



## IRRIGATION FIGHT IS TONIGHT'S CARD

### Round One to Be Fought at Committee Hearing.

## CUPPER'S WORK IS ATTACKED

### Resolution Demands Thorough Investigation of Deals.

## LOSSES ARE RUMORED

### State Paying Interest on Bonds That Are Not Yet Needed, Say Some Irrigationists.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Irrigation is coming to the front and the clashing interests of irrigationists, bond houses, banks, promoters and contractors will meet tomorrow night before the joint committee. It promises to be one of the most hotly fought of the season, for the lobby is now filled with bond brokers, representatives of banks and contractors and of the water men of the arid region of Oregon. Supporters of the irrigation bills will not discuss them in the meeting, but will reserve their dynamite for the floor of the house.

Before the legislature convened, there was a prediction of an irrigation row and although it has been slow in developing, it will make up for lost time by its intensity. Apparently the storm is centering around Percy Cupper, state engineer, for if certain plans are carried out, Cupper will be relieved from this position and made clerk of the desert land board, and a member of the state water board, where his knowledge of water will not be lost, and his compensation can be increased.

## Investigation Is Wanted.

As a sort of preliminary to the public hearing tomorrow night, Representative Gallagher introduced a resolution today calling for an investigation of all irrigation transactions in Oregon and all contemplated, with a committee empowered to subpoena and swear witnesses.

Two factions are arrayed in the irrigation war. Each faction is composed of different elements, but it happens to be the bone of contention. One faction argues that the irrigation work is not being carried on as it should be and demands the shifting of State Engineer Cupper from that position to clerk of the desert land board, and the appointment of him with some more experienced engineer, who shall be a consulting engineer on all irrigation projects. Against this argument is one advanced by some irrigationists that Engineer Cupper fills the requirements and that it is impossible to obtain the services of the kind of engineer the anti-Cupper people are demanding.

The Gallagher resolution is intended to get at the meat of the irrigation situation, and supporters of the resolution contend that it can be used to prevent a vast amount of trouble in the future and that it will disclose some unbusinesslike methods in the past. The friends of Cupper, for their part, interpose no objection to the resolution, believing that it will be a boomerang on its instigators.

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### PERIOD OF REST AND QUIET AFTER MARCH 4 DESIRED.

Invitations to Spend Part of Summer Received, but Probably Will Be Declined.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson plans to go into virtual seclusion for a time after March 4. Free from the responsibilities of office, which have weighed heavily upon him during his convalescence, Mr. Wilson, his friends say, will shut himself in for intensive rest and quiet in his new home.

He will deny himself to all callers except immediate members of his family, it is said, and a few intimate friends. No formal engagements are expected to be made by the president until he shall have adjusted himself to private life after some ten years in public service.

Even the writing he has planned will be postponed several months, his friends say. Mr. Wilson is understood to have received invitations to spend part of the summer out of Washington, but because of his delight with the weather here last summer it is regarded as unlikely that he will accept.

For possibly six months, his friends believe, his life will be taken up with recreation. His chief diversion since his illness has been reading. He is said to have practically exhausted the field of detective stories, and more recently has taken up novels and light stories. He also has given some time to reading political and historical works and poetry.

## EGG PRICES GOING DOWN

### Best Selling at 35 Cents, Wholesale, in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—Best eggs sold at wholesale here today for 35 cents a dozen.

This was a decline of 5 cents since Saturday and 22 cents in the last fortnight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The skirmish with the high cost of living swung in favor of the consumer in San Francisco today when the price of fresh eggs experienced another sharp decline on the local wholesale dairy produce exchange.

Fresh extras dropped from 40 cents to 35 1/2 cents for the first time since March, 1918. Other grades tumbled accordingly.

## DANIELS DEFIES BOMBER

### Intrepid Secretary Ready for Aircraft Battleship Fight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—A conditional challenge for an airplane battleship duel with Brigadier-General Mitchell, chief of army air operations, piloting the bomber and Secretary Daniels navigating the battleship, was issued by Mr. Daniels today, commenting on the controversy raised by General Mitchell's assertion that aircraft have made dreadnaughts worthless.

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### Leaders Eager to Regain Lost Prestige.

## INACTION STUMBLING BLOCK

### Procrastination Practiced in Plain Sight of Public.

## POPULAR BILLS PUT OFF

### Example Noted in Immigration Settled by House in 7 Days and Held Up by Senators 8 Weeks.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.  
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Leaders in the senate are eager for the restoration of that body to the good graces of the public. They want to get back for themselves the prestige and leadership which left them and went to the White House, partly as a necessary incident of the war, partly because of 15 years of big and aggressive personality in the White House in the persons of Wilson and Roosevelt. This wish is close allied with immigration, and frequently to the senate's heart, and frequently in private conversations, speaking with candor and unselfishly, they are able to make an appealing argument from a public point of view why this should happen.

But the disposition of the senate to take advantage of its impersonality and anonymity, its proneness to procrastinate in the plain sight of the public, its tendency to dispose of popular measures not by decision but by inaction, are illustrated by the course of a typical bill in the present session.

## Popular Measures Delayed.

When the session began there were two projects which had some degree of popular pressure behind them. One was the relief of business by revival of the war finance corporation, the other was the restriction of immigration.

The popular demand for restriction of immigration met with prompt and effective response on the part of the house. In that body the immigration restriction measure was introduced on the opening day, December 6, was debated on December 9 and 10, and passed on December 12, all within exactly one week.

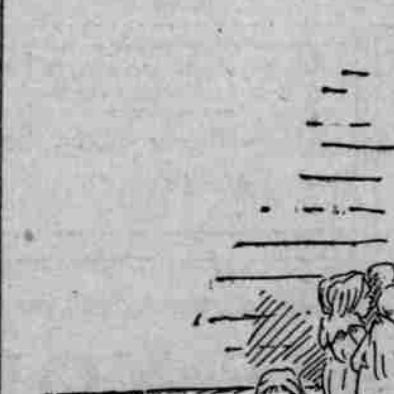
The vote on the bill showed how popular the measure was, how little the public, its tendency to dispose of popular measures not by decision but by inaction, are illustrated by the course of a typical bill in the present session.

## PERHAPS YOU DO NOT REALIZE WHAT IT MEANS.

WE CONTRIBUTED ALL I'M GOING TO THE RELIEF FUNDS - I'M TIRED OF GIVING



## RELIEF STATION CLOSED



## TENURE LEGISLATION MAY WAIT UNTIL 1923

### MULTNOMAH DELEGATES VOTE FOR INVESTIGATION.

Committee of Two Senators and Three Representatives to Prepare Report Favored.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—After several hours' discussion of the teachers' tenure issue, which at times bordered on warlike debate, the majority of the Multnomah delegation voted to recommend Senator Hume's concurrent resolution which provides that a joint committee composed of two senators and three representatives investigate the subject and report to the legislature in 1923.

This recommendation will go to the legislature with 12 members of the delegation in favor and 7 opposing the measure.

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The latest eruption was said by observers to be three times the volume of the eruption of 1918. Smoke was rolling off to the south in great billows.

## GOTHAM SIGNS SOPRANO

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### SCHOOLS MUST BE CLEANED OUT, SAYS LEGIONNAIRE.

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Agitation against the street corner speaker, Mr. Ryan said, "is useless while school children are being taught by disloyal teachers."

Mr. Ryan announced that a meeting of representatives of all organizations doing Americanization work would be held in Washington March 16 for the purpose of consolidating all such work.

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