

HOUSE BILLS CLEAN

No Signs of Graft Have Yet Come to Light Among Measures.

IMPORTANT BANKING BILL

Measure for Relief of Car Shortage—New Text Book Law—Provision for Increased Poll Tax—Many Other Bills.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—The number of bills introduced clearly shows this is to be a busy session. Last session 377 bills were introduced in the House and about 5 were passed. Already there have been introduced in the House 112 bills, or nearly a third bills so far and the usual routine bills legislature, and more than twice the number passed during the entire session.

There are practically no measures for private relief, no suggestion of graft is apparent in any of the House bills so far; the usual routine bills have been cut to the minimum. Some of the important measures introduced today follow:

By Eaton of Lane, increasing the annual appropriation for the State University to \$125,000 and providing that if a less amount is appropriated by any legislature the surplus shall be available for the future needs of the school.

By B. F. Jones of Polk-Lincoln, providing that any one demanding cars from a railroad corporation shall get these cars in five days if less than ten are asked or in ten days if from 10 to 5 cars are asked, and in 20 days, if more than 50 are asked; provided that the shipper has freight on a line of the company sufficient to utilize all the cars demanded and that the company has cars in its equipment of the sort demanded. This bill is exhaustive in its attempts to remedy the car shortage conditions and works both ways. It provides heavy penalties for the shipper who takes more than 48 hours to load his cars or for the consignee who takes more than six days to unload his cars, or for that company that does not supply cars on time, does not ship them directly and quickly, and does not give them according to the priority of demand among the shippers.

Burns of Multnomah has introduced a pure-food bill closely patterned after the Congressional act recently effective, that provides for labeling of all adulterated, colored or dangerous drugs, foods, condiments or anything else that is supposed to enter the human stomach.

Beals of Tillamook has a bill providing that the state shall receive 10 per cent of all county, city and town liquor licenses. Mr. Beals is a Prohibitionist from a prohibition county, and designed the law to discourage the licensing of saloons by small towns on the plea of revenue.

J. W. Beveridge of Multnomah has a free textbook law that is different from Eastern or other proposed free school-book measures. His bill provides that any school board may call an election of the district voters and have a vote taken on the book question, and if a majority with not less than 50 voting, favor free books, the board may levy a special district tax and buy books and supplies for the children of the district. The bill is different, as it places the matter in the hands of each district, and prevents the use of other local or state school funds.

Beals of Tillamook would increase the polltax from \$3 to \$4 a year and make the road supervisor in each district collect the tax in cash, not in work. Other members would abolish the poll tax and increase the other sources of revenue for the improvement of roads.

A most important banking bill has been introduced by Washburn of Lane and passed to the second reading. The bill provides for the loaning of current state funds by the state treasurer to any state or national bank with more than \$25,000 capital, provided the bank applies for the loan and secures it with bonds or cash securities. If bonds are provided 50 per cent of their value may be loaned the bank; if securities, the cash value may be loaned by the state treasurer. The state shall receive not less than 2 per cent per annum on these accounts, the interest to be computed on the monthly balances which each bank is to report. The rate may be higher, but not less than 2 per cent. It will be fixed each May by the governor,

treasurer and attorney-general. All state deposits in banks shall be subject to payment on treasurer's order, and all current funds in the treasurer's hands shall be banked if there is a demand. The amount loaned any bank will be determined by the ratio the bank's securities bears to the total amount of securities the rest of the state banks have placed in the hands of the treasurer as security for loans. The bill provides for the payment of this interest to the state, and makes it a felony for the treasurer to profit by the loan of any state money.

This bill, or one similar, was to have been passed last session, when the legislature put the state treasurer on a salary of \$4,500 a year and planned to cut off the profit from interests on state funds, but while the treasurer's salary was boosted from \$800 a year to \$4,500 the banking bill did not pass, and the treasurer has since had a double salary and vied with the state printer in the amount of his revenue.

KINGSTON IS SINKING.

Ill Fated Island City May Slip Into the Sea.

According to information received today the Kingston horror is growing. Communication has been partially restored and every message brings fresh details of the appalling affair. The number of dead is estimated at from 500 to 1,200, and the number of injured at thousands, while tens of thousands are homeless. Danger of famine is increasing and stalking with it is the spectre of pestilence. The business section of the city is wiped out and estimates of the damage range from ten millions to twenty-five millions. Among the dead and injured are a number of prominent English persons. Eight Americans are missing and it is said many tourists undoubtedly were crushed by falling walls in the shipping district.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Jan. 17.—Wireless messages received here today say Kingston is gradually sinking, that many holes and cracks hundreds of feet deep were formed by the earthquake and grave fears are felt lest the entire city slip into the bay.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—It is now known that the death list from the Kingston earthquake will certainly exceed five hundred and may even reach 1,000, and that large numbers have been incapacitated by injuries. The city is a heap of ruins. According to further dispatches received from Jamaica, dated Thursday, the total list of dead is expected to reach 1,000. Many bodies in a state of decomposition or charred beyond recognition had to be buried. Plum Point and Port Royal light-houses are both at the bottom of the harbor. The navigation channel is materially changed and in some places the depth of the harbor has been altered by from forty to sixty feet.

KINGSTON, Jan. 17.—Thousands of persons were killed in the earthquake and the dead bodies are being taken from the debris by hundreds. The whole town is in ruins and the greater portion is still smoldering ashes. A smell of burnt flesh pervades the air. The cable line from Kingston is broken and your correspondent had to go forty miles to Holland Bay to file this message. The earthquake came as a sudden oscillation, not from any particular direction, but up and down.

Thousands of persons were on the streets at the time and great numbers of them were crushed. Many Americans were killed and have been buried.

The military suffered severely. In the burning of the hospital camp a number were killed. Major Hardyman and Lieutenant Leader are dead. Col.

Hay and Major Lawrenson are seriously injured. Part of the town of Port Royal has sunk and two are drowned. In several places the water is spouting through the debris. A tidal wave has inundated Anotta Bay, washing out many houses. Richmond was damaged by the earthquake and subsequently destroyed by fire. It is reported from Anotta Bay that the crater of an extinct volcano is emitting flames and it is thought the earthquake originated there. The body of Sir James Ferguson was found and buried today.

EPIDEMIC IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Scarlet fever is epidemic in Evanston, well nigh so in Oak Park, serious in several north shore towns, and a source of concern to the Chicago health authorities. Chicago's total of 107 contagious diseases reported yesterday, 65 of them scarlet fever, is the largest for one day for several years. At present there are several thousand cases in the city and its environs.



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BAR, BAY AND RIVER

British Ship Halewood to Leave Out Today.

STEAMER KILBURN MAKES TRIP

Alliance Fails to Make the Run to Portland—No Kamm Boat Down—Fleet Crosses Out—Arragonia in From the Orient.

During these days of icy adolescence the office of the Bar Pilots' Association is a great rendezvous for all the weather-bound mariners, inward, upward and outward-bound, and the gale of talk is unabated, and of the sea salty. There is a freshness and vigor about the yarns that fly to and fro around that habitat, that makes the landsman's hair tingle at times as though it was on the verge of a rise, and if he stowed away all he hears there in the course of an hour's visit, he would have the swell-head trying to accommodate it. But it is the place for marine items par excellence.

The steamer Alliance made an attempt to go to Portland yesterday morning on a hawser strung from the steamship Roanoke, but by the time she got around Tongue Point and opposite Altoona, the ice was making such inroads in her wooden sides as to necessitate her immediate return to her dock here, and here she lies, awaiting orders from San Francisco.

The captain of the steamer F. A. Kilburn yesterday appeared at the custom house and withdrew his clearance for Portland, made on Thursday, and took out new papers for Eureka, going south that far for freight and passengers, to fill in the time he might have to wait for the river to open to the metropolis, a stroke of business likely to pay him well.

There is nothing doing in the Kamm fleet so far as the Astoria-Portland run is concerned, nor were there any orders on file at the company's office here yesterday in relation to a resumption. If the bad weather continues much longer the Lurline will be the first boat appearing here in this service.

The steamer Oklahama made it down from Portland all right with a big load of local freight and returned to the metropolis yesterday morning in the wake of the steamship Roanoke, and got in in good time yesterday evening.

The steamer Nome City arrived down from Portland yesterday morning and went to a berth at the Kinney dock. She will lay here until the stress permits her crossing out to San Francisco.

The British ship Halewood will leave out today for Tacoma, on the haw-

seers of the bar tug Tatoosh, her new sails having arrived from Portland. Captain Brew has made many friends in this port who will be glad to see him and his fine vessel again.

The big liner Arragonia from the Orient crossed in yesterday at 11 a. m., and went on immediately to Portland, under the pilotage of Captain Archie Pease.

Captain W. E. Smith, formerly of the customs steamer Patrol, has been promoted to the staff of customs inspectors at the federal office in this city.

The Meteor went down yesterday afternoon and crossed out on the flood for San Francisco, with her big load of lumber.

The Japanese steamship Goto Maru made it over the bar all right yesterday on her way to the Land of Carnations.

The steamship Aztec left down at noon yesterday, and later crossed out for San Francisco.

Notice to Mariners.

Washington—Beacon 2 Light, page 32, No. 109 (List of Lights, Buoys, and Daymarks, Pacific Coast, 1906, page 56.)—Located on the southeasterly side of the channel of the Columbia River, Wash., in 6 feet of water, and about 2 3/8 miles above Tongue Point, Oregon. The structure from which this light was shown, carried away and the light extinguished January 15, will be rebuilt and the light relighted as soon as practicable.

Alaska—Saginaw Channel, page 94: Favorite Reef Buoy, 2, a red first-class nun, reported about 1/2 mile north of its position, December 26, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

WRECK IN WASHINGTON.

Seattle Local Strikes Train on Siding, Killing Two.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 17.—The switchman in the Great Northern yards was killed and Engineer Scott of the south bound Owl train seriously and perhaps fatally injured in an accident at 3 o'clock this morning.

An open switch at the west end of the yards caused the Owl train to take the siding and plunge into the local passenger train from Seattle, wrecking both engines. The Owl was slowing up for the depot, and was going at a speed of about twenty miles an hour. Its passengers were considerably shaken up, but none are reported injured.

The name of the watchman, who was in the cab of the local engine at the time of the accident, was not learned. Engineer Scott was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

OHIO FLOODS.

Drives Thousands of Persons Along Banks from Their Homes.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17.—Thousands of people along the Ohio river are homeless, on account of the prevailing high water. Indications point to a stage of at least 55 feet for the river in this city, making the greatest flood since 1884.

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