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GOVERNOR CONTINUES TO WIELD AXE UPON MASS OF SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATION

SOVIET RUSSIA IS DEFENDED BY SOCIALISTS

Attorney Says Assemblymen Suspended By New York Legislators Because Of Affiliation With Party.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—A defense of soviet Russia was made today on the floor of the New York assembly chamber by Seymour Steadman of Chicago, an attorney for the defense in the trial of the five suspended socialist assemblymen before the assembly judiciary committee on charges of disloyalty.

Asserting in connection with the charge that the socialist party at its convention in Chicago last summer has expressed solidarity with soviet Russia and that the assembly had condemned the suspended members because they were members of a party which expressed such approval, Mr. Steadman declared that expression of belief in the soviet system was not an offense in England, Germany, Italy or Norway, where it had become an issue and that in this country it was not a crime for which a man could be tried and sent to the penitentiary nor did it even afford the basis for a civil libel suit.

Scores Occupation. "We are not at war with Russia," he said. "It is true that some of our troops are over there and some of the troops of our associates. It was rather unfortunate for some of our associates' troops, for the Russians shot some of them into their regiments."

Mr. Steadman, who said educational institutions were being developed in Russia despite the fighting that was going on there, asserted feeling toward that country was changing and cited dispatches to the effect that the allied governments were preparing to resume trade relations. This, he claimed, was commercial recognition of the Russian political and economical structure.

Asks Specific Charges. Arguing a motion to dismiss the charges because they do not include cause for exclusion of the socialist members, Mr. Steadman declared that "you specify no act which would justify the exclusion of these men."

"Can you say that if I plead guilty to the first cause (adherence to the Chicago platform), it justified our exclusion?" he asked.

Business Men's League To Elect New Director Tonight. A director for the Salem Business Men's league is to be elected at the meeting at eight o'clock Wednesday night of the organization at the Commercial club. This will be the annual election that was deferred because of inclement weather that prevented the meeting in December.

BIG BROTHERS MAKE HIT WITH YOUTHS AT TRAINING SCHOOL

By Gertrude Robinson. "He a he-ero-o!" The littlest rebel tossed back a shock of curly brown hair and sang the words of the hymn with the characteristic boyish vim. He was such a tiny lad that unless one was as near the front of the auditorium as we were, he could not be seen, but his young voice carried as far as did the voices of his comrades, and held as much enthusiasm as those of the older boys. The hymn ended, and the littlest rebel sat down with the rest of them, while the program proceeded. It was a Big Brother program Tuesday night, sponsored by that most noteworthy of all organizations, the Pika. Every year, it seems, they fill a caravan of automobiles with singers, readers and musicians and go out to an evening of undisturbed fun. Why don't they spend some of their pent up fraternal fellowship on the training school for girls case in a while, is beyond me. But I've learned, long since, that have not the worst of it ever since Adam Eve. I don't mean to philosophize, but with the Dublin suffragettes; they at least have the courage to throw back a few of the bricks that have been hurled at their sex since the time

HAVE YOU BEEN ENUMERATED? If not, or if you have any doubt, fill out this coupon and mail to C. R. CRAWFORD, Supervisor of Census, Federal Building, Salem, Or. To the best of my knowledge I have not been enumerated. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Between what two cross streets? \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Dog License Law Upheld By Court

Portland, Or., Jan. 21.—Presiding Judge John McCourt of the circuit court here today upheld the validity of the state dog license law, by sustaining the demurrer to the suit brought by Walter B. oneyman of this city, to test the act. Under this decision, sheriffs must shoot all unleashed dogs not wearing state licenses, besides city licenses when these are imposed by the communities. No provision is made for impounding the

WAR ON TRAFFIC VIOLATORS BEGUN BY ACTING CHIEF

Rigid enforcement of the city's traffic laws was the interpretation of several Wednesday of action being taken by Acting Chief of Police Harry A. Rowe. The change of Patrolman Moffitt from night duty to day Traffic officer, and the serving of notice to Police Judge Race that all violators would be hailed before him, was construed by some as being the forerunner of a campaign against traffic violations in the city.

Wednesday morning Officer Moffitt began a systematic patrol of the business section of the city on motorcycle; and instructions were issued by the acting chief to all night officers to spare no effort in bringing violators of the fire limit parking ordinance before the bar of justice.

Offenders Face Court. Police Judge Race was informed by Acting Chief Rowe, that so long as he headed the police department, all persons arrested for any violations would be brought before him for disposition. Heretofore it has been the policy of police, in minor violations, to warn offenders and release them without taking them into municipal court.

Rowe Makes no Claims. Acting Chief Rowe would make no statement of his aims, and the only intimation of his intentions was derived from his statement that "this cutting of corners, running without lights, speeding and other traffic violations must stop."

Several changes have been made in the offices of police. Patrolman A. Lee Morelock was named day sergeant by Acting Chief Rowe. Troy Branson, former policeman, who was reemployed Tuesday, will patrol at night in the place of Officer Moffitt, who becomes traffic officer working at day.

SEATTLE EDITOR TO FACE TRIAL FRIDAY

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.—E. B. Ault editor of the Seattle Union Record, a daily newspaper, will be arraigned Friday on a charge of criminal libel, Superior Judge Boyd J. Tallman having overruled Ault's demurrer yesterday. The complaint against Ault is based on an editorial he wrote in connection with the deaths of four former service men killed by industrial workers of the world at Centralia armistice day.

Judge Tallman said he based his ruling on a recent Tacoma case in which a man was guilty of libel for defaming the memory of George Washington. The Union Record is published by the Central Labor council. Federal complaints charging Ault with seditious conspiracy were dismissed recently.

Northern And Central Italy Tied By Rail Strike

Paris, Jan. 21.—Northern and central Italy are in the grip of a general railway strike but southern Italy is not so seriously affected, according to the Turin correspondent of the Petit Parisien. The Italian government was unable to run a few trains over the principal lines yesterday, the trains being heavily guarded by troops armed with machine guns.

RESOLUTION IN SENATE SCORES ADMIRAL SIMS

Walsh Proposal Condemns Navy Officer For Making Public Confidential And Official Instructions.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A resolution declaring that the action of Rear Admiral Sims in making public "official instructions of the most confidential character," affecting international relations deserved the condemnation of all Americans was introduced in the senate today by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, a member of the naval committee. His request for immediate consideration was denied on objection of republican Leader Lodge.

The resolution quoted from the letter read by Admiral Sims last Saturday before the senate committee investigating naval decorations in which the admiral said that before he left the United States for Europe in March 1917, he was told by a high naval official not to "let the British pull the wool over your eyes; it is none of our business pulling their chestnuts out of the fire; we would as soon fight the British as the Germans."

"I cannot but believe that whether the above admonition was or was not given to Admiral Sims the disclosure under almost any circumstances must receive the disapproval of every American," said Senator Walsh.

PERSHING INSPECTS CAMP LEWIS TODAY AND VISITS TACOMA

Tacoma Wash., Jan. 21.—General John J. Pershing arrived here early this morning from Seattle, and after meeting a reception committee went to Camp Lewis at 9 o'clock to inspect hat cantonment.

A parade and review of the first and 35th infantry and the 31st artillery brigade was held at the camp, and later Major General and Mrs. J. F. Morrison gave a reception and luncheon to the general.

Tacomans will not see Pershing until this afternoon. At 3 o'clock he will come to the city from Camp Lewis and proceed at once to the stadium, where thousands of citizens and school children will welcome him. The general will make a short address and massed school choruses will sing.

A public dinner will be given the general this evening at the commercial club, and later he will meet in the state armory with the local post of the American Legion.

WOOL GROWERS ASKED TO CUT MIDDLE MAN

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 21.—Establishment in the principal wool centers of the country of selling agencies by the wool growers themselves to dispose of their products direct to the manufacturer instead of the present system by which brokerages and commission merchants are placed in the position of middle men was advocated before the National Wool Growers' convention here yesterday by Secretary S. W. McClure.

Secretary McClure pointed out that the wool of the country is controlled by speculators and declared this was the only logical solution to the discontinuance of the practice. Announcement was made to the delegates that F. R. Marshall, in charge of the sheep investigation of the United States Bureau of Animal Husbandry, will succeed Mr. McClure, resigned, as secretary. Mr. McClure will enter private business with a wool concern at Pendleton, Oregon.

32 MEASURES ARE KILLED BY OLCOTT THRU OFFICIAL VETO ROUTE SINCE MONDAY

Straight Party Ticket, Eleven Local Road Bills, Vista House Proposal And Score Of Other Non-Emergency Legislation Slaughtered; Further Pruning To Follow Is Promise.

Abuse of the special emergency session of the state legislature by the consideration of measures not of an emergency nature and the radical misuse of the emergency clause is severely scored by Governor Olcott in his messages to the senate and house returning 32 measures which had fallen under his official veto up to this morning. Seven of the 32 measures which have been vetoed thus far bore the emergency clause. There are yet a number of bills left for consideration by the governor and it is expected that several more measures will be cut down by the officials axe before the time limit for executive action has expired.

Principal among the measures vetoed to date are the straight party ticket measure steam rolled through the two houses under chaperonage of the republican machine, and eleven local road measures through which the solons played horse with the state highway map during the closing days of the session. Senator Moser's Vista House bill which would have approved the acts of the Multnomah county commission in the construction of the public comfort station at Crown Point on the Columbia highway also went down under the governor's veto.

The other measures vetoed by Governor Olcott up to this time and the governor's reasons for affixing his stamp of disapproval thereto are as follows:

"Hands Off" Ballot. Only the people of the state should be permitted to tamper with the ballot, according to Governor Olcott's message returning the straight party ticket bill to the senate with his veto.

"Any such vital changes as this in the ballot vitally effects every voter in the state of Oregon," the governor's message reads. "Such vital changes which go toward the heart of our form of government should be finally passed upon by the people alone. As a matter of principle I would be unalterably opposed at any time to allowing such legislation to be enacted into a law without its first receiving the sanction of the electorate."

Road Bills Meet Fate. The eleven local road measures which have come under the ban of the executive office, were steam-rolled through the two houses Friday and Saturday in one of the most evident pieces of horse play ever witnessed in the history of the Oregon legislature. Little or no consideration was given to any of the measures in either the house or senate after the passage of the Gallagher bill designating a road in the Jordan valley of Malheur county as a part of the state system of highways had opened the way to the flood of road legislation which marked the last two days of the special session.

After the passage of the Gallagher bill which was only effected over the strenuous protest of the members of the legislature who were against opening the state road map to any further additions at this time all local road bills which followed were put through the mill with a speed that recognized none of the usual procedures usually accompanying the enactment of new laws.

List Is Lengthy. In addition to the Gallagher bill which was known as house bill No. 4, the list of vetoed road bills includes the following: S. B. 52, by Ira S. Smith—Designating certain roads in Coos county, as part of the state system of highways. S. B. 53, by Thomas—Creating a post road in Jackson county. S. B. 55, by Eddy—Creating a post road in Douglas county. S. B. 56, by Patterson—Creating a post road in Polk county. S. B. 57, by Baldwin—Creating a post road in Klamath county. S. B. 58, by committee on roads and highways—Designating certain roads in Clatsop and Tillamook counties as part of the state system of highways. S. B. 59, by Patterson—Creating post roads in Polk and Yamhill counties. S. B. 60, by Lachmund—Designating certain roads in Marion county as part of the state highway system. S. B. 61, by Banks—Creating a post road in Columbia county. H. B. 70, by Wright—Creating a post road in Sherman county.

In his message to the house and senate returning the eleven road bills Governor Olcott declares that "former legislatures have provided by law for a state highway commission."

"This commission," he continues, "is armed with machinery to properly investigate and determine where state highways should be located, without regard to the merits of the various bills in question I deem the method of determining the location of state highways as followed in these bills is ill-advised and founded on wrong principle."

S. B. 22, by Howell—Relating to the release of sureties on bonds. "This is (Continued on page four)

REORGANIZING PLAN FOR ARMY GETS APPROVAL

Secretary Baker Endorses Bill Drafted By Military Sub-Committee Of Senate As Workable Proposal.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The army reorganization bill drafted by the senate military sub-committee was endorsed today by Secretary Baker, who appeared before the full committee.

"This is the most statesmanlike attempt to reorganize the army ever made in any country and is an exceedingly able and effective piece of legislation," he said.

The measure provides for compulsory military training and the formation of one big army to be divided into a citizens reserve army, the regular army consisting of 250,000 men, and the national guard.

While disclaiming any "personal interest or almost none" in the matter, Secretary Baker opposed provisions which would make General Pershing chief of staff. These provisions would in effect abolish the war department as long as General Pershing was on the active list, the secretary said, adding that the president or the secretary of war should be permitted to name the chief of staff in view of the fact that he is the military adviser and the man upon whom both depend for carrying out the military policy.

Senator Frellinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, suggested that the purpose was to provide a place for General Pershing.

"We can't afford to make a military autocracy in America in order to find a place for an officer," the secretary said. "I think when you place a military man in a place created by law and you can't replace him, you're doing something that I believe the constitution prohibits. It is impolitic and constitutionally infirm."

Declaring he had discussed the matter with General Pershing, Mr. Baker said he did not think the general would care to have the place.

General Pershing's future relations to the army reorganization form a problem, Secretary Baker said.

FRUIT EXPERTS DENY REPORTS OF RUINED CROPS AFTER SURVEY

First reports of "heavy damages" and "90 per cent loss" due to the late December frost, are being rapidly un-determined by the passing of time and more leisurely investigation in all Willamette valley orchards. Owners of pear, prune, cherry and peach tracts on the lowlands near Salem are reversing their first radical statements of total losses and, as weather conditions become more favorable, there is lack of confirmation of early fears, aggravated by the heavy snow-fall and the zero weather. Growers have found that the thick snow blanket was a blessing, not only being "poor man's fertilizer," but protecting tender vines and exposed tree roots.

As the Capital Journal at first stated, the only noticeable loss will be found in the lower situated districts. When consideration is given the fact that fully 75 per cent of Willamette valley fruit is located on the hill lands the first reports of total disaster are shown to be without foundation, as hill orchardists in this section, report little, if any loss.

Lewis Completes Survey. C. I. Lewis, of the Oregon Growers association has been making painstaking investigations of the frost results and finds absolute confirmation of his first findings of small losses in

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FLU CASES DEVELOP 50 TO EACH HOUR IN CHICAGO IS REPORT

Chicago, Jan. 21.—More than six thousand persons in Chicago today are ill from influenza, and reports were that the contagion had appeared in cities and towns throughout the middle west. Pneumonia also was reported epidemic, and proportionately had caused a large number of deaths.

During the last 24 hours new cases of influenza were reported at the rate of fifty an hour. Of these three hundred could not be given even temporary supervision by trained nurses. Fifteen hundred additional nurses are urgently needed at once, the health commissioner announced.

Deaths from influenza in Chicago during the last 24 hours numbered 36, as against 214 during the day the greatest number of cases was reported in last year's epidemic.

JAPAN WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM SIBERIA

Tokio, Jan. 20.—Japan's object in agreeing to co-operate with the United States in supporting Czechoslovak troops in Siberia has been attained and the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Siberia will follow, it was decided at a meeting of the advisory diplomatic council yesterday, according to newspapers here.

It was asserted at the meeting, it is said, that Japan has no territorial ambitions in Siberia and that troops now being sent to that country are merely to replace losses. It was declared that fundamental policies will not be affected by this step.

GOVERNORSHIP RACE IN LOUISIANA CLOSE

New Orleans, La., Jan. 21.—Complete returns were awaited today to determine whether John M. Parker of New Orleans, progressive nominee for vice president in 1916, or Colonel Frank P. Stubbs of Monroe was nominated as the democratic candidate for governor in yesterday's primaries.

Early unofficial returns from approximately half of the state, exclusive of New Orleans, gave Parker 29,290 and Stubbs 20,382. The city vote complete gave Parker 21,232 and Stubbs 25,256. The nomination is equivalent to election.

Prize Poultry Provides Feed For Stray Cat

New York, Jan. 21.—A stray tom cat projected himself into the annual poultry show in progress today in Madison Square Garden and had a \$100 breakfast on two carrier pigeons on exhibition by a Baltimore fancier. The homeless feline squeezed into the garden in some unknown way and feasted his eyes on the 14,000 birds, finally tearing the muslin slips of the crate housing the pigeons. Only a few feathers were left to tell the tale. The cat escaped.

MILL CITY VETS DEFEAT SCIO IN RETURN GAME 18 TO 13. Mill City, Jan. 21.—Mill City Legion team defeated Scio by a score of 18 to 13 in a game marked by roughness Saturday night. Scio battled all the way but was unable to cope with the team work of Mill City. A game with Albany is scheduled for Saturday, January 24.