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VINTON LANDS AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SEYMOUR JONES SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE—BOTH ELECTIONS ARE UNANIMOUS

SESSION STARTS OFF TODAY

Senator J. C. Smith, of Grants Pass, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee

Salem, Ore., Jan. 13.—With the election of Senator Vinton, of Yamhill, as president of the senate, and Seymour Jones, of Marion, as speaker of the house, the legislature swung into session today. Both elections were unanimous, and committee assignments were announced. Governor Withycombe will read his message tomorrow.

Senator J. C. Smith, of Grants Pass, has been named chairman of the ways and means committee.

B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, is chairman of the committee on revision of laws.

WOULD DISREGARD THE FEDERAL LABOR BOARD

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—Otto R. Hartwig, president, and E. J. Stack, who were renominated for their respective offices Saturday at the closing session of the annual convention of the Oregon state federal of labor. Election will be by referendum vote of affiliated unions. Bend, Ore., was chosen as the place for holding next year's meeting.

Resolutions were adopted petitioning the legislature to enact a law providing for an eight-hour working day in all industries where a ten-hour day now prevails.

The action of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades council in deciding hereafter that its affiliated unions shall deal directly with their employers, regardless of the federal labor board and the Macy agreement, was endorsed.

A proposition for appointment of a delegate from the state federation of labor to the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates, organized here this week, was referred to the executive committee for action.

JAPANESE MAKE RECORD IN BUILDING STEEL SHIP

Tokio, Jan. 13.—A Japanese ship-building yard at Kobe has built a steel steamer, the Daifuku Mars, of 9,600 tons in 23 days after the laying of the keel. The Japanese compare this with the building of a 5,000-ton steel steamer in 27 days at the Camden, N. J., shipyard.

INDIANS IN MEXICO HARD HIT BY THE FLU

Mexico City, Jan. 13.—Ravages of Spanish influenza among the poor charcoal burners who live in the mountains surrounding the capital are said to be responsible for the unprecedented price which that commodity is bringing. In the last month charcoal, which is generally used for cooking purposes, has increased about 300 per cent in cost. The municipality has made arrangements to buy this product in quantities and retail it at reduced figures. One paper in the capital states that almost 90 per cent of the Indians who supplied Mexico City with the fuel were victims of the scourge.

OREGON'S WEALTH LIES IN HER SOIL

Dr. Cordley, of O. A. C., Makes the Statement and Says Soil Surveys Are Now Under Way

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 13.—"The wealth of Oregon rests largely in the soil, and our permanent prosperity depends upon maintaining or improving the fertility of the fields and at the same time obtaining the maximum net profit per acre," says the report of Dr. A. B. Cordley, director of the Oregon agricultural experiment station.

Detailed soil surveys are under way and should be extended to cover every agricultural section of the state. The maps made in connection with the surveys serve as a basis for fertility and water investigations, and inform the farmer of the character of his soil and the best means of maintaining its fertility while at the same time getting maximum profits from his crops.

More than three million acres of wet lands in Oregon need drainage. Much of this area consists of the most fertile lands in the state, and their reclamation would add at least \$30,000,000 to the wealth of Oregon. A careful investigation by the experiment station is urgently needed to determine the best means of drainage.

Burnt over and logged off lands in Oregon are only a third of a million acres short of three million. Much of the land is good farming land, and investigations are needed to indicate the best means of bringing them into crop use.

WOULD WITHDRAW ALL YANKS FROM RUSSIA

Washington, Jan. 13.—A resolution to record in the senate as favoring the withdrawal of the American soldiers from Russia as "soon as practicable," was introduced by Senator Johnson of California, with the assertion that the United States government had no Russia policy and was inviting disaster.

RIOTS ARE QUELLED IN SOUTH AMERICA

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 13.—The government apparently has the strike situation well in hand, although there were severe riots yesterday.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 13.—The commanders of the government troops officially report 250 dead and 700 wounded, as a result of the strike riots in this city.

The ranking naval officer, discussing this report, said:

"If you double it, you will be nearer the real casualties."

CASHIER SOUTHERLAND DIES WHILE READING

Salem, Ore., Jan. 13.—John D. Southerland, cashier in the treasurer's office, recently appointed by State Treasurer Hoff, died suddenly while reading at his home last night, at the age of 61. Mr. Southerland has been connected with the treasurer's office for 28 years.

Treasurer Hoff announced that Lester B. Davis will be Mr. Southerland's successor.

FIRST CONFERENCE WORK HAS BEGUN

Paris, Jan. 13.—The first actual session of the peace conference has begun. It is one of conversation only, to lay the groundwork for the big meeting.

SPARTACANS LOSE GRIP ON THE GERMAN CAPITAL

Liebknicht's Son and Karl Radek Arrested—Artillery Turned Loose When Spartacans Fire on Truce Flag—Hand Grenades Used—British Occupy Dusseldorf

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Rosa Luxemburg, associated with Dr. Karl Liebknicht in the leadership of the Spartacans, has been arrested by government soldiers, it is reported.

Dr. Liebknicht's son was also taken when the troops were cleaning out the central office of Spartacans.

Karl Radek, one of the Russian Bolshevik emissaries in Berlin, has been arrested.

The government forces captured police headquarters after a bombardment. After the bombardment started the government sent two men forward with a white flag, and demanded surrender. They were fired upon and killed. The artillery then resumed and the Spartacans soon began to flee. Several hundred were taken prisoner. No government troops were killed.

The capture of the Spartacan office was effected by the free use of hand grenades. The soldiers burned immense quantities of Bolshevik literature in the streets.

Copenhagen, Jan. 13.—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf, which has been in the hands of the Spartacans, it is reported.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The Silesian railway station, the most important Spartacan stronghold in Greater Berlin, is now in possession of government forces.

"IRRIGATION" THEME AT TODAY'S MEETING

It was an enthusiastic gathering at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon today noon. About 60 business men were present. After partaking of the splendid meal prepared by the ladies, F. S. Bramwell, who last week attended the Oregon Chamber of Commerce meeting and the reconstruction convention at Portland, gave a very interesting outline of the work of the two meetings in the metropolis.

"The spirit of the meetings and the things most talked of at present," says Mr. Bramwell, "is irrigation. It will probably require ten or fifteen million dollars to cover the various irrigation projects that have been outlined for the west, and already about 400,000 acres are under consideration."

At the Oregon Chamber of Commerce meeting it was recommended that the auto tax of the state be increased 50 per cent and one cent per gallon added to the price of gasoline, which the chamber figured would raise about \$10,000,000, the state to issue bonds for that amount for highway construction. This resolution, says Mr. Bramwell, was endorsed by the reconstruction convention and the matter will be placed before the present legislature.

At today's meeting the bill now before the senate of the United States to raise one billion dollars for reclamation work in the west was endorsed, and it was the spirit of the meeting to try and get the state to underwrite irrigation bonds so they will sell at par. It is understood that only 75 to 90 cents on the dollar are offered for such bonds.

Mr. Bramwell urged closer cooperation of the people of Josephine county and said more public spirit should be shown, inferring that we would not get much in the way of money for lateral road improvement unless we went out after it. An effort will be made to persuade the state highway commission to appropriate money to improve some of the lateral roads leading to Grants Pass, especially the one to the Illinois valley country.

COURT UPHOLDS "BONE DRY" BILL OF REED'S

Washington, Jan. 13.—The supreme court today held that the Reed "bone dry" amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes, even when intended for personal use.

HELP ARRIVES FOR CASTALIA'S CREW

Rescue Vessels Stand By to Take Off the Crew of 44—Boat Capsized, Two Drown

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 13.—A wireless from the rescue vessels standing by the United States Shipping board's steamer Castalia, which has been in distress since early Saturday, said that rescue of 44 of the crew was begun today. One lifeboat containing 17 men capsized and two men were drowned.

FLU SERUM BRANDED AS WORTHLESS BY DR. MEYER

Portland, Jan. 13.—"Serums have not yet been introduced which produce immunity from Spanish influenza. The serums now employed are of no use whatsoever. Even the vaccine formerly employed successfully against pneumonia is not giving satisfactory results in connection with influenza."

This is the opinion of Dr. Karl F. Meyer of the Hooper Institute of Medical Research of the University of California, who is aiding Dr. Sommer in his battle against the influenza epidemic in Portland.

"The only manner in which success can be obtained in fighting influenza is a strict quarantine and use of masks by all people in public gatherings, such as department stores, theaters, churches, but not in the open air."

LUXEMBURG IS PROCLAIMED A REPUBLIC ON FRIDAY

Metz, Jan. 13.—Luxemburg was proclaimed a republic on Friday, when the Grand Duchess Marie retired from the capital, taking up quarters in a chateau near by.

LONDON TO DEMOBILIZE ONE MILLION WOMEN

London, Jan. 13.—To "demobilize" about 1,000,000 women workers is the colossal task assigned to a special department of the ministry of labor. Women predominate in this new organization.

One of the most difficult of their problems will be how to satisfy a munition worker who has been earning from \$18 to \$20 a week now that she is called upon to return to her former task as a family servant at from \$3 to \$3.25 a week. Government officials realize that this is one of the hard problems connected with the reconstruction period especially as these girls and women must sacrifice some of the freedom they have enjoyed as munition workers and now submit to more exacting hours of work. They are appealing to the workers to adjust themselves to the new order of things as best they can, and to be willing to make sacrifices during the reconstruction as they did during the war.

WOULD PUNISH HUNS FOR THEIR SLOWNESS

London, Jan. 13.—At today's session of the allied military advisers, with General Foch presiding, a suggestion was made that the allies occupy some of the German ports as a guarantee of the carrying out by Germany of the armistice conditions, and as a punishment for the Germans' dilatory methods in complying with some of the armistice terms.

ASSASSIN AFTER

Geneva, Jan. 13.—Ignace Paderewski was slightly wounded when a would-be assassin attacked him at Waraw, according to advices received here.

WILSON URGES FOOD RELIEF IMMEDIATELY

SAYS GREATEST EMERGENCY FOR APPROPRIATING \$100,000,000 FOR EUROPEANS

FOOD IS KEY TO THE PROBLEM

"Bolshevism Cannot Be Stopped by Force, But Could Be With Plenty of Food"

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson has sent an urgent message to Senator Martin, and Representative Sherley, chairmen of the appropriation committees, asking them to present with all possible force and urgency the need for the immediate granting of the one hundred million dollars for European food relief.

The president said that this relief was the key to the whole European situation and the solution for peace.

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson said in his message that Bolshevism could not be stopped by force, but could be by food.

RUSSIA PUZZLING PROBLEM FOR ENTENTE

London, Dec. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—There is a wide divergence of opinion among English politicians and newspapers as to the attitude which the entente powers should assume toward soviet Russia.

On the one hand is the view expressed by Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, who in a recent public speech urged that reinforcements be recruited on a voluntary basis and be immediately sent to check the Bolsheviks. Sir George contended that the allies must not desert Russia now and that they would be untrue to the cause of democracy if they did not put an end to the reign of Bolshevism.

At the opposite pole is Ramsay MacDonald and such newspapers as the Manchester Guardian and London Daily News which call for the immediate withdrawal of all entente forces and demand that Great Britain cease participation in military operations which they denounce as interference in Russian internal politics.

EUGENE HARDER HIT BY FLU EPIDEMIC

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 13.—So great has been the increase in the number of cases of influenza in Eugene during the past week that steps are said to have been taken to induce the health authorities to again close all public meeting places which were reopened some time ago, and possibly dismiss the schools again.

GIRLS WILL STEP OUT AND GIVE BOYS JOBS

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 13.—If pledges given to the National League for Women's Service by the local officers of that organization are carried out, more than 300 women, members of the Girls' Patriotic league of this city, will relinquish their positions for returning members of Uncle Sam's forces. Officials of the league have pledged themselves to use every influence to persuade other girl employes to relinquish positions formerly belonging to men, to returning soldiers and sailors.