PROPOSAL TO HAVE MUNITIONS CHIEF STARTS BIG FIGHT

President Wilson and Congress Don't Agree; Legislative Department Wants to Try Hand.

BUSINESS MANAGER SOUGHT

Baker Insists Changes He Has Made Will Accomplish Results But Senators Don't Think So.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—President Wilson and congress are about to grapple in what promises to be one of the hottest grapples between these ancient rivals.

A large element in congress believes the war can't be won without a munitions minister. The president and secretary of war believe it can.

Back of the demand for the creation of a ministry of munitions, is a determination by many legislators to assert congress' right to have a bigger voice in the conduct of the war. They say congress has been too acquiescent and not initiating enough; too much like a rubber stamp and not enough like an active necessary part of the government.

Congress Would Try Hand

Congress yielded when the president asked that a committee on expenditures and the conduct of the war be sidetracked. It won't yield so easily to administration disapproval of a secretary of munitions with a seat in the cabinet.

A potent reason is that, irrespective of party, many members seem convinced, as a result of congressional inquiries that things have not gone as well as they might in some government departments.

As one member phrased it today "congress let the other fellow make all the plans, while it accepted them and gave its approval. Some of those plans have not proved the best, so now congress would like to try its hand at making a few."

Direct notice that the fight is on was served on congress today by Secretary of War Baker. He told the senate military affairs committee he opposed creation of a munitions ministry, as proposed in Senator Chamberlain's bill.

President Announces Stand

Baker's statement closely followed word from the White House that the president also is against the bill. Presumably the president's reason is that assigned by Baker—that recent reorganization of the purchasing and supply ends of the war department has accomplished everything the creation of a munitions ministry could do.

Advocates of the Chamberlain bill demand centralization. They want one man, a single driving force, put behind the production of munitions, guns, tents, clothing and all army supplies.

Baker asserts that creation of a supply division, through which the needs of all war department divisions will be filled, is centralization in the highest degree. The plan goes further, he says, centralizing the purchase and production of supplies for all the war making agencies in the clearance committee of the war industries board.

Business Man Wanted

Though Baker explained and repeated the details of this plan to the committee today, members as insistently declared it does not meet the need.

Baker's plan does not convince them, they frankly said, because it does not have one outstanding figure, one broad gauge man on whose shoulders the whole authority and responsibility can be placed.

Senators Chamberlain, Weeks, McKellar, Wadsworth and Hitchcock have repeatedly stated that the situation requires a man like Henry Ford, Charles M. Schwab, Edward Stettinus, who, early in the war, was purchasing agent in this country for the allies, or James A. Farrell, head of the Steel corporation

In other words, the committee wants the British system adopted bodily, with the biggest available business man in charge, as a member of the cabinet.

The committee places emphasis on the word "business."

Move Is Nonpartisan

The steadfastness with which the committee stuck to its notion that there ought to be a munitions ministry indicated, members said, how unyielding would be the forces backing the Chamberlain bill when it comes to the floor.

With Wadsworth, Weeks and Frelinghuysen, Republicans, and Chamberlain, McKellar and Hitchcock, Democrats, leading the fight for the bill, the struggle will assume a strictly nonpartisan aspect. This, Chamberlain's supporters said, is greatly in their favor, because it is convincing evidence that they are thinking only of winning the war, not of partisan advantages.

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BAKER SAYS HIS MEN HAVE DONE ALL THAT ANY COULD HAVE DONE

Washington, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Unqualified opposition was registered today by Secretary of War Baker against a secretary of munitions.

"What is your real objection to the idea?" asked Senator Chamberlain.

"It creates an impossible task," replied the secretary. "No human being can be found who can do all that is asked of him in the bill. You would have an industrial dictator in the United States."

Mr. Baker considered his own plan of re-organization completely satisfied the needs for change in the purchasing department of the army. Against the most determined criticism he stoutly held that it paralelled the centralization scheme used by the navy.

The secretary was subjected today to the sharpest examination he has yet encountered from the senate committee. questions were fired at him from every side. Not once would he admit justification for the attacks that have been launched against his department in the conduct of the war. He complimented General Crozier and Sharpe highly by saying they had done all that could have been expected of them.

Charts Explain Scheme

Huge blue prints were produced at the hearing showing the plan of reorganization of the department.

"You have two members on this war council who have been investigated here," commented Senator Chamberlain.

"Yes, General Sharpe and General Crozier. But they are a minority representation on the board," said the secretary.

"Do you think you will get better coordination from them under this scheme?"

"If I get as satisfactory results as I have done, it will be gratifying."

"So then," popped out Senator McKellar, "you approve of them. You think their work is fully up to the standards of what the country wants and they should be continued?"

"When you consider the great handicaps they were under the progress made by each was of the most satisfactory value."

"You approve entirely of them?" persisted McKellar.

"I don't want to mislead even myself in an answer," replied the secretary, choosing his words with great care. "If the 3000 officers now in the department had known as much in April as they know now, there might have been better results."

WEST GETS TAPE CUT IN OUTPUT OF SPRUCE

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monthly, and which it expects from the Northwest.

They are also expected to establish a clearing house for the orders for fir, cedar and spruce of the emergency fleet corporation, the aircraft board and the British, French and Italian governments, all of which are looking to the Northwest for their supplies and which have been seriously confusing the lumber industry with their competitive orders.

The manufacture of airplane parts locally also will probably be inaugurated. Only about one to five carloads of spruce sent east has found its way into airplanes, said Mr. West. The rest has been rejected or wasted. The by-product represented excessive freight cost of a commodity that ought to be locally manufactured into boxes.

Meets Major Leadbetter

Mr. West arranged while in Washington for a survey of what the Oregon mills can do in manufacture of airplane parts. Then he arranged that authorized representatives of the milling industry meet Major Fred W. Leadbetter of the aircraft division, first in Dayton, Ohio, and confer with airplane manufacturers on just what requirements must be met for local manufacture of parts. Mr. McIntyre, of the East Side Planing Mills, it was learned, has already gone east on this mission, accompanied by another representative of the industry.

Local manufacture of complete airplanes ready for their engines may result from this effort, said Mr. West.

"The spruce situation is only one angle of the aircraft problem," continued Mr. West. "Spruce, however, must come from the Northwest both for the United States and for our allies, and the allies have been competing with us in trying to get it.

"The emergency fleet corporation has been in competition with the aircraft board in some respects and the allies with both in securing fir and cedar as well as spruce. Consequently, our lumber interests have been up in the air.

Clearing House Idea Advanced

"It was obvious that to secure a clearing house of orders for lumber a clear establishing of authority was necessary, and that this clearing house should handle the orders of the Italians, French and British as well as our own.

"The airplane program calls for 10 to 14 million feet of spruce a month from the Northwest. We have gotten in six months about 13,500,000 feet. Meantime the government has been training aviators and mechanicians and the aircraft board is eager to get the material, but the spruce situation has been strangled with red tape. Colonel Disque, new on the job, has been moving heaven and earth to free his work of red tape entanglement so that the government's war necessities might be met. I stayed in Washington until I get to the people it was necessary to see. I conferred with everybody twice a day from the secretary of war to the negro elevator operator. I found that the heads of the departments were unaware of the exact situation. They were glad to get the facts and their action was prompt."

Mr. West produced a copy of a bill which is to be introduced by Senator Chamberlain and which proposed to give the government authority to commandeer timber it needs for war purposes. The bill provides for an appraisal and if the owner of a tract of selected timber does not like the price, the government will pay him 50 per cent and let him sue for the rest. If he accepts the appraisal he will be paid the full value.

"Governor West, in my opinion, has gotten results of great value," was Colonel Disque's comment. "We are all in this for results. Results mean everything in the winning of the war. What Governor West has done will help greatly in getting the results necessary. I am delighted."

Grand Opera Season Is Brilliant Success

Two Performances Saturday End the Week's Stay Here, During Which It Is Estimated 16,000 People Attended.

With two brilliant performances Saturday, the San Carlo Grand Opera company closed its season of a week at The Auditorium and the attendance demonstrated that Portland has developed tremendously its taste for this class of entertainment. Estimated in round figures, 16,000 patronized the company. This is regarded quite remarkable, since Manager Fortune Gallo's schedule brought him here closely on the heels of the La Scala company, which held the boards for a week in much the same repertoire.

Manager Gallo established his company firmly in the good graces of the people and this will assure him of even more liberal patronage the next time he comes Portland way.

"Il Trovatore" was the closing bill and the much heard opera drew the largest house of the whole season. In the afternoon Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman" was sung before a good sized matinee crowd.

The other works given during the season were "Aida," "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci," "Lucia," "Martha," "Faust" and "La Giaconda," the last named perhaps the most brilliant of all.

In addition to bringing splendid principals, a good chorus and an adequate orchestra, augmented by local musicians, Manager Gallo showed Portland some of the latest in scenic creations.

Manager Gallo was more than pleased and said Portland will surely be on the itinerary next season.

As for the production of "Il Trovatore," it aroused such enthusiasm that the climaxes of both scenes of act three had to be repeated. Manuel Salazar sang the role of Manrico, while Luisa Darclee sang the role of Leonora. Others in the cast were Angelo Antola, Stella De Mette, Luciano Rossini, Alice Homer and Pietro Debiasi.

ARMY CAPTAIN BECOMES HIS OWN EXECUTIONER

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partment of the New York Times at one time and his father is editor and publisher of the Springfield, (Mo.) Leader.

Winters resided in Kansas City prior to the opening of the army bank, when he moved to Manhattan, a distance from the post. He was vice president of the National Reserve bank at Kansas City, and cashier of the army bank.

Ohleson was 19 years old and was a graduate of the Kansas City public schools. Ohleson's father, a Kansas City contractor, who is building a new structure for the army bank, was visiting with the bank employes.

O. M. Hill had recently come from Oklahoma and was employed as cashier in the bank.

Salina, Kan., Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—Captain Lewis E. Whistler had recently been divorced by his wife, who resides in this city with their 10-year-old son. Little had been heard of Captain Whistler since he entered the first officers' training camp at Fort Riley, where he obtained his commission.

WORKERS IN "Y. W." DRIVE GO WELL "OVER THE TOP"

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week between teams composed of men and women, who raised the money.

As the leader of the masculine forces, Colonel Wilbur E. Coman "surrendered" at the final meeting held Saturday night in the Portland hotel. Colonel Coman entered the main dining room, wearing a miniature sword, which he gallantly unsheathed and presented to the leader of the winning forces.

Will Start at Once

Following this "retreat," Arthur C. Spencer, representing the staff and captains of Mr. Coman's division, presented Mrs. Talbot with a silver purse, appropriately inscribed.

With the campaign successfully concluded, Emery Olmstead, chairman of the soldiers' clubhouse committee, plans to call a meeting immediately to consider plans for the selection of a location for the proposed clubhouse.

Charles Lloyd, a member of the war department training camp activities, who is now in Portland, will lend his aid to the local committee in planning the erection and furnishing of the clubhouse. Under the plans formulated, $22,000 will be forwarded to the Fosdick commission, under whose direction the clubhouse is to be erected and maintained. A surplus fund amounting to several thousand dollars is to be retained by the local committee, to be used for emergency purposes or in fitting the clubhouse with certain equipment not originally planned.

Committee Is Grateful

In reviewing the work of securing the money during the drive which ended last night, General Gilman announced that the executive committee was especially grateful to the generous people of Portland, who made possible the success that was attained.

Among the speakers last night were the Rev. E. H. Pence, United States District Attorney Reames, John McCourt, Mayor Baker, L. C. Gilman, Emery Olmstead; Miss Carrie A. Holbrook, president of the Y. W. C. A.; Charles Berg, campaign manager; Ida V. Jontz, secretary of the Y. W. C. A.; Robert J. Reid of the Fosdick commission, and Charles W. Robinson.

Goes Away Portland Booster.

From 7:30 o'clock until 8 o'clock the workers were entertained by Stella DeMette and Signor Ingar of the San Carlo Opera company. Each captain gave Saturday's report following the concert, after which the totals were quickly computed, and amid enthusiastic cheering, it was announced that Portland had once again fulfilled her duty by going "over the top."

Robert J. Reid of the Fosdick commission, who had cooperated in similar campaigns throughout the country, praised Portland for its patriotic response.

The drive was held to secure funds for three purposes, the establishment of a Soldiers' service club house, the Y. W. C. A. Hostess houses in training cantonments, and for the carrying on of the work of the Portland Y. W. C. A. during the year of 1918.

XARIFA FALING WAS FOUNDLING, IS THEORY

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established, will put an end to the contest which has occupied the attention of County Judge Tazwell since October 28.

Child Was Abandoned

Attorney Logan stated that he would put two witnesses on the stand who would testify that Mrs. Faling told them in 1913 that she had no known relations in the world and that she was a waif in New York City, abandoned by a heartless mother and rescued by Charles and Mary Barrett, new arrivals in America from their native land across the sea.

"Weird as this tale may seem on the witness stand," said Mr. Logan, "it is borne out by the fact, introduced in evidence, that the Barretts subsequently abandoned the child in Peru where they had gone when she was only 5 years of age."

She was rescued again, said Mr. Logan by a family named Robinson who brought her to what was then called the "Eastern States."

Xarifa Barrett rejoined her supposed parents in Oregon in 1863.

Further confirmation of the story, said Mr. Logan, lies in the ill treatment received by Xarifa Barrett at the hands of her supposed father in Portland when the latter was conducting a book store in the early days on First street.

Complains of Treatment

Mr. Logan has letters written by the girl to her foster mother complaining pathetically of his treatment, and telling of her long hours of hard work in the store and the number of beds she had to make and other household drudgery.

The name Xarifa, too, Mr. Logan suggested, not known to be borne by any other human being on earth, may have had some fanciful or occult connection with the finding of the child. The name is of Greek derivation and has some connection with the word "money." Her penchant toward accumulating money in her later years had been shown abundantly by the testimony in the present case.

"Another fact," said Mr. Logan, "was the extreme doubt as to the exact age expressed by Mrs. Faling in the presence of a number of witnesses. She did not know whether she was 9 years of age or 12 when she was taken to Peru. Taking this into consideration, with the alleged mystery of her birth, it goes to show that she had always that event in mind.

OFFICIAL'S IRE IS RAISED

Attorneys Ditchburn and Dormitzer to Be Asked to Explain.

That Attorneys John Ditchburn and Paul Dormitzer will be called before the grand jury Monday and made to explain their charge that the officials of the juvenile court "designedly contrived to make him (George Hoffenmiller) a criminal," is the statement made Saturday night by Chief Probation Officer Will F. Spencer and County Judge George Tazwell, the two officials referred to in the accusation.

This statement was one of the allegations in a petition prepared by Ditchburn and Dormitzer to the circuit court, asking for a writ of review of the proceedings in the juvenile court in the matter of the Hoffenmiller boy, against whom a delinquency charge was pending, and asking for a mandamus to compel the officials of the juvenile court to produce the records of the case which they allege access to was denied them.

Circuit Judge Kavanaugh, at a hearing Saturday morning, demanded of Attorneys Ditchburn and Dormitzer why they did not present their allegation before the grand jury and cause the officers of the juvenile court to be indicted.

"We intend to go to the bottom of this thing, now that it is started," said Judge Tazwell, Saturday night. "Ditchburn and Dormitzer must prove before the grand jury what they have charged."

WILL INCREASE ITS HOURS

Coast Shipbuilding Company to Speed Up Its Construction

To assure greater speed in construction on the government vessels it is building, the Coast Shipbuilding company will start on a 10 hour day schedule Monday morning and the employes will be paid time and a half for the extra two hours. It is announced that this meets with the approval of the employes and will mean a great deal in the efficiency of the plant. The day will start at 7:15 and end at 6 o'clock. The usual time for lunch will be deducted.

H. E. Pennell, manager of the plant, says that under this change the company should have two hulls ready for delivery when it is ready to make the first delivery. The plant has 425 men in its employ and this number, it is said, is about all it can handle under present conditions. So the additional two hours a day will be equivalent to an increased force.

ESTATE IS LISTED AT $100,000

The will of Mary L. Farnum of Jennings Lodge, who died December 31, was admitted to probate Saturday. The estate, it is stated in the petition, consists of personal property in Multnomah county to the value of $80,000, real property in Multnomah county listed at $10,000, and real property in Clackamas county listed at $10,000.

Attorney William S. Nash was named executor.

MEATLESS DAY ORDER SUSPENDED FOR TIME

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less meal each day. The definition of 'meatless' for the states mentioned until March 13 permits the eating of beef, mutton, lamb and veal. In other words, no pork, bacon, ham or lard should be eaten on meatless days or at meatless meals, thus making porkless days and meals for the states mentioned, and we wish this closely observed.

"HERBERT C. HOOVER."

Mr. Ayer explained "that this ruling means that for the period named any kind of meat except pork may be eaten without restriction, but that Tuesdays and Saturdays shall be porkless days, and that, in addition, everyone should observe at least one porkless meal each day. Pork means any kind of hog product."

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Prominent Speakers To Address Meeting

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Speakers of national authority have been secured to address the twelfth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association, to be held in Portland January 22 to 25.

The speakers, who come from all parts of the United States, will speak on matters of vital interest to all hardware and implement dealers, according to E. E. Lucas, secretary of the association.

Although a complete list of all speakers has not yet been prepared, it has been announced that Ben R. Vardaman, a national expert on merchandising, advertising and salesmanship, and Frank B. White, managing director of the Agriculture Publishers' association of Chicago, will address the body.

The federal income and war tax laws will be explained in detail to the delegates by a chartered accountant, who is qualified on this important subject.

Of special interest to many members is the "Question Box," an annual feature of the convention. Blanks have been mailed to all members of the association, with a request that it will be filled out, naming subjects that each member wishes to hear discussed.

Preparedness for All Time, Plea of T. R.

New York, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—A strenuous plea for preparedness on permanent lines was voiced tonight by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt before the members of the Ohio society at its thirty-second annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, while Myron T. Herrick, newly elected president of the society and former United States ambassador to France, called for war to the finish to establish the triumph of democracy. Anothe. distinguished speaker was Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney general of Great Britain, who explained the ideals and aims of the British empire in the war.

Dr. R. B. Dillehunt Receives Captaincy

Dr. Richard B. Dellehunt has been promoted from a first lieutenancy to a captaincy in the army medical corps, according to word received Saturday. Captain Dellehunt is stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Two Are Injured As Rigging Breaks

J. E. Johns of North Portland and Martin Boss, who lives at the Kenwood hotel, were severely injured Saturday afternoon when the rigging of a pile-driver at the North Portland Box company broke.

Johns' leg was mashed to such an extent that amputation above the knee was necessary. Boss was injured on the head and had not regained consciousness late Saturday night. Both men are married. They were taken to St. Vincents hospital.

George Brandt, 392½ Belmont street, a switchman employed by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, lost two toes on one of his feet Saturday when he fell in front of slowly moving freight car. He was taken to St. Vincents hospital.

Boy Arrested for Taking Automobiles

Tom Campbell, 16-year-old lad with a mania penchant for driving automobiles not belonging to him, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Patrolman Frieberg for the alleged theft of a car only a few hours after he had been before the juvenile court for stealing 15 others during the course of a month. He was arrested for the previous thefts by Detectives Smith and Ackerman.

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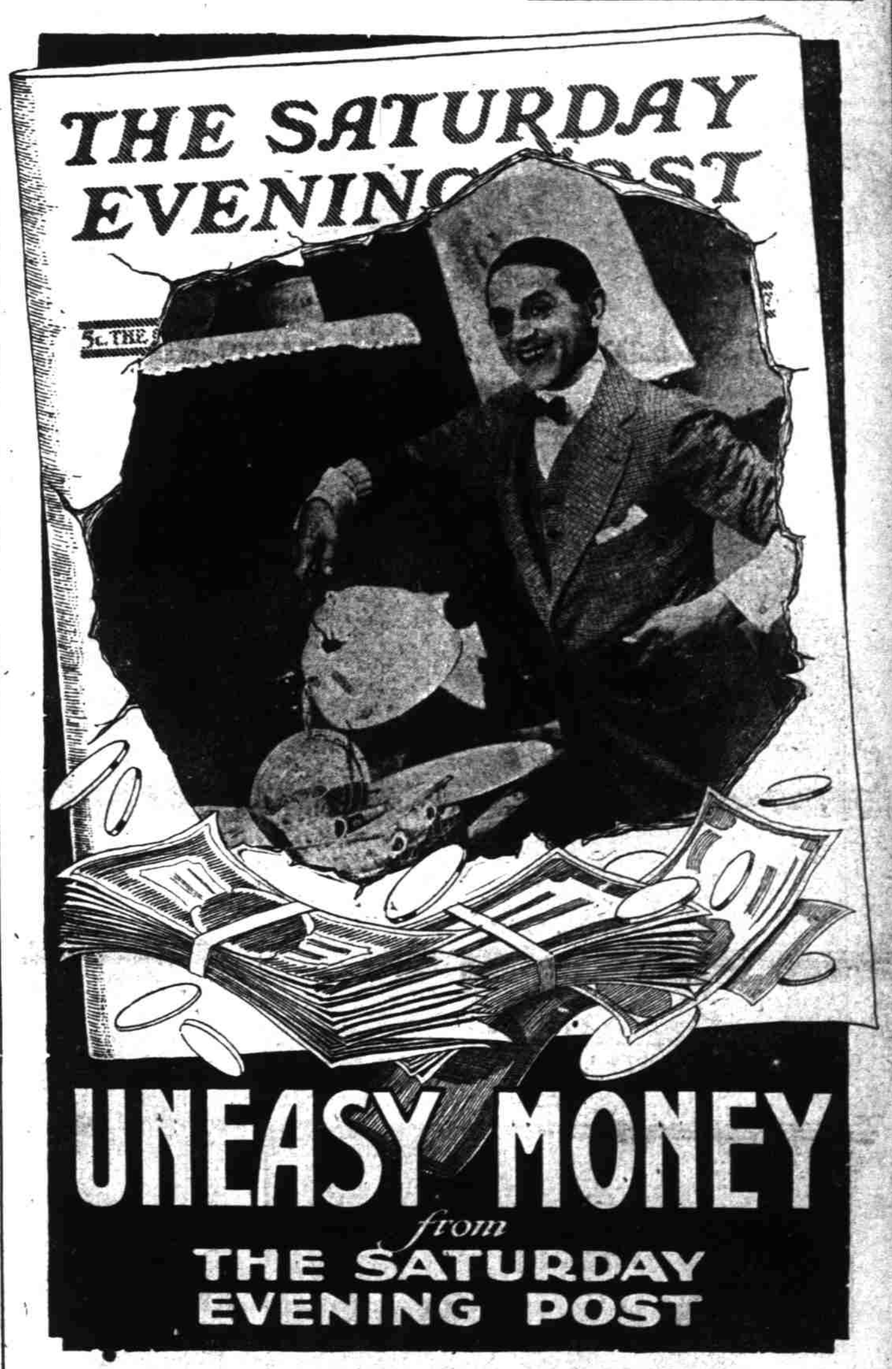

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