chance to prove its merits.

IDAHO TEACHERS ELECT

Frank W. Simonds of Lewiston Is Chosen President.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The following prominent educational workers of the state were elected officers of the Idaho State Teachers' association at the final session of the annual convention held today at the high school auditorium:

Frank W. Simonds, Lewiston, president; Miss Birtomart Wolfe, Twin Falls, first vice-president; Miss Gertrude Lehuqueth, Sand Point, second vice-president; Mrs. Lucy Morton, Meridian, secretary; K. A. Langton, Shelley, treasurer; C. E. Rose, Boise; J. C. Werler, Albion; O. M. Elliott, Lewiston, members of the executive committee. Resolutions pledging the loyalty of the teachers of the state to sane Americanism were adopted unanimously.

IDAHO AUDIT IS MADE

Committee Reports Saving for State of $25,000 for 1917-18.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The state auditing committee created by the last legislature and authorized to expend $25,000 in auditing the books and accounts of all departments for the years 1917-1918 claims to have already saved the amount of the appropriation and has expended less than half of the appropriation made by the legislature.

The committee has so far been able to collect all but $500 due in state taxes from the 44 counties in Idaho. It has checked up on all insurance companies and has turned into the state treasury $800 in fees which otherwise would have gone by default. The committee is also establishing a uniform system of accounting.

Snake Dam Prospects Bright.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Chances for the five-mile dam project on Snake river are bright, according to C. F. Stinson of Pasco, a member of the five-mile committee. The project has been planned to irrigate about 150,000 acres.

Aberdeen Rose Club Is Revived.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A movement is on foot to reorganize the Rose club of this city, which had been inactive during the period of the war. In the reorganization it was proposed to make it a strictly Aberdeen organization instead of a county affair, as previously, the opinion being expressed that better work could be done by the smaller organization.

Yakima Temporary Chief Named.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—After rescinding their action appointing S. E. Bunker, chief of police, recently, the Yakima city commissioners appointed Assistant Chief Ed Storgaard as acting chief, pending permanent appointment. The appointment of Bunker was urged on the commission by the Good Government league, which recently threatened a recall movement against Mayor Sweet. After the appointment, it was found that Bunker, who is not a resident here, could not qualify under the law requiring a year's residence.

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