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McNARY INTRODUCES BILL FOR ASTORIA RELIEF INTO SENATE

CONSOLIDATION ADVOCATED FOR WAR AND NAVY

Investigating Commission Reports Plan for Reorganizing Work Under 1 Cabinet Man.

NEW DEPARTMENT WOULD BE 'NATIONAL DEFENSE'

Harding Expected to Lay Plan Before Congress in Special Message With Comments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—Consolidation of the war and navy departments into the department of national defense under one cabinet member with assistants in charge of the army and navy respectively, have been definitely recommended to President Harding by Walter N. Brown, head of the commission appointed to prepare a plan of governmental reorganization. The president may lay Brown's recommendations before congress with a special message giving the administration's opinion on each change suggested.

RITNER TO TAKE TRIP THROUGH CALIFORNIA

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—It is rumored that Governor Ritner, who is acting in the capacity of state executive during the absence of Governor Olcott, contemplates a trip to California about the middle of this month and that Louis E. Bean—of Eugene, speaker of the house at the 1931 session of the legislature, will succeed to the executive office pending Olcott's return.

Under the new gubernatorial succession law the president of the senate becomes governor whenever the regularly elected governor for any reason is unable to act, and if both the governor and the president of the senate are unable to act then the succession falls upon the speaker of the house. Should Bean be called to the executive chair there will have been three governors at work upon the state budget, which just now is occupying more official attention than anything else about the state capital.

WILD, WILD, WILDCAT.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—The Germans more trouble than Clemenceau," said a longshoreman on the local docks recently when an exceptionally wild wildcat was lowered into the hold of the Hansa, Hamburg-American liner destined for Bremen. The cat was consigned to the Hagenbeck Menagerie in Hamburg.

MUSEUM GETS OLD STUMP.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The fossilized stump of one of the oldest trees in America has been presented to the department of geology of the American Museum of natural history by the board of water supply of this city. The stump is thirty-two inches in diameter and two feet high.

WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse
weather observer.
Maximum 11.
Minimum 6.
Barometer 30.
Snow, two inches.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Tonight and
Thursday
probably snow.

PIGMY



The world's only pigmy elephant, Mianmian, has arrived in New York from the French Congo. Mianmian is three years old, weighs 400 pounds and has reached his full growth.

29 PLANES SEARCHING FOR MISSING BIRDMEN IN ARIZONA DESERTS

Hope is Expressed That They May Have Found Waterhole and Await Rescue Parties.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—Unless Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieutenant Charles Webber, missing army aviators, have reached a desert water hole and there await rescue, their discovery is hopeless, searchers believed today. Indian guides on foot and army squadrons in the air continued the search of this state and northern Mexico today. Twenty nine planes are engaged in the search.

Their plane is believed forced down somewhere in the Santa Rita mountains southeast of Tucson, Arizona. The plane was reported last week as flying low with the engine misfiring badly.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—"As long as we do not know where they are and what has happened to them there is hope," declared Major W. A. Arnold, commander of Rockwell field today, commenting on the search for Colonel Marshall and Lieutenant Webber, missing aviators. Every flyer attached to Rockwell field is engaged in the search.

ROBBER GETS \$80,000.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Thomas Henry was shot three times and probably fatally wounded by one of three bandits who held up Henry and C. Kelly and robbed them of \$80,000 while taking the money from the post office in the National bank. Henry was shot when he resisted. The robbers escaped but Henry will likely die.

CLEMENCEAU SAILS FOR HOME, WELL-CONTENTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—Satisfied he has accomplished his mission in America, Georges Clemenceau sailed for home today on the liner Paris. He was up early as usual, ready to wave a farewell to the country he wishes to join with France in working out European "after-the-war" problems.

BRYAN ASSERTS RULE OF RICH CONTROLS COUNTRY; STRIKE LAW SUGGESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—(A. P.)—William Jennings Bryan denounced the rule of the rich which he claims controls the country and urged new policies to strengthen America here and abroad. He says that reports of breakdown of America under prohibition problems are exaggerated. In the event of a strike or lockout in industry he advocates laws giving the government most power to take over industries and operate them for public welfare, until a settlement is reached. He is glad America has a representative at the Near East conference.

"Without surrendering our independence of action, we should exert our moral influence toward the promotion of universal peace," he declared.

BOYS' BAND TO GIVE CONCERT DEC. 20

The third of a series of concerts for the benefit of the uniform fund will be staged at the Rivoli theatre Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, by the United Schoolboys' Band of Pendleton, beginning at 8:00 p. m., under the direction of A. W. Lundell. After the concert "The Little Minister," featuring George Hackathorne, will be presented. The admission will be 50c and 25c. Adult tickets will be offered for sale by members of the band at 55 cents, which includes tax. Children's admission can be had at the ticket window, only on the evening of Dec. 20, and will be 25 cents, including tax.

A good program consisting of standard band selections will be rendered, and you are assured your money's worth if you attend. Furthermore this is a worthy cause and your boys deserve your support in this cause," Mr. Lundell stated today. The following is the program: "Curtain," "Hail Columbia," "Band March," Washington Post, Sousa Overture, Arcadia, Laurens Waltz, Rosedale, Eaton March, Salvation, "A Night in June," "A Goodnight Song," "King of the Mountains," "The Boyder Medley Overture," "Living Pictures," "March," "Salute to the Colors," "Star Spangled Banner."

JUNIORS AND FRESHMEN LEAD IN BASKETBALL

Juniors and freshmen lead in interclass basketball at the high school as a result of games played the last few days. Sophomore and seniors won last night over junior seniors, while the junior midlets defeated soph midlets. The senior teams stand at the foot of the list, having lost every game so far.

The basketball schedule for the rest of the week is:
Wednesday—7:30. First team practice.
Thursday—4:10. Freshmen midlets vs. seniors. 4:30. Freshman intermediates vs. seniors. 5:20. Soph intermediates vs. juniors.
Friday—4:15. Freshman seniors vs. juniors. 5:00. Freshman midlets vs. juniors. 7:30 First team practice.

WILL MOORE WILL BE INSURANCE DIRECTOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—It has become known to a virtual certainty that Will Moore, former collector of customs under the Wilson administration, and formerly of Pendleton, will be appointed by Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce as state insurance commissioner.

ALLIED-TURK CONFERENCE IN DEADLOCK

Parley Will be Given Up Unless Kemal Agrees to Protect Christians in Country.

CURZAN IS SPOKESMAN FOR ALLIED NATIONS

Turks Told to Decide Quickly as to Whether They Want to Join the League of Nations.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Marquis Curzon, speaking for the allies, today notified the Turks that the Near Eastern conference here will be abandoned unless the Kemalists recede from their opposition to allied demands for protection of the Christian minorities in Turkish territory.

STRONG FLEET NEEDED BY COUNTRY PLEA PUT FORWARD BY ADMIRAL

H. T. Mayo is Chief Speaker When Exchange Club Entertains Rotarians at Banquet.

A plea that the United States maintain a strong navy as a means of preserving peace and reinforcing its foreign policy was made last night by Admiral Henry Thomas Mayo, U. S. N., retired, in the chief address of the evening delivered at a banquet given by the Pendleton Exchange club in honor of the Rotary club.

The speaker called down to earth the United States has always been in maintaining its navy until a time of emergency comes by tracing the history of naval construction from the earliest days of the country up until the present.

"A few years ago the people wanted a navy of the best, but in peace, build no ships. It is a sad fact that many citizens fail to appreciate the navy sufficiently to realize that the money put into it is well spent. Yet who is there who does not appreciate that in any diplomatic crisis it is the possession of a strong navy that makes for peace and the securing of just demands."

Admiral Mayo's right to talk on the subject he selected "The Navy," was well established by reason of the fact that he has been interested in that branch of the service since he was graduated from the naval academy in 1876, the Rev. Alfred Lockwood said in introducing the speaker. He retired from active service in 1923 after having commanded the Atlantic fleet during the world war.

DESPOUNDENT MOTHER TRIES TO KILL SELF AND BABIES WITH GAS

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—James and Marjorie Feles, aged three and one respectively, by, are dead and the mother, Mrs. George Feles, is unconscious at the hospital in a critical condition after being found in a gas-filled kitchen last night. The husband, a hotel waiter, found the doors locked when he came home and waited a while at a neighbor's, then entered through the bedroom window. He found the house filled with gas, the wife on a cot in the kitchen and the children on the floor with the gas pouring from an open stove burner. Officers said that circumstances indicated the mother, who had been ill, turned on the gas.

SKATERS WOULD FLOOD ROUND-UP PARK ARENA

A move to have the arena of Round-Up Park flooded with water to provide for skaters during the cold weather has been launched informally in Pendleton by several lovers of the winter sport. No official action toward having the wish realized has been taken yet, but several skaters are talking about the desirability of such an action.

STEAL WHISKY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Eight men today held up the employees of the Mayer Express company warehouse and escaped with \$25,000 worth of whisky.

SLIGHT MODERATION IN WEATHER, PROMISE

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(A. P.)—A slight moderation in cold here is forecast. The minimum this morning was 19 above the same as yesterday. The forecast tomorrow is a minimum of 21. Later recorded 10 above today, compared with two below yesterday.

NEW CLUE FOUND IN TAYLOR MURDER CASE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Investigation of the baffling William Desmond Taylor murder case may be renewed as a result of disclosures in connection with a raid of the headquarters of an alleged nationwide dope ring in New York yesterday, authorities here said today. The New York police gathered evidence showing the ring has ramifications in Hollywood and claim possession of eight prominent movie stars served by it. Officials here are persistent in the belief that Taylor, prominent picture director, was murdered by drug addicts when he sought to prevent them trafficking with film players.

WELL, WELL



ASTORIA SAFES OPENED REVEAL RECORDS LOST

Check of Safes Shows 69 Percent Loss of Merchants' Records and Papers From Fire

BANK VAULTS EXPECTED TO SHOW LITTLE LOSS

Mayor Appeals for Federal Aid to Extent \$8,000,000; Pendleton Urged to Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Senator McNary of Oregon, today introduced a bill providing a three million relief appropriation for Astoria, Oregon, to be administered by the secretary of war. It was referred to the committee on appropriations.

ASTORIA, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—A check of safes opened following the conflagration revealed today that approximately 60 per cent of the merchants' private papers and records have been destroyed. It is feared the bank vaults will show some loss, but due to better construction investigators believe these institutions will lose but little of value.

No word has been heard from Washington replying to Mayor Bremmer's request that the federal government appropriate \$3,000,000 for aiding in the city's restoration. The city government is considering drastic ordinances to prevent profiteering in order to guard against an influx of outside labor to compete with Astorian workers, and to regulate the building program. The work of clearing the city site is proceeding rapidly and many temporary structures are rising. Merchants are doing business.

The state highway commission this morning directed the state engineer to prepare estimates on the extension of the state highway through Astoria forming the city's main street. The legislature will be asked to divert a fund for this purpose.

Pendleton Appealed to
The Pendleton Commercial association yesterday received a telegram from Mayor Bremmer of Astoria asking this city's co-operation in securing the \$2,000,000 Federal aid for the devastated city. The full text of the mayor's telegram is as follows:

"The situation at Astoria, resulting from the devastating fire of last Friday (Continued on page 5.)"

BUSINESS SECTION IS RUINED BUT SPIRIT OF ASTORIA IS NOT, IS MESSAGE BY ALDRICH

By E. B. ALDRICH.
ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 13.—Though the business district of Astoria is ruined, the spirit of the town and of the businessmen is not. There is not a gloomy face in the town and it is very hard to find anyone who does not carry a smile and a few words of cheer. The alleged political differences have been entirely ironed out. As a matter of fact they were at all times mythical and due to misunderstandings. As soon as affairs were talked over neither side had room for complaint and all have joined hands in the common cause of rebuilding the city. The committee of 10 which will also have the functions of a city planning committee is hard at work already.

A valiant fight was made by Lee