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Request for Silence on Peace League May Be Ignored.

SENATOR GORE IS BITTER

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Debate on the constitution of the league of nations probably will begin in the senate within a day or two, despite President Wilson's request that discussion be postponed until after he has conferred with members of the senate and house foreign relations committees at the White House.

Senator Potthoexter of Washington, republican, who recently issued a statement sharply criticizing several features of the league plan, intends to open the attack Wednesday. His address is expected to precipitate general debate, but whether members of the foreign relations committee will participate appears doubtful, as most of them apparently are disposed to accede to the president's request.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma said: "Apparently the nation, except cabinet officers and ex-presidents, is to go into a state of catalepsy on the question, for at least 10 days."

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The peace conference portrait of President Wilson is to be painted by Sir William Orpen, British painter. The president is understood to have promised to give him a sitting as soon as he returns. Colonel E. M. House also is to be painted by Sir William.

ON BOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson spent his first Sunday at sea in attending church services, sleeping and resting. He considered no official business whatever and received no official dispatches.

The president read with great interest a wireless digest of newspaper opinions and expressions in congressional circles regarding the constitution of the league of nations. It is quite out of the question that the senate will be called upon at present to act upon the league of nations treaty, as it will not be perfected before the president's return to Paris, and it seems probable that the covenant draft as it has been published will be subjected to some changes before it is put into treaty form.

The president's plans are still based on his returning to Europe immediately after the adjournment of congress, with the possibility that he will return abroad in the summer. The chances seem to favor the calling of an extra session of the senate and possibly one of congress after the work of the present session is completed to base upon treaties and take any necessary legislative action.

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District Attorney Asks That Bail in Merrill and Patterson Cases Be Fixed at \$2500.

The government will be relentless in its prosecution of California liquor smugglers who are aiding importers of wet goods into Oregon, according to John Beckman, assistant United States district attorney, who has returned from San Francisco. Influential and wealthy dealers now are under investigation in connection with the illicit traffic, he says.

SENATE RUNNING IN "HIGH"

Fear of Having to Serve Without Pay Speeds Programme.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Fear that they might be compelled to put in a few extra days next week without pay caused members of the senate today to discontinue their lengthy arguments and get down to the business of passing and killing bills.

Bills passed on third reading follow: S. R. 11, by Eberhard—Providing for filing of initiative petitions with libraries of supreme court library.

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HOUSE PASSES BOXING BILL

McFARLAND MEASURE MEETS WITH LITTLE OPPOSITION. Signature of 100 Taxpayers Must Be Obtained on Petitions—Ten Rounds Fixed as Limit.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The McFarland boxing bill passed the house today. By unanimous consent an amendment was put into the bill on third reading which prohibits boxing on Sundays, and another was inserted requiring that petitions for holding boxing matches must be signed by 100 taxpayers instead of 10 taxpayers, as provided in the original bill.

Hogs Bring Record Prices. MATTOON, Ill., Feb. 17.—Hampshire hogs raised in Coles county brought world-record prices at a public sale here today. Blue Belle, winner at the international show in Chicago December 7, with a litter of nine, brought \$1815; Budweiser Lady May, weight 150 pounds, sold for \$1350; and Maplewood Giant Second brought a record price of \$1265 for a spring pig.

Former Canadian Officer Dies. REGINA, Feb. 17.—G. W. Brown, former lieutenant-governor of Saskatchewan, died here today.

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