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DEMOCRATS TO MAKE PARTY FIGHT FOR SHIP BILL

"Old Roman" of Legislature Is No More

LINING UP FOR SUPREME TEST IN BELGIUM

SENATOR BRUNER IS DEAD

Senator Elwood Bruner, of Nome, died at Byron Hot Springs, Calif., on January 15 and the body was cremated at San Francisco last Tuesday, according to advices received in Juneau this morning.

The Empire's Seattle correspondent interviewed Former Senator Conrad Freeding, at Seattle, and learned that Senator Bruner had passed away from an attack of heart failure, while sitting in a chair. Particulars were received by W. A. Gilmore of Nome from J. Allison Bruner, who is in San Leandro, Calif.

Elwood Bruner, senior Territorial Senator from Nome, was in his sixty-first year. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on September 27, 1854. Senator Bruner came West when a young man and located in Sacramento, Calif., where for a number of years he practiced law.

Mr. Bruner served several terms in the California legislature from the Sacramento valley district. In 1903 he came to Nome and with his brothers, Alvin G. Bruner and J. Allison Bruner, the law firm of Bruner, Bruner and Bruner was formed. Alvin G. Bruner died in California several years ago and J. Allison Bruner and Elwood Bruner continued the partnership with success.

Family Survives Him.

Senator Bruner is survived by his widow and several children, all of whom are in California except one daughter, who resides in Washington, and two brothers, J. Allison Bruner of Nome, and Evan S. Bruner, who was enrolling clerk in the last Territorial Senate. The latter resided at Juneau for some time after the adjournment of the legislature, but is now in the Valdez country.

"The Old Roman," as Senator Bruner was affectionately called by his friends, was just what his nickname implied. Dignified, highly polished and courteous, Senator Bruner was a forceful and eloquent speaker and one of the ablest attorneys in the Territory.

Elected During Absence.

Senator Bruner was elected to the upper chamber of the legislature on November 5, 1912, the voters of the Second division giving him a popular majority while Senator Bruner was away in Seattle. He arrived in Juneau late in February, 1913, and took his seat in the Senate on March 3, 1913, serving throughout the session.

Senator Bruner was an advocate of a strong taxation and revenue bill during the legislative session, was opposed to code revision, and took an active part in the debates on the important matters that came before the legislature at its initial session. In politics he was a Taft Republican. He was a holdover Senator for the second legislative session, having won the toss-up with Senator Conrad Freeding.

Belonged to Elks' Lodge.

While the legislature was in session two years ago Senator Bruner became a member of Juneau Lodge No. 420, B. P. O. Elks, with Senator Millard, and Representatives Kennedy and Burns. The speech made by Mr. Bruner on the night of his initiation will long be remembered as one of the best ever heard in the lodgeroom, members who were present say.

GOVERNOR AUTHORIZED TO CALL SPECIAL ELECTION

Under the Alaska organic act the Governor is authorized to issue a writ for a special election whenever there shall occur a vacancy in the Territorial legislature, "giving due and proper notice."

Gov. J. F. A. Strong has the question of a special election in the Second division under advisement today. Whether the "due and proper notice" should be construed to mean similar notice to that provided for the general election, or whether the terms are stated generally in order to give the Governor discretionary authority in order to meet a situation such as that which Senator Bruner's death has brought about, has not been determined.

THE WEATHER TODAY.

Maximum—33.
Minimum—42.
Clear.

JUNEAUITE BURROWED FROM SNOW

Five hours before Iver Holmquist was carried to his death by a snowslide in Granite Basin Wednesday afternoon, J. B. Giovanetti, brother of a Calhoun Road grocer, was caught under a torrent of snow and buried under a covering two feeet deep, at a piont a half mile from where Holmquist died. Giovanetti's rifle, a Winchester of .32 calibre, was found by A. McLean, a teamster, and through an article published in The Empire yesterday, the gun was restored to its owner and details of what might have been another tragedy of the snows were obtained.

Giovanetti and Morris Giovanetti, his brother, were hunting ptarmigan Wednesday morning in Granite Basin. The men were about fifty feet apart when Morris shouted a warning to his brother. The latter turned in his tracks when a wall of snow bore him down. "I was bowled over and over like a ball," said Giovanetti to an Empire reporter this morning, "and I grabbed at rocks and roots in an attempt to stop myself. Finally, after it seemed to me that I had traveled about a mile, I stopped, and after a few minutes of twisting I succeeded in getting out. I was covered with about two feet of snow, but it was soft; otherwise I believe I would have been unable to get out."

While Morris Giovanetti was frantically searching for his brother the latter broke from his tomb and the men searched an hour for the lost gun. Giovanetti has scratches all over him as evidence of the punishment he took while hurled over the ground beneath the slide. Holmquist was caught at 3:30 in the afternoon. Giovanetti was struck at 10:30 in the morning.

REDFIELD HAS TILT WITH JAMES J. HILL

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23.—James J. Hill and Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield discussed the administration ships purchase bill at this place yesterday before the National Foreign Trade Convention.

Hill read a paper in which he asserted that a government-owned shipping line would "almost certainly drag the United States sooner or later into open conflict with foreign Nations."

Secretary of Commerce Redfield replied, saying that Hill's paper was based on surmise and not facts. The Secretary said that it has been advertised over the world that we would meet trouble if we bought German ships, yet the government had been approached to purchase British, French and Russian vessels. He closed with the assertion that the "extortion of the shipping interests is closing American factories," and the "violation of written contracts by shipping companies makes the robbers of the middle ages look like public benefactors."

AMERICAN SHIPPERS TO MAKE TEST SHIPMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The American-owned steamship Wilhelmina, flying the American flag and loaded with foodstuffs consigned by an American commission firm to an American citizen in Germany, sailed yesterday evening for Bremen, Germany, on the first voyage of the kind. The purpose is to make a test of whether or not such shipments shall be considered legitimate. The United States will be asked to protect the shipment from seizure by the British navy.

HEAVY SNOWFALL WILL INSURE BIG WHEAT CROP

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—A heavy snowfall throughout the winter wheat growing States is believed to have increased the chances for another great yield next year.

HOUSE PASSES MILITARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—The House of Representatives passed the army appropriation bill carrying $100,000,000 last night.

DUTCH LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED

THE HAGUE, Jan. 23.— The announcement is made that the government war loan of $110,000,000 has been oversubscribed.

FAIRBANKS AGAINST ROAD BILL

FAIRBANKS, Jan. 23. — The Fairbanks city council has gone on record in opposition to the Wickersham wagon road bill, and particularly that portion of it which proposes that after July 1, 1916, the license or occupation tax shall be transferred from the present manner of distribution and turned over to the Territorial legislature.

REPORT TO BE READY BY FEBRUARY 1ST

FAIRBANKS, Jan. 23.—A cablegram received here from Thomas Riggs, Jr., says the report of the engineering board on the Alaska government railroad will be ready February 1st. The telegram says that definite action will follow fast after the report is prepared.

MILD WEATHER CONTINUES IN FAIRBANKS DISTRICT

FAIRBANKS, Jan. 23.—Mild weather continues throughout the Tanana valley. There has been practically no realy cold weather thus far this season.

JUDGE BUNNELL AT FAIRBANKS MONDAY

FAIRBANKS, Jan. 27.—Judge Chas. E. Bunnell will arrive at Fairbanks Monday night, and assume the duties of his office at once. There are many applicants for patronage at his disposal.

Marshal Erwin Coming.

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—United States Marshal L. T. Erwin, of Fairbanks, will be a Fairbanks-bound passenger on the Mariposa which sails for the North Sunday night.

PUGET SOUND TO HAVE ANOTHER CANAL

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—Work has begun on the canal between Port Townsend bay and Oak bay, for which Congress appropriated $62,500. The 4,400-foot strip will join the two bodies of water, and the announcement was made that June 1 the first Puget sound steamship will pass through the canal.

When the canal is ready, Sound boats not only will be able to reach Seattle from Victoria and Port Townsend bay in less time, but will avoid passing Marrowstone point, a dangerous headland, where tides run with great velocity.

The canal cut will be 105 feet at the surface and 75 feet at the base.

GOV. LISTER'S INVITATION TO PRESIDENT WILSON

OLYMPIA, Jan. 15.—Governor Lister sent a special telegram to President Woodrow Wilson today inviting him on behalf of the people of the State of Washington to visit that State on his contemplated trip to the Pacific Coast. The telegram reads:

"On behalf of the people of the State of Washington I desire to extend to you a most cordial invitation to visit the State of Washington on your forthcoming trip to the Pacific Coast. I sincerely hope you may be able to so arrange your itinerary.

(Signed) "ERNEST LISTER,
"Governor."

WASHINGTON ARTISTS GIVE $1,200 TO BELGIAN RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Washington artists contributed pictures which were sold for the benefit of Belgian babies. The money was divided, $1,000 for boxes containing combination food for babies suggested by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley and $200 for malted milk.

NEW YORK CITY TO FEED SCHOOL CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—New York City has completed arrangements to establish 24 restaurants to feed school pupils who come to school without the proper nourishment.

SHIP BILL NOW PARTY MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—At a caucus of the Democratic members of the United States Senate to day the administration purchase bill was finally endorsed by unanimous vote.

A resolution was adopted with the affirmative vote of all the Democratic Senators, making the bill a party measure.

PATRONAGE FIGHT ENDS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The enthusiasm inspired among the Democrats in Washington over the "call to arms" to do party battle for the administration in the ships purchase bill, which resulted from the Cabinet meeting last night, has resulted in abandonment of the patronage fight by certain Democratic Senators. Evidences that the fight has been either settled or abandoned were seen today in official action when in the Senate every Democratic vote was cast in favor of the indefinite postponement of the inquiry by a sub-committee of the Senate into the President's constitutional powers in making recess appointments. The indefinite postponement defeats further progress of the inquiry.

DEMOCRATS ALL STAND BY PRESIDENT WILSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—That there will be complete harmony between the Democratic Senators and the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives in pressing the administration ships purchasing bill for passage is conceded to be the result of a Cabinet meeting last night and conferences between Congressional leaders and members of the administration today. The Democrats will present a solid front against the fillibustering Republicans, and if necessary, the President and members of his Cabinet will make several speeches in which they will appeal to the public sentiment of the Nation to force Republican Senators from desisting in their fight.

The Democrats take the position that the Republican opposition to the shipping bill is in the interest of subsidies, and that the talk of international complications that might follow is not offered in good faith.

GOV. WHITMAN DISCHARGES 400 STATE EMPLOYEES

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Governor Charles S. Whitman, of New York has discharged 400 employees of the State Engineering and Surveying Department on the ground that no need of their services existed.

NEW YORK MAKES $2,000,000 ON ACCOUNT OF EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—In paying maturing obligations to the European holders this month American bankers and the municipality of New York cleared $2,076,587 on account of the increased value of American exchange in Europe, so great is the demand for money with which to settle balances that are running heavily in favor the the United States.

CAPT. DODGE'S WIFE APPEALS TO SENATORS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Capt. Frederick G. Dodge, well known in the United States revenue cutter service, completed a 25,000 mile cruise in Bering sea November 14, on the revenue cutter Manning, of which he was then in command. He came to his home at San Leandro, Cal., on leave of absence, and shortly after applied for sick leave. This was granted by the Washington authorities, and Capt. Dodge was ordered to the marine hospital, where he still remains.

Mrs. Dodge claimed in letters to Senator James E. Phelan and John D. Works that conditions at the Marine hospital were not suited to "an officer and a gentleman," and that his detention there was the result of a plot to injure him. She asked for an investigation of a situation which she termed "unparalleled."

Capt. Dodge said:

"I am an officer. I obey orders and have nothing to say regarding my treatment, but full reliance may be absolutely placed in all my wife says."

NEW YORK NOW HAS H. K. THAW

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 23.—After one of the most sensational legal battles in the history of the country and a series of adventures that have held the interest of a Nation covering a period of a year and a half since his escape from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane and spectacular flight into Canada, Harry K. Thaw was today turned over to the authorities of the State of New York, for trial on an indictment charging him with conspiracy to escape from the operation of the law.

Thaw fought to the last ditch to escape being deported to New York, where he feels that public sentiment is against him. In his fight for liberty the Thaw millions have called to his aid the services of many of the brilliant attorneys of the country, including those of former Attorney-General and former Secretary of State P. C. Knox.

The brunt of the legal battle against Thaw has been borne by former District Attorney William Travers Jerome, who conducted the prosecutions against him for the murder of Stanford White.

HARRY THAW TO BE IN TOMBS TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Harry K. Thaw will be brought to New York tonight from New Hampshire and lodged in the Tombs. Thus will terminate in success New York's long fight to secure control of the slayer of Stanford White.

GOLD COMING FROM CANADA TO NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Gold is now moving from Canada to New York, notwithstanding the large Canadian municipal and other loans that have been placed this month in this city. American shipments of manufactured goods to Canada for military and other purposes has created a balance of trade that is so great that the millions that have been loaned Canada, including the Montreal, Vancouver and Dominion public securities, do not offset it.

KAISER'E NEPHEW BECOMES INSANE

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.— Prince Franz Josef of Hohenzollern, nephew of the Kaiser, has gone mad as a result of his awful experiences in the fight between H. M. A. S. Sydney and the Emden, according to a private letter receiver here fro mLieut. Pitt, of the British navy.

He was in charge of a torpedo tube ready to fire when the tube was struck by two six-inch shells.

The Prince had to be put in a straight jacket on the troopship Orvieto.

WHEAT MUST GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—An exporter of wheat says that sales abroad continue to average 1,000,000 bushels a day, and he looks for $1.60 or $1.70 before the end of the season. There is some danger that bread may be advanced from 5 to 6 cents per loaf.

COTTON CROP MAY BE LARGE NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.— Reports brought back to Washington by skilled observers who have been visiting the cotton-growing region of the south say there is as yet little indication of a limitation of acreage for the coming season.

PRESIDENT SELECTED NAME FOR HIS LITTLE GRANDSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. —It was President Woodrow Wilson who suggested that his grandson be named Francis Sayre without any middle name, and the suggestion was accepted by the parents who were disposed to name him for his mother's distinguished father.

CHANGE IN GERMANS' EAST PLAN

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Petrograd dispatches report that a complete change in the eastern campaign, such as would mark a new period in the war is expected by the officers of the Russian General Staff.

They say that German and Austrian military chiefs have abandoned aggressive moves against Warsaw, and are concentrating their troops in Hungary to repel the Russian invasion in Bukowina, Eastern Galicia and Northern Hungary.

It is in this section rather than on Warsaw that heavy fighting in the next few weeks is looked for in Petrograd.

HOSTILE FORCES ONLY SIX MILES APART.

Bucharest, Jan. 23.—Austrian and Russian forces are within six miles of each other in the vicinity of Dorna Vatra near the Roumanian frontier in the Carpathian mountains, and the beginning of a battle is expected at any minute.

The Russians are seeking to carry out an enveloping movement in the Bistritz valley on the Transylvanian side of the mountains for the purpose of capturing the Hungarian army that has been sent forward to check the invasion.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORY.

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—An official communication given out today, regarding fighting in Caucasia, follows:

"The Russian main forces which failed in an attempt to encircle our left wing have retreated before our counter attack.

"Our troops are now pursuing the enemy."

GERMANY MUST HAVE A NORTH SEA PORT

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 23. — Albert Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, who is in Copenhagen, says it must be admitted that Hetligoland is not a desirable base of operations for the German fleet, and that Great Britain has brought to a standstill Germany's overseas trade. He says there can be no lasting peace until Germany has a naval station on the North Sea that will give her the same advantages in Europe as Great Britain now enjoys.

CHINA AND JAPAN FACE CRISIS OVER KIAUCHOU

TOKIO, Jan. 23.—China and Japan are now declared to be on the verge of a diplomatic crisis. The Peking government has abolished the war zone in the Shantung peninsular and this action is regarded by Japan as an unfriendly act.

Kiaochau is on the Shantung peninsula, and the Japanese government sees in China's sudden and unexpected move an attempt to force the abandonment by Japan of the town recently taken from the Germans.

MISTAKEN FOR SUBMARINE WHALE IS RIDDLED

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 23.—A dead whale, which drifted ashore on the northern part of the Dutch coast was found to have been riddled with three-inch shells. It had obviously been mistaken for a submarine.

ENGLAND AND THE VATICIAN

ROME, Jan. 23.—The belief is expressed here that England will continue to maintain a diplomatic envoy at the Vatician after the war. Sir Henry Howard, who recently arrived to represent the British government, is well satisfied with the success of his mission. His presence here will give a closer relationship between the Vatican and the British government.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS ARRESTED FOR MURDER IN STRIKE

ROOSEVELT, Jan. 23. — Deputy sheriffs to the number of 32 were arrested last night charged with murder in connection with the rioting at the agricultural chemical works here. Two of the strikers have died and two more cannot live.

BIG BATTLE PENDING IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Jan. 23. — Germans are massing troops in the vicinity of Labasse in preparation for another battle between Ypres and Courtrai. The Allies are strengthening their positions all along Northern France and Flanders.

These preparations lead to the inevitable conclusion that another desperate struggle for mastery will soon begin between the great armies in the West.

ALLIES MAKE GAINS.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The War Office this afternoon gave out the following statement:

"In the region of Lombaertzyde we gained 1,000 yards.

"In Sectors, Ypres, Arras, Albert, Roye and Soissons regions there have been heavy artillery exchanges in the course of which we at several points gained advantage.

"Berryaubac was violently bombarded by Germans.

"To the northwest of Bease our enemy delivered an attack which we repulsed.

"In Argonne we administered a complete check to the Germans at Fontaine Madame.

"In Alsace infantry fighting in the region of Hartmann and Wielerkopt continues. We are in close touch with the enemy, and there has been no interruption to fighting."

GERMAN AIRMEN LOSE ONE MACHINE.

London, Jan. 23.—Germans raided Dunkirk with aircraft this morning. One account says that ten aeroplanes took part in the attack.

British aeroplanes assumed the defensive, and succeeded in bringing down one of the visitors.

Eighty bombs were thrown and the victims number 20, of whom six were killed.

ONE ZEPPELIN LOST.

London, Jan. 23.—Fishermen arriving at Noordwijk today saw an airship founder in the North Sea Friday night. The description of the airship given indicates that the lost craft was a Zeppelin of the German air fleet.

BRITISH AIRMEN AT WORK.

Amsterdam, Jan. 23. — British airmen dropped bombs this morning on important docks of Bruges, Belgium. Although the aircraft were attacked by German long range guns they escaped uninjured.

DARDANELLES FORTS ARE CRUMBLING

ATHENS, Jan. 23.—The fort at Tchanak-Kalessi, guarding the South side of the entrance to the Dardanelles, has been abolished by the continued bombardment by the Allies' warships and has been avacuated by the Turkish garrison, according to word from Solonika, brought there by merchant ships. Forts Ellis and Seddil were expected to fall when the ships left the war zone.

Tschnak-Kalessi is known as "the castle of Asia." The fort there, Kale-Sultanie, was of old construction, but new guns of the largest types had been mounted within the last two years.

RUSSIA IS PRESSING THROUGH CARPATHIANS

LONDON, Jan. 23.—In their campaign against the Austrians, the Russians are advancing in force through Bukowina and have reached Dorna, on the Dorna river, half way between Klimpolung, they have taken thousands of prisoners and vast quantities of munitions.

At Kiev alone 16,000 captured Austrians have arrived, including 250 officers, 40 being colonels. A Kiev dispatch says the Austrians are believed to have lost 70,000 men in their unsuccessful attempt to relieve the pressure in the western part of Galicia, by opening an offensive campaign in Bukowina.

ALABAMA OVERTURNS PROHIBITION VETO

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 23.—The Alabama legislature has passed the prohibition bill over the Governor's veto. The new law goes into effect July 1, 1915.