

JOHNSON AMENDMENT KILLING CENSORSHIP ADOPTED BY SENATE

Another Roll Call May Be Demanded, But No Change Is Expected.

CONTEST WAS STUBBORN

Espionage Bill in Final Form Will Be Voted Upon in Few Days—Bitter Conference Fight Probable.

Washington, May 12.—(I. N. S.)—The censorship section of the espionage bill, providing governmental control of press and speech during the war period, was killed by the senate today.

By a vote of 39 to 38, the upper house accepted Senator Hiram Johnson's amendment striking the whole censorship provision from the bill. The action was taken while the senate was sitting as a committee of the whole. It is probable that another roll call on the Johnson amendment will be demanded when the bill comes up for final disposition next week, but there is every reason to believe that the result will not be changed.

The defeat of the censorship section marked Senator Johnson's first big victory in national politics. It brought to an end one of the most stubborn contests waged in the senate in recent years and gave assurance, unless some new development intervenes, that the country will be kept fully informed of the conduct of the war.

Had President's Indorsement.
The censorship section was written by the administration and had the indorsement of the president himself.

For more than a month the senate has been considering intermittently the censorship provision. Senator Johnson kept warning the senate that "while we are seeking to put down autocracy in Europe let us be careful that we do not establish it in America."

Numerous compromises were offered by the administration leaders in the form of amendments modifying the section but Senator Johnson maintained that even the most moderate restrictions on the press were a violation of the principles of American democracy. He rallied about him a group of senators on both sides who held out to the last ditch against any compromise.

The roll call showed party lines entirely wiped out in the vote. Senators who voted for the Johnson amendment killing the censorship were:

Vote For and Against.
Ashurst, Brandegee, Alder, Chambliss, Fernald, Gallinger, Gore, Gronna, Harding, Hardwick, Kellogg, Martin, Shields, Cnoot, Sutherland, Bankhead, Borah, Brandegee, Cummins, Curtis, France, Frelinghuysen, Johnson of California, Jones of Washington, Kenyon, La Follette, McKellar, New, Norris, Page, Reed, Saulsbury, Sherman, Smith of Georgia, Thomas, Townsend, Underwood, Vandaman and Watson.

Those voting against the Johnson amendment and for censorship were: Brady, Colt, Culberson, Fletcher, Gerry, Hale, Hollis, Husting, James, Jones of New Mexico, Kendrick, Kintz, Rucker, Lodge, McCumber, McLean, Nelson, Nelson, Pittman, Poinsett, Pomeroy, Ray, Riddell, Robinson, Shafroth, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith of Arizona, Smith of South Carolina, Sterling, Stone, Thompson, Walsh, Warren, Weeks, Williams, Wolcott and Trammell.

Drastic Amendment Defeated.
The vote today came immediately after the senate convened.

Only a few minutes' debate preceded the roll call. Following the killing of the section, Senator Kirby of Arkansas, one of the "little group of wilful men," denounced President Wilson for filibustering against the armed ship bill last session, made a last effort in behalf of a censorship even more drastic than that proposed by the administration. His amendment was defeated, however, by the overwhelming vote of 65 to 5.

The espionage bill, in its final form, will be voted upon early next week. Since the house bill contains a censorship provision, a bitter fight in conference probably will result.

Two Architectural Firms Get Contract

Lawrence & Holford and Whitehouse & Foulhoux to Design First Unit of U. of O. Medical School Group.

The architectural commission for the first unit of the new University of Oregon medical school group was awarded to the firms of Lawrence & Holford and Whitehouse & Foulhoux at a meeting of the executive com-

NORTH PORTLAND CHILDREN PARADE



Hundreds Witness Unique and Charming Spectacle Saturday Afternoon.

A charming and beautiful event was the patriotic parade given in North Portland Saturday afternoon, beginning and ending at the community club house in Peninsula park. Scores of children in unique and patriotic costumes enlivened the streets and received the applause of hundreds gathered on Albina and Killingsworth avenues to witness the spectacle.

The success of the juvenile pageant was credited to Miss C. H. Degermark, Miss Mildred Bartholomew and H. O. Fraender, the Peninsula playground instructors.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Most patriotic individual costumes: Earl Hardy, "Man With the Hoe," and Gerald Goodell, "Uncle Sam."

Best decorated vehicle, Helen Linneberg, clad in the United States flag, riding in a festooned tricycle, drawn by Mary Francis Lowry and George Shaler, costumed respectively as Miss Columbia and Uncle Sam. Largest group, Oakley Green school children, who appeared to the number of 100 all costumed, under direction of Principal E. H. Whitney. Best organized group—Junior Artisan band.

Special prize was awarded to the Red Cross group in charge of Hazel Eilers and Virginia Williams, assisted by Lily Knutson, Doris Hunt, Katherine Grosback, Verna Linneberg and Dorothy Tilton. The prizes were awarded by George L. Baker, commissioner of public affairs. The judges were Alexander Goldstein, president of the North Portland Commercial club; Mrs. W. H. Pearce, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Marshall Dana.

A committee of the board of regents and a faculty committee, held May 3.

Ellis F. Lawrence, dean of the architectural school, is a member of the firm of Lawrence & Holford, and holds a contract with the board of regents to design buildings and new developments of grounds for the university. The firm of Whitehouse & Foulhoux was consulted by the building committee of the medical school prior to the adjustment of building policy with Mr. Lawrence. Therefore the work on the block plan of the school and the first unit, which is to cost \$115,000, will be done jointly.

At the meeting of May 3, plans were adopted to facilitate the clearing of the property and the production of the plans ready for the contracts at the earliest possible time. The first building of the group will be a laboratory wing. The scheme provides for the erection of hospitals which will eventually make the school a medical center.

All bids for a new drill hall at Eugene were rejected as the low bidder failed to figure according to plans and specifications. The new bids will be called for May 21. Plans were prepared by Lawrence & Holford.

Women Employes Outnumber Men.
Berlin, May 12.—In the metropolitan area of the German capital there were on January 1 more than twice as many women and girls engaged in industrial pursuits as men and boys, the numbers being respectively 274,690 and 118,991.

Car Accident Fatal To City Patrolman

A. J. Laugeson Dies of a Fractured Skull Sustained in Fall Off Street-car Last Thursday.

A. J. Laugeson, member of the Portland police force, died Saturday at the Good Samaritan hospital from a fractured skull, caused by a fall from a street car at Mississippi avenue and Skidmore streets, Thursday. He did not regain consciousness following the accident.

Patrolman Laugeson was 47 years old and was born in Hutchinson, Minn. Eight years ago he came to Portland and was employed by the Hazelwood company. Five and one-half years ago he joined the police force. He holds a splendid record in that department for efficiency and bravery.

He is the father of eight children, all of whom survive. He was first married in the east, and after the death of his wife, came west, where he again married. His second wife survives him. The body was taken in charge by Deputy Coroner Smith. The funeral will be held from the Finley Undertaking parlors.



Top—One of numerous Uncle Sams in Saturday's pageant. Bottom—Junior Artisan band which won prize as best organized group.

42 STRAPPING BOYS FROM BEND HERE TO JOIN ARMY OR NAVY

Party Given Rousing Send-Off by Fellow Townsmen on Departure Friday.

Forty-two strapping boys from Bend arrived in Portland Saturday morning to enlist in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Thirty of them signed up during the day for the navy, 10 of them for the army and two for the marine corps. The party was given a rousing sendoff by their townspeople, bands playing and patriotic demonstrations made, as they entrained Friday night.

The plan was engineered by T. L. Carriger, an ex-navy man, who for three weeks gratuitously devoted his whole time toward gathering recruits, holding patriotic meetings, and disseminating the gospel of service to the country.

Following are the Bend boys who joined the navy Saturday morning: W. E. Sanders, L. E. Devereaux, R. W. Harvey, R. K. Innes, F. J. Ketter, Gordon Aher, Roy Clements, Reece Jones, Raleigh Welsch, George Hobwood, Harvey McKenzie, John Plank, John Mulroy, E. M. Daggett, Howard Young, Steve Steidl, Archie Lane, Charles A.

DEATH MARK PLACED ON GROUND SQUIRREL, DESTROYER OF CROPS

Methods of Annihilating Pests to Be Considered and Campaign Inaugurated.

Abas the ground squirrel. Death sentence has been pronounced on the rodent in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. The people of these counties are determined to stop the enormous annual crop losses which they have suffered because of the multitudinous number and voracious appetites of the pests.

R. A. Ward, expert on ground squirrel extermination of the federal bureau of biological survey, will organize the campaign in cooperation with County Agriculturalist R. A. Blanchard. During the next two weeks he will address audiences in the three counties, demonstrating means of exterminating ground squirrels, explaining the preparation of a ground squirrel poison that has been used with great effectiveness by the department of agriculture and preparing a batch of poisoned grain at each meeting. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Bend Grange hall, May 16; Brothers, May 17; Rivers, May 18; Brookings, May 19; Hampton, May 19; Pineville, May 21; McKay Creek, May 19; Combs Flats, May 22; Post, May 22; Paulina, May 23; Roberts, May 24; Rye Grass Valley, May 25; Terrebonne, May 26; Powell Butte, May 28; Redmond, May 28; Alafala, May 28; Springer, May 29; Redmond, May 30; Tumalo, May 30.

The bureau of biological survey has been conducting extensive investigations in the control of the various animals injurious to agriculture for a number of years. To date over 1,000,000 acres of national forest lands have been cleared of ground squirrels at a cost ranging from 5 to 8 cents an acre.

The plan used with best results by farmers is to form community clubs for combating the pests by systematic and concerted effort. By following such a method, a saving of about 50 per cent is effected in the purchase of materials.

Similar campaigns have been conducted by the biological survey in a number of Oregon counties and reports indicate that the work is a great success. Thirteen squirrel clubs organized by the county agriculturalist and report a saving of \$35,000 to crops.

The central Oregon jack rabbit campaign conducted by 23 farmers' community clubs, the county agriculturalist and Mr. Ward, during the winter of 1915-16, resulted in killing 75,000 jack rabbits at a cost of less than one-eighth of a cent apiece. The crop was by rabbits in this county during the year previous to the work exceeded \$80,000. The year following the loss did not exceed \$5000.

The poisoned grain used in the campaign, if prepared and distributed in strict accordance with the formula and directions of the biological survey, does not injure game birds, such as quail and grouse.

ICE TRUST IS FORMED IN PORTLAND, ASSERTS GROCERS' SECRETARY

Association Will Put in Own Plant Rather Than Pay New Price.

CONSUMERS TO PAY MORE

Robert G. Duncan Gives Details of Alleged Combine—Manufacturers Denies Trust Exists.

The Retail Grocers' association will install its own ice making plant rather than pay the new schedule of prices that became effective April 15 last, according to Robert G. Duncan, secretary of the association. Mr. Duncan declares that a "trust combination" has secured options on most of the Portland ice making plants and that under the agreement the combine will take over the plants within the next two years.

One prominent ice maker declares there is no so-called "ice trust" in Portland. It is announced that the new schedule of prices is necessary to meet the rise in the products used in making ice and for feed for delivery horses. It is asserted that the new prices are just the same as those in effect a year ago, before the ice rate war was instituted. The manufacturers assert that either one of the two larger ice plants could turn out all the ice, some 30,000 tons a year, used in Portland. Some 12 plants are now in operation.

Secretary Duncan says the rise, which amounts to about \$3 a ton for household consumers and \$1.50 a ton for grocers and market men and others, is unjustified, that two of the chief components of ice—air and water—are as "cheap" now as before. The new schedule of prices follows: Coupon sales less than 500 pounds.

Per Cwt.
Families 85c
Stores and restaurants 65c
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Butchers' showrooms 80c
Sold on delivery receipt only:
500 lbs. or over, one delivery 45c
1000 lbs. or over, one delivery 35c
1500 lbs. or over, one delivery 30c
Butchers' large boxes 30c
Wholesale ice cream companies 20c

Duncan Says Ice Trust Exists.
A consumer can buy a ton of ice for \$13 if he has the coupons, if not it costs him \$20 for a cash purchase. "The fact is," said Mr. Duncan, "the ice trust has control of the Portland situation, just as it has in California. F. B. Whipple, vice president of the National Cold Storage and Ice company of California, has secured options on all the principal ice-making plants here. Options to buy the plants within a period of two years have been ob-

tained. Certain independents in districts like St. Johns and Woodlawn are allowed to continue in business, but they must stay on their side of the fence and sell at a certain figure.

"One plant, the Portland Electrical ice concern, has been forced out.

"Under the trust agreement options plants are receiving \$3 a ton for their product on the platform. The distributing interests get about the same. This is a fair price and the manufacturers are satisfied. The public pays the profits earned by the trust. In my opinion there is absolutely no reason why ice prices should be boosted. With water and air eliminated as price-fixing factors, we have left electricity which furnishes the power. Cost of electricity has not increased."

The situation summed up in behalf of the majority of the plants is as follows, according to a leading operator: "We are compelled to transact the bulk of our business in four months of the year. There are now three times too many plants in Portland. Friday, May 11, the total deliveries in Portland were but 35 tons. Slightly over 10 per cent of the families of the city take ice; family consumption is about 8000 tons a year; elimination of the saloons has made a large hole in the profits of the ice manufacturers; fuel oil which last year cost 45 cents, now costs \$1.50; oats have gained in price from \$27 a ton to \$37; hay has jumped from \$16 to \$25 and \$26. Maintenance of the horse is expensive. Salt, ammonia, chloride, etc., have all been affected by the increases."

It is admitted that option offers have been made, but it is denied that any trust has obtained hold of the situation. Under conditions of last year it is stated that makers lost a considerable sum of money.

Thomas Barnes of the National Coal & Ice company says his firm is the only "independent concern" in Portland. He said: "I raised prices after I heard the other operators had agreed on a boost. Personally, I have been made no offers for my plant."

Sermon Topics by Dr. Hinson Listed

Dr. Hinson will preach at the East Side Baptist church today, both morning and evening. The subject for the morning is "The Judgment of God"; in the evening, "Your Mother."

At the monthly business meeting of the church reports showed that there have been over 70 additions to the membership during the past two months.

The men's class of the Sunday school has organized with W. W. Pearson as president. It has started a campaign to increase its membership to one hundred.

Friday night the brotherhood met for the first time, 25 members being present. The following officers were elected: President, L. J. Werschul; vice-president, Fred Kelley; secretary, treasurer, Fred Berta. Members of the executive committee will be the officers and the following: Dr. Hinson, L. Olmstead, W. W. Pearson.

Widow Charges Ring Theft.
Alleging that C. C. Clinton, a representative of the Intertype corporation, had misappropriated a diamond ring loaned him two years ago, Mina Knowles, a widow, has caused his arrest on a charge of larceny by bailie. The arrest was made by Deputies Phillips and Beckman at a local hotel.

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