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NEW MERGER BILL PREPARED

FRENCH AND GERMANS CLASH AT BERLIN CONSOLIDATION IS PROVIDED IN PLAN SUBMITTED TODAY

TEUTON MOB FIRED UPON BY INVADERS

Demonstrators Who Protest Occupation Feel Steel of French Bullets—One is Killed—Many Hurt.

PENETRATION OF RUHR VALLEY IS CONTINUED

Franco Belgian Operations Carried on With Precision of Clockwork

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A clash between German demonstrations and French troops occurred at the railway station at Bochum this evening. The French fired, killing one person and wounding several.

The incident followed political demonstrations on a big scale. Several thousand persons collected in front of the town hall where the French general had his headquarters and cheered the German republic, then marched through the streets. A number of young communists made a counter demonstration, cheering the Third Internationale and the French communist league.

The police were unable to handle the crowds, and towards evening the French troops had to intervene. It was about 8 o'clock in the evening when they opened fire near the railway station.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French and Belgian troops now occupy the whole Ruhr basin and have reached the limits of that neutral zone, 30 miles in depth, in which the Germans are barred from having retrenchment or regular garrisons. The troops are at the gates of Dortmund where they were ordered to stop for the present.

To Extend Advance
In view of the progressive obstinacy of the German attitude, however, it has been decided to extend the advance Tuesday, occupying Dortmund and establish troops in the northeast, east and southeast, completely commanding the important junctions.

Southward the advance will extend to Barmen and Elberfeld, which will not be occupied just now.

The promptitude which the French are showing in counter-attacking each fresh measure of obstruction appears to be having its effect at least on the industrial magnates who were at first deceived by the police conciliatory methods of the French and there are indications that they will not persist in their refusal to deliver the reparations coal. In consequence of this the French may temporarily hold their hand.

The Franco-Belgian operations are everywhere being carried out with the regularity of clockwork.

Counter Move Ready
It was affirmed in official circles tonight that the French government has an instant counter move ready for any move the Germans may make.

The commission has discovered that the coal tax has not been collected for the past three months, enabling German industry to get coal at 40 per cent under the world price and measures have been taken to stop this.

PIERCE ALLOWED TO SHOULDER PART OF COMMITTEE BURDEN

Senator Johnson and Representative Carlin to Introduce Measure Differing From Hall Bill—Six Departments and Eighteen Bureaus in Scheme—Salaries Would be Conservative.

Governor Pierce's request in his message that the ways and means committees carefully itemize all appropriation bills so that he may wield the veto ax with a full and free swing upon items that he does not approve, is interpreted by the committees as meaning that the governor will cheerfully shoulder some of the responsibility of cutting down appropriations. The committees are willing to let him do so. Senator Strayer moved, at a meeting of the committees last night, that the governor's request be granted and the motion carried.

INCOME TAX PARLEY ASKED

Members of the California, Washington and Idaho Legislatures Invited

The senate resolutions committee yesterday voted to make a favorable report on Senator Flak's resolution inviting representatives of the legislature of Washington, California and Idaho to meet in Salem to confer on an income tax. The resolution points out that it is desirable, if an income tax is to be created by law, similar action should be taken by adjacent states. This is recommended in the annual report of the state tax commission.

Joint Session Asked
The senate adopted a concurrent resolution to empower the governor to employ such legal and clerical help as is necessary to assist him in the preparation of bills to guard against errors of technical nature. The senate and house will meet (Continued on page 9)

DAMAGE SUIT NOW IN HANDS OF JURY

Stanfield-Fletcher Case is Concluded—Verdict Expected This Morning

The Stanfield-Fletcher case, involving \$10,000 which Mrs. Ray Stanfield hopes to collect from Mrs. Zella Fletcher as a result of her husband having been killed last April while operating a gas engine while in the employ of Mrs. Fletcher, went to the jury late yesterday afternoon. At 10:30 o'clock last night the jury was still closeted. Judge George G. Bingham left at an earlier hour so that no verdict will be read until this morning.

Final instructions to the jury were given at about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, which marked the close of a day of intensive legal combat. The final day saw a court room packed to the corridors with interested spectators, such as is seldom witnessed in the legal history of Marion county.

The attorneys for the defense have stated that the machine was not of a dangerous type; that Stanfield was working on his own time when the accident occurred, and that death was not due to any negligence on the part of Mrs. Fletcher. The prosecution has alleged that the machine was not properly covered and that Stanfield's time in working for Mrs. Fletcher was a continuous time and that death was due to negligence on the part of the defendant. The decision is in the hands of the jury.

CITY BONDS ARE SOLD TO LADD & BUSH

Local Banking Institution Pays \$3,356.62 Premium for Entire Issue—Bidding is Heavy.

COURT HOUSE SAID IN NEED OF ESCAPES

Band to be Contracted for Park Music During Coming Summer

Ladd & Bush of Salem bought the last issue of city bonds, \$48,076.88, paying a premium of \$3,356.62 for the whole issue. They were the highest bidders when the bonds were offered for sale, at the city council meeting last night. They paid about \$140 more than the nearest bidder of the seven who wanted the bonds. All the bidders offered as much as 6 per cent premium.

The Marion county courthouse, according to a report by Alderman Van Patten, is without sufficient legal fire escapes. He said that he wouldn't serve on the jury, and he cooped up in that jury-room firetrap, nor would he allow a friend to so serve if he could prevent it. The city attorney was finally authorized to deal with the county court, or the circuit court if they have jurisdiction, and see who is responsible.

Utter Gets Job
As the Salem library board had lost three members the first of the year, by the expiration of their terms of office, the mayor had asked the city attorney to ascertain just the procedure for appointing or naming their successors. After searching all through the city books, Attorney Ray Smith failed to find anything bearing on their appointment—whether they were elected by the council or by the mayor. A resolution was passed, fixing the authority with the Mayor. He named Henry W. Meyers and Mrs. Frank Spears to succeed themselves on the board. The third member, P. K. Lovell, having removed from the city, Dr. E. L. Utter was named to succeed him.

The committee on road music was instructed to contract with a band for park music for the coming summer, so that the band could be getting ready. Alderman Vandevort paid a high tribute to the band concerts as a good feature to attract outsiders as well as to please the people of Salem.

An order to improve and pave Winter street, almost went through, but it was finally left for a report from the street committee. It was stated that 90 per cent of the property owners there are in favor of the improvement but because the work could not be done until the coming of better weather, the council decided to be sure of its legal standing before making the order.

Much Routine Business
Two board walks were authorized on north Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, where the unimproved street has been in bad order during the flood and some of the old walks were reported to be in dangerous condition.

The sale of two lots in the Oaks addition was confirmed by the council. The city has already sold something like \$10,000 worth of property there.

North Front street is to have some pavement, from South D street to Mill creek, the property along the Larmer Transfer company warehouse. The petition was approved, and the city engineer will prepare the plans.

Several street lights were asked for, at Twenty-second and E, at Fourteenth and Prico, and at Kansas and Sixteenth.

No receipts come to either of these departments. For the secretary of state and the state treasurer, who also are slated to come before the committee tonight, the budget commission made no cuts in the (Continued on page 9)

C. E. WILSON, NEW MANAGER OF CHAMBER

Duncan Resigns to Assume Active Management of H. L. Stiff Silvertown Branch

Charles E. Wilson, for several years associated with Salem newspapers, was elected secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce to succeed Robert Duncan who submitted his resignation to the board of directors last night.

Mr. Duncan has been with the Chamber of Commerce for nearly a year and will take over active management of the Silvertown branch of the H. L. Stiff Furniture company in which he has purchased an interest. Mr. Duncan's resignation will take effect February 1. Mr. Wilson served as assistant manager of the Chamber of Commerce for six months while T. E. McCorskey was manager and secretary.

Mr. Wilson's work has been most satisfactory, said J. C. Ferry, president of the local chamber, last night in commenting on the resignation. "We are sorry to lose him but feel that because of Mr. Wilson's familiarity with the work no difficulty will be experienced in making the change."

Mr. Wilson has worked on both Salem newspapers and is now doing local work on the Capitol Journal. He worked on the Statesman until last spring when he assumed charge of one of the "big six" circuits of the Elison White chautauqua. He was fortunate enough to draw his "home town" on his circuit and later with the close of the season returned to Salem and managed a home talent comic opera skit at nearby towns.

PIERCE OPPOSES FATTY'S FILMS

No Law to Keep Them Out, But He Depends on Exhibitors to do so

Governor Pierce knows of no law to prevent the showing of "Fatty" Arbuckle's films in Oregon, but he believes it will not be necessary to resort to law to keep them out and that the exhibitors themselves will do so, the governor tells the Salem Evangelical Ministerial union in a letter sent that body yesterday.

The governor's letter is in response to a letter received from Rev. R. L. Putnam, secretary of the union, embodying a resolution adopted January 8. The resolution opposed the showing of Arbuckle films, information having been received that they were again to be released, and called upon the Salem Woman's club, the Parent-Teacher association and the Women's Christian Temperance union to take similar action.

"Although I know of no law that can be invoked to restrain the moving picture interests from exhibiting Arbuckle films," replies the governor, "I am quite sure it will not be necessary to resort to law to protect the public from films showing the late star actor in a San Francisco tragedy. I have every confidence that the film interests of the state will keep moving pictures on a moral plane that will commend them to public approval. Anything less would be injurious to the interests of the moving picture people as well as to the interests of the state."

WOMAN STRANGLED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 15.—Mrs. J. J. Kenealy was strangled at her home here today when a shawl she was wearing over her shoulders while doing the family washing was caught in an electric wringer and was drawn tightly around her neck. She was dead when found by a delivery wagon driver who had called at the house.

U.P. CONTROL OF CENTRAL PACIFIC LOST

Settlement Leaves S. P. as Owner—Arrangement is Satisfactory to Old Harriman Line.

FIGHT LARGEST WAGED BETWEEN RAILROADS

Interstate Commerce Commission May be Sole Arbitrator of Combinations

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 15.—Settlement of the controversy between the Union Pacific railroad and the Southern Pacific railroad involving control of the Central Pacific lines between Ogden and San Francisco, merely awaits the determination of minor details of a traffic agreement, according to a statement from authoritative sources here today, which will appear in tomorrow morning's Omaha Bee.

U. P. is Protected

The settlement leaves the Southern Pacific as owner of the Central Pacific lines, but protects the Union Pacific in its right to use the latter line as its connection to the Central Pacific coast. The arrangement is declared to be entirely satisfactory to the Union Pacific.

By the new arrangement Omaha loses its chances to become the headquarters of a railroad reaching directly to San Francisco, as it is of one reaching Portland and Los Angeles. On the other hand, it retains and extends the advantages accruing from heavy transcontinental traffic routed through the Pacific coast via the Central Pacific to Ogden and thence by Union Pacific through Omaha.

The plan of settlement was suggested by the interstate commerce commission, Carl Gray, president of the United States system, declared here this evening in discussing the settlement.

"The plan was suggested three or four days ago by the commission," President Gray said.

President Gray refused to disclose tonight whether all the parties to the settlement had agreed to it, but the Omaha Bee says it is in possession of information from other authoritative sources that the official announcement and minor details will be made known probably tomorrow, or within a few days, thus indicating acceptance of the settlement plan.

Settlement of the controversy by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads under the provisions of the Cummins act as superseding the Sherman anti-trust act and the supreme court decisions, according to the sources from which the Omaha Bee got its information.

Contest Makes History

The fight between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific for the control of the central Pacific has been one of the largest contests of the sort ever waged between two railroads. For months the respective interests have been preparing evidence, and recently the interstate commerce commission began hearings on the subject.

Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific, left Omaha ten days ago to participate in the proceedings and his office stated at that time he would not return until after February 1. Instead he returned this week.

Prior to Edward Harriman's purchase of the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific owned the Central Pacific. Harriman wanted the Central Pacific line from Ogden to San Francisco as a western outlet for the Union Pacific and to get it he bought the entire Southern Pacific system. The supreme court ordered this merger dissolved as a violation of the anti-trust laws. Suit was then instituted to divorce the Central (Continued on page 9)

NEW MERGER BILL IN NUTSHELL

The Johnson-Carkin civil administrative code for the consolidation of state department provides: Six departments of government, each headed by commissioners appointed by the governor; 18 bureaus, the heads of which are appointed by and subject to the commissioners. Four commissioners' salaries would be \$4000 per year. Two commissioners—public works and domains, and trade and commerce, would receive \$5,000 per year. Bureau heads, except the highway engineer, would receive \$3600 per year. Nine advisory boards, on per diem expense accounts, but without salaries. Commissioner of agriculture must be a dirt farmer. Secretary of state's, state treasurer's and attorney general's offices would be continued as at present.

CONVICTS TO START ANEW

Warden Johnson Smith Will Start All Prisoners Out With Clean State

Prisoners at the state penitentiary are starting out today with a clean slate as far as their mistakes in discipline in the past in the institution are concerned, Warden Johnston Smith told the men gathered at chapel.

"You are here to make good and I am simply here to see that you have every opportunity to do this, and see that you only leave here legally," the warden told the men. "In other words, we are starting out 'from now on.'"

Statements made after Smith's address to the prisoners, to the effect that he intended to cancel all of their "good time" credits were branded as "misinterpretations" by Smith.

Smith assumed his duties at the penitentiary yesterday with an open mind as to the flax industry, he said, but repeated his previous assertions that he intended to keep every one of the nearly 400 men engaged in some kind of work, and would not permit any industry to continue if it lost money for the state.

All of the prisoners who have been confined in the so-called "hole" or solitary, were returned to cells in the corridors by the outgoing officials. This will permit Smith to make any assignments of cells which he finds necessary, he said.

The place held by Sol Worden in the flax mill, vacated by Worden yesterday, will not be filled at present, if at all, Smith announced.

WARREN JURY NOW COMPLETE

Trial of Indian for Alleged Murder of Glen Price Will Start Today

DALLAS, Jan. 15. (Special to The Statesman)—The jury which will try Phillip Warren for the alleged murder of Glen Price, prohibition agent, which occurred September 3, was completed tonight. Judge Harry H. Belt is on the bench.

The murder took place in the town of New Grande Ronde, on the Indian reservation in the northwestern part of Polk county.

Warren is detained by Oscar Hayer of this city, while the state's case is being prosecuted by District Attorney J. N. Helgeson, with Walter L. Toose, Jr., of McMinnville as assistant. Mr. Toose having offered his services free of charge just after the deed was committed. This is the second time Warren has been tried for murder. At (Continued on page 9)

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tuesday, rain.
Minimum, 35.
Rise, 10.5 ft., falling.
Rainfall, .01.
Atmosphere, foggy.
Wind, south.

Advisors Provided
The nine advisory, non-salaried boards vary in size from three to nine members each, and the law prescribes the manner in which these members shall be selected, requiring in some instances that they represent certain professions, classes of citizens or districts of the state.

For example, of the nine agricultural advisors, it is required that three be engaged in agriculture and one of these named by the state grants. Three shall be horticulturalists, chosen from southern, eastern and the Willamette valley sections of the state, and three shall be engaged in the animal industry or experienced livestock growers, one by the executive committee of the pure bred livestock association and (Continued on page 9)