

CONGRESS CHAFES UNDER RESTRAINT

Demand for Rivers and Harbors and Building Bills Is Growing Apace.

PEOPLE ARE HEARD FROM

Members of Both Houses Under Pressure From Home—Choice Lies Between Defying President and Ignoring Voters.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 26.—Congress is seriously threatening to defy the President and to pass not only a liberal river and harbor bill, but also a public building bill. Whether this programme can be put through is yet to be determined. Doubtless Congress can appropriate all it wants for rivers and harbors and for public buildings, but whether the President will sign these bills is doubted.

A river and harbor bill making provision only for existing projects will carry \$45,000,000, if the amounts recommended by the Army engineers are allowed. There are now before Congress reports from Army engineers on new projects, the total cost of which would amount well into the millions. But if all these projects should be adopted, Congress could hold down the total appropriation by allowing only a small amount to begin construction and at the next session the amount could be made larger appropriations to continue work.

Building Bills Sidelined.
Congress has passed no general public building bill since the Democratic took control of the Government. The last public building bill was that signed by President Taft the day before he retired from office. All appropriations for public buildings since that time have been applied to the construction of buildings authorized before President Wilson entered the White House.

Usually Congress passes a public building bill every two years, and under normal conditions favors a bill would have been passed at the last session. The condition of the Treasury, however, was such that the building bill was sidetracked, at the instance of the President.

Now, however, members of Congress are about to go before their constituents asking for more appropriations for public buildings. There is a general clamor for a public building bill, as public building appropriations usually prove influential in Congressional campaigns.

Local Appropriations Wanted.
As one member of the House expressed it: "We've got to make a showing to our people at home or they will ask what we have been doing in Washington. A local appropriation will prove much more satisfactory to our dear people than will a liberal appropriation for some National project, such as National defense."

That summarizes the situation. Practically every member of the House and every Senator is under pressure from home to "bring back something." They therefore are forced to choose between surrendering local appropriations to meet the demands of the President and defying the President and getting those appropriations most likely to prove useful in the campaign.

HOSPITAL SHIP IS URGED

NAVY SURGEON-GENERAL TALKS BEFORE REPRESENTATIVES.

Increased Facilities on Land and Sea and 94 Additional Surgeons Needed, Committee Is Told.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Material enlargement of the Navy's hospital facilities was urged on the House naval committee as imperative by Surgeon-General Brastel, who testified today at a hearing on the naval appropriation bill. He said an increase of about 1000 men in the hospital corps was needed and that a new modern hospital ship and improvements in existing land hospitals should be authorized.

"The Navy Department," the Surgeon-General said, "already was working out plans for a hospital ship to accommodate 500 patients, an appropriation for which is asked in the pending navy bill. Both the Relief and the Solace, the Navy's only hospital ships, were old and inadequate," he said, "but if a new ship were authorized, the Solace might be put into shape for use in Pacific waters."

South of Norfolk and San Francisco, the Surgeon-General explained, the ships at present in commission and hospital facilities. He said the hospital corps should be enlarged from the present 1670 to 2700, and that 94 more surgeons were needed.

LOCAL GIRL GETS PLACE

Miss Graves Named Normal Department Head at Pendleton High.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Miss Norma Graves, of Portland, a graduate of the University of Oregon and the Oregon State Normal School, has been elected to the position of head of the normal department of Pendleton High School.

Miss Graves is an experienced teacher and comes to Pendleton highly recommended. She will assume her duties Monday. The vacancy in the department was caused by the departure of Miss J. Arlene Cleveland, who takes a position with the Idaho State Normal School. Miss Graves is a member of the Delta Delta Delta college fraternity.

ELMA DEPOT EARNINGS BIG

Northern Pacific Business Surpasses Previous Years.

ELMA, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Gross earnings for the Northern Pacific depot at Elma for the year of 1915 amounted to one-sixty-third of the entire business transacted by the entire Northern Pacific system, or 1,600,582, an increase of more than \$300,000 over any previous year. This gives Elma a greater business than Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Centralia or other towns in the southwestern part of the state, and more business than any station between Elma and Portland.

The large figures are due to Elma being the junction of many mill and logging camps, namely: The McCleary saw and door factory (largest in the

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Wilson today sent a letter to Chairman Kitchin, of the House ways and means committee, explaining why he had withdrawn his opposition to a tariff commission and now was urging the creation of such a body by Congress. He wrote frankly that he had changed his mind because "all the circumstances of the world had changed."

Declaring that he had "no thought whatever of a change in attitude toward the so-called protection question," he President said the proposed commission would have nothing to do with theories of policy, but would be charged only with the duty of seeking facts to guide Congress in legislation.

In another letter to Mr. Kitchin last Monday he had set forth fully his ideas of what a tariff commission should be, urging that the ways and means committee consider the matter immediately. He favored "a non-partisan, expert organization."

Protection Not Considered.
"I have changed my mind," said today's letter, "because all the circumstances of the world have changed, and it seems to me in view of the extraordinary and far-reaching changes which the European war has brought about, it is absolutely necessary that we should have a competent instrument of inquiry along the whole line of the many questions which affect our foreign commerce."

"I have had in this change of mind no thought whatever of a change of attitude towards the so-called protection question. That is neither here nor there. A commission such as I have suggested would have nothing to do with theories of policy. They would deal only with facts."

"I do not say you feel, as I do, that it would be folly at this time, or until the altered conditions clearly are understood, to attempt to deal with problems of foreign commerce by legislation and yet, having dealt directly and clearly with the whole question of unfair competition within our own borders, it is clear that as soon as we know the facts we ought to deal with unfair methods of competition as between our own Nation and others."

Disinterested Board Desired.
In his letter to Mr. Kitchin last Monday, the President said:
"I am convinced, as I suppose every disinterested person must be, that it would be a mistake to provide for such a board with the idea of serving any particular theory of fiscal policy. What we would need would be above all things else a board as much as possible free from any strong prepossession in favor of any political policy and capable of looking at the whole

HOOD WATER SUIT FILED

Power Company Seeks to Enjoin Use of Flow for Irrigation.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The Pacific Power & Light Company, according to the complaint, all riparian rights for a stretch of five miles along the Hood River, has filed a suit in District Federal Court in Portland against the East Fork Irrigation District to enjoin the district from interfering with the plaintiff corporation's riparian rights.

The power concern alleges that it has an investment of \$200,000, and that it will be damaged more than \$100,000. The hearing before Judge Wolverson will be on February 14.

SLIDE YIELDS BOY'S BODY

Canadian Only One Now Missing; Probably Died in Diner.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 26.—The body of Ralph Bickerman, of Wenatchee, Wash., aged 8, was found today in the debris of the Great Northern train wreck at Corea, being the seventh body removed. The boy's father and baby sister were also killed in the wreck, and his mother injured.

The only missing body, that of J. H. Wilson, of Vancouver, B. C., is believed to have been destroyed when the dining-car was burned.

ELMA DEDICATION IS TOMORROW

Formal Dedication of the New High School Auditorium Will Be Tomorrow Night.

MILWAUKIE, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Formal dedication of the new high school auditorium will be tomorrow night, Clark W. Savage, of Olympia, will be the speaker of the evening. Music will be furnished by the boys and girls of the high school. The high school brass band that was organized in September, will make its formal appearance. In the afternoon the building will be thrown open to spectators, as well as in the evening. Each room of both the high school department and grade schools will have work on display.

MILWAUKIE POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS GAIN

Postmaster B. L. Hageman, of the Milwaukee Postoffice, Declares that for December, 1915, postal receipts were 46 per cent greater than for the corresponding month of 1914.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Albany is again blanketed with five inches of snow tonight as a result of the snow storm this afternoon. Temperature has descended to the 18-degree mark and more snow is predicted.

SACRIFICED AT TEN DOLLARS!

All Women's Fancy Suits Fur Trimmed, Braid Trimmed, Plain Tailored Regularly Priced \$19.50 to \$39.50

All Women's Winter Coats

Regularly Priced \$15 to \$20

A Sacrifice in Which Original Cost Has Not Been Considered. You Cannot Afford to Miss It. An Augmented Sales Force to Serve You. Third Floor, Elevator

BEN SELLING MORRISON AT FOURTH

BRITISH SHIPS READY BREAK UP BRONCHIAL COUGHS, CROUP AND COLDS PROMPTLY

Make the Best Remedy at Home—128 Teaspoonfuls for 50 Cents.

Don't neglect your first cold, cough or any Bronchial affection, this Fall, but commence treatment immediately, and through using the proper medicine, it can be checked from the very start and promptly cured, but if neglected probably will hang on all winter; if it does not develop into something more serious, such as pneumonia or consumption. True, there are hundreds, yes thousands of cough remedies on the market. While some are good, there are many which are not, but are positively harmful, due to the narcotics which they contain. But why experiment with these different remedies purely on the strength perhaps of some testimonials or on the exaggerated claims of manufacturers, when Schiffmann's New Concentrated Expectant is sold by the Huntley Drug Co. on such a positive guarantee to give perfect satisfaction, even more—money will be refunded by them if it is not found the best remedy ever used in severe coughs, colds, whooping cough or croup, and it will also be found excellent for bronchial asthma and bronchitis. Besides these druggists guaranteeing "that it will be the best remedy ever used," it will likewise be found the most economical, because one bottle (50 cents worth) makes a full pint (128 teaspoonfuls) of the most excellent medicine for any of the above affections, when mixed at home with one pint of granulated sugar and one-half pint of water. It makes as much, or more, than would cost you \$2.00 to \$3.00 of almost any of the ordinary ready-made kinds, sold in bottles holding only 24 to 32 teaspoonfuls. You will be the sole judge yourself and under the same positively "money-back" guarantee which the druggists make for the famous Asthmador. Absolutely no risk is run in buying this remedy.

BERDEEN MAN CONVICTED OF ARSON

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Kari Misi was convicted in the Superior Court of arson in the second

degree this week for attempting to burn the home of his daughter here some months ago.

Mindoka Lands to Be Opened.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Wilson today signed an order removing 7830 acres from the Mindoka National Forest, Idaho, for agricultural purposes. It will be opened to entry March 10.

Piano Sale Ends Friday

Ludwig Upright Fine Oak Case Regular \$350 Now \$145 Used	\$700 Player-Piano Can't Be Told From New Now \$245	Smith & Barnes Upright Mahogany Regular \$350 Now \$155 Used	Orchestral Upright Grand Real \$450 Value Now \$240 New	Dark Mahogany Chase & Baker Player Piano 88 Note Was \$585 Now \$246	Full Size Cable Walnut New \$425 Now \$160
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REAL \$1000
Latest Player Pianos
\$620 NOW ONLY

REAL \$700
Artists Upright Piano
\$330 NOW ONLY

REAL \$600
Latest Player Pianos
\$265 NOW ONLY

Sale Closes Friday!
The First Step in the Consolidation Must Then Be Completed
By coming early you secure first choice, or bench something new, no charge for delivery. Appropriate stool or bench will also be included at cost. Don't miss this sale in the Eilers Bldg., Broadway at Alder
Consolidation sale also at
Graves Music Co.
131-133 Fourth St. and Annex, 285 Morrison St.
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