

Legislators Speed Efforts to Make New Laws

FEDERAL CONTROL OF RAILROADS IS MADE A TARGET

Public Service Commission Is Opposed to Continuance Under Present Arrangements.

DISCRIMINATIONS ALLEGED

Oregon Commission Sees No Hope for Improvement While Present Officials Rule.

Salem, Jan. 21.—"If the railroads are to continue under federal control for five years more," says a letter sent today by the public service commission to Charles E. Elmquist, who is representing many state commissions at Washington in opposing further government control of railroads, "it is hardly to be expected that the traffic directorate, constituted as it is of officials who have had control of the roads, and who are responsible for the many discriminations which the people of the West have patriotically acquiesced in to this time, could ever be made to see the irregularities of many of the present rate relationships.

"A review of freight tariffs will disclose that many of the rate structures have been made for the benefit of particular favored shippers, shippers or jobbers. If regulation by commissions, state and interstate, have not yet eliminated all discriminations, it is folly to think that an appeal to the very men responsible for these existing conditions will bring about any relief or betterments.

Further Extension Opposed
"We believe we are fully justified in opposing further extension of time of federal control of railroads by reason of our many futile attempts during the past year to secure recognition in behalf of the people of this state in matters of glaring irregularities and discrimination.

"We wish to further state that owing to the flagrant abuse of the power granted by congress during the past short period of control, we are very apprehensive of the result of a further extension of such power.

"That the federal government, in order to secure priority and the utmost facility in the movement of troops, munitions and supplies during our preparation for and in the prosecution of the war, had the absolute right to assume control of the nation's transportation system, is unquestioned. But now that the war is over we have no hesitancy in pointing the abuse of the power placed in the hands of the director general. To our minds congress should intend to indiscriminately initiate or increase rates. This should be apparent when we stop to consider the scope and obvious intent of the several war measures.

For Emergency Only
"Discussion of the Overman bill in the senate indicates clearly that the authority granted the president to initiate freight rates was to be exercised only in cases of real and pressing emergency, such as arose directly during the war.

"Congress made ample provision for the betterment and rehabilitation of such roads as did not meet certain standards of efficiency before the war. A 25 per cent horizontal increase was put into effect. This increase was made without the formality of public hearing, without the advice of the interstate commerce commission and state commissions, or without the consent of the several states, and against the protests of the shipping public, and this, too, in

SEN. HUSTON'S BILL PROVIDES WORK FOR SOLDIERS FAVORED

House Bill Creating Soldiers' and Sailors' Commission Reaches Senate.

SOLDIERS TO GET WORK ON ROADS

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rying out the ideas or instructions of the legislature, but it wanted the members of the legislature to know just what the commission was doing. He said he was satisfied, from what information had come to the commission up to this time, that a very small percentage of the soldiers and sailors would accept road work under existing conditions.

Commission Not Lobbying
He said that the commission was not lobbying for any road legislation and did not have any bills framed up in the matter of any road work. He said he wanted to see safe and sane road laws passed.

R. A. Booth, also a member of the state highway commission, discussed the force account resolution.

Mr. Booth agreed with Thompson. The commission met in November and planned to do what the resolution asked it to do, he said.

In November six projects were under construction, five in Eastern and one in Western Oregon involving \$500,000 of expenditure. In addition plans were placed for contracts that could be worked in addition to the others, involving \$2,000,000.

The contractors have said they would give the preference to the soldiers and sailors. Nine other projects will be advertised for bids that will be opened next month. These involve \$23,399, a total of more than \$2,000,000 to be under way early in February.

Would Reject Unfair Bids
It is the intention of the commission if these contracts are not at force account, fair prices that the bids will be rejected and the work done by force account. Paving cannot be done in the winter time. The amount of work that can be done is therefore restricted, but in 60 days much work can be done that cannot be done now and he felt that the commission would be able to do, under its contemplated plans, all that the legislature asked under the resolution. He had interviewed a number of men who had returned, a few of whom had said they would like to do outdoor work but they were not ready to work. It was his impression that if the commission went to work to put men to work now it would get few soldiers but a large number of men who had been forced out of work by the closing of the sawmills of the northwest.

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SENATE RESOLUTION ASKS RECOGNITION OF ARMENIA BY U. S.

Senate Adjourns for Morning After the Introduction of Four New Bills.

Salem, Jan. 21.—A joint resolution was introduced by Senator Pierce Monday urging this government to give recognition to the Armenian republic and to lend its aid to the republic.

Four new bills were introduced and then, after being in session but a few minutes, the senate took a recess.

Senate bills:

S. B. 21.—By Eberhard.—Providing that order confirming sale of property sold on execution may be signed at any time after expiration of 10 days from date of filing return of sale.

S. B. 23.—By Patterson.—Declaring February 22 a school holiday and providing for fitting observance in all public schools.

S. B. 24.—By Eddy.—Providing that all lands except those expressly limited to residence property may be included in irrigation districts.

S. B. 25.—By Pierce.—Raising allowance given sheriff for boarding county prisoners, from \$3 to \$4.50 per week.

S. B. 26.—By Hutton.—Providing that milk and cream distributors may be present when official tests of products are made, and also providing that they may have samples of milk, cream or butterfat so tested, in order to have independent tests made.

S. B. 27.—By Orton.—Providing for pensioning county employes, in counties of more than 100,000 population, who have served 25 years or more.

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IRRIGATION ISSUE DECLARED IN VALID

Election Notice Held Deficient in \$5,000,000 Jefferson County Project.

Salem, Jan. 21.—The \$5,000,000 bond issue voted by the North Unit irrigation district, in Jefferson county, for constructing a big irrigation project, is invalid, according to an opinion handed down by the supreme court today.

In an opinion written by Justice Bean, the court holds that the election at which the bond issue was voted is not valid because of insufficient time being given in connection with the notice of election. The provision of the statute specifying the number of days for which notice of election must be given was not followed, the court holds.

This finding is a reversal of the decree of Circuit Judge Duffy, who held that all the proceedings of the district were valid.

The supreme court sustains him in regard to the validity of the proceedings connected with the organization of the district.

The case was brought before the court on petition of the board of directors of the district. The provision of the statute concerning the organization of the district and the proceedings in connection with the bond issue is upheld.

J. A. Peck and the Haystack district improvement company appealed from the decree of the lower court, the Peck appeal striking at the organization of the district and the issuance of bonds, while the Haystack appeal related only to the inclusion within the district of certain lands. The higher court sustains the lower court's action in connection with the lands.

Other opinions were handed down today as follows:

Henry Eldredge, appellant, vs. Mill Ditch company, et al., appealed from Malheur county; suit in equity to enforce rights and ditch property; opinion by Justice Bennett; Judge Dalton Biggs reversed and case remanded.

In the matter of the estate of Andrew

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Would Elect School Clerk in Multnomah

Salem, Jan. 21.—A bill making the office of school clerk of counties having 100,000 population elective instead of appointive was presented in the house Monday afternoon by Richards of Multnomah county. The bill, in effect, is aimed at the Multnomah county situation and would make the office of School Clerk Thomas elective. The bill provides that any person, male or female, who is qualified to vote at a school election, shall be eligible to hold the office of school clerk. It also provides that the office shall not be held by any person more than four consecutive years.

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Olympia, Wash., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—When the Ninety-first division men arrive at New York the hand of Washington state will reach across the continent and welcome them, if the legislature rushes through a proposed appropriation of \$10,000 to help pay the reception costs. The Rocky Mountain club of New York has asked for this much financial aid, and George Noble Skinner of Seattle has been named to represent Governor Lister when the boys arrive.

House Passes City Annexation Bill

Salem, Jan. 21.—The Lewis bill, providing for the annexation of territory surrounded by the corporate limits of a city or town with or without the consent of the owners of the property, was passed by the house this afternoon. The bill is intended to give the city of Portland, for instance, the power to bring territory owned by large corporations, used as industrial plants just at the edge of the city, within the boundaries of the city and subject them to the power of city regulation and taxation.

Grand Jury Does Not Indict Mrs. Lebaudy

Mineola, N. Y., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—The grand jury today refused to indict Mrs. Marie Augustine Lebaudy for the murder of her husband Jacques Lebaudy, "Emperor of the Sahara."

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House Committee to Visit Penitentiary

Salem, Jan. 21.—Speaker Jones Monday appointed Representatives Hughes, Hosford, Horne, Gordon, Mrs. Thompson, Childs and Haines as a committee to visit the penitentiary and report on its physical condition.

Would Boost Pay of Highway Commission

Salem, Jan. 21.—Senator Pierce Monday afternoon introduced a bill providing that the members of the state highway commission shall be paid a salary of \$4000 a year each and shall devote all their time to the duties of their office.

A Single Application Banishes Every Hair

Dry slab wood and blocks. S. & H. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 333. A-313.—Adv.

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In the event of the sale of any property under foreclosure of tax delinquency certificates, against which any municipality claims a lien, the municipality may become a bidder and purchase at such sale, the bill provides. Such sums as may be expended by a municipality in this connection may be added to the amount of the lien and are recoverable from the person owning the property in case he wishes to redeem the same.

The bill also provides that a municipality having a lien against property shall be made a party to tax foreclosure suits.

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