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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Wednesday rain + west, rain or snow east portion; + winds, mostly easterly.

ELECTING A SPEAKER

Who should be speaker of the Oregon house of representatives at the session to open next month was a matter of absorbing interest at the meeting of the southern Oregon legislators gathered in Grants Pass Monday.

An attempt to agree to the casting of the vote of the southern Oregon delegation as a unit upon the speakership question failed.

Representatives Thomas and Gore of Jackson and Brand of Douglas, favored support of Bean of Lane county for the leadership of the house, while Representative Sheldon of Jackson showed leanings toward Stanfield of Umatilla, though evidently willing to join in a solid vote with the delegation.

It is evident that the Rogue river fishing question appeared more or less covertly into the speakership lineup from the southern Oregon group. Bean is touted as the friend of the closed river advocates, while those who are more liberally inclined seem to favor Stanfield.

There is a growing belief, however, that the Rogue fish question will have been brought near to solution before the convening of the legislature, and the bitter fight of previous sessions will not result.

A GOOD WORK COMMENCED

Meeting of law makers from the district, such as that held in Grants Pass upon the suggestion of the Commercial club, must result in much of benefit to all southern Oregon.

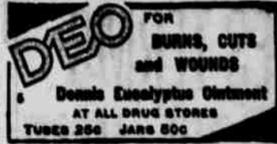
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far larger than are indicated by the war boundaries on the map.

But whatever Germany proposes as a basis for peace, in her first declaration, probably will not be her final word. The most important fact of Germany's new attitude doubtless will be the definite statement of tentative peace terms, which later may be taken as a starting point for future elaboration and a possible settlement.

acquaintance with matters that affect the district as a whole, as well as through a better acquaintance as individuals with one another, prove a stronger working force during the session. They enter the work of the session recognizing the common interest, and they are prepared to sacrifice some measure of personal prejudice, perhaps, to further that common interest.

GERMAN PEACE MOVE DISCUSSED

New York, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposals for peace are made at a time when her armies have taken the offensive in the newest battle area and when the western front has reached another deadlock.

The peace that Germany now wants is one with Teutonic troops occupying enemy territory on every front. The war is yet far from having gone to the knock out that David Lloyd-George demanded in his United Press interview a short time before he became the British premier.

On the contrary, Germany's position now is not that of a beaten antagonist. The Germans occupy at the present moment probably the highest position they will reach, as far as practical purposes are concerned, no matter how long the war continues.

They have a clear road to what they regard as the center of their future colonial empire, in Asia Minor, and they are holding in check every movement to break through the German defenses.

It would be, therefore, greatly to Germany's advantage if a peace could be secured on this basis.

Nevertheless, Germany's losses in man power are becoming constantly greater than the losses of any one of her principal antagonists. At the same time, the British government has just undergone reconstruction for the purpose of carrying the war to a more bitter conclusion, and France, too, is evolving a scheme for greater efficiency.

Under these conditions, while Germany is not overthrown, the German militarists may well feel that the future developments of the war cannot hold out for Germany any better prospects than the ceaseless killing of proportionately more Germans than Frenchmen or Englishmen.

Germany must make large concessions to secure peace at present

ASK EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF GOODS

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The executive committee of the National Retail Grocers association now in session here will be asked to urge congress to impose an embargo on the export of foodstuffs.

Sol Westerfield of Chicago, a member of the committee, will ask that the committee insist that the government halt shipments to Europe of beans, wheat and flour, butter, lard, cotton seed oil, potatoes and condensed milk. He will also suggest that the export of hides and leather be stopped.

Another measure designed to reduce the price of foodstuffs to the retailer, and consequently to the consumer, will be offered to the committee in the form of a resolution calling for a boycott against wholesalers who manipulate prices so as to cause the consumer to pay more for such articles than legitimate market conditions make necessary.

Trading stamps and all premium advertising also will be considered by the committee, members of which declared today cost the consumer in prices from three to five per cent more than otherwise.

HOLLWEG'S ADDRESS.

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Roumania and the hostile capital of Bucharest, meeting with unparalleled genius troops which in competition with our allies, made possible this which hitherto was considered impossible.

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations are in progress. At the same time firm foundations have been laid for our economic needs. Great stores of grain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Roumania. Transport immediately began.

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The chancellor then referred to the fact that added to the events on land, heroic deeds of equal import-

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ance had been accomplished by the German submarines. He said that the spectre of famine which Germany's enemies had intended to appear before Germany, now pursues them. He said the German empire is not the besieged fortress which its adversaries had imagined, but is now a gigantic, firmly disciplined camp, with inexhaustible resources, faithfully united with the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags.

MERRY JINGLE OF DOLLARS IN GOTHAM

New York, Dec. 12.—New York is rolling, revelling, rollicking in wealth. Cabarets have sprung up like mushrooms and dance halls thrive as in any new gold camp.

"Business is three times as big as the biggest we ever saw before this season," said the manager of the largest cabaret in the city.

Hotels are crowded, theaters are sold out. Warehouses are depleted of stocks and deliveries are far behind.

New York is spending its money and getting what it can for it. But it keeps pouring in.

This is a never-before-in-history story.

New York banks today held reserves of \$816,794,200 and from every quarter of the globe money is pouring in—actually yellow gold by the millions to be changed from the coin of other nations into the coin of the United States of America.

Wall street has become a gambling table on to which is being thrown money from the earnings, winnings and savings of Americans and money from the coffers of kings.

While the large majority of New York's six millions are fighting the universal, desperate battle with the high cost of living, on the surface it appears that everybody has money to spend. They are spending it for necessities and luxuries.

Forty or more blocks in Manhattan are given over entirely to that ancient trio—wine, woman and song. "War bride" dividends have given night time Broadway a new life. Men whose business it is to take money from spenders, say they never were able to take so much of it before.

Ancient Babylon could be set down inside New York's winter pleasure grounds without being noticed; Nebuchadnezzar would not have a reputation outside of his own block.

LEGISLATORS.

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mercial club, which followed the dinner, each of the six legislators present made addresses, and each bespoke valuable work for southern Oregon in the 1917 legislature through the co-operation of the entire delegation. The legislators present were W. H. Gore, joint representative from Douglas and Jackson counties; Chas. A. Brand, representative from Douglas county; C. M. Thomas and Ben Sheldon, representatives from Jackson county, and Senator Smith and Representative Sweeney from Josephine county.

Prof. Reimer, of the southern Oregon experiment station, and Director H. M. Parks, of the state bureau of mines and geology, were present, and each detailed something of the scope of the work they were accomplishing and what they hoped from the legislature. Mr. Parks exhibited a chart showing the growth of the mining industry in the state, and indicating that the output the current year would double that of last year. He stated that the bureau had in mind the establishment of a traveling experiment station, through which mines and prospects could be scientifically examined by mining experts, and tests made to determine values for owners unable to develop their properties without such assistance.

At the suggestion of Senator Smith a number of local interests were raised, one being that of sustaining Governor Withycombe in his veto of the measure that created a new circuit court district of Josephine and Curry counties. He said that it was likely that the legislature would put the payment of circuit judges upon the counties, which would make an expense of \$3,000 upon Josephine. Upon this showing, the club voted to endorse a sustaining of the veto of the governor.

Dr. Flanagan made a talk for economy, and advocated the doing away with a lot of surplus boards and commissions.

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proposal for a new law requiring that the interest on county warrants be paid annually instead of being allowed to accumulate till the face of the warrant is paid. Messrs. E. E. Blanchard, L. A. Launer, Sam Baker and A. N. Parsons entered into the discussion, and the plan was favorably considered and endorsed. The county delegation was also asked to use its best endeavors to have \$40,000 from the state highway fund spent in improvement of the Grave creek and Wolf creek grades on the Pacific highway.

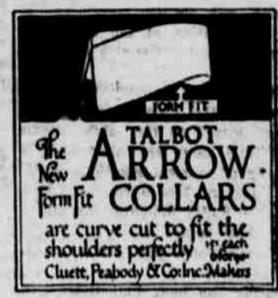
A vote of thanks was given the visiting legislators for their attendance at the meeting, and the club instructed the calling of a meeting at some date previous to the convening of the legislature that a number of questions could be discussed with the county members. This meeting is upon the suggestion of the members, and will be open to the general public for free discussion. The date will be announced later.

Turkish Hospitality. The Turkish people, like most others, are of "mingled yarn" and have their virtues as well as their faults.

Knowing Him Like a Book. "He has a title?" remarked Miss Cayenne inquiringly. "Yes," replied the young woman. "Have you learned all about his personal history?" "I don't think I have."

The Man Without a Home. Joseph H. Choute, one time ambassador to Great Britain, circulated some years ago a story which immediately became famous for the reason that it so clearly and with such fine humor branded the refusal of our government to furnish its foreign representatives with permanent residences.

Three Wives. "Well, of all the impudence—asking me to help you because you have three wives to support!" "They don't belong to me, mister; they belong to my sons-in-law."—Boston Transcript.



All Facilities. The aged admiral was well known for his powers of exaggeration. At supper one night he was describing a thrilling voyage. "While cruising in the Mediterranean," he said, "we passed an island which was red with lobsters."

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