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PRICE FIVE CENTS

FOOD RELIEF STILL HELD BY SENATORS

Sherman Criticizes President's Judgment in Picking Men to Place Responsibility On

HOOVER AGAIN TARGET FOR LONG DISCUSSION

Wheat to Be Purchased in United States for European Distribution

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Debate on the administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for food relief in Europe and the near east covered a wide range in the senate today and again prevented a final vote on the measure. Passage of the bill is conceded by both sides, and opponents and Democratic leaders were hopeful tonight that this would be accomplished before adjournment. Attack on the bill and the administration of the relief fund by Herbert C. Hoover was led by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and Sherman of Illinois, both Republicans, while Senators Martin of Virginia, the Democratic leader, and Lewis of Illinois, the Democratic whip, were the principal speakers in support of it.

Senator Penrose said Mr. Hoover "had insulted every Republican citizen" by advising the American people to support the Democratic party in the last congressional campaign and that he would offer an amendment to the bill requiring that the fund be administered by a commission named by the president "with the advice and consent of the senate."

Senator Martin offered an amendment requiring that the relief fund be introduced to purchase supplies in the United States. Senator Martin criticized this proposal as a profiteering stipulation, not a charitable fund, and Mr. Penrose finally modified it to read that wheat to be given free to the people of Europe should be purchased in this country as far as possible. The amendment then was adopted. Another amendment offered by Senator Ashurst of Arizona, Democrat, would give every soldier, sailor and marine a bonus of six months' pay and his uniform upon discharge, but its consideration was deferred. Senator Lewis urged passage of the bill as necessary to sustain President Wilson in his work at the peace conference. Defeat of the measure, he said, would "dishonor" the president and embarrass him in future negotiations at Paris. He also charged that senators who are prejudiced against Mr. Hoover were injecting questions foreign to the bill and thus complicating its passage.

In the course of his discussion of Mr. Hoover, Senator Penrose called attention to reports that the department of agriculture is drawing a bill appropriating \$1,250,000,000 which is necessary to meet the government's obligation to buy the 1919 wheat crop at the fixed maximum and said this was a remarkable situation brought about by Mr. Hoover's administration. Senators Borah of Idaho and Reed of Missouri, Democrats, joined in the criticism of Mr. Hoover, declaring that the food administration's activities had resulted in large profits to the packers, while consumers paid high prices.

Replying to criticisms of the packers, Senator Sherman declared that the food administration's voluntary agreements had fixed and maintained high prices for livestock, while limiting packers' profits on the edible portion of livestock to 9 per cent of their invested capital.

Sherman Gives Opinion.
Turning to the bill, Senator Sherman said the \$100,000,000 fund would be placed "in the hands outside of those who are responsible for distribution. He said the president already had selected Mr. Hoover, who probably would choose his own help.

Dallas Farmer Becomes Stepthater of Own Son

Dallas, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—By the marriage of this week of Rollie E. Brown and Miss Leona Thomas of Salt Creek, J. H. Brown, the boy's father, becomes his stepfather. The young Mr. Brown's wife is a daughter of the former Mrs. Thomas to which the elder Brown was united in marriage about one year ago. The groom was but recently discharged from service with the army at Camp Lewis where he had been stationed for several months. The couple will reside at Salt Creek.

WOMEN VOTERS TAKE PART IN HUN ELECTION

Results of Ballot Still Indefinite—Much Interest Shown by All

DISTURBANCES ARE FEW

Socialists Lead in Wurttemberg—Figures Fail to Tally in Dispatches

LONDON, Jan. 20.—"The course of the elections throughout the German state," says a German government wireless dispatch received here tonight "has clearly proved that the development of a republican form of government interests the whole German nation. Participation in the elections was strong everywhere and in the sharpest contrast to the indifference which vast classes especially the Bourgeoisie, show on the occasion of former elections. Especially remarkable was the strong percentage of women among the voters and the perseverance of both male and female voters to vote, despite adverse weather.

"Only from the Rhineland, the mining district of Hameln, Cassel and a few small places have there been disturbances. Due to the violence of Spartan bands, the administration of the independent socialists has now appealed to the workers to suspend their protest strike and return to work."

PART OF 91ST COME TO COAST

Four Troop Trains With Oregon Men Pass Through Minnesota Yesterday

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20.—Four troop trains carrying the 346th field artillery of the 91st division composed of Washington, Oregon and California men, passed through here early today. They were going to Camp Lewis, Washington, to be discharged January 25, left there January 17, and if all goes well, will arrive at Camp Lewis January 23. The men of the 346th proper did not get into the front trench because of lack of equipment, though many of them have been in the service since September, 1917. They trained in this country until last July, when they went abroad.

Fourth Bill to Validate Contracts Being Drafted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Legislation to validate informal war contracts was considered again today by the senate military committee, but members could not agree and adjourned until tomorrow. Another substitute bill, the fourth since the legislation was urged upon congress, is being drafted.

RUSSIA WILL BE TAKEN UP BY CONGRESS

Luncheon to President Wilson at Luxemburg Palace Brings Out Brilliant Assemblage

M. NOULENS ONE OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

French Ambassador Tells Council His Views on Bolshevik Situation

(By The Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 20.—The two notable events of the day were the meeting of the supreme council to consider the Russian situation and the gala luncheon to President Wilson at Luxemburg palace.

The luncheon, besides bringing together a brilliant assemblage, also brought out the declaration from President Wilson that "the peril of France, if it continues, will be the peril of the world, and not only France, must organize against the peril, but the world must organize against it."

The meeting of the supreme council was attended by President Wilson, Secretary Lansing and representatives of the other four great powers. An hour was given over to hearing M. Nouvens, the French ambassador who had just returned from Russia, where he personally witnessed the various changes which have taken place in the government and conditions there. What he told the council was not disclosed, but an authorized statement from M. Nouvens sums up his views thus:

"The Bolshevik power is the enemy of the entente. It is responsible for the Russian defection from the entente. It furnished Germany with food during the war. It protested against the terms of the German armistice. These acts show an uncompromising attitude of hostility against the entente.

Negro Murderer Burned in Public Square by Mob

HILLSBORO, Texas, Jan. 20.—A mob this afternoon took Bragg Williams, a negro, to the corner of the public square and burned him to death for the murder of Mrs. George Weeks and her child December 2nd.

IDAHO MAN RELEASED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The war department tonight made public a list of American prisoners who have been released from German prison camps and who have arrived in allied or neutral countries. Among them was Henry Jess, Winona, Idaho.

Esthonians Recapture Dorpat from Bolsheviks

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 20.—The Esthonian republic recaptured Dorpat about 25 miles west of Lake Peipus from the Bolshevik forces. They captured three guns, a locomotive and more than 100 cars.

An official issued by the Esthonian republic December 32 last announced that Dorpat had been taken by the Bolsheviks.

Outbreak of Cholera Is Reported from Hamburg

LONDON, Jan. 20.—An outbreak of cholera in Hamburg is reported by the Exchange Telegraph company's Amsterdam correspondent. Seventy fatal cases have occurred.

OLD PRISON RAPPED HARD

New Building as Soon as Possible Is Policy of Two Committees

No waste of money to attempt permanent improvements at the state prison; that it would be throwing money away to attempt to make the old building fit for human beings; that there ought to be a new penitentiary, and that any appropriation for repairs will be only for a temporary remedying of buildings until a bill calling for the construction of a new prison can be submitted to the people.

This is the unanimous opinion of Chairman J. C. Smith and Herbert Gordon of the senate and the house ways and means committees and other members of a sub-committee who investigated the state prison while the legislature was adjourned last week.

Whenever a new prison bill is submitted to the people, whether it be during the present biennium or later, it will be preceded by a campaign with the most influential men back of it and full publicity to acquaint the people with conditions at the prison.

"Every building connected with the institution leaks," said Senator Smith, "the cells cannot be heated with the inadequate heating apparatus and conditions in every way are unsanitary."

FEELING GROWS AGAINST ITALY

Serb, Croat and Sloven Occupied Regions Scenes of Daily Clashes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—An official dispatch today from Belgrade to the Serbian press bureau here said popular feeling against the Italian army grows every hour in the Serb, Croat and Sloven regions occupied by the Italian forces and that open clashes occur daily.

Captain Sam Bucklew Restored to Position

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The war department announced the re-appointment of Captain Sam Bucklew, a national army infantry officer, dismissed from the army after trial by court martial on charge involving the accounting for certain construction funds entrusted to him while he was on duty at Camp Funston, Kansas. It was disclosed that Captain Bucklew had been restored to the service before the department made public the dismissal order with its confirmation by the president more than a month ago, but his restoration was not then announced. It was said at the department that Secretary Baker made a personal investigation of this case and ordered Captain Bucklew's reappointment on the ground that the government had not suffered and the officer had not benefitted from the transactions which resulted in his trial.

LEAGUE MAY BAR NATIONS ON HUN SIDE

Lord Robert Cecil Submits British Plan for Consideration of Peace Conference—Is Now at Printer's

FOUR COUNTRIES WOULD BE DENIED MEMBERSHIP

Admission Would Depend on Trustworthiness, Says English Statesman

(By The Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 20.—Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey cannot be admitted to the league of nations at the present time, but they should be allowed to join as soon as the league is satisfied that they are entitled to be ranked among the trustworthy nations of the world. This is the opinion expressed by Lord Robert Cecil, who has just turned over to the printer the British plan for the league of nations which will be submitted to the peace congress.

Lord Robert made this statement to the Associated Press tonight: "The league should be all embracing, for all trustworthy nations, since it is for the good of humanity," he said.

Asked for a definition of "trustworthy," Lord Robert replied that in the case of Germany one criterion would be in the establishment of a government free from military domination. This would be a guarantee of trustworthiness. It was obvious, he pointed out, that Germany could not be admitted until she had brought order from the present chaos and the complexion of the new government was seen.

In Austria, the situation was quite different from that in Germany and very different since Austria has been split up by a revolution, while Germany has thus far held together, continued Lord Robert, and it appeared probable that a number of separate states would develop from the Austrian empire.

"Here, as in the case of Germany," he said, "stable and trustworthy government should not come in when they show themselves fitted to do so, irrespective of the rest."

Bohemia Looks Favorable
In further discussion of the prison the committees were agreed that the \$500 asked to install generating equipment so that the penitentiary may furnish light for both the prison and the state hospital should be allowed.

SWISS PRESIDENT IN PARIS

GENEVA, Jan. 20.—It is said in semi-official circles here that President Ador on his arrival in Paris will visit President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George to explain the financial and economic difficulties which Switzerland has encountered since the signing of the armistice, owing to the restrictions which have resulted. It is pointed out that President Ador in visiting Paris, will break the same traditions as President Wilson when he left the United States.

Governor Names District Attorney for Deschutes

Arthur J. Moore of Bend was yesterday afternoon named district attorney for Deschutes county to succeed H. H. DeArmond, who has resigned, his resignation to become effective January 25.

DEATH RATE RISES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Some idea of the high mortality from influenza among troops in camps at home for the six months period ended December 27, was shown today in a report by the surgeon general of the army. The death rate for the six months rose to 32.15 per thousand per year from all causes. The rate from influenza and pneumonia was 30.07 per thousand per year.

Charles Ordered to Stop Movement or Leave City

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The Austrian government has informed Emperor Charles, who is reported to be ill, that unless the monarchist movement at home and abroad cease his presence in the Austrian capital will not be tolerated, according to a Vienna dispatch received here. It is generally known in Vienna that the emperor was forced to abdicate but that he reserves his personal rights to the throne.

LONG DISTANCE PHONE RULING NOW IN EFFECT

Efforts of States to Suspend or Modify Rates Cause No Change

EQUAL TOLLS TO RESULT

Postmaster General Burleson Promises Reduction in All Places Eventually

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—New toll and long distance telephone rates approved by Postmaster General Burleson will become effective at midnight tonight except in those states where temporary restraining orders against the companies have been issued by the courts. This announcement was made tonight by W. H. Lamar, solicitor of the postoffice department, and a member of the federal wire control committee. Mr. Lamar had said during the day that the rates would become effective despite efforts of state regulatory bodies to suspend or modify them. So far as the postoffice department had been advised they said, the restraining orders have been issued in only two states—Indiana and Mississippi. He said he had not been informed that courts in Illinois had taken similar action. The federal court at Pensacola, Fla., is the only court in the United States that has held full hearings and rendered a decision on an application for an injunction. Mr. Lamar said, and its decision today denied the restraining order. He added that the court at Lincoln, Nebraska, also has held a hearing, but has not yet rendered a decision.

Under the new rates as announced by Mr. Burleson there will be a basic charge of 6 1/2 cents a mile air line mileage with half the day rate for night service up to midnight and one-fourth of the day rate between that hour and 4:30 o'clock in the morning. The new charges were raised in the first report of the committee on rates standardization and Mr. Burleson said their effect would be to equalize the toll and long distance charges over the country. In many instances rates in certain localities will be increased and this fact led to efforts of some state regulatory bodies to prevent the rates going into effect. However, there will be a reduction in rates, according to the postmaster general.

PLAN OUTLINED TO COMMISSION

Liberal Interpretation Allowable Relative to Employing Soldiers

The state highway commission was instructed last night to go ahead and give a liberal interpretation to the resolution passed by the legislature giving it instructions to open force account work and give employment to 1,000 men on the highways, with preferential rights being reserved for soldiers and sailors. The commission received its instructions and interpretation of the resolution from a meeting of the joint roads and highways committee and a large number of the members of the legislature who were "sitting in."

Commissioners Thompson and Booth both pointed out the extra cost that would develop upon the commission if the wording of the resolution were literally followed, and also stated that after careful investigation they were convinced that a very small percentage of the returning soldiers and sailors would take advantage of highway work, particularly at this time of the year when weather conditions were bad and nothing but pick and shovel work would be available.

It is expected that in passing the resolution it was the sense of the legislators present that they did not intend that the highway commission should place a strict interpretation upon it and arbitrarily hire 1,000 soldiers, but rather it was the intention that the commission should use its judgment and hire as many soldiers as were in need of work and desired the class of work offered.

CITY TO AID SUIT AGAINST ESTATE BOARD

Fair Directors Will Be Asked to Check Flood by Permitting Water to Take Natural Course

NORTH SALEMITES HOLD MEETING FOR PROTEST

Council Decides to Ask Rehearing for Water Case in Federal Court

Efforts to prevent North Salem from remaining a vast swamp during the winter months will be made by the city council and property owners in the district concerned, and suit is soon to be brought against the individual state fair directors to enjoin them from diverting the natural flow of drainage water in that vicinity.

A petition submitted by W. H. Eldridge and Fred J. Smith, chairman and secretary respectively of a meeting held yesterday by residents of the flooded district brought about this action at the regular council session last night. The communication to the council is as follows:

"Citizens and property owners of North Salem, in mass meeting assembled this 20th day of January, 1919, adopted the following: 'Resolved, that it be the sense of this meeting that suit be started forthwith to enjoin the board of state fair directors from continuing to divert water from its natural flow northerly through the state fair grounds, to a westerly course, thus causing flood conditions and much damage to property in all the northern portion of this city west of Seventeenth street; also that suits for damages be brought against the individual members of said board of state fair directors. Further that the city of Salem be asked to join in these suits on account of damage to streets and bridges in the section heretofore referred to.'

Councilman Smith, who was present at the meeting, led the discussion favoring municipal action and was backed by C. M. Roberts, Otto J. Wilson and City Surveyor Walter Skelton, who was asked to take the floor and express his opinions. Mr. Roberts maintained that only since the fair board put in a ditch along the south end of their property has the residence district been turned into a swamp. "It's a wrong that should be righted," he declared.

Mr. Skelton told of an interview A. O. Condit, R. P. Boise, W. H. Eldridge and himself had had with the fair board in 1917, at which time two of the members assured him that if the natural course were opened the state fair grounds they would remedy the trouble. Later, after the surveyor had made a contour map showing the true situation and presented it, the board refused to act.

The ditch, which is supposed to be the cause of the trouble, Mr. Skelton said, is 200 feet long, 12 feet wide and 2 feet deep. Owing to its location, the water is spread from Highland avenue to Market street and the storm sewers on Norway and Highland are not adequate to handle it.

"If that water is to continue as it is," he declared, "the city will be compelled to go to an expense of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to put in a pipe to care for it. At present the stream is damaging crossings and roadways."

Rehearing to Be Asked.
At the suggestion of City Attorney B. W. Macy, the city will ask for a rehearing of its famous water case, which it lost a few weeks ago in the district court at Salem, Oregon. Councilman West opposed spending another dollar on the suit, maintaining that even though it went before the supreme court the city would lose. He claimed that in order to reduce the consumer's price on water, the company had found it necessary to raise the hydrant rate. "I think right now if \$2.50 is too much to pay," he said, "we'd better take the matter back to the state commission. If we take it before a federal court we're going to get beaten again."

Councilman Roberts interrupted here by declaring himself in favor of fighting "to the last ditch."

Mr. Macy claimed he would like to compel the court to face the question squarely and expressed the opinion, contrary to that of Mr. West, that the judges could be forced into taking a definite stand. When the question came to a vote seven councilmen were in favor of continuing the fight while seven voted against it. Mayor Albin settled the matter by taking the affirmative and it was decided to have a new brief printed and sent to San Francisco.

Mayor to Handle Flu.
Influenza measures came in for but slight mention last night. Paul Johnson, chairman of the special health committee, read a report from the Red Cross showing that about \$1200 had been expended in the maintenance of the emergency hospital and in salaries for visiting nurses.

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