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## COMMUNISTS' RIOT THREATING LONDON

### ARMORY BEING EQUIPPED FOR WINTER SPORTS

MANY ORGANIZATIONS PLAN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AT ARMORY IN WINTER MONTHS; DANCING PARTIES MAY GO.

First Company to Equip Buildings with Lockers for Ball Team Members; Bowling Alley Proposed; Many Improvements Made Lately.

Beginning with the new year, there promises to be great athletic activity in Ashland, especially in indoor ball playing. The First company Oregon coast artillery, American Legion, high school, Elks' club, and Epworth League, each have basketball teams, and the Y. M. C. A. has a business men's volleyball team. All the players are preparing for some lively contests after the holidays.

Owing to the inadequate room of the high school gymnasium, the Armory is being fitted up for athletics. Many of the members of First company feel that it would be more appropriate and desirable to use the drill hall for athletics than for dancing purposes, although dances are the more profitable, and much money is needed for Armory improvements and repairs. The subject was fully discussed at the regular Monday night meeting of the company, which decided in favor of athletics. The waxed floor has since been scrubbed, and the field marked off with white lines. It may be found possible to use the drill room for both dancing and ball playing, although if it is smooth enough for the former amusement, it is apt to be too slippery for the latter. In order to avoid this difficulty, re-waxing and recleaning will be tried.

Lockers are to be fitted up by First company for the use of the ball teams. These will be placed in a large basement dressing room adjoining one provided with lavatories and four shower baths. Two teams are to practice each evening, except Saturdays and Sundays. The first practice is to be held tonight by a squad of First company players, and will be in the nature of a tryout. "Ashland has by far the best equipped and kept armory in the state," said Adjutant George A. White to Captain William Briggs during the latter's recent visit to Portland. The improvements and repairs made in the building under the present organization in the past year or so are very valuable and extensive.

People who attend a meeting or entertainment at the Armory, see only a part of this important institution, which is far more than merely for holding military drills. In addition to several rooms on the main floor and upstairs, some of which are quite commodious, there is a basement under the entire structure, which measures about 90 by 140 feet. Here is located a large dining room and kitchen, a big equipment room, a shooting gallery or rifle range, and one unfinished room.

Members of the company, says Captain Briggs, have considered the feasibility of turning the unfinished room into a bowling alley, and have made tentative plans for such improvement in the near future. The room is 100 feet in length, and as yet contains nothing but a wrestling mat, where pugnacious guardsmen sometimes take a fall out of each other. To put a cement floor in this long room would alone cost \$700. This expense item gives a good idea of what it has cost the First company to finish and furnish the Armory.

Both the rifle range and the equipment room were cement floored, a large number of first class lockers and other equipment provided, electric lights installed and numerous other improvements made. The electric wiring in the range room cost \$75. There are four targets, each made of two-inch planks, backed with boiler plate. The range is 100 feet long, special target rifles being used for indoor shooting.

The lecture and club rooms are large and well equipped. The former is used mostly in giving instruction in artillery technique, which is really quite complicated. A single instrument now in use cost \$5000. The club rooms has a cozy fireplace, a Victrola, one pool, and two billiard tables, comfortable chairs and other

### P. O. to Finish Package Delivery Day After Xmas

Postmaster E. J. Kaiser announces that the Ashland post office will be open on Monday, observed as a Christmas holiday from 9 to 11 o'clock in the morning. The service will be from general delivery, stamp and parcel post windows, and mail will be thrown to lock boxes. No money order business will be transacted.

There will be one delivery of parcels by auto on Christmas day. Monday, parcel post autos will be kept running until every parcel is delivered. There will be nothing gained by patrons on city carrier routes calling at the office for their mail. It will be impossible to serve them. There will be one complete delivery by city letter carriers and rural route carrier.

Patrons expecting parcels may purchase a 10 cent special delivery stamp and request special delivery. In this case the patron should on Saturday give the name and address of the sender, the name of person addressed, and the place where the parcel should be delivered. Advance information must be given the office in order that sorting clerks may send the parcel to the special delivery desk before the same is sorted to the regular channels.

### FOOTBALL PLAYERS GIVEN LETTERS AT SCHOOL PROGRAM

Speeches, reports, music and other exercises of unusual interest, comprised a program given at the high school this afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The affair was something in the nature of a semi-annual commencement exercise, being given at the close of the first semester of the school year.

Francis Winters gave a financial report of the football team and other student activities, giving a detailed account of all the funds that have been spent by the students, and how the money was obtained. The presentation of football letters by Prof. George A. Briscoe, superintendent of the city schools, was a ceremony of keen interest to all the students, inasmuch as it conferred upon all members of the regular football team the coveted privilege of wearing a large letter "A" for Ashland.

Herbert Doran reported the current events of the week in a manner which demonstrated his fitness for the important position which he holds on the paper which the students have just issued.

Raymond Badger, Ashland high school graduate, talked interestingly about the Oregon Agricultural college, where he is a student, telling of student life at Corvallis, and what some of the Ashland young people are doing there.

Leith Abbott, another Ashland high school graduate, gave an instructive and entertaining talk about the University of Oregon. Mr. Abbott is president of the senior class at the state university.

The oral English class gave an interesting exercise entitled "A Bride's Christmas Tree." The exercises closed with music by the high school glee club.

### Opposition Fair Bills Weak; Gas Tax Measure Up

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—The gasoline tax fair bill and three road bills which passed the house yesterday, are now all in the hands of the senate with the house marking time. The special session is expected to end some time tonight.

With the opposition showing signs of breaking up, it is believed that the fair measure will be adopted by the house, although the bill will probably be amended so that a stock corporation at the end of the fair organization will not have control of the fair funds or the management of the exposition.

Eugene is planning the erection of a new municipal market building.

Malheur county taxes are increased \$100,000 over 1921.

## Italy Proposes 2nd Confab; Russian Trouble Looms

### SPECIAL PARLEY IS ASKED FOR FINISH SUBMARINE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—A second conference of all the naval powers of the world, to follow on the heels of the present disarmament conference and to settle the question of submarine ratios, was proposed today by the Italian delegation to the principal powers represented at the Washington parley, according to an official announcement. The purpose of the proposed conference will be to take up in detail problems involved in establishing such a ratio, and to formulate restrictions governing their use in time of war.

The Italian delegation, it was stated, is convinced that such a conference is necessary, due to the many countries maintaining submarines which are not now represented at the present confab and which cannot be bound by any action taken by the five powers here.

Of what avail is it, the Italians asked, if they, in common with the other powers represented at Washington, agree to curtail their submarine forces, if Greece or some Mediterranean country is to be allowed to build up the undersea menace unchecked?

It has not been disclosed how the other powers received the Italian proposals, but the belief prevailed that no favorable action will be taken on it.

### Harding Gives Official Pardon Eugene Debs

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Official announcement was made at the White House at 4 o'clock this afternoon that President Harding had commuted the sentence of Eugene Debs, imprisoned socialist leader, to expire immediately.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Eugene V. Debs, head of the socialist party and so-called "political prisoner," will be a free man today. President Harding will announce late today that he has commuted the remainder of Debs' ten year sentence to expire immediately, terminating the term which the noted socialist leader is now serving in a federal penitentiary for violation of the war time espionage laws.

The official announcement of the long-awaited action on the Debs case will be withheld until 4 o'clock this afternoon, but the International News Service is enabled to state on the highest authority that Debs' sentence will be commuted to expire immediately. This will allow the famous socialist to spend the holidays with his family at Terre Haute from whom he has been long separated.

Debs was the socialist candidate for president of the United States at the last election, and in spite of the fact that he was in prison, received a large number of votes, ranking close behind Governor Cox, the democratic nominee.

Compensation Bill Approved STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—Senator Eddy's bill providing for the payment of funds to the widows of men injured or killed in maritime accidents while under the protection of the workmen's compensation act was approved by the senate when placed on third reading Wednesday night.

\$64,500 for Repairs Voted STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—An appropriation of \$64,500 for use in repairing property of the state fish commission, which was wrecked in the recent storm, was passed in the house Wednesday. Thirteen members of the house voted against the measure.



Haz Kik

Post Mortem: Stranger, pause as you pass by. As you are now, so once was I. I learned alas, when all too late, That hooch and driving do not mate. HAZ KIK.

### FLAX BILL SLATED TO PAY GROWERS STATE PURCHASES

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—Following a public hearing attended by approximately fifty flax growers of Western Oregon, the joint ways and means committee, Wednesday decided to prepare a bill appropriating sufficient money to reimburse the growers for flax purchased by the state last fall in connection with the operation of the prison flax plant.

Joseph Bartlett, spokesman for growers, said the flax producers signed contracts to furnish their products to the state in good faith, but that because of unsettled market conditions the finished material had not yet been sold, and the growers are still waiting for their money.

This condition, Mr. Bartlett said, was very unsatisfactory in that many of the growers are in debt and are being pressed by their creditors. It was estimated by Mr. Bartlett that approximately \$37,000 would be necessary to pay the flax growers in full.

Warden Compton, of the penitentiary, who is in charge of the flax plant, agreed with the growers that they had signed the contracts in good faith and that they should receive their money. He declared, however, that the state had no funds with which to pay these claims; and that the prospects for selling the finished product is not bright under present market conditions. He said that as soon as the flax is sold the farmers would receive the money due them, dollar for dollar.

To assist the growers, Mr. Compton said he recently had issue vouchers which he believed could be used as collateral, thereby assisting the farmers in tiding over the present emergency.

The ways and means committee took the position that the money due the flax growers is a state obligation, and that an appropriation should be made to cover the claims. In advancing this money it was stipulated that as fast as the finished product is sold the penitentiary officials should turn their receipts over to the state treasurer to reimburse the general fund for the money appropriated.

Deducting money due as insurance resulting from the recent fire at the flax plant, it was estimated that approximately \$30,000 will be necessary to meet the claims of the flax growers.

Oregon Wanted as Training Ship STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—The question of assigning the battleship Oregon to some Oregon harbor having proper mooring facilities, for permanent preservation and use as a training ship for the federal naval reserves, was urged in a joint memorial introduced in the senate Tuesday. Provision was made in the memorial that copies of the same shall be sent to the secretary of the navy and to each senator and representative in congress from Oregon.

### Inheritance Tax Exemption Bill Passed By House

Attorney E. D. Briggs last night received a telegram from Hon. E. V. Carter, member of the house of representatives in the state legislature, now in session at Salem, stating the bill written by Mr. Briggs and introduced by Mr. Carter, providing for the exemption from inheritance taxes of bequests to municipalities had passed the house. Mr. Briggs wired back to Mr. Carter, suggesting that the bill be pushed through the senate today, if possible.

The bill referred to was recommended by Governor Oleott and was written by Mr. Briggs primarily for the purpose of enabling Ashland to avoid the payment of a \$2300 inheritance tax on the estate of the late Charles W. Root, who died last winter. Briggs & Briggs being attorneys for the executors and trustees, who are the presidents of the three Ashland banks. The estate is valued at \$21,000 and will, upon the death of Mrs. Root, widow of the deceased, pass to the city, except such portion as shall have been used for Mrs. Root's support and "every comfort that she can reasonably require."

The residue, according to the provisions of the will, shall be used to "beautify and benefit the city of Ashland," by a committee composed of "the presidents of the First National, Citizens' National and State Bank of Ashland, and their successors, acting with the consent of the proper city officers, may direct." The will states further that the fund is to be used "as a memorial to my dear wife, Virginia Root."

### BRUMFIELD DEATH STAYED BY COURT GRANTING APPEAL

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—Judge Bingham, of the circuit court, has granted a certificate of probable cause following the filing of a bill of exceptions in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, who was convicted recently of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dennis Russell, of Dillard, Douglas county. Brumfield is under death sentence.

The granting of the certificate automatically stays the execution of the convicted man, who was sentenced to hang in the state penitentiary here January 13.

Formal notice of appeal to the supreme court was filed by Attorney Rice yesterday. The defense has been given thirty days to file its transcript of appeal, after which twenty days will be allowed to file briefs. The state will have ten days in which to file its reply briefs.

It was intimated here that arguments in the case probably will not be heard until late in February or in March. Several weeks then will pass before the supreme court will hand down its opinion.

Should the supreme court refuse to reverse the verdict of the lower court it is likely that the Brumfield case will be carried to the United States supreme court on some constitutional question, the dentist's attorneys said.

Attorney Rice, who with S. A. N. Orcutt, defended Brumfield during the trial in the circuit court, appeared personally before Judge Bingham and presented the bill of exceptions.

### COUNTY TAX TO BE ONE MILL LOWER

The county court has reached no decision on the county tax levy for the year, except that it will be one mill lower than the levy outlined in the county budget. The court is working on the final details now. Yesterday's session of the county court was taken up with routine business, and talking over the county fair plans with the county fair board. It was decided to go ahead on the plan adopted last fall, as soon as the weather will permit.

Representatives of the Lumbermen's Trust company, and the Ladd and Tilton bank of Portland, appeared before the county court and asked an option on Jackson county bonds bearing 5 per cent at par.

## THOUSAND COPS SCOTLAND YARDS QUELL RAIDERS

QUICK ACTION BY LONDON POLICE SAVES EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL SECTION FROM RIOTERS PLANNING PLUNDER.

Communist Leaders Circulate Secret Orders for Armed Demonstration of Unemployed; Rioters Filled in Attempts to Loot Shop Till.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Only the watchfulness of Scotland Yard and its quick action in dispatching 1000 sturdy policemen to the scene of trouble, prevented London from having communist plunder riots such as have terrorized Berlin and Vienna in the past.

Large numbers of would-be rioters with announced intentions of plundering, gathered in the streets today and were only quelled in time by the arrival of the police force.

Leaders of the near riot had instructed members of the communist section of the Association of Unemployed Workers to bring weapons to a central mass meeting for the purpose of making an armed demonstration in London's exclusive West End residential district, where many of the city's richest families live.

The plan of the men was to terrorize residents, loot the shops and distribute the proceeds of the plundering among the participants. As the unemployed workmen gathered, they were met by a phalanx of a thousand policemen who were ready for business and who cowed the threatening raiders into submission.

### Bonuses Free from Claims

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—Senator Upton has the distinction of being the author of the first bill to receive approval of the senate. This bill was passed at the afternoon session without a dissenting vote. The bill provided that cash bonuses and loans awarded to soldiers under the so-called soldiers' aid act passed at the last session of the legislature and approved by the voters of the state at a subsequent special election shall not be subject to attachment for debt contracted prior to the passage of the original bonus act.

### Churches Arrange Xmas Program For This Evening

Old-fashioned Christmas programs of song and story will be given by the Sunday schools of the Christian and Congregational churches at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The Sunday schools of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Nazarene churches will hold their exercises to morning devotion. Following are the programs first named:

Congregational Church Opening song—"Joy to the World." Reading of the Bible story. Prayer. Solo—"Holly Night, Peaceful Night," Percy Stratton. Recitation—"Everywhere Christmas Tonight," Esther Spencer. Recitation—"Christmas Is for All," Frances Jacoby. Song by intermedial choir—"Songs of the Merry Christmas." Song by Primary Department—"Luther's Cradle Hymn." Recitation—"Empty Stockings," Edith Moore. Recitation, Maynard Croxall. Recitation, Quentin Hazen. Song by Junior department girls—"Christ Is Born." Recitation—"The Christ-Child's Quest," Marie Prescott. Song by Junior department boys—"Poor Little Stranger." Duet—"Story that Santa Claus Told," Ellen Gale, Esther Spencer. Closing song—"In a Lowly Manger." Benediction.

Christian Church Recitation, Bert Wright. Fairy Drill, Primary Girls. Recitation—"Christmas Days," Roland Parks. Violin Solo, Eunice Hager. Cradle Song, Primary Department. Recitation—"Christmas Bells," Lucy Davis. Pantomime, Intermediate Girls. Song—"Bethlehem Star Shines," Tableau, Junior Boys. Song—"Beautiful Star of Hope," Intermediate Girls. Reading, Mrs. Herrick. Solo, Mr. Harvey. Duet, Mrs. Weinberger and Miss Hedrick. Tableau, Senior Class. Closing Song, Mrs. Bryant's class.

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