

O.-C. LAND GRANT CONFERENCE IN NO DECISION

SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—Because of the inability of three members to be present, the land grant conference committee decided at noon today to present no plan to the Southern Pacific railroad officials this afternoon for the disposition of the lands in the Oregon & California railroad land grant.

After the company's officials assured the committee yesterday that they were prepared to negotiate an adjournment was taken until a full committee might frame a plan.

While the committee informally discussed phases of the grant problem today, no new feature of consequence was brought out, save that the Southern Pacific company claims to have sustained a net deficit of \$2,369,150.19 in handling the lands, for which it expects to be reimbursed.

SUSPECTED SHIP ORDERED HOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Richard F. Wagner, president of the American Trans-Atlantic company, announced today that he had ordered the steamer Winnebago to leave Buenos Aires for Stamford, Conn., without further delay. The Winnebago is one of the vessels listed by the British government as under suspicion of German ownership. She is loaded with quabro wood.

Early last month Mr. Wagner appealed to Secretary of State Lansing to arrange with the British government to permit her passage to Stamford. It is understood that no such request was made by Mr. Lansing and that the state department took the position that vessels flying the American flag would be protected in their rights without special arrangement for immunity.

SPENDS \$50,000 TO BLOCK CANUCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, testified on the stand today at the trial of the eleven former directors of the road that he had spent \$50,000 of New Haven money trying to prevent the Grand Trunk railroad of Canada from extending its system to Providence, R. I.

The testimony was preliminary to proof which the government hopes to elicit that the Grand Trunk finally abandoned its extension, thus ending a threatened competition with the New Haven.

YE STINKPOTS AND HOGS; LISTEN TO THE ONLY ELIJAH AND THEN BEWARE!



Elijah Voliva and scenes in his new play now running at Zion City Tabernacle.

ZION CITY, Ill., Dec. 3.—Did God plan tobacco?

We ask you that kindly, Mr. Man! or was the devil the farmer who tuckered the first seed into the ground?

Elijah says it was the devil. We refer to the twentieth century Elijah, successor in Zion of John Alexander Dowie, who built this religious burg on the shore of Lake Michigan and put into the city charter a forever-and-forever prohibition against swine, booze, east his mantle on Brother Voliva.

When Elijah John Alec died, he cast his mantle on Brother Voliva, who likewise inherited a violent temper against tobacco and other creature comforts like that. For this winter, Voliva is carrying on a redhot crusade against the weed at Sunday meetings in the tabernacle.

You filthy stinkpots who smoke and chew tobacco should have been at the recent meetin' when Elijah stayed tobacco! Yes, sir, "Ten Nights in a Barroom" isn't a marker to Voliva's little Sunday drama entitled "Grandpa's Qu" in the Cuspido.

The tabern regular chu Preacher Voliva text as:

"Lord, by t Job s1, 39.

After a hymn to the almighty, Voliva retired behind the scene, reappearing with a bushy wig and long, white false whiskers. He had chawed up a handful of coffee beans and his cheeks held about a quart of coffee juice. This he allowed to dribble down his white whiskers in full view of the audience. Occasionally he whiffed a stream into a handy cuspidor. All to illustrate a good, old deacon Voliva once knew who contentedly sucked at quid of fine cut as he taught a Sunday school class.

It was great acting!

"Tobacco," explained Elijah, "was planted by the devil. We have weeds, thistles and thorns. God never planted them. The devil did that to corrupt vegetation and men."

Whereupon the choir sang "Smoking the Weed," which runs as follows:

CHORUS.
"O, what shall the harvest be?
O, what shall the harvest be?
Sowing the seed of a poisoned brain,
Sowing and reaping both palsy and pain,
Forging the chains of your slavery,
Sure, ah, sure will the harvest be."

By this time Voliva's white whiskers were a sight, but somehow you couldn't get any tobacco realism out of the show. The coffee odor was too strong.

"I knew a preacher over in Iowa," said Voliva, "who used to have the choir sing 'Come to Jesus' while he filled his jowls with tobacco until his cheeks bulged out—the dirty old hog."

Whereupon the man of religion seized the cuspidor he had been filling and jammed it down over the head of a pacifist deacon at his elbow!

The play presently neared its end, a little girl stepped to the pulpit to kiss grandpa, played by Elijah Voliva.

"Come and kiss grandpa," invited Elijah. The maid hesitated.

"Why don't you want to kiss grandpa?" he asked.

"Because," said the little maiden with becoming coyness, "you've been chewing nasty tobacco and you're a stinkpot."

GERMANY FEELS ALLIES SHOULD ASK FOR PEACE

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (by wireless to Sayville).—Commenting on the proposed socialist interpellation in the reichstag concerning the conditions upon which Germany would make peace, the Overseas News agency says:

"This interpellation is due to the fact that in Germany nobody understands why our enemies, after diplomatic defeats in the Balkans, coupled with military failures, have not yet begun peace negotiations. The imperial chancery, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, probably will discuss the possibilities in the reichstag during one of the next few days. Ensuing debates will likely show that the rulers of countries at war with Germany still blinded, believe in Germany's starvation, her economic prostration and in similar illusions. Therefore, any peace conditions put forward by Germany, though dictated by her necessities along all fronts, would be interpreted by the nations opposed to her as signs of weakness and weariness of the war."

BABE DOOMED TO A CRIPPLED LIFE AT BIRTH DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Margaret Roberts, the deformed and paralyzed baby whose birth caused a discussion here similar to that over the defective baby allowed to die recently in Chicago, died today in the babies' hospital.

The infant was born November 13. Its lower limbs were paralyzed and its feet deformed, but its mental condition was thought to be normal. Dr. Maurice Rosenburg, the physician who attended Mrs. Roberts, asserted that a simple operation could save the child's life and mentality, although it would be a lifelong cripple.

He offered to perform the operation, but after considerable controversy it was decided to leave the child's fate to a board of physicians. This board decided against the operation.

Wants Cub Players
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—James Callahan, recently appointed manager of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league, put in bids today for surplus players of the Chicago National League club.

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Leave Ashland daily except Sunday at 9:00 a. m., 12:50, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p. m. (also Saturday only at 12 midnight) and Sunday at 10:00 a. m., 12 noon, 4:00, 6 and 10:30 p. m.

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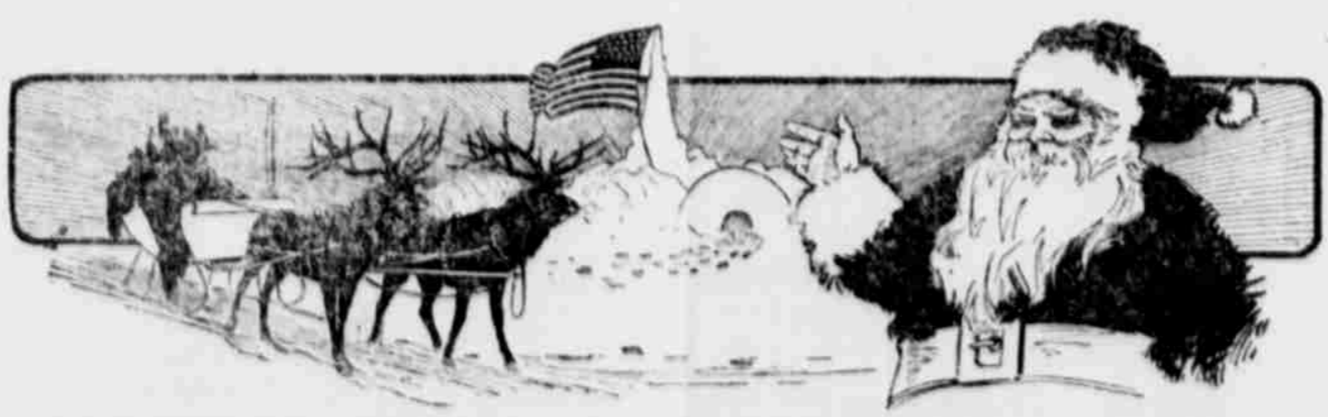
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