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OREGON WEATHER

Fair, continued cold. Gentle easterly winds.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, organized at Portland on December 12, promises to become a useful unit in the future welfare of the state. George Quayle, general secretary of the organization, has been busy the past few days getting in touch with the secretaries of the various chambers of commerce over the state, and in a letter to these secretaries he outlines the aims of the statewide association as follows: He assures us that the organization will not be controlled by Portland, for the reason that but two of the fifteen directors are Portland men. Neither are the officers Portland men, with the exception of one vice president. It is non-political and every county in the state is said to be represented. Charles Hall, of Marshfield, is president of the organization and F. S. Bramwell, of Grants Pass, is one of the three vice presidents. Mr. Quayle says of the organization:

"It is formed for the purpose of encouraging development of the natural resources of the State of Oregon, and the trade and commercial intercourse between the different parts of this state and between this state and contiguous territory, and also with foreign countries, and of promoting cooperation between chambers of commerce, commercial industrial, agricultural, and other organizations, increasing their efficiency and extending their usefulness. It is intended to secure cooperative action in advancing the common purposes of its members, uniformity and equity in business usages and laws and proper consideration and concentration of opinion upon questions affecting financial, commercial, agricultural, civic and industrial interests of the state."

The next meeting of the chamber will be held in Portland on January 11, that being the last day of the irrigation congress convention.

BEGINNING TO DRIFT

With the halt in ship construction thousands of men are pouring out of the shipbuilding districts, from the sawmills and the lumber camps. Already many of these men are reaching the interior towns in search of work. Thousands of employees were thrown out of jobs in the Puget Sound country, a great number were let out in the Columbia River district, while it is rumored that in the vicinity of Oakland and San Francisco from 15,000 to 25,000 men suddenly found themselves without work.

While it is reported that the ma-

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Majority of these men "laid up for a rainy day," there were thousands who did not heed the warning, consequently the signing of the armistice and the sudden shutting down of war industries came as a dire catastrophe to them. The easy shifts and high wages disappeared before their eyes like the little round ball in the three shell game. And now many of them are already seeking some sort of a job at "most any old wage." A number of them have passed through Grants Pass during the past few days.

In view of this very condition, the big reconstruction convention is to be held at Portland on the 9th, 10th and 11th of this month. Not only must the returning soldier be cared for, but also that vast army of workmen who have been turned out into a cold world, without a job and far less than ninety days from broke, by the war department suddenly clamping down the lid on western industries. The reconstruction convention will face a hard task. Let us hope that they will quickly find the proper solution of the problem.

STEAM ROLLER COMING

One of the inconsistencies of Mr. Gompers and his organizations is the attitude of demanding the highest wages and shortest hours in the world and in the same breath advocating that American industries be left unprotected and at the mercy of world competition which is not governed by high wages and short hours. Already the press dispatches show that millions of dollars of orders with American firms have been cancelled by South American countries because we haven't the ships to deliver goods and our freight rates are double.

China, now that the ship embargo has been raised, is beginning to pour its beans and rice into this country. The same will apply to sugar and hundreds of other articles.

Call it tariff or protection of industry or anything you like, if American industry is to maintain its present scale of wages and hours, protection from foreign competition in some form must be evolved.

A too high cost of production, however, even though protected, will shut us out of foreign markets as we cannot compete in price.

Artificial standards have been raised in this country while we were shut off from world competition but the day is rapidly approaching when we must get back to a normal basis even if some rulings of wage fixing boards and price fixing committees have to give way.

The old law of supply and demand will soon have its steam roller at work and it is no respecter of man-made regulations and Mr. Gompers and all his followers can't vary the course of the roller.

NOT WITH THE MUSIC

We have with us today, not only the Bolsheviks and I. W. W., but also the militant suffragist—very militant—and they are putting in over-time at Washington lampooning President Wilson.

"President Wilson has opposed those who demand democracy for this country. He is responsible for the disfranchisement of millions of Americans. We in America know this. The world will find him out." Such were the words inscribed on

a banner carried by the women. Fairly good campaign fodder, of its variety, but very untimely with the present trapeze music. Europe is now the cynosure of all eyes as most of the stars of the three-ringed circus are over there.

The Oregonian lauds Senator Chamberlain thusly, but even at that the Portland paper is telling the truth: "Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, was 65 years old yesterday. It would appear to have been a day of felicitations, not only from his personal friends, but from the party which he has so specially distinguished by his continued successes in a long series of Oregon campaigns. Mr. Chamberlain, after holding minor offices in Oregon, has been twice elected governor and twice elected senator. Such a record by a member of a minority party is remarkable. Few others like it—perhaps none—can be cited anywhere."

A newspaper, appealing to the soldiers and other men to return to the farms, says: "The man who works for wages is generally ready for the scrap heap at the age of 40 or 45. He is less than 90 days from broke." The same might be said of many men engaged in business. It's a cruel world, unless you look at it from the optimist's viewpoint.

"Pushing for President" clubs are being formed over the country. Much worse clubs could, and probably will, be formed before 1920.

A dampool is one who will make the mistake of trying to round out his education at Berlin.

EVENTS OF YEAR TOLD IN BRIEF

COMPLETE DEFEAT OF CENTRAL POWERS IN WORLD WAR MARKS AN EPOCH IN HISTORY.

DATES OF TEUTON DOWNFALL

Twelve-Month Ends With Leaders of Victorious Nations Gathered to Settle Peace Terms—Other Foreign and Domestic Occurrences.

COMPILED BY E. W. PICKARD. (Continued from yesterday)

Italians and French opened an offensive in Albania. July 9—Von Kuchlmann's resignation as foreign secretary accepted by the Kaiser. Von Hintze succeeded him. July 11—Austrian army in Albania retreated to the Skumbi river. U. S. Army transport Westover torpedoed; ten men lost. July 12—French made a mile advance on Picardy front southeast of Amiens. July 13—President Wilson authorized to take over control of telegraph and telephone lines of country. July 14—British forces occupied Kem on White sea. July 15—Germans resumed offensive, attacking along the Marne and on both sides of Reims. Americans drove the back across the river and French with stood all assaults further east. Hayti declared war against Germany. July 16—Americans smashed German attacks east of Chateau Thierry. Ex-Czar of Russia executed. July 18—French and Americans began big drive, pushing eastward on 20-mile front from Belleau to the Aisne and taking many towns and prisoners. July 19—Franco-American troops made further advances on Boissons-Chateau Thierry front. British took town of Meteren. U. S. armored cruiser man Diego destroyed near New York by submarine. July 20—Franco-American offensive continued, more towns and great numbers of guns and prisoners being taken. Germans retreated from south bank of Marne. Big transport Justicia torpedoed off Ireland; ten of crew lost. July 21—Chateau Thierry captured by Allies. German U-boat sank three barges and damaged a tug close to Cape Cod. July 22—Heavy fighting north of the Marne, French retained

July 21—Germans retreated along the whole front north of the Marne. July 23—Franco-Americans crossed the Ourcq on west front. July 24—Allies took Per-en-Tardenois, Grand Bogy, Cugny and other towns, despite fierce resistance and gained control of the Dormans-Reims road. Americans in desperate fight took Sening, Seris, and Honcheres. July 25—Control of telegraph and telephone lines taken over by U. S. Government. Aug. 1—Americans cleared the Bois de Meuniers of Huna. Aug. 2—Allies advanced their entire line, taking Soissons and Ville-en-Tardenois. Germans retreated precipitately toward the Vesle. Germans in Albert region retreated east of the Ancre. Allied forces occupied Arras. Two British destroyers sunk by mines; 87 lost. Aug. 3—Allies pushed their line to the Vesle. Government announced America and Japan would send troops to Vladivostok to occupy city and protect rear of Czecho-Slovak force. British ambulance transport Wartida torpedoed; 12 lost. Aug. 6—American and French units forced crossings of the Vesle on both sides of Fismes. Aug. 8—British and French started offensive on the Amiens front, taking many towns and 10,000 prisoners. Aug. 9—Further progress made by the allies in Picardy, 1,000 more prisoners taken. Aug. 10—Allies took Montdidier and Chaulnes; Americans with British won severe fight north of the Somme. Americans captured Flamette, across the Vesle from Fismes. Aug. 11—British boat sank nine fishing boats off Massachusetts coast. Organization of First American field army, under Pershing, completed. Aug. 15—Germans withdrew from Hesbiterne salient north of Albert. British troops occupied Baku, center of Caspian sea oil region, 1,000 more prisoners taken. Aug. 16—Allies took Montdidier and Chaulnes; Americans with British won severe fight north of the Somme. Americans captured Flamette, across the Vesle from Fismes. Aug. 17—British boat sank nine fishing boats off Massachusetts coast. 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