

### PRESIDENT VICTOR IN NAVAL DISPUTE

House Passes Bill Providing for 86,000 Enlisted Men.

### 90 REPUBLICANS REBEL

Administration Forces Are Aided by 48 Democrats in Putting Over Increased Personnel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—By the margin of 71 votes the house tonight broke away from its own leadership, stood behind the president and passed the 1922 navy appropriation bill with an amendment fixing the enlisted personnel at 86,000.

The vote on the McArthur-Vare amendment, the big point in dispute, which increased the navy from 87,000, as provided in the bill, to 86,000, was 221 to 184, with two members answering present. Ninety republicans voted against the 86,000 amendment, while 48 democrats supported it.

There was no great shout at the finish like that which filled the chamber a week ago when the same proposal was put through the house, sitting in committee of the whole, by a margin of 47 votes. The galleries sitting half deserted, made no attempt at a demonstration.

With the fighting section out of the way, the bill was put on its passage and went through, 239 to 78. An amended measure carried a total of 125,188,000, or \$13,000,000 more than the total fixed by the appropriations committee which framed it. It goes now to the senate with the charge of chairman Kelley of the naval appropriations sub-committee that many millions will be added and to which the house would have been asked to add "had not the big navy men changed front at the last."

As compared with the 50 republicans who voted against the amendment, 113 republicans voted for it, while 16 others were paired for H. Against the 48 democrats who voted for the amendment, 57 democrats voted against it, while 14 others were paired against it.

Except on two occasions today the bill sailed along through untroubled seas. Once, however, chairman Kelley broke loose in what members characterized as a "vicious attack on the navy-yard combination," charging that despite the arms conference there were still 100,000 men in the yard and naval project districts for more money than was carried in the bill.

House Throws Into Turmoil. Starting in the Massachusetts village of Squantum, where destroyers were built during the war, Mr. Kelley, in a picture of "the plea for more," jumped across the floor, and with his armor plate factory, to the south Atlantic coast, across to New Orleans and then to California and up the west coast. The house was in a turmoil as he declared that everywhere the feeling seemed to be that the purpose of the arms conference was to build up and provide more work for the government plants.

cial)—Owing to the lateness of the season, the feed situation is causing much worry to the dairymen, as the grass has made but little growth this year. There is such a great demand for hay the dairymen with large herds of dairy stock can obtain sufficient hay to last only from day to day. Usually at this season of the year there is sufficient grass without feeding hay.

### AMMUNITION KILLS MANY

Dump at Monastir Explodes and Much Damage Is Done.

BELGRADE, Jugo-Slavia, April 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—A terrific explosion occurred today at Monastir in the southern part of old Serbia when an ammunition dump blew up. The railroad station was destroyed and enormous damage otherwise done by the blast.

### MOTHER-BEATER PLAYED

Parent Tells Court Son Is Brutal in Revenge for Whippings.

CHICAGO, April 18.—"He beats me because I beat him when he was little," Mrs. Pauline Pithowitz testified in court today against her son George, 21 years old. "You didn't beat him half enough," said Judge Buged, and fined the son \$200.

### ROAD CONTRACTS ARE LET

(Continued From First Page.) Chief Engineer Nunn to have a rough survey made of the uncompleted portions of the Roosevelt highway with an estimate of what it will cost to complete this coast road. The survey will require most of the spring and summer.

It is probable that the commission will select the location for the Roosevelt highway in a section of Tillamook county. The location now runs from Miami to Wheeler, which goes through a somewhat desolate region. There has been an urgent demand on the commission to relocate along the beaches from Miami, through Garibaldi, Bay Ocean, Salt Air, Elmore Park, Rockaway, Laka Lytle and Maratan to Brighton. The road through those resorts would serve the big summer travel along the beaches. Tillamook county offers to co-operate on rocking or grading in any manner which the commission favors if the change is made. The county is committed to building a road along the beach in any event and has voted bonds for the purpose.

State to Sell Bonds. For the May meeting the commission contemplates ordering advertised the paving of the West Side highway from Monmouth south; the Hickreal-Holmes Gap section and the Harrisburg-Halsey section of the Pacific highway.

County bonds held by the state, it was decided, will be sold in the near future. These consist of \$31,000 of Clackamas county, \$4,000 of Douglas county and \$6000 of city of Rainier. The secretary was instructed to buy cement for the Amity-McMinnville job from the Onwego plant and for Galesville-Canyonville and Scio mountains from the Beaver cement plant at Gold Hill.

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Denby Letter Causes Clash. The other clash developed when Mr. Kelley presented a letter received today from Secretary Denby, in reply to one for information, in which it was stated that the added cost to the bill, through increasing the enlisted force by 19,000 men, would be around \$40,000,000. Copies of the letter had been received meanwhile by Representative Rogers, republican, Massachusetts, and others, which was brought out on the floor, and while Mr. Kelley was proceeding to discuss the figures, and after he had announced he would read the letter, republicans shouted wildly to him to go ahead and read it.

Mr. Denby's increases included: Engineering, \$4,781,000; construction and repair, \$4,441,000; ordnance, \$1,200,000; supplies and accounts, \$500,000; fuel and transportation, \$5,834,000, and yards and docks, \$1,150,000. Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee declared that the cost of the increase would reach \$60,000,000 and Chairman Kelley asserted it would run beyond \$70,000,000. No rollcall was demanded on the Swing amendment, increasing from approximately \$15,000,000 to \$12,000,000 the pay of officers and men. Satisfied that they had the votes to win, leaders in the fight for the bigger personnel decided to stay out of the debate. Representatives Rogers, Longworth, McArthur, Vare and others on the republican side, and Representative Gallivan, Massachusetts, leading the democrats for the amendment, counted noses at 2 o'clock and found that their poll still stood above 48 majority.

### EXPORT OF LIQUOR TO PROVINCE HALTED

Washington Officials Act to Prevent Smuggling.

### SPECIAL COURT WANTED

Investigator Expresses View That British Columbia Will Be "Bone Dry" Within Three Years.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 19.—One source of supply of bootleggers in Washington state has been successfully plugged up, United States District Attorney Revelle of Seattle reported to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes today.

In co-operation with government officials of British Columbia," Mr. Revelle said, "we ascertained that American whiskey is not used in that country for mechanical purposes, and upon such information State Prohibition Director Lytle has declined approval of liquor exportations into British Columbia, shipped by American distilleries. In one instance a shipment of three carloads of liquor from a Kentucky distillery was stopped.

"The purpose of such shipments was for illegal diversion, that is, smuggling back into this country. In closing the source of supply we had most helpful co-operation on the part of British Columbia officials, and with their co-operation are making much progress in curtailing smuggling of Canadian liquor."

Special Courts Suggested. Mr. Revelle among other recommendations, suggested legislation for the creation of lesser federal courts to handle misdemeanors. "Such courts," he said, "would expedite liquor cases and prompt action would be most helpful."

The necessity for such courts to relieve the congestion in the present federal courts by reason of violation law violations was suggested some time ago by ex-United States Senator Turner of Spokane in a letter to Senator Poindexter. Acting upon Senator Turner's suggestion, Senator Poindexter is now formulating legislation to the end proposed.

Coincident with Attorney Revelle's personal report, Director Lytle reported that after an exhaustive personal investigation of British Columbia conditions, he is of the opinion that the province will be "bone dry" within two or three years, which will complete the process of drying up large sources of supply.

Dry Province Expected. "Liquor dealers themselves, particularly what are termed the export houses, are in a large measure responsible for the growing sentiment against the present form of liquor regulation in Canada," said Director Lytle.

"While the control of liquor by the provincial government has been the former evil in some ways it has not proved as entire success. The system is really on trial as its proponents are well aware, and many are found who are willing to admit that it is not working any too well. I found a surprising number of officials and leading private citizens who are in favor of a bone dry law. This sentiment is increasing and I expect to see British Columbia go dry inside of the next two or three years at most."

In support of his prediction, Mr. Lytle pointed out that British Columbia and Quebec are the only two provinces in Canada that have not, already done away with the legalized liquor business.

Claims Hearing Announced. THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 19.—Hearings will be held by the claims commission of the shipping board Thursday on the war claims of the Standifer Construction company, Vancouver, Wash., on claims aggregating \$2,291,735.

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Civil suits involving valuable property were delayed through the disappearance of records. Finally when exhibit "A" in a murder trial was eaten, and the prisoner had to be liberated for lack of evidence, the authorities decided it was time to take action.

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