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HOUSE GOES TO 'BAT' FOR LABOR HOSTS

Bills Raising Benefits, Providing for Industrial Hospital and Rehabilitation Are Passed.

Boost in Payments Under Compensation Law Result of Recommendation of Governor Olcott.

State House, Salem, Jan. 13.—The house adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon with its desks clear of business, in order to give its committees time to work.

State House, Salem, Jan. 13.—The house got into action right after 10 o'clock this morning by introducing six bills, reading them twice and sending them to committees and then starting on the work of passing those which had been introduced during the first day.

The Rogus river fish fight made its promised appearance in the house in a bill introduced by Sheldon, Slider, Westlund and Gore, the purpose of which is to repeal present laws on the subject and absolutely prohibit the use of seines and set nets on that river or its tributaries.

The creation of the Twenty-first judicial district, to consist of Willouwa county is provided for in a bill introduced by Burnap. The measure also provides for the appointment of a circuit judge to preside over the district, the election of his successor.

SAFETY APPLIANCES SOUGHT

The committee on labor and industries introduced a bill dealing with the provision of safety appliances and a safe place to work by all employers and providing the machinery necessary to enforce the provision of the law should it be enacted.

Having introduced these bills the house took up the consideration of yesterday's bills on final passage. The bill providing for the repeal of the provisions of the industrial compensation act requiring that \$400,000 be set aside from the industrial accident fund and empowering the state to contract and maintain an industrial and reconstruction hospital was passed without a dissenting vote.

ACCIDENT BENEFITS INCREASED

It also passed H. B. 2 without dissent. This is the measure submitted by the committee of 15 appointed by the governor to increase the accident and sick benefit provisions of the industrial compensation law, as recommended by the governor in his call for the special session.

H. B. 3, providing for the creation of a rehabilitation fund of \$100,000, was also passed. This bill provides that the state treasurer shall transfer that amount of money from the industrial accident fund to the newly created fund to be used by the commission for the vocational rehabilitation of injured workmen, under such rules and regulations as may be fixed by the commission.

\$1000 REWARD FOR JEWELRY ROBBERS

Thieves Escape With \$1200 Worth of Loot From Hass Store at Sheridan.

On the heads of burglars who robbed the jewelry store of E. W. Hass at Sheridan Monday night has been placed a price of \$1000. The information was telephoned the Portland police today by Sheriff Hederson of Yamhill county, who said the loot exceeded \$1200 in value.

No details were received except that the thieves took nine kodaks, two dozen fountain pens, 40 rings, 50 lodge pins and an undetermined number of brooches, lavallieres and other jewelry. The reward is for the capture of the thieves and recovery of the property.

Senate in Favor of Adjourning Saturday

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—A concurrent resolution calling for adjournment of the special session on Saturday, introduced by Senator Farrell, was adopted by the senate this morning and the senate will adjourn on the house Monday still awaits action by that body.

Medicos Come In Handy for Census Bureau

On the theory, perhaps, that medicos are immune to disease, a health department employe is enumerating for the census all those in quarantine.

When an enumerator finds a smallpox sign on a house in her district, she reports to the census director and he, in turn, notifies the health department. The names thus obtained are credited to the enumerator counting that district.

H. A. SARGENT PORTLAND MAN, WHO WILL SUCCEED DRAKE C. O'REILLY AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND COMMISSION.



LEGISLATURE WILL APPOINT SARGENT

Joint Session of House and Senate Will Fill Vacancy in Port of Portland.

State House, Salem, Jan. 13.—The house adopted the senate's concurrent resolution fixing a joint session for noon Wednesday to elect a member of the Port of Portland commission.

This means the election of H. A. Sargent, vice president of the Simonds Saw company, who was appointed by the commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Drake C. O'Reilly, and whose candidacy was endorsed by the joint delegation of Multnomah county yesterday.

Steamer Believed To Have Gone Down With 589 Aboard

Paris, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Five hundred and eighty-nine persons were still missing today following the wreck of the steamer Afrique, which sank in the Bay of Biscay early yesterday. They were believed to have perished.

The steamer, which was bound from Bordeaux to Dakar, carried 465 passengers and a crew of 150. Only two lifeboats, containing 26 persons have been picked up.

During a terrific gale Saturday the Afrique sprang a leak and was driven off its course. It was kept afloat with difficulty until about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when it sank 50 miles off La Rochelle.

First Chinook of Season Is Pulled From Cold Retreat

Hauled out of its super-chilled retreat at Oregon City early this morning, the first Chinook salmon of the year is on exhibition preparatory to its sale by E. D. Crum, who bought the early fish from its captor, Charles Rosenstrater.

Rosenstrater ventured out some four weeks before fishermen usually expect luck. His catch weighed 23 pounds and was in excellent condition. The catch was made with light fishing tackle. Just to prove that the fish is a dandy, its meat is offered for sale at 45 cents a pound.

Today's Session Of Legislature

Senate
Lachmund bill opposing payments of royalties for patented pavements referred.

Income tax for construction of highways asked by Pierce and Orton. Measure referred to committee authorized.

House
Chairman Dennis drafts bill repealing gasoline specific gravity test and substituting boiling test.

Resolutions committee, in divided vote, to report adversely on bill to move capital from Salem.

Burnap bill, granting Twenty-first judicial district of Willouwa and providing for appointment of judge, introduced.

10 VIOLATIONS ARE CHARGED TO THE DRIVER

Utter Disrespect for Existing Ordinances Shown by Autoists Who Are Repeated Offenders.

Fines and Scoldings Seem to Have No Effect on Speed Maniacs; License Law Is Needed.

After six appearances at the police station during 1919 to report accidents or answer charges, Frank Laplante has been called the seventh time. He was convicted of cutting a corner on the last day of the year.

A. Levoff, who was in police court five times last year, was convicted of speeding on January 2 and had an accident four days later.

Harry Hosford, with a record of four accidents, had another January 3. Allen McClaren was four times at the police station last year. He was called back January 2 for speeding.

NO RESPECT FOR LAW

Laplante had collisions January 17, March 18 and March 23, in 1919. He was fined for reckless driving on one occasion. He passed a streetcar while it was discharging passengers June 8, was convicted of speeding September 22, and violated the traffic ordinance October 7. He was convicted of cutting a corner December 31. He can still drive a car.

Levoff was convicted of reckless driving February 25 and of speeding the following day. He used glaring lights July 26 and violated the traffic ordinance September 19. He was arrested for speeding October 24, and again 10 days ago. He had an accident last Tuesday. He can still drive a car.

Hosford was in a collision August 13, again September 22, again December 13 and again three days later. He was in the fifth accident January 3. Four were in the congested district. He can still drive a car.

BUT HE STILL DRIVES

Allen McClaren was charged with violation of the traffic ordinance January 12, 1919; he had an accident February 12, again September 8, and was convicted of speeding August 10 of this year. He can still drive a car.

Mike Serelich was in collisions September 2, 13 and 20, and December 20 and 29. He can still drive a car.

Police records indicate that L. B. Barde violated the traffic law twice on January 19, 1919; that he had an accident March 2, and was guilty of disorderly conduct when stopped by a traffic officer August 10, and violation of the traffic ordinance. He can still drive a car.

HAD ROBBERY ABOARD

Frank Robbins was in a collision January 13, 1919, was convicted of driving while intoxicated March 1, failed to stop at a red light April 19, and had a collision while intoxicated 16 days later. The day before he collided with a street car. April 30 he obstructed traffic. May 3 he had a collision and struck a child, a woman and another machine within two hours the following day. He failed to report any of the three accidents. May 5 he left his car standing all night without lights and failed to bring his tag, and two days later failed to report another collision. May 20 he ran down a boy and July 3 had another smashup.

CASUALTY LIST LONG

There were 2244 accidents in Portland in 1917. The number increased to 4885 in 1918. There were 9004 accidents last year.

Eight hundred and forty-six people were injured in accidents in 1917. The number increased to 853 this year. Last year 519 were injured in collisions.

Twenty-eight people were killed in 1917 and 28 in 1918 in traffic accidents. Last year 43 were sent to their deaths.

And the drivers can still drive cars. If they had a collision and struck a child, a woman and another machine within two hours the following day. He failed to report any of the three accidents. May 5 he left his car standing all night without lights and failed to bring his tag, and two days later failed to report another collision. May 20 he ran down a boy and July 3 had another smashup.

Trainmen Awarded Rise Asked, but 8 Hour Day Refused

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Increases in pay from 5 to 6 cents an hour are granted today to trainmen of the Oakland Terminal Railway company by a board of arbitrators, but when the men returned to work from strike some weeks ago.

The outstanding feature of the award was the refusal of the arbitrators to grant an eight hour day which the men had demanded.

Supplies of Paper Pooled in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—By pooling paper supplies, the three Winnipeg daily papers today had sufficient print paper on hand to publish tomorrow. Publication will stop temporarily after tomorrow's issues unless a supply of paper is received in the meantime. No print paper was in sight today, publishers said.

Victim of Astoria Fire Dies of Burns

Astoria, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Rosa Carlson, wife of J. W. Carlson, who was fatally burned in a fire which destroyed her home Sunday, died Monday.

Suffrage Honors at Stake Mere Man Hurls Challenge Woman Retorts to Kidders

Statehouse, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—The intense rivalry between Senator Farrell and Mrs. Thompson over the authorship of the equal suffrage resolution broke out into open flame in the house this morning when Ben Sheldon, as chairman of the resolutions committee, sent a report to the desk recommending that Mrs. Thompson's name be added to that of Senator Farrell on the senate joint resolution introduced by the senator and the senate resolution adopted.

This at once brought a storm of protest. Sheldon said that Mrs. Thompson had introduced the plan, and Mrs. Thompson said she had done no such thing. Kubl charged Sheldon with having sent the report to the desk without having called a meeting of the committee.

Mrs. Thompson wanted to know what had happened to her resolution in the senate, and when told that it was still in the hands of the senate, again demanded that the senate approve the plan of joint leadership.

The house, supporting her by reason aside from that of chivalry, of its desire to father the resolution finally adopted, ordered the senate committee and instructed Sheldon to call a meeting before he brought the resolution out of committee again.

Following the adjournment of the house, the resolutions committee held a meeting, at which Senator Farrell and Mrs. Thompson appeared, each urging their own claims to recognition as the author of the joint resolutions. Mrs. Thompson contended that she had made no agreement to join in the resolution with Senator Farrell, and Farrell contended that she had done so.

The members of the committee kidded Mrs. Thompson, arguing that since she had introduced the resolution she had no right to object to the plan, and she would stand behind her and her resolutions.

Mrs. Thompson retorted that she was done "with Oa. West, Dr. Morrow and all that bunch."

The committee finally voted to lay the senate resolution on the table pending action by the senate on the house resolution now in the hands of the senate resolutions committee, and Senator Farrell, of the meeting in more or less of a huff.

The next move in the great game of partisan advantage which is expected to accrue from the authorship of the suffrage resolution is now up to the senate resolutions committee and the senate.

FISH AND GAME FIGHTERS LINED UP

Two-Headed Commission Bill Approved by Joint Committee; First Fight in House.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—Final mobilization for the fish and game battle was completed at noon today when the joint fisheries committee of the house and senate met, went over the two-headed commission bill prepared by the special committee, and approved it and recommended that it be introduced in the house this afternoon as a joint committee measure.

Senator Thomas served notice on the committee that he intended to introduce his two bills, one providing for a commercial fishermen's commission and another for the appointment of referees, and make a fight for them on the floor of the senate.

FIRST FIGHT IN HOUSE

The introduction of the joint committee bill in the house will stage the first fight following the wreck of the steamer Afrique, which sank in the Bay of Biscay early yesterday. They were believed to have perished.

It is apparent that the whole controversy, excluding Senator Thomas and his individual plan for the moment, centers about the manner of selecting the members of the commission, and to elect a commission of eight members, with an "arbitrator" to be chosen by the two factions represented on the commission as constituted.

OPPOSED TO PLAN

Those who oppose contend that it is bad legislation to take from the governor's office the power of appointment, and thus, at the same time, take from him any direct supervising power or control over the action of the arbitrators, and the administration of the fish and game laws by it.

There are those of house and senate who go further to say openly that the whole quarrel is whether the present members of the commission are to be retained, or whether new ones are to be put in charge.

It is the apparent intention of those back of the joint bill to elect the members of the commission, while two sportsmen, Pleschier, Stone and Jack, as members of the new, and to give Warren two other commercial fishermen for companionship, while two sportsmen will be added to the other wing. Governor Olcott has said that he wants the slate wiped clean, and it is feared that he would elect all members of the present commission, and thus, at the same time, take from him any direct supervising power or control over the action of the arbitrators, and the administration of the fish and game laws by it.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY ATTACKED

Senator Thomas and those who are following his plan for two separate commissions contend that it is bad legislation to take the appointing power away from the governor, and to give it to a board of arbitrators, and thus, at the same time, take from the governor the power of appointment, and thus, at the same time, take from him any direct supervising power or control over the action of the arbitrators, and the administration of the fish and game laws by it.

Judging from what appears to be a preponderance of sentiment in the discussion of the question by the lobby, the joint committee bill will have the right of the refusal of the arbitrators to grant an eight hour day which the men had demanded.

Concessions Denied In Dissolution Suit Of 5 Big Packers

Washington, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Concessions for big five packers sought from the department of justice some concessions in their agreement for the dissolution of the unrelated businesses of the packers.

Assistant Attorney General Garvan, in conference with the counsel for the packers, it is understood to have stated plainly that the department of justice will insist upon the very definite terms buried in a fire which destroyed her home Sunday, died Monday.

INCLUDE PUBLIC LAND IN DIKING PLAN IS ADVICE

Secretary Lane Discusses Project With Congressional Delegation; Raker Has Suggestion.

Cabinet Member Takes Up Project Regarding the Klamath Project

Washington, Jan. 13.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Representative Sinnott was today supplied with a copy of the telegram sent by Secretary Lane to Doak and Brown at San Francisco containing a proposal for inclusion of government lands in the Klamath diking project following up discussions in yesterday's conference with the congressional delegation.

Lane's telegram reads: "After a conference with senators, congressmen and others, and listening to letters and affidavits representing both sides of the controversy, a practical plan has been suggested, a practical plan which would permit an amendment to the contract by which the public land would bear the cost of diking. That is to say, that you should proceed to dike both private and public land and that public land should bear its part of that expense of diking, provided the government paid you the cost of the work."

LAND FOR HOMESTEAD

"You would have to segregate this public land in such a manner that it could stand alone and independent. I presume, and whatever the cost the government would bear, and then throw open the land to homestead entry, the government to be reimbursed by the homesteaders. The thought in mind of these here was that you were going to do this work as to private lands anyway, and whatever additional cost was imposed for protecting and reclaiming public lands should be borne by the public. The impression that both Senator Chamberlain and Mr. Sinnott had was that everyone in the country was opposed to the contract in the present form. One of the protests which the representative of the American Legion presented was signed by all county officials."

WOULD BE UNCOOPERATIVE

"I trust that you can see your way clear to meet this suggestion, inasmuch as the Oregon legislature is in session and promises to take up this matter. Already American Legion posts, not only in Oregon, but in other states, are protesting and can hardly believe that the contract which you have is of such value as to lead you to stand against such a concession as here proposed. I have stated to the delegation flatly that, in my judgment, the soldiers who went on the land would be bunched, and that I would not be responsible for treating this as a case of our soldier settlements. I would have no objection to presenting a proposition to the Oregon delegation along these lines, understanding, of course, that there should be the reasonable time given congress to make an appropriation. Please let me have reply as soon as possible."

"FRANKLIN K. LANE."

ICE IS DISLODGED; VILLAGES BURIED

Avalanches Sweep Down Alpine Regions, Wiping Out Towns and Populations.

Rome, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Several villages in the Alpine regions have been wiped out by avalanches, which followed severe storms in that district, according to dispatches here today.

In the province of Piedmont, along the Swiss frontier, an avalanche smothered the village of Demonte. Workers so far had recovered six bodies, the dispatch said. Other dispatches reported destruction of the villages of Vernante and Limone, but said the populations were warned and fled before the avalanche struck.

To the north near Aosta an avalanche swept down the valley at night burying one house in which seven people were sleeping.

Applies to Reparation

Washington, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—The notification by the supreme council at Paris to Ambassador Wallace that it had decided the United States would be given only 2 per cent of German shipping applies to the reparation that Germany agreed to make for sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow. It was said at the state department today.

Winter Dry Spell Lengthening Out; Jack Frost Is Busy

With the exception of the year end period of December, 1918, and January, 1919, the present winter dry period has been the longest in the history of the local weather bureau, according to E. L. Wells, district forecaster.

The present spell began Christmas day. There were small amounts of rain on December 29 and 30, and on January 4 and 5, a total of 32 of an inch altogether. Between December 21, 1918, and January 12, 1919, there was 36 of an inch, with five little breaks of light rainfall in the period. So the present period of aridity is not a record breaker, but is almost one.

An excessively heavy frost that coated the first until they looked snow covered early those who ventured forth with the break of day this morning. The minimum temperature was 24 degrees above.

At Baker today the temperature was 10 degrees above 39 and 30, and on January 4 and 5, a total of 32 of an inch altogether. Between December 21, 1918, and January 12, 1919, there was 36 of an inch, with five little breaks of light rainfall in the period. So the present period of aridity is not a record breaker, but is almost one.

Flu Rages in Idaho Town; Bar Visitors

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Mountain Home, a town of 500 inhabitants near here, is closed against visitors, due to the raging of Spanish influenza. Eighty-eight cases have been reported since Sunday.

Wealthy Auto Man's Condition Critical

New York, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—The condition of John Dodge, wealthy Detroit automobile manufacturer, was very critical this afternoon, his physician, Dr. I. E. Hill, said.

Timbergram Is Picturesque and Eloquent Over Suffrage Bill

Story and Photographs Will Come in Handy When Paper's Fabrication Becomes Reality.

In the fabrication of news The Telegram is a dandy. And in graphic depiction of said fabrication, The Telegram photographer is an able aide.

In Monday's maelstrom of legislative news, The Telegram caught this hot off the press wire concerning the woman suffrage affair: "It (Oregon's ratification) is now ready for Governor Olcott for transmittal to congress," and proclaimed it to its readers.

All of which was interesting but not true, at least on Monday.

However, the enterprising picture man had posed Governor Olcott, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, sponsor of the house resolution for suffrage ratification, and Senator Farrell, sponsor of the senate resolution, for a fascinating group photograph which The Telegram first offered in its first edition Tuesday under the inspiring caption: "Final Action for Suffrage," with some supplementary fiction about "Signing the legislative resolution adopting the suffrage amendment to the federal constitution at Salem yesterday."

What are the facts. Monday the senate adopted the Farrell resolution for ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment and the house adopted a resolution offered for the same purpose by Mrs. Alexander Thompson, but no final action was taken.

Tuesday morning the house engaged in a squabble when it was suggested that Mrs. Thompson's name be added to that of Senator Farrell on the senate resolution and approval given by the house to the Farrell measure. In the meantime the house resolution, cast with the senate resolutions committee. Early this afternoon word from Salem indicated early action in the senate in the ratification of the house resolution. In any event, immediate action on one measure or the other is assured, which measure, when duly passed by both houses and duly signed by the president, officers thereof, will be ready for the signature of Governor Olcott, and not before.

So if Mrs. Thompson, the governor and Senator Farrell can hold the pose so proudly proclaimed by the Telegram it soon will be a perfectly good news picture.

Sign in its original publication it's a fake.

BALLOT CONTEST UPHOLDS WILSON

11,228 Want Treaty Ratified as Submitted by President; 988 Vote Otherwise.

1.—For compromise and immediate ratification, 645.
2.—For Lodge reservations, 113.
3.—For ratification of the treaty substantially as submitted by the president, 11,228.
4.—Against any ratification, 230.

Above is the count up to 11 o'clock today. The voting is to end next Saturday night. No further and could be served by continuing the poll after that date.

The voting has given a clear view of public opinion. The voters have come from three states, Oregon, Idaho and Washington, and the result is sufficiently overwhelming to show that Senator Poinsett in Washington and Senator Borah in Idaho are not representing the real public sentiment in their states.

Cut out the coupons today, on the first and editorial pages today, Wednesday and Thursday, and mail them to the secretary of the League of Nations, 400 Broadway, New York, N. Y., to be published on the editorial page after Thursday.

Following are the expressions taken at random from many letters accompanying ballots sent in:

S. M. Silver, Troy, Or.: "The people have become weary and disgusted with the continuous wrangle for political purposes."

A. Zell, Prineville, Or.: "The power of recall should be in force, and the moment senator or representative takes position unwarranted and uncalled for he should be recalled and barred from holding public office of any kind. I favor ratification without any alterations."

Z. E. Lewton, Forest Grove: "Both my boys volunteered early. The oldest was drowned when the Tuscania was sunk. The youngest served 18 months in France and Germany. I was a 7 worker for nearly a year over there. The Germans hate us because we caused their downfall. One German captain at Aix la Chapelle boasted that 'we cannot keep the peace. It is an impossibility. We will have France in time. The allies won't stick together.'"

Italian Steamship Reported Sunk Is Located by Wireless

Rome, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The Italian S. S. Princess Mafalda which was erroneously reported to have been sunk by a mine on Saturday with the loss of 700 lives is now in wireless communication with the land, and is heading for the Canary islands, the Italian General Navigation company announced today. It was said that the vessel was replying regularly to wireless calls addressed to her.

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OLCOTT WINS, DISSENTING RULING GIVEN

Supreme Justice Johns Writes Opinion Sustaining Olcott's Right to Withycomb's Term.

McBride, Bean, Bennett Concur Harris Dissents, Benson Concurring, Burnett Giving Opinion

State House, Salem, Jan. 13.—Ben W. Olcott is governor of the state of Oregon for the full unexpired term of the late Governor Withycomb.

The moot question of Olcott's status as governor is definitely determined in an opinion handed down by the Oregon supreme court this morning in which the demurrer filed by Attorney General Brown to the mandamus proceedings instituted by G. M. Roberts, district attorney for Jackson county, is sustained and the mandamus proceedings is dismissed.

Justice Johns writes the predominant opinion with Chief Justice McBride and Justices Bean and Bennett concurring, the latter writing a special concurring opinion.

DISSENTING OPINION FILED

Justice Harris dissents from the predominant opinion, with Justices Benson and Burnett concurring, the latter in a special opinion.

The opinion of the supreme court today which will be the law of the state relative to the succession of a secretary of state to the governorship henceforth until overturned by another opinion of the same tribunal, was brought about by a mandamus action instituted by Roberts, apparently in an attempt to compel the secretary of state to include the office of governor in the certification of officers to be nominated at the forthcoming primary election, but really in an attempt to bring forth a definite decision on the issue which involved the tenure of office of a secretary of state who succeeds to the governorship through the death or removal of the incumbent.

DEMURRER IS SUSTAINED

Attorney General Brown filed a demurrer to the mandamus proceedings alleging that it did not state sufficient cause for action. In sustaining this demurrer the court has spoken and by a four to three opinion held that a secretary of state who succeeds to the governorship is a governor in fact to serve.

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ELKS WILL ERECT \$600,000 HOME

Structure to Be Built at Sixth and Pine; Present Quarters to Be Sold to Bank.

Present Quarters at Broadway and Stark to Be Sold to U. S. National Bank.

Favorable culmination of negotiations now under way in a three cornered realty deal between the Portland lodge of B. P. O. Elks, the United States National Bank and the Corbett estate will result in the near future in the erection of a \$600,000 building at the conjunction of Sixth street and Broadway and Pine street.

Proposals for the purchase of the Elks' building at the northeast corner of Broadway and Stark street for \$400,000 by the United States National bank will come up for definite action at a meeting of the lodge Thursday night, according to officials of the organization.

The Elks' lodge has an option on the 100x200 foot tract on Sixth and Pine and Broadway as the site for a new building and will begin construction at an early date, if the sale of the building at Broadway and Stark is consummated.

The site of the proposed new building is owned by the Corbett estate and is valued at \$200,000. Tentative plans for the new Elks' building call for a structure costing approximately \$600,000. Richard Wilder and Charles Ringler are handling the deal for the Elks.

Troops to Leave Siberia

Washington, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Withdrawal of American troops from Siberia will be begun at once, Secretary Baker announced today.

BALLOT ON PEACE TREATY