

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SOLDIER-AID ENGAGES IN ROW

Washington, March 2.—Hearings of soldier-aid legislation before the house ways and means committee came near breaking up in a fight today. Criticism of the American Legion by Edward H. Hale, legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, caused a storm of debate in the committee.

Hale claimed the statements of Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, before the committee yesterday, were entirely erroneous.

The remark caused a storm of protest among the members of the committee, which was discontinued only when Chairman Fordney declared "order must be maintained or we will quit these hearings."

Hale said the "erroneous statements" should be corrected.

Representative Treadway, Republican of Massachusetts, declared the committee should not permit criticism of the American Legion because of "rivalry existing between the various organizations."

GARNER FAVORS CRITICISM

"We must permit criticism if we are to get anywhere," Representative Garner, Democrat of Texas, declared.

The argument caused several committee members to leave the room. They were recalled by Chairman Fordney and order was restored.

Yesterday afternoon's session was no less stormy than that of today. Representatives Frear of Wisconsin and Timberlake of Colorado, both Republicans, added to the confusion when they waged a fight for two daily sessions of the committee hearing the bonus matter. In the midst of much din Frear shouted:

"It has been charged on the floor of the house that the purpose of referring this matter to this committee was to defeat it; that we would bury it. It is up to us, therefore, to report out a bill at the earliest possible moment. We must complete these hearings without unnecessary delay."

The situation was further aggravated when Representative Garner attacked one section of the recommendations made to the committee by Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion. This section reads:

"If legislation is wisely framed covering land settlement, home aid and vocational training, every dollar invested by the government will bring ultimately great returns to the country by making the ex-service man a better citizen and greater producer and will increase the wealth of the nation."

Mr. Garner contended that such a scheme for all the men who registered in the selective draft, would have the same beneficial effect as far as the welfare of the country is concerned.

"What is the use, then, of singling out the ex-service men?" he asked Mr. Miller.

FEAR SPOUTS AGAIN

Representative Frear again sprang to the defense of the soldiers. He declared Mr. Garner's statement was "unfair to the ex-service men" and was made for the purpose of discrediting their case. He added that "it begs the question entirely."

"Well, if this is going to degenerate into a personal wrangle, we might as well adjourn," interposed Representative Green, Republican, of Iowa. "Members of the committee, knowing the source from which the declaration comes," reported Mr. Garner, "know it is not going to degenerate into a personal wrangle. What we have heard was just an explosion on the part of the gentleman who has just spouted. It was an unfair, unjust and untrue statement."

Three New Cases of Sleeping Sickness Reported in City

Three more cases of sleeping sickness have been reported to the city health bureau. Grace Hall, a student at James John high school, is confined at her home, 351 East Seventy-seventh north, with sleeping sickness. Her case has been diagnosed as malignant by her physician. J. H. Minson, 1524 Sixty-third street southeast, was removed to Good Samaritan hospital Tuesday, owing to the seriousness of his case. Mrs. A. Rex, 374 Third street, was reported to the health bureau on Tuesday as showing symptoms of the disease.

HEAVY INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COST IS PREDICTED

A general conclusion deduced from today's session of the Associated General Contractors of the Pacific Northwest, was that construction work will cost about 30 per cent more this year than last.

Under the guidance of the commission of public docks and Port of Portland commission the contractors spent the afternoon in an excursion around Portland harbor and inspection of the new terminal at St. Johns.

What are fair contracts and how to finance contract work were discussed Tuesday noon. Incidentally the convention was entertained by Bishop M. S. Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal church in an address on internationalism. Bishop Hughes traced the great world movements showing how the advance had been made from village thought to international thought and said that the American people could never go back to the former position of isolation from world affairs but must become an international force.

The legal aspect of contracts was dwelt upon by James E. Kerr, who suggested a simplification of specifications and form of contract.

He advised contractors before signing agreements to see that the specifications were definite and final.

What constitutes a fair contract from the standpoint of the contractor was stated by K. B. Kump. The discussion of fair contracts brought out the suggestion that the contractors' organization take up with the state highway commission the question of a revision of present forms.

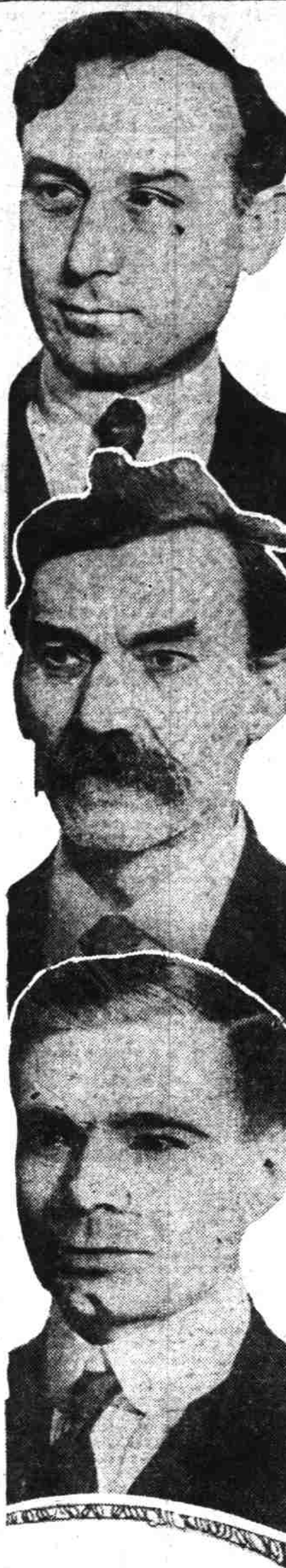
That bankers look upon the account of a contractor as a poor one was brought out by W. L. Thompson of the First National bank and former member of the state highway commission. The reason for this, he said, was the looseness of their methods of doing business.

Portland Pharmacists Meet

Portland branch of American Registered Pharmacists will meet at 9 o'clock tonight in room 325 Morgan building. Important business is announced by E. H. Kurtz, secretary.

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ALLEGED REDS BEING TRIED AS COMMUNISTS



Above—Claude Hurst. Center—Fred Frye. Below—Karl W. Oster.

JURY IS BEING SELECTED TO TRY ALLEGED "REDS"

Trial of Karl W. Oster, Fred Frye and Claude Hurst, first of the alleged Reds to face the court under the criminal syndicalism act in Portland, was progressing slowly today because of frequent altercations of counsel and the lengthy examination of talesmen.

The nearest approach to the sensational in the morning session came in the examination of Adolph B. Steinbach of 721 Main street.

"Do you believe that governments have the right to protect themselves?" questioned W. S. U'ren, attorney for the accused men.

"Certainly," replied Steinbach.

MAN TERMED PACIFIST

"Do you believe in war?"

"No," was the answer.

"If your honor please," said U'ren, addressing Judge Morrow, "I object to this man on the grounds that he is a pacifist."

"The objection does not appeal to the court," replied Judge Morrow. "It will be overruled."

Further questioning brought out the fact that Steinbach had a son, 32 years old, in the army.

The fact that, if the court rules that the Communist Labor party is unlawful, the three defendants may seek to escape punishment by joining the membership, was intimated by U'ren in his questioning this morning. The question came in the examination of J. F. Guthrie, a traveling salesman who lives at 30 East Third street.

A controversy between U'ren and Evans was precipitated when the former began to expound on the "dreams of some of the radicals."

"If the dreams of these men come true, Mr. District Attorney, you and I will be out of a job, for then there would be no need for courts or lawyers. They consider our work as unessential."

EVANS MAKES REPLY

"If their dreams come true there will be no government at all," rejoined Evans. "They are against all government."

"That is false," shouted U'ren. The argument was stopped with some difficulty by Judge Morrow, who rebuked both attorneys.

Eight jurors have been accepted temporarily. Valentine Kiohe, a native of Germany, was excused from service by Judge Morrow as not being qualified. Of those accepted, six are union labor members.

James C. Douglas, an employee of the P. R. L. & P. company, who lives at 4958 Seventy-second street southeast, was passed for cause by both attorneys. He was excused in place of Kiohe. Others selected temporarily are John Q. Adams, Wesley C. Maxwell, Henry Martzloff, J. S. Guthrie, Adolph B. Steinbach and L. F. Berheide.

INJURED WORKMAN BRINGS SUIT FOR \$20,000 DAMAGES

Refusing not to accept award under the workmen's compensation law for injuries alleged to have been received while he was employed on the steamer Wawalon, R. E. Kantelberg, caulker at the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation at Vancouver, today filed suit in the United States court for \$20,000 damages against the Standifer corporation.

The suit is based on the decision recently given in the federal court in the admiralty case of Herman F. Rohde vs. the Grant Smith-Porter Ship company, when Federal Judge Wolverton granted Rohde \$10,000 damages despite the plea of the ship company that the workmen's compensation act should not be ignored.

At that time Judge Wolverton ruled that an injured workman can elect either compensation in admiralty or under the state workmen's compensation act, providing that he was injured on a vessel in navigable waters within this jurisdiction.

Kantelberg in his suit alleges that, through neglect of the Standifer company, a heavy staging fell upon him while he was working on the vessel as it lay in a drydock in Portland. He says he is 28 years of age, and has a life expectancy of 40 years. Thus, he believes \$20,000 a fair award, as he is partially disabled.

The Wawalon is now at the municipal dock loading for a trip to the Orient. The ship will not be detained, as the Standifer company alone is sued.

M'NUTT CASE IS EXPECTED TO REACH JURY THIS EVE

The case of L. S. McNutt, motion picture producer who, for the past week, has been standing trial in Judge Stapleton's court on the charge of arson, is expected to go to the jury late tonight.

A lengthy cross examination of McNutt conducted by Deputy District Attorney Pierce and Special Prosecutor Collier, is scheduled for completion this afternoon. McNutt is accused of having taken out \$10,000 insurance on some films which the state claims are worthless, and of having been responsible for the burning of the films on the night of August 6, and later trying to collect \$6000 on the said films.

A. E. Gebhardt, examiner for the corporation commission, was on the witness stand this morning and testified that at the time he was investigating the assets of the Columbia Film corporation, the name under which McNutt did business, and the application of McNutt to sell stock in the corporation, that McNutt had told him that he had a contract with an Eastern concern to sell one of his films for \$10,000. The application to sell stock was denied.

McNutt on cross examination admitted that he never had such a contract, and stated that he could not remember making a statement to that effect to Gebhardt.

Mexican Bootleggers Face Executioners

Naco, Ariz., March 2.—(U. P.)—Two Mexicans were executed by a firing squad near Naco, Sonora, yesterday for bootlegging and an order was issued by the governor of the state of Sonora forbidding liquor being sold within ten miles of the international border, according to word reaching this side of the line today.

Police Raid Woman's House

A raid was made on the house of Mrs. Nellie Hansen, 95 East Tenth street, Wednesday evening by Patrolmen Burdick and Shimp and five persons were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Each secured release on \$10 bail. They gave the names of Ralph Fendleton, John Norris, Charles Hamilton, Phil Eberman and Mrs. E. Fendleton. Mrs. Hansen is charged with maintaining a nuisance.

NITTI FAVORS WAIVING DEBT OF GERMANY

By Earle C. Reeves

LONDON, March 2.—(U. P.)—Premier Nitti of Italy is said to have advocated to the council of premiers the waiving of Germany's war indemnity, the Times stated today. The Times indicated that the reported attitude of the Italian premier may have a place in the manifesto on European economic conditions, which the council of premiers is preparing for publication.

Municipal Paving Plant to Start Up

Operation of the municipal paving plant will be resumed Monday after a let-up of two weeks, while machinery of the old plant was removed to the new plant at the foot of Jefferson street, according to an announcement made this morning by R. D. Dulin, superintendent. Dulin stated this morning that for four months the paving plant has turned in \$175 monthly to the general fund of the city.

R. R. Reconstruction Reported Under Way

Chicago, March 2.—(U. P.)—Reconstruction of railroads under private operation has been started, according to statements made here today by companies engaged in supplying railroads with equipment. All railroad supply houses were reported from 20 to 60 days behind on orders. Difficulty in procuring sufficient workmen and trouble in getting an adequate supply of raw materials are holding up manufacture of equipment, it was stated.

Forest Land Purchase Authorized

Purchase by the city of 160 acres in the Bull Run forest reserve from Thomas Foggess for \$3500 was authorized Tuesday in an emergency ordinance passed by council. The ordinance was introduced by Commissioner Mann, who stated that within a period of 90 days he hoped to clear the reserve of all private holdings.

HAWTHORNE BRIDGE REPAIR PLAN MAY UNDERGO EXTENSION

Extensive repairs on the Hawthorne bridge, planned by the board of county commissioners, may be postponed pending the outcome of the plan for still more extensive alterations conceived by City Engineer Laurgaard and presented to the council today.

The plans of the city engineer include the raising of the span and both approaches to the bridge, and having the approach to the west side so constructed that the trains which now run on Front street could travel underneath the bridge approach.

Eric Hauser, chairman of the Rose Festival finance committee, visited the county commissioners in regard to the \$30,000 appropriated in the budget for expenditure on the festival. He will make final arrangements for securing this money with District Attorney Evans.

A letter from Roy A. Klein, secretary of the highway commission, in reply to a recent communication of Chairman Hoyt, stated that at a meeting of the commission held on February 6, it was decided to appropriate \$170,000 of state and federal money against the \$85,000 included in the Multnomah county budget, and proceed with the construction of the worst section of the Mount Hood loop road between the county line and 21st St., provided the bonded debt limitation amendment carried.

COUNCIL OPENS BIDS FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

Bids for street improvements in Portland were opened at the council meeting this morning by City Auditor George R. Funk.

The list of bids include the following: Vernon avenue: United Contracting company, \$11,858; Cochran Brothers, \$12,447.50; M. Hansen & Co., \$12,571.50; Hahn & Rebmam, \$12,602.50. East Fifteenth street: United Contracting company, \$13,934; Cochran Brothers, \$14,577.50; Hahn & Rebmam, \$14,692.50; M. Hansen & Co., \$14,739. Pacific street: M. Hansen & Co., \$25,096.50; Jacob Arens, \$25,999; Cochran Brothers, \$26,127.50; Warren Construction Co., \$26,435. East Sixty-eighth street: M. Hansen & Co., \$36,547.50; Warren Construction company, \$37,655.50; Hoffman avenue: Nat. Costanzo, \$30,779; W. S. Fortner, \$32,775; Flint street: Municipal Paving plant, \$527.35; United Contracting company, \$704. East Twenty-fifth street: M. Hansen & Co., \$1338; John Grielder & Co., \$1617.

Ottoman Empire Reduced to Mere Shadow by Council

London, March 2.—The once powerful Ottoman empire was finally reduced to dust by the allied supreme council today through its decision to so restrict Turkey's future frontiers that they will contain a population of only 6,000,000, less than the population of Greater New York as compared with Turkey's pre-war population of 30,000,000.

Territorially, the Turkish sway, formerly extending from the Danube to the Red sea, is now limited to a small corner of Anatolia. At the same time the sultan, titular successor to Mahomet, the prophet, will exercise his caliphate from a circumscribed area in and around Constantinople under the petual menace of English, French and Italian naval guns.

This, the supreme council announced today, will be Turkey's punishment for her war against the allies and the Armenian massacre.

"Following a long discussion with Admiral Earl Beatty, who was called in to attend the morning session, the council also determined that the Turkish navy. The warships that are left to Ottomans will be either scrapped or apportioned among the allies. Only a few revenue cutters will be allowed to fly the crescent.

Turkey's monetary indemnity has not yet been fixed. A commission was appointed, however, to investigate the Ottoman finances, and its report will be made the basis of the financial reparation.

New Warehouse for Second Street, Plan

Mrs. George W. Simons presented plans to City Plan Examiner Fred Eichenlaub this morning for the erection of a one-story brick warehouse which will be built in East Second between Taylor and Salmon streets at a cost estimated at \$26,000. Houghtaling & Dougan drew the plans for the structure.

71 Flu Patients Released

But 12 new cases of influenza were reported to the city health bureau this morning against the release of 71 cases from quarantine. No deaths were reported to the health bureau. Twenty-one patients are being cared for in the influenza barracks at South Portland.

Crude Oil Advanced

New York, March 2.—(U. P.)—Cable crude oil has been advanced 25 cents to \$3.92 a barrel, it was announced here today.

INTERESTS LINED UP AGAINST HIM, ASSERTS JOHNSON

Mitchell, S. D., March 3.—(U. P.)—Powers of organized politicians and big business are back of the campaigns of Governor Lowden, of Illinois, and General Wood for president, Senator Johnson of California charged in opening a speaking campaign here last night.

"It is obvious that this state has become a tremendous battleground for the wealth and power and financial resources of my two leading opponents," Johnson said.

"Seldom in any state has such an extravagant expenditure of money in a primary campaign been seen. I cannot compete with them in this kind of contest. It may be their good fortune and my misfortune that they can expend in all directions enormous sums of money and that I cannot. I have back of me no great corporation, no trust, no powerful financial interests. In this commonwealth I am pitting whatever of ability, of courage, of energy and of character God has given me, against the wealth, the influence and the power of organized politics and organized big business in politics."

James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, and James O. Monroe, independent Democrat of Illinois, both candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, debated at Sioux Falls last night on the subject of "free speech."

Gerard claimed the New York assembly made a mistake in refusing to seat Socialist members. He declared that Germany must be restored as a "bulwark against Russian radicalism."

Statement Is Asked Of National Banks

Washington, March 2.—(U. P.)—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of National banks as at close of business February 28.

Airplane Prophecy Made

New York, March 2.—(U. P.)—Airplanes some day will make the trip from New York to San Francisco in 12 hours, Glenn Martin, manufacturer of the Martin bomber and two engine mail planes, declared here today.

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PHILIP PELZ

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CONCERT NUMBERS

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2. Truereel.....Schumann



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CHARLES RAY in "ALARM CLOCK ANDY"

Labor Radicals Lose Decisively in Voting at Seattle

Seattle, Wash., March 3.—In the greatest election in the city's history, by the greatest majority ever rolled up, Mayor Hugh M. Caldwell was yesterday chosen mayor to take office March 15.

Caldwell defeated James A. Duncan, labor radical, by 16,801 votes, the complete tally showed today. Caldwell polled 50,850 to Duncan's 34,049.

Leading all the councilmanic aspirants, Lieutenant Phillip Tindall, overseas veteran, was elected for a three-year term, piling up 48,433 votes. Councilmen Oliver T. Erickson and Robert B. Hesketh were reelected.

For the two-year council term, A. T. Drake was reelected. Councilman James E. Carroll, overseas veteran, was elected on the one-year council seat.

A total of 84,899 votes were cast for mayor, the largest number ever recorded. The so-called Triple Alliance, or Duncan ticket, was defeated with one exception, Councilman Erickson.



Only a baked apple—but

Topped with luscious marshmallow. A dessert especially recommended to bring back the honeymoon smile to husbands of long standing. It's worth a try at dinner tonight. All you need is the apple and a jar of Hip-o-lite. Your grocer has both.

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BRAND NEW SHOW TODAY



A MAN'S PICTURE The story of a red-blooded, two-fisted savior of souls.
A WOMAN'S PICTURE with tears and heart throbs and love and romance.
The kids will love it—A revelation to the hearts of all.

COLUMBIA ORCHESTRA

Again Director Knowles shows his skill in selecting a musical interpretation that exactly suits. ADMISSION ORCHESTRA MATINEE 2:30 to 4:30 P. M.

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