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STAYTON NEWS ITEMS

(Capital Journal Special Service) Stayton, Jan. 4.—A number of Stayton people enjoyed the watch party at the Methodist church New Years eve. Games and music and a dainty lunch served by the League helped pass the time, until the arrival of the new year.

Joe and Leo Klecker returned Thursday to San Diego, where they are stationed with the marines, after having spent the holidays with relatives here.

Delbert Hill and family of Mill City were guests this week at the A. Hill home. They expect to leave the 9th of this month for Los Angeles for an extended stay. They will be accompanied by A. Hill and wife.

Dan Doll returned this week from Camp Lee, Va., where he had been for some time. His company were ready to leave for overseas when the armistice was signed, and it was thought here for a time that he had gone across. Mr. Doll who is a musician was a member of the regimental band. His arrival in Stayton came as a surprise to his wife and other relatives here, who did not know that he had been mustered out of Uncle Sam's service.

Lieut. E. H. Hobson and wife came down from Camp Lewis to spend New Years at the home of his parents, W. H. Hobson and wife.

Mrs. Horace Lilly was called to Corvallis Monday by the sad news that her mother had fallen and broken her arm.

W. P. Follis was a business visitor in Salem Monday.

A party of girls, twelve in all, were delightfully entertained at the G. L.

Brown home on New Years eve. Music and dancing were enjoyed and an excellent lunch was served by Misses Wanda Brown, Cecelia Mielke and Ruth Roy. Boys being scarce in town at present, one half of the party appeared in male clothing. These present were Misses Ruth Roy, Roxie Gumsanlos, Clara Mielke, Silva Sestak, Rano Glover and Vanda Sestak, and "Messrs." Maryan Alexander, Gladys Hamman, Wava Brown, Nora Cavin, Cecelia Mielke and Wanda Brown.

Clifford Carter and wife of the Waldo Hills, were guests at the Floyd Crabtree home this week.

Miss Mabel Townes, a former Stayton resident, but later of Halsey, was married Thursday of last week to Rex Meek, of Portland.

The funeral of Mrs. E. Shepherd was held Monday. She was aged 68 years, and came to Stayton with her husband 29 years ago.

Herbert Staab, who has been visiting friends here, left Friday morning for Ft. Worden.

The Wilbur Woolen mills of this place has closed indefinitely as far as manufacturing for the trade is concerned. Owing to the uncertainty of the markets and the high cost of raw material, Mr. Wilbur decided that it would be a poor business venture to continue manufacturing at this time. The mill will continue to make comforts, hats, etc., and do custom work.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Palkner of Pendleton are visiting at the home of Mrs. Palkner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Sestak.

Mrs. J. B. Frame, sister of Mrs. W. J. Hewitt, died at Harlan, Mont., Monday from pneumonia. They moved from Lyons to Montana last fall. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. Artie and Mabel Maek and Mrs. Arch Kimsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Robertson of Detroit, visited the first of the week with relatives here.

The Catholic Order of Foresters held an afternoon session in the I. O. O. F. hall New Years day, and a large number of new members were initiated. The evening was given over to a social time, dancing being the leading feature. Several out of town visitors were present.

Food Rationing Stops Soon In England

London, Jan. 4.—Food rationing in England is to be abolished March 3, it is learned.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS ALREADY ORGANIZED

Should Be Able To Get To Work In Record-Breaking Time After Jan. 13.

When the legislature convenes a week from next Monday it probably will get down to business in record breaking time. This will be possible because the presiding officers for both houses are already selected and committee lists are being prepared ready for announcement as soon as the two branches are organized.

Senator W. T. Vinton of Yamhill county will be president of the senate and Representative Seymour Jones will be speaker of the house.

Some of the members forecast that this will be one of the most important sessions of the legislature held in many years. One of the problems which will be the total appropriations, fit the revenues which can be obtained for state purposes during the next two years.

Budget requests exceed visible revenues by about \$1,250,000. It will take considerable trimming to clip that sum from a budget of \$9,000,000, but a number of members who have perused the budget say it can be done and the state will not be made to suffer either.

Two years ago the budget requests exceeded visible revenues by \$750,000. The budget was trimmed to not only take care of this excess, but over \$200,000 remained in the state treasury unappropriated.

As a result of the condition of the state's finances, however, the prediction is made that a crop of bills will make their appearance providing various means for increasing the state's income through direct taxes, such as increased corporation fees, insurance fees and other licenses.

Proposed consolidations of various state departments and functions are due to consume much time of the legislature and be the subject of much talk.

The law makers will have the report of the consolidation commission, appointed by Governor Withycombe. This commission seeks to remake the entire form of state government by giving the governor authority to appoint all officials. The commission would make the governor an autocrat in a class with the ex-kaizer before he was tipped off his German throne.

Prevailing opinion is that this program will not get so very far, although undoubtedly there will be an attempt to make a number of changes in the present organization of state affairs.

Important highway legislation may be expected, as the sentiment in favor of improved roads seems to be rapidly developing and an effort will be made to enlarge the present state highway program. This will require additional legislation, providing for more funds.

Various suggestions have been made already for obtaining more revenues for highway purposes. Senator Vinton has suggested a tax on gasoline, and Representative Benjamin Sheldon of Jackson county has been working for many weeks on a bill to capitalize an increased motor vehicle license tax.

There has been much talk about "reconstruction" in connection with making provision for the returning soldiers. Ideas along this line so far seem to be nebulous, but legislation is looked for under this heading.

It is not unlikely that the law makers will heed the recent Marion county grand jury report covering the poor business management of the state prison, and a law may be passed again placing that institution under the authority of the board of control. If that is done, a companion bill may be looked for referring to the people a constitutional amendment giving the board of control the pardoning and parole power, which now rests in the governor.

These are but a few of the high spots which undoubtedly will be hit by the legislature, while the usual flood of miscellaneous bills on almost every subject under the sun may be expected. An Oregon legislature would not run true to form without them.

WILSON GOES STRAIGHT

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politicians alike today. It has promoted a freedom of expression that is expected to go far toward clarifying the relations of Italy and the new Slav states, which have been somewhat tense of late.

Must Now Be Independent The president's statement in his speech before the Chamber of Deputies yesterday evening that the Balkan peoples "must now be independent" were believed to be a broad hint that all Italo-Slav differences must be adjusted and that Italy must join the other associated powers in promoting establishment of a strong Slav nation.

The great difficulty among such states as the Balkans has been that they were always accessible to secret influence; that they were always being penetrated by intrigue of some sort or another; that north of them lay disturbed populations which were held together not by sympathy and friendship, but by the coercive force of a military power," the president said.

Intrigue Is Checked Now "Now the intrigue is checked and the bonds are broken and what we are going to provide is a new cement to hold the people together. They have not been accustomed to being independent. They must now be independent."

"I am sure that you recognize the principle as I do—that it is not our privilege to say what sort of a government they should set up. But we are friends of these people and it is our duty to see to it that some kind of protection is thrown around them—something supplied which will hold them together."

It is understood there has been something approaching a cabinet crisis in Italy in regard to this very matter—the conflict of Italian and Slav aspirations. Some Italian newspapers have predicted that Wilson's visit—and his resultant attitude toward the trans-Adriatic political tangle—would precipitate the crisis.

The president took occasion to reiterate his stand against the "balance of power."

Balance of Power Past "We know there cannot be another balance of power," he said. "That has been tried and found wanting, for the best of all nations does not stay balanced inside itself, and a weight which does not hold together cannot constitute a real weight in the affairs of men."

Therefore, there must be something substituted for the balance of power and I am happy to find everywhere in the air of these great nations the conception that that thing must be a thoroughly united league of nations."

The president visited historical spots today and laid wreaths on the tombs of Emmanuel II and King Humbert. He was shown about the Pantheon, the Roman forum and went to the Academy of Lincei. After his audience with Pope Benedict the president received a delegation of protestant bodies. During the afternoon he conferred with Premier Orlando cabinet members and other Italian leaders. The formal program of his visit in Rome closes tonight with a dinner at the Quirinal.

Great Throng In Capital A great throng jammed the capitol last night when the citizenship of Rome was conferred upon the president. After the speeches by the king and the president, Queen Elena, attired in a gorgeous gown and wearing a jeweled crown, walked thru the reception room, clinging to the president's arm.

Between bows in response to the salutations from every side, the queen and the president chatted and appeared to be enjoying themselves.

Mrs. Wilson wore a filmy dress of blue and grey, embroidered with gold. Miss Margaret Wilson was attired in a light green gown.

When the presidential party left the capitol there was a huge crowd milled outside, despite the lateness of the hour. They were nearly pushed off their feet by the cheering people, among whom were a number of soldiers. They

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drove back to the palace in closed carriages. Responding to the tender of membership in the Lincei academy, President Wilson today said he hoped scientists will devote their studies to the creation of a new basis of friendship for humanity, in order to blot out the stain which resulted from science developing engines for destroying humanity.

Before going to the academy the president visited the Garibaldi statue and toured the poorer sections of the city. This addition to his program was tiring, but the president declared he was feeling fit.

The president will go to Genoa tomorrow, where he will remain three hours. He will spend Monday in Milan and Turin.

SPEECH RECEIVED IN PARIS By Ed L. Keen (United Press staff correspondent) Paris, Jan. 4.—Great significance was attached here today to that portion of President Wilson's speech before the Italian chamber of deputies in which he plainly indicated that any obstacles in the way of amicable settlement of all international questions must be overcome.

His reiteration that the old "balance of power" can no longer exist, in connection with his reference to the removal of all obstacles, was regarded as serving notice on the world that the apparent divergence of his views and Premier Clemenceau's is a matter that will be readily adjusted.

After referring to the universal desire to see justice done and a peace based upon right, he said that "with this common purpose no obstacles need be formidable."

"The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome," he continued. "All that an obstacle does with brave men is not to frighten them but to challenge them. So it ought to be our pride to overcome everything that stands in our way."

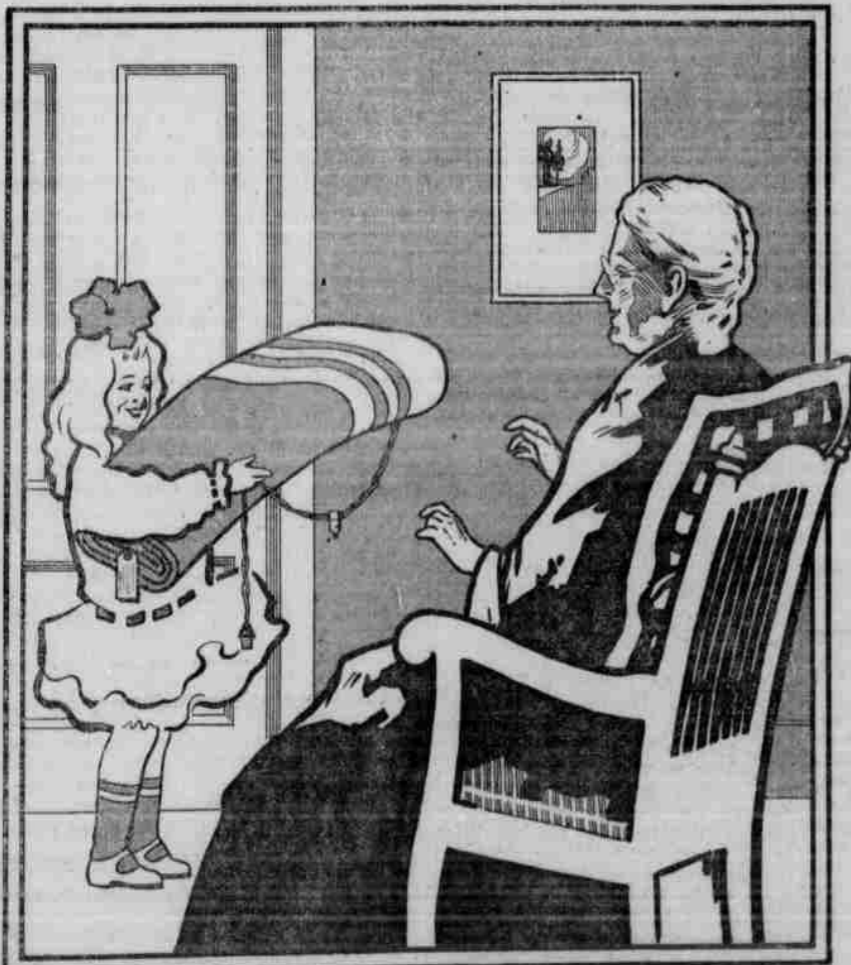
BAD AT SILVERTON The flu situation is again looking bad in this city, a number of deaths having occurred from it recently. The quarantining of the homes is not being carried out as planned, as it is reported some residents resent the placing of placards on their homes.

The school board is considering closing the schools and if the situation remains the same, in all probability these will be closed Friday night.—Silverton Appeal.

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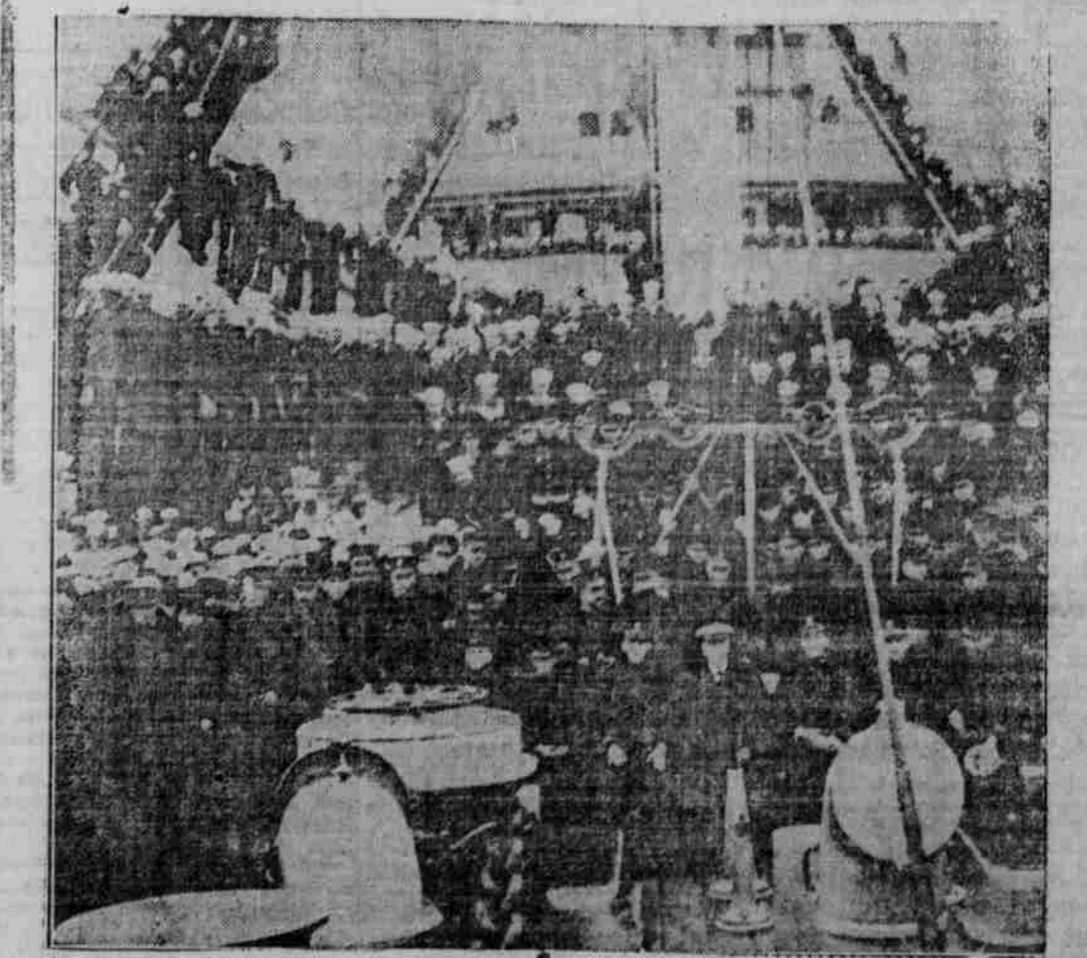
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PRESIDENT WILSON AND PEACE DELEGATION WITH MEMBERS OF CREW ABOARD THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NEARING BREST.—The first exclusive photograph showing the president aboard the George Washington as the vessel neared the harbor of Brest. This photo, the last taken aboard the ship, shows the president, American peace delegation and members of the crew of the George Washington just before they disembarked at Brest.