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## BILL FOR ALASKA RAILROAD PASSED

### House Acts and President Will Sign.

## BOND PROVISION CUT OUT

### Measure Provides for Building From Current Funds.

## FINAL VOTE IS 230 TO 87

### Effort of Opponents to Postpone Decision Falls—President Authorized to Spend \$35,000,000 for 1000 Miles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Administration Alaska bill, authorizing the President to construct a \$35,000,000 railroad from Alaska's coast to its great coal fields, was passed by the House late today by a vote of 230 to 87.

A similar measure already has passed the Senate, and the bills will be taken up at once in conference between the two Houses, with a view to sending the measure to the President, who has signified his intention of signing it.

### Bond Issue Stricken Out.

At the eleventh hour, after a sharp parliamentary skirmish, the House eliminated from the bill, as reported by the territories committee, a provision authorizing a bond issue of \$35,000,000 to finance the railroad and to be paid off by the proceeds of Government land sales in Alaska. The Senate bill provided for a \$40,000,000 bond issue. Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, led a fight which resulted in striking out the bond provision.

Under the amended measure the project would be financed out of the current funds in the treasury, the President being limited to \$35,000,000, and \$1,000,000 being appropriated for immediate expenses. Congress would appropriate each year the amount estimated to be necessary for the construction of the road.

### Road Limited to 1000 Miles.

The bill provides for the reconstruction of a road "not to exceed 1000 miles, to be so located as to connect one or more of the open Pacific Ocean harbors on the southern coast of Alaska with the navigable waters in the interior of Alaska, and with a coal field or fields yielding coal sufficient in quality and quantity for use, so as best to aid in the development of the agricultural and mineral or other resources of Alaska."

An effort was made by the opponents of the bill to postpone the final vote on the measure until next Wednesday.

### New Questions Involved.

The project is of more interest than even the expenditure of the \$35,000,000 proposed would ordinarily create. Coming so soon after the completion of the Panama Canal, it is attracting attention as another great engineering project under the direction of the American Government. Moreover, the project is to be the first test in this country of Government ownership of a public utility; it is expected to open to the commerce of the world great and rich resources that until now have been for the most part lying idle.

The bill directs the President to acquire by purchase or construction a line or lines of railroads from tidewater into the interior of Alaska and to navigation on the Yukon, Tanana or Kuskokwim rivers. In choosing the route he is to use his judgment as to what will best promote the settlement of Alaska, develop its resources and provide adequate transportation for coal for the Army and Navy, for troops and for munitions of war and for the mails.

### President to Name Men.

In conducting and operating the Alaskan Railroad the President is authorized to employ any number of men he may think necessary, choosing them as he pleases, only those chosen from civil life shall be under the supervision, in the work of construction, of the engineers taken from the Army. The appointment of any engineer from civil life whose salary exceeds \$3000 a year must be confirmed by the Senate. The President is authorized to utilize in Alaska all the machinery and equipment used in the construction of the Panama Canal as rapidly as it is not needed in Panama as can be used in Alaska.

### Opening of Mines in Alaska.

The opening of mines in Alaska, together with the building of a railroad and the opening of the Panama Canal, it is estimated will save the Government from \$3 to \$5 on its coal burned on the Pacific Coast. Alaska itself now buys coal from British Columbia. One statistician figures that Alaska has as much coal as Pennsylvania and West Virginia together and that it is as good in quality.

## CIRCE'S BATH COSTS \$950

### Jury Gives Damages to Servant Hurt by Statue's Fall.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 18.—A bath given to Circe in the home of Mrs. Florence Matthews, of Norwalk, by Mrs. Ellen Ibhony, a domestic, in November proves to have been an expensive luxury, for a jury assessed damages of \$950 in favor of Mrs. Ibhony.

She was injured when Circe fell on her.

## FARMERS PROOF AGAINST THRILLS

### STATE FAIR MANAGERS SAY CITY FOLKS ARE EASIER.

### Aeroplane Falls to Attract, Balloon Cannot Get Engagement, Bears Must Know Late Dances.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Farmers who attend state fairs have become too blasé for the old-fashioned thrills that have been entertaining them for years at the big expositions, according to complaints registered today before the American Association of State Fairs and Expositions. Even an aeroplane exhibition no longer attracts attention and a balloon can scarcely get an engagement at the larger fairs, it was asserted.

Moving pictures have invaded the farming towns and made the country folks thrill-proof, according to the expert opinion of many of the fair managers.

"When you attempt to amuse the country folks fair week you have to go to much greater lengths than would keep city folks on the alert," said Charles Downing, of the Indiana State Fair Association. "Aerial novelties that would cause city folks to shudder won't get a gasp of interest from the country folks."

An animal trainer complained that he could no longer get engagements until his bears learned the modern dances.

## COAL PROSECUTION LOST

### Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty in Seattle Case.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—The jury in the case of Charles E. Munday and Archie W. Shields, charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States of the Stracey group of Alaska coal lands, by the use of dummy entrymen, brought in a verdict of not guilty late tonight after being out six hours.

Tonight's verdict does not have any effect on the proceedings now under way to forfeit Alaska claims, but is said to be likely to end the criminal prosecution of claimants. Persons indicted at Detroit, Spokane and Tacoma have not yet been tried.

## SUFFRAGE BILLS DEFEATED

### Maryland and Africa Refuse to Extend Franchise to Women.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 18.—The woman suffrage bill was killed in the House of Delegates today by a vote of 60 to 34. The measure provided for the submission of a constitutional amendment to give women a right to vote. It was unfavorably reported.

CAPTOWN, Union of South Africa, Feb. 18.—A bill for the enfranchisement of women in the Union of South Africa, which was introduced into the House of Assembly today, was defeated on the first reading by 43 to 42.

## BISHOP WELLS TO REWED

### Prominent Spokane Clergyman to Marry New York Widow.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—The Right Rev. Lemuel H. Wells, for more than 20 years bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Spokane, has announced here his engagement to Mrs. Andrew H. Smith, of New York City. The wedding is to take place in May in New York.

The bride-to-be is a widow, is a member of a wealthy New York family. Bishop Wells, whose first wife died 10 years ago, is 71 years old.

## POLICE FILMS CENSORED

### Movie Showing Brutal Methods Held to Undermine Influence.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—M. L. C. Funkhauser, deputy superintendent of police in charge of the morals division, today put a limit on the way moving pictures may be ported to the city.

"I do not object to films wherein the police play a strictly comedy part," he said. "I will not, however, permit pictures which show the police taking bribes or using brutal methods. Such pictures undermine the police influence."

## ELK ARE ADDED TO ZOO

### Six Animals From Wilds of Montana at Washington Park.

Six elk direct from the wilds of the Yellowstone National Park arrived in the city yesterday by express and are now a part of the elk herd in the zoo at Washington Park. The animals were shipped Monday by H. Anderson, a professional animal catcher of Gardiner, Mont.

## MILL FEED IN PARCEL POST

### Portland Concern Sends Quantity of Product Through Mail.

The parcel post is now being made use of to distribute mill feed. Yesterday the Portland Flouring Mills Company received an order from one of the Oregon Coast ports for a quantity of middlings and it was specified that the shipment should be made by parcel post.

The feed was put up in 10-pound sacks, each of which required 54 cents postage.

## Miss Wilson's Engagement Denied.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Publication of an official denial of a report that Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's eldest daughter, was engaged to be married to Boyd Fisher, of Kansas City, Mo., was requested today by the White House.

## WILSON DEFIED ON CANAL TOLL POLICY

### Inconsistency Pointed Out by Senators.

## SUFFRAGE DEBATE DIVERTED

### Fight Within Party Is Begun by Chamberlain.

## PARTY LINES FORGOTTEN

### Kansas Says Audacious Claims of Great Britain Had More Weight With President Than Appeal of Nation's Womanhood.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Accusing President Wilson of inconsistency in his views on the binding effect of the Democratic platform and charging that "greed of the railroads and the audacious claims of Great Britain seem far more potent with our President than the appeal of the womanhood of the Nation," Senator Bristow, Republican, of Kansas, turned discussion of woman suffrage in the Senate today into a vigorous debate on the proposed repeal of the free tolls provision of the Panama Canal act.

Senator Bristow's attack brought to the defense of the President several Republican as well as Democratic Senators. It served also as the signal for opening the fight within the Democratic party against repeal of the tolls exemption provision.

### Chamberlain Makes Declaration.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, (Dem.), dramatically declared he would not "satiate" himself by telling his constituents that he had not kept his platform pledge on the tolls question "because the President of the United States does not agree with me."

While Senators were thus engaged in the first open discussion on the approaching battle in Congress over the repeal of the tolls exemption, the President's desire for reversal of the Panama policy, the President was himself engaged with leaders of the House of Representatives who are opposed to repudiating the declaration of the party platform. He discussed the situation with Majority Leader Underwood and Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, but so far as could be learned did not convert them to his view that the provision granting free tolls to American vessels violates the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and embarrasses

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## MILITANT ANARCHIST--TAFT

### Yale Professor Tells How Women Could Establish Case.

AMHERST, Mass., Feb. 18.—Professor Taft, of Yale, speaking at Amherst College tonight, touched on the woman suffrage, saying:

"If women could show that a government in which they partook would bring about greater happiness or that the electorate would be bettered they would establish their case. The argument of the militant suffragettes is that of an anarchist."

## Cholera Bill Goes to Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—House amendments to the bill for a \$500,000 Federal campaign to fight hog cholera and dourine, a horse disease, were accepted today by the Senate. The bill now goes to President Wilson for signature.

## MARKET BLOCK OR EAST SIDE LIKELY

### West Side Location Depends on Legality.

## THREE OF COUNCIL FAVORABLE

### Ordinance Now in Effect; Referendum May Be Evaded.

## DOLPH PLACE WITHDRAWN

### One of Heirs Objects to Sale of Property to City at Price Set. Location Offered Free—Selection Due Tomorrow.

With the Dolph block withdrawn by the Dolph heirs as a possible site for Portland's proposed \$500,000 auditorium building, the question of site yesterday simmered down to two locations, the Market block, on the West Side, and two blocks in Holladay Addition, on the East Side, offered to the city by the Anglo-Pacific Realty Company for \$55,000.

With these two sites in mind and with an opinion from City Attorney LaRoche settling the question of the right of the city to use the Market block for auditorium purposes, the City Commission at its regular meeting tomorrow will definitely settle the site question.

A letter was sent Commissioner Brewster yesterday by Chester Dolph, one of the Dolph heirs, saying that because one of the heirs had objected to the sale of the Dolph block at the price quoted the city recently, the sale could not be made.

Mr. Dolph announced that he expects the sale of part of the block to be made within a few days.

Decision Due Tomorrow.

Upon receipt of this information Commissioner Brewster held a conference with Mayor Albee and it was decided that the entire site question be brought up for final consideration tomorrow, at 10 o'clock at the regular Council meeting. If the opinion of City Attorney LaRoche is to the effect that the Market block can be used, there is no doubt about that site being selected. Commissioner Brewster will bring it to a head by recommending that the offer of the Anglo-Pacific Company be placed on file, which will mean that it will be killed. Mr. Brewster will then make a motion that the Market block be selected.

If the Market block is available as a site it will have the support of

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## RADIUM THEORIES DECLARED WRONG

### SCIENTIST SAYS BETA RAYS ARE ONES FOR CANCER.

### Heretofore These Have Been Kept From Patient; Now It Is Said Their Effect Is Healing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Radical changes in the methods of applying radium in the treatment of cancer as the result of experiments by Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute, will soon be adopted by all surgeons, according to Dr. Robert Abbe, a pioneer investigator of the curative powers of the mineral.

In an address today before the Radium Institute of America, Dr. Abbe declared Dr. Carrel's experiments had convinced him that the central theory of radium's action, under which he had proceeded up to this time, was wrong. Dr. Carrel's investigation, the speaker said, demonstrated that the beta rays of radium, which have heretofore been considered dangerous and have been kept away from contact with the patient as much as possible, have an effect on cancer that is more healing, even than the gamma rays, now so generally relied upon by surgeons.

## SLEEP FOUND ONLY AT SEA

### Invalid Mariner Becomes Life Passenger After Injury in Wreck.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The steamer Byron, of the Lamport & Holt line, now in port, has on board a life voyager, it became known today. He is Ernest Victor Hugo, a relative of the famous French writer, who, as first officer of the Lamport & Holt liner Verones, suffered paralysis from the waist down as the result of exposure and hardship when his ship was wrecked on the Portuguese coast. Later he developed insomnia and cannot sleep unless soothed by the rocking of a ship. He wears a medal bestowed by the Royal Humane Society for the rescue of 33 lives at the time of the Verones disaster.

## HOMESTEAD CREDIT ASKED

### Settler Says 'Shylock Bankers' Fleeced Those Who Take Up Land.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Money troubles of homesteaders in the West were pictured to the joint committee on rural credits today by George W. Fisher, of Redfield, S. D., who asked that Congress make provision for loans to entrants on homestead lands.

At present, he declared, the poor homesteader who endeavored to make a start in a new country without sufficient capital was "victimized by Shylock bankers, who strip each advancing wave of homesteaders and lie in wait for the next crop."

## RATE INCREASE FAVORED

### President Believes Railroads Justified in Advancing Tariffs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—President Wilson sent for Chairman Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission, today and they had a half hour's conference, the exact nature of which was not revealed.

It was learned at the White House that the President had expressed himself as believing an increase of some kind in rates would be justified.

Mr. Clark learned, however, while at the White House, according to officials, that the President hoped for an early decision of the rate problem.

## STATE WILL NOT PAY TIPS

### Secretary of State Puts Gratuities in Extradition Under Ban.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Olcott, in issuing a set of rules relating to the auditing of expenses incurred in the pursuit, arrest and return to the state of fugitives from justice, announced today that tips or any expenses of a personal nature would not be audited.

The Secretary of State has repeatedly refused to reimburse officials or state employes for gratuity expenses. No expense items will be audited unless requisitions are issued by the Governor.

## WILSON TO JOIN ALUMNI

### March With Class of '79 to Be Feature of Princeton Reunion.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 18.—President Wilson will be present at the 25th annual reunion of his class, 1879, which will be held on June 13, one of the big days of the commencement season at Princeton, it was announced tonight. The President is expected to march with his class in the alumni parade preceding the Yale-Princeton baseball game.

At the request of the President no special arrangements are being made for the commencement.

## RUNAWAY HORSE MOUNTED

### Patrolman Makes Spectacular Rescue of Woman and Babe.

Jumping to the back of one of a team of runaway horses and throwing the animal, was the spectacular way W. R. McDonald, special patrolman, saved the lives of Mrs. Thomas Smith and infant, who were in the buggy, drawn by the frightened horse when they started to run at the corner of East Twenty-third and East Taylor streets yesterday.

Mr. Smith, who was in Portland at the time of the accident, liberally rewarded the officer for his bravery.

## GORE EXONERATED BY JURY'S VERDICT

### Woman Fails to Obtain Any Damages.

## CONCLUSION SOON REACHED

### Special Declaration in Senator's Favor Is Made.

## PROOF DECLARED LACKING

### If Defendant Had Rested Case Without Offering Evidence, Says Jury, No Difference Would Have Been Made in Result.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 18.—United States Senator Gore was exonerated today of charges of improper conduct by a verdict in his favor returned in District Court in the suit for \$50,000 damages instituted by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, of Oklahoma City.

The verdict was returned 10 minutes after the case was given to the jury. Only one ballot was taken.

"We find," the jury said in its verdict, "the evidence submitted by the plaintiff entirely insufficient on which to base a suit; that said evidence wholly exonerates the defendant and had the defendant, at the conclusion of the plaintiff's evidence, announced that he desired to introduce no evidence and rested his case, our verdict would have been the same in that event as now returned by us, in favor of the defendant."

Crowd Breaks Into Cheers.

Despite the efforts of bailiffs to maintain order when the verdict was reached, the crowd that filled the courtroom turned into a cheering throng.

Senator Gore heard the jury's decision without a change of countenance. Mrs. Gore was the first to grasp his hand. When she turned and shook hands with Henry Carpenter, the foreman, tears were on the cheeks of both.

"The verdict confirms my faith that truth will triumph," Senator Gore said. "I never for a moment doubted the outcome."

From the time the jury left the room to prepare its verdict until the demonstration was under way Mrs. Bond sat in silence, leaning on a table and scribbling on a piece of paper. She seemed in no haste to leave the room until she was approached by her attorney, when she arose and walked away with him and her husband.

### Woman's Counsel to Appeal.

E. J. Giddings, chief counsel for Mrs. Bond, tonight said an appeal to the Supreme Court would be taken on the grounds that applause and demonstrations in the courtroom during the trial had influenced the jury.

The case went to the jury at 5:42 o'clock, after Morton Rutherford, attorney for Mrs. Bond, made the closing argument. Four minutes later a deputy was summoned to the jury-room.

"We have a verdict," the foreman told him.

"The jury is coming in," whispered Mrs. Gore, wife of the defendant, as she leaned over and touched the Senator's arm. She was weeping.

"Good," Senator Gore responded, his face sober, as it had been all through the trial.

"We, the jury, find for the defendant," read the foreman. Then the courtroom burst into cheers.

No one tried to stem the demonstration. Judge Clark smiled.

After the demonstration had lasted ten minutes the jury left the bench. Court never was adjourned. The Judge forgot it. So did the Sheriff.

Senator Gore alone remained calm. The crowd surged toward him. His wife had her arms about him. She was weeping almost hysterically. Hundreds crowded to get the Senator's hands to congratulate him. The demonstration lasted 20 minutes.

Mrs. Bond and her husband left the courtroom while the demonstration was at its height.

Mrs. Gore declared she was "too happy for words."

"I am thinking now of my babies and I want to get home to them," she said.

President Wilson was one of the first to send his congratulations to Senator Gore after the verdict was returned. An hour later, this telegram came from the White House, signed by the President's private secretary:

"Heartiest congratulations."

Senator Makes Counter Charge.

The trial began last Wednesday. In her declaration Mrs. Bond alleged that the Senator attacked her while they were conferring at a hotel in Washington last March in connection with the possible appointment of her husband, Julien Bond, as internal revenue collector at Oklahoma City. Gore denied she, she alleged, and she freed herself only after several men appeared in the doorway of the room.

In the scuffle, Mrs. Bond asserted, her face was scratched and hand lacerated by fragments of her broken eyeglasses.

Senator Gore denied the charges and as a counter charge alleged that the suit was instigated by political opponents who had failed in their efforts to obtain Federal patronage.

The jury comprised nine farmers, a grocer, a hatter and a broker. Mrs.

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