

RY. WORKERS ASK WITHDRAWAL OF CUMMINS BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

Samuel Gompers and Representatives of Brotherhoods Appear Before Inter-State Commerce Committee.

WANT PRESENT LAW

Labor Would Give Government Ownership Through Peace-Time Test for Next Two Years, Says Gompers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—Protesting against the enactment of the Cummins railroad bill now before the Senate, Samuel Gompers and representatives of the railroad brotherhoods and spokesmen for some farmers organizations today urged Chairman Cummins and the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee to withdraw the measure and give government operation a thorough peace-time test.

Hauser Bros. To Have Expert Advertising Man

Hauser Brothers, who operate sporting goods stores at Salem, Albany, Eugene and Corvallis are showing their enterprise still further by employing a professional advertising man to take care of the publicity for all of their stores. K. B. Palmer, who will make his headquarters in Salem, was in the city this week getting acquainted with the local field on his trip around the circuit. He will prepare all newspaper advertising copy for all of the stores and later will also attend to the window dressing in each city. Hauser Bros., Paul and Lloyd, have lived in Salem most all their lives and are examples of native industry in building up a large business, specializing along one line. The local store is managed by John Neely, well known Albany, and is assisted by Jess Bramwell, who will probably some day be managing another branch store when Hauser Brothers, choose to expand again. Hauser Bros. are believers in newspaper publicity and use a great deal of space in the Salem papers, as well as in other papers of the valley.

FORMER ALBANY BOY IS NOW IN SAN PEDRO, CAL.

Mrs. Carrie Henderson of West 12th street is in receipt of a letter from her son, Winston who is an expert rigger employed in a shipyard at San Pedro, California. He recently made the trip from Seattle on the steamer "President" and reported a very pleasant voyage, stopping at several points to visit friends relatives. He has been employed in a shipyard in Seattle for the past three years and will be remembered by many Albany friends as a graduate of A. H. S. class of '16.

NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED—We stop the leaks in rubber boots or shoes. Come in and see us. Burns Shoe Dr. d17. LOST—The finder of purse lost in Hamilton's Store yesterday, please return to store and get reward. 17d19. RADIATORS REPAIRED—All makes of radiators repaired by experts. MEDIN & MAIR, Auto Sheet Metal Works, 115 East 3rd St., Albany Oregon. d17f. WANTED—Two boys with bicycles to deliver Albany Democrat in the city.

LONDON DENIES MASSACRE STORY

Death of Garrison of 1300 British Soldiers Regarded Bolshevik Propaganda

LONDON, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—Official denial of the report that hostile Persians had massacred a garrison of 1,800 men at Meshed, Persia, was made at the war office today. It was declared to be obviously Bolshevik propaganda.

LONDON Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kopyansk in southeast Kharkov, was claimed today in a Bolshevik statement received by wireless from Moscow.

Meeting is Postponed The Annual Farm Bureau meeting which was to have been held here next Friday has been indefinitely postponed but will probably be held the last week in January after the Farmer's Week at Corvallis, reports county agent S. V. Smith today.

STATE BIOLOGIST LOSES POSITION

Refusal to Play Politics Ascribed as Reason for Action by Commission

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—William L. Finley, State Biologist, was dismissed by the State Fish and Game Commission last Thursday, it became known today, according to a story published in the Portland Telegram. The Telegram ascribes Finley's dismissal to his refusal to do politics. Sportsmen of the state are reported indignant and are said to be planning to appeal the matter to the governor.

43 Killed in Berlin Explosion

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—Forty-three workmen and women were killed and more than 100 injured by the explosion of an ammunition depot near Wilhelmshaven yesterday. The explosion occurred while shells were being unloaded.

EUGENE REPORT FOUND TO BE ONLY A HOAX

From some source or other the report gained circulation last night that Eugene was deluged with an oversupply of water and that a river four or five feet deep was running through the main streets. The reports also stated that from 150 to 500 people lost their lives. A travelling man making his home in Eugene called his wife up and was heartily laughed at. This morning the Democrat was besieged with a number of telephone calls and finally decided to settle the matter by calling Eugene. The Guard in ignorance of such a disastrous situation, but admitted that the melting snow and ice was causing considerable trouble in the streets and that navigation was difficult in some sections of the city Eugene is having about the same trouble that Albany is experiencing, but people will have their little jokes.

Junction City Man In Hospital Here

John Shelly of Junction City, who has been an inmate of the Harrisburg hospital for some time, was brought to Albany today by Sheriff Kendall and on advice of Albany physicians placed in the St. Mary's hospital. It appears that Shelly was being cared for by the Odd fellows of Junction City where they had a nurse employed, until such time as he became so violent in his ways, that he was taken to Harrisburg and from there it was thought by the Lane county officials that it would be best to send him to the State Hospital. On reaching Albany he became so week it was decided that it would be best to place him in the hospital here for the few days he will perhaps have to live.

NEWSPRINT SITUATION BECOMES ALARMING; CONGRESS ASK PAPERS REDUCE CONSUMPTION 10 PER CENT

UNLESS RELIEF IS GIVEN MANY PAPERS WILL HAVE TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION; REDUCTION IN SIZE AND INCREASE IN ADVERTISING RATES IN SIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—By the Associated Press.—An appeal to the publishers of the country to exercise all possible economy in the use of news print was issued by the House Post Office Committee today, which decided to defer for six months action on the Anthony bill proposing that daily newspapers containing over 24 pages be denied second class mailing privileges. Every newspaper in the country was called upon to reduce news print consumption by 10 per cent for a period of six months to relieve the present shortage, which is acutely serious.

The Democrat has been aware for some time of the impending shortage of news print, and the future in the newspaper business is extremely uncertain. Anticipating the danger the Democrat has orders in with wholesalers to carry the paper for a few months in advance, but after that supply is gone it is hard to tell what is going to happen.

News print two years ago could be purchased for three or four cents a pound, and even less in car load lots. Now the price is about eight cents a pound in Portland. The Democrat yesterday received a letter from Blake McFall & Co., Portland branch, in which the manager says: "We have found it necessary to reduce all orders in a like manner (only partial shipment being made) due to the fact that we are not receiving our regular tonnage from our respective mills. You are certainly lucky that you have had the foresight in such copious quantities and ordered freely. At the present moment we are not accepting any future orders and orders that we do accept are limited to one ton. While we have become a bit caloused during the past three years we were simply knocked off our feet to hear the prices that newsprint commands in the middle west and on the Atlantic seaboard. You can believe it or not, but we are advised by our New York office that they heard of considerable tonnage being purchased at 13 1/2¢ per pound. One extremely large contract being placed at a figure higher than 16 1/2¢ per pound."

HAVE YOU VOTED ON THE PEACE TREATY YET? CLIP COUPON FROM DEMOCRAT AND HELP SETTLE FIGHT

On another page of the Democrat appears a ballot on the Peace Treaty. It contains four questions and the public is asked to check off the number which expresses their opinion on the treaty and forward it to the Democrat. The vote is being taken upon request of the League to Enforce Peace, of which William Howard Taft is president, and is for the purpose of getting a correct expression of the sentiment of the people of the country. The result of the vote will be canvassed and sent to headquarters where the information will be compiled for the entire country and the result submitted to congress. The hopeless mess that the Senate has made of the peace treaty is still

County Nurses Are in Demand

County nurses are in demand is the statement of Miss Jane C. Allen state advisory nurse. The counties of Klamath, Josephine, Hood River, Curry, Marion, Baker, Wallowa and Malheur are all now looking with favor on obtaining the services of a county nurse. Miss Allen says provided the state board of health can supply the demand. The question of a county nurse for Linn county is being advocated by the Red Cross.

Chief John Catlin Given Last Call

Chief Catlin reports that, as this was to be the last day, his wife this morning on hearing the noise from the dynamite explosions in the Lebanon canal woke him up to let him know that the time had really come and that it was his last chance to make his final settlement on earth. The chief not being convinced on the first circumstantial evidence refused to be convinced that the alleged program had started and reconciled his wife by introducing the evidence that it was simply the first division of the "Hobo Special" and that more or less time was still available for the more respectable class to consider the reality of the occasion.

Dies at 100 Years of Age, in Ohio

Mrs. W. C. Burnes of Albany received a letter today from Ohio conveying the death of her uncle Dan Williams who at the time of his death had reached the extreme old age of one hundred years, two months and thirteen days. Mr. Williams was born in the town of Belleaire Ohio, and had lived ninety years in Noble county and spent most of his active life as a farmer. His mind was good up to a few days before his death and he had the happy faculty of enjoying a joke as well as a man twenty-five years of age. The cause of the long life of Mr. Williams is being investigated by the medical men of his state which no doubt will be like most cases of its kind the results of a clean and industrious life from early boy hood.

Lloyd Templeton Wants Duck Pond

Lloyd Templeton of the Albany Garage states to the Democrat this morning that he is in the market to bid on a franchise to secure Washington street as a pond to feed ducks and will start the bid at one hundred dollars. Other interested parties should report at once.

END OF WORLD IS BELIEVED NEAR IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—One long, wiled, shrieking whistle, then others less strident and finally practically all sirens in the city, mingled with the ringing of a number of bells broke the stillness of the early morning. "I guess its the notice of the world's end," said one woman, who announced she was going to church. It developed later that the throttle of a whistle at the railroad roundhouse became stuck. Others took up the chorus, not knowing exactly why.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—By A. P.—Astonishment was expressed by the superstitious today when the earth failed to come to an end. The ominous position of the planets, press-agented widely, had maintained such a catastrophe.

JOSEPH HECKER CALLED BY DEATH

Former Well Known Albany Man Dies at Toppenish in 86th Year

B. J. Hecker this morning received word of the death of his father Joseph Hecker, who passed away in Toppenish, Wash., at 1 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter Mrs. A. J. Alphin. He was 86 years old. Harry trouble is given as the immediate cause of his death.

Mr Hecker was born in Germany April 9, 1833 and came to this country with his parents when he was 12 years old. The family settled in Indiana but moved to California in 1848. Mr. Hecker came to Albany 1855 and settled on a farm near Wells, Benton County, where he lived until retiring in 1912. He then went to Toppenish and made his home with his daughter until his death.

Mr. Hecker was well known in Albany, having spent the greater part of his life in this vicinity and is counted as one of the prominent pioneers of this part of the state. He is survived by two sons, B. J. and L. A. Hecker, of Albany; and five daughters, Mrs. A. J. Alphin Miss Louise, Hecker, of Toppenish; Mrs. B. W. Steel and Mrs. C. D. Anderson of Twin Falls, Ida.; Mrs. Arnold King of Goldendale, Wash. The body will be brought to Albany for burial and the funeral will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Catholic church.

Postoffice To Get Car of Coal

Postmaster Stewart this morning received word that his car load of coal which the government is shipping from Wyoming is someplace this side of La Grande and will arrive in Albany some time in the future. The news is particularly cheering, for the post office has used the last bit of coal on the place and this morning purchased a load of wood to keep the building warm.

Lane Denies He Will Leave Post At Present Time

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane today issued a statement denying published reports that he had placed his resignation before President Wilson, but disclosing that he intends to leave the cabinet when he can do without adding to the Presidents worries and burdens.

Rhode Island to Test National Prohibition Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—Rhode Island, through its attorney general today asked the Supreme Court for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the National prohibition amendment, and enjoin federal officials from enforcing it in that state.

BRITISH CANNOT PROHIBIT IMPORT CERTAIN GOODS SAYS BARRISTER

Proclamation Against Restrictions on Certain Imports not Legal, Says Decision Held Important.

U. S. TO PROFIT

American-owned goods Seized in England During War to be Released Upon Proof of Ownership.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—By A. P.—The government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey, King's bench division, today to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods; that therefore, its proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgement is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the government.

Britain to release Goods WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Great Britain is now prepared to release American-owned goods seized during the war upon the establishment of their American ownership at the time shipped, the state department was advised today by the British Foreign office.

Defective Furnace Causes Fire

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Gipe of 1244 Ferry street narrowly escaped being burned out of house and home yesterday afternoon when their residence was discovered on fire caused by a defective furnace. It was only through the timely efforts of the fire company and others that the residence and contents were saved. It is estimated that the loss is some four or five hundred dollars, to the house and contents.

Mrs. W. T. Radcliffe Called by Death At Her Home Here

Mrs. W. T. Radcliffe of 915 Walnut street died at her home last night at 10:30 as a result of a lingering illness since the 18 of October. Mrs. Radcliffe was born in Republican City Nebraska, January 23, 1879. She moved to Albany three years ago where she has resided until the date of her death. She is survived by four children, Lucile and Clair Hunt of Albany and Merrill Hunt of Enterprise Wallowa county and her four old son Kenneth Radcliffe of Albany, and one brother F. S. Moonson of Albany and two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Hunt of Denver col., and Mrs. H. B. Harlen of Corvallis. No arrangements for the funeral services will be made until the arrival of the relatives.

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