

LABOR COUNCIL FAVORS NEW MOVE

Tacoma Organization Passes Resolutions Favoring Soldiers'-Sailors' Council

SEATTLE TO TAKE REFERENDUM VOTE

Sympathy Strike Is Suggested by Laboring Men; 30,000 Now Out

TACOMA, Jan. 23.—The Central Labor Council endorsed the Tacoma Soldiers', Sailors' and Workmen's Council which was formed yesterday. The action of the Metal Trades Council in calling the shipyard strike was also endorsed.

SEATTLE, Jan. 23.—By U. P.—Seattle labor unions are commencing a general strike on the question of a referendum here February 1 in sympathy with the walkout of 30,000 shipworkers.

The Central Labor Council last night passed a resolution calling on all unions to take a ballot of their members immediately. Numerous speakers made appeals for the elimination of craft lines in organized labor, declaring that revolution within the labor movement itself will result in a new form of labor activities henceforward.

A great organization of the country's workers that could dictate to the government was freely predicted as the outcome of the present national broad labor unrest.

Alleged I. W. W., who crowded the gallery, attempted to break into the meeting on numerous occasions, being repeatedly threatened with eviction by the angry delegates on the floor.

A mention of the Russian Bolsheviks at one time brought storms of cheers from both floor and gallery.

FRANK WILL IS HOST TO UNMARRIED MEN

Splendid Dinner Served to Men Without Wives in Jeweler's Apartments

Frank G. Will was host at a batchelors' dinner which was staged in his apartments on First street Tuesday night. It was staged in the most approved style with the single exception that there were no liquid refreshments to loosen the tongues of his guests. The food was abundant and well prepared and music on the Victrol added not a little to the evening's entertainment.

Only two married men—W. O. Biddle and Harry Cusick—were permitted to attend and they were classified as chaperones.

The others who attended were: Grandpa Crawford, Ed Barrett, Clyde Schlosser, Wayne Dawson, Harry Donald, C. Fortmiller and Dr. W. R. Bilyeu.

On Way to Lebanon—Stuart McKissick of Portland was in Albany this morning on his way to Lebanon to visit friends.

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HEIRS LOSE IN FUNK VS. GORDAN CASE

Court Declines to Set Aside Will; Divorce Suit Has Interesting Sidelights

Judge Bingham convened court at 11 o'clock this morning and his first decision settled the case of Funk vs. Gordan, which was tied at the last term of the circuit court. He found in favor of the defendant, who by virtue of the decree retains title to some 1200 acres of land near Harrisburg. In the case of Pierpoint vs. Pierpoint a decree was granted in favor of the plaintiff who charged desertion. Some advertisements from a marriage bureau were introduced in evidence to prove that the wife had put in considerable time studying the advertised virtues of some of the prospective grooms in this circular before concluding to desert plaintiff.

Confirmation was entered in two Linnhaven cases in which H. H. Hewitt and the First Savings bank were named as plaintiffs.

BERLIN RAILWAY SYSTEM PARALYZED

City Without Lights; Telephone Service Suspended by the Government

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—U. P.—Berlin is without street railway transportation and is practically lightless since Tuesday night as a result of a strike of the electric power employees.

Many big restaurants are closed. Others are lighted dimly with makeshift gas lights and candles. The streets are dark.

The government has disconnected all telephones in the commercial district.

THIS POOR MAN CAN'T PAINT HIS OWN HOUSE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—For six months one side of George Shadbourne's house has needed repainting. Shadbourne has wanted to give it two or three coats, but he hasn't dared.

California's assistant attorney general, E. B. Power, threatens to cause the arrest of Shadbourne the moment the latter sets foot on Power's lawn, and the Power property line runs so close to Shadbourne's house that he can't paint that side of it without trespassing.

The Power-Shadbourne feud has existed for nearly six years. Power declared it started when he refused to buy Shadbourne's property. Shadbourne then erected a 'spite' porch in the rear, which shut out the light and view from Power's windows. One side of the spite porch never has been painted, and it seems Shadbourne will be unable to paint the shabby side of his dwelling unless it be by the dark of the moon.

Fourth-Class Postmaster Examinations to Be Held

The U. S. civil service commission has announced an examination to be held at Albany, Oregon, on Feb. 15, 1919, at 9 a. m., as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Shedd, Oregon, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$791 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their 21st birthday on the date of examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the U. S. C. S. commission, Washington, D. C. Sealed and filed with the commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

HEAVY RAINS DO MUCH DAMAGE

Willamette River in Flood Stage at Portland and Other Points South

TELEGRAPH SERVICE IS CUT TEMPORARILY

Train Schedules Impaired at Tacoma; No Trains for Portland Last Eve

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—By U. P.—With the flood stage of the Willamette river reached here last night and the downpour continuing today, Portland is in danger of serious damage from high water. This city is cut off from telegraphic service from the south and east.

The heavy rains have seriously damaged the towns all along the coast from British Columbia to Coos Bay. Six and a half inches of rain in 24 hours is reported in the lower Columbia region for yesterday.

TACOMA, Jan. 23.—Continuous heavy rains the past few days have disrupted local train service and put the municipal power plant out of commission, flooding the lower Puyallup Valley. Many highways are impassable. Communications are generally demoralized.

No train has left here since last night at Portlandward, due to washouts between Tacoma and Centralia. Service probably will not be resumed until tomorrow.

CHEHALIS, Jan. 23.—Chehalis and Nuxarum valleys are raging torrents of high water, which has reached the highest mark in the history of the section and is still rising.

No real communication with Tacoma and Seattle exists, due to slides. Bridges and culverts are washed out in all sections of the county. Thirty feet of pavement on the Pacific Highway east of here are gone. Applications should be properly expedited.

Truman Campbell Writes from Duchy of Luxembourg

An interesting letter was received by Mrs. Ellen Morgan from her grandson, Truman C. Campbell, with Headquarters Co., 18th Infantry, 1st division, in Luxembourg territory.

The letter follows: Grevenmiescher, Luxembourg, 25th Nov. Dear Mother: Just a line to let you know I am still alive and in the best of health and expect to be home some time in the next three months.

We have been hiking every day since the 11th of this month. We were on the front when the last gun was fired and took Sedan the last thing and have been following the retreating Huns all the time. The 21st of this month we paraded in Luxembourg, that is the capital of the Duchy of Luxembourg, which lies between Germany and Alsace-Lorraine, France. We can look across the river from here into Germany but are not allowed to cross the river.

It has been a long time since I wrote home because of being on the front and also because I was wounded and didn't want you to worry. Was shot through the shoulder but am all right only it is not extra strong yet. This is the first time we have had any rest and have been here two days and expect to stay here four to five days yet. We have 80 miles walking yet to get to our destination down on the Rhine river. We have hiked over 400 miles since August 1st.

Send this letter to all the different folks for I haven't time to write as I am in charge of a section of 33 men and it keeps me pretty busy.

It seems queer here as I can't speak a word of Dutch and very few of these people speak French. I can speak French pretty good, hold a slow conversation correctly. I really hated to leave France. Say, you don't need to save Xmas until I get there, and then you can have a big dinner. It is dreadful cold here. There is lots of ice skating on the river. We have slept four nights in houses since the 20th of September.

Things are cheap in this country.

ALBANY BOYS SAIL FOR HOME LAST WEEK

65th Artillery Embarks from Brest on Jan. 15th; 25 Albany Boys Included

Twenty-five Albany boys, most of whom are now seasoned veterans of the European war, are now on a transport steaming towards home. They sailed from Brest on January 15th and should reach New York or Newport News during the present week.

Albany men who are now members of the famous 65th, left Albany on March 1st, 1918, and were given an ovation at the station. Although they have been through several battles, not one of them has lost his life.

The dispatch in regard to date of sailings is as follows:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The 65th artillery, which was formed from Coast Artillery troops stationed at Columbia river and Puget Sound fortifications, sailed from Brest on the transport Haverford January 15, the war department announced today. This transport should reach this country about January 30. There are 60 officers and 1846 men in the regiment.

Casual Company No. 130, composed of three officers and 149 men from Idaho, sailed for home on the transport Susquehanna from St. Nazaire January 17, and will land at Newport News January 30.

CITY NEWS

Gave Demonstrations—S. V. Smith, county agricultural agent, gave two demonstrations at Laconal yesterday, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, on poles and gophers.

Coming on Furlough—Hubbell Young of the U. S. Marines stationed at Mare Island, is expected home in a few days on a furlough, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Young of Tangent.

Medford People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Martin T. Ketchum of Medford arrived here yesterday to make their home.

Miss Patterson Ill—Miss Winnifred Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Patterson and a teacher in the Albany schools, is quite ill at the family home from complicated trouble following pneumonia. She is reported to be better today.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Home Returned Home—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Richards have returned home from Waldport where the former worked for the Warren Stryce company.

Visit in Eugene—Mrs. Fred Blount has returned from a visit in Eugene at the home of Mrs. Geo. Harris.

Invoicing Store—L. T. Larson has returned from Eugene where he assisted to invoice the C. J. Breier store. He was accompanied by Wm. Peterson, manager of the Eugene store, and he will help Mr. Larson invoice the Albany store.

Mrs. Marquam Here—Mrs. Lloyd Marquam of Bishop, Calif., is visiting in Albany a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rawlings. She is a former Albany girl. Prof. Marquam, her husband, is superintendent of the schools in Bishop.

Sold House—W. H. Hornbrook will give up possession of his residence on West Third street on March first. He sold the property to J. H. Allison some few days ago.

I paid \$1 American money for a piece of bread about four by five inches and about nine inches long. All they have is horse meat.

The people here are starving to death. Germany took everything in the way of foodstuffs out of the country.

Well, there isn't much use of writing much for I can tell it all when I get home. Give Mrs. Veal my best regards and tell her I will explain when I get home the reason for not writing.

Well, I consider myself as lucky as Christ himself for being alive so far. I will telegraph from here in about two days from home. There are lots of rumors the first division will come home first because they were the first over here, but no one knows the truth.

So goodbye with love to you and father, until I get back home—about 8,000 miles from here—the fastest boat and train would take about 15 days to get home from here.

SENATE HOLDS UP FAMINE RELIEF

Administration Senators Appeal to Hoover to Aid in Passage of Measure

APPEAL MADE TO ELIMINATE POLITICS

Hoover Pays Respects to Senators Making Charges Against This Work

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—By U. P.—Food Administrator Hoover has been asked by cable to save the \$100,000,000 famine fund from defeat at the hands of the United States senate.

Administration senators are anxiously awaiting Hoover's cable denial of Senator Borah's charges that he arranged with American packers so that they were able to dispose of a vast surplus stock of pork and other meats at high prices by creating a new 'famine fund' which probably be passed even without Hoover's denial.

But administration leaders are admittedly worried over the tremendous opposition which has evolved.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—Herbert Hoover flatly denied the charge that he worked in the interests of the American packers. He said:

"I apparently emerge in a new light, as the friend of the Chicago packers. At the same time the mail brings the report from Swift & Company, blaming their profits ten millions in the last year.

"I don't imagine the packers would appreciate a very wide circle of such 'friends.'"

Revolution in Portugal Assumes Serious Aspect

MADRID, Jan. 23.—By United Press.—The Portuguese monarchical movement has assumed serious character, a Vigo dispatch indicates.

An ominous silence hangs over the Portugal situation. Direct communication with that country has been severed.

The whereabouts of former King Manuel, who now is the darkhorse of the republic, are unknown.

6,000 OREGON LABORERS SEEK EMPLOYMENT, IS WORD OF FEDERAL AGENT

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—U. P.—The busiest place in Oregon is the office of the U. S. employment service, which is presided over by Wilfred F. Smith, federal director, who declared today that there are 6,000 men out of employment in Oregon today.

The federal employment service has launched a campaign for the seeking of ways and means thru which the returning soldier and sailor may immediately fall into a position upon reaching home, and has established in every county a soldiers' and sailors' bureau.

Agents cooperating are the state of Oregon, the Red Cross and others.

Until the first of 1919 there was no unemployment problem. Prior to that time the tide was the other way. But reports daily indicate the trend toward an unemployment situation. Five thousand blanks were sent to employers asking information as to the number of men employed, wages paid, class of work, if more men could be employed, etc.

While the service is making a special effort to place the returning soldier and sailor, it has not relaxed its efforts in the interest of the mechanic, the farm hand or the common laborer.

To care for the soldier employment scheme a separate division has been set up at Liberty Temple with Captain James O. Conville in charge. Figures show that of the 650 discharged soldiers calling at the office in the past week, 350 were placed. Many of the others did not register for work.

Fifteen hundred men have appeared daily during the past week. Only 1835 registered for employment in that period. Seventy-four per cent of these were given work.

COLLEGE BOARD BACKS ALBANY INSTITUTION

Appropriation once Withheld Available; Hill Money Is Also Received

That the college board of the First Presbyterian church will no longer withhold its annual appropriation for the support of Albany college and will hereafter give the local school a full measure of support, was the word received today by Rev. A. M. Williams. Moreover, another letter was received from Rev. Edgar P. Hill, now secretary of the board, in which he not only expressed in no uncertain terms his belief that the college is worthy of support, but pledged his influence in building up a greater college in Albany.

The action of the board means that the annual appropriation of \$2,000 will be available hereafter and that the college will have the moral and financial support of the general board of education.

Rev. Williams also announced that the sum of \$2110 from the Hill trust fund, created for the benefit of Albany college, was received yesterday. The college authorities will receive approximately the same sum from the Hill fund each year.

Mail Clerk Examinations to Be Held in February

The U. S. civil service commission announces that a male clerk-carrier examination will be held at Albany, Oregon, Feb. 8, 1919, to establish an eligible register from which selection may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of clerk and carrier at the Albany, Oregon postoffice. Age limits 18 to 45 years on the date of examination. Men only will be admitted to this examination. Entrance salary \$1,000 per annum.

Application blanks and information may be obtained by applying to William H. Worrell, local secretary, board of U. S. C. S. Examiners, Albany, Oregon, postoffice; or to the secretary, 11th U. S. C. S. district, 303 Postoffice Building, Seattle, Wash.

Punishment of Kaiser Is Discussed Today

PARIS, Jan. 23.—U. P.—Punishment of the Kaiser and his associates was formally discussed by the supreme war council this afternoon.

It is believed the American proposal—appointment of a special mission to investigate thoroughly the culpability of all persons responsible for the war—will be adopted.

Penalty for the German nation was also considered. It is now accepted that indemnities will be limited to reparations for damages, but the sum will still be large.

PARIS ON LADDERS

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The Avenue du Bois de Boulogne should have its name changed to Avenue du Bois des Stepladders.

Since the signing of the armistice Paris has become the mecca of all allied kings, presidents, princes, ministers, generals and other dignitaries. Paris, to show fitting gratitude of the honor conferred upon her by these visitors meets them at the little railway station at the far end of the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, escorts them with full military honors up the avenue to the Arch of Triumph, and then under this and down the Champs Elysees.

Cordons of soldiers line both sides of the avenue and their hedge of fixed bayonets as they stand at salute naturally obstructs the view, to say nothing of the fact that back of the soldiers the crowds are massed for a depth of 50 to 100 feet.

Everyone who possesses a stepladder, or who can buy one or borrow one brings it, hours in advance, to the wonderful Avenue du Bois de Boulogne and plants it at a vantage point where in spite of surging throngs and elevated bayonets, they will be able to see the cortege.

Then, once the cortege is passed, the proud owners of the thousand of stepladders, endeavor like the Arabs, to fold them and silently steal away—but they don't get away with the silent part.

The efforts of a thousand people trying to get thru a crowd of 15,000 people with a thousand stepladders is such that—well, really there is nothing to be done except to rename it "The Avenue of the Forest of Stepladders."

"FLU" LID WILL REMAIN CLOSED

Conditions in Nearby Towns Such that Council Will Take No Chances

DAN JOHNSTON IS NEW CITY ATTORNEY

W. A. Eastburn Named Fire Chief; D. E. Nebergall Makes Proposition

Owing to the serious condition of the flu epidemic in Harrisburg and other villages and towns in Linn county, the city council at its regular meeting last night concluded that it would be the part of wisdom to retain the ban on public meetings until all danger is past. It was pointed out by the mayor that the death rate in Albany had been lower than in almost any other city in the state and that the conditions here are now in such good shape that in his judgment it would hardly be safe to take any chances as to further spread of the disease. He asked, however, for the judgment of the members of the council, and said that he would rely upon their judgment in the matter. It was unanimously agreed that it would be unwise to lift the ban at this time. The authorities at Portland were roundly scolded for their failure to take proper precautions in regard to preventing the spread of the disease and it was asserted by one of the councilmen that residents from that city are scattering the disease throughout over the state.

City Attorney Named—The council last night named Attorney Dan Johnston as city attorney with a provision that the salary shall hereafter be \$25 per month. His predecessor heretofore received the sum of \$45.

The election of W. A. Eastburn for fire chief was also confirmed by the unanimous vote of the council.

Citizens Ask Relief—Through City Attorney Lewelling, property owners who have suffered as a result of water in their basements which they claim is due to a defective sewer system, appealed to the council for some relief. It was asserted that the sewers in some sections of the city are not large enough to carry off the surface water. There is some talk of appealing to the courts unless the situation is remedied. The prospect was referred to the committee on streets and public property.

The ways and means committee was authorized to install a light at the corner of Fourth and Main streets and the committee on streets and public property was authorized to inspect the old Cannery building on Santiam Road with the object in view of declaring the property a nuisance.

Nebergall Cut Jungle—D. E. Nebergall appeared before the council and stated that during the remaining winter months he would be glad to turn over the men employed in his packing plant to the city for the purpose of clearing the jungle in the east end of the city and thus eliminating the camping place of the hoboes who infest Albany every year. The men would work at a nominal salary and he asserted that there is almost enough wood on the tract of land to pay for clearing it up. The suggestion was referred to the proper committee. Mr. Nebergall also invited the city officials to inspect his plant. He asserted that \$300,000 worth of business was done there during the past year and that he expects to do a half a million dollars' worth during the next 12 months. The packing plant is now able to take care of all the hogs raised within a radius of seven or eight miles of Albany.

Peace Conference Resumes Work Today

PARIS, Jan. 23.—By United Press.—President Wilson and the allied premiers resumed their conferences this morning.

Went to Talbot—Dr. Mary Marshall spent the morning at Talbot on professional business.