

RAILWAY MEN SEEKS RELIEF WITHIN BODY

Brotherhoods and Shopmen to Try Co-operative Buying, Production and Distribution to Lower Expenses

DEMAND FOR INCREASE NOT TO BE PRESSED

Representative of Big Unions Get First Hand Information on H. C. L. Campaign

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Failing to obtain satisfactory relief from the high cost of living, either through further wage advances by the railroad administration, or from the anti-profiteering campaign of the department of justice, officials of the four big railway brotherhoods and the railroad shop crafts affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have decided to seek solution for themselves through co-operative buying, production and distribution. This was construed in some quarters as indicating demands for further wage increases would not be pressed pending the outcome of the experiment.

Scheme Not Yet Completed

Details of the co-operative scheme have not yet been completed, but plans have been under consideration since the farmer-land conference at Chicago in November. The formation of the All-American farmer-land co-operative commission, an outgrowth of the conference, was announced today at its offices.

Representatives Meet Figgs

Representatives of the four big brotherhoods conferred today with Howard Figgs, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of the campaign against the high cost of living. After the meeting, Mr. Figgs said brotherhood representatives had come to obtain first hand information regarding results achieved by the department of justice and had planned to solve their own problems of living costs through co-operative methods.

Increase Not Solution

Indications that pressure from railway workers for increased wages might be assented, was seen in a statement by Bert M. Jewell, acting president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor that "an increase in pay will not solve the problem." Jewell asserted that higher wages accompanied by a proportionate increase in prices results in a "vicious circle" which leaves the railroad man no better off after the increase in prices than he was with the smaller salary.

NAVAL AWARD LIST REVISED

Sub-committee Appointed to Investigate Decorations For Services

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Coinciding with the appointment today by Chairman Page of the senate naval committee of a sub-committee to investigate the naval decoration controversy, Secretary Daniels transmitted to Senator Page a complete list of all officers a denials were considered by the navy's board of awards for service decorations as recommended by commanding officers.

Von Brincken Arrested on Conspiracy Charge, May Go

TACOMA, Jan. 7.—Wilhelm Von Brincken, convicted in San Francisco in 1917 on a charge of conspiracy, today filed his bond to appear in San Francisco to face deportation proceedings, it was announced by the immigration office here.

TEACHER KILLS SELF SHOOTING IS ACCIDENTAL BODY FOUND ON BED

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 7.—Death from the accidental discharge of a gun in her own hands, was the verdict of a coroner's jury here today which had investigated the death of Miss Edith Pitts, a school teacher, who was found lying dead on her bed at her boarding place last Monday. A small caliber rifle lay near the body when it was found, and it was apparent, the coroner's jurors declared, that the young woman had shot herself while endeavoring to load the gun. Miss Pitts' home was at Seattle.

SCHEDULE IS 28 GAMES FOR COAST

No Baseball in Portland or Seattle Until Third Week Is Agreed

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—A twenty-eight game schedule opening April 6 and closing October 17 but with no games to be played at Portland or Seattle until the third week was agreed upon tonight by the directors of the Pacific coast baseball league.

FIVE PLEAD NOT GUILTY IN N. Y.

Allegation in Wood Alcohol Cases Is Conspiracy to Defeat Dry Law

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Five more of twenty-three indicted yesterday in connection with the manufacture and distribution of wood alcohol "whisky" which spread death and illness in Connecticut at Christmas time pleaded not guilty in federal court today to the charges of conspiracy to defeat the war-time prohibition law.

EXPECTED BANK DECLINE COMES

Resources and Deposits in Portland Vaults Less Than on November 17

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Analysis of the condition of Portland banks at the close of last year for which a call was made today, indicates that the period when bank deposits and resources would decline has arrived. Compared with the previous reporting date, November 17, there is a shrinkage of \$3,201,387 in deposits and \$2,213,933 in resources although the comparison with the end of December a year ago shows large increases in both deposits and total resources of local banks.

W. C. T. U. Plans Welfare Work Among Service Men

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Plans for social welfare work among sailors and soldiers were outlined today at a meeting of the state executive committee of the W. C. T. U. by Miss Rebecca Rhoades, of Pennsylvania, national superintendent of social welfare work of the organization.

A report was made on the regional conference of W. C. T. U. organizations in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona to be held at San Francisco February 18 and 19.

5 SOCIALISTS ARE KEPT OUT BY ASSEMBLY

Quintet Denied Seats When 1920 Session Convenes—Resolution Questioning Loyalty to Oaths Passes

REVOLUTIONARY PLEDGE CITED IN REJECTION

Speaker of New York Lower House Berates Group for Affiliation

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Five socialist members of the assembly of the New York legislature were denied their seats at the lower branch's opening of the 1920 session today. A resolution questioning whether they could be loyal to their oaths of office when bound to act subject to instructions of the socialist party, was quickly passed, 149 to 6 after Speaker Sweet, with dramatic suddenness, ordered the sergeant at arms to bring the socialist members before the bar of the house. The socialists, August Classens, Louis Waldman, Samuel A. Dewitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon, were ushered before the speaker's desk in the pit of the house.

Speaker Berates Quintet

"You are seeking seats in this body—you who have been elected on a platform that is absolutely inimical to the best interests of the state of New York, and of the United States," the speaker said.

"That platform is the doctrine of the socialist party. It is not truly a political party, but a membership organization admitting within its ranks aliens, enemy aliens and minors."

Revolutionary Pledge Cited

The preamble of the resolution denying the socialists admission to the floor sets forth that the August convention of the socialist party in Chicago declared adherence and solidarity with the revolutionary party of soviet Russia, and pledged its members to the furtherance of the international social revolution; but such adherence and declaration the socialist party has indorsed the principles of the communist international at Moscow, which is pledged to the forcible and violent overthrow of all existing organized governments and that under the constitution of the socialist party of America, a member may be expelled or suspended from his party "for failing or refusing, when elected to public office in \* \* \* to carry out such instructions as he may have received from the party organization."

Bill Proposes Aid for Farmers Hit by Drought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senator Myers, democrat of Montana, introduced today a bill appropriating \$4,000,000 to be loaned to farmers in drought stricken sections of the United States for the purchase of seeds.

Violent deaths have decreased since prohibition became effective, in Marion county, to less than one-fourth the number previous to that time according to a statement made yesterday by Coroner A. M. Clough. In 1919 there was only one inquest and it was not an accidental death.

BLASTING KILLS FARMER SON DISCOVERS BODY ST. HELENS IS SCENE

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 7.—A. Almroth, a farmer about 50 years old living on Bachelor flats, three miles west of here, was found dead yesterday by his ten year old son in a field near the house, the body mutilated nearly beyond recognition as the result of a powder explosion. Almroth was killed while blasting out tree stumps.

TACOMA YOUTHS LOOT AND BURN "JUST FOR FUN"

Boys Tell of Robbing Postoffice, Stores and Houses When Caught

FOUR ARE IMPLICATED

Residence Set Afire for Sport Says Young Culprit to Attorney

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 7.—How four youths, between 15 and 18 years of age, burglarized twenty houses, several stores, the Ruston, Wash., postoffice and burned two houses within the past two months, committing all the crimes "just for fun" was described in detail today by two of the youths to prosecuting Attorney W. D. Askren.

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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZES TO BANISH REDS

Complete Co-ordination of All Agencies to Capture and Deport Radicals Is Effected by Departments

CONGRESS AWAKENED TO NEED OF MORE POWER

Martens "Soviet Ambassador" Sought on Order for Deportation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Complete co-ordination of all governmental agencies, together with an awakened congress tonight had given the campaign to rid the nation of radicals a broader aspect.

Congress received a bill introduced by Representative Johnson, Republican of Washington, which would make every government employe an agent for ferretting out undesirable, each clerk would be given the duty of reporting any information concerning alien activities to the department of justice and the immigration authorities.

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EX-SLAVE 115 YEARS OLD "MAMMY" TO 52 WHITES "STARS" OF 1833 SEEN

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Anna Prater, colored, was officially listed as 115 years old by federal census enumerators here today.

"TIGER" SLATED FOR PRESIDENT

Clemenceau Not Candidate But Will Accept Place Is Statement

PARIS, Tuesday, Jan. 6.—The exact words of Premier Clemenceau Sunday on his return to Paris with regard to the presidency are thus quoted by Gustave Hervé's newspaper Victor:

FLEET LEAVES FOR MANEUVERS

Big Battlers Start at Dawn for Guantanamo for Winter Training

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 7.—The Atlantic fleet is assembled tonight off the Virginia capes ready to start early tomorrow for the southern drill grounds at Guantanamo, Cuba, for the annual winter maneuvers and target practice.

VACCINATION ACT IS TO COME UP

Bill Compelling Treatment Drafted by City Attorney of Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—The city attorney's office today completed the draft of the Parrish vaccination bill, which is to be introduced at the special session of the state legislature which convenes next Monday.

TWO YOUTHS PLEAD TODAY

"Guilty" to be Answer to Charge of Second Degree Murder of Policeman

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Floyd Leo McClure and William Chastain, accused jointly of the murder of Anton Schoombs, San Francisco police detective, are to plead guilty to second degree murder tomorrow, according to an announcement by defense counsel here today.

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4 RACES FOR COUNTY JOBS IS PROSPECT

Carson and Day Out for District Attorney—Bower, Varney and Todd, for Sheriff—Rigdon Seeks Coronership

WEST STEELHAMMER AND JONES, ASSESSOR LINEUP

Other County Offices to be Formality of Re-election Says Gossip

Four real races, of which two and possibly three will be three sided, will be the center of political interest in Marion county in the coming campaign, according to present indications. The three will be for the office of assessor, sheriff, district attorney and coroner. So far as the other offices are concerned, the election will be a parade, not a race, as gossip asserts that there will be no competition or other places.

Assessor Race Three-Sided

Three candidates are in the field for election as assessor. They are Deputy Sheriff Oscar D. Bower, Chief of Police Percy M. Varney, both of Salem, and George Truitt Woodburn, of Woodburn. Mr. Bower has been chief deputy in the sheriff's office during the incumbency of Sheriff Needham and was second deputy for several years before that time. Chief Varney has been in the police work in Salem for the past six years having worked his way up to his present position from motorcycle patrolman. He served meanwhile a term as constable, afterward going back to the police force when elected chief. Mr. Todd was chief of police of Woodburn for several years until entering the service in 1917 as captain of Company I, 162d infantry, which served in France.

Coroner Contest Uncertain

As a candidate for election as coroner, Lloyd T. Rigdon of Salem is in the running. A. M. Clough, incumbent, has not committed himself to run or to go out of office with the expiration of his present term. He has held the office a total of 26 years. Mr. Clough is the senior member of the undertaking firm of Webb & Clough. Mr. Rigdon is junior member of W. T. Rigdon company, undertakers. He served in the army during the late war.

Other Offices Not Contested

In the remainder of the county offices there will be no competition and the re-election of the incumbents will be nothing more than a formality, according to the outlook at present. The offices in which terms expire are those of county clerk, now held by U. G. Boyer; county treasurer, held by D. G. Drager; county recorder, held by Mrs. Mildred Robertson Brooks; county school superintendent, held by W. M. Smith; county surveyor, held by B. B. Herriek and one county commissioner, held by J. T. Hunt. It is understood all are candidates to succeed themselves.

Thousand Delegates Attend Washington State Chamber

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 7.—One thousand persons, including representatives from all parts of the state in attendance here at the annual winter meeting of the state chamber of commerce, took part tonight in the annual home products dinner of the Yakima commercial club. The function was given in the Yakima armory. R. D. Rovig was toastmaster and responses were made by Edward B. King, Tacoma; Mrs. Clara Ketchum Tripp, Seattle and W. J. Hindley, Spokane.