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PRESIDENTIAL VETO BLOW TO RAILROADS

Washington.—Railroads of the country after Dec. 31 will be prohibited from buying equipment from companies in which they or their officers are interested, as the result of the veto by President Wilson of a bill to delay further the operation of such a prohibitory provision in the Clayton anti-trust act. The last of three separate two-year suspensions of the prohibitory section has expired.

The president in announcing his veto through a message to the senate, declared the railroads had been given several extensions of time to prepare for observance of the law, and that no adequate reasons had been presented for further postponement of its operation.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Diplomatic relations between Roumania and Bulgaria have been re-established.

Half the city of East Chicago, Ind., is under quarantine following the outbreak of an epidemic of smallpox.

Preliminary returns disclosed \$831 commercial failures in the United States during 1920, as against only 6451 in 1919.

Colonel George C. Richards of Oil City, Pa., was appointed by President Wilson as chief of the militia bureau of the war department.

The time immemorial custom of holding New Year's reception to the public at the White House on January 1, was abandoned owing to President Wilson's illness.

Participation by teachers in the administration of public schools is asked in a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Teachers, in annual convention in St. Paul.

Seven thousand government employees in the District of Columbia must be dropped from the payrolls if the annual legislative, executive and judicial appropriation is passed in the form just completed by a subcommittee of the public committee on appropriations.

Idaho Legislature Meets.
Boise, Idaho.—The sixteenth Idaho legislature was sworn in and officially took up its duties Monday at noon. At the same time elective state officials took the oath of office. Peter G. Johnston of Bingham county was elected speaker of the house, and E. W. Whitcomb, president pro tem, of the senate. Six thousand persons attended the house warming of Idaho's capitol Monday when the newly completed \$1,000,000 building was thrown open to the people of the state for the first time.

\$15,832,000 Voted to Irrigate Lands.
Salem, Or.—The biennial report of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, which is now being compiled for the legislature, which convenes here next Monday, will show that bonds aggregating \$15,832,000 have been voted in Oregon for irrigation purposes. Of this amount of bonds \$5,577,500 were authorized since 1916.

Eastern Lumber Terminal Planned.
Washington.—According to the report of the federal reserve board, work has begun on the first unit of a large lumber terminal at Hackensack, N. J., to store, handle and sell lumber brought from seaports in Washington, Oregon and California.

Washington.—The metric system of weights and measures is fixed as the single standard for the United States in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Britten of Illinois.

NEGLECT OF DISABLED MEN

Legion's Investigation Shows Lack of Attention to Men Who Suffered Terrors of War.

Investigations by the American Legion reveal shocking conditions of mismanagement and neglect in the government's treatment of disabled veterans, according to reports of the Legion's findings made public by F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander. The Legion has launched a nation-wide fight for the correction of these conditions, which Mr. Galbraith has described as "a blot and a disgrace on the name of our country."

More than 20,000 veterans are still in hospitals suffering from wounds and infirmities suffered in their country's service. Many of them have been there since they were brought back from France on the hospital ships. Their number is increasing at the rate of 2,500 a month, due mostly to the development of tuberculosis among men who were gassed. Statistics show that more than 500,000 men were discharged with disability rated higher than 10 per cent. Experts agree that the peak in hospitalization will not come for five or ten years. Yet, government hospitals at present are filled to overflowing and even contract arrangements are not being made rapidly enough to care for the ever rising tide of disabled men whose conditions demand hospitalization.

Certainly, there is no lack of willingness on the part of the American public to do all in human power to aid those who paid the price for the victory. The same experts who estimate that the peak of the problem will not come for five or ten years say in the meantime \$5,000,000,000 must be spent in its solution. The government has not been niggardly. More than \$300,000,000 already has been spent. Mismanagement is the gist of the Legion's charge. Lack of vision and foresight and the ever-present governmental red tape is blamed as responsible for the death of disabled men before aid could reach them, for the incarceration of disabled in jails and insane asylums, and the charity wards of public hospitals where they received the same treatment as paupers.

In addition to its activities in advocating reform in the conduct of the government bureaus, the American Legion has dedicated itself to the tremendous task of "humanizing" the dreary lives of 20,000 disabled buddies who are patients in the hospitals all over the country.

Every Legion post in this country has been assigned to the definite job of taking care of a certain hospital where former service men are patients.

The Women's auxiliary also will be mobilized to share in the work and civic and philanthropic organizations in the hospital towns will be enlisted.

There is also the dangerous possibility that the hospital patients, remaining day after day with no interest other than their physical condition, will become bitter against the country which once honored them and which apparently has cast them aside. In several hospitals, Bolshevik agents have distributed inflammatory literature by ingenious methods, of which an example is the inclosure of the printed matter in bouquets of flowers. In one case discovered by Legion investigators the propaganda was entitled: "You fought for America and what did you get out of it?" And indeed, it does seem that the sick veteran got little out of it except a short period of popularity, the consciousness of having done his duty and a maimed and diseased body.

"The 2,000,000 who are their buddies," said the Legion's national commander, "and are banded together in the American Legion, are determined that the hundred million shall not forget. In this work of giving the disabled man a fair deal and making him content we shall ask the co-operation of every loyal American. We fought together and we will stick together."

WOULD STEER SHY OF CAMERA

Colonel Whittlesey, Leader of "Lost Battalion," Backs Off From Motion Picture Machine.

Although Colonel Whittlesey, an active member of the American Legion, led the famous "lost battalion" through the Argonne and was one of the 54 Americans who won the blue rosette of the congressional medal of honor, he told "Fatty" Arbuckle that he would be "scared to death" if placed before a motion picture camera.

"You can starve a man; you can wound him with bullets," said Colonel Whittlesey during a recent visit to a Hollywood movie studio with the portly comedian, "but you can't dim his love for the movies. Just a few hours after my boys of the Three Hundred and Eighth Infantry had landed in a safe billeting area on being relieved from their perilous position, the whole bunch were in a 'Y' hut watching a 'five-reel comedy.'"

In These Days.

"Who's the boss here?" asked a traveling salesman as he stopped at a farm with a set of the World's Best Literature in 12 volumes. "He is," replied the man at the door wearily, pointing to the hired man loafing hard in a field. "I'm only his employer."—American Legion Weekly.

COLONEL GOFF



Col. Guy D. Goff, who is general counsel of the United States shipping board.

NORTHWEST LUMBER MILLS LOWER PAY

Tacoma.—Wage cuts of from 15 to 25 per cent in the lumber mills of the Northwest became effective January 1. It was announced here by the local branch of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

The wage reduction will affect 60,000 workmen and the new scale is expected to be adopted by all mills, whether they are members of the Loyal Legion or not.

Under the new scale common labor will be reduced from \$4.40 to \$3.60 per day, and skilled labor will receive a proportionate cut.

The new scale, it was explained, was recently drawn up at a meeting of the trustees of the Four L organization in Portland. Both employers and employees were represented on the board that made the cut.

TRADITION TO BE BROKEN

President-Elect to Ride in Auto in Inaugural Parade.

Washington.—Tradition will give way to progress next March 4, when Warren G. Harding as the new president of the United States heads the inaugural parade up Pennsylvania avenue. Announcement was made that Senator Harding had decided to use an automobile for his ride from the capitol to the White House instead of a carriage, the type of conveyance used by every president with the exception of Andrew Jackson since the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson.

President Jackson rode horseback. The Cleveland Grays, a national guard company, will constitute President Harding's personal guard.

India to Boycott British Duke.

Nagur, India.—A boycott on the proposed visit of the duke of Connaught to the east and a tribute to the memory of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork were voted in resolutions adopted by the Indian National congress. A message of sympathy to the Irish in their struggle for independence was adopted.

Etheridge Returns To Portland.

Portland, Or.—John L. Etheridge, former president of Morris Bros., Inc., which failed recently, leaving a long list of creditors, came back to Portland Monday morning from Minneapolis in custody of deputy sheriffs.

British Press Wants Navies Limited.

London.—Insistence on the desirability of restricting naval armaments and the holding of a conference on the subject by the United States, Great Britain and Japan has been renewed by London newspapers.

Two-Cent Fare Law Unconstitutional.
Des Moines, Ia.—Iowa's 2-cent railroad passenger fare law was held to be unconstitutional by Judge Martin J. Wade, of the United States district court.

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