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FERN HOBBS TO LOSE HER JOB AT ONCE

Bill Reducing Number of Commissioners Passes Senate Today

SENATORS ALL DENY TAKING DIG AT WEST

Schubel Bill Repealing Continuing Appropriations Also Approved

MISS HOBBS STILL SAFE. Late this afternoon the house refused to concur in the senate amendments appointed Schubel, Littlefield and Stewart a conference committee.

SUMMER LEASE APPROVED. The senate this afternoon adopted a minority report of the committee on Public Lands on the House Bill 334 ratifying the lease of Summer Abert Lakes.

Following one of the fiercest word battles of this session the senate this morning passed House Bill 223 by Schubel amending the law of 1913 creating the State Industrial Accident Commission with senate amendments reducing the number of commissioners from three to one and attaching an emergency clause.

Senator Bingham who had prepared and fought for a bill introducing the Michigan system of having the casualty companies handle the business made a strong protest against the bill stating "In side of another year a special session of the legislature will be called to repeal this law and keep the state from going bankrupt."

House Bill No. 2 by Schubel repealing continuing appropriations was also passed this morning being taken from the table and approved without any discussion.

About fifty neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf, of North Liberty street, took possession of their home last Friday night, tendering them a surprise in honor of Mr. Wolf's birthday. Dancing was the diversion of the evening, a most enjoyable time being had.

HOUSE RUNNING ON HIGH SPEED PASSES MANY BILLS TODAY

Ten Measures Approved, and Two Killed and Nine Postponed This Morning

TWO APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE PASSED

State Hatchery Is Allowed \$12,000 For Coming Biennium

At the rate of speed which the house showed this morning in the disposal of both house and senate bills there is yet some grounds for hope that the legislature will catch up with its work sufficiently to adjourn at the end of the week.

During the session to date there have been a total of 478 bills introduced in the house of which 116 have been postponed, 31 failed to pass, 48 were withdrawn and 234 passed the house, leaving a total of 58 house bills yet to be acted upon.

Among the most important bills to have been passed this morning was the game code bill, which was amended in the house committee of the whole Monday night, in which several important changes have been made in the present game laws.

Two appropriation bills were passed by the house this morning, one being for the appropriation of \$12,000 for hatchery purposes on coast streams south of the mouth of the Columbia river; \$29,000 having been expended for the same purpose the past two years, and the other was the John Hunter claim for \$1,519.28 for time lost in the construction of the Roseburg armory.

House Bill 296, by Horne, requiring all manufacturers of Portland cement in this state to pack their product in paper or dust-proof containers was seriously opposed by Representative Vavter and others on the ground that it was discriminative legislation against Oregon producers and in favor of outside interests, who would not be affected by the bill if it should pass and it was referred to Representative Vavter and Horne for amendment so as to make it more general in its scope and effect.

Another important bill passed by the house this morning was senate Bill 212 requiring the county clerks to clear the registration roll of the names of all aliens not entitled to vote under the constitutional amendment making full citizenship a necessary requisite to the right to vote in the state and this bill makes the constitutional amendment retroactive to the extent of purging the records of all names of those who voted under the previous laws and not entitled to vote at present.

UNITED STATES VITALLY CONCERNED IN GERMANY'S PLAN TO ATTACK MERCHANT SHIPS IN WAR ZONE



Following the Von Tirpitz plan of trying to starve out Great Britain by submarine blockade and destruction of merchant ships, the German government has notified the world that from February 18 attacks will be made on all enemy merchant ships and that neutral merchants will be in danger.

SEVEN ARE DEAD AT MARSHFIELD

Awful Catastrophe In Saw-mill Boarding House Early Today

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 17.—Six persons are dead and ten seriously injured or badly burned as the result of a fire which destroyed the boarding house of the C. A. Smith Lumber company here early today.

For a time the office building and other structures of the Smith plant were in danger, but heroic efforts on the part of the fire department confined the flames.

A. A. Craig, father of George Craig, proprietor of the boarding house, was suffocated in his room. He is an invalid and was unable to help himself.

Five other bodies were removed from the smoldering debris, horribly burned. Four of them are believed to be those of Louis Kalinowski, a Polish laborer, William Glover, W. Ward and Louis Peppas, a Greek, all mill hands.

Byron Craig, twelve year old son of the proprietor of the hotel, was so badly burned that he is not expected to live.

Fireman Max Kroger, was badly scorched in attempting to effect rescue.

FIGHT ON SHIPPING BILL IS RESUMED

Senate Democrats Will Attempt to Force Through House Compromise Bill

Washington, Feb. 17.—The crucial fight by the administration democrats to force through the senate the Weeks-Gore compromise ship purchase bill will begin in the senate this afternoon when the measure, as passed by the house early today, will reach that body.

The ship purchase fight having shifted to the senate, it was reported that revolutionary and "strong arm" methods may be resorted to to pass the bill regardless of rules, before the end of the week.

Trial of Fountain On at Sacramento

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 17.—When the trial of David Fountain for the murder of Margaret Milling in this city last December was resumed today, fully 200 women were among the spectators.

The first witness was Mrs. Milling, the girl's mother. When she told the story of Margaret's departure for what she thought was the Sunday school sewing circle, she broke down and was led from the stand.

The Weather

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday unsettled; probably rain; cooler to night; southwestly winds.

NOISE WILL RULE ON OPENING DAY

Advocates of Municipal Quiet Must Take Back Seat On Next Saturday

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Anti-noise advocates will have to take a back seat when the Panama-Pacific Exposition opens Saturday.

Plans laid by the official noise committee today contemplated starting the big noise at 6:30 a. m., when the big guns of all the forts around San Francisco bay will boom a salute to Exposition Day.

No Sailings Will Be Suspended By British

London, Feb. 17.—Hardly a single regular sailing of any British steamer will be suspended on account of the German submarine blockade, announced to begin tomorrow.

Following a conference here of managers of lines conducting cross-channel service, it was announced tonight that their vessels would sail as usual. Service to Irish ports also will continue as usual, though it had been reported channel and British mail service would stop.

It was considered certain that German submarines were at their business ready for the attack on British merchantmen.

A number of steamers from America are due off the Irish coast tomorrow, and these probably will be directed to change their route. It was reported that some of the vessels from the United States would be diverted to Irish ports, but official information on any subject regarding the blockade was unobtainable.

BRITISH NAVY NOW READY TO MEET ANY SUBMARINE ATTACKS

Admiralty Only, Knows Plans That Will Be Carried Out in War

GERMANS CAPTURE 50,000 PRISONERS

General Battle From Swiss Frontier to North Sea Starting

London, Feb. 17.—The British navy is ready to meet Germany's submarine raids. Only the admiralty knows just what the plans are, but there is evidence of a more confident feeling than has existed at any time since Germany served notice of her intention to establish a war zone.

It was believed the Germans will attempt to strike hard at the outset in an effort to terrify ship owners and keep English vessels in port. The sinking of the Dulwich was accepted as the opening of the German submarine campaign. Advice from Havre say the crew was given time to collect its effects, but officials here declare they have information to the contrary.

All Scandinavian vessels reaching English ports today had national colors painted on their upper works and their names permanently displayed.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Feb. 17.—More than 50,000 prisoners, 50 cannon, 60 machine guns and enormous quantities of war materials are the prizes of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's latest drive through East Prussia, the war office here announced today.

The ground over which the Russians are retreating are covered with dead and wounded. Most of the latter undoubtedly will die, as they are abandoned by their fleeing comrades in the worst weather of the winter war.

Factories having steam in their boilers will blow their whistles. Jitney buses and other automobiles will honk their horns, engineers of steamships and locomotives will sound their whistles, newspaper carriers will ring the doorbells of subscribers, and numerous other expedients will be adopted to add to the general din.

London, Feb. 17.—The United States is not the only neutral nation seriously concerned about the German submarine "blockade." The Scandinavian countries and Italy and Holland engage in shipping within the new war zone.

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NO CHANGE IN WAR ZONE SITUATION

America Still Awaits Answer From Great Britain and Germany

KAISER'S MANDATE TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW

Twenty-Eight Steamers Carrying Over 10,000 Speeding Toward War Zone

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Twenty-eight steamers from New York, carrying more than 10,000 Americans are speeding toward the war zone today and may be subject of the retaliation order by Germany against England beginning tomorrow.

The liner Adriatic, with 400 passengers and a cargo of food is due here tomorrow or Friday. About the same time the Norwegian steamer Bergensfjord will enter the danger zone.

A dozen freighters and smaller vessels, along with valuable cargoes, are due to enter the extended German war zone a few hours after the Kaiser's decree goes into effect. Five of these are British ships and two are American vessels.

Washington, Feb. 17.—What protection the government of the United States intends to give the thousands of Americans who are on steamers headed for British waters included in the extended German war zone and commerce in the future is a diplomatic secret.

When asked about the administration's plans today, Secretary of State Bryan declined to "outline any policy." Neither would he indicate whether his silence was due to the non-arrival of Germany's answer to the American protest in this regard.

Between the fires of England's determination to starve the Germans into submission and Germany's resentment of such tactics, the government is admittedly troubled as to what will be the answers of the two belligerents to their hold in Belgium.

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