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# WAR DECLARED ON NOBLEMEN

### Democratic League Calls Mass Meeting to Start Fight Against Lords.

### PEOPLE URGED TO DESTROY EVIL POWER

### Masses Will Meet Saturday Night in Trafalgar Square to Start Hostilities—People to Exterminate Power Which Works for Evil—Parliament Will Be Prorogued Until January—House of Commons Still Debates.

London, Dec. 2.—The commons today adopted by a vote of 349 to 134 a resolution to turn the budget over to the people with an official stamp of strongest disapproval from the lower house upon the lords.

London, Dec. 2.—The national democratic league today issued a call for a great mass meeting to be held in Trafalgar square on Saturday when the warfare upon the house of lords following the rejection of the budget begins. The call says: "The lords have declared war against the people and urge the people to destroy forever 'the power for evil' now exercised by the lords. Parliament may be prorogued at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon if present plans are carried out. Prorogation will dissolve parliament only until January as it is considered unsafe to end the session irrevocably, as would be the case if it were not for the present crisis. The budget debate was resumed today in the house of commons.

### MRS. BELMONT HELPS STRIKING WAIST MAKERS

New York, Dec. 2.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont today took an active hand in assisting the shirt waist makers of the east side in their strike against their employers, by offering them the use of the Hippodrome for a mass meeting next Sunday. Mrs. Belmont is expected to donate money. It is believed the strike will be extended to Philadelphia, where 5000 girls may be affected by the strike order.

### TROOPS MAY BE SENT TO NICARAGUA

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Although army transport officials here deny that orders have been received indicating a possibility of troops being sent to Nicaragua, the big transports, Crook and Buford, are today being overhauled and put into sea-going shape. At the Presidio there is an unrecurrent of excitement and the Nicaraguan situation is the sole topic of conversation.

### CUNNINGHAM CASE RESUMED IN SPOKANE

Spokane, Dec. 2.—The Cunningham coal land hearing, which was begun in Seattle, was resumed by the federal court here today. The session was devoted to hearing the testimony of entrymen living in Spokane, including A. B. Campbell, John A. Finch and Arthur D. Jones. The case is being tried before Commissioner Fred T. Dennett.

### MEMBER OF "SOUL KISS" A WHITE SLAVE TRADER

The Walla Walla Bulletin has the following concerning a member of a troupe that lured the public here some time ago: On the charge that they attempted to conduct white slave traffic in Boise inducing young girls to be led astray in Ontario, Ore., A. W. Heckner and Verner Huntzberg, the former a member of "The Soul Kiss" company, which appeared in this city several weeks ago, and the later a Boise musician, have been arrested, and after a hearing placed under \$5000 bonds for trial in the district court. It is charged that Heckner and Huntzberg induced two girls of Boise to leave their homes and accompany them over the Oregon line. It is charged that when one of the girls wanted to go home Heckner insisted that she accompany him and to pay their railway fares pawned her jewelry. The parents, becoming alarmed at their disappearance traced the four to Ontario, where Sheriff Bennett of Boise, made the arrests. In fixing the bonds in a large sum Judge Dunbar stated that he considered the offense one of the worst in the category of crime.

H. G. Hurlburt was a passenger for Echo on the morning train, having spent last night in Pendleton.

### CONSERVATION MEASURES AT COMMITTEE'S DISPOSAL

Washington, Dec. 2.—Friends of the policy of conservation of natural resources realized today that their fight in congress which convenes Monday will be centered in the house committee on land. It is said conservation measures are apt to slumber in the committee pigeon hole, unless the FitzGerald amendment to the house rules can be operated and force the measure out. Speaker Cannon and Representative Mondell of Wyoming, who is chairman of the lands committee, are said to have an understanding. Mondell owns a great amount of Wyoming land. It is asserted that Secretary Ballinger's recommendations for conservation legislation are for the most part unconstitutional.

### RETIRE FROM SEA SERVICE AFTER FIFTY YEARS

Liverpool, Dec. 2.—Completing fifty years of sea service, Captain John Pritchard of the palatial Cunard liner Mauretania, which is now ploughing her way from New York to Liverpool, will retire when his ship reaches port in this harbor. Captain Pritchard started his sea career at ten years of age as a cabin boy on the schooner Walsh. He entered the service of the Cunard line 30 years ago, and rose rapidly until he was given command of the Mauretania, the ship that has set many speed records for transatlantic trips.

# FORENSICS ADVANCES TO THE FOREGROUND

### HIGH SCHOOL HAS SELECTED DEBATING TEAMS

### Two Teams Chosen This Year to Compete for Honors in Interscholastic Association—This Year's Material New But Promising.

Debating is now one of the leading features of student activities at the high school and from this time on it will probably claim a large share of the attention of the students, despite the popularity of basketball. Two teams have been formed and will be maintained throughout the debating season.

One of the teams is to uphold the affirmative side of the question to be debated, while the other side will defend the negative. So far but one alternative has been selected, but it is expected that a second alternative will be named within a few days.

Heretofore the Pendleton school, like all the others, comprising the state league, has only put out one team each year. This year at the annual meeting of the league officers it was arranged that the leading schools in the state be represented by two teams. A number of other schools in the state will also be represented by teams this year, which heretofore have had no representation in the league. Among these are Weston and Athena high schools.

The debating tournament will be opened soon after the holidays, according to present arrangements, when the local high school teams will meet the teams from Weston and Athena on the same evening.

The six regular debaters who have been named are Peter Crockett, James Hartwell, Arthur Jordan, Pansy Ireland, Harvey McPherson and Chester Fee. Elmer Dahlgren is the alternate. No leader has yet been appointed for either team.

These are all new students in the realm of debating, but according to Principal Hampton they are all good, hard working students and he feels that the school will be ably represented by them in the coming contests. So far they have been showing up exceedingly well for new debaters.

It will be remembered that last year the team representing the local school won every contest up until the last one, losing the state championship for eastern Oregon. This year it is hoped to do as well, though every member of the team is new, while last year's debaters had had considerable experience.

### GUNBOAT PRAIRIE SAILS FOR NICARAGUA

Washington, Dec. 2.—It was officially announced by the navy department today that the gunboat Prairie has been ordered to sail from Philadelphia for Nicaragua this afternoon.

### MRS. BELMONT STARTS ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

New York.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and the women associated with her in the equal suffrage movement are arranging to open headquarters in the capitals of a number of states for the coming session of the legislatures. Quarters have been obtained already at Albany and agents have been sent to Harrisburg, Columbus and Springfield. It is the plan of Mrs. Belmont to conduct an active propaganda with members of the various legislatures, looking to the enactment of laws favorable to women.

# COFFROTH IS SLY OLD FOX

### San Francisco Promoter, Though Outbid for Big Scrap, is on the Inside.

### COMBINES WITH GLEASON AND SHARES IN DEAL.

Coffroth Wires Frisco Sports That Rickard and Gleason Will Get Jeffries-Johnson Match, But Wise Ones See in His Professed Satisfaction a Combination of Interests—Always Manages to Have His Hand in.

New York, Dec. 2.—It was announced this afternoon that the managers of Jeffries and Johnson had accepted the bid of E. M. Rickard, allied with Jack Gleason for staging the world's championship fight. The proposition as accepted was the first offered by Rickard, namely guaranteed purse of \$101,000, and two-thirds of the receipts of the moving pictures.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Jim Coffroth's mysterious message from New York in which he stated that Rickard, who is allied with Jack Gleason would get the Johnson-Jeffries match, and that he is satisfied, is believed here to mean but one thing, that the local promoter will be in on the deal. Coffroth went into the affair with his eyes open, and even if he was outbid, he is bound to have an ace in the hole. In entering a combination with Gleason it is safe to assume that the agreement covered everything, and that wherever Gleason went Coffroth went with him. There are some who affect to believe that Coffroth really did not want the match himself, and that in doubling up with Gleason he played his trump card.

It is understood here that promoter Coffroth is in a deal with Rickard and Gleason and that the fight will be held in or near San Francisco. The fighters are figuring on a big income from moving pictures and it is understood that two-thirds of the receipts from that source was a big factor in their decision. The only positive decision as to the location of the fight as set forth in the bid stated that the battle must be held "in California, Nevada or Utah." Tom McCaroy of Los Angeles, claims the deal was "framed up" against him, and that he would never have had a chance against the "combine," no matter what his bid might have been.

### SECOND SNOW OF SEASON MANTLES CITY

For the second time this season Pendleton and vicinity are wrapped in a white mantle of the "beautiful." The temperature is not very low, however, and the indications are that the snow will not long remain.

The ground was fairly well covered when day dawned but the snow had fast falling by that time and before 9 o'clock it had all disappeared. Shortly before that hour, however, it began snowing again and until nearly noon the white flakes continued to fall at the rate of nearly half an inch per hour. When the storm ceased there was a little less than two inches on the ground.

From present indications the wet weather which prevailed throughout the greater part of November is to continue through December.

E. W. Wood, special detective for the O. R. & N. is in the city today on business in connection with his office.

# NEAR-DECLARATION OF WAR ON ZELAYA AND HIS CREW

Washington, Dec. 2.—Every indication today is that Uncle Sam intends to force an immediate solution of the Nicaraguan situation and that the action of Secretary Knox in discontinuing diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government means an immediate movement toward a domination of the situation. The order to the transport Prairie to sail this afternoon with 700 marines for Central American waters, and orders from the navy department for the cruiser Albany, and gunboat Yorktown now in Magdalena bay, to proceed to Cortico on the west coast of Nicaragua, means that this country is decided on war measures if necessary. The action

# R. R. STRIKE CLOSES MINES

### Action of Switchman in Stopping Traffic Causes Montana Mines to Close.

### STRIKE ASSUMING SERIOUS PROPORTIONS

Reports Indicate That Many Members of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Are Walking Out in Sympathy—Closing of Mines Causes Smelter to Shut Down—Railroad Officials Admit Seriousness of Situation.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 2.—The immense Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated Copper company, closed today as the result of the strike of railroad switchmen which paralyzed traffic throughout this section. Three thousand men are thrown out of employment because of the action of the mine officials.

The inability to secure the transportation of ore to smelters at Great Falls was given as the immediate cause of the mines closing. Because of the resulting ore shortage, the Great Falls smelters are compelled also to close, and their 1500 operatives are idle today. Freight traffic on the lines of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads throughout Montana are completely demoralized. In many railroad centers members of the Brotherhood of Trainmen have joined the strikers and no relief from the present acute conditions is in sight. At Helena every switchman in the city stopped work. Many of the brotherhood men have cast in their lots with the strikers and not a wheel is moving in that district.

Eastern Montana reports indicate a probability of all brotherhood men in that section joining the strike. Many quit yesterday, but several are reported as having returned to their posts today. It is believed the strikers will be successful in their campaign to add the entire eastern portion of the state to the territory already cut off from freight transportation. For the first time since the strike it is declared officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound road today admitted its seriousness.

### STRIKE BREAKERS DO NOT RELIEVE SITUATION

St. Paul, Dec. 2.—Strike breakers brought from Milwaukee and Chicago arrived today to replace the striking members of the National Switchmen's union and though many of the places vacated by the strikers are filled with imported men, there is little improvement in the local situation. Traffic on all lines between this city and the Pacific coast is in a serious condition. Additional strike breakers are expected to arrive from Chicago tonight, and tomorrow this centering attempt of the roads first concerted to relieve the tie up will be made. Five thousand four mill operatives are idle here, and in Minneapolis today. All the great mills of the Twin Cities are quiet and only a few of the smaller manufacturers have attempted to carry on.

### S. P. WILL GET CONTROL OF SALT LAKE DIVISION

Reno, Dec. 2.—It is reported on good authority that after January 1 the management and control of the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific will revert from the Oregon Short Line to the Southern Pacific company.

J. R. Kanga of Hermiston, came up from the west end of the county last evening for the transaction of business.

### GASOLINE ENGINE EXPLODES CAPTAIN SINKS WITH LAUNCH

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Captain Peter Figari is dead and Captain Nells Jenson narrowly escaped death today when the explosion of a 50 gallon gasoline can sent the \$5000 launch "Nevada" to the bottom of the bay. Captain Figari was the only occupant of the launch and was preparing to take a passenger out to a ship in the bay when the engine became uncontrollable and Captain Jenson in a launch near by Figari's was called to help. Jenson sprang aboard the "Nevada," but heard the noise made by the backfire of the gasoline engine and sprang aboard his own boat as the explosion occurred. Captain Figari went down with the vessel and his body has not been recovered.

### MAN IS KILLED IN GROCERY STORE QUARREL

Bakersville, Calif., Dec. 2.—An armed posse is today searching for a man named Garrit who killed Hamilton Proctor in a little lake store, and is a fugitive from justice on the Great Mojave desert. According to the store proprietor, Garrit entered to purchase a candle. When he grumbled because he believed five cents to be an exorbitant price, Proctor said: "Give him his nickel, I'll take the candle." Garrit then is alleged to have shot Proctor, who died three hours later. A reward of \$200 has been offered for Garrit's capture.

# WHITMAN MAY ABOLISH FOOTBALL

### UNLESS RULES ARE REVISED GAME STOPS

### Faculty Posts up Notice to That Effect—Injuries Sustained by Men in Thanksgiving Game Probable Cause of Action.

Walla Walla, Dec. 2.—The Whitman college faculty posted a notice today that unless the football rules are modified to eliminate mass plays football will be abolished at that institution. Injuries to the light Whitman men in the Thanksgiving game with the heavy Washington State College team are believed to be responsible for the action.

### PEARY CONFIRMS COOK

### Former Pole Explorer Says Evidence of Two Are Identical.

San Jose.—Maurice Connell, observer at the United States weather bureau here and a member of the Greeley North Pole expedition, defends Dr. Frederick A. Cook from the attack made by Walter Wellman Mr. Connell declared that instead of having to take food from Annatok, a distance of 700 miles, to the pole, the Cook party killed so much game during the first part of the journey that when reaching Cape Hubbard, 400 miles from the Pole, they had a greater quantity of supplies than when they started from Annatok. The fact that Cook, three days out from Cape Hubbard, cut down his party to two Eskimos and 26 picked dogs, according to Connell, is further reason why he could have made better and unimpeded progress.

"In a country where supplies cannot be replenished," said Connell, "the fewer the men and dogs used the fewer loads they are to haul." "Wellman tells us that he could manufacture a latitude observation at any time. Certainly that is not very convincing," adds Connell. "But Cook could not well manufacture a true observation or a longitude observation neither could he manufacture magnetic variations and above all, how could he state whether the north pole was on land or on sea unless he had been there?"

"If anything was needed to confirm Cook's claim that he reached the pole in April, 1908, Peary's narrative of the journey made by himself in 1909 would confirm it. Cook stated that no land exists at the pole; so says Peary. Cook stated that the ice flows were of larger extent and smoother as the pole was neared, and that there were fewer pressure ridges; so says Peary. Peary in every detail confirms Cook, even to the peculiar color of the ice at the pole."

### WILLIE HOPPE WILL MEET ORA MORNINGSTAR

New York.—Willie Hoppe and Ora Morningstar, between whom there has been much controversy concerning the championship at 18.2 balk line and 18.1 balk line billiards, are arranging a match for the American championship, regardless of the tournament which has been held in this city. Eddie Grancy, the promoter who is here to bid on the Jeffries-Johnson fight, is negotiating to have Hoppe and Morningstar matched for six nights play of 2000 points at 18.2. King Manuel of Portugal is out of luck that he isn't allowed to come over to America and marry an American millionaire. A king has less liberty than most people.

# LOCAL MEN WERE FINED

### Judge Wolverton Assessed Defendants Total of Forty-five Thousand.

### JOHN VERT HAS NOT YET APPEARED

### Famous Umatilla Land Cases Brought to Finish by Imposition of Financial Penalties—Col. Raley Heads List With \$10,000 Fine—All Pay Up But Two Who Have Extension of Time.—Defendants Assert Innocence But Contest Too Costly.

Fines aggregating \$45,500 were imposed upon Umatilla county men in the federal court in Portland yesterday. No jail sentences were imposed upon any of the defendants and the fines were all paid immediately excepting in the cases of William Rabe and George McDonald. These men have been given 10 to 20 days respectively in which to pay their fines.

The complete list of fines imposed by Judge Wolverton is as follows:

J. H. Raley	\$10,000
William Slusher	5,000
O. P. Bowman	5,000
J. W. Crow	5,000
J. W. Wynn	3,500
C. W. Mathews	3,500
William Caldwell	2,500
George McDonald	2,500
George Adams	2,500
Joe H. Parkes	500
Balley Ross	1,000
William Rabe	500
George Olmstead	500

The case against John Vert which is set for trial December 16 was not disposed of but it is the understanding that he will likewise enter a plea of guilty. In addressing the court yesterday regarding the cases John McCourt, United States district attorney, mentioned the Vert case in a manner that indicates he will be fined heavily. The case against R. E. Porter was postponed.

With the exception of two men all the defendants returned to this city this morning as likewise did Judge James A. Fee who was legal representative.

In discussing the case today one of the defendants said: "We feel that the cases were all unjustly brought, yet we considered it cheaper and more satisfactory to enter pleas of guilty and be fined than to contest the cases. We would have been forced to bring witnesses from all over the country and it would have cost a small fortune to have taken the cases through the courts."

### PROTECT IBEX.

### Baker Man Finds Herd in Mountains.

Spokane, Wash.—Sportsmen in Spokane and throughout the northwest will give W. R. Parker of Baker City, Ore., every support in his efforts to secure a state or federal protection for a herd of ibex on Mount Eagle in Oregon. Parker advocates the creation of a preserve on the mountain so that the only known band of ibex on the continent may be saved from slaughter. He has hunted big game in eastern Oregon for years and possesses wide knowledge of the trails and canyons in the mountains, and believes that since the hunt of the herd is known to others the animals ought to be protected to prevent extinction. When he first announced the presence of the band in the mountains some of the veteran hunters asked for proof, which was forthcoming by Parker bringing out a dead buck, doe and fawn. Parker looks upon the ibex as a big asset in a sporting way for the entire northwest.

### DENIES COW STARTED GREAT CHICAGO FIRE

New York.—Renewed attacks were made here recently on the theory that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lamp and so caused the great Chicago fire in 1871.

The son of Mrs. O'Leary, James O'Leary, denied the story following a declaration from a Chicago pulpiter that the cow kicked over the lamp, when O'Leary said: "The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the hay loft. The old man had put in a load of green hay a few days before. The fire started in that hay loft, and the cows were underneath it. It was Sunday night I went to bed before 8 o'clock. I had not gone to sleep yet when I heard the firemen shouting in front of the house and we all got out. The first we knew about the cow and the lamp was when we read about it. Father and mother died sad at heart over that world-strewn fable."

District Attorney Phelps returned this morning on the early train from Portland where he had been since Thursday night on legal business.