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CONGRESS IS FACING FOREIGN PROBLEMS

Washington.—Congress convened Tuesday to begin consideration of motions for the adjournment of the session for the holidays. Before adjournment, however, the session was adjourned and attention of the emergency war revenue law.

During the preliminary two weeks there were discussions on every hand that covered relations incident to the European war and the subject of preparedness for national defense would be the dominant feature of a session brought with far-reaching possibilities.

The military and naval affairs committees of both houses have been studying the national preparedness problem during the recess. House members plan to work on these at once and public hearings will probably not extend for a long period, are contemplated.

The revenue situation also will command limited attention. Representative Kitchin, majority leader and chairman of the ways and means committee, plans to call for a conference to discuss without delay the tax problem. Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, also contemplates a conference with the democratic leadership to discuss the problem. Efforts to amend the revenue law, introduced in this session, likely to increase wide diversions of views, around them the possibility of tax legislation, including, however, and even extending to a change in the bank check. Amendment of the income tax and an inheritance tax also are to be considered seriously.

Land Leasing is Reported Favorably.

The Senate public lands committee voted to report favorably on the administration's general leasing bill for coal, phosphate, oil, gas, platinum and lead in production lands. The coal lease under this bill will be leased in tracts of 200 acres at a royalty of ten cents per ton for the first year, to cover the second, third, fourth and fifth years, and \$1 per year for the remainder of the lease. Railroad companies may take one lease for each 200 acres in their own use, and subdivisions may lease 50 acres for industrial, municipal supply of coal. Similar provisions apply to phosphate, platinum and lead. Lands of 100 acres and less will be leased in tracts of 50 acres at 10 per cent royalty and \$1 per year for the land. The proceeds will be turned into the reclamation funds.

Alliance of American Republics.

Creation of a defensive alliance that would put the power and resources of the 21 American republics behind the Monroe Doctrine, it became known, to the real purpose behind the proposed convention among them. While ostensibly this convention is for settlement of boundary disputes and from preventing situations from reaching extraordinary states, and while Secretary of State Lansing would not disclose the broader proposition dates to the Pan American Scientific Congress declared that such a movement is on foot.

Threats John Barrett of the Pan-American union had this to say concerning the proposal:

"Whatever may be the results of this war, there may be afterward little or no love for the United States and other American nations. They must stand together for eventualities."

State May Handle Perishables.

After consulting for several days with Attorney General Gregory and members of the Federal Trade Commission, Harris Weinstock, California state market director, left for California to invite all producers of perishable farm products in that state to give the state market commission a company of routing and directing carloads of the products for the western markets.

While not having any formal approval from the federal officials for his plan, Mr. Weinstock says they had found no defects and he was confident the state could do without question that such individuals acting separately or through private organizations could not do.

The plan provides for warehousing crops and fighting them through favorable markets in New York. Moreover, it proposes a campaign to get an extensive business in the United States and South American markets.

ROSTAD AGAIN BEFORE THE PUBLIC

A decree awarding a judgment of \$12,700 to H. Rostad, convicted looter of the Multnomah State Bank of Lents, has been set aside by circuit Judge Morrow. Rostad's forged notes amounted to \$21,270. There was a dispute between the bonding company and the bank as to who should get the bond, the company declaring that Rostad had released them. Then there was further contention about the responsibility of the bank with reference to the forged notes. A trial in November decided in opposition to the claims of the bank. Judge Morrow's decision will reopen the case and require another trial. Rostad will have to re-appear in court to give his testimony—such as it is.

Just why his testimony is worth anything is a queer thing to most people. How can a man convicted of robbing a bank give testimony worth considering, particularly when he expects to profit by the evidence he offers?

OREGON NEWS NOTES

Wallawa now has two creameries. Portland's tax is \$25.40 on the \$1000. Newport has defeated an occupation tax. Reports say Bandon mills will soon start. A \$25,000 hotel is planned for Woodburn. Newport is to have an up-to-date hospital.

Hauser is a new town on the railroad in Coos County.

Roseburg is to have a new fireproof concrete warehouse.

A county road is to be built from Newport to Yaquina.

Hood River has a new industry. It has established a roller mill.

Burns promises \$125,000 if Strahorn road will include that city.

The Union Pacific System will spend \$1,500,000 on Oregon lines in 1916.

The Oregon Box and Lumber Co., of Bay City has resumed operation.

St. Helen's cannery has shipped a carload of canned beans to Seattle.

Work is progressing rapidly on Pendleton's new library.

Southern Douglas County is witnessing considerable mining activity.

Machinery has been purchased for the Canby cheese factory.

Coos Bay is cooperating with the S. P. Co., in developing that section.

Camas Valley farmers have voted to improve Myrtle Point—Roseburg Road.

Twelby Bros. have added a new engine to the Grants Pass road.

Work on the new evaporator for the Dri-Fresh Co., at The Dailies is progressing rapidly.

The Southern Oregon Traction Co. will extend its electric line from Medford to Jacksonville. Work was begun January 1.

Oregon railroads expended \$2,822,068 in extensions and improvements the past year while public utilities expended \$2,729,972 for the same purpose.

St. Helens industries are in full blast and employ 90 men in the shipyards, 30 in the creosoting plant, 150 in two sawmills, and 50 in two road metal plants.

Work is being rushed on Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg Ry., to furnish material for the factory at Oswego by March 15, if possible. 50 men are at work.

In an Australian Sleeping Car.

The sleeping cars of Australia are in many ways better than those of the United States. Instead of being of continuous length they are broken up into compartments, each one of which contains two berths running crosswise the track, a separate lavatory and divers shelves, racks, hooks and cubby holes for disposing of a traveler's belongings. The privacy of the arrangement is much to my mind. The porter, who is also the conductor, takes charge of all heavy bags, satchels and packages and puts them in an apartment specially reserved for that purpose.—Bishop E. E. Hoss in Dallas News.

A Varnishing Tip.

When varnishing wood the work must be done in a warm room at a temperature of at least 75 degrees F. At a lower temperature the moisture in the air will give a milky and cloudy appearance to the varnish. On the other hand, at the higher temperature the moisture is not precipitated until the alcohol of the varnish has sufficiently evaporated to leave a thin smooth film of shellac. The durability and gloss are dependent on this.

LEAVE YOUR IRONS OUTSIDE.



—Donahay in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WHERE TROOPS WOULD BE AND PROPOSED NUMBERS.

Under Secretary Garrison's plan for the increase of the army, the troops would be distributed at the following places in this strength:

	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Panama canal zone.....	272	9,450
Hawaiian islands.....	503	16,869
Philippine islands.....	448	14,324
Philippine islands.....	182	5,733
Porto Rico.....	32	529
Alaska.....	16	443
Total overseas garrisons.....	1,453	47,458

*Philippine scouts.

In continental United States there would be the following organizations aggregating the following totals of officers and enlisted men:

	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
11 2-3 regiments of cavalry.....	697	11,973
26 2-3 regiments of infantry.....	1,361	25,512
7 regiments of field artillery.....	308	4,589
170 companies of coast artillery.....	510	13,368
Engineer troops.....	104	3,282
Signal troops.....	76	654
Total at home, combatant forces.....	4,566	64,969
Mobile army, deducting coast artillery.....	2,446	48,000

Advantages of Being Dry

1. There are more blind pigs in license communities than in prohibition territory; proven by official figures.

2. License and regulation have failed to prevent any of the "abuses" of the liquor traffic.

3. Nine times out of ten, taxes are higher in license territory than in prohibition territory; a fact any man can establish by investigation.

4. Judged by its results, the license system is the most gigantic failure of the century.

5. Prostitution, gambling, corrupt political intrigue—all of these attach themselves to saloons as inevitably as barnacles attach themselves to a salt-water scow.

6. The question of high license versus prohibition is a question of pernicious lawlessness against social health and order.

Mrs. Ritter at Rest

Mrs. Isabel Ritter of 86th street and 60th avenue died Sunday morning at seven o'clock of pneumonia. She has been ill for a long time from paralysis. The funeral was held Monday at two o'clock at Kenworthy's and she was buried at Rose City cemetery. Her husband and a niece in Ohio remain to mourn her loss.

Congressman Hawley promises the people of Crescent City a breakwater and jetty.

The Eugene cannery is shipping 15,600 cases of beets, cabbage and carrots to the U. S. States army at San Francisco.

KEMP CASE COMES TO SUDDEN CLOSE

The case of E. B. Kemp, who assaulted Mrs. Mabel Meyers of Gresham a week ago, is closed so far as Kemp is concerned. Kemp went from Gresham to the home of his employer, where he hoped to secure some money but found no one at home. He then went to Sellwood where his mother lived. From there he went to the vicinity of Errol Heights where he begged his dinner on Thursday. His interest in the evening paper aroused the suspicion of his benefactor and shortly after he left she called up the police. Kemp disappeared but was found Friday afternoon by a boy and reported to the police. He left two notes, admitting his crime. He had shot himself with the same revolver that he used in wounding Mrs. Meyers. Kemp was buried Tuesday in Mt. Scott Cemetery.

Mrs. Meyers is reported on the way to recovery.

DOMESTIC BLISS.

Shown in the Confessions of a Happily Married Man.

It takes my wife a long time to read anything. I skim whole pages instantly. She hates to be read aloud to. I love it.

When we travel I always suggest to her in advance the car we shall take. She agrees, but will suddenly change her mind and insist upon taking another one. I grumble to myself and obey. She likes the top of the auto up. I loathe it up. It remains up.

I always praise her golf, no matter how badly she plays. She always depreciates mine, no matter how well I play. When I criticize anything she does I don't say it; I think it. That sometimes makes trouble enough.

I compliment her occasionally before others. She pretends that she doesn't understand why I do it.

When I buy a new suit she will never admit that she admires it until it is worn out. Then she says the next one isn't half so becoming as the last. When she gets a new gown I admire it intensely until it is about time to replace it with another. She never liked any hat that I have ever bought. I like every one of hers—on principle.

I laugh at her when she gets too serious. When I get too serious she scolds me.

I keep her informed about my business only when she asks me. She never asks me, so you know the result.

I tell her a funny story every day. If I have two I keep one for the next day. Sometimes she laughs at them.

She asks me occasionally if I think her hair is as long as it was. I always tell her it is longer.

I hate bridge, dinner parties, dancing and the opera. She respects my opinion and makes me do them all.

She makes out checks and forgets to enter them on the stubs. Every time I catch her in this omission she reminds me of the celebrated occasion when I left the tickets to a large theater party in my other suit.

She always keeps her temper when I lose mine. I keep mine when she loses hers.

I once told her she was thoroughly spoiled. She kissed me and said she knew it—Life.

LUNGS OF A BATTLESHIP.

Ventilation is a Serious Problem in Building War Vessels.

One of the most difficult problems in building a battleship is to secure satisfactory ventilation. She is a very complicated creature, made up of so many steel boxes, large and small, for the accommodation of officers, men, coal, ammunition and stores, dotted here and there with so many steel ladders, automatic lifts, steel bulkheads and water tight doors, varied here and there by miles of electric wires belonging to lights, telephones, bells and motors, to say nothing of the endless mileage of pipes for flooding, draining, pumpage, fresh water, fresh air or compressed air and speaking tubes.

First in importance comes the ventilating of the boiler and engine rooms. When you begin to think of gangs of coal black demons working away in the bowels of the ship at a temperature of 120 degrees; when, too, you commence to realize that unless the furnaces receive their required draft the speed of the battleship drops to below that of her sisters in the squadron, you appreciate the importance of the steam driven fans to the furnaces and boiler rooms. The supply of air comes down through large water tight trunks, which are continued right up to the weather deck, armored gratings being provided at the protective deck.

For ventilating engine rooms large electric fans are employed. So, too, the coal bunkers have to be ventilated, owing to the gas which the coal gives off. This gas when mixed with air forms an explosive, so in order to prevent the possibility of injury to men or ship supply and exhaust pipes are fitted in such a manner as to cause a current of air.—Pearson's Weekly.

OREGON'S SUNDAY BLUE LAW VALID

Portland.—The old Sunday blue law of Oregon is valid and not in contravention either of the state or the federal constitutions.

Three United States judges so agree in a sweeping opinion handed down by United States District Judge Wolverton, which upholds the law in every particular wherein attack has been made on it in the federal court.

The opinion denies the prayer of the Brunswick-Baile-Collender company, manufacturers of billiard and pool tables and bowling alleys, for a permanent injunction restraining district attorneys and sheriffs of 25 Oregon counties, Multnomah county being one, from enforcing the law.

SOUND CITIES FEEL QUAKE

Tacoma, Seattle and Olympia Are Shaken.

Tacoma, Wash.—Two distinct earthquake shocks, felt in every part of Tacoma, took place shortly before 5 o'clock Saturday.

The shocks were quick and sharp and more like an explosion. Buildings shook and trembled and in some cases persons ran out of their houses to see what had happened.

Olympia, Wash.—At 4:50 o'clock a severe earthquake shock was felt here of about 30 seconds' duration. No material damage has been reported.

Seattle, Wash.—An earthquake shock was felt here Saturday afternoon, beginning at 4:52 o'clock, continuing about 10 seconds, followed by lighter tremors. No damage was done.

Another British Ship Sunk.

London.—The British steamship Glengyle has been sunk. The Glengyle had on board about 120 persons, passengers and crew. All, with the exception of three Europeans and seven Chinese were landed. So far as is known, no Americans were on board.

Associate Justice Lamar Dead.

Washington.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died at his home here after an illness of several months. He was 58 years old and had been on the supreme bench five years.

\$3000 Is Taken by Two Robbers.

Chicago.—Two men entered the offices of St. Luke's hospital, pointed revolvers at Miss Mary Tobin, the cashier, and escaped with a tin box containing \$3000.

Japan Orders Fleet to Suez.

Tokio.—Announcement is made by the Jiji Shimbun that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the Suez canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Club, 98c; bluestem, \$1.01; red Russian, 95c; forty-fold, \$1.04; red five, 95c.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$17.

Butter—Creamery, 26c. Eggs—Ranch, 34c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 25c; valley, 26c.

Hops—1915 crop, 8@12c per lb.

Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.00; club, 96c; red Russian, 93c; forty-fold, 98c; five, 94c.

Barley—\$26.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$17 per ton. Butter—Creamery, 26c. Eggs—35c.

Advertised Letters

Advertised letters for week ending Jan. 3, 1915: Bell, R. R.; Barnard, Hughes A.; Bradley, D. J.; Cantwell, Mrs. A. M.; Chamberlain, Miss M. A.; Christianson, Claude; Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Claude L.; Davies, G. W.; Dorothy, Miss; Evans, Miss V.; Erickson, R.; French, Mr. and Mrs. Henry; Hansen, Mrs.; Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.; Hall, Charley; Johnson, Mrs. Ida; Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton; Johnson, Mrs.; Lake, Leverda L.; Mann, C. G.; Momey, Mr. and Mrs. M.; Parsons, Ruth; Patton, Ethel; Rice, Mauer Denfield; Rossiter, Mrs. Nannie; Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. D.; Smith, Mrs. Nettie; 8404-41 Ave. S. E. Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

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