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PROHIBITION TO BE CONSIDERED

Congress Will at This Session Take Up Amendments Which Are Proposed.

IS DECIDED TODAY

Woman Suffrage Question Will Not Come Up Until Next December.

POSTPONE ANTHONY BILL

Proposal to Put Off the Prohibition Measures Was Lost Before Judiciary Committee When It Came to a Tie Vote

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Prohibition amendments to the constitution but not the woman suffrage amendments will be considered at this session of congress. The judiciary committee today postponed the consideration of the Susan B. Anthony amendment until next December. Proposals to postpone prohibition were lost on a tie vote.

INQUIRY FAVORED

CONGRESS TO LOOK INTO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Is Preferred to Plan of Government Regulation and Control of Public Utilities

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—By a vote of 39 to 23, the senate today went on record favoring congressional inquiry into the advisability of government ownership of public utilities as against government regulation and control.

It adopted such an amendment proposed by Senator Newland's resolution to direct inquiry into the interstate commerce commission.

SHOCK RECORDED

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE INDICATED AT GEORGETOWN.

Instrument Indicates That It Is About 4500 Miles Away From Washington, D. C.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—A severe earthquake was recorded this morning on the seismograph of the Georgetown University here. It lasted more than an hour. It was approximately 4500 miles from Washington.

KING IS CONFIDENT

RULER OF ENGLAND DELIVERS SPEECH FROM THRONE

Says He Depends Upon Courage and Resources of His Army and Navy

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Parliament resumed today. King George, in a speech from the throne, said: "With proud and grateful confidence I look to the courage, tenacity and resource of my navy and army, on whom we depend worthily."

MILLS CLOSED TODAY.

Loss of Time, However, Will Be Slight, It Is Said.

The big mill of the C. A. Smith company was closed today on account of the shortage of logs. It was believed at the mill today that the plant would start tomorrow morning again. Superintendent Mercein said today that he thought there would be no further delays. It all depends upon whether the big engines can be used to bring the logs over the railroad. The Shay engines, which are lighter, being the only ones used on the road since the flood.

Mr. Mercein said that the mill would run six days as soon as the logs could be supplied which will be just as soon as conditions are normal after the storms and floods.

WORK IS DELAYED

STORM GODS HALT RAILROAD OPERATIONS NORTH OF BAY

Rails Expected Into Reedsport From South by Thursday—Build Fast in This Weather

The combined efforts of Old Boreas and Jupt. Pluvius are enough to thwart even the hardest of railroad builders. The result of the work done by these two calamity experts has been to delay construction on the Willamette Pacific railroad.

Rails have not yet reached Reedsport from Coos Bay. The steel line is within approximately a mile of the town. By Thursday it is expected the first working train will whistle at the southern bank of the Umpqua and at the approach of the long steel bridge now building there.

Gap of Five Miles

From the northern end there is still a gap of about five and one half miles that must be filled with rails. Of this distance some three miles is already laid with a narrow gauge railroad. It is expected that the shifting over of one rail, thus widening the gauge, is practically all that will be necessary.

There is still some piling to be done on Five Mile lake, in the building north of Umpqua. With this done the line swings out to one of the creeks tributary to Smith river and thence down the Umpqua.

Because of the delay due to weather conditions it does not seem possible to have a regular motor car service into Reedsport by March 1. That is, the permanent line will not have been built that far by this date, though it will be possible to run work trains over the entire distance from Coos Bay.

As yet the city council is awaiting the completion by the Southern Pacific of its various agreements before allowing a change in the local motor car franchise for a period of five years. The work of the railroad in this connection is necessarily slow because of the fact that much correspondence has to take place with the New York offices of the company.

MAY MAKE INQUIRY

U. S. WANTS TO KNOW SOME FURTHER DETAILS

Will Ask How Submarines Are to Know Whether Merchants Are Armed or Not

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The United States, in the near future, may make some inquiries of Germany and Austria as to how they intend to determine whether merchantmen are armed before sinking them without warning, in accordance with the new orders going to their submarine commanders.

SURVIVORS LANDED

THREE HUNDRED OFF CRUISER ARETHUSA ARE SAFE

Probably Seventeen Men Who Were in Stockhold Perished When Vessel Struck Mine

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHATHAM, England, Feb. 15.—About 300 survivors of the British cruiser Arethusa which was sunk as a result of striking a mine, arrived here Saturday night. It is supposed about 17 men who were in the stockhold at the time the vessel struck the mine were killed.

WILL ENFORCE LAW.

Police Seeing That School Boys Go Home Early.

The police have notified pool halls and other places regarding the ordinance regulating school boys frequenting such places. Minors have no business at all in the pool and billiard halls, according to the ordinance. All boys attending school are supposed to leave the bowling alley and such places by 9 p. m. In fact parents are supposed to keep their children at home after that hour. The police say that in many cases parents are not as careful as they should be about seeing that their children get home by 9 o'clock.

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FIRE IN MINE

FATAL TO MEN

Twenty-One Workmen Believed to Have Perished at Anaconda Copper Works.

RESCUE STARTED

Nine Bodies Have Been Brought to Surface and Twelve Are Missing.

FIRE IS STILL BURNING

Volunteer Forces and First Aid Squads Protected With Gas Helmets Battling With Flames—Cause Not Determined

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—Twenty-one men are believed to have perished, according to rescue workers at the Pennsylvania Mine of Anaconda Copper Mining Co., when a fire broke out in one of the levels of that property while 220 miners were at work last night.

Nine bodies were raised from the mine this morning and 12 are still unaccounted for.

Fire Still Burns

The fire at a 1200 foot level of the shaft is still burning but with volunteer forces of miners and first aid squads working with gas protector helmets, it is believed the fire will soon be extinguished.

Most of the dead and missing were at work on the 500 level. Officers of the company have given out a statement saying they have no means yet to determine the cause of the fire.

Gas Fumes Fatal

Within a few minutes after the fire was discovered in the timber of the 1200 foot level, gas fumes began filling the higher workings. Within a few moments the cage was hoisting miners to the surface. Signals to the engineer came from half a dozen levels at once. Instant calls for the cage came from the 500 foot level.

Men Driven Back

One cage full of men was taken from there but when it again was lowered to this level there were no men at the landing. The gas had become so strong they were compelled to flee back into the workings.

Heroes Meet Death

William G. Mitchell, assistant foreman, and Jack Brennan, a miner, who volunteered, were then quickly lowered to the 500 foot level. They started for the missing men. Both of them were overcome and their bodies were found a few minutes later by another rescue crew.

INVITE GOVERNOR

FELLOWSHIP CLUB WANTS MR. WITCOMBE COME FOR VISIT

Point Out Fact That State Official Has Not Been Here Yet—Define Date Later

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Governor Withycombe has been invited to visit Coos Bay as the guest of the Fellowship Club. No definite date has as yet been selected, but he will be asked to come here for one of the banquets to be held very shortly.

Ben Fisher, president of the Club, this morning said that inasmuch as the governor has not been here since taking office, there are a great many people down here who want to meet him face to face and that this is a good chance to get him here. Mr. Fisher believed the governor would assent to the trials of a trip in here over the stage route.

On Thursday a meeting of the executive committee of the Club will be held for the purpose of outlining the banquets for this spring and also to talk over the charity work being done by the organization.

OUT OF HOSPITAL.

Will Erickson, who has been in the hospital for weeks past, is able to be out today for the first time. He submitted to a surgical operation for the relief of appendicitis and afterward suffered some complications but is now on the road to recovery after a long siege.

HAS NO EVIDENCE

C. S. MELLETT NOT UP IN BRANDS CASE

Could Not Give Facts to Substantiate Charge Appointee Wrecked the New Haven

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Charles S. Mellett, former president of the New Haven railroad today notified the senate sub committee investigating the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court bench that he had no facts to substantiate the charge by C. W. Barron, of Boston, that Brandeis "helped wreck the New Haven road."

After some discussion today the committee decided to leave open the question as to whether Mellett should be subpoenaed.

Has No Papers

Senator Walsh read this telegram from Mellett: "I have no information of any character that would be of any value to the sub committee on the Brandeis nomination. I have no papers that have any bearing on the case. Under these circumstances may I not be excused from attending."

Answers Inquiry

In the absence of Chairman Chilton, Walsh telegraphed Mellett: "Mr. Barron, testifying Thursday, asserted you could testify to facts establishing the charge that Brandeis was employed to wreck the New Haven road. Plying in mind your telegram of today please wire whether you can give the committee any information that will shed light on the truth or falsity of charge."

To that Mellett reiterated he had no information whatever.

Alleged Framing Plan

Hollis R. Bailey, Boston attorney, alleged that Brandeis framed the plan for carrying on the paper manufacturing business of the late Samuel D. Warren, Sr., which placed Samuel D. Warren, Jr., in a position antagonistic to the latter's position as trustee.

Claims Illegal Act

That Brandeis was guilty of improper conduct toward the United Shoe Machinery company was charged by S. W. Winslow, president of the company. He alleged Brandeis attacked as illegal the acts and methods of the company in which he had participated and assisted to create.

PLAN BABY WEEK

MANY COMMUNITIES PREPARE FOR OBSERVANCE

Many Letters Are Received From Different Places by Department of Labor

(Special to The Times)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—

There are 1727 communities considering some preparation for Baby Week, according to the inquiries received by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. This number does not include those of whose interest in the campaign word has come to the Bureau indirectly.

The letters about Baby Week are still coming in from every state in the Union and from every type of community, such as a Colorado settlement forty miles from a railroad, a club of women on one of the government reclamation projects, a Montana coal mining town with a large foreign population, a southern mill village, and a club of farm women in a middle western state.

Texas has its own Baby Week slogan. "Baby Health is Texas Wealth" and Mississippi has started a competition to secure a slogan for that state. North Dakota reports plans for a statewide essay contest in the public schools.

In its suggestion for Baby Week observance the Children's Bureau lays especial emphasis on the opportunity it affords for extending permanent work for infant welfare, such as special nursing and instruction for prospective mothers, city inspection of milk, special work for the prevention of blindness, and little mothers' classes and home nursing instruction for school girls in the upper grades.

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PLAN A SYSTEM

OF LAND BANKS

Joint Committee of Congress Reports Favorably on the Administration Bill.

CHANGES ARE MADE

Would Put the control in the Hands of a Farm Loan Bureau.

FEDERAL BOARD AT HEAD

Later Would Consist of Secretary of the Treasurer Together With Four Other Members Who Would Be Political Appointees

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The administration's bill to establish a system of land banks drafted by the joint congressional committee was favorably reported today to the senate, but with radical alterations, by the banking and currency committee.

The proposal for a board of five commissioners to control the system was discarded by the committee in favor of control by the treasury department bureau to be known as the federal farm loan bureau under supervision of the federal loan board, the latter consisting of the secretary of treasury and four political appointees.

OVERFLOW LANDS

MAIN LEVEE BREAKS BELOW NATCHES, MISS.

Large Area of Farming Land Along the Waterway Will Be Inundated

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 15.—A long distance telephone message from Natches, Miss., says the main levee, 35 miles below the city, broke this morning. Water from this break will flood a large area of rich farming land along the Mississippi.

A NARROW ESCAPE

OVERTURNED IN MILLRACE WHILE CANOEING.

Is Rescued After Thrilling Experience, But Came Near Losing Her Life.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Miss Myrtle Cowan of this city was principal in a thrilling experience in which she came very near being drowned. The following is the story as told in a press telegram from Eugene:

"Details of a near-tragedy, which almost resulted in the drowning of Miss Myrtle J. Cowan, a freshman at the University of Oregon, last Tuesday in the millrace, was made public today.

"Miss Cowan was carried nearly 1200 feet in the swift, high water of the race, clinging to an overturned canoe, while her escort, Charles Crandall, of Vale, Or., ran nearly this entire distance on the shore, attempting to overtake her, that he might swim to her assistance.

"Miss Cowan and Crandall were canoeing. The canoe upset. When Crandall came to the surface, Miss Cowan and the canoe were some distance down stream. Realizing it would be impossible for him to overtake Miss Cowan by swimming, he immediately swam to shore and started to run down stream, with the intention of overtaking her and swimming to her assistance. Due to the irregular shore line, he was able to gain but little distance.

"Attendants at the boathouse, opposite the university, rescued Miss Cowan as the canoe passed that point."

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ITALY IS RAIDED

AIRSHIPS DROP BOMBS ON TOWN OF SCHIO

Six Persons Are Killed and Others Are Wounded in the Attack

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Reuter's correspondent at Vicenza, Italy, says that hostile aeroplanes bombarded Schio, 15 miles from Vicenza yesterday killing six persons and wounding others.

BOTH MAKE CLAIMS

FRENCH SAY THEY RECAPTURE LOST TRENCHES

German Statement Says British Positions Are Taken Over 800 Yard Front

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

FRENCH RECAPTURE TRENCHES FROM GERMANS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Feb. 15.—In Champagne, the French troops recaptured a portion of the advanced trenches occupied by the Germans February 13, according to the war office this afternoon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—British positions over a front of 800 yards near Ypres, Belgium, have been captured by the Germans, the war office announced today.

CITY IS DAMAGED

LOFTY HOUSES AT BELFORT, FRANCE, ARE DESTROYED.

When Fortress Is Shelled Many of Inhabitants Flee to Switzerland for Safety.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Advises from Swiss sources say the shelling of a French fortress of Belfort recently by heavy guns did great damage. Fifty houses were destroyed and the entire streets damaged. Well-to-do inhabitants fled to Switzerland.

AMBASSADOR ILL

REPRESENTATIVE TO RUSSIA SUFFERS FROM HARD WORK

George T. Marye, Who Holds Place, Is Reported To Be in Poor Health

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—George T. Marye, American ambassador to Russia, is understood to be in poor health as a result of hard work and probably will retire. His secretary, Ray Baker, saw Secretary Lansing today. Lansing later said Marye will not resign.

ALLIES TO CONFER

REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO MEET IN PARIS SOON

Will Discuss All Political and Strategic Aspects of the Big War

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A general conference of the allies in Paris to consider all political and strategic aspects of the war is to be held, Premier Asquith told the house of commons today.

He said the situation of the British forces in Mesopotamia was improved materially and that General Townsend, whose army is surrounded by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, is holding his own.

HAWLEY WILL ASSIST

(Special to The Times)

GARDNER, Ore., Feb. 15.—Congressman Hawley has written to this place complimenting the people on their proposed bond issue for the improvement of the harbor and assuring that he will give his assistance toward having the government make an appropriation for the work.

BELIEVE PLOT

IS DISCOVERED

Chicago Police Think They Have Unearthed Plan to Destroy Clergy.

PAPERS TELL STORY

Appears Conspirators Would Wreck Churches and Kill Ministers in 12 Cities.

SEARCH FOR PRINCIPALS

Disclosure Made By Search of Personal Effects of John Allegerini Held as Confidante of Man Who Poisoned Soup.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Search was started today for the principals in what the police believe to be a plot to destroy buildings and kill members of the clergy and laity in twelve cities of the United States. Papers Are Found.

The discovery of the alleged plot, according to the police, resulted from an examination of the personal effects of John Allegerini, a confidante of Jean Cronan, who is charged by the authorities with putting poison in the soup at a banquet given Archbishop Mundelein and causing the illness of 100 guests.

Is Held in Jail.

Allegerini is in jail. Chief of Police Mealey said, after studying the letters found in Allegerini's room, that he regarded it as an established anti-clerical organization of destroyers whose headquarters are in Rome.

After Penitentiary

An attempt to blow up the state penitentiary at Joliet was among the plans of the alleged plotters, the police say. Recently a quantity of dynamite sufficient to destroy many buildings, was found secreted in the penitentiary.

BATTLESHIP OREGON RETIRED FROM NAVY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VALEJO, Calif., Feb. 15.—The battleship Oregon, the "Bull dog of the Navy," went on the retired list today when she was turned over without formality to the naval militia of California at Mare Island navy yard. She gained her fame in a trip around Cape Horn in time for the battle of Santiago.

TOTAL REGISTRATION

Over a Thousand in County Up to February 5

The total registration in Coos county to February 5 was 1155, of whom 242 were women and 912 were men. Politically these votes are divided as follows: Republicans, 753; Democrats, 255; Socialists, 80; Prohibitionists, 11; Progressive Republicans, 6; Non-partisans, 3; Progressives, 4; Refused to state, 5.

A PROPHECY OF WAR'S END

The Journal des Debates has published a strange story of a prophecy regarding the end of the war.

Some pious people were driving up the steep hill to Montmartre, where they were going to visit the church, the story runs. On the way they gave a lift to an old woman, who, when she arrived at the church, said that she would, in expression of her gratitude, tell them a good piece of news. She asked if they would like to know when the war would end. The people replied, "With all our hearts," whereupon she told them either in February or March.

The people expressed incredulity at this statement. The old woman added that as a proof she prophesied that the coachman who drove them would be dead within two hours. She then turned away and disappeared.

The party visited the church, and when they came out went into the carriage, but found no driver. They thought he was in a cafe, but on making inquiries found that he had just died in a druggist's shop.

The paper does not guarantee the accuracy of the story.