

# HOT WORDS HURLED IN ROAD TILT

### Storm Breaks When \$10,000,000 Bonding Measure Is Brought Up in Committee of the Whole.

### Charges of Attempted Bribery Made; Anti-Patent Bill Passed by House Without Any Debate.

By Ralph Watson  
SALEM, Feb. 18.—Hell broke loose in the house this morning when the road bond bill came up for consideration in the committee of the whole.

Charges of attempted bribery, said to have been made by the Warren Construction company to a member of the house; hot words and attempted fights, members milling about with waving arms and faces flushed or whitened by passion, struggle and turmoil marked the session which was only ended temporarily by a long belated recess for luncheon.

Schuebel started the fireworks, following a heated speech by Bean, who was arguing over an amendment offered by Representative Gore, to which an amendment has been offered by Schuebel.

# Victory Loan Not To Be Floated by U. S.; Short Term Notes Take Place

### Agreement Reached by House Committee and Secretary of Treasury as Procedure.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(I. N. S.)—There will be no fifth Liberty loan—or Victory loan, as it was to have been termed—under an agreement tentatively reached this afternoon by the house ways and means committee, in conference with Secretary of the Treasury Glass. Instead a series of short term notes will be issued, and upon these congress will set the rate of interest.

Under the existing Liberty loan legislation the secretary of the treasury could authorize a \$5,000,000,000 loan, but the interest rate would have to be the same as that carried by the fourth loan, it was stated. The rate—4 1/2 per cent—under the conditions that would prevail at the time the loan was to have been floated, would be insufficient, in the opinion of members of the committee and representatives of the treasury department.

It was deemed best, under the circumstances, to meet the nation's obligations by a series of short term notes, and a tentative agreement to this effect was reached. A substitute measure already is being worked out by the committee to provide for the issue of the notes, and it will be introduced, it was stated, probably in the very near future. The repeal of the authorization of a \$5,000,000,000 bond issued by the existing legislation will be enacted.

# ENGINEERS' UNIT ARRIVAL SURPRISE

### Battalion of Forestry Men Slips Into City Unheralded, but Gets Short Reception.

With almost no advance information the 12th battalion of the 20th engineers, forestry, arrived at Union station this morning at 11:45 and were greeted only by a few relatives and friends whom they themselves had notified. Lieutenant William Gibbons, formerly forest examiner with the local office of the U. S. forest service, was on board and was rushed out of the station with friends before any one could catch him.

In spite of the short notice, Frank H. Hilton, T. T. Strain and George Arthur Brown of the general reception committee, but busy and secured a large quantity of candy which was distributed among the boys as they got off the train, and placed in the coaches in boxes to whittle away the trip to Camp Lewis this afternoon. The train pulled out of the station at 1:30 this afternoon.

"We had a fine trip over," declared Roy E. Harkins of Lakeview, Or. "The Red Cross has treated us wonderfully and kept us fed up all way. We got fine receptions from the people in every town where we stopped."

"The first headquarters of our outfit was at Navers, Or. Later we moved to the coast in old Britanny, to a little town called Oray. It was a nice little place and that was sure a beautiful place. Betwixt and between we were near where we were, was a fine place."

"We got well fed up on the way across the country," was J. O. Hardman's opinion of the trip. "The people have been fine."

"All of the American soldiers are great," replied Captain R. R. Arkeley, in command of the train, in answer to a question of the boys.

There were 159 men and three officers in the unit, which was en route to Camp Lewis for demobilization. The unit includes a few local boys, both of the fighters, which they were left for France in September, 1917, and has been doing forestry work, most of the men being in saw mills turning out lumber for the war.

Bedlam broke loose at this point, the members swarming down the aisle, shouting, "Name the man; tell how it is, put up or shut up!"

Smith of Multnomah arose and said: "I can settle that point. I was the man."

Schuebel then continued his speech. "That system," he continued, "that same dirty, stinking system, has permitted this house and this state. I do not want to intimate that the men of this house have been approached or that they have been influenced by or offered money."

"I want a dollar's worth of pavement for a dollar."

"If they offered Lauchmud \$10,000 for the little work in Salem, how much would they be willing to use in a \$10,000,000 bonding measure?"

"Have the independent paving men"

# FIRE DOES \$150,000 DAMAGE

### Aged Man Named Ingram Believed to Have Perished in Flames in Coos Bay City.

### Many Heroic Rescues Made; Five-Story Hotel and Many Other Business Places Are Destroyed.

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 18.—With the possible loss of life of an aged man named Ingram, a block in the business section of Marshfield was practically devastated by fire this morning. The damage is estimated at more than \$150,000. Many thrilling rescues were made as the five story Lloyd hotel and several rooming houses were destroyed.

The fire started at 2:30 o'clock in the Liberty restaurant in the Sengstake building. Before it was controlled all buildings on the block bounded by Front street, Broadway and Central and Commercial avenues were wiped out, except a brick at the corner of Front and Commercial and a frame structure at Broadway and Commercial.

Buildings across Central avenue and Front street were badly damaged but were saved.

Ingram was in the Lloyd hotel, which was filled with guests. The hotel is directly behind the restaurant where the fire started and was one of the first buildings to go. The restaurant was closed when the flames burst out. A defective fuse is blamed.

Total losses were sustained by the Liberty restaurant. The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. building was also damaged.

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# PORTLAND WELCOMES BOY VETERANS HOME FROM FRANCE

SCENES which marked the joyous return of the Sixty-fifth coast artillery corps Monday afternoon. At the top is the start of the march under the flag-decked welcome arch at the Union station. Below are some of the Red Cross canteen workers, whose blue uniforms added an effective touch of color to the parade, and at the bottom is a real soldier with his own best girl giving him the right kind of a welcome. There were hundreds of these reunions at the Union station after the trains pulled in, and later at The Auditorium, when the city's dinner to the soldiers was held.



# OREGON SOLDIERS ABOARD MERCURY

### Sixty-Ninth Coast Artillery Back in States With Personnel of Oregon Troopers.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Bringing more than 2000 men, most of them from Kentucky, Washington, Oregon and California, the transport Mercury arrived today from Pauliac, France.

The men will be landed early this evening.

On board is the Sixty-ninth coast artillery complete with 37 officers and 1708 men; Fifty-fourth ammunition train complete with 12 officers and 567 men; 35th stevedore company, three white officers and 241 enlisted men. Among others is a detachment of Battery E, Sixty-first coast artillery, 64 men; 2d casual detachment from Boise in deaux convoy detachment No. 65; total, 2774.

By Carl Smith

New York, Feb. 18.—The quota of overseas arrivals who reside in Oregon just returned on ships arriving, include: First Lieutenant Lambert A. Beard of Portland, 38th infantry, in convalescent detachment, on the Louisville, Sunday; Second Lieutenant Walter E. Case of Portland, air service, on the Rotterdam, Monday, ordered to Garden City, L. I. in casual detachment from Boise on the Matsonia on Sunday; Corporals, Carl M. Mack and Clyde I. Parker of Portland, Wagner; George O. Strybel of Portland; Private Charles Giddins, Alfred G. Bukowsky, William V. Shane, Harry Gilbert and Joseph Marlin of Portland; William O. Draper of McMinnville; Arthur J. Mansfield of Astoria; Elmer R. De Slarzes of Cottage Grove; Truman G. Kimble of Hammond, Frank Arnold of Lebanon and George Bonis of St. Helens. No two of these came from the same unit. Second Lieutenant Walter Brenton of Eugene, air service, and Private Homer Hawreth of Portland, 163d infantry, arrived on the Regina.

# Engineer With Big Heart Makes Record Trip With Soldiers

By Clyde A. Beals

Down in the annals of history let there be written the story of the wild ride into Portland of the second section of the 69th. Let there be embellished the cold facts: "Troop special west; destined Camp Lewis; arrive Huntington 1:30 a. m., February 17; arrived Portland 4 p. m. Let said facts be embellished because the engineer had a heart."

He had a heart and he showed his heart for he showed the throttle around to the farthest notch and made a record run into Portland from Huntington, the fastest ever made over a distance of 494 miles on the O. W. R. & N. lines by a train of 16 coaches.

Soldier Boys Cheer Engineer

And the boys on board, almost every one of them from Oregon or Washington, just had to see the boys. The farther they went, the more cheering and the more the boys on board who have been through the thrilling experience of having high explosive shells drop near by, and of firing back shots that were doing tremendous damage to the enemy.

Every town in the state, it seemed, just had to see the boys. The farther they went they got, with the exception of Huntington which was the farthest stop East in the state, the receptions kept growing warmer. At The Dalles the whole town was out and the Red Cross canteen served fine lunches. At Hood River the whole town was out and the canteen served fine lunches, and had the town band and all the dogs out barking besides.

And when they got to Portland, well, you can just see how they were working up more and more to that pitch of excitement. And as I say, the engineer had a heart. He tore down along side the Columbia, for there were no eyes for the scenery. And as he was tearing along, he could hear a cheer burst from the boys in the coaches.

Throttle Over to Last Notch

Then he would give the throttle just one more notch. The train would increase its speed, perhaps two inches an hour, but it helped. The men could feel that little burst of speed and they would cheer more loudly. Then the engineer's blood got up. With a low curse he shoved the throttle as far as it would go. There was another burst of speed, and more cheering for the engineer.

Finally the outskirts of Portland were in view and more voices opened up in the chorus. The engineer gave his throttle a kick, but it would go no farther. The yelling and cheering increased, and the engineer put all the weight of his bulky frame against the throttle for the last little burst of speed that he could get in.

In all of the back doors lined along the gulch there were bobbing heads; on the porches there were mothers and fathers and children waving flags and yelling. The boys were simply delicious with joy. They hugged each other and screamed confidentially in each other's ears what a wonderful ill' of town Portland was.

Then Harbor Whistles Sound Greeting

Finally they slowed down for the bridge. Almost loud enough to drown their cheering sounded the sirens and whistles.

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# WARRIORS FETED AS CITY'S GUESTS

### Returning Soldiers Overwhelmed by Generous and Patriotic Demonstration in Their Behalf.

They were simply dazed. At first the boys of the Sixty-fifth managed to yell as they were coming into the city. And their bubbling enthusiasm trickled out through their vocal apparatus as they caught sight of mother and father at the Union station. The trains were pulled in at 3:39 and 4 o'clock, respectively, Monday afternoon.

And as they poured into the crowds of relatives and friends and found the home folks their emotions gave expression through their arms, for they could and did hug mother with a tender, yearning might.

Soldiers Suppress Tears

Then lumps went up in their throats. They couldn't cheer. They were stern fighters and they wouldn't let the tears comp. But as they formed on Sixth street and marched through the long lanes of wild, waving, yelling, screaming, delicious humanity that greeted them, say the flags that wrote "Welcome" in the breeze; saw far ahead Liberty temple, seeming to be a monument garnished in their honor; saw the glistening tears in the eyes of friends; heard the mighty, heartfelt surge of voices proclaiming them victors—it just took the sternness off. They had expected a splendid welcome and had set themselves for it, but they hadn't counted on so much.

Time and again as they marched along and saw those old familiar faces, winking and smiling at them, they were

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# Stars and Stripes of 65th C. A. C.

"I didn't see much of the war on the western front," laughed Jack Smith of Marshfield as he hopped off the troop train at the Union station Monday. "I was busy ducking live explosives in shell holes. We could hear the shells coming two or three seconds before they reached our vicinity, and believe me, it was dive for the ditch. None of us stayed around to watch 'em light. I bet I went into the ditch a thousand times in the 15 days we were at the front. We were on the Metz front when the armistice was signed."

Smith, sleek, and happy to be home, is the proud wearer of a German ring. It is getting close to home, he explained, with a sly grin.

Smith enlisted with the Oregon artillery in 1917, and spent eight months in France.

"When those old Heines are whistling around you forget about narrow capes," was the comment of Arthur Base, former Jefferson high school athlete, who was a tree or two missing in the war. "I guess I had them, all right, but I was a great little doggie, too. You could hear them whistle, and when they were coming, we weren't staying any tea parties, nor holding conferences, we just simply dove for the nearest hole. A lot of them hit close enough, but I got away all right. But I tell you, Portland looks awfully good to me."

"When shrapnel and high explosives splinter the trees right under your nose, it is getting close to home," remarked Smith Weekly, a husky lad from Marshfield, at the Union station. "We would hear the shells coming, duck and lift our heads to see a tree or two missing. I had my closest call when a piece of shrapnel cut a small tree about 25 feet away. And that was close enough."

Corporal Otto M. LaDuke brought a German helmet with him, which he picked up on the battlefield of Argonne forest. He exhibited it to his wife and parents-in-law. Corporal LaDuke lives at Eugene when he is at home. "I have been in so many battles I can't remember them all," said Corporal LaDuke.

James E. Chapman's little niece from Eugene simply wouldn't let her uncle get away from her, now that she had him. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Chapman, came to Portland especially to see him.

Charles R. Dimm, member of the 14th field artillery, Sixty-sixth brigade, was the only nurse among those returning. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dimm, 384 North Twenty-fourth street, who waited at the station to meet him. Dimm enlisted at Eugene and was

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# TAFT ASKS LABOR AND LEAGUE

### Workers Are Huge Factor in Success of Peace Tribunal Fostered by Fighting Peoples.

### League Would Be Comprehensive Union in Management of All Mutual Affairs of Members.

"HOW is the world to be made safe for democracy?" asked William Howard Taft, former president of the United States at The Auditorium, Monday evening.

"It is first to knock the autocracies out and then to provide some machinery by which peace should continue thereafter, because except in times of peace the world is not safe for democracy," the famous propagandist for a League of Nations answered his own question.

As the closing speaker at the closing session of the Northwestern congress for a League of Nations, and appearing in his capacity as chairman of the war labor board, ex-President Taft paid tribute to labor as a mighty factor in world affairs. He spoke to a vast audience of 5000 Northwesterners stormy advance indication of the public disapproval which will avalanche upon the United States senate should it fail to ratify the League of Nations treaty.

He fired heavy guns of irony and ridicule at Senator Poindexter and Senator Borah, whose hypothetical objections to a League of Nations have been widely quoted. He insisted there will be no loss in American nationalism because of the internationalism of the proposed League of Nations.

Covenant With a Bite

"I am strongly in favor of internationalism," he said. "I believe love of country is one of the purest and most sacred things that man can cultivate; but because we love our country should we give up our love of our family and our home? The love of home and the love of family are the love of the love of country; and the love of country in turn only strengthens your profound love for humanity and your desire through your country to help humankind."

"A covenant with a bite in it," was the ex-president's reference to the League of Nations constitution. He said:

"I am sure you will say with me that when Mr. Gompers selected Mr. Short to go upon that labor commission to visit Europe, you know why he was selected. It was because he was the most forcible way the interest which labor had in this League of Nations.

"This war has shaken things into a different situation, both with respect to autocracies and with respect to social matters. The war has not been a war of armies.

"Our Civil war was a war of armies. Most wars in the past had been wars of armies. But the Germans, with their evil thoroughness, concluded they would make war a war upon people, and they, by properly using their brains, gave a character to destructiveness of people, of men, women and children, combatants and noncombatants, that no war ever had before since the days of Attila.

World Vast Munitions Factory

"The requirements that they have imposed upon us have been such that we are engaged therein a burden of production of ammunition and war equipment, cannon, mugs and all the paraphernalia of war."

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# BORAH IGNORES WILSON'S PLANS

### Pointdexter Will Defy Request by Opening Anti-League Debate on Senate Floor.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Senator Borah today declined President Wilson's invitation to dine at the White House and discuss the League of Nations.

He based his declination on two points.

First, that he and the president are fundamentally at odds regarding any League of Nations plan, and, second, that he could not allow himself to be bound by a confidential discussion, no part of which he could use later in argument or public discussion.

"Borah, so far, is the only member either the house or senate foreign relations committee to decline the president's invitation to dine at the White House and discuss the League of Nations. His action created a great stir at the capital.

At the same time announcement was made that Senator Poindexter is prepared today to disregard the president's expressed wish that debate be deferred by beginning discussion of the league before the senate.

Poindexter's speech, if made today, is expected to be followed by speeches by Borah, Cummins and Reed, all hostile to the league. Such criticism as they will voice may call for a reply by the administration senators. In this event the senate is likely to be plunged into a long debate.

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# ROLL OF HONOR

In the roll of honor released for publication today are the names of the following men from the Pacific Northwest:

KILLED IN ACTION

Washington

PRIVATE WALKER E. HAMILTON, emergency address, The Bude, 112 1/2 The street, Seattle.

PRIVATE JOHN W. JONES, U. S. M. C., emergency address, Owen E. Jones, 2124 S. First avenue, Seattle.

FIRST AVENUE, SEATTLE

KILLED, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING

Washington

CORPORAL DENNIS O. LANTY, U. S. M. C., emergency address, Martin E. Lanty, Lincoln, Wash.

MISSING IN ACTION

Washington

PRIVATE ORIN O. AUBURN, emergency address, Mrs. M. Auburn, 320 Edmunds street, Seattle.

KILLED IN ACTION, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUND (Depos Unconfirmed)

Washington

PRIVATE ANDREW ENGEBRETZEN, emergency address, Mrs. A. Engebretzen, 112 1/2 The street, Seattle.

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