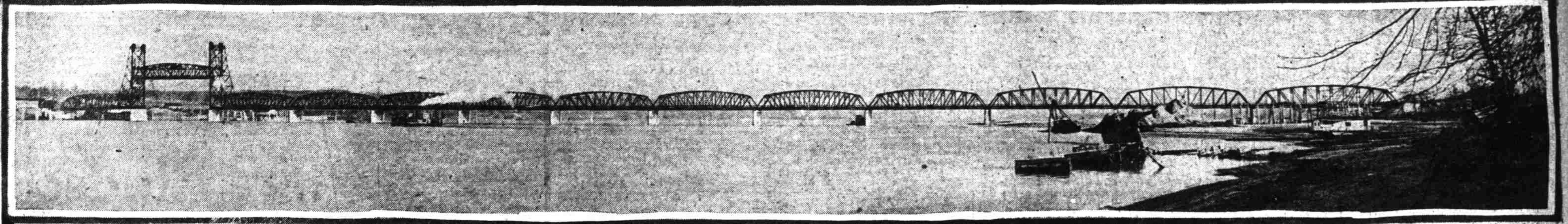




INTERSTATE BRIDGE SPANNING COLUMBIA RIVER AND CONNECTING OREGON AND WASHINGTON THROWN OPEN AND DEDICATED TODAY—The great structure built by the people of Clarke county, Washington, and Multnomah county, Oregon, to facilitate traffic between the two states and form a connecting link in the Pacific highway, is opened with elaborate ceremonies. General view (above) of the bridge over the main channel of the Columbia. This section contains 14 spans and is 3530 feet long. Structure is really three bridges, with total length of 17,300 feet. Consists of main bridge over Columbia, bridge over Columbia slough and bridge over Oregon slough. Cost \$1,750,000, of which Clarke county paid \$500,000 and Multnomah county \$1,250,000. Total weight of steel in structure, 16,696,000 pounds. Looking length of bridge (below) and little girls who drew the ribbons to part the dividing rope between Oregon and Washington. Eleanor Holman (left) and Helen Kiggins (right).



AMERICANS IN BRUSSELS ARE HELD CAPTIVES

Special Attache of Berlin Embassy Brings Report to Switzerland After Series of Trying Experiences.

By Carl W. Ackerman.
Accompanying Ambassador Gerard, Bern, Feb. 14. (U. P.)—German authorities in Belgium ordered Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, to lower the American flag over the legation at Brussels, having stopped all of Whitlock's attempts to communicate with Washington and are holding all American relief workers as prisoners.

Japan Stands Ready to Aid United States

Head of Mitsui & Co. Says Naval and Military Power Would Be Available.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—"In case the United States and Germany should go to war, Japan would use all her naval and military power to help the United States."
This was the declaration today of Y. Nagashima, head of Mitsui & Co., known as the "House of Morgan of Japan," and the biggest financial institution in the orient.

"We may be foolish people, as some nations believe," continued Nagashima, "but we are not so foolish as to think the friendship of Germany more valuable to us as a nation than the friendship of the United States."
"I believe the United States would be wise to go to war with Germany—we have found it most profitable."
Nagashima is here with his wife on a tour of the United States, investigating financial conditions. He was recently in New York and Washington and heard the congressional debate over the immigration bill.

HOUSE GETTING READY FOR THE GRAND FINALE

Resolution Intended to Fix Method of Procedure During Last Days Adopted This Morning; No Debate.

Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—Awakened to the impending avalanche of bills which will flood the members between now and the time for adjournment, the house this morning adopted a resolution without debate, attempting to provide for such limited procedure as would aid in riding out the storm that is sure to come.

Portland Gets Direct Steamer Line to Alaska

Oregon-Alaska S. S. Co. Incorporated at Salem Today; Kuskokwim Is First of Fleet.

Establishment of a direct steamship line from Portland to southeastern Alaska is being completed by Portland capitalists.



BERNSTORFF IS ON HIS WAY FROM U. S. WITH MEMBERS OF PARTY

Frederik VIII, With Germany's Representatives Aboard, Departs.

New York, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—The liner Frederik VIII, carrying Count von Bernstorff, dismissed German ambassador, and his party back to Berlin, sailed at 4:30 this afternoon.

Troop A Battery A Home Again Breakfast, Kiss for Everybody Spend Happy Hour in Portland

Boys From Calexico Reach City Early Today, and Are Now Encamped at Vancouver Barracks, Awaiting Mustering Out Orders.

They're back.
Welcomed by hundreds of happy fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and just pals, the members of Troop A, and Battery A, Oregon National Guard, reached the union depot from Calexico shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

OREGON KEEPS RIGHT TO TAX GRANT LANDS AFTER TITLE PASSES

House Passes Bean Bill Providing That Lands Themselves Should Bear Burden

Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—Oregon's sovereign right to retain taxable jurisdiction over the Oregon and California grant lands regardless of the disposition made of them by congress, was affirmed this morning in the house of representatives in the passage of H. R. 302, introduced by Representative Lane of Lane county.

Bean Bonding Bill Passes the Senate

Senator Olson Explains Bill as Emergency Measure to Meet Federal Road Funds; Strayer Opposed.
Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—The Bean bonding bill passed the senate this afternoon by a vote of 23 to 4.

KNITTING MILLS WILL OPEN MOHAIR WORKS, EMPLOY ABOUT 300

Sellwood Plant of Multnomah Mohair Mills to Be Taken by Portland Knitting Mills.

Reopening of the Multnomah Mohair Mills, located in Sellwood, was discussed at a meeting of people of that community in their clubhouse last night.

Concern Now Felt For Sailing Ship

Schooner Retriever, 38 Days From Honolulu for Grays Harbor and Sighted Off Columbia River, Is Missing.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 14.—Much concern is being felt in marine circles for the schooner Retriever, now 38 days from Honolulu for Grays Harbor, when it was sighted off the Columbia river and out of provisions. She has been expected here daily but no vessels entering harbor have caught sight of her.

DELEGATION MAKES NO RECOMMENDATION FOR PORT COMMISSIONER

Election Tomorrow Will Be Fought Out With Up-State Members Holding Power.

Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—The election of a commissioner for the Port of Portland will be fought out on the floor of the legislature at noon tomorrow. The choice will rest with the up-state members.

PRESIDENT EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND HELP BE GIVEN SHIPOWNERS

Active Assistance in Arming of Merchantmen Believed Near at Hand.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—President Wilson is formulating his first step to protect Americans in prosecution of their "peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas."

GERMANY PREPARED TO SEND DIVERS TO AMERICAN SHORES

Possibility of United States Entering War Said to Have Been Considered.

Berne, via Paris, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—Germany is prepared to send submarines into American waters, especially to the region of the Panama canal. The possibility of America entering the war has been carefully considered by German officials—but, nevertheless, they expect to have the entente at their mercy within six months regardless of American developments.

Appeal Is Made to Congress by Labor

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—An appeal to members of congress to organize informal referendums in their districts to obtain an expression of the popular will on the question of war was today sent to each member in the form of a proclamation from "the workmen of America."

Action Conflicts With Decisions.

Well-informed attorneys of Portland declare that the action of the legislature in attempting to tax Oregon-California grant lands is in direct clash with the decisions of the courts which have upheld the federal government's claims of title.

Traveler Must Pay For Accommodations

Washington, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The right of railroads to charge a single passenger occupying a Pullman drawing-room two fares was upheld today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Baseball Strike Is Called Off by Fultz

New York, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—The baseball strike is all off. Dan Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' fraternity, this afternoon issued a statement saying he had decided to release players from their pledges to the fraternity providing the league owners would not discriminate against the fraternity members.

Wolf Von Igel Free To Return to Berlin

New York, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—Wolf von Igel, secretary to Captain von Papen, recalled military attache of the German embassy, will depart for Berlin this afternoon with his bond cancelled and free to avoid for all time trial on the charge of conspiracy against him in connection with the Walland canal bomb plot. The indictment still stands.

France Puts Prize On Attacking Diver

Paris, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—A resolution has been offered in the Chamber of Deputies which would not discriminate against divers who attack submarines. The names of those accused will not be made public until arrests are made.

GREAT BRIDGE IS THROWN OPEN AT NOON TODAY

For First Time in History Pedestrian, Vehicle and Tram Traffic All Can Cross Great Columbia River.

Addressed to the people of Oregon and Washington came a magnificent valentine today in shape of a bridge spanning the Columbia.

SCANDINAVIANS SEND PROTESTS TO BERLIN ON THE BARRED ZONE

Notes Declare Central Powers' Measures Contrary to International Law.

Copenhagen, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—The Danish, Norwegian and Swedish governments have forwarded the central powers identical notes protesting against the "barage of certain sea zones," according to official information today.

Chilean Expects No War

Santiago, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—Francisco Riveros Vicuna, Chilean minister to Japan, stopping in Seattle en route to his post in the orient, says the United States will not be drawn into the war.