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LABOR DISCOVERS PUBLIC IS AWAKE

Unionism Conscious That Crisis Is Coming.

WAGE REDUCTION INEVITABLE

Open-Shop Problem Also Up for Solution.

GOMPERS SEES SITUATION

Federation Leader and His Staff Leave for Mexico; Departure Is Counted Significant.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU
Washington, Jan. 5.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, accompanied by his executive staff, has gone to Mexico. His departure calls attention to the fact that organized labor in this country is facing the greatest crisis in its history. There are rumors that Mr. Gompers has taken advantage of the opportunity to get out of the country before the crisis is reached. His lieutenants, who are remaining on the job, have taken an entirely new attitude toward the public and no longer appear before legislation in a threatening and truculent mood.

There are two angles of the situation which labor is meeting. One of them is the necessity of accepting lower wages and the other is the problem of the "open shop." In spite of assertions made by Mr. Gompers and others to the effect that labor would not accept lower wages, there are evidences that wages are coming down and must continue to come down in keeping with the reduction in the prices of commodities which labor produces.

Labor Accepts Situation.
Dispatches from various sections of the country show that labor is accepting this feature of the situation with considerable philosophy. For example, a 20 per cent reduction has been accepted by the 3900 employees of the Pullman company in its Illinois shops. Given with this reduction it leaves wages there higher than in January, 1918. The 20 per cent reduction cuts off just one-fifth of the increase that has been received. In the New England textile mills reductions of 22 1/2 per cent have been accepted. In Salt Lake City the brick-makers of a fire clay company have asked their company to reduce their wages from \$10 to \$8 a day.

Reports of reductions in wages come from all sections of the country and are accompanied by reports of a revival in industry. In spite of that, there is much unemployment in the country, especially in the textile and automobile manufacturing centers.

The closing down of the Ford and other works in Detroit has thrown thousands of men out of employment, while rubber manufacturing centers of Ohio report a similar condition.

Public Considered Now.
In meeting this situation, organized labor is suffering from the result of the militant activity in years past. The present attitude of organized labor leaders indicates that these leaders have awakened to the fact that the general public must be considered in all contacts between capital and labor. Beginning with the passage of the Adamson act, when labor leaders held a stop-watch on congress, up to November 4, last, this attitude has been maintained. The November elections showed a terrific reaction against this attitude on the part of the public.

Mr. Gompers fell in with this attitude and co-operated with such organizations as the Plum Plan league and other radical organizations, and a definite flight was made upon every member of congress who had not voted as directed by organized labor. The result leaves the leaders of organized labor in an unfortunate position in the present crisis. The public, which they failed to consider, has turned against them. The wisest men in organized labor realize that this does not show a lack of sympathy with the proper aspirations of labor, but is merely an announcement that the public has become class conscious and is determined to protect itself in the future against both organized labor and organized capital. They are accordingly endeavoring to readjust their attitude and a new legislative committee has been appointed, which is approaching members of congress in a conciliatory attitude.

Trotter Also Charged.
In opposing the reduction of wages, organized labor is also met by the charge that it profiteered during the war, and returned soldiers who fought for \$30 a month are especially strong in pressing the charge.

Labor leaders have long represented the closed shop as a basic principle in their creed. But find themselves in an unfortunate position now in pressing that claim. Recent testimony given by Mr. Grace of the United States Steel corporation before the New York investigating committee shows that organization determined to maintain the principle of the open shop. Manufacturers generally appear to be favorable to the steel corporation's position. Advocates of the open shop maintain that a man's right to

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CUPID SNARES EIGHT UNIVERSITY COUPLES

MANY STUDENT MARRIAGES MARK YULE HOLIDAYS.

Sixteen Men and Women of Oregon Campus Are Wedded During Christmas Season Vacation.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The holiday spirit seems to have affected eight University of Oregon men and women, for during the vacation that many marriages were performed.

Pierre Du Bois Mead, football star from McMinnville, and Zonweiss Rogers, a senior from McMinnville and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, were married during the holidays. They are left for New Orleans, where Mead is to be engaged in the cotton business. Mead is a member of Beta Theta Pi, and played a sensational game on the university football team last fall.

Joseph Trowbridge and Lucille Stanton, both former students, were married and are living in Portland. Trowbridge is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, and Miss Stanton is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Three women of Pi Beta Phi are brides of three Sigma Chi's. Keith Leslie, football star, and Louise Clausen were married. Both live in Coquille, where Leslie is an office manager in the office of a lumber company. Velma Ross and Thomas Bennett and Benjamin Fisher and Kate Chaburn were the other two couples married. They all reside in Marshfield.

Dorothy Cox, junior in the journalism department, was married to Dr. J. L. Hesse, a Eugene dentist. They are living in Eugene. Miss Cox formerly was the only woman reporter on the Portland Dispatch.

Udwalla Basler and Ed Fabens were married. They were married last fall, but just announced their marriage. Miss Basler was a student in the university last fall.

Carolya Eugenia Merritt, sister of Wallace Merritt, an instructor in the University of Oregon law school from 1914 to 1916, was married to Osman Royal in San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Royal formerly was an instructor in the Portland schools.

SCHOONER ABANDONS TOW

Barge and Cargo Are Cut Adrift in Storm Off Coast.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—A barge loaded with lumber and a pile-driver outfit and towed by the gasoline schooner E. L. Smith was cut loose during the recent storm, and has gone ashore at lower Neustocum, near Haystack rock, according to reports reaching this city today.

Captain Knight of the gasoline schooner reported that he encountered high winds and heavy seas and was obliged to cut the barge adrift in order to save the schooner. It was said here today that the pile-driver barge and engine were in sight in the surf and that the crew was riding safely. The lumber cargo probably was lost.

The schooner left last Sunday, Siletz bay December 28 with a cargo for Newport.

SCALDED BOY SUCCUMBS

Bath in Wash Boiler Is Fatal to Child at Pioneer.

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Junior Miller, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels W. Miller, who live near Pioneer, died this morning as a result of a scalding suffered last Sunday morning in a wash boiler of hot water which his mother had left on the porch.

The boy climbed into the boiler, scalding himself about the arms and shoulders. He was the only child of the Millers. The family lives on a farm on the Yaquina river above Toledo.

SENATOR HAS BEST DAY

Chamberlain's Condition Is More Serious Than Reported.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU
Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Chamberlain had the best day of his illness today, according to reports from the emergency hospital.

It became known today, however, that reports which have been coming from the hospital for the last week have been entirely too reassuring. Until today, it is learned, the senator's condition for more than a week was alarming, with hopes for his recovery practically fading at times.

COAST TO BE CONSIDERED

Congressional Committee to Decide on Projects Shortly.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The joint congressional sub-committee on Pacific coast naval projects will meet tomorrow, Senator Ball, republican, Rhode Island, chairman, announced today.

An early decision both as to the base site on San Francisco bay and the separate aerial and submarine base is expected.

PREMIERS TO MEET SOON

German Disarmament to Be Discussed in Paris January 19.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The allied premiers will meet in Paris January 19 to discuss the subject of German disarmament, the reparations question and the principle of the allies toward Greece, it was announced this afternoon.

The French government accepted the British suggestion that the meeting be held on this date in Paris.

AMERICA MANAGED BY ALIEN INFLUX

Deluge of Disease Carriers Imminent.

SENATE COMMITTEE ADVISED

Bar Against Immigration, However, Doubtful.

EUROPE EPIDEMIC-RIDDEN

Four Grave Diseases Reported Raging—Danger to This Country Steadily Grows.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Testimony by Commissioner Wallis of the Ellis island immigration station that Europe was "literally riddled with disease" and that a "flood" of aliens was imminent, still left members of the senate immigration committee doubtful as to action on the Johnson bill prohibiting immigration for one year. Several members expressed doubt as to whether any measures to stop or restrict immigration should be enacted at this session.

The committee obviously was impressed with Commissioner Wallis' statement as to the need for inspection of aliens before leaving Europe and for more rigid examinations after their arrival here. He recommended that facilities be established overseas for such inspection and declared that 90 per cent of the immigrants now arriving would be denied permission to sail if they were examined at the ports of embarkation by American officials. A system of examination in Europe and upon arrival, Mr. Wallis said, would prevent an imminent flood of persons diseased in body and mind.

POET'S CASH BOX LOOTED

D'Annunzio Out Several Million Lire, Says Report.

ROME, Jan. 5.—Several million lire in cash have been stolen from the office of Gabriele D'Annunzio at Fiume by a thief, who forced the refugee strong box, according to a dispatch today to Tempo. The newspaper states that documents relating to D'Annunzio's enterprise also were stolen and that the poet-soldier is considerably disturbed by the robbery. D'Annunzio will leave Fiume tomorrow for an unknown destination, the dispatch says.

A thousand legionaries left the city yesterday at night, and about 200 sailors of the irregular forces left today for Pola.

BANK REPORT CALLED FOR

Controller of Currency Asks for Statement of Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Wednesday, December 29.

"Let these people come here uncleaned and diseased," he added.

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FIANCEE OF ENSIGN ELOPES WITH SOLDIER

BRIDEGROOM-TO-BE TAKES LONG TRIP, BUT GIRL SKIPS.

Naval Officer Reaches Clinton, Ia., Only to Be Disappointed on Eve of Day Set for Wedding.

CLINTON, Ia., Jan. 5.—A telegram received tonight by Mrs. E. A. Young announced the marriage in Chicago today of her daughter, Miss Celeste Lamb, to Robert S. Smith Jr., son of the superintendent of the Interstate Iron & Steel company plant at East Chicago, Ind.

Harold Holcomb, an ensign in the United States navy, had journeyed all the way from Pasadena, Cal., to marry Miss Lamb, and the wedding had been set for 8 o'clock Tuesday night after two previous postponements.

Early Tuesday morning Miss Lamb disappeared and last night Ensign Holcomb, thrice disappointed, departed for his home.

Miss Lamb's mother was formerly the wife of the late James Dwight Lamb, Miss Lamb is 21 years old. The family is one of the best known in Iowa.

Mr. Smith's parents expressed surprise when told Miss Lamb had been seen boarding a train to Chicago with Robert, on the eve of her marriage to Ensign Holcomb. They said he had mentioned Miss Lamb as an acquaintance while visiting at home over the holidays, but that was all. Robert Smith Jr. has been employed with a manufacturing company in Clinton since his return from France early in 1919, where he served with the 10th engineers signal corps.

The wedding plans for Miss Lamb and Ensign Holcomb were originally laid for the island of Guam in the Pacific, but later were set for a holiday event in Clinton. At that time it was said Miss Lamb was suddenly taken ill and the date was set for January 4. The message received tonight by Mr. Smith's mother said only that the wedding had taken place today in Chicago and that explanations were following in a letter.

LONELY HUMANS ORGANIZE

"Social Club," It Develops, Has Matrimonial Object.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—The Widowers' and Widows' social club of Cuyahoga county, (Cleveland), filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today.

The papers state that the club is organized "for the educational and social benefit of its members," but the representative Brenner, an incorporator, said it was no secret that its real object was to bring together lonely widows and widowers with a view to matrimony. He said there are about 300 members of the club but that remarriage nullifies membership.

TOBACCO CENT A POUND

Offerings Heavy for Weed That Brought 20 Cents Last Year.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Tobacco offerings were heavy at the opening today of the local tobacco warehouse.

Tobacco which sold last year at around 30 cent a pound brought only one-half and one cent a pound. Fancy grades sold as high as 45 cents a pound. Several farmers hauled their tobacco back home.

TOLEDO REPORTS SNOWFALL

Further Storm Damage Reported in Lincoln County.

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Continued wind and rains did further damage in Lincoln county yesterday. Another section of the roof on the government mill was blown off, windows were blown in, and fallen trees blocked the wagon roads. Two new slides, one near Summit and the other at Elk City, completely blocked the Southern Pacific line, cutting Lincoln county off from the valley mail and train service.

Reports from Newport indicated that the high surf was endangering some of the waterfront property there. The high tides of the past week have undermined the railroad built from Yaquina to Newport and northward by the government during the war. The wind and rain abated today. The ground is covered with a light fall of snow, with conditions indicating more snow.

WINDOWS BROKEN AT SEASIDE

Autoists Take School Children to Homes in Storm.

SEASIDE, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The gate which swept Seaside yesterday broke several windows in the Central school, and one of the inside doors was blown down. One of the railings on the Twelfth-street bridge was torn off, striking the other rail-

INAUGURAL GOUGING MAY BE PROHIBITED

BILLS TO PROTECT CROWDS INTRODUCED IN SENATE.

Hotel and Restaurant Keepers Classified as "Bigger Robbers" Than Lowly Pickpocket.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Measures proposing protection for inaugural crowds March 4 from gouging hotel-keepers, restaurant proprietors and landlords as well as from pickpockets, were introduced today in the senate and their authors gave notice they would be pressed. The measures were offered as the senate was adopting a resolution appropriating \$30,000 to build a stand at the capitol and to defray other expenses in connection with the inauguration of president-elect Harding. An attempt to cut the appropriation to \$10,000 failed.

A resolution, introduced by Senator McCumber, republican North Dakota, would prohibit hotels from charging more than the rate charged during last month and the present month. He said congress would provide police protection from pickpockets and asked if any protection was to be given from the "bigger robbers."

"A pickpocket," he said, "may rob a visitor of \$5 and if he is caught he will go to jail. But a hotel proprietor may rob a visitor of \$100 a day and insist on doing it seven times over. Is there to be no protection against him?"

Senator Jones, republican, Washington, offered a bill which would go further in protecting visitors. It would authorize commissioners of the District of Columbia to regulate charges for meals and lodgings from February 25 to March 10, and violators would be liable to fines of from \$100 to \$1,000, and prison sentences of six months.

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Roseburg, Or.—Flood danger is averted by snowfall in north Umpqua basin.

Oregon City, Or.—First snow falls and Willamette river rises above paper mills.

Corvallis, Or.—Storm entirely escaped by Corvallis district.

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AFTERMATH OF THE STORM IN OREGON AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Lower temperature halts rising flood in Willamette river.

Toledo, Or.—Falling tree block roads, slides damage railroad and slides halt Southern Pacific traffic.

Willamette, Or.—Slides cut off city's water supply and cause schools to close.

Centalla, Wash.—Basements are flooded as result of rain downpour.

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HARDING ELEVATED TO 32D DEGREE MASONRY

12-HOUR INITIATION CEREMONY SPANS 29 DEGREES.

President-Elect Motors to Colum- bus After Holding Only One Conference at Marion.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—President-elect Harding became a 32d degree Mason tonight in a 12-hour initiation ceremony, participated in by ranking officials of the order from all parts of the United States.

Starting as a Master Mason, the president-elect was raised through the 29 other degrees at a continuous interval of 15 minutes. He was the third chosen chief executive to take the degrees before the Soloto Valley Consistory, James A. Garfield and William McKinley having been given their 32d degrees here.

Mr. Harding was presented with a Mason ring by the 22d degree Mason of Marion, who had occupied posts of honor in the initiation. He may return Friday to receive membership in the Mystic Shrine.

With Mrs. Harding, the president-elect motored from Marion today, his conference before leaving Marion being with Fred Upham of Chicago, treasurer of the republican national committee. He will return tomorrow.

It became known tonight that in continuing his conference at Marion, Mr. Harding will make army and navy appropriations and preparedness in general a principal subject to be discussed. He is expected to see Representative Kahn, chairman of the house military committee, and Representative Butler, chairman of the house naval committee, in addition to other members of congress influential in the framing of military and naval legislation.

The president-elect has talked over the subject with Senator Wadsworth, chairman of the senate military committee, with several members of the senate naval committee and with the representatives in charge of the framing of appropriations for the army and navy. Upon all he has urged the advisability of keeping such appropriations as low as possible.

The whole policy of military and naval preparedness is linked with the question of disarmament under a post-war agreement, and it is understood this broader aspect of the situation is constantly in Mr. Harding's mind. It is said to be his hope that an association of nations soon will make the preparedness problem easier to solve and that, in consequence, it is desirable to keep a temporary policy that will keep the nation safe until international conditions are clarified.

Adoption Is Intended.
Admiral McCully has intended to adopt the children formally if there was no legal bar. He had attended, he said, to all legal matters in Russia connected with receiving custody of the children. No difficulty was encountered, he said, because of the terrible conditions in the region in which the children were living.

"The children are but isolated cases among hundreds of thousands of cases," he said. "I did not carefully select the seven, but when I came away I decided that I should do something, and I took the first I came to."

"There were three others I wanted to bring, but one was tubercular and I knew would not be admitted. In another case the mother gave her consent to my adopting the child and at the last moment withdrew it, and in the third case the mother consented, but the father refused."

Bachelor Likes His Task.
"What are your plans for the future of the children?" he was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "being a bachelor, you can imagine it took me some time to get my nerve up to go through with the affair. Now that I am started, I like it better every minute."

COLBY HOMEWARD BOUND

Final Honors Paid by Agent of Uruguayan Government.

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 5.—Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, arrived here from Buenos Aires today, aboard the Uruguayan cruiser Uruguay, which was escorted by the Argentine cruiser Libertad. Immediately after his arrival Mr. Colby boarded the battleship Florida, where he received a visit of courtesy from a representative of the Uruguayan government.

The Florida left for the United States at 7 o'clock tonight.

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DANGER LIGHTS PLANNED
Philadelphia to Adopt Markers for
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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Flash-light danger signals are to be placed at street intersections in this city as additional safeguards against accidents at night. It was announced today by the electrical bureau.

Red and green lenses, with powerful incandescent lamps enclosed by an iron case will be used.

IF PRIVATE BUSINESS DID BUSINESS THE WAY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT DOES.



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