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SURPLUS WAR SUPPLIES FOR POLAND'S AID

SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER MAKES RECOMMENDATION FOR ASSISTANCE

REVIVAL OF WAR FORECASTED

General Bliss, Member of American Peace Delegation, Says Poland Situation Is Desperate

Washington, Jan. 15.—Recommendation that the United States furnish its surplus military supplies to Poland to aid it in repelling the westward advance of the bolshevik has been made to the state department by Secretary of War Baker, in making the announcement Baker interrupted General Bliss, who had told the committee on ways and means in the house that general revival of the war in Europe, if Poland is unable to withstand the Russian bolshevik armies, is not improbable. General Bliss was a member of the American peace delegation.

HORSE HONOR GUEST AT MONTANA BANQUET

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 15.—"Dewey," last survivor of Great Falls' horse-drawn fire fighting equipment, is to be the "guest of honor" at a banquet to be given him by members of the fire department to mark his passing.

"Dewey" will be stationed at the head of the stable, where he will eat his share of the repast from a specially constructed manger. He is to have lump sugar for desert. The menu of the other diners will be somewhat different from that of the guest of honor, however.

At the close of the dinner, each of the guests will be expected to respond to a toast with a tribute to the retiring veteran of the department. "Dewey" may or may not respond. A flashlight picture of the affair will be kept in the archives of the department.

The city council has ordered that the horse be placed on a pension.

RELIEF FOR MINE OWNERS IS SOUGHT

Salem, Ore., Jan. 14.—Mining men of Baker county are violently exercised, according to Senator Strayer, because the act of the 1919 session creating a board of examiners for professional engineers requires that owners of mining claims must obtain the services of professional engineers at what they consider an unwarranted expense. The senator has introduced a bill to amend the act by allowing the owners of the claims to do their own work.

COMMUNIST MANIFESTO FOR REVOLUTIONISTS

Berlin, Jan. 15.—A communist manifesto issued today urged the immediate election of revolutionary employees to the councils in all industrial establishments.

London, Jan. 15.—Fears are expressed in diplomatic dispatches received here that the Berlin imbroglio may spread throughout Germany, even to Vienna, through the agency of communists, this element using the recent Berlin disorders to inflame the masses by representing those killed as martyrs to the people's cause.

NEW REVOLTS BY KURDISTAN KING

Enver Pasha, Recently Crowned, Heads Bolshevik Revolution in Three Countries

Geneva, Jan. 15.—Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, who recently was elected king of Kurdistan, has started a bolshevik revolution in Turkestan, Afghanistan and Baluchistan, according to a telegram from Paku.

NO REFERENDUM ON PROHI IN WASHINGTON

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 15.—California wine men apparently have lost their fight to have Washington's legislative ratification of the national prohibition amendment submitted to the voters for final approval or rejection.

As a result, it is thought, the ratification will stand and Washington will be counted among the states whose approval of the amendment is necessary to make it effective.

The fight of the California men was ended, it is thought, when a recent count showed that the California Grape Growers' Protective association failed by 1,668 to get enough signatures on referendum petitions asking that the measure be passed on to the people. The petitions carried 20,989 names. To secure referendum action 22,657 names were necessary.

The final count ended a fight which began immediately after the close of the last Washington legislature which ratified the amendment. At that time attorneys for the association filed affidavits to invoke referendum action. Secretary of State I. M. Howell refused to file the affidavits until directed by the state supreme court.

The wine men then sent petitions over the state for signatures. A few minutes before closing time on the last day permitted for filing the petitions were put on file in the office of the secretary of state.

Questions were then raised as to whether or not all the signers were voters. The grape growers sought judicial assistance by asking the supreme court to issue a writ of mandamus to compel certification as legal signers the names of voters dropped from registration lists by reason of failing to vote at previous elections. The court denied the petition and later refused to rehear the case.

WATER POWER BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, Jan. 15.—Ending a ten-year fight, the senate today passed the water power bill, which now goes to conference for composing of differences between the house and senate. Final enactment of the measure within a few weeks is expected.

Case Still in Court

The action brought by the California-Oregon Power company against land owners in the lower Rogue valley is still occupying the attention of the circuit court at the courthouse this afternoon. A large amount of evidence is being brought before the jury. The case of Mrs. Schultz vs. Veatch and Elder is expected to follow the closing of this case.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE IS NEW VERDICT

Los Angeles, Jan. 15.—The jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree in the case of Harry S. New here today. New was charged with the murder of Freda Lesser last July.

FRAUD CHARGE INVOLVES SHIPBUILDERS OF OREGON

Federal Investigators Unearth Alleged Graft Amounting to Millions of Dollars in War Activities of Northwestern Builders of Vessels For The Government

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Federal Assistant Attorney General Bert Schlessinger here. It is understood that Attorney General Palmer, on the strength of the scope of the alleged graft discoveries, has ordered the United States shipping board to hold up claims approximating \$37,000,000 to await the outcome of the investigation.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADD TO LIBRARIES

Many of the district schools of Josephine county are taking a most lively interest in the building up of the school library, and a number of them have ordered more books than could be purchased with the allowance of 10 cents per pupil that is made, paying for the surplus with funds raised among the pupils and patrons. District No. 25, the Jones creek district, has just received the largest list that comes to any of the country schools, having a shipment of about 80 volumes among those now at the office of the school superintendent for distribution. The list is well selected, and includes some late fiction of the best character, but more largely runs to books on natural history, to current topics, and to those of information on a great variety of subjects. It will be a wonderful addition to the district library. District 22 has also received numerous volumes which it is paying for from private resources.

GRANTS PASS MAN ON BOARD OF OREGON GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Salem, Jan. 15.—The Oregon Growers Cooperative association held its annual meeting on Monday, January 12, and the following directors were elected: B. W. Johnson, of Monroe; W. E. St. John, Sutherlin; R. A. Busenbark, Roseburg; S. S. Johns, Myrtle Creek; Clyde E. Niles, Grants Pass; M. H. Harlow, Eugene; E. L. Klemmer, Alvadore; Allan Belinger, Scotts Mills; Seymour Jones, Salem; W. I. Staley, Salem; C. A. Jacques, Estacada; Fred Dallas, Rd. 1, Salem; H. S. Butz, Dallas; E. A. Ruester, Forest Grove; Fred Groner, Hillsboro; Kenneth Miller, Sheridan; Geo. Zimmerman, Yamhill; I. D. Hunt, Newberg; E. W. Matthews, Amity; F. E. Eismann, Rogue River; Chas. L. McNary, Salem.

Isaac D. Hunt, who formerly served as a director and as president of the board, was forced to resign on the advice of physicians. Mr. Hunt expects to be out of the state a good deal of the next year, and would not be in a position to render active service to the organization, although he will gladly advise them in any way possible. In resigning, Mr. Hunt states it is with deep regret that he is compelled to take this action, that he is thoroughly convinced that cooperative effort of the growers of this state is a great benefit to them in stabilizing the prices of their products, and an efficient aid in finding remunerative markets. Mr. Hunt states, "The action which I am taking is due to the fact that the numerous activities in which I am engaged are impairing my health, and under my physician's advice I am compelled to relinquish many of my duties and spend considerable time during the coming year in recreation."

The new executive board for the coming year will consist of W. E. St. John, president; M. H. Harlow, first vice president; Kenneth Miller, second vice president; Seymour Jones, sec-treasurer. The personnel in addition included E. W. Matthews of Amity, and B. W. Johnson, of Monroe.

The association has completed arrangements with the Umpqua Valley Fruit Union, whereby it secures their plant, and in addition has made the first steps for the erection of important plants in centers of large acreage. Probably \$200,000 will be expended for such plants between now and fall. Sites will be secured for these plants in the very near future. Active building operations will start in the spring.

A RECORD PRICE PAID FOR POLAND CHINA HOG

Noblesville, Ind., Jan. 15.—Chief Best, a spotted Poland China hog, brought \$35,000 at a sale here this week. The Iowa State Breeders association was the purchaser.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS READY FOR FURTHER TROUBLE

Geneva, Jan. 15.—Recent events in Berlin are said to be only a prelude to others of more importance which independent socialists intend to provoke on occasion of the anniversary of the death of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, January 16th, according to German advices.

PREPARE DEMAND ON HOLLAND FOR KAISER

Paris, Jan. 15.—Premiers Clemenceau, George and Nitti were today examining the text of the demand to be made upon Holland for the extradition of the former German emperor, according to Matin.

GAME COMMISSION BILL PAST HOUSE

New Measure Providing for Body of Nine Members, to Be Named by Legislature, Now in Senate

Salem, Jan. 15.—With the day and hour for adjournment of the special session of the legislature set for noon Saturday, both houses today began to rush through measures which were considered vital. The fish and game bill, providing for the creation of a commission of nine members, to be appointed by the legislature, passed the house late yesterday, and is expected to reach the senate today.

JOSEPHINE-JACKSON FARMERS ORGANIZE

Medford, Jan. 15.—Farmers from Jackson and Josephine counties packed the Medford public library yesterday afternoon and elected a board of directors and adopted by-laws for the Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange. The Farm Bureau Exchange is incorporated according to the state laws of Oregon, and any farmer in Jackson or Josephine county who is a member of the Farm Bureau may become a member of the exchange by paying a membership fee of \$5, which will entitle him to full membership in the Exchange as long as he is a member of the Farm Bureau in good standing.

The business of the Exchange will be confined chiefly to the members of the Farm Bureau, but farmers who are not members and who wish to transact business with the Exchange will be charged a small commission consistent with the type of business conducted. More interest has been manifested in this movement than in any other farmers' organization in the past, and the organization is founded on good business principles. From all appearances the Farm Bureau Exchange has a very high percentage of all the farmers of Jackson and Josephine counties on its membership roll.

The following men were elected as directors of the Exchange. Geo. A. Mansfield, Prospect; D. M. Lowe, Talent; W. B. Lindsey, Grants Pass. The main office of the Exchange will be in the county agent's office for the present, and farmers wishing information on this subject will obtain same by calling at the county agent's office.

BOLSHEVIKI CAPTURE PRISONERS AND GUNS

London, Jan. 15.—The bolsheviks have captured Rostov-on-Don, according to Moscow wireless messages. Ten thousand prisoners, 32 guns and nine tanks, with an enormous amount of baggage were taken, the statement says.

Army Supply Store Opens

The municipal store for the selling of the surplus stock of the U. S. army, a car load of which was shipped to this city, opened this afternoon, it having been found impossible to get the goods into the building and ready for sale this morning.

WOULD HAVE THOSE WHO PROFIT PAY THE BILL

Salem, Ore., Jan. 14.—Provision for additional funds for use of the state board of fish and game commissioners for the protection and propagation of salmon and other commercial food fish by levying a license on the gross earnings of those engaged in canning and packing; was introduced in the senate today.

MACLEAY SAID NOW READY TO QUIT SEINE

REPORT FROM SALEM SAYS THAT DISPUTED GEAR MAY DISAPPEAR FROM ROGUE

PORTLAND'S AID IS NOW ASKED

Chamber of Commerce Reminded That Time Has Come When It Can Assist Southern Oregon

Word that came to Medford Wednesday night from Salem was to the effect that the Macleay interests had agreed to cut out fishing at the mouth of the Rogue river with seines and set nets, "under certain conditions." What the conditions are was not stated. The battle in the legislature over Rogue fishing wages warm, and if Macleay has made overtures, it is probable that he is becoming awake to the fact that southern Oregon is in earnest and will not cease its effort for a proper regulation of the fishing on the (Continued on page 3.)

SENATE WRANGLES OVER HANGMAN LEGISLATION

Salem, Ore., Jan. 15.—The senate was in a wrangle at noon adjournment yesterday over the substitute returned by the judiciary committee for the senate joint resolution to submit to the people the question of restoring the death penalty in Oregon. The original resolution makes death the punishment without qualification for the crimes of treason and murder in the first degree.

This resolution was introduced with the names of all senators attached with the exception of Banks and Strayer, and is identical with a resolution introduced at the 1919 session by the late Senator Dimick. The substitute empowers juries to recommend life imprisonment instead of death, in which case it would be incumbent upon the court to make life imprisonment the penalty.

The substitute was reported out as a committee report, but it was protested by Senators Handley and Thomas, both members of the committee, who contended that the substitute would destroy the purpose of the act.

Senator Banks is fighting efforts to have the death penalty restored.

GOVERNMENT'S OFFER ACCEPTED BY UNIONS

London, Jan. 15.—Delegates to the railway men's unions have accepted the government's offer in settlement of the wage demands made by the employes in the lower grades of service.

HIGHWAYMEN SHOOT A SALEM BUSINESS MAN

Salem, Jan. 15.—John Frohmader, local business man, is suffering in the hospital here today as the result of a bullet wound in the shoulder, inflicted by two highwaymen last night. After holding him up and securing nothing, Frohmader started to run, disobeying a command of the robbers to hide while they made a getaway.

NO GERMAN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Berlin, Jan. 15.—Official denial was made today of the reports that Germany had concluded an agreement with soviet Russia.