



## BARRAGE IS TURNED ON ROAD ISSUE

### Free-for-All Battle in Legislative Controversy on Paving Costs and Efficiency of State Work.

### State Highway Commission Denies Charges That Its Endeavors Have Been Unsuccessful.

SALEM, Jan. 31.—If you men have got the nerve to pass this ten million dollar bonding bill and slap the emergency clause on it to keep just such men as Spence from putting the referendum on it, the people will back you up.—W. L. Thompson, chairman of the state highway commission.

"I have criticized the commission because it made promises it has not kept. It promised more efficiency and lower prices. It promised to do work itself if prices were too high. It bought a plant but has not used it. It has not kept the promises it made the people."—C. E. Spence, master of the state grange.

"Your highway commission wants to give the most miles of sound road it can build for the money. It is actuated by no other desire. I do not want to serve upon the commission, but I am not going to be run off either by grafting contractors or by politicians."—R. A. Booth, state highway commissioner.

"The state highway commissioners are honorable and able men and the charges made against them are base slanders."—N. Day, former senator from Multnomah county.

By Ralph Watson

Salem, Jan. 31.—The state highway commission and the joint roads and highways committees of the house and senate faced the verbal bombardment of the county roadmakers of the state for four hours Thursday night, and long after the groggy minute hand of the big clock back of the speaker's desk had staggered past midnight, the barrage was lifted and the battle was over, and drawn.

Facts were stated and figures quoted to show that the cost of pavement laid by the department was all out of reason, that its specifications were wrong, that it threw its business into the hands of patented paving companies, that the little man had no chance, and that different counties had laid pavement.

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## Montana Capital Is to Finance Large Scale Astoria Development

Montana capitalists have practically concluded arrangements for a \$1,000,000 development at Astoria. It was learned today, the plans including a grain elevator for the handling of Montana's vast wheat products through the Columbia river gateway rather than overland to Atlantic ports for export.

The proposed investment has been under consideration for some time and it is known that arrangements are now practically complete.

In addition, the Port of Astoria is making arrangements with the Astoria Flour Milling company contemplating the erection of a flouring mill with a capacity of 3000 barrels per day.

New Mexico to Bring Wilson

Paris, Jan. 31.—The United States battleship New Mexico is being fitted up, waiting to convey President Wilson home, according to advices received tonight.

## Fifty Per Cent Jump in Bank Clearings Index of Prosperity In Trade Circles Coming Year

Prosperous business conditions in Portland are reflected in the record of bank clearings for the month closing today. Market interest in reports on business conditions for January arose from the fact that this is the first month of the first year of peace following the world's showing, considering the month are accepted as an index of business conditions for the coming year.

Total bank clearings for January were \$118,066,344, compared with \$80,417,178.17 for the corresponding month of last year, a gain of approximately 50 per cent. This record is considered an especially good showing, considering the cessation of war activities.

Building permits issued during the month up to Thursday night numbered 256, valued at \$196,394, compared with 297 permits, valued at \$125,700, for Jan-

## FARMERS ASK RECOVERY OF SCHOOL LANDS

SALEM, Jan. 31.—The farmers of Oregon are intensely interested in the restitution of the school lands of Oregon which have been wrested from the state through unlawful and fraudulent means.

A resolution signed by President J. D. Brown and members of the executive board of the Farmers' union and read before the house today urges "That the legislature of Oregon make ample appropriations for the prosecution of those fraudulent and fraudulent means."

## AWAIT FACTS ON ELEVATOR TESTS

### Money Will Be Guarded Until Degree of Danger to Grain Handler Is Known.

"No more money will be spent by the dock commission on the 1,000,000 bushel bulk grain elevator at the St. Johns terminal until we know precisely how serious is the settling of the structure," said Ben Selling, a member of the dock commission, Thursday.

"We are hopeful that the subsidence has stopped, but we are going into the investigation with all the thoroughness possible and when we get through we will have facts, and not guesses, to guide us."

An investigation into the causes and possibilities of correcting a slight subsidence of the bulk grain elevator at the St. Johns terminal is being made for the dock commission by J. M. Witherspoon of Chicago, the expert who directed the planning and placing of the structure, and G. E. Hagan, chief engineer of the commission. Work has been suspended while the investigation is being made. Should the settling of the foundation of the elevator stop at the present point there would, it is said, be no loss in the efficiency of its operation.

There have been, however, a number of expressions of disappointment that anything should have occurred to endanger the structure or halt the work upon it. When the people of Portland voted to the dock commission a bond lease for \$1,000,000 in the vicinity of New York, the St. Johns terminal, it was with the expectation that the bulk grain elevator would be ready to handle at least a portion of the 1918 wheat. No public

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## Spruce Production Soldier to Leave For the East Today

The spruce production division at Vancouver will almost vanish this afternoon carrying a total of 1600 men and officers to eastern Canada. In several instances the trains will be bound for various parts of the country, one going to southern camps in South Carolina and states in that vicinity, one going to the vicinity of New York and another to Camp Kearny near San Diego, Cal.

## Real Snow Flakes Give Winter Touch

Snow, almost the first flakes of the winter, was seen in the city this morning by those who arose early enough. Between 5 and 6 o'clock, several furlongs over the city, but the snow melted as fast as it fell. In several sections of the city, where the ground is higher and more exposed, real blizzards of crystals were reported to the weather bureau. Up the Columbia river a heavy snowfall is reported. Baker reports a heavy snowstorm.

## HOT FIGHT ON GERMAN BAN WAGED

### Flood of Oratory Marks Session of State Senate When Bill Comes Up for Final Action.

### Passage Presaged by Test Vote Upholding Proposed Banish- ment From Schools of State.

SALEM, Jan. 31.—Senator Dimick's bill making it a crime to teach the German language in the public schools and colleges of Oregon, was passed this afternoon by the senate by a vote of 18 to 11. The vote was as follows:

Yeas—Baldwin, Banks, Bell, Dimick, Eberhard, Farrell, Handley, Hurley, Lachmund, Orton, Patterson, Pierce, Ritner, Shanks, Smith (Goos and Curry), Thomas, Wood, Mr. President.

Noes—Gill, Howell, Huston, Jones, LaFollett, Moser, Nickelson, Norblad, Porter, Smith of Josephine, Strayer.

SALEM, Jan. 31.—The fight over the question of teaching the German language in the public schools and colleges of the state broke out in the senate again this morning when senate bill 77 came up for third reading and final action.

Although the senate remained in session until 12:30 the flood of oratory had not subsided and a recess was taken without the final vote being taken. The fate of the bill will be decided this afternoon.

Unless there is a switch in sentiment from that expressed Thursday afternoon when the bill came before the senate on a divided report of the committee on education, and an effort was made to kill the measure by indefinitely postponing it, the bill will pass. The test vote Thursday stood 18 for the bill to 10 against it.

Senator Dimick, in supporting the bill today, displayed a German grammar being used in one of the Portland public schools and pointed to the picture of the statue with its helmet and mailed fist, mother and father, with the proviso that it go to Miss Gardner after her death.

"This German grammar is full of propaganda from cover to cover," he declared. "It is not a question of the propaganda, it is a question of the propaganda. It makes me heart sick to see the kind of rot that is in this book being scattered broadcast."

Senator Hurley said the great evil in the presence of German teachers in our high schools and colleges is in the fact that they are not there merely to teach the German language, but to impress upon their pupils that it is necessary.

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## BIG WATER POWER ISSUE IS PLANNED

### Resolution Is Introduced Which Would Provide Basis for Work on Deschutes.

Salem, Jan. 31.—Plans for a six million dollar bond issue by the state for the development of the water power of the Deschutes river and the location of hydro-electric districts which may vote bonds and finance retirement of them when voted are the real purpose of a joint resolution introduced in the house this morning by Coffey, Gordon, Bean, Sidler, Ben Johnson and Woodson.

The resolution provides for the submission of an amendment to article 19 of the state constitution. The \$6,000,000 of the scheme is not contained in the resolution, but there is back of its submission a plan, fostered by I. N. Day of Portland and his associates, to issue bonds in that sum, approximately \$1,000,000, and bring about the upbuilding of an immense iron industry; that a large percentage of the great growth in the Northwest is expected because of lack of milling facilities; that an expensive power plant that arid lands would be irrigated by use of electric energy for pumping in cases where the construction of a gravity system was not practicable; that farms generally would be greatly benefited by cheap energy for use in running machinery and for other purposes; and that the people as a whole would be better off with cheap electricity for light, heat and power.

## NAT C. GOODWIN, ac- tor, who died in New York today in presence of woman who was to have been the sixth Mrs. Goodwin.



## NAT C. GOODWIN'S ILLNESS IS FATAL

### Much Married Man Victim of Physical Breakdown in Pres- ence of Fiancee.

New York, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Nathaniel C. Goodwin, famous comedian and one of the most picturesque figures on the American stage, died at the Claridge hotel here today following a physical breakdown which he had suffered while playing in "Why Marry?" at Philadelphia. The end came shortly after 5 a. m.

Mr. Goodwin's last public appearance on the stage was in Baltimore last Saturday night. Mr. Goodwin went to Philadelphia with the company, but was so ill that he continued on to New York from that city.

When his wife, Miss Georgia Gardner, who it was reported at one time, was to become the sixth Mrs. Goodwin. Later it was announced that Miss Gardner had been adopted by the veteran actor.

Miss Gardner, whose home is in Los Angeles, was prostrated today over the death of her benefactor. It is understood that Mr. Goodwin transferred a third interest in his property to her a short time before his death and arranged to have the balance held in trust for his mother and father, with the proviso that it go to Miss Gardner after her death.

Mr. Goodwin, perhaps, made more money than any other comedian in the American stage has produced, but it is understood that he left a small estate. He was a liberal spender and lender and an exceptionally poor business man.

After illness had compelled him to quit the show in which he was starring, Mr. Goodwin was brought to this city from Philadelphia on Sunday. His condition came shortly after his fifth wife, Miss Margaret Moreland, was married to Lieutenant Raymond Gilson, U. S. A., and on the very day the news of the marriage became public today.

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## Roumanians Retire On Bukovina Front

Paris, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The Roumanians in Bukovina have retired behind the line of delimitation in accordance with the wishes of the peace conference, the Parisian press stated today.

## Revolt News Denied

London, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The foreign office today formally denied reports circulated last week concerning a revolt in Roumania.

## ROLL OF HONOR

In the roll of honor published today are the names of the following men from the Pacific Northwest:

## IF YOU WANT A Farm or Acreage Home

Keep your eye on the farms, acreage and exchange classifications in The Journal "Want" ads. There are some mighty good things coming up there right along.

## GREAT U.S. NAVAL SHIP APPROVAL

### House Naval Affairs Committee Unanimously Recommends the Sum \$750,000,000 for Year.

### Ten Capital Ships and 10 Scout Cruisers Provided for in Funds for Naval Construction.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The house naval affairs committee this afternoon unanimously voted to appropriate \$750,000,000 for the United States navy for the next fiscal year. The action of the committee is seen as a complete victory for Secretary of the Navy Daniels' three year building program for a bigger American navy.

Included in the appropriation voted for by the committee is \$153,000,000 for construction, including the building of 10 capital ships and 10 scout cruisers. Party lines were finally buried and the opposition on the part of some Republicans to Daniels' program dwindled away as the committee put the stamp of its unqualified approval on the continuation of the three-year building policy by which the secretary of the navy proposes that the United States shall eventually have a navy "second to none."

It appeared to be the general impression that the agreement presaged a sweeping victory for the Daniels' program in both the senate and house before the present congress ends on March 4.

Secretary Daniels is authorized in the measure to start building operations, under the appropriations provided, in February of next year.

The carrying out of the naval program we authorized today, in addition to the completion of that authorized in 1916, would place us on an even keel with the British navy, provided Great Britain stopped building any more capital ships today.

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## ASK CONGRESS TO AID SHIPBUILDING

### Oregon Legislature Requests Appropriation Be Made to Finish Ship Contracts.

Salem, Jan. 31.—Congress is "earnestly" requested to appropriate sufficient funds to complete the building of ships now under contract, in a memorial which was rushed through both houses of the Oregon legislature late yesterday afternoon and today certified copies are speeding on their way to Washington.

Interested persons, however, did not wait for the mailed copy to reach the national lawmakers, but Thursday night wired the text of the memorial to members of Oregon's delegation in congress.

The memorial was introduced in the state senate by Senator Huston, who the same time read a telegram which had been sent from Washington, by O. J. Hartwig of Portland, urging that immediate action be taken by the legislature in expressing its sentiments in the matter as the question of providing funds for completing these ship contracts is now under consideration by congressional committees.

"Whereas, on account of the cessation of shipbuilding in Oregon, a large number of men have been deprived of employment due to the winter season, and

"Whereas, the United States shipping board has recently made an order, the result of which is to discontinue the building of a large number of steel and wooden ships already under way, by order of the government, and

## War Responsibility Topic of Socialists

Berne, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—German delegates to the international labor and Socialist congress agreed to discuss the responsibility for the war when present at the loss sustained by the whole community and by each of his associates.

## Europeans Learn Wilson Steadfast As to Principles

### President Is Understood to Have Let British, French and Italian Premiers Know Points of Secret Treaties Conflicting With 14 Points Must Be Discussed

Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News  
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PARIS, Jan. 31.—It is understood that President Wilson expressed his attitude to the premiers of England, Italy and France regarding the secret treaties signed by them before the United States entered the war somewhat as follows:

You made these treaties in good faith. You are naturally bound by them yourselves and we do not desire that you treat them as scraps of paper, but you are also bound by your treaties before the conference.

Whatever does not conflict with the 14 points we naturally will accept, but whatever conflicts with them will have to be discussed between us.

Generally speaking, the European statesmen who expected to find Mr. Wilson easy to manage in the practical matters of diplomacy have been undeceived.

For several weeks the question that has been asked anxiously by European liberals was "will Mr. Wilson hold firm to the 14 points?" At the present time the question may be answered in the affirmative.

With regard to the Japanese demand for concessions in China, Mr. Wilson has apparently taken the stand that China must not be hampered by any new foreign concessions, in his discussion with the leaders of the British dominions and particularly

## FINAL TRIBUTE TO H. L. PITTOCK PAID

### Funeral Services of Veteran Pub- lisher Are Held at Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Describing the late Henry L. Pittock's unostentatious work along charitable lines, Dr. Thomas Lamb Elliot, pastor emeritus of the Church of Our Father, Unitarian, preached the funeral sermon in the Scottish Rite cathedral for the late publisher this afternoon.

Dr. Elliot told of Mr. Pittock's work of the man, his devotion to the upbuilding of the Northwest, and his strong humanitarian interests, which led him to take a quiet but important part in most of the charitable organizations of the city.

He mentioned the interest of both Mr. and Mrs. Pittock in the Children's home, of which Mr. Pittock was for many years a member of the board of trustees and recently president of the board.

At the close of the funeral ceremonies at the cathedral the body was taken to Riverview cemetery for burial, where the Scottish Rite lodge No. 55 was in charge.

In the Scottish Rite cathedral, filled with people gathered to witness the tribute to Mr. Pittock Thursday night, the Knights, Kadosh, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, gave their impressive midnight funeral service. Dim lights and a faraway choir chanting mourning hymns gave a touch of sadness to the service.

Bank Directors Honor Memory  
The service is the highest honor which the order pays to a departed brother. Mr. Pittock was a thirty-third degree Mason and a past master of Portland lodge.

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Northwestern National bank Thursday afternoon the following memorial was unanimously adopted:

The directors hereby record their high esteem for Mr. Pittock, which has grown up through daily association and from his wise and kindly counsel, and express their deep regret at the loss sustained by the whole community and by each of his associates.

## ALBERS FIRM IN DENIAL OF GUILT

### Accused Declares That His Mind Is Blank Regarding Any Dis- loyal Utterances on Train.

General and specific denial of any utterance or sentiment of disloyalty to the United States government was made by J. Henry Albers today when he took the witness stand in his own behalf in the federal court.

On the contrary, he said in substance, that there was every reason why he should be loyal to a country to which he had come as a poor boy, and in which he had built up a successful business.

As to the alleged incident on the train between San Francisco and Portland, October 8, he said:

"All is a blank." He had no recollection of meeting anyone except Lot Swetland and was on the Oakland ferry when taking the train.

As to his loyalty he said: "I have always been for my country here. Why shouldn't I? All I have got was made here. I have always said that the people of this country do not know what a good government they have."

He then became janitor of the McKay (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

## Campaign Donations Of \$500 Suffer Tax

Washington, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—The house late today agreed to the senate amendment to the revenue bill which raises the number of gifts from \$500, 100 per cent, but provided that the tax should not be retroactive.

## Coblentz Becomes Mecca for Lame Ducks of Congress Who Get Free Trip and Soft Sofa

By Julius F. Wood  
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## NATIONAL INTERESTS CONFLICT

### Difficulties Pile Up as Various Claims Are Disputed; Level Heads Alone Prevent Trouble.

### Majority Proceed on Premise. Sec- ret Treaties Nullified, but Some Still Hopo for Prizes.

By William Phillip Simms  
PARIS, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—Difficulties were piling up on the peace bureau continued its sessions today. With national interests clashing on all sides, only level heads and steady hands were preventing a spark from dropping into the powder keg on which the world is sitting.

The Serbians were still bitterly wrangling with the Italians regarding control of the eastern Adriatic ports. The Montenegrins continued to oppose forcible inclusion in the new Jugoslav nation.

Czechoslovak and Poles were still fighting over Silesia, although adjustment of this affair appeared imminent. Austria and Roumania were at swords' points concerning possession of Transylvania.

Germany and Poland were mobilizing against each other. The Bolsheviks were at war against the rest of Russia. Ukraine was fighting the Bolsheviks. China and Japan both wanted the former German colony of Kiao-chow.

Despite the fact the majority of the delegates were proceeding on the premise that acceptance of President Wilson's terms had nullified the secret treaties formulated by the allies.

## INFLUENZA WAVE APPEARS TO BE But 22 New Cases and One Death Were Reported to the Health Bureau This Morning.

The second wave of the Spanish influenza in Portland has apparently spent itself and is now receding. Only 22 new cases of the disease and one death were reported this morning, considerably the lowest number yet recorded for a busy day.

Thirty-five cases and five deaths were reported Thursday morning's totals, and 45 cases and two deaths were reported for Friday morning of last week.

Conditions in local theatres, especially by ventilation, will be thoroughly investigated by trained sanitary inspectors from the consolidated health bureau this week.

"Our people in Hanover," he said, "never had any use for the Kaiser. When the boys sound a song, ridiculing Bismarck they were put in jail."

He came to Oregon in 1891, and the first work he did was in a hotel kitchen, where he peeled potatoes, washed dishes and scrubbed floors.

Sanitary inspectors will visit the houses reported as lax and make recommendations for necessary changes. Dr. Sommers threatens to close all theatres failing to heed the order for improved conditions within three days.

This is part of a plan employed by the consolidated health bureau, with the aid of the police and fire departments, to prevent crowding conditions, and to the fire department falls responsibility for sanitary and ventilating irregularities.