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THIRTY-SEVENTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1915 PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

### TWELVE DAYS LEFT IN WHICH TO FINISH WORK OF SESSION

Present Legislature Slowest and Most Cumbersome in Late Years

SLOGAN OF "ECONOMY AND WORK" IS BURIED

Appropriation Bills in Muddle That Is Hard to Again Straighten Out

### FLAX BOOSTERS WILL MEET AT STATE HOUSE

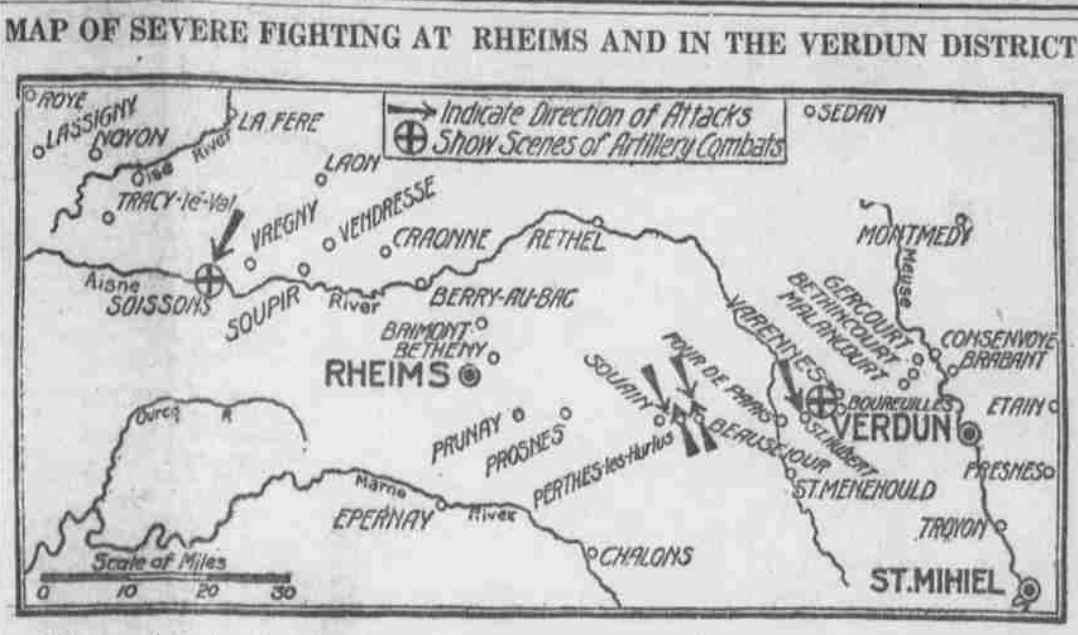
#### Open Meeting in Senate Chamber Tonight to Consider Factory at Pen

One of the most important meetings that has been scheduled to take place during the present session of the legislature, namely, the flax boosters' meeting, will be held in the senate chamber at 8 o'clock tonight for the purpose of considering the proposition of installing a flax working plant in connection with the state penitentiary.

### AMERICAN SHIPPING NOT TO BE MOLESTED BY GERMAN NAVY

#### Count Von Bernstorff Makes Statement Tell's Nations Attitude on Subject

Washington, Feb. 6.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, issued a statement today declaring that his government does not intend to interfere with American commerce by the new blockade of England and France.



### FRENCH ARTILLERY DESTROYS GERMAN SUPPLY WAGONS

#### Shells Strikes Observation Balloon Killing Three of the Men

#### RUSSIA WEAKENING HER FORCES NEAR PRZEMYSL

#### Attacks of Czar's Forces in Dukla Region Are Being Repulsed

With 23 days of the session gone and only 12 more working days in which to finish up its business, the 25th legislature assembly, with "Economy and Efficiency" as its slogan and battle cry has thus far proven itself one of the slowest and most cumbersome vehicles of legislation that has existed in Oregon. It also gives promise of being the most expensive and extravagant in the history of the state.

A large meeting was held at the Marion hotel at noon yesterday, in attendance upon which were Governor Withycombe, Mrs. W. P. Lord, Elizabeth Lord, Senators Bishop and Von der Helen, Representatives (Cartmell, chairman of the house committee, President W. M. Hamilton and Secretary Ralph Moores of commercial club, and Emil Hansett, an experienced flax grower who has been in the business for years. Mr. Hansett is a son-in-law of Eugene Boase, the noted Belgian flax expert who was the father of the industry in the Willamette valley and spent many years of useless effort in trying to arouse interest in the establishment of a flax mill. He knows the flax business from the ground up.

### Nothing New Contained in Communication Issued On February 4

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### WORK OF LEGISLATURE GIVEN IN SUMMARY

#### Bills Signed By Governor and Those Awaiting Approval Given

At the close of the 25th day of the session the senate and disposed of a total of 135 measures having come before it for consideration of which 94 were passed, 28 were killed by indefinite postponement, 10 failed and 4 were withdrawn. There were 210 bills introduced in the senate of which 53 passed, 24 were indefinitely postponed, 8 failed and 4 were withdrawn, leaving a total of 111 of the bills to be acted upon.

### Expert Believes Germany Has Fleet of Submarines Ready

By J. W. T. Mason.  
New York, Feb. 6.—It is probable that Germany has ready a small fleet of super-submarines with which to conduct its new warfare against British and possibly neutral merchantmen.

When the flax boosters met at the state house tonight to consider the proposition of installing a flax mill at the state penitentiary, the flax boosters' meeting, which was held at the Marion hotel at noon yesterday, in attendance upon which were Governor Withycombe, Mrs. W. P. Lord, Elizabeth Lord, Senators Bishop and Von der Helen, Representatives (Cartmell, chairman of the house committee, President W. M. Hamilton and Secretary Ralph Moores of commercial club, and Emil Hansett, an experienced flax grower who has been in the business for years.

### HEADQUARTERS OF HOP GROWERS TO BE SALEM

#### Executive Committee of Association Make Decision at Meeting Here This Afternoon

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon hop growers' association, the first to have been held since the committee was enlarged to 21 members, held in the rooms of the Salem commercial club this afternoon, it was decided to move the headquarters of the association from Sheridan, Yamhill county, to Salem, where they will be permanently established.

### MAY BLUESTEM SELLS AT \$1.64 IN PORTLAND

#### Flour Makes Strong Advances Both Patent and Common Grades Climbing Up the Scale

Portland, Feb. 6.—When 5,000 bushels of May Bluestem wheat sold on the Merchants Exchange today at \$1.64, a new high record price for the season was established.

### Divorce Law One of Best on Statute Books

#### Judge Galloway Says Marriage Law Is Responsible For Divorces

Regardless of the criticism, the divorce law is one of the best laws on the statute books. It is the marriage law that is responsible for so many mismatched couples," said Judge William Galloway today when summing up the suit of Bertha Brunkel against Jacob Brunkel which was tried today in department No. 2 of the circuit court.

### PROHIBITION BILL NOW IN HANDS OF SENATE

#### Will Go To Third Reading Without Being Referred to Committee

The prohibition measure, House Bill 702, which passed the house yesterday afternoon, has been transmitted to the senate and will go through first and second reading and be placed on final passage without being referred to a committee as the provisions of the bill were all agreed on in joint committee.

Paris, Feb. 6.—Twenty-five German ammunition and supply wagons in the Wever region have been shelled and destroyed by French artillery, the war office announced in its official communique this afternoon. Elsewhere, it is declared, other French batteries have dispersed other convoys of the enemy with considerable loss.

### Jap Cruiser Using Mexican Coast As Base of Supplies

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.—Probable government investigation is seen here today, following a report that the Japanese cruiser Asama, wrecked at Turtle Bay, 800 miles south of San Diego, has been using Mexican coast harbors as bases of supply.

### The Weather

Oregon: Tonight rain west; fair east portion; Sunday west rain; rain or snow east portion; easterly winds.

### Palo Alto's Fasting Tailor Spends 52nd Day in Bed

Palo Alto, Cal., Feb. 6.—L. C. Roth, Palo Alto's fasting tailor, spent the 52nd day of his fast in bed. He is suffering from pains in his head.

### Vienna, by wireless to London, Feb. 6.—Russia is weakening her forces in the vicinity of Tarnow and Przemysl in order to strengthen her hold on Bukovina and the Carpathians.

### Kaiser to Visit Eastern Front.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—Via Sayville, Kaiser Wilhelm left today for the eastern front, it was officially announced here tonight.