

### MORE FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS IS URGED

#### Nine Public Lands States Form Association.

### BIG ANNUAL SUM ASKED

#### Appropriation of \$100,000,000 for 1922-24 Advocated—Lack of Military Highways Cited.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.—Representatives of nine public lands states have been holding a good roads conference here for the days organized themselves today into a public lands states highway association. Resolutions were adopted urging congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 annually for the fiscal years of 1922, 1923 and 1924, to continue federal aid road improvement, and to increase the Shackleford and Bankhead laws.

A resolution offered by Captain W. R. Cupp of Caldwell, Idaho, was adopted as follows:

**Attack Possibility Cited.**  
"That the attention of the nation should be called to the weak defensive condition of the public lands states due to lack of a road system which might be used in meeting transportation requirements of a defensive operation against a well-prepared enemy, who could now, at a signal, cripple our rail transportation, land a large force along the coast of Oregon and Washington, occupy and fortify the mountain passes and become established so well before supporting communication could possibly sustain an expelling force, that the resources of the occupied country would make possible an extended warfare for some years and endanger the entire country if this enemy should have strong allies capable of simultaneous attack, from the south and from the waters of the Atlantic.

**Action on Road Is Urged.**  
"Now is the time to see the true value and estimate what it would mean to have the healthy moderate climate, fertile soil and resources west of the Rockies, occupy and fortify a vigorous persistent attacking force with manpower, intelligence and united determination against the country."

Louis E. Bean of Eugene, Or., was elected president of the new organization and Harry Hawley of Boise, Idaho, secretary-treasurer. The headquarters will be at Boise.

Indorsement was given to the bill of Representative H. H. Hays of Oregon appropriating \$2,500,000 for constructing the Roosevelt highway in western Oregon.

### MILLS CHARGE REFUTED

### PRUNARIANS DENY ATTEMPT TO AVOID ORGANIZER.

### Organization One to Advertise Prunes, Not Politics or Politicians, Speaker Is Told.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Royal Prunarians, who were charged by W. T. Mills, non-partisan and triple ally organizer, with changing their meeting hour so that he could not speak to them, held their weekly dinner on time, last night. R. E. Dunbar, secretary of the Prunarians, instructed to send the following letter to Mr. Mills in answer to his letter published yesterday:

"I note your communication with regard to your declining an invitation, issued by Clement Scott, to address the Prunarians on the subject of triple alliance.

"I am authorized by the organization of Prunarians of Clarke county to reply to your letter to the effect that Mr. Scott exceeded his authority, not in inviting you as his guest, but in requesting you to deliver an address on political issues. The Prunarians are non-political and our by-laws bar politics from discussion. A similar request from a republican, democrat or socialist would have to be treated in like manner. Our organization is composed of business men, farmers, professional men, clerks and men from all walks of life and our sole purpose is to advertise Clarke county prunes.

It was decided February 4 to hold our next regular meeting in the evening. "We regret that you could not see your way clear to break bread with us."

### FAIR SECRETARY ON TRIAL

### Boise Official Is in Court on Manslaughter Charge.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The securing of a jury began today in the O. P. Hendershot manslaughter case, growing out of the death of Michael Morris, who died in a Boise hospital, October 8, after being struck a blow on the head by the fair secretary during an altercation.

Michael Morris was conductor of a side show for a carnival operated at the estate fair last fall. An officer employed by Hendershot tried to get into the show, but was denied admission. He appealed to Hendershot, who accompanied him to the tent, where he and Morris had words, the result of which was that the fair secretary is alleged to have struck Morris a blow with his fist which fractured a sphenoidal artery in his head, causing death.

### HEARING IS SUSPENDED

### Vacation Taken in Senate Probe of Mexican Situation.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 12.—The senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation suspended the hearings here today. The only testimony taken in public was that of Norman Walker, formerly a correspondent for the Associated Press.

He told the committee that from time to time for 10 years the residents of El Paso had been forced to take extraordinary precautions to safeguard their lives and property.

### BRITISH MINERS LOSE

### Prime Minister Opposes Stand for Nationalization.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The miners get little consolation from the press over the defeat of the nationalization of mines in the house of commons by yesterday's vote of 229 to 64. The

### Times believes that the prime minister spoke the minds of the people when he said they would fight to the last against dictation from a privileged minority. This was in allusion to threatened industrial pressure, as to which the Daily Telegraph says that it is the Prussianism of a privileged caste and that it is well the issue has been so plainly stated. The Daily Chronicle, after condemning the threats of violent measures, says that what the miners want is not nationalization, but syndicalism, and it is a waste of time to argue about the former.

The Daily News, the only paper supporting the miners, says that by the attitude he adopted in the debate Mr. Lloyd George presented the miners with an unanswerable case.

### INFLUENZA DELAYS TRIAL

#### Illness of Anita Whitney, Charged With Syndicalism, Worse.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 12.—The increasing illness of Miss Anita Whitney was expected today to cause still another delay in her trial on charges of criminal syndicalism. Miss Whitney is under the care of a physician, Thomas M. O'Connor, her first chief counsel, and a juror, Leucille Stegmann, have died of influenza since the trial started, and another juror was ill for two days, each illness causing a postponement.

### LUMBER CARS PROMISED

#### Relief From Shortage Assured Elma In Message From Johnson.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The following telegram has been received by the Elma Community association in reply to a telegram in regard to the car shortage in this section sent to Congressman Albert Johnson.

"An assured movement will increase during remaining 30 days of government control, approximately 175,000 cars being sent into middle west in the next few months. A considerable portion of this movement will proceed to Pacific northwest for lumber."

### BOND ISSUE UP AT KELSEO

#### Voters to Pass on Purchase of City Water System.

KELSEO, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—An ordinance providing for the purchase of the Kelseo water system and calling for a special election on Tuesday, March 2, to validate the purchase and an issue of \$100,000 in bonds, was passed by the city council at its session Tuesday night.

### BOMB HOAX DISCOVERED

#### "Infernal Machine" Is Filled With Dirt, Instead of Powder.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 12.—An "infernal machine" found in the mails here yesterday, causing consternation among postal employees, who opened it prior to consigning it to the dead letter office, proved by chemical analysis to be a hoax.

### LABOR'S TIME IS CUT

#### German Schedule Set at 46 1/2 Hours Per Working Week.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The arbitration board, to which the German metal trades referred the issue of working hours has decided upon a weekly schedule of 46 1/2 hours actual working time.

### WOMEN KILLED BY AUTO

#### Mother and Daughter Victims of Accident at Alameda.

ALAMEDA, Cal., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Caroline Cook, 76 years old, and her daughter, Mrs. Irene Cook Elder, wife of Robert Bruce Elder, 24, were killed in an automobile accident here.

### Hospital Drive Is Planned.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—St. Joseph's hospital, the oldest in this part of the state, will start a campaign for \$100,000 to construct a modern addition. The tentative plan agreed upon is to raise \$25,000 among the Catholics of Lewiston, \$25,000 from all other sources in the city, and \$50,000 from outside sources.

### Papers Suspended by Strike.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 12.—Temporary suspension of publication of the four daily newspapers here is the result of a strike of printers. The three afternoon papers published today carried only announcements of the suspension.

### "BAYER CROSS" ON GENUINE ASPIRIN

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### GERMAN DRAMA IN LICENTIOUS EPOCH

### Stage Deteriorates When Royal Favor Is Removed.

### INDECENCY RULES BOARDS

#### Brilliant Renaissance of Arts and Letters Expected in Interim. Futurist Policy Governs.

By CYRIL BROWN. (Copyright, 1920, by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.)  
BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Germany is on the threshold of a brilliant renaissance of arts and letters. Signs of the coming big revival in the world of art and literature, music and the drama make it appear as if the passing of the Germany of Potsdam had cleared the track for the Germany of Weimar to come back, although in ultra-modern form. You can expect to live to see a silver age of literature in Germany, with the appearance of some really great new poets, writers and dramatists.

The after-effect of the war and revolution and the establishment of the democratic republic are strongly marked in the world of drama. It looks as if the biggest developments would take place in the field of drama, including music drama. The nucleus of the new movement may be provided by Germany's newest and most exclusive artists' club, the Berlin Athenaeum. It is headed by Germany's greatest living poet, composer and producer—Gerhart Hauptmann, Richard Strauss and Professor Max Reinhardt. The new Athenaeum is limited to 120 members and one of its objects is to foster the new literary drama.

**Stage Feverishly Active.**  
The revolution speeded up the German stage to almost feverish activity. It stimulated the stage quantitatively. It is estimated that there have been twice as many stage performances of all kinds throughout Germany in 1919 as in 1918. The number of touring companies has greatly increased. Drama is being carried into the smallest town, even to villages. The increasing sharp struggle for existence drives the very live German dramatist to exploit all of the available field.

You note also an almost feverish activity in the launching of new productions. There have not been many new plays and new productions of old favorites in the memory of the oldest German theatergoers. There are, however, many more failures. It was never so easy to get a hearing and a tryout on the stage. Unknown playwrights even manage to get their plays on the ultra-conservative ex-royal theater.

### Drama Enjoys Liberty.

The democratization of the drama is an accomplished fact. Authors, actors and managers are no longer dependent on any favor of kings, court dukes, princes and other petty potentates. Orders and decorations have been swept out of office. New places. The German stage has seen the new light of democracy and begins to act accordingly. Old-foghorn, ultra-conservatism have about passed away. The drama enjoys real liberty. Important for future development is the fact that the numerous royal grants of aid and princely theaters, once a feature of the capitals of German states and principalities, have now become democratic state institutions. The power of these theaters, connected with them, the royal attendants, managers and directors, have been swept out of office. New places. The German stage has seen the new light of democracy and begins to act accordingly. Old-foghorn, ultra-conservatism have about passed away. The drama enjoys real liberty. Important for future development is the fact that the numerous royal grants of aid and princely theaters, once a feature of the capitals of German states and principalities, have now become democratic state institutions. The power of these theaters, connected with them, the royal attendants, managers and directors, have been swept out of office. New places.

### Soviets Govern Theaters.

The seeds of "German bolshevism" are also to be found in the German stage. The soviet system has taken firm root here in a highly developed form. The orchestra, the stage hands, the actors, the chorus, the opera singers of every theater and opera house have their soviet organization, technically known in German as a "rat." The power of these theaters, connected with them, the royal attendants, managers and directors, have been swept out of office. New places. The German stage has seen the new light of democracy and begins to act accordingly. Old-foghorn, ultra-conservatism have about passed away. The drama enjoys real liberty. Important for future development is the fact that the numerous royal grants of aid and princely theaters, once a feature of the capitals of German states and principalities, have now become democratic state institutions. The power of these theaters, connected with them, the royal attendants, managers and directors, have been swept out of office. New places.

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even to the limits of common decency and well beyond into unbridled license. Since the revolution Berlin has seen at least four successions which are indescribable to American readers. They are offensive to the American taste not because they are vulgar or spicy or immoral in the sense that French sex plays are supposedly so, but because they bring the pathological, the perverse and the abnormal upon the stage.

Two of these worst offenders, "Pandora's Box" and "Schloss Wettstein," by the late Frank Wedekind, are old stuff, pre-war plays which could never be produced until the revolution. The other offenders are young newcomers. These exhibitions unbridled license are probably only a temporary running amuck on the part of managers and younger dramatists suffering from the intoxication of liberty.

**Pioneer Writers Get Chance.**  
A more important development is that the abolition of the censorship has released much suppressed political drama and is stimulating the production of new plays with a political revolutionary angle. Much of the newest German drama, too, smells suggestively of futurism and expressionism. The younger dramatists have mostly broken with the old dramatic conventions and are struggling to find some new form of dramatic expression.

This young German crop of pioneers is trying to push beyond Strindberg. Their new dramatic stuff seems to be about the limit of the bizarre, the abstract soul stuff; overlaid with symbolism; much of it meaningless, vague and incoherent, but showing ultra-modern form. You can expect this revolutionary movement in the drama has saved the German stage from stagnation, however. Its further development will be worth watching.

Theatergoing is an expensive luxury in German money. The best seats or Berlin successes range from 20 to 40 marks. Yet the theaters continue well filled and on Sundays and holidays harbor record crowds, including studees. Hard times are coming, however, and far-sighted managers already foresee a time when they must produce drama at bargain prices or go under.

The drama is setting the big pace in the post-revolutionary revival. But in a more modest way German opera also shows the influence of revolution and democracy. The political changes have given a fresh lease of life to the opera, with fair prospects for the future. There is a movement for purveying grand opera to the masses at cost. The scheme calls for the building of a great people's opera house in Berlin with 4000 seats, all of the same good and all at the uniform price of 3 marks (normally about 75 cents.) This project of a democratic opera enjoys the support of the Prussian government.

Among German operatic composers Richard Strauss still holds his dominant position unchallenged. His "Woman Without a Shadow" is easily the most important new work of the year. In the provinces, however, the son of Richard Wagner, Siegfried Wagner, has scored a sensational success with the first performance of his new opera, "Sun Flames." Loss famous operatic composers and brand-new talent are finding it easier to get a try-out under the republic.

The revolution has not affected the German love for good music. If anything, it has served to stimulate concerts and concert-going. Berlin has literally been suffering from a concert fever under the republic. Despite coal shortage and cold halls, the flood of music shows no signs of abating. Three and four musical events of the very first magnitude frequently take place on one and the same day.

### Higher Milk Standard Proposed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—An ordinance drafted by a conference of milk producers and retailers, now pending before the city council, requires the pasteurization of all milk delivered within the city after May 1. Dairy men claim the ordinance will raise the standard without increasing the price. While the measure, as drafted, bars all except pasteurized milk, producers state that

certified milk will not be affected. The council has deferred action.

According to experiments made at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, an average of about six quarts of alcohol can be obtained from each 100 pounds of seaweed.

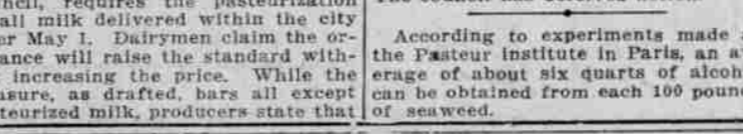


## BLIND HUSBANDS

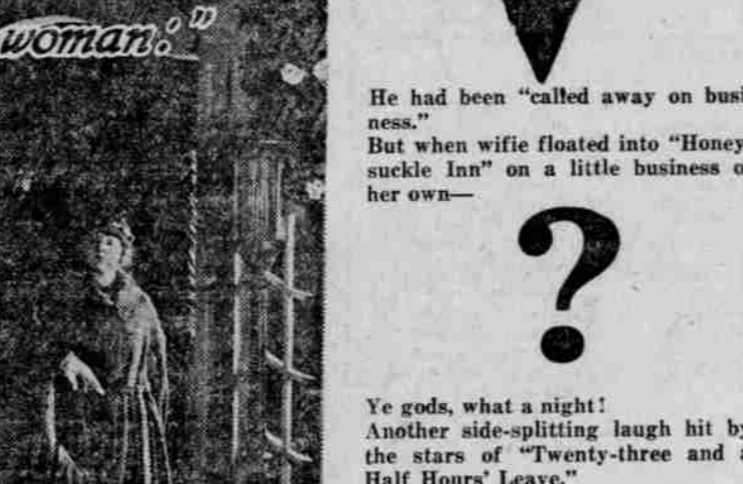
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