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FARMERS' RELIEF VOTED BY SENATE

Revival of War Finance Corporation Directed.

DECISION IS UP TO HOUSE

Liberal Credits Clause Modified to Recommendation.

BOARD DUTIES ARE WIDER

Power Would Include Financing Exports of Products Other Than Agricultural.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The senate late today adopted the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers.

The second section of the resolution, which as introduced would have directed the extension of liberal credits to farmers by the federal reserve system, was amended to make the desirability of such a course only an expression of opinion of the congress.

The amendment making the change of the section of the resolution relating to the federal reserve system was proposed by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, and was accepted by a vote of 47 to 15.

Export Finances Provided.

Another change made in the resolution on suggestion of Senator Smith, democrat, Georgia, broadened the duties of the finance corporation to include the financing of exportations of products other than those produced on the farm. An amendment by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, to make the rate of discount on loans to farmers 5 per cent was rejected.

A substitute for the resolution, presented by Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, met a similar result. Further action on the resolution was without a record vote. The measure now returns to the house, where a number of similar farmer relief measures are pending. The section of the resolution for revival of the war finance corporation as adopted, reads:

Corporation Revival Asked.

"The secretary of the treasury and the members of the war finance corporation are hereby directed to revive the activities of the war finance corporation and that said corporation be at once rehabilitated with the view of assisting in the financing of the exportation of agricultural and other products to foreign markets."

The resolution as adopted referred to the extension of credits as follows:

"It is the opinion of congress that the federal reserve board should take such action as may be necessary to permit the member banks of the federal reserve system to grant liberal extensions of credit to the farmers of the country upon the security of the agricultural products now held by them, by permitting the re-discounting of such notes of extension at a fair and reasonable rate of interest."

Hearings Are Continued.

The senate agriculture committee continued hearings with a view to framing other measures for the relief of the farmers from the conditions brought about by falling prices.

The house received an addition to its collection of relief measures in a bill offered by Representative Young, republican, North Dakota, proposing an embargo on imports of grain and grain products, livestock and their products for one year.

Purchase by the government of the surplus of certain farm products on hand at the end of the crop year is guaranteed minimum price was suggested to the senate agricultural committee by W. C. Lyon, a member of the South Dakota legislature. He would fix a minimum price of \$2.25 a bushel for wheat, \$1 a bushel for corn, 75 cents a bushel for oats and \$3 a bushel for flax.

Embargo Also Proposed.

A bill authorizing the United States Grain corporation to borrow \$250,000,000 from Federal Reserve banks to carry out this plan has been introduced in the house by Representative Christopherson, republican, of South Dakota.

An embargo for one year against the importation of wheat, wheat flour, barley, rye, oats, flax, wool, hogs, cattle and sheep was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Young, republican, North Dakota. He also introduced a bill establishing a permanent schedule of import duties upon these items after the one-year embargo.

Mr. Young proposed the following duties:

Wheat, 50c a bushel; rye, 30c; corn, 30c; barley, 30c; flax, 50c ad valorem, but not less than 50c a bushel; sheep, \$2.00 a head; horses, \$50 a head.

VOLCANO BECOMES ACTIVE

Reports of Eruption of Villarica Received at California City.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 13.—The volcano Villarica in Valdivia province erupted last week, according to advices received here today.

Dispatches Saturday said there had been some loss of life around the volcano due to landslides after earthquake shocks.

RUNAWAY STREETCAR RAMS BUILDING FRONT

PASSENGERS WHO ALIGHTED ESCAPE POSSIBLE DEATH.

One-Man Trolley Crawls Through Brakes When Left by Motorman.

Brakes on Irvington street car No. 241, a one-man car in charge of G. H. Linville, motorman, 1405 Vulcan street, failed to function on the steel bridge at 9:20 last night and as a result the car ran wild to the corner of Third and Gilliam streets, crashed through a standard holding aloft the electric light arches and halted its spectacular career with the front end at the doors of the Auto Reconstruction company, 121 Third street.

There was no one in the car when it crept away from the motorman. He had just alighted, after setting his brakes, to obtain the name and address of the car owner, a truck driver who had skidded into the side of the street car on the bridge, injuring John Jousias, 39, who was riding with him. He did not notice that the car was moving until it had picked up speed and was unable to catch it.

W. E. Drennan, motorcycle patrolman, and J. Mattis, truckman of engine No. 2 of the fire department, witnessed the accident.

Windows were shattered in the front of the building occupied by the Auto Reconstruction company, which is operated by G. N. Smith, 11 East Hancock street, and in the store of the Auto Leasing company, owned by N. Elving, 220 North Seventh street.

Motorman Linville told the police that the brakes had been leaking. Three passengers who alighted at the far end of the bridge to take the Bridge Transfer car.

ALLEN BILL PASSES, BUT ROCKS APPEAR

Senate Lies in Wait for House Measure.

RADICALS WANT OPEN GATE

Fight Against Checking of Immigration Flood Develops.

OTHER BILLS IN SIGHT

Per Centage Proposal Will Be Before Senate, Suggested by Missionary to Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Rocks loom ahead for the bill passed by the house this afternoon suspending immigration for one year from the time it would become effective if approved by the senate.

The forces which displayed unexpected strength against the measure in the house, succeeding in amending it almost to the point of destruction, have transferred their attack to the senate.

Radical elements proved a powerful force in their opposition to the bill. There was doubt that the bill could be passed at all. Much opposition came from socialists and communists, who look to the influx of the poverty-stricken of Europe to furnish the recruits to give the extremist parties the balance of power in this country.

Labor Proves Indifferent.

Singularly, organized labor, which has always heretofore gone to the front for restrictive immigration measures, was more or less indifferent in this fight, notwithstanding the fact that newly arrived immigrants promise soon to crowd American workmen out of their jobs, champions of the exclusion bill say.

Evidence of opposition already appearing in the senate. Senator Colt of Rhode Island, chairman of the senate immigration bill, is unfriendly to the measure. Other senators, Dillingham of Vermont and Sterling of South Dakota, have introduced bills that will complicate the situation.

Percentage Plan Proposed.

The Dillingham and Sterling bills are designed to balk the California Japanese exclusionists. These bills carry the Gullick plan for letting into the country each year certain given percentages of each ethnic group, based on the numbers already here.

Dr. Sidney L. Gullick, author of the plan, was for years a Japanese missionary and on his return got the ear of the federal council of churches in behalf of his proposal.

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BIG RESERVOIR LEAKS DRY

Two-Foot Hole Believed Dynamited in New San Diego Container.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 13.—The city authorities decided today that all the water recently stored in the new La Jolla reservoir at the top of the biological grade, north of this city, had run out through a hole about two feet in diameter. Officials of the water department expressed the belief that the reservoir had been dynamited, and police were set to work on the case. The reservoir contained about 4,000,000 gallons of water on Saturday. The hole through which the water leaked was about 20 feet from the top of the earth embankment and four inches of concrete facing.

The reservoir was built recently by the San Diego water company to store the water from Lake Hodges to La Jolla and vicinity.

OIL COMPANY GETS LEASE

\$1,400,000 Accepted by Government as Royalty for Lands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The American Oil company announced tonight the receipt of advices from Washington that it had concluded a lease with the government, under the oil land leasing act, covering 1400 to 1500 acres of land in the Midway state and a tender of \$1,400,000, production from the property, had been accepted by the government as a royalty.

By the transaction, the company stated, title to the property was surrendered to the government, and in the future on a basis of fair royalty amounting to one-eighth of the past payments secured.

FORD FINANCING ALLEGED

Machinery Manufacturer Declared He Gave Auto Builder Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The late James J. McCabe, machinery manufacturer, was obsessed with the idea that he had given Henry Ford the money with which Mr. Ford built his first automobile, according to testimony today by his widow, Mrs. Cecelia McCabe, at the hearing in the contest over Mr. McCabe's million-dollar will. His sons, James J. and Raymond McCabe, are seeking to break the instrument on the ground that their father was not of sound mind.

Asked if Mr. McCabe had actually given Mr. Ford the money to build his first car, Mrs. McCabe answered, "He might have done so, but not to my knowledge."

ROBBER FLEES IN AUTO

Victim Reports Loss of \$40 and Watch to Masked Man.

Forty dollars and a gold watch was the toll taken late last night from Fred Leo, 1751 Denver avenue, by a masked man who accosted him with a revolver at the intersection of Columbia boulevard and Interstate avenue. Following the hold-up, the highwayman jumped into a waiting automobile and disappeared.

According to the statement made by Leo to the police early this morning, there were two other men in the machine. Leo was unable to furnish good description of the man who performed the hold-up.

SOVIET TROOPS GATHER

Concentration at Vilna Being Made Because of Allied Move.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Concentrations of the soviet troops are occurring in the direction of Vilna, consequent on the arrival of allied and neutral troops in Vilna.

This was related in a dispatch received today from the Lithuanian legation here.

HOLLAND, JUGO-SLAVIA BREAK OFF RELATIONS

LONG SERIES OF INSULTS TO DUTCH CHARGED.

Arrest in Early Part of War of Consul-General at Belgrade Is Start of Difficulties.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 13.—Diplomatic relations between Holland and Jugoslavia have been broken off, it was stated here today.

Holland has recalled her minister from Belgrade and has dismissed the Serbian charge d'affaires at The Hague.

The action was taken as the result of what the Dutch foreign office terms "a long series of insults to the Dutch government."

The beginning of the difficulty was the arrest in the early part of the war without notification to Holland, of the Dutch consul at Belgrade, who was an Austrian subject. Since then, according to the foreign office, repeated efforts by Holland to adjust the difficulties amicably had met with insolent treatment.

This break is only a diplomatic incident and no other developments are expected, the Associated Press correspondent was told today.

13 COUPLES MARRY ON 13TH OF MONTH

TEN BRIDES FREELY ADMIT WEDDING IS NOTHING NEW.

Superstition Is Cast to Winds by Parties; Nearly Established Record at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Thirteen couples cast superstition to the winds today and were married in Vancouver. It is not uncommon for the thirteenth of any month to pass without a wedding here, but today broke all records, save one, for couples being married on that day. It was significant that ten of the 13 brides today had been brides before and admitted it.

The beginning of the crowd started today, obtained the services of Rev. J. L. Garrett, who is also county auditor, and he performed the ceremony at the courthouse. The venerable bridegroom, who was Abner W. Brewster, 72 years old, said that he and his wife, Mrs. Nellie E. Diehl, 57 years old, had been married five years ago, but failed to get a marriage certificate. Though they had tried, it was impossible, so it occurred to them that they could get a certificate if they were married again, and this they decided to do. As they had paid for being married once before, and the minister had not done his work thoroughly, Rev. Mr. Garrett volunteered to complete the job, and was kind enough to do it free of charge. And with the marriage certificate which they coveted so much, the aged couple returned to their home, R. F. D. No. 5, Vancouver.

One couple of minors was in the 13 today—John Rockinson, 18, and Inez Welch, 16, of Portland. They had the consent of their parents.

DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENT

Fresno Coroner Reports on Killing of New York Man.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Peter J. Dooling, 80, of Representative Dooling of New York City, met his death from the accidental discharge of a rifle being shifted from one position to another in an automobile near Fresno. This was the verdict by the coroner's jury here late this afternoon.

Dooling was driving an automobile on the last lap of the trip from New York to San Francisco with Hugo Engle and Joseph C. Farrell, Farrell will leave with the body for New York early tomorrow morning.

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FERRY STOPPED BY EEL

Fish Coils Up in Pipes and Boat Can't Get Away From Pier.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 13.—The good ship Alice Howard swallowed an eel today and ferry service between Kittery, Me., and this city was stopped until her throats could be cleared. All the marine doctors of the port were called into consultation before the trouble that kept her at her pier was diagnosed as indigestive and traced directly to the indigestion. There it was found the pipes were clogged.

Fires were drawn and search of the feed tank made with the result that a large eel was found coiled there.

COTTON CROP IS LARGE

Production More Than in Any Year With Exception 1914.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Cotton production this year is larger than that of any other year since 1914, when the country's record crop was grown. The final estimate of the crop announced today by the department of agriculture placed production at 12,987,000 bales, exclusive of linters.

Production last year was 11,420,763 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, in 1918 it was 12,040,828 bales and in 1917 it was 13,302,375 bales. In computing gross-weight bales allowance is made for 478.3 pounds of lint and 21.7 pounds of bagging and ties.

GOVERNOR STARTS HOME

Mr. Olcott to Return From Capital by Way of Florida.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 13.—Governor Olcott left today for home, going by way of Florida, where he will visit relatives for a day or two.

He planned to arrive home about December 29.

TROUBLE WITH THE HOME BREW.



DUBLIN ISOLATED; PHONE LINES OUT

England Unable to Get in Touch With City.

CORK FIRE PROBE ORDERED

Crown Forces Accused of Starting Conflagration.

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HOUSE VOTES REPEAL OF MOST WAR LAWS

RESOLUTION NOW WILL GO TO SENATE FOR APPROVAL.

Trading With Enemy Act, War Finance Corporation and Liberty Bond Measures Exempted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Repeal of most of the war-time laws was voted today by the house which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours debate.

The vote was unanimous, 323 votes being cast in favor of it and none opposed. The house, before taking the final vote accepted an amendment providing for inclusion of the Lever food control act among the laws which the resolution would repeal.

The amendment, which covers all provisions of the food control act with the exception of the section relating to rents in the District of Columbia was offered by Representative Blank (rep.) Indiana. It was carried 179 to 127.

The resolution, which now goes to the senate, exempts from repeal only the trading with the enemy act, the war finance corporation act and its amendments and measures dealing with the issuance of liberty and victory bonds.

The resolution declared "any act of congress that by its terms is in force only during the existence of a state of war and a limited time thereafter shall be construed and administered as if the present war terminated on the date when this resolution becomes effective."

The measure, as adopted, was practically identical with that passed by congress just before the adjournment of the last session and vetoed by President Wilson.

Republican leaders of the house asserted tonight that adoption of the resolution was one of the first steps taken by the republican majority to fulfill the campaign pledge to put the country on a peace-time basis.

Disposition of the Volstead resolution cleared the way for consideration of the resolution offered by Representative Reavis, Nebraska, which would provide for a congressional survey of the government's administrative departments.

PRICE OF SILVER TOO LOW

Mexican State Governor Says If Mines Close Many Will Suffer.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Governor Madrazo of the state of Guanajuato, declared yesterday that silver and copper mines in his state pay 700,000 pesos in taxes annually and expended more than 4,000,000 pesos annually, and if forced to suspend operations the loss of 5000 families would be without work.

Representatives of large mining interests have asserted that the present market price of silver of 58 cents per troy ounce, renders operation of the mines impossible except at a loss of approximately 22 cents on each ounce.

A delegation of miners from Pachuca, the most important mining city in Mexico, have arrived in Mexico City bearing a manifesto which was presented to President Obregon, asking the government to take over all the mines and operate them.

WOMAN POSES AS MAN

"Bride" of Supposed Husband Declared to Have Been Deceived.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 13.—Mrs. O. D. Church and her husband are under arrest here and Mrs. Church is accused of posing as a man for three years while she was the "bride" of a young woman whose name the police decline to disclose.

The "bride" is said to have been completely deceived. It is alleged she and her supposed husband were married three years ago in Sioux City. Mr. Church, it is charged, posed as a brother of the "groom" and the three are alleged to have lived in the same house.

TERMINAL OUSTER ORDERS APPEALED

Mayor's Committee Asks Roads to Reconsider.

FIGHT ALSO IS OUTLINED

Interstate Commerce Commission Aid Sought.

STATE ACTION IS FIRST

Facts to Be Submitted to Oregon Body With View to Invoking More Powerful Edict.

Mayor Baker's special committee on the Portland railroad terminal situation, in session yesterday afternoon at the city hall, decided to take steps at once to submit the facts to the state public service commission with a view to invoking the powerful aid of the inter-state commerce commission, and ordered a telegraphic request sent to Robert Lovett and Julian Kruttschnitt chairmen respectively of the boards of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems, rescinding the recent counter notice to railroads.

The message went forward last night, signed by W. F. LaRoche, city attorney, as secretary, with the approval of H. B. Van Duzer, president of the chamber of commerce, and committee chairman.

The telegram framed immediately following the meeting in order to save time in what is considered a great emergency, inasmuch as the ouster notice served upon the presidents of the Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle roads will be effective December 31, was as follows:

Details Not Given.

"Committee of presidents of all civic clubs, appointed by Mayor Baker, met tonight and asks that action be rescinded barring the Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle roads from use of the Portland Union terminals, effective December 31, pending an adjustment and final solution of the local problem."

Details as to the committee's action relative to submitting the question to the state public service commission, with the ultimate object of invoking the power of the interstate commerce commission, were not conveyed in the telegram, because, it was said, the members of the committee felt that the local officials of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems would forward that information if they deem it necessary.

Ouster Order Is Rescinded.

While, as it was contained in the message, it was in disposition upon the part of the members of the city even to attempt any scheme that would necessitate an immediate expenditure of funds on the part of the railroads involved, nevertheless it was declared the policy of the city that it is a civic duty the committee must perform in demanding adequate terminal facilities for all lines entering Portland, ultimately looking to the execution of a comprehensive plan in keeping with this city's dignity.

There was an expression on the part of some of the members of the mayor's committee to the effect that they resented the ouster notice on the non-members of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, which followed a session of the committee by one day. However, the general attitude of the committee members, as set forth yesterday, was that Portland is entitled to proper union terminal facilities and that it is up to the lines entering here to provide them.

Council Favors One Terminal.

Acting Mayor Bigelow gave it as his emphatic opinion, saying he could speak for his colleagues on the city commission, that the present so-called station of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad in Portland "is a shame and a disgrace to the city." He advocated vigorous action concerning it in the sentiment expressed in the motion by Marshall N. Dana demanding one station and one terminal of adequate scope, and of another motion made later by Wilson Baschell, president of the East Side Business Men's club, submitting the facts to the state commission and invoking the aid of the interstate commission.

Mr. Van Duzer and Mr. LaRoche expressed the opinion that it would be wise to telegraph Messrs. Lovett and Kruttschnitt asking for an order rescinding the ouster notice. They suggested this after the committee had unanimously voted on the other action.

Mutual Understanding Hope.

"I think it may not be too late for the roads to come to some mutual understanding," said Mr. Van Duzer. "I should like to see them do as an evidence of their good faith in the city. At the same time they must be made to understand absolutely that this committee, acting on behalf of the city, is in no way to be in co-operation with the city, intending to insist upon the object sought—some adequate terminal station benefiting the rank and dignity of Portland."

There was some discussion among

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The charges were brought before the house of commons last night by Commander J. M. Kenworthy, who demanded that an impartial tribunal be set up to give an unprejudiced report of what happened. Commander Kenworthy said his information came in a message from the lord mayor and Messrs. Roch and Walsh.

Message Read by Secretary.

The message was not read by Commander Kenworthy, but when Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, rose to defend the government's position, he requested the message from Kenworthy, which the secretary read to the house.

It charged that women were held up and robbed in the streets and that citizens were publicly whipped and shot, and it was believed in some instances burned alive in their houses.

The secretary said he would telegraph the military authorities at Cork to summon the authors of the message before them. An inquiry was started yesterday and will be completed today.

Referring to fires generally Sir Hamar said he would put loss of life above loss of property. He was glad to see there was no evidence of loss of life in Cork Saturday night, except one woman who was shot while looting.

Previous Position Maintained.

He maintained his previous position that personally he did not believe the fires had been caused by the crown forces but if it were so ascertained, the perpetrators would suffer the penalties of martial law.

The chief secretary answered a demand for a civilian inquiry by saying that that was impossible in a military area, as an investigation could only be held by the military and that was being done. Defending the government he said, he had not heard one condemnation, official or unofficial, from any civilized country of Great Britain's action in Ireland.

Reverting to assassinations, he declared:

"I believe that these murderers alone preclude the people of England through their representatives and the people of Ireland through their representatives from coming to an amicable and peaceful settlement."

T. P. O'Connor declared that the fires had been caused by the "black and tans"; that Great Britain's policy in Ireland had affected the American elections, and that when the "martyrdom of Ireland" had been mentioned in the Italian chamber it was loudly cheered.

The house of lords last night further amended the Irish home rule bill by providing that if either the north or south of Ireland did not want the bill, it could be governed by a lord lieutenant with a committee of privy councillors as a legislative assembly. The amendment also provides that the speaker of the house shall apply to the persons elected to parliament from Irish constituencies for their decision and that a majority shall determine the result.

Time for Truce Requested.

The lords completed the reported stage of the bill.

The Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein, has requested Premier Lloyd George for time in which to consult with Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith respecting the endeavor being made to bring about a truce in Ireland.

Father O'Flanagan made this request in reply to a letter from hie

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