

CONGRESS DEFIED BY TWELVE SENATORS

Filibuster, Led by La Follette, Defeats Bill to Give Wilson Power Asked.

Washington.—Twelve senators, led by Senator La Follette and encouraged by Senator Stone, democratic chairman of the foreign relations committee, in a filibuster, denouced by President Wilson's spokesmen as the most reprehensible in the history of any civilized nation, defied the will of an overwhelming majority in congress up to the last minute and denied to the president a law authorizing him to arm American merchant ships to meet the German submarine menace.

Unyielding throughout 26 hours of continuous session to appeals that their defiance of the president would be humiliating to the country, uncompromising in a crisis described to them as the most serious to the nation since the Civil war, La Follette and his small group of supporters refused a majority of their colleagues an opportunity to vote on the armed neutrality bill, and it died with the sixty-fourth congress.

76 Senators Sign Manifesto.
To fix responsibility before the country, 76 senators, 30 republicans and 46 democrats, signed a manifesto proclaiming to the world that they favored passage of the measure.

This declaration, embodied in the record of the senate, referred to the fact that the house had passed a similar bill by a vote of 403 to 13 and also recited that the senate rule permitting unlimited debate gave a small minority opportunity to throttle the will of the majority.

Thirteen senators declined to sign the declaration, but Senator Penrose, republican, of Pennsylvania, announced that he would have voted for the bill had opportunity been afforded him.

Twelve Constitute Opposition.
The 12 who went on record with the 13 members of the house against granting to President Wilson the authority he asked from congress in the crisis were:
Republicans—Clapp, Minnesota; La Follette, Wisconsin; Cummins, Iowa; Gronna, North Dakota; Kenyon, Iowa; Norris, Nebraska; Works, California.
Democrats—Kirby, Arkansas; Lane, Oregon; O'Gorman, New York; Stone, Missouri; Vandaman, Mississippi.
Senator Lane of Oregon was the only senator from the northwest to oppose giving the president power to arm American ships for defense against submarine attacks. He refused to sign the manifesto approving the bill.

UNAWARE OF TEUTON PLOT

Knowledge of German Intrigue is Denied by Mexico and Japan.
Guadalajara, Mexico.—General Candido Aguilar, the provisional minister of foreign relations, has formally denied that the Mexican government had been approached by Germany with the object of forming an alliance hostile to the United States.

Tokio.—The declaration of the Japanese government, through Foreign Minister Viscount Motono, that Japan has received no proposition from Mexico or Germany to join in a possible war against the United States was supplemented in a statement made on behalf of the government by Kijuro Chidehara, vice foreign minister.

BERNSTORFF GIVEN ORDERS

Was Instructed by Berlin to Cripple Interned Vessels.

Washington.—Count von Bernstorff, the former German ambassador, was instructed from Berlin to arrange the dismantling of German war-bound ships in American harbors at the same time he received the Zimmerman note for transmission to Mexico.
This added thread in the mesh of German intrigue spun around this country while Germany was still protesting friendship was allowed to become known with the inference that full and detailed instructions were sent Bernstorff from Berlin to make war by this country impossible.

Chinese Cabinet Would Make Breach.

Pekin.—The cabinet decided that China should join the United States in breaking off relations with Germany.
This decision was submitted to the president, who refused to approve the cabinet's action, saying that such power rested entirely with him. Premier Tuan Chi Jui immediately resigned and left for Tien Tsin, accompanied by several other members of the cabinet.

"Leak" Report is Adopted.

Washington.—The rules committee report absolving public officials from blame for any "leak" on the peace note was unanimously adopted by the house Saturday night.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Fear of an acute stock-feed famine is growing around Canyon City. A shingle mill is to be erected on the North fork of the Siuslaw River at once.

Seven out of nine of the councilmen of Oregon City are facing a recall, including the mayor.

The backbone of the car shortage on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon seems to be broken.

Another effort to create Clackamas county out of the eastern section of Clackamas is reported to be afoot.

Sixteen hundred acres of producing prune land in Polk county gave a total of 3,500,000 pounds of dried prunes in 1916.

A carload of young shorthorn bulls, 43 in number aged 1 and 2 years, brought a total of \$10,000 at a sale at Union.

The new auxiliary schooner Margaret, the second vessel built at the McEachern yards at Astoria, was launched Saturday.

During the recent heavy snow storm almost every pole on the Riddle telephone exchange was broken and fell to the ground.

Baker county gold and copper mines are at present producing an average of \$300,000 a month, according to estimates of mining men.

With nearly 200 cases of measles in Roseburg the health authorities decided to delay opening the public school until late this week.

With 424 convicts at the state penitentiary, every able bodied man is now employed at some useful occupation, according to Warden Murphy.

Democrats from western Oregon gathered in Albany Saturday at a banquet in honor of W. H. Hornbrook, former minister to Siam.

There are at least 80,000 sacks of potatoes held in storage in Portland, according to a report made to Assessor Henry E. Reed of Multnomah county.

Good road enthusiasts in the state of Oregon have been invited to attend a rally to be held in Eugene the afternoon and evening of Saturday, March 10.

The \$200,000 road bond issue voted in Wasco county at the last general election is valid, according to an opinion handed down by the supreme court.

Plans to reopen the famous Todd quicksilver mines at Elk Head, eight miles east of Yoncalla, which have been idle for 14 years, have been announced.

Over 50 delegates from the Y. W. C. A. organizations of western Willamette valley schools attended a conference at the Oregon normal school at Monmouth.

Only such measures as are designated in the act calling the special election itself will be on the ballot for consideration at the election to be held Monday, June 4.

The W. F. Drager Fruit company, of Roseburg, shipped 87,500 pounds of Douglas county prunes to London, where they will be distributed among the allied armies.

It is reported that the livestock of Douglas county suffered considerably as a result of the recent snow storm. Hundreds of sheep perished on the higher elevations.

Fifty Bandon business men are financing a stock company to the amount of \$5000 to reopen the Bandon woolen mills, which have been idle for the past two years.

Applications for grazing permits for 6491 head of cattle and 51,800 head of sheep have been made up to date to Supervisor W. G. Hastings, of the Deschutes national forest.

Wintworth Lord, one of the most active men in the early history of The Dalles, and, with perhaps one exception, the oldest pioneer of Wasco county, died in McMinnville.

Miss Bertha Dorris, for the last year and a half matron of the department of public safety in Eugene, has been appointed parole officer of the state girls' industrial school at Salem.

John V. Bennes, a Portland architect, has been named to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed \$100,000 library building to be erected for the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The Willamette University glee club has started on a 3000-mile tour of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The men will be absent for six weeks and will appear in more than 40 concerts on the trip.

Work was started this week by the Pearson Construction company on the elimination of the O.-W. R. & N. grade crossings on Portland's East Side, a project contemplated for years. The contract amounts to \$507,000.

The state board of control has turned over to the advisory board of women of the girls' industrial school at Salem, all problems of hiring and discharging employees, or of accepting the resignations of such employees.

C. W. McCullagh, for the last five years sales manager of the Yakima Valley Growers' association, has been elected sales manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' association, and signed a contract at a salary of \$6000 a year.

Senior members of the logging engineering school of O. A. C. are on their annual logging trip to camps of the Columbia river region. They will spend two weeks in Cathlamet receiving practical instruction in the logging industry.

Recent reports made to the state board of health and examinations of the heads of animals suspected of having rabies show an alarming increase in the spread of hydrophobia throughout Oregon, according to Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer.

William Branson, tried on a charge of killing William Booth in October, 1915, was found guilty of second degree murder at McMinnville. This was Branson's third trial, the first having resulted in a hung jury and the second in a verdict for conviction.

More than 1100 people attended the mole trapping demonstrations given during the recent bad weather all over Multnomah county under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural Extension division and by Theodore Scheffer, of the United States biological survey.

The Western Broccoli association has placed \$1600 worth of broccoli seed in safety deposit vaults at Eugene for safe keeping until it is distributed to Lane county farmers, who have contracted with the association to grow broccoli. The seed is valued at \$2 an ounce.

The amount due the 18 land grant counties in Oregon on delinquent taxes from the Oregon & California land grant is \$1,714,775.89, according to tabulations prepared by Oswald West, who is representing the department of the interior in steps to collect the back taxes.

Phil Metschan, Jr., and W. J. Hofmann, both of Portland, were named by Governor Withycombe as members for Oregon of the finance committee of six members which will have charge of disbursing a fund for exploiting the scenic wonders and attractions of the Pacific northwest.

It is reported that 21 applicants have filed requests to secure quarter sections of Oregon-California grant lands. All the applications are made by residents of New York City. Attorney General Brown says no preference will be given to those who file early, except to those living on lands.

Efforts to secure the revestment of the lands of the Coos bay wagon road grant in the United States and their sale according to the terms of the grant are being put in motion by Oswald West, who has drafted a bill in tentative form for submission to Senator Chamberlain and presentation to congress.

The \$35,000 grain elevator of the Farmers' Union Grain agency was dedicated at Pendleton Saturday.

Extensive plans are being made by members of Oregon Lewis and Clark chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the fourth annual state conference, to be held in Eugene March 9 and 10.

The Cascade Contract company, of Portland, has obtained an option on Saddle butte, 12 miles south of Albany, and plans to develop an extensive rock quarry there. The plans contemplate the construction of a branch railroad two and one-half miles from the quarry to connect with the Southern Pacific railroad at Shedd.

The McMinnville council has authorized the calling of a special election March 20, when the question of a \$30,000 bond issue will be submitted to the voters of the city, the funds thus made available to be used to secure an additional supply of water from mountain streams for the municipal gravity water system.

The project looking to the establishment of a submarine and aviation base at the mouth of the Columbia river was set back a year when the senate, on a point of order, rejected an amendment proposed by Senator Chamberlain appropriating \$300,000 to purchase land and equip such a station on the site regarded most favorable by the Heim board near Astoria.

The Holly Condensed Milk company of Amity, has invented a new product—rice and milk—which is gaining popularity, with a bound, and many housewives are welcoming it into their list of table delicacies. The idea is entirely a new one and the Holly people are the originators and only manufacturers to put out the article. It is rice cooked and canned with condensed milk.

The Central Curry Good Roads association has submitted a memorial to Oregon's senators and representatives in congress urging them to take immediate steps toward eliminating lands on the coast slope of the Coast Range mountains in Curry county from the Siskiyou national forest and to have them opened to entry under the public land laws of the United States. Petitions indorsing the memorial are now being circulated through the county. Virtually everybody in the county is declared to favor the elimination of the lands from the reserve with a view to increasing the amount of assessable land in the county.

MUCH LEGISLATION SHUT OUT AT CLOSE

Many Administration Measures Fail Because of Tangle in Congress.

Washington.—Of the legislation on the administration program proper, only the revenue bill and the measure giving civil government to Porto Rico and American citizenship to its inhabitants, got through the legislative tangle at the close of the session.

Among the administration bills which failed were the measures to supplement the Adamson law, the bill to enlarge the interstate commerce commission, the Webb bill to legalize joint foreign selling agencies, and conservation legislation, including the general dam bills and water power bills. Bills which do not form part of the original program, but which were pressed unsuccessfully by cabinet officers and administration leaders, included amendments to the shipping act to give the president power to commandeer ships, a drastic espionage bill which passed the senate but was never taken up in the house, and amendments to the federal reserve act to increase reserve bank gold holdings and decrease member bank reserves.

Drastic Liquor Law Passed.
Congress provided for the payment of \$25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies. Among important enactments which were not specifically included in the administration program was the bill abolishing saloons in the District of Columbia and the rider on the postoffice appropriation bill making it a crime to transport liquor in interstate commerce into a prohibition state.

President Wilson was at the capitol in the closing hours of the session, signing bills as they were delivered to his office.

Among the measures to which the president attached his signature were the naval and agricultural bills, a resolution providing for a \$150,000,000 bond issue to speed up warship construction, a resolution postponing until July 1 the effectiveness of the prohibition feature of the postoffice bill, a resolution appropriating \$5,000,000 to continue work on the Alaskan railroad and more than a score of minor resolutions and bills.

The last measure signed provided a pension for the widow of Major General Frederick Funston.

WILSON IS INAUGURATED

Takes Oath Sunday to Uphold Constitution of United States.

Washington.—President Wilson took the oath of office for his second term at noon Sunday in his room at the capitol and was formally inaugurated Monday with public ceremonies.

Before a desk piled with executive business laid before him in the closing hours of congress and surrounded by members of his official family, he reaffirmed, with uplifted hand and grave features, his promise to uphold the constitution in whatever crisis may confront the nation in the momentous four years before it.

Members of the cabinet then crowded up with expressions of regard. Mr. Wilson received them with a smile and then turned back to his desk to complete his interrupted task.

Vice-President Marshall did not take the oath Sunday, but was sworn in for his second term Monday at the special session of the new senate with the usual vice-presidential inauguration ceremony.

Washington "U" is With President.

Seattle, Wash.—Eighty-eight members of the University of Washington faculty have wired the state's congressional delegation a request for their immediate and hearty cooperation with the president. The telegram indorsed President Wilson's foreign policy.

Les Darcy Called a Slacker.

Albany, N. Y.—Branding Les Darcy, Australian puglist, as a slacker, Governor Whitman directed the state athletic commission to prohibit him from entering the ring at Madison Square Garden in New York city Monday evening for a bout with Jack Dillon.

British Continue Gains.

London.—The British troops, in their forward movement in the Ancre area in France, have made another advance east of Gommecourt along a two-mile front of about two-thirds of a mile, according to the official report from headquarters. Nearly 200 prisoners were captured.

Villa's Death in Dispute.

El Paso.—One faction of the Villa junta is authority for the statement that Villa has died from pneumonia in the mountains near San Andres. The other faction says this report is given out to cover Villa's movements, and it is added that Villa is so short of ammunition he is unable to carry out an offensive.

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