

East Oregonian

COMPROMISE ON PACT IS SOUGHT BY SENATE PAIR

Unofficial Committee on Conciliation Working in Senate to Find Compromise Basis, Optimistic Over Progress.

LODGE, HITCHCOCK BEING IGNORED IN PROCEEDING

Senators on Both Sides Being Sounded Out in Effort to Crystallize Views into Reservations, Want Settlement.

BY J. W. T. MARTIN (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An unofficial committee on conciliation is at work in the senate today in an effort to compromise the treaty controversy. It is composed of one republican and one democrat. In seeking to negotiate a basis upon which ratification can be arranged, it is ignoring Lodge and Hitchcock, republican and democratic leaders respectively.

PORK PRICES DROP ON EVE OF CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Organized warfare on high prices is being waged here today by state officials who met with Attorney General Palmer to plan a means of hammering down prices. On the eve of the meeting pork prices took a sudden drop.

NEWSPAPER CONFERENCE OUTLINES TWO COURSES

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 17.—The annual Oregon state newspaper conference, founded last year under the auspices of the School of Journalism and the State Editorial Association, will hold its annual meeting here today.

COLONEL PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO MEN OF 146TH F. A., WEARERS OF FIVE BRONZE STARS

Never was a word of complaint heard from officers or men in the 146th field artillery, although their arduous duties in service entitles them to five bronze stars on their victory ribbon.

DEER, STARVING BECAUSE OF HEAVY SNOWS, SEEKING FOOD AT RESIDENCE AT YELLOWSTONE



This photograph shows how heavy snow storms have driven the Yellowstone Park deer to Fort Yellowstone residences in search of food. The park officials, having spent all available funds for hay, have asked congress to take emergency action and have also appealed to organizations interested in the preservation of wild animals.

N. VEEDER VAN PETTEN IS CALLED BY DEATH

N. Veeder Van Petten, of this city, died last night in Portland after a four weeks illness. Mr. Van Petten, who was about 70 years of age, has been in failing health and the trip to Portland was made in the hope of benefiting his health.

TOMORROW LAST DAY BALLOT WILL APPEAR; HURRY WITH YOUR VOTE

Tomorrow will be the last day on which ballots for the peace treaty referendum will be published by the East Oregonian. The League to Enforce Peace requested that the ballots be published for one week and this request will be adhered to.

ONLY DISTURBANCE HERE IS RISE TO 26 ABOVE

Today, December 17, is remarkable in Pendleton for only one disturbance—the rising of the mercury from its below-zero state during the past week to a temperature of 26 above.

KNOX RESOLUTION IS AGAIN UNSUCCESSFUL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For the second time within the week Senator Knox today made an unsuccessful attempt to get the senate to consider the resolution for ratification of treaty without the league of nations covenant.

MISTAKEN FOR BOBCAT, ASHLEY JAMES KILLED

Ashley H. James, of Pilot Rock, was accidentally shot and killed last evening by Ed Warner, his cousin, with whom he was hunting for a bobcat which has been making raids on their cattle.

CITY TAX IS 41.2 MILLS AGAINST 27.6 FOR 1918

Pendleton will pay 41.2 mills on every dollar's worth of taxable property on the 1919 roll, as against 27.6 mills on the 1918 roll. The increased millage, 13.6 mills, represents an increase of 23.2 per cent.

FUEL BAN LIFTED FROM ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES

All restrictions have been removed on bituminous and lignite coal and coke now held or that may be received from collecting mines billed for delivery to consumers under the classes named below:

COMMISSION DISCHARGES STATE BIOLOGIST FINLEY

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—News leaked out today that the Fish and Game Commission at a secret meeting Friday, discharged State Biologist Finley, effective January 1.

LIVED TWO YEARS WITH HUSBAND'S AFFINITY IS CHARGE MADE BY WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—The story of two years of life in the same home with her husband's alleged affinity was unfolded today by Mrs. John Freeman, the husband as a result, was jailed and charged with the contributing to the delinquency of his minor children.

GOAL PRODUCTION IS NEARING PEAK TODAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Coal production is nearing its peak according to operators today. Miners are working with a will, they said, and indicating a desire to observe their agreement.

BOLSHEVIK CAPTURE KIEFF SAYS DISPATCH

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Bolshevik forces captured Kieff and Kapanak, in southwestern Russia, from anti-Bolshevik forces, according to a Moscow wireless today.

GAUNT FAMINE STRIDES THROUGH AUSTRIA THREATENING NATION WITH ANNIHILATION DECLARES IMPASSIONED PLEA TO ALLIES

FORECASTER STANDS PAT: "BIG STORM" DUE TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Professor Albert Porto, scientific observer and forecaster, is standing pat on his predictions that a general meteorological turmoil will affect the earth during a period beginning today.

Archbishop of Vienna Says Country is Wholly at Mercy of Former Enemies as Result of Ravages of Conflict.

CATASTROPHE AT HAND IF ALLIES DO NOT AID

Economic Alliance With Germany Would be Inevitable, Nation Cannot Live as Independent State Without Food.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The supreme council today decided to grant Austria a loan of seventy millions. Each ally will be asked to contribute.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Gaunt famine strides through Austria, crushing innocent women and babies and threatening the entire nation with annihilation.

GOMPERS AND RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS ATTACK CUMMINS BILL; ASK GOVERNMENT RETENTION

STATE'S REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEE OF 15 ARE APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A plea that the Cummins railroad bill be withdrawn before congress by the government control was extended at least two years, was made by Samuel C. Gompers, representative of the railroad brotherhoods and officials of several farmers' organizations, who appeared before the senate interstate commerce committee today.

COUNTY LEADS ALL IN WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE

Umatilla county, with 177,500 acres sown to winter wheat this fall, leads all other counties in the amount of acreage, according to a report just issued by F. L. Kent, field agent for the U. S. Bureau of crop estimates.

INCOME TAX RETURNS BEGIN ON JANUARY 1

January 1 will mark the beginning of the allotted time in which Umatilla county people are to make income tax returns at the Pendleton office of W. D. Chamberlain, U. S. deputy collector of internal revenue.

TERRIBLE STORMS FAIL TO SCOUR EARTH TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—This is the day the world is scheduled to come to an end because five planets range on one side of the sun.

GERMAN TIME LIMIT SOON WILL BE FIXED

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The peace conference expects to submit a final note to Germany this week, fixing the time limit for the signing of the protocol, it is learned today.

WHOLESALE PRICE OF GASOLINE IS GOING UP

The increase of 1-1/2 cents in the wholesale price of gasoline in Oregon, as announced by the Standard Oil Company, will undoubtedly cause the increase in the price here, states the local oil office today.

PENDLETON DROPS TO THIRD IN BANK LIST

Pendleton, with three banks and deposits totalling \$8,569,244.21, sank to second place in the list of Oregon cities outside of Portland which have bank deposits over the million dollar mark.

HARRY NEW CALMEST ALLEGED CRIMINAL IS ATTORNEY'S COMMENT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—"Harry New is the calmest man I ever saw under such circumstances," said LeCompte Davis, his attorney, as he waited in jail today for his trial tomorrow, on the charge of murder.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Thursday snow, but no cold tonight.