

WILSON UNDECIDED AS TO ARMING SHIPS

Way Sought to Take Step on Own Responsibility, but Law Is Studied Carefully.

OLD LAW MAY NOT APPLY

Advisers Think Prohibition of Attack on Public Armed Ship Does Not Prevent Resistance to Unlawful Assault.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—There was no... President Wilson has the authority to arm American merchantmen for defense against German submarines without action by Congress.

The President conferred with Secretaries Lansing and Daniels at their offices, but the usual Tuesday Cabinet meeting was canceled, and in some quarters it was believed that ever since no further announcement on the question until after the Cabinet meeting Friday.

Senate Situation Canvassed.

The situation in the Senate was carefully canvassed by Administration representatives for the admitted reason that the President would rather act under express authority of Congress if possible.

Some Administration officials are careful study of the old law of 1819, cited in the Senate as preventing the arming of merchantmen against submarines, were stronger than ever in their belief that the act has no application to the present situation.

Extra Session Believed Certain.

The impression grew that an extra session of Congress was certain, and the time for calling it was believed to depend almost wholly on developments in the Senate and on the decision of the President on arming merchantmen.

Senator Lodge attempted to introduce today the armed neutrality bill killed by the filibusters, but Vice-President Marshall sustained a point of order that the Senate could not consider legislation in extra session when the House had not been called to meet.

STORE LOOTERS PAROLED

Fred Doehler and Earl Ringle, of Hillsboro, Gain Clemency.

HILLSBORO, Or., March 6.—Record time was made by Washington County in dealing with Fred Doehler and Earl Ringle, self-confessed looters of the Hillsboro Mercantile company store.

Today Doehler was sentenced to one to seven years and Ringle to two to five years, and both were paroled on Friday. Indictments were returned Friday and they pleaded guilty Saturday.

CANNING PLANT EXTENDS

Oregon Packing Company Making Permanent Improvements.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—A permanent concrete warehouse, 60 by 150 feet, was started today by the Oregon Packing Company, and joining their fruit and vegetable canning plant, operated for the first time in the Oregon coast last year.

300 ENGINEERS HEAR TALK

Electric Drive for Battleships and Gear Reduction Are Discussed.

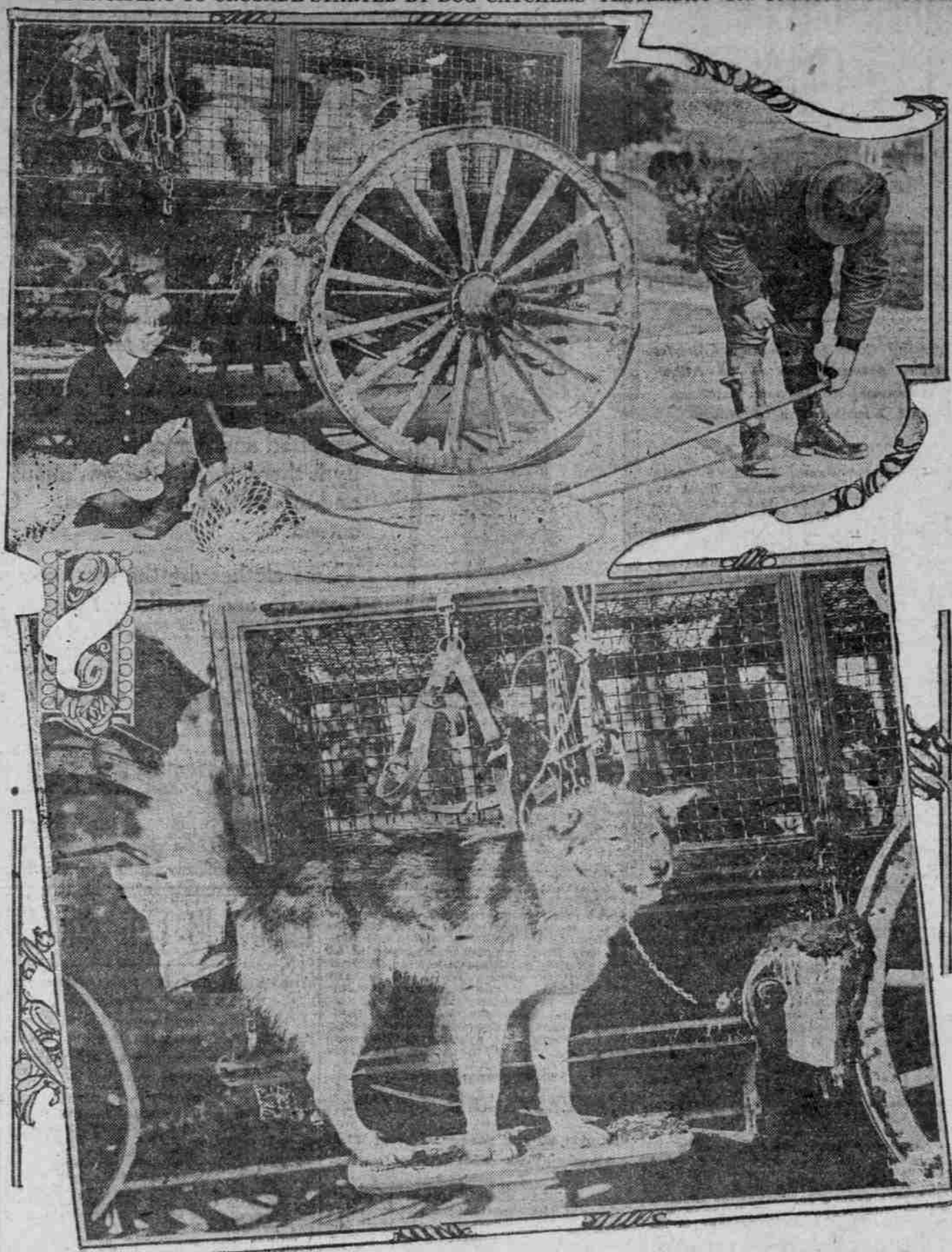
The American Institute of Electrical Engineers at its meeting at the Hotel Multnomah heard W. J. Davis, Jr., in a discussion of "Steam Turbines and the Reduction of Gears for Ship Propulsion." L. T. Morwin was chairman of the evening.

MRS. JOHN NISSEN DIES

End Comes Almost at Hour of Husband's Funeral.

Mrs. John Nissen, widow of John Nissen, of whose death from pneumonia last Saturday she was not informed, passed away at the family home at 359 Adams Street at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon after two weeks' illness from pneumonia and almost at the same time that funeral services for her husband were being held from the Finley chapel.

SCENES INCIDENT TO CRUSADE STARTED BY DOG CATCHERS YESTERDAY ON UNLICENSED DOGS.



UPPER—ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES OF LIFE. LOWER—A CHOICE CATCH. AN ALASKAN DOG THAT GOT IN THE DANGER ZONE.

WAR ON DOGS BEGINS

Catchers Start Out to Attack Without Warning.

NINE ARE TAKEN FIRST DAY

Rush for Licenses Results From Opening of Crusade, Which Is to Continue Till All Are Properly Registered.

Every dog has his day. Nine of them had theirs yesterday when they got caught in the crusade started by the Oregon Humane Society, which is now operating the city pound, to round up all pups without licenses.

Three dog wagons were out, and the "net" returned after the day's work was done was nine dogs of about nine different pedigrees, nine different colors, sorts of dispositions, if, like cats, they have nine lives they will all be blasted out as one in a few days unless owners reclaim them.

One dog wagon went out into the Mount Scott, Lents and Montavilla districts and rounded up whatever dogs were found running around untagged. Another wagon went south and another north on the same sort of a mission. All returned with spoils of war. It was plain, unrestricted war the dogcatchers had in mind. There was no armed neutrality about it. All unlicensed dogs looked alike.

DEACONESS HOME CLEARED

Debt Over Institution Finally Paid and Mortgage Is Burned.

"A triumph for Methodism in Portland. This was the term applied by the principal speakers who participated in the burning of the mortgage of the Deaconess Home. The services were held last night in Centenary Church and were attended by Methodists from all parts of the city.

SEVERAL SEEK DIVORCES

Desertion, Insanity, Infidelity and Cruelty Alleged.

Walter B. Garland married Ruth Garland October 20, 1915, and deserted her November 1, 1915, it is asserted in a complaint for divorce filed by Mrs. Garland in the Circuit Court yesterday.

John D. Smith asks divorce from Katherine A. Smith on the grounds that she has been found insane. D. B. Emerson wishes relief from Letitia A. Emerson on grounds of infidelity. R. A. Marshall asks a divorce from Cora L. Marshall, contending that she is cruel to him.

Dr. Auslund Fined.

Dr. A. A. Auslund, who was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct Sunday night by Patrolman Wright, was fined \$5 in Municipal Judge Stevenson's court yesterday.

WIFE OF McMinnville Banker, Who Died Recently.



Mrs. Emma F. Corrigan, wife of M. F. Corrigan, cashier of the First National Bank of McMinnville, died February 17. She was about 53 years old and had lived in Oregon since she was only 8 months old. She was married to Mr. Corrigan in 1894. Besides her husband and a daughter, Clara E., and a son, Marion F. Corrigan, two brothers and two sisters survive. They are A. H. Fletcher, of Enterprise; Stanley W. Fletcher, of McCoy; Mrs. Leo Mitchell, of Portland; and Mrs. Ada E. Koop, of McMinnville. Mrs. Corrigan had been a resident of McMinnville for 13 years and the funeral was held there February 19.

CANNED FRUITS RISE

Prices Soar When Consumers Quit Costly Vegetables.

NEARLY 200 ARE INDICTED

More Than 100 Corporations and 71 Individuals Accused in New York of Conspiring Arbitrarily to Fix Fuel Prices.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Retailers throughout the city materially increased today the prices of all canned fruits. The writer declared that the first 100 corporations and 71 individuals, in the second 100 corporations and 18 individuals in the business of producing or selling.

Mr. Harjigan said he had received a letter from a man in Porterville, Tex., asking quotations on carloads of jackrabbits. The writer declared that notwithstanding a bounty on jackrabbits, they have multiplied rapidly in his county and become a menace to farm crops, and he believed large shipments to this city would tend to reduce the cost of living.

The Federal grand jury, which has been investigating the high cost of food and fuel, returned two indictments today, naming as defendants in the first 100 corporations and 71 individuals, and in the second 100 corporations and 18 individuals in the business of producing or selling.

GRATTON HOTEL IS SOLD

Milwaukee Resort, Often Raided, to Become "Dry Cabaret."

The Gratton Hotel, Milwaukee, formerly the Belle, made famous by frequent visits by Blackama County authorities, has been sold by Miles Cookley to B. Barisch, of Southern California. The building, the new owner announced, will be remodeled and operated as a "dry cabaret."

CODE ASSAILANTS REVERSE ATTITUDE

Meeting Called to Plan Referendum on Insurance Act Indorses Law.

GOVERNOR LAUDS MEASURE

Man Who Called Gathering Refuses to Abandon Opposition and His Motives Are Questioned—Senator Orton for Bill.

In place of condemning the insurance code passed by the last Legislature, a meeting called at Ellers Hall last night to discuss plans for invoking the referendum, after hearing the code fully explained, gave it an overwhelming vote of indorsement.

L. D. Mahone called the meeting. He was one of only two persons, out of about 50 present, who did not join in the rising vote of indorsement that wound up the meeting.

Mr. Mahone's motives in assailing the code were questioned by Senator A. W. Orton, chairman of the joint Senate and House insurance committee, who said he was working for the Legislature after holding public hearings on it for five weeks and satisfying nearly all interests.

Senator Orton repeatedly asked Mr. Mahone who he was representing in his referendum agitation. Mr. Mahone said he was not representing anybody, and denied that he was working for the interests of companies seeking to dodge the rate regulatory provisions of the code.

"All right," said Senator Orton, "then I say that Mr. Mahone is representing only himself. The trouble with us is that we have been taking him too seriously."

He pointed out further that by adding the taxes imposed on the companies, the code will bring in an additional \$100,000 a year revenue to the state.

Schedule Filing Opposed.

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man, J. Francis Drake, D. A. Grout and R. H. Atkinson. The executive committee last night decided to endeavor to arrange for a reproduction of one of the Rose Festival parades for the benefit of the National Education Association for circulation among the members. A joint invitation from Governors Withycombe, of Oregon; Lister, of Washington; and Alexander, of Idaho, will be dispatched to the president of the National Education Association for circulation among the members.

BALLOT TITLE DISLIKED

L. E. BEAN OBJECTS TO ONE PREPARED ON GRANT BILL.

Representative Asks Circuit Court to Approve His Title and Not Attorney-General's.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Representative L. E. Bean, of Eugene, today filed an appeal in the Circuit Court of Marion County from the ballot title prepared by Attorney-General Brown on House bill No. 302, or the Oregon & California land grant bill of the recent session. The bill is to go on the ballot for a vote of the people at the special election in June.

Among the objections to the ballot title, Representative Bean cites "that the purpose of said bill as set forth in the title and purports to limit the right of taxation to the 'unsold lands,' while the bill to be submitted to the people in section 1 thereof declares and asserts the sovereign right of taxation of this state forever, as to all those lands known as the Oregon-California land grant, and granted under certain deeds."

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ASYLUM ATTACK FATAL

D. B. FITCH SUCCEUMS TO WOUND INFLICTED BY PATIENTS.

Break for Liberty of February 25 Results Fatally to Attendant Who Withstood Men.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—D. B. Fitch, attendant at the Oregon State Hospital, died this morning as the result of wounds inflicted at the hands of criminal insane patients who attempted to make a break from the institution Sunday, February 25.

The assault and attempted break which resulted in the death of Fitch was the outcome of a plot entered into by Dr. H. A. Sturdevant, a Portland dentist, and H. Thompson, a former Milwaukee blacksmith, and several other desperate men in the criminal insane ward.

Fitch and another attendant, F. M. Lane, were attacked by the maniacs, who were armed with improvised weapons. Fitch sustained two ugly wounds on the head from a steel bell cap taken from a portion of bathroom appliances in the ward. Physical examination failed to reveal whether death was due to fracture of the skull or internal injuries.

The assault was a wild, also an employe of the hospital. They came to Salem from Napa, Cal.

WORKMEN'S ACT LEGAL

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS COMPENSATION LAW.

State Decree Compelling Mountain Timber Company, of Kalama, to Contribute to Fund Affirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The first compulsory workmen's compensation or injury insurance law that has been passed in Washington state—to come before the Supreme Court, was upheld today as constitutional. The court also affirmed state decrees compelling the Mountain Timber Company, of Kalama, Wash., to contribute to the state compensation insurance fund.

The decision as to the constitutionality of the law was by a vote of 5 to 4, with Chief Justice William C. McKenna, Vandevanter and McCreary dissenting.

The court also affirmed dismissal by lower federal courts of personal injury suits of August Bay, Gunder Morgard and William Raymond, of Seattle, Washington, common carriers. The lower courts held that the employees could not invoke the Federal employers' liability act, but were subject to the Washington statute.

New York's compulsory workmen's compensation law and the compensation law of Iowa, voluntary upon employers, also were held constitutional.

RALLY FOR NAVY TONIGHT

Oregon City Recruiting to Be Stimulated by Mass Meeting.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Lieutenant-Commander Blair, of the Oregon Naval Militia, and Ralph R. Dunaway, of Portland, will hold a public meeting in Oregon City tomorrow night to arouse interest in the Naval Militia, with the object of inducing enlistments in the "A Citizen's Duty," and Commander Blair will discuss the preparation of the Navy program.

G. H. Jett, senior lieutenant and engineer officer, and E. H. Le Tourneau, ensign, accompanied Commander Blair to Oregon City today, and Lieutenant Jett talked at the Live Wire lighthouse in the interest of the naval reserve. He announced that a recruiting office would soon be opened in Oregon City.

Dialect Readings Planned.

Mrs. Martha Glew will give a programme of dialect readings on Friday at 8 p. m. in Ainsworth's B. School under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Helen Ekin Starrett will preside.

Margaret Garrison Chosen.

Margaret Garrison, who won the contest in oratory held recently by the

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