

WASHTON TAX COMMISSION GOES

Original Measure Modified, Allowing Public Service Board to Value Railroads.

GOVERNOR'S VIEW LACKS

Fight of Senator Metcalf for Primary Blanket Ballot Starts Fuss and Senator Groff Forces Reconsideration.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Abolition of the Washington State Tax Commission finally was accomplished today, insofar as both houses agreed to a complete revision of the McArdle bill, which has been held in the Senate rules committee, pending the outcome of the fight over the other members of the McArdle trio.

The Tax Commission bill, as passed by the House originally, provided for the transfer of the public service duties to Land Commissioner Savidge, a Republican elective official. As revised and passed by both houses today, the measure gives inheritance tax, liquor license and other collection work to Secretary of State Howell, Republican, and passes the railroad valuation and similar work to the Public Service Commission, appointed by Governor Lister.

Two cases contributed to this radical change. One was that it appeared doubtful whether a two-thirds vote could be gained in the Senate for the original McArdle measure. Senators doubting the wisdom of abolishing the tax commission joined with the Governor. Land Commissioner Savidge is reported also as having decided he did not desire the responsibilities of the commission, appointed by Governor Lister.

What Governor Lister will do with the amended measure is uncertain. He said today he would welcome advice from persons interested in taxation matters, before finally determining whether to sign or veto the bill.

The Whitney bill for county and state political conventions, and to compel support by each political party platform, a Republican party measure, was plucked from what seemed certain defeat in the Senate today and finally passed, but not until after the anti-second choice vote provision had been eliminated. Under the Senate rules the second choice vote repeal proposal cannot be considered again at this session.

Revolt Almost Precipitated.

The fight of Senator Metcalf for some form of blanket primary ballot, so that a vote at the polls would be completed to call for a party ticket, caused one of the most violent scenes in the Senate and nearly defeated the entire bill. Senator Groff essayed to read out of the Republican party any Senator favoring this proposal and roused the ire of other members by calling them political cowards. Senator Lanyon, Progressive, became roiled, replied in kind, and the fight became general. Mr. Metcalf finally carried his amendment, and the bill passed.

Total Legislation in Bills.

Summary of legislation in the 41 days of this session of the Washington Legislature has passed 18 bills through both houses, of which six have been signed by the Governor and two have become laws by passage over his veto. Measures passed by both houses are: Senate bills Nos. 1, appropriating \$30,000 for legislative printing; 2, appropriating \$24,000 for drainage districts; 4, allowing sale of destroyed county property; 8, reappropriating \$34,000 for Cheney Normal School; 9, legalizing overdrafts in state funds; 10, allowing court review of cancellation of insurance agents' licenses; 15, providing for revision of National Guard property. House bills, Nos. 25, allowing purchasers of state lands outside to perfect titles; 45, relieving Pierce County precinct lines; 53, abolishing State Tax Commission; 54, reorganizing State Land Board; 55, reorganizing Board of Equalization; 59, allowing abbreviation of code references; 65, authorizing town support of libraries; 66, allowing cities to accept lands outside their borders; 76, prohibiting juggling of city funds; 119, universal four-year registration law.

646 Bills Introduced.

Of these Senate bills, 1, 2, 40 and 53 and House bills 29 and 59 have been signed by the Governor and House bills 4 and 55 vetoed and repassed over the veto. In addition the Senate has passed 62 Senate bills and killed four and the House has passed 62 House bills and killed 11.

There have been 385 bills introduced by the Senate and 241 by the House. Protests of Columbia River legislators that they were unfairly treated when a joint sub-committee of 14 men was named to distribute the \$2,000,000 public highway fund have resulted in the addition of two members of the original sub-committee in Representative Ely, of Skamania, to be the sole representative of the Columbia River counties, and Senator McCoy, of Whitman, who threatened to revolt on account of an Eastern Washington road fight.

Technical purposes, not for human consumption, is not regarded in itself as a profitable business but as a necessary factor in general farming.

The distilleries provide a market for Germany's enormous potato crop, which in turn has made possible the profitable cultivation of large tracts of light sandy soil in the east. The spent mash again is returned to the farmers from the distilleries and used as feed for cattle which furnish manure for the enrichment of the soil. On account of the pressure of the population and the desire to cultivate as large an acreage as possible, German farmers have not been raising as much live stock as would be good agricultural practice, and anything that tends to stimulate them in this direction is regarded as most desirable.

Approximately 6000 agricultural potato distilleries are now in operation in the German Empire. Many of these are co-operative distilleries in which it is interesting to note that the co-operators do not hold shares having

CHARGE OF SHIPPING SUBMARINES MADE

Germany and Austria-Hungary Complain and Bryan Promises to Investigate.

VIOLATIONS NOT KNOWN

Two Concerns Filling Contracts Entered Into Before War, but No Evidence of Early Delivery Has Been Obtained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Renewed complaints were made today to the German and the Austro-Hungarian embassies that submarines were being built in the United States for shipment to Canada for reshipment to England. Secretary Bryan promised an official investigation.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company and owner of the Union Iron Works, is said to have canceled similar contracts with the British government several months ago after a conference with Secretary Bryan on the theory that they constituted a violation of the neutrality laws.

Work Reported in Progress.

Naval officers detailed at various private yards under contract for the United States Government are executed recently reported to Secretary Daniels that the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, and the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass., were building 10 submarines each in addition to those they have under construction for the United States. It was said these had been contracted for by Great Britain before the outbreak of hostilities, and could not be delivered until the war had closed.

The inspectors reported that none of these boats could be completed for several months, and that none of their component parts have been shipped by the builders.

Delivery to Be Opposed.

So far as the officials here know, no breach of the agreement between Mr. Schwab and the Government is contemplated, but it was made evident that, notwithstanding the legal opinion secured by the steel company affirming its right to ship parts of vessels to belligerent countries, the Government will not permit this to be done without appealing to the Supreme Court, if the courts are invoked by the shipbuilders.

DELIVERIES TO BE DELAYED

Fore River Plant Working on Contracts Made Before War.

QUINCY, Mass., Feb. 20.—It was said at the offices of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company today that there was nothing to be said regarding the complaint of Germany and Austria-Hungary that parts of submarines were being made in New England for Great Britain.

It has been understood locally that 10 submarines were under construction here for a foreign government, but that no attempt would be made to deliver them until after the close of the war. The matter was investigated by Government officials in November, at which time President Powell admitted that contracts had been made in January. It was said unofficially that the contracts were being carried out with the understanding that the boats would remain in the yard until the close of the war.

It is known that no shipments of completed submarines have been made from here since hostilities began.

WOMAN IS SLATED FOR SECRETARY OF MOTION PICTURE CENSORSHIP BOARD.

Mrs. Elmer B. Colwell.

Although Mayor Albee has said he will not make the appointment of a secretary to the motion-picture censorship board, created in an ordinance passed by the City Council Friday, until the ordinance, as passed, goes into effect March 21, it is said that Mrs. Elmer B. Colwell will get the place. She is now chairman of the voluntary censorship board, which has had unofficial jurisdiction over motion pictures for several years past.

Mrs. Colwell is the widow of the late Elmer B. Colwell. She first entered the motion-picture censorship work nearly five years ago, at which time she was selected as the representative of the voluntary censorship board formed by various welfare organizations.

a certain money value, but possess the privilege of calling daily for a certain quantity of spent mash. To the potato crop itself an eighth of the arable land in the German Empire is now devoted, and the production is enormous.

In some instances, crops of more than 235 bushels an acre have been harvested, while yields of 300 to 375 bushels are quite common. Although such yields are produced only under favorable circumstances, it seems obvious that the total yields can be increased considerably if new uses for alcohol can be discovered to create the necessary demand. At present in the eastern provinces it is the price of spirits that regulates the price of potatoes.

USE AMERICAN-MADE GUNS

Seattle Thinks Pennsylvania War Material Now in Russia's Hands.

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—The new heavy artillery with which the Russians are bombarding Braunschweig with telling results is supposed to be of American manufacture, shipped from Pennsylvania to Vancouver, thence by steamer to Vladivostok and by rail across Siberia and to Poland.

When the war broke out the Russians were deficient in long-range guns. French manufacturers had received orders, but shipment to Russia was impossible. Directly from Japan reported the Tokio government had sold guns to Russia. Large orders were placed in the United States. Two steamships have carried guns from Vancouver to Vladivostok and a third large consignment is on the wharf at Vancouver, waiting for a ship. "These cannons are said to outrage most of those now used in Europe."

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ALCOHOL BIG UNIT OF FARM

Germany Has 5000 Agricultural Potato Distilleries Busy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The importance that alcohol distilleries may assume in scientific agriculture is pointed out in a recent professional paper published by the United States Department of Agriculture under the title of "Agriculture and Alcohol Studies of Its Manufacture in Germany." The results of the author's study indicate that the manufacture of alcohol for

CESSION TO ITALY URGED

German Editor Advises Austria to Revise Boundary.

CANADA TO MAKE PLANES

Ottawa Announces That Manufacturing Starts in Few Weeks.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, in a leading article today, suggests that Austria should make territorial concessions to Italy to insure the latter's neutrality, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company. The paper is quoted as saying:

"It is not conceivable that the correction of the frontier should in any way be prejudicial to the position of Austria-Hungary as a great power, seeing that she has recently so brilliantly displayed her strength against mighty Russia."

The article suggests the holding of a conference by Germany, Austria and Italy to discuss their grievances.

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John Krityz, arrested in Joliet, Ill., for passing counterfeit dollars, confessed, according to the Secret Service officials, that he was the agent for a bogus mint located in Chicago. When arrested he had 31 counterfeit dollars in his possession.

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"OFFICIAL BATH" TAKEN

BRITISH SOLDIER TELLS OF WELCOME EXPERIENCE.

Men Who Have Seen Neither Soap or Warm Water for Weeks Are Put Through Scrubbing Wholesale.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A description of the soldier's monthly "official bath" is sent from the front by a member of a London Scottish regiment.

"Yesterday we had a novel experience," he says. "As none of us had seen soap or warm water for over five weeks we were ordered to take an official bath. We were taken to a town in the rear of our lines and escorted to a large building, where facilities had been arranged for the purpose. In the first room we were numbered off into squads of 10 men or so. In a second room we emptied our pockets and laid aside our boots, bonnets, puttees and sporrans. In a third room we threw the rest of our clothes into a heap and then made a double, quick to the showers. There were two men to each shower, and we were allowed 10 minutes under the hot water with a generous supply of laundry soap.

"At the end of our 10 minutes we hurried on to a dressing-room, where an attendant gave us anything we wanted in the way of brand-new underwear, shirts and socks, while on hooks at one side were our clothes, which had been thoroughly fumigated. "After we had got back our bonnets, boots and other property, we were ushered into a room where a squad of barbers awaited us. When they were through, we marched, spick and span again into a tearoom for tea and cigarettes. Could anything be better arranged?"

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