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THE WEATHER

Rain: fresh southwestern winds.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

FINAL PACT AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED

Vote of 47 to 36 on Change to Revise Ballot—Strength in League—Last of 46 Proposals Killed by Action

LABOR SECTION LIKELY TO PROVE STICKLER

Efforts to Bring About Alterations Prove Futile Despite Debate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The 46 amendments attached to the peace treaty passed into history today when the last survivor, a proposal by Senator Moses, a Republican, New Hampshire, to revise the voting strength in the league of nations, was defeated in the senate 47 to 36.

At adjournment, however, the effort to hasten final action had been brought up against an obstacle which seemed likely to prevent further progress for several days.

Labor Section Stickler Tomorrow a determined group of senators will launch a fight to eliminate the labor section, opening a debate which will last, leaders predict, for a week.

Nine Republicans joined the Democrats in overthrowing the Moses amendment, which provided that none of the British dominions should vote in any league controversy directly affecting any one of them.

On the new Johnson amendment, proposed as a substitute for the one rejected last week, the line-up was the same as on his original proposal, the only changes in the record vote being due to absences and pairs.

LaFollette Talks Long The greater part of the day's debate related to subjects not directly under consideration. The labor section got the biggest share of attention, Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, centering the discussion about it with a three-hour speech assailing the proposed international labor organization as filled with peril to American labor.

J. F. Robinson and Dr. G. S. Hoisington, Pendleton, Instantly Killed

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 29.—John F. Robinson, laundry owner, and Dr. G. S. Hoisington, a physician, were instantly killed when an automobile in which they were enroute to Walla Walla, Wash., was struck by a train at a grade crossing near here today. All three of the men were from Pendleton.

CROPS VALUED AT \$50,325 ARE PRODUCED ON STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS DURING PAST SEASON

Crops totaling a value of \$50,325 were produced on the farming lands of the state hospital for the insane this year, according to figures made public yesterday by Dr. L. P. Griffith, superintendent of the institution. This covers the five principle crops. Potatoes, which the hospital's heaviest crop, were all of the Oregon Wonder variety, and were produced on 163 acres. All other crops were of several varieties. The average yield of the hospital potato crop, year by year, is from 8000 to 10,000 bushels, but this year the yield reached 13,000 bushels. All of the products are used by the hospital.

Federal Man Coming to Interview Service Men

R. G. White of the federal board for vocational education will be in Salem November 3 and 6 and will interview all ex-service men in regard to vocational employment. "This should be of special interest to those permanently or partially disabled in the recent war," said Mrs. Alice Dodd of the Salem home service bureau and who is interested in aiding the ex-service men in every possible way.

Chinese Contract Hope Ahead at Low Figure

Contracts at a low figure have been signed by Hop Lee and Hong Hop Lee, who have 96 acres of hops on the Mark S. Skiff ranch, six miles north of Salem. The entire one-fourth of the 1920 and 1921 crops are contracted to the English firm of George Bird & company at a price of 30 cents per pound. The present price is about 85 cts.

T. B. KAY TO SPEAK BEFORE PRICE BOARD

Head of Woolen Mills to Furnish Information on Costs of Manufacture

FARRELL SENDS LETTER

Work of Cutting Down High Cost of Living Takes Definite Shape

Thomas B. Kay of the Kay Woolen mills has accepted an invitation tendered him by the federal fair price committee in Portland to appear before that body a week from Friday night to supply information as to fair prices on woolen goods. This examining board has from time to time secured testimony from wool producers and clothiers, but up to the present has been unable to obtain facts concerning the manufacturing expenses.

Mr. Kay has several times indicated his willingness to express his views as to opportunities for profiteering in the wool industry but was prevented from meeting with the committee by other engagements demanding his attention.

Through a letter written by Thomas G. Farrell, chairman of the fair price committee, and delivered to him yesterday by Miss Lucile Saunders of Portland, he was again requested to appear before the board at his earliest convenience. Mr. Kay has been much interested in the high price situation and readily consented to meet the Portland investigators next week.

Bread Advances Curbed

The fair price committee exercised the power given it by the newly passed anti-profitting bill for the first time Tuesday night, when it placed a limitation on the wholesale and retail bread figures. "The committee has been hampered by a lack of knowledge as to its specific powers," said Miss Saunders, who has handled the Oregonian's share in the campaign against the high cost of living, since leaving Salem last June. "The first big thing accomplished was the sending of telegrams to Washington advocating strong support of the McNary bill to retain federal control of sugar for another year. Other fair price committees on the coast and representative community organizations were expected to follow in its steps and send similar messages to the attorney general and the Oregon delegation. The Salem Commercial club, it was hoped, would interest itself in this movement, as this being a fruit community, it would undoubtedly be much concerned in sugar prices.

Effect is Awaited "Salem, as well as any other town in the state, is entitled to have a fair price committee in conditions

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5 KILLED; 50 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Southbound San Joaquin Valley Flier Leaves Rails at Acton Putting Engine and Many Coaches in Ditch

RELIEF TRAIN RUSHES TO SCENE WITH AID

William Schroeder, The Dalles Fred Johns, Portland, Are Hurt

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28.—Five persons were killed and more than 50 injured when Southern Pacific train No. 50, the southbound San Joaquin valley flier jumped the track on a curve two and one half miles south of Acton, 57 miles north of here, at 3:20 o'clock this afternoon and the engine, tender, two baggage cars and five coaches went into the ditch.

The dead are: Frank Feidler, engineer, San Fernando; L. P. Force, fireman, Los Angeles; George Partington, address unknown; Paul L. Mateson, Lakewood, Ohio. Unidentified man. A partial list of the injured follows: William Hallisey, Seattle; Fred Johns, Portland, Ore.; Hollis Shatke, Butte, Mont.; William Schroeder, The Dalles, Or. Cause Unknown.

Early reports stated that the cause of the train leaving the rails was unknown. The cars, plunging into the ditch on the west side of the track, ripped down telegraph and telephone poles and wires for several hundred yards, delaying news of the wreck for some time. According to telephone messages from Acton, the dead and injured were picked up by the crew of a freight train which arrived on the scene about half an hour after the accident and loaded into two pullmans, which remained on the track, to await the arrival of relief.

Relief Train to Rescue. A relief train in charge of Assistant Superintendents A. F. Bolles and B. F. Donnatin, carrying ten doctors and six nurses, left here at 5:10 p. m. and was expected to arrive back about 9 p. m.

About 20 of the injured were reported in serious condition, many having broken arms and legs, but none was expected to die, according to a report received here at 8:15 o'clock from Acton.

STUDENTS GOING TO DES MOINES

Willamette University to Send Delegation to Volunteer Conference

Chapel exercises of Willamette university Tuesday were given over to the DesMoines committee of the Y.M.C.A. John Medler in charge. The purpose of this was to arouse enthusiasm among the students for the big Student Volunteer conference, which is to be held in DesMoines, Ia., the first of the year. Willamette is entitled to six delegates to this conference, five students and one faculty member.

The work of the conference was told by Miss Vivian Isham of Grants Pass, and by Dr. Carl G. Doney. After this explanation the chairman gave the plans of the committee in regard to raising money to defray expenses of the delegates. The student body was asked to raise \$400, the faculty \$50, each delegate \$25, and the remainder to come from other sources. Up to last night nearly \$200 had been raised among the students.

The DesMoines conference will have a representation from nearly 1000 of the leading institutions of the country. Every four years the representatives from the different colleges gather in some place to discuss various Christian problems and plans for work. Some of the biggest speakers that the nation affords will be there to address the students. It is not yet known who will represent Willamette university.

Hawley Bill on Mining Claims Will Pass Today

Information reached here yesterday that the committee on rules in the house has reported favorably on the Hawley bill suspending assessment work on all mining claims for this year. Mr. Hawley added that he expects the bill to pass today.

Small Amount of Taxes Delinquent in County

Marion county came across with a rush in payment of the second half of the 1918 tax levy, the time for which expired October 5. Taxes not paid to that time are now delinquent and the delinquent amount in Marion county, out of a total of \$1,071,606.20, is \$53,492.29.

In the eight days previous to October 5, over \$300,000 was paid into the office of Sheriff W. I. Needham and this amount was receipted and checked over by the office in record time, due to the fact that statements, items and receipts had been prepared by the sheriff and his staff preparatory to the October rush. The \$53,492.29 delinquent this year compares very favorably with the delinquency of the second half payment last year, which was \$65,929.19, out of a tax roll of \$998,275.25. This year 17,346 receipts were issued to taxpayers in comparison to the 16,440 vouchers made out to taxpayers in 1918.

UNIFICATION OF COAST SHIPPING IS CALLED FOR

Meeting Held to Secure Fair Treatment for Western Allotments

TRADE GROWTH URGED

Representation in Washington to Care for Interests Is Agreed Upon

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—A program calling for the unification of the whole Pacific coast in efforts to secure from the United States shipping board an equalization of freight and passenger ship allotments between the Atlantic and Pacific coast was adopted at a special meeting here today of representatives of chambers of commerce in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

H. C. Cantelow, Seattle; W. D. R. Dodson, Portland, and Paul Shoup, San Francisco, were named a committee to determine the needs and demand of the coast for concrete submission to the Shipping board at a proposed conference in Washington during the week of November 17. The conference here will be continued tomorrow.

Coast to be Represented. The program called specifically for a coast representation in Washington for a period of three months to work for desired allotments of ships, and for a distribution of vessels that would take care not only of present needs but of projected trade plans on the Pacific.

Enlargement of present routes and the establishment of new ones between coast points and China, Australia, South America and Siberia were desired particularly, the conference indicated.

Portland Man Speaker. Speakers were Mr. Cantelow, who is assistant general manager of the Pacific Steamship company; C. B. France, executive secretary of the Seattle port commission; Roscoe M. Drumheller, collector of customs, Seattle; Mr. Dodson, who is secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Shoup, who is a vice president of the Southern Pacific company and Leon J. Levy of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, who suggested the conference.

The delegation to Washington was to be selected as soon as the committee of three had completed its work, it was announced.

BABY CLINIC STARTS TODAY

Well Babies and Sick Babies Are Wanted at Commercial Club at One-Thirty

The first baby clinic and eugenics tests under the auspices of the new Salem chapter of the Oregon Congress of Mothers will be held at the Commercial club at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Salem physicians, dentists and nurses have volunteered their services, and Mrs. A. N. Fiegel, of Portland, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, and Mrs. A. Bailey, of Portland, secretary, will be here to contribute their services also.

Physicians who will assist are Dr. W. B. Morse, Dr. F. H. Thompson, Dr. J. R. Pemberton, Dr. F. E. Brown and Dr. Downs. The dentists have not yet been named. Score cards will be furnished to the mothers who bring their children and accurate information will be given as to the physical and mental condition of each child. For children that are found defective in any manner the score cards will serve as a basis for remedial measures.

A charge of only 25 cents will be made for the expert examination of each child. Well babies and sick babies will be welcome.

HOMEBUILDING CONCERN WITH \$250,000 CAPITAL TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

Report of Housing Committee Submitted to Commercial Club Board of Directors Is Adopted and Plans Made for Carrying Out of Recommendations as Means to Alleviating Acute Shortage of Residences

PLAN PROVIDES FOR 100 HOMES AT AVERAGE COST OF \$2500, DESIGN AND SITE OPTIONAL

Estimated Rating of Salem Fifteen Million-Dollars—Liberty Loan Issue Averages \$650 for Every Man, Woman, and Child—Industries Employ 4200—Deposits Total Nearly Nine and Half Millions—Automobiles Valued at 2 Millions

Salem is to have a \$250,000 Homebuilders Association because:

- The estimated ratable value of Salem is \$15,000,000 which is considered 69 per cent of actual value. Real estate is \$10,000,000 of this amount. Salem's 40 corporations have a paid-up capital in excess of \$8,000,000. Employees in industries and businesses number 4200. Cash deposits in four banks and postoffice reach nearly \$9,500,000. Liberty loan issues total \$3,500,000 or \$650 for every man, woman and child in the city. Salem has 3000 automobiles valued at \$2,250,000—car for less than every seven persons.

A homebuilders' association with a capital stock of at least \$250,000 and formed with the view to building 100 homes is to be organized in Salem and a committee has been appointed to bring about such an organization as result of action taken at a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial club last night.

A report containing the results of the investigations of a housing committee was submitted and adopted. Signing the report were C. W. Niemeyer, who has been a leader in the homebuilding campaign, and E. Hofer, who has taken an active part and has arranged to build a few houses through his own private enterprises.

The committee chosen to work out the details of the new organization and to actually bring about its establishment is composed of the following: D. W. Eyre, C. W. Niemeyer, E. Hofer, R. O. Snelling and W. M. Hamilton.

Financing Plan Worked Out. The plan suggested by the committee making report last night is for the capital stock of \$250,000 to be issued in the form of shares at \$500 a share and thus care for the erection of 100 homes at an average cost of \$2500. To take care of contracts wherein less than 50 per cent of the cost of the house is paid by the purchaser it is suggested that bonds be issued at intervals and these, it is held, would be attractive to small investors.

Sites Optional. The committee recommends that owners of lots take up stock in the company to the extent of the value of the lots, the value to be determined by the company's board of directors and thus allow the purchaser of the house to select his own location and to have a house built according to his own ideas.

The report in full follows: "For the purpose of taking care of the finances and future of the city of Salem, this committee has no hesitancy in recommending that a company be organized with a nominal capital of at least \$250,000.00 for the purpose of building homes in Salem, such capital to be issued in the form of shares at \$500.00 a share, which amount would take care of the erection of approximately 100 houses at an average cost of \$2500 each. Figuring on a basis that the majority of the purchasers will pay one half cash with the other half being assumed by the building and loan associations—which their representatives have expressed their willingness to do—this would mean practically a constant working capital of the full amount of stock.

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"The paid-up capital would be the security of the bond holders, plus the equities on the balance of current contracts. These bonds might be issued in a popular denomination of \$50 or \$100. The total in any case not to exceed 75 per cent of the paid-up capital. Such bonds should be in great demand by those of small capital who desire good investments for their savings.

Buyer Has Choice. Plans would first be prepared by the company's architects, whereby intending purchasers may know, or buy, exactly what they want by paying a deposit on application and taking up a contract covering payment

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WALKOUT IS CERTAIN SAY COAL MINERS

Operators Blamed for Condition—Legality of Strike Stoutly Maintained—Workmen Say No Word Comes

GOVERNMENT SPEEDS UP PLANS TO HANDLE

War-Time Schedule in Program—Information Indicate Brief Duration

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 29.—That "a strike of bituminous miners cannot be avoided" was the outstanding conclusion of a statement issued late today by the conference of the United Mine Workers of America officials. Blame for the situation was laid at the feet of the operators because "they had refused to negotiate a wage agreement notwithstanding the fact that the mine workers representatives had urged and beseeched them to do so."

Legality Maintained. The miners, the statement claims, will be exercising constitutional rights in striking. The statement also set forth that the union officials gave profound consideration to the statement of President Wilson as it appeared in the newspapers and added that no communication on that subject had been received from the federal administration.

GOVERNMENT PLANS QUICKLY COMPLETED. WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The government confronted with refusal of the miners' organization to call off the strike of 500,000 coal workers ordered for Friday night, moved swiftly today to protect the people from great distress.

First of many steps to deal with a situation, admittedly critical, probably will be these: Ample protection to miners willing to remain on the job, as urged by President Wilson.

Revival of the fuel administration, armed with full war-time powers, to prevent hoarding and profiteering. Allocation and distribution of coal to homes, railroads and essential industries.

Efforts to bring the strike to a speedy end through mediation. Indictments Not Likely. The government, however, will make no effort to bring about indictment of officers of the United Mine Workers of America, who called the strike, on charges of conspiracy to reduce production of a necessary product.

Government officials said tonight that reports from confidential sources showed that not all of the miners would strike, that public sentiment was against the walkout at the be-

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M'LAUGHLIN HOPS GO FOR 86 CENTS

Dewey Hill Surpassed by Fellow Grower at Independence District

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Oct. 29.—Dewey Hill until today was at the head of the local hopgrowers as far as price was concerned. Mr. Hill sold 29 bales, his 1919 crop, approximately 5800 pounds at 85c a pound. He once had a large acreage of hops, but like many other local growers plowed up most of his vines. Today C. A. McLaughlin sold a number of bales for 86 cents a pound, and claims the distinction of being high man now. Mr. McLaughlin is one of the largest hopgrowers here.

UPPERCLASSMEN SUSPENDED FOR DUCKING FRESHMEN ON SUNDAY; APOLOGY BRINGS REINSTATEMENT

The masculine members of the freshman class of Willamette university all appeared on the streets Sunday wearing, instead of the emerald head gear apporportioned to their lot, just plain civilian caps and hats. The laws as laid down by the upper classmen strictly demand that all freshmen wear their green caps Sunday as well as week days. Accordingly the bold action of the infants considerably stirred up the sophomore and upper classmen and before the town clock struck 12 noon some 20 dissipated frosh had been given cold baths in the mill race by members of the three upper classes including some of the main leaders of the student body.

Monday morning the chapel exercises were a fiery scene. The university officials did not approve of the action taken by the upperclassmen in punishing the miscreants on

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