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STORMS OVERCOME SHIPS

THREE GROUP BILLS BEING CONSIDERED

Senate Probing All Three Pending Consolidation Measures.

ANTI-ALIEN BILL PAST LEGISLATURE

Now Ready for Governor's Signature; Astoria Relief Bill Passes House; "Oregon" Appropriation Is Questioned.

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Feb. 15.—The Senate today considered all three pending consolidation measures under a special order.

The Senate has passed the anti-alien bill which now goes to the governor, who has already signed a bill requiring an assessor's list of Chinese and Japanese owning, leasing or operating land.

The Senate today passed the bill for a joint Oregon-Washington commission to investigate the feasibility of the lower Columbia interstate bridge.

Astoria Bill Passed.

The House last night passed the \$250,000 Astoria relief bill. The Senate today refused to accept the ways and means committee adverse report for \$15,000 appropriation for the maintenance of the battleship Oregon at Portland.

Bill 159 Kills.

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Feb. 15.—After a terrific fight in the Senate today in which Senators Moser, Harg and Edwards took the floor in speeches against, and Senators Dennis, Hall and Maglady speaking for the bill, the Senate today passed the bill.

HARDWARE MEN IN PORTLAND

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—The Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers association today opened a three-day convention here, with delegates present from cities in all parts of the state. The principal program for business session a committee of Portland jobbers has provided entertainment for the guests. Prominent hardware men from the east were here to take part in the discussions.

Horticultural Meeting In La Grande Successful

Fruit men of the Grande Ronde Valley gathered for discussion of problems at Imbler and La Grande on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. In spite of the disagreeable weather a good attendance appeared at both places. The principal problems brought out at the Imbler meeting were marketing and the improvement of orchard cultural practices. Use of artificial fertilizers will be employed together with the planting of cover crops to keep up orchard fertility in this section.

In the La Grande district the meeting began in the morning with a general discussion of orchard problems at the city hall, led by C. L. Lang, extension horticulturist of the Oregon Agricultural College. The majority of the time was devoted to printing as later meetings will be held through the season which will take up problems of pest control, soil management, etc. Following Mr. Lang's talk, H. H. Weatherpoon, horticultural commissioner, discussed the matter of training up orchard

Want to Be Millionaires? Go to Germany and Spend A Jitney for Many Marks

COLOGNE, Jan. 27. (By Mail) —The tremendous depreciation of the mark to a point a little above the level of the Austrian crown and the Russian ruble, besides creating a boom in the business of hard valise and small satchels, has caused several amusing incidents in banks and money brokers offices.

It is a common sight in Cologne and cities in the Ruhr to see foreigners, Americans, British or French, emerge from the banks bearing huge packages of bills loosely wrapped up in newspapers. A party of French correspondents came to Cologne from Essen the other day to change some French paper money. They were all millionaires when they returned to the Ruhr in the evening. They had changed one thousand francs each.

A British soldier walked up to the cashier's ticket and presented a check, drawn on a London bank. The cashier was duly accepted, endorsed and perfectly in order. The cashier gasped as he looked at it. The amount read two pence.

For a long time the bank employee scribbled figures on a sheet of paper, looking upon the Tommy with increasing malevolence. He had a suspicion the soldier wanted to have a little fun with him.

Finally, the German cashier threw away his pen in disgust, began rummaging through his cash drawer and after a few minutes handed the Tommy the amount of the check. A few bystanders who had appeared much interested in the proceedings snickered audibly at the British soldier who left without exulting. The joke was on him.

The German cashier had passed out two English copper pennies.

YELLOW PINE TRACTS TO BE OPENED SOON

Bids to Be Opened Tomorrow on 770,000 Feet of Yellow Pine and 120,000 Feet of Douglas Fir.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—The office of the United States district forester tomorrow is to open bids on 770,000 feet of western yellow pine and 120,000 feet of Douglas fir and other species of timber on the Sliver river watershed in the Malheur National Forest, in eastern Oregon. The sale is in pursuance of the recent decision of the interior department to open up one of the largest undeveloped tracts of yellow pine in the country. All merchantable dead timber standing or down and all live timber designated for cutting in certain prescribed portions of the reserve are offered by the government.

BROTHERHOOD WILL MEET THIS EVENING

The Presbyterian Brotherhood will meet tonight at the home of the Reverend and Mrs. William Crosby Ross, the subject of the evening's discussion, which will be led by E. A. McEachran, to be "The Geography of Africa." Charles Binger will be chairman at the meeting. A full attendance is expected.

FIRE REPORT FOR 1922 IS PRESENTED

Fifty-Eight Fire Calls in La Grande During 1922; Three False.

FIRE LOSS WAS GREATER IN 1922

\$140,500 More Insurance at Risk Than in 1921; \$49,771.11 More Insurance Paid Last Year.

A number of interesting facts to light in the annual report presented to the city commissioners last evening by the city fire chief C. O. Murchison. Of 58 fire calls in La Grande during the year, six were due to burning chimneys, six to hot ashes, three from sparks from a railroad engine, five from a defective chimney, three from carelessness of smokers, four from overheated stoves, three from thawing water pipes and six from children playing with matches. The last item in particular is of especial note.

The amount of insurance loss on buildings during the past year amounted to \$24,571.00, the loss on insured contents and stock in the building \$33,941.71, making a total of \$58,512.71. The value of property at risk was \$375,800, insurance covering the property at risk was \$188,950 and the amount of insurance paid for actual losses amounted to \$58,486.31. There was \$140,500 more insurance at risk in 1922 than in 1921. And \$49,771.11 more.

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COMING MATCH TO BE HEATED

When Alie Nelson and Bus Barrie enter their respective corners in the squared circle Friday evening here La Grande followers of the ancient game of footbafts expect to see fireworks, action, speed and no stalling. Alie has exhibited his wares to the Grande Ronde Valley metropolitans before and the verdict was "very good." Bus must know his stuff else he couldn't have won a referee's decision over Alie in Pocatello. Both boys are about equal in speed and weight and

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Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan Declares Burger Unknown to Him

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Dr. H. W. Evans, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, declared here Wednesday that he had never heard of Dr. Lew Burger of New York, who in a speech at Idaho Falls, Idaho, Tuesday said that he represented the Klan, that 38 members of congress belong to it and that the two bodies found in Lake La Poudre, near Bastrap, La., were placed there by medical students.

Dr. Evans said that Burger was not a spokesman for the Ku Klux Klan and that even if he had been he would not have been privileged to make statements involving membership.

"I never heard of Dr. Burger," the imperial wizard said, "he does not represent the Klan as a spokesman. No member is allowed to discuss the Klan membership."

VET'S BUREAU HEAD PRESENTS RESIGNATION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The resignation of Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the veterans' bureau, has been placed in the hands of President Harding, who is considering the appointment of one of three former overseas men to the directorship.

SALARY LIST IS ADOPTED

Emergency Clause Puts Salary Ordinance Through Last Night; Bids for the Printing of the Amended Charter Opened.

"Short and snappy" was the working of the commission meeting last evening in the city hall. Convening with a complete attendance, at 7:30 o'clock sharp, the commissioners' session lasted but little over an hour, yet dealt efficiently with all matters that came to their attention.

A special ordinance, relative to the salary list, carrying an emergency clause and making the ordinance effective immediately upon its adoption went through three readings last night and was unanimously adopted. The monthly salaries of the city officers and employees as listed in the

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ANY SPARK WILL DO IT



MARITIME DISASTERS ARE BROADCASTED BY RADIO

BRITISH AND FRENCH MEET IN LONDON

Will Evolve British Cooperation in Ruhr Transportation.

BRITAIN MAY BRING HER SOLDIERS HOME

The Failure of Conference Would Likely Result in Withdrawal of British Soldiers From Cologne Area.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 15.—The British and French cabinet ministers met here today in conference which, if it fails to evolve a program for British co-operation with the French and Belgians in solving the Ruhr transportation problems, is considered likely to result in an early withdrawal of British troops from the Cologne area.

MRS. M'NEALY AGAIN RAIDED

Once more the heavy hand of the law descended upon Mrs. L. M. McNealy, who was recently convicted of the possession of intoxicating liquor, found guilty and fined \$100 by Judge R. J. Kitchen, thereupon appealing the case to the circuit court which will soon retry the case, when the city police department, augmented by Sheriff Lee Warnick, conducted a raid in an apartment house where she is located, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock finding four gallons of liquor.

Mrs. McNealy appeared before the city police yesterday and, inasmuch as she is at present under \$200 bonds in connection with the appeal case, she was allowed her freedom on her own recognizance. Her trial is set for 10 o'clock Monday morning in the police court with Judge R. J. Kitchen presiding.

Rupert, Idaho, Has No Bank; Last Institution In City Is Now Closed

RUPERT, Idaho, Feb. 15.—With the published statement that "this bank is closed on account of lack of confidence of the community," the Rupert National bank, the sole remaining bank in the city, closed its doors at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon states a special dispatch to the Idaho Statesman.

With the suspension of business the surrounding rich farming territory is left without a single one of the original three financial institutions operating here. A steady withdrawal of funds by skeptical depositors followed the closing of the First National bank here three weeks ago. Ninety days ago the Farmers and Merchants' bank, a state institution, closed its doors.

CITY MAY HAVE NEW MAIL MAN

A recommendation for another mail carrier in the city of La Grande has been forwarded to postal headquarters. In the event that the recommendation meets with success, another mail carrier is added to the La Grande postal service, the city delivery's efficiency will be increased to a considerable extent.

At present the delivery service within the city merely includes two deliveries per day of first class matter and only one delivery of parcel post and third class matter. If another mail carrier is added to the force, it would mean that the patrons would enjoy a semi-daily service in all branches.

BLUE QUINT READY FOR BAKER TRIP

Clerks' Defeat Blues Last Evening in Practice Game, Blues Play Haines and Baker This Week.

Tomorrow seven members of the Blue and White basketball team will journey to Haines for the first of a two game Baker county invasion. Playing Haines Friday evening they will then go on to Baker where they will be reinforced by three more loopers and there play the most critical game of the season, according to their chances for a trip to the state capital. If they win from Baker in Baker it means Salem practically, for, if the five can score a decisive win over the sister county seat in their home it stands to reason that they can win their final game with Baker here, which would give them a season's record of thirteen won and one lost, a margin of six points over Joseph, and leave them favorites for the divisional championship trip to Salem for the state tourney.

Clerks Defeat High.

The Clerks, in a practice game last evening in the high school gymnasium, defeated the high school five 39 to 35 which indicates that the Blue aggregation are going at their fastest rate. Anytime they can play the Clerks that close a game-look out you intercollegiate opponents! The Clerks are scheduled to play the Purple Giants here next Thursday evening for the championship of Eastern Oregon and are considered one of the fastest amateur teams in this part of the Inland Empire.

The game last evening started off with a flash by the Clerks who netted them 18 points while the high school gleamed but three. Loosening up then, the Clerks managed to

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Three Steamers Said Destroyed

Motorship Coolcha Reported Aground Near Victoria, B. C.

NIKA BURNED TO EDGE OF WATER

Tuscan Prince, Ashore, Believed Total Loss; Shantarita to Aid of Nika, "Sinking Fast."

VICTORIA, Feb. 15.—With a life line about his body, Seaman Victor Hautopp of the Santa Rita shore at west coast of Vancouver Island, leaped into the heavy sea and made shore. He rigged a breeches buoy and saved the entire crew. The Santa Rita is a total loss. An unknown three master reported earlier, has been identified as the same as the Santa Rita. The Santa Rita is a total loss. An he was ashore at Tatoosh and so reported.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—How thirty three men, crew of the Steamer Nika, were rescued by improvised breeches buoys rigged from the coast guard cutter Snohomish just as the Nika burst into flames fore and aft with a heavy sea making the launching of boats impossible, was told from the radio by Snohomish.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Radio advices said that the Steamer Nika, which last night reported herself rudderless near the Umatilla reef, caught fire and burned to the waters edge. The crew was reported taken off by the cutter Snohomish.

The steamer Tuscan Prince, was also reported to have went ashore near Estevan, Vancouver Island, and agents here believe her a total loss. A crew of 42 was on the Tuscan Prince.

The steamer Shantarita struck a rock near the Strait Juan De Fuca while making to the aid of the Nika and the captain reported her to be "sinking fast." The motorship, Coolcha, aground near Victoria, B. C., is in a dangerous position and may not be salvaged.

Another Ship Ashore.

(By Associated Press.)
VICTORIA, Feb. 15.—A wireless report says that an unknown three-mastered steamer is on the shore near Carmannah, Vancouver Island. Men from Clooose left for the scene. It is not believed that this vessel is the Tuscan Prince.

"Ship Breaking Up."
SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—"Ship breaking up, we are going to drown," was the last message from the Tuscan Prince that was picked up here. Another message confirmed the report that the Tuscan Prince was aground near Estevan, B. C. The Sea Monarch is reported to be rushing to the aid of the Tuscan Prince. A message from Snohomish said that 34 men had been taken from the Nika to be landed at Port Angeles.

Santa Rita Ashore.

ASTORIA, Feb. 15.—The Santa Rita is hard ashore on Tatoosh Island but in no immediate danger, according to a wireless report.

DEBT BILL VOTE BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Reed's objection blocked efforts to vote the British Debt bill in the senate tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—Tonight and Friday rain or snow in the west. Snow in the east portion but not so cold. Fresh to strong southeasterly winds.

THE MARKET

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—Livestock steady, eggs two cents higher, buying prices 28c to 32c, selling prices 33c to 36c. Butter firm.

Three Thousand Dollars Appropriated For Union Live Stock Show Today

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Feb. 15.—An appropriation of \$3,000 for the Union livestock show was allowed today by the ways and means committee. Senators Taylor and Dennis and Representatives Chase and Albert Hunter are feeling jubilant over the appropriations. Their stand has been from the sessions beginning that the show should be taken care of if the Pacific International was cared for. They were willing that the Union appropriation should fail if all other appropriations for fairs and stock shows failed, including the state fair.