

GOVERNOR TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF OREGON LEGISLATURE IN JANUARY

Voters of Salem School District Come to Financial Aid of School Teachers by Passing Special Tax Levy for Additional Salary by an Overwhelming Majority

BREAK WITH MEXICO UP TO WILSON

Senator Fall Takes Exception to President's Stand on Question of Advising on Foreign Affairs

INVESTIGATION IS ONLY STARTED, SAYS SENATOR

Letter From Investigator Prepares Wilson for Fall's Latest Memorandum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The resolution asking President Wilson to break off diplomatic relations with the Carranza government was abandoned today by Republican leaders in the senate after the president had informed Senator Fall, its author, that he would "be gravely concerned to see any such resolution pass congress."

In announcing after a conference with Senators Fall and Brandegee that the foreign relations committee would take no action on the resolution, Senator Lodge said:

"We wanted to help, but now the entire Mexican situation goes to the president. The responsibility is on his shoulders. Let it rest there."

Passage of the resolution, the president wrote Senator Fall, would "constitute a reversal of our constitutional practice which might lead to very grave confusion in regard to the guidance of our foreign affairs."

Declaring that the initiative in directing relations with foreign governments as assigned by the constitution "to the executive and to the executive only," Mr. Wilson said he was confident that "the only safe course," was to adhere to the prescribed method.

"We might go very far afield if we departed from it," he said.

Senator Fall Defiant

Senator Fall, in a statement tonight, took issue with president that the senate could not advise on matters affecting relations with foreign governments until requested to do so by the president and said there were precedents to support him.

He also said he would again request the committee to postpone action on his resolution "or upon any phase of the Mexican matter," until the president had had time to give the subject his consideration.

Before the president dispatched his letter, the senate foreign relations held an hour's session for discussion of the Mexican situation, including the Carranza oil decrees.

Senator Fall tonight made public the memorandum which he sent to the president, dealing with the results of the investigation of the senate committee of which he is chairman. Part of this information was given Mr. Wilson last Friday by Senator Fall.

Investigation To Continue

Mr. Wilson's statement in his letter that when the New Mexican senator had told of the investigation, "prepared" him to find in the memorandum matter of "the greatest importance" was interpreted by some senators as meaning that the president had not yet had time to study Mr. Fall's report.

During the day the state department was advised by the American embassy at Mexico City that Carranza's reply to the American note renewing the request for the release of Consular Agent Jenkins was to be handed to the American charge d'affaires today.

Meanwhile the investigation into the liberation of Jenkins on ball last week was continued.

Officials read without comment a statement given out by J. Walter Hansen at Mexico City that he had acted on his own initiative and responsibility in furnishing 1,000 pesos ball for Jenkins' release.

Senator Fall announced today that his committee would continue its investigation of the Mexican situation.

Berger Is Nominated For Seat in Congress

WHITE COLLARS SHUNNED SIMPLE LIFE PREFERRED LIVING COST HARD HIT

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—New suits, white collars and fancy haberdashery are taboo from now on at Jefferson high school here.

Following a custom adopted by certain colleges, the Jefferson boys have determined to conserve on clothing by wearing the old suit out instead of replacing it at the first sign of decay, they announced today.

Flannel shirts will be worn and white collars will be frowned upon by the student body. The senior classes, January '20 and June '20, inaugurated the innovation today.

A vigilance committee consisting of senior classes has been appointed to see that students do not carry styles to extremes.

MANY PREPAY METERS LOOTED

Hamilton Warns That Customer Loses When Money Is Taken from Gas Boxes

A systematic looting of prepay gas meters of Salem is feared by W. M. Hamilton, manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, as a result of the recent robberies of nearly a score of the boxes, Mr. Hamilton yesterday issued warning to users of the prepay meters, of which there are 300 in Salem, to guard against pilfering, as the money taken is at the loss of the patron and not the company. Careful securing of basement doors and windows is suggested as the best available method of preventing breaking of the boxes.

The police have the robberies under investigation.

GIRL ATTACKED BY MONGOLIAN

Officers Looking for Sing Hai Who Is Alleged to Have Tried Assault

Sing Hai, Chinese, is in hiding as a result of his alleged assault on Ella Wolfe, 14, an employee at Louie's eating house at Perry and High streets Sunday afternoon. Lal, who is said to be a one-time employee and habitue of the place is said to have lured the young girl to a back room and to have made the attack.

Miss Wolfe's cries frightened the Chinese and he disappeared, leaving the girl in a frightened and hysterical state. Officer A. L. Morelock, called to the scene by a telephoned complaint, reported no trace of the would-be assailant. Immediately after this, Officers Jack White and Troy Branson made a search of the Chinese district, but Sing Hai had evidently made good his escape.

A warrant for Sing Hai's arrest was sworn to yesterday to a sister of the girl before Justice Glenn Zeh.

SUPREME COUNCIL DENIES DEMANDS OF GERMANS FOR MODIFICATION OF TERMS OF ALLIED PEACE TREATY

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The supreme council's note dealing with the peace treaty were delivered to Baron von Lersner, head of the German legation, this evening.

The first note denies the German demands for modification of the treaty on the surrender of Germany charged with crimes against international warfare and the return to prisoners. It agrees to continue the economic effects of the indemnities required for the sinking of the warships in the Scapa Flow on Germany in "a spirit of equity, after a hearing by the reparations committee."

The note warns Germany "for the first time" that denunciation of the armistice would give the allied armies all latitude for necessary military measures and adds:

Regarding the coercion clause of the protocol the supreme council considers that signature of the protocol and ratification will make the treaty effective and that the protocol's execution will be guaranteed by the gen-

404 TO 136 IS VERDICT OF ELECTORS

Unusually Large Percentage of Voters Goes to Polls to Show Loyalty to City Instructors

HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS IS ADDED

Balloting is Steady During Voting Hours of Monday Afternoon

Teachers in Salem schools, School District 24, will each receive \$150 in addition to salaries provided in the present yearly contract, as a result of the special school election held yesterday, the vote being 404 for and 136 against, the special 1-mill tax levy. Three defective ballots were cast.

The total vote of 543 indicates that the teachers' efforts to secure the salary addition had attracted general interest, this being an unusually large school vote for this district.

The balloting was steady from the time of opening the polls at 2 o'clock to 7 p. m. In order to grant this additional salary pay the special election was necessary as it had been ascertained that the amount necessary would overbalance the 6 per cent constitutional allowance by one mill.

After the polls closed at 7 p. m. the election officers made quick work of counting the ballots. The officials for the special election were: Mrs. Mary S. Moores, judge; Mrs. Ida M. Babcock, clerk and Mrs. Minnie A. Evans.

First Snow of Season in Salem Falls at Midnight

The first snow of the season in Salem began falling at midnight last night and by 2 o'clock had reached a depth of half an inch. The weather, which had been cold all day, moderated early last night and in sheltered places the snow melted almost as soon as it fell.

Wilbur Dismissal Mandate Received at Supreme Court

The mandate of dismissal of the case of the state against Julius Wilbur was received by the state supreme court yesterday from the United States supreme court. The case was dismissed on motion of an attorney in Washington, D. C., representing Attorney General Brown.

Wilbur was convicted in Clackamas county of violation of the prohibition law when he conducted the Friars club at Milwaukie. The conviction was upheld in the state supreme court and Wilbur appealed to the United States supreme court. Motion to dismiss was made when he failed to file a brief. His present whereabouts is not known.

al terms of the treaty and by ordinarily recognized methods. It rejects the Germans' "pretended right" to modification of the treaty clauses as compensation for the absence of Americans from the commissions.

It declares that "it is vain for Germany to seek to delay" the treaty effectiveness because of the position of the Americans with regard to the commissions.

Scapa Flow Incident Treated. The second note deals entirely with the Scapa Flow incident. It places the responsibility on the Germans for the sinkings and sees in the protest "an attempt, different to explain, to delay the treaty."

The note cites the secret message of the chief of the German admiralty (Admiral von Trotha) to Admiral von Reuter, in command of the German crews of the Scapa Flow ships, dated in May, telling him that the fleet's disposition "can not be decided without us. It will be finished by us and delivery to the enemy avoided."

LANE COUPLE VOTE TAX TWO BALLOTS ARE CAST LEVY WILL RAISE \$1000

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—Living in the mountains west of here, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Altrous at a recent road district election voted a road tax of \$1000 on the district according to word brought here today. Altrous and his wife went to the polls, organized it by the election of Altrous as chairman and his wife as secretary. Having legally organized, the couple cast their vote all in favor of levying a five mill tax on an assessed valuation of more than \$200,000. The family having voted, and the vote standing 2 to 0 in favor of the proposed levy, the polls were closed. Mr. Altrous is supervisor of that road district and will distribute the \$1000.

SUSPECT TAKEN FOR MURDER OF BILLY DAMSEY

Charles S. White and Housekeeper Plead Silence Before Magistrate

COUPLE LODGED IN JAIL

Detectives Use Automobile to Elude Crowd Unaware of Prisoner's Arrest

HAMMONDTOWN, N. J., Dec. 8.—Charles S. White, next door neighbor of the Dansey family, was arrested late today charged with the murder of "Billie" Dansey, Miss Edith Jones, White's housekeeper, was also arrested charged with being an accessory after the fact.

The prisoners were taken out of town to May's landing, where they were locked up in the county jail. The detectives brought them first in an automobile first to Hammond town hall, where they were formally arraigned before a magistrate who was pledged to silence. No one in town was aware of the arrests until word was received from May's landing tonight.

The body of three-year-old "Billie" Dansey was found by a hunter in a swamp near here November 21. The boy had disappeared from his home several weeks previously and a nation-wide search had been conducted on the theory he had been kidnapped.

White is the owner of the "Dahlia Farm" adjoining the Dansey farm. He is the father of "Charlie" White, the child playmate of Billy Dansey. The elder White told the investigators at the time of Billy's disappearance that he had seen the child in his dahlia field.

Utilities in County Are Valued at \$5,117,782.84

The state tax commission has fixed upon the sum of \$5,117,782.84 as the valuation of public utility properties in Marion county. This is announced by Ben F. West, Marion county assessor.

GIRLS ASK SALARY RISE BERRET CONDITIONS AIM SUNDAY LIFE IS DESIRED

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—Demands for improvement in working conditions for girl telephone operators as well as increase in pay for work on Sundays and holidays will be agreed upon at a conference of electrical workers in Seattle next Monday. Representatives from Portland who are to attend made the announcement today through their union officials.

Simultaneously, a similar conference will be held by California and Nevada operators at San Francisco.

"The girls want fewer hours and improved working conditions as much if not more than they do an increase in wages," explained Miss Vera Epling, financial secretary at the local union of electrical workers. "They'd like double pay on Sundays and holidays instead of time and a half. They'd like the five-year requisite for maximum pay reduced to one year, as in Montana."

NATION ACTS TO CONSERVE COAL SUPPLY

Lighting and Heating Rules Most Drastic Ever Adopted in Recollection of United States Officials

FACTORIES WIN FAVOR IN INTEREST OF LABOR

Hotels, Hospitals, Newspapers, Telegraph and Telephone Offices Exempted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Viewing with alarm the steadily dwindling bituminous coal supply due to the miners' strike, Fuel Administrator Garfield, by an order tonight, restored for the entire nation most of the drastic restrictions on lighting and heating which were in effect during the coal shortage of 1917.

The limitations which are applicable to consumers of bituminous coal and coke, were made effective tonight with issuance of the order and are to be enforced by the railroad administration. Consumers of anthracite coal, gas and other fuels are not affected by the order.

The restrictions were announced through the railroad administration as follows:

Ornamental Lights Rapped. No ornamental lights, white or other unnecessary street lights, outline lights, electric signs or illuminated bill boards, show window or show case lights, are to be operated. This does not affect street lighting necessary for the safety of the public.

No cabaret, dance halls, pool hall or bowling alley shall be permitted to use light except between 7 p. m. and 11 p. m.

Stores, including retail stores, but excluding stores selling food, and warehouses, must not use light (except safety lights) except for six hours per day. Manufacturing plants men with families. Based upon this estimate, it is easy to see that between 50,000 and 75,000 men, women and children of Oregon will be vitally concerned in the rates of compensation which will be paid during the next year. These rates can be reasonably increased without increasing the rate of contribution from the employer to the industrial accident fund, but because of the provisions of the statute, it will be necessary for a legislative enactment before any changes can be made in the rates of compensation.

General and office lights must be cut off not later than four p. m. in office buildings, except necessary federal, state and municipal offices, and except where office operation of vital industries is involved.

Dairies, refrigerator plants, bakeries, plants for the manufacture of necessary medicinal products, water works, sewerage plants, printing plants for the printing of newspapers only, battery charging outfits in connection with plants producing light or power for telephone, telegraph or public utility companies are exempted.

Only enough heat may be used in offices, stores, warehouses and manufacturing plants to keep the average temperature at 68 degrees Fahrenheit, and then only during the hours for which light is permitted. During other hours enough heat is to be used to prevent freezing of water pipes or sprinkling systems.

In manufacturing plants or plants coming under the power of curtailment rules, heat (except 68 degrees Fahrenheit) will be allowed only during that time prescribed for use of power.

STOVE EXPLODES; FIVE ARE KILLED

Father Dies Trying to Save Daughter From Fire Following Crash

REGENT, Sask., Dec. 8.—Five persons were dead tonight as the result of an explosion today of a stove at the home of A. J. McQuitty, a farmer living near Dubuque, Sask. The dead were: A. J. McQuitty, a son; Evelyn McQuitty, daughter; Charlotte Campbell, Mr. McQuitty's aunt, and Leo Johnson, a boy visiting at the McQuitty home. Mr. McQuitty died while endeavoring to save his daughter from the flames.

Session May Save Money

The proposed session of the legislature can be called not only without expense to the state but at a possible financial profit. A short time ago the state emergency board allowed the incurring of a liability of \$300,000 to meet a deficiency which is certain to arise in the not far distant future in connection with the

STATE LEGISLATORS TO BE ASSEMBLED IN SALEM JANUARY 12TH

Low Rate of Compensation Allowed Injured Laborers Under Workmen's Compensation Is Given by Executive as Main Reason for Issuing Call—Educational Aid Law, Woman Suffrage Amendment and Capital Punishment Likely to be Other Subjects Considered

Governor Olesett yesterday announced that he will issue a call for a special session of the legislature to be convened the second Monday in January, 1920, which is the usual date for the convening of a regular legislative session.

His decision to call a special session at this time was reached, according to the governor, after he had been informed by members of the state industrial accident commission that the present low rates of compensation are inadequate to meet the needs of injured workmen who have families dependent upon them for support. The governor was advised by the commission that a large number of complaints are being received by that department from the injured workmen who are dependent upon their compensation allowance for meeting living expenses while they are incapacitated for work. These workmen say it is impossible for them to meet the bare living costs with the compensation that is now allowed.

In addition the commission's investigation discloses, the governor says, that many leading employers, who are contributing to the industrial accident fund, are satisfied that the rates of compensation are too low and should be increased. It has also been found that a situation exists where a great number of large employers are so well satisfied of the inadequacy of the compensation rates that they are supplementing out of their own funds the compensation payments.

All Expenses Increase

"In conjunction with the members of the industrial accident commission I have given much thought and study to the difficulties and hardships which are being endured by injured workmen who come under the compensation act," said the governor. "The manner of increasing rates was touched upon at the last legislative session, but at that time it was generally believed that living costs would materially decrease during the present biennium, and for that reason no material change was made in the compensation rates at that time, but, as every person in the state knows, there has been a material increase in all expenses since the legislature adjourned, and the rates of compensation are not adequate to take care of injured men and their families when they are incapacitated for work."

Members of the compensation have informed me, that based upon past experience, they may expect to be called upon during the year of 1920 to provide compensation in approximately 25,000 cases of accident coming under their jurisdiction and a majority of these cases will affect men with families. Based upon this estimate, it is easy to see that between 50,000 and 75,000 men, women and children of Oregon will be vitally concerned in the rates of compensation which will be paid during the next year. These rates can be reasonably increased without increasing the rate of contribution from the employer to the industrial accident fund, but because of the provisions of the statute, it will be necessary for a legislative enactment before any changes can be made in the rates of compensation.

Need Held Most Vital

"I consider this the most urgent need that faces the state today. We have been preaching the doctrine of Americanism, we have called for deportation of radicals, and we insist that every disloyal person, alien or not, be either deported or placed in confinement. The doctrine of repression is good when properly applied, but to meet the situation squarely, and to hold it up by all of its four corners, it is obvious that we must remedy wherever possible any condition that tends toward augmenting the ranks of the I. W. W. and the bolshevik and their kin."

With mounting costs and abnormal conditions, it is easy to see that every injured workman in the state is facing a serious condition during the winter of the coming year, and one which should be alleviated at the earliest possible moment. I consider legislation of this character as broad and constructive and a real genuine need.

Session Called Last Session

A special session of the legislature has not been held in Oregon since March, 1909. Governor Frank Benson issued the call on March 5, and the session convened March 15. It was called to remedy a faulty appropriation bill for maintenance funds for the state hospital for the insane, the state penitentiary, the state institution for the feeble-minded, the state training school for boys and the state soldiers' home at Roseburg. A total of 15 bills were enacted at the session, one of which was a corrective measure applying to legislation appropriating \$75,000 for salaries and expenses of the supreme court.

Governor Chamberlain called a special session of the legislature in 1902 to validate the tax laws. Over 40 bills were passed at the session.

Disaster Hits Montana Town

Bridger Without Light, Water, Fuel or Power as Result of Fire

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 8.—Bridger, 50 miles southwest of here, is virtually without light, water, fuel or power tonight as a result of fire which destroyed the power plant of the Bridger Coal Mining company today. Defective wiring is believed to have caused the blaze. The loss is between \$25,000 and \$50,000.