

CODE VIOLATIONS ARE CONTINUED, SO CITY CALLS HALT

"All Right, I'll Take This Up," Manager Pierong of Empress Theatre Tells the Building Inspector.

Because Manager Pierong, of John W. Considine's Empress theatre, persisted in violating the building code by laying a wooden floor in the annex to the theatre fronting on West Park street, R. M. Kremers, deputy building inspector, at noon today stopped the work.

Kremers had previously warned Pierong that the floor was in direct violation of the building code. The manager last Saturday promised to have the floor built right, but today Kremers found that workmen were going right ahead with the floor. He immediately posted stop work notices.

"All right, I'll take it up with Councilman Baker," Kremers says Pierong said then. The manager is expected to make an effort to get the city council to make an exception in his case. This Mr. Kremers and his superior, Building Inspector Plummer, will fight to the last.

"If the Empress theatre and John W. Considine are permitted to violate the law by taking it up with the council and getting a special ordinance passed, why there's no use of having a building code at all," said Mr. Kremers. "Simply because it happens to be John W. Considine and the Empress theatre who want it is no reason why the law shouldn't be strictly enforced."

The building code requires that when wooden floors are laid in the inner fire limits a concrete floor must first be laid under the wooden floor, and the free circulation of air must be prevented.

The floor as built in the annex to the Empress theatre, according to Mr. Kremers, who made a personal investigation, is laid on wooden joists. The floor itself is only about six inches above the dirt. The requirement that there must be a concrete floor has been entirely ignored. If a fire ever got a good start under the floor as thus laid, the entire business district might be endangered.

This is the second flagrant violation of the building code by the Empress theatre and its annex within a week. Last Friday Lee De Camp, architect for John W. Considine, the vaudeville theatrical manager who owns the theatre, was fined \$20 by Judge Taxwell in the municipal court for persisting in building a balcony in a store room on the Broadway front of the building without taking out a permit. Testimony showed that he had threatened Inspector Lotzpeich with bodily harm when he was directed to obey the ordinance, telling him among other things, that he might "knock his eye out."

ACCEPTS LOMBARD'S DEBATE CHALLENGE

Dr. C. H. Chapman has accepted Gay Lombard's challenge to debate the commission plan government issue at a meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association at Sixth and Taylor streets. Mr. Lombard's assertion that the commission charter is without defense and Dr. Chapman's rebuttal that the present charter cannot be defended and that commission government is an essential to successful administration, have created great interest in the debate.

LINNTON MAY BEGIN LAYING WATER MAINS

Permission to lay a water main along the Linnton road, was given by the county court yesterday. This main will carry Bull Run water from Portland to the residents of the city of Linnton.

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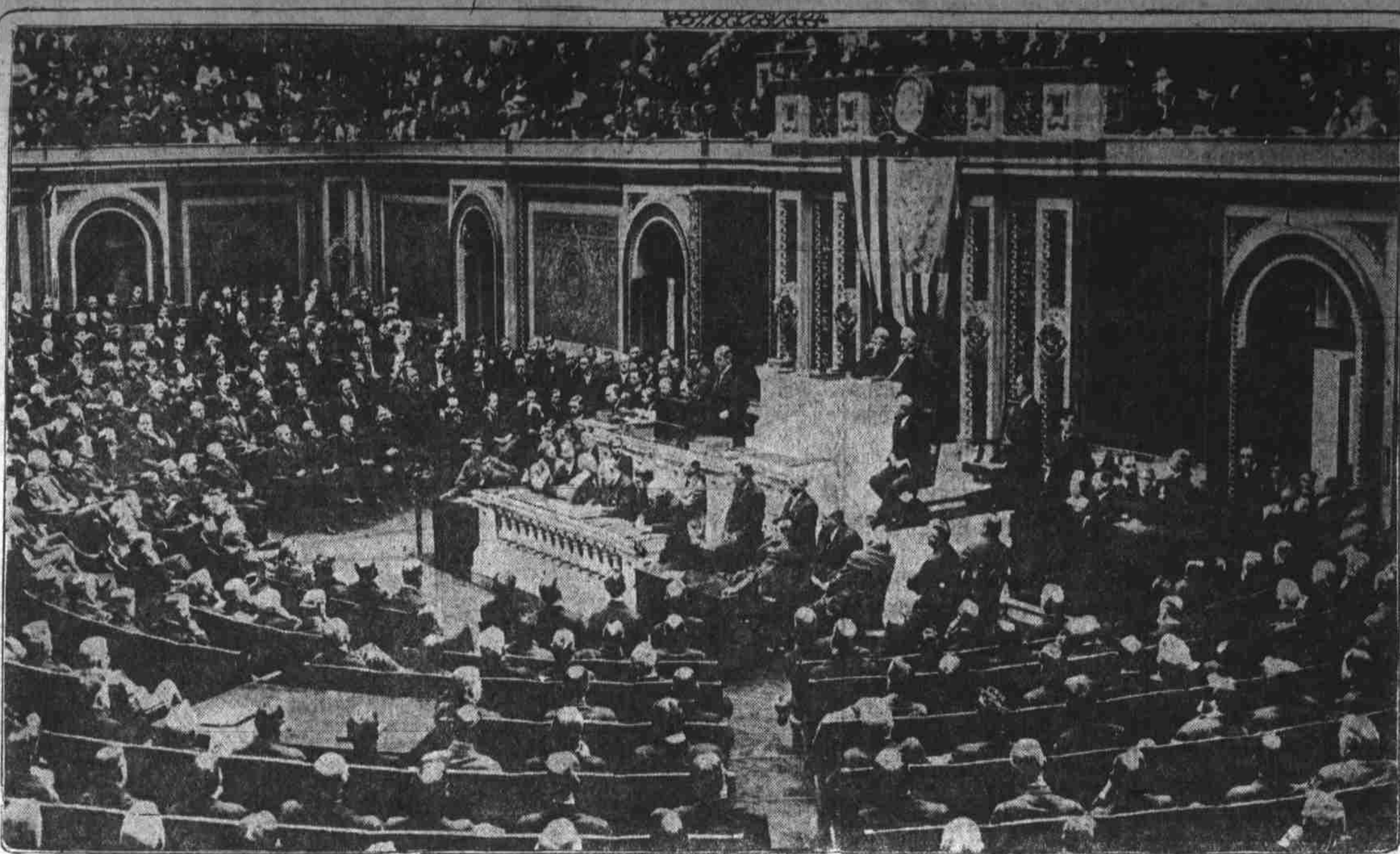
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This remarkable photograph shows the chief executive addressing the members of both houses in person, the first time this practice has been followed since John Adams was president. Back of President Wilson are Vice President Marshall and Speaker Champ Clark. The photograph further shows the new seating arrangement in the house by which benches have replaced the old-time desks.

KELLAHER SUPPORTS COMMISSION FORM

Dan Kellaheer, candidate for mayor, announced yesterday that support of the commission plan charter would be one of the chief features of his campaign.

"I have gone through the proposed charter section by section," said Mr. Kellaheer. "I am supported by the best authorities in my conclusion that the charter is absolutely all right, that it is drafted and when adopted will operate in the interests of the masses of the people and against special interests. Therefore I am for it. My work at the legislature and since has prevented my following the work of drafting the charter, and I have withheld announcement of support for it until I had studied it thoroughly. I am able to recommend it to the people. It may not be entirely perfect, but what enactments are perfect at first? The charter wherever it needs to be perfect is perfect. If there are some little minor matters that don't suit they can be amended."

"I also want it understood that when I say I am going to support the charter I shall do so unconditionally. I shall not go along nonchalantly in favor of commission government only to change at the last moment. I won't be accused of being a four-flusher."

Wilson to Give First Dinner

Washington, April 15.—The first formal dinner by President and Mrs. Wilson will be given at the White House tomorrow evening. The affair will be given in honor of the members of the cabinet.

MIMI HEARING HELD SECRETLY

Damage Suits by Survivors of Dead Probably Will Be Filed.

Under direction of Baron von Lech-never, German consul at Seattle, an investigation of the wreck of the German vessel Mimi and its subsequent loss off Nehalem bar with 18 hands, after being pulled off the sands, was begun in the office of Veazie, McCourt & Veazie, attorneys, in the Corbett building, today.

Every precaution was taken to keep the testimony of the various witnesses absolutely secret. Baron von Lech-never refused with considerable asperity to permit newspaper men to be present. He said that the hearing was none of the public's business, although a number of Oregon men were among the victims.

All the testimony, except that of the few American witnesses, was given in the German language. It was all transcribed by stenographers and will be sent to the German sea court, which will fix responsibility for the wreck and determine whether the underwriters are responsible for insurance on the vessel. She was insured for \$40,000.

One reason for the extreme secrecy, it is said, is fear that if the testimony were made public the owners of the vessel might be held responsible for heavy damage claims to families of victims. Mrs. E. O. Estes, widow of the Portland man who ran the donkey engine on the Mimi, who was lost, was represented by Attorney George W. Joseph. It is likely that she will sue for heavy damages.

Captain Westphal, of the wrecked vessel, was on the stand all morning. In the meantime, a group of survivors, who include the three mates, Frederick Goldman, Frederick Fung, and Rudolph Jensch, who quit the vessel before she was lost, and Seamen Tom Kuschorn and Fritz Ludwig, were kept waiting in the hall. They were there for more than three hours before they were permitted to go to lunch.

Charles S. Fisher, head of the Fisher Engineering company, which pulled the Mimi off the sand, will be a witness.

HUNGARIAN LOVE GOD IS RESOURCEFUL, TOO

The old saying that "Love will find a way" was illustrated yesterday at the marriage license counter. Valeria Marotich, but 17½ years old and but a few weeks from her home in Hungary, and George Cotich secured a license to wed.

About a week ago they first appeared for the license but were told that the girl must be 18 years of age, must have been in the United States at least six months or that they must secure the permission of her parents or guardian.

The last appealed to them, so they scurried around and found M. R. Mitrovich, a friend in need. Mitrovich was appointed guardian yesterday and a few minutes later signed a note of permission.

Had it not been for his services the couple would have been compelled to wait for weeks while a letter went to Hungary and another returned. As it was they are supremely happy.

ANOTHER MUNICIPAL EXPERT NOW HERE

Herbert R. Sands, fourth of the experts of the New York bureau of municipal efficiency, to be assigned to the task of investigating the methods used in handling the business of city departments, arrived in Portland this morning and will remain until the survey is completed. Mr. Sands has made special study of the practice of municipal government. He organized and was director of the Chicago bureau of municipal research and is said to be one of the three best equipped men in the United States to deal with municipal problems. He is also a specialist in commission plan government. His first public appearance will be Saturday at the luncheon of the Civic Progress circles in the Hotel Portland. His subject will be, "Why Portland Needs Commission Form of Government." Richard W. Montague is in the chairman of this meeting.

"LITTLE MISS BROWN" WINS MORE FRIENDS

"Little Miss Brown," who has troubles galore in a hotel just because she happened to lose her purse the night she arrived in a strange city, drew another good house at the Heilig last night. "Little Miss Brown" also made just so many more friends, and by "Little Miss Brown" is meant the play, Miss Madge Kennedy, who has the title role, and the rest of the players in the company. The attraction closes tomorrow night with a performance one time when Harry

a popular price matinee tomorrow afternoon.

"Little Miss Brown" offers good, clean fun all the way through, giving particular attention to ludicrous situations which are farcically worked out. Ned A. Sparks, as the hotel clerk, shines, as does Mattie Ferguson, and the support all the way through is well up to the standard.

It is said to be more than press-agently true of Miss Kennedy that she never played anything but "heads," though one is modest enough to attribute this fact to the circumstance that she "just fit the type" wanted, more than to anything else. Miss Kennedy says that it was just an accident that she went on the stand at all. She was one of a company of amateurs giving a performance one time when Harry

Woodruff happened to be in the audience. Mr. Woodruff was about to produce a new play and he decided that Miss Kennedy was the "type" he wanted. Miss Kennedy accepted his offer and has been a leading woman since that time.

Philip Bartholomae, author of "Little Miss Brown" and "Over Night," has added a new one to his scrap book, and calls it "When Dreams Come True," and things just as kind are being said about it as have been said of the young writer's other efforts.

Advance sale indicates good attendance at the closing performances of "Little Miss Brown."

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After reading fairy stories to her four small children, then tucking them into bed, Mrs. Matilda Hedberg committed suicide last evening at her home, Eighty-fifth and East Oak streets, by taking carbolic acid. Cause for the act is directly traced to her husband, Glenn Hedberg, who deserted her two weeks ago, after causing the loss of her money and property.

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