

SENATE PASSES CUMMINS BILL BY 46-30 VOTE

Final Enactment of Railroad Legislation Hoped for Early in January

PROBLEM STILL IN AIR

Return of Roads on January 1 by Proclamation Is Expected Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Cummins bill paving the way for the

return of the railroads to private operation passed the senate late today by a vote of 46 to 30, ending a prolonged discussion of the measure and making the holiday recess of congress possible. It went through with out change in the anti-strike and other important provisions around which the senate measure was drawn and was sent to conference for adjustment during the recess with the Esch bill, passed by the house November 17. Final enactment of the permanent railroad re-organization legislation is hoped for by leaders early next month.

Final Disposition Uncertain.
The ultimate disposition of the railroad problem, however, still is in doubt as the senate and house bills will be in conference and congress in recess on January 1, the date previously set by President Wilson for return of the lines to their owners.

Unless vetoed by the president, the pending legislation, according to the plans of congressional leaders, would require the return of the roads by January 31. The railroad adminis-

tration, however, has plans ready for their return January 1 under a presidential proclamation, should Mr. Wilson adhere to his announced program.

LaFollette Plan Rejected.
Preceding the final vote, the senate rejected 65 to 11 a substitute bill offered by Senator LaFollette, proposing retention of the roads another two years.

Three Republicans, Gronna, North Dakota; LaFollette and Norris, Nebraska; and eight Democrats, Ashurst, Arizona; Chamberlain, Oregon; Henderson, Nevada; Johnson, South Dakota; Kenrick, Wyoming; Nugent, Idaho; Sheppard, Texas, and Walsh, Montana, voted for the plan.

The Cummins bill was supported by 33 Republicans and 13 Democrats and opposed by eight Republicans and 22 Democrats.

Automobile Applications Far Short of Last Year

Since the present total of registered automobiles in Oregon is greater by one-third than in 1918, or approximately \$6,000 now to about \$3,000 last year, Sam A. Kozar, deputy secretary of state, finds it hard to account for a shortage in the number of motor vehicle owners who have not applied for their 1920 licenses as compared with those who at the corresponding time last year had applied for their 1919 licenses.

So far, since applications began to be received in November, only 17,500 motor vehicle owners have applied for new licenses. This is a full 1000 short of the number at the corresponding time a year ago.

Mr. Kozar urges that the applications be hurried in to prevent congestion later. He thinks the tardiness is, partially due to the recent cold weather which has detracted from interest in automobiles.

DUTCH EXPECT MILD DEMANDS

Request of Allies for Kaiser Will Not Be Serious Thinks Holland

THE HAGUE, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Long inclined to believe the allies would not make a serious demand for the extradition of former Emperor William, the Dutch government now expects such a demand will be made. The Associated Press was officially informed today.

"We suppose the demand will come before long and that several powers probably will address a joint letter to Holland, setting forth the case," the official said. "Our feeling is that the very men who sign the demand probably will be hoping all the time that we will refuse. This demand will put a small nation in a difficult position, which seems to us not at all just."

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PEACE TREATY FIGHT REVIVES IN FULL VIGOR

Two Moves Made for Formal Establishment of Peace With Germany

RECESS HALTS ACTION

Settlement Early in January Is Indicated by Work of Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The peace treaty controversy was revived, in its full vigor today, just before the senate recess for Christmas.

Two new moves for the formal establishment of peace, one by ratification of the treaty, and the other without, were the agencies which reopened the fight. Neither proposal got anywhere, but it generally was conceded that the day's work would help to bring to a focus early in January the trend of senate opinion toward some sort of a settlement.

Underwood Causes Stir.
The suggestion which caused the greatest stir came from Senator Underwood, who proposed a resolution for appointment of a committee of 10 senators to work out a compromise ratification of the treaty. He asked for immediate action, but Senator Lodge forced the resolution over until after the holidays.

The other move came from Senator Knox, who secured approval of the foreign relations committee for a resolution to repeal the declaration of war and to demand of Germany, on pain of an economic boycott, all the material benefits provided for under the unratified treaty. The mild reservation group of Republicans asserted they would not support such a measure, however, and the Democrats predicted it never would be adopted.

Mild Group Determined.
The mild group made plans to go ahead determinedly with their efforts for a bi-partisan agreement on reservations.

John H. Carson Is Head of Workman Lodge Here

The revived chapter of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Salem, known as Protection lodge No. 2, has elected the following officers: Past Master Workman, P. H. D'Arcy; master workman, John H. Carson; foreman, Harold M. Harpole; overseer, Frank G. Deckebach, Jr.; guide, William Earl Shafer; recorder, A. L. Brown; inside watch, Lloyd J. Glenn; outside watch, Emil F. Aufranc. The election of a treasurer was deferred.

The lodge in Salem numbers about 125 members. Twelve candidates recently were initiated.

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SWEET BILL IS UP TO WILSON

Congress Passes Measure Liberalizing War Risk Insurance Policies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Enactment of the Sweet bill, increasing payments of war risk insurance from \$30 to \$80 monthly and liberalizing the insurance provisions of the law to extend the classes of beneficiaries was completed tonight by congress and sent to the president for approval. The measure, it is estimated, will cost the government \$80,000,000 a year.

Differences between the senate and house provisions were adjusted today in conference.

The measure makes converted insurance payable in lump sum or in 36 equal installments. Enactment of the urgency deficiency bill also was completed when the house approved the measure as increased by the senate from \$2,110,000 to approximately \$32,000,000 to meet the provisions of the Sweet bill for increased allowances for war risk insurance.

Ice in Columbia Still Hampers Wooden Vessels

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—Although this was the fourth day of thawing weather here, ice conditions in the Willamette and Columbia rivers still hampered navigation by wooden vessels and few river steamers attempted to move. The stern wheel steamer Lurline which was damaged when she became caught in the ice near St. Helens yesterday worked her way loose today and after temporary repairs proceeded on her way to Astoria. Steel steamers came and went today with little trouble.

3000 TEACHERS WILL ASSEMBLE

Annual Convention to be Held in Portland Dec. 29-31 Is Announcement

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—More than 3000 teachers will assemble in Portland on December 29, 30 and 31 to participate in the annual convention of the State Teachers' association, according to estimates made today by A. C. Hampton of La Grande, president of the organization. The speakers will include prominent educators from many parts of the United States and some of the leading universities of the country will be represented. The subjects to be discussed cover a wide scope, and Americanism and other patriotic topics will have an important place on the program.

EASTERN OREGON IS UNDER WATER

Pendleton Streets Flooded to Depth of Three Feet—West of State Safe Yet

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Melting snows and heavy rains were fast bringing Oregon streams to the bankful stage today. Damaging floods were reported at some points with others in prospect. Umatilla county towns had been the greatest sufferers so far. At Pendleton water was on some streets to a depth of three feet, while Milton, Freewater and Adams all reported similar conditions with streams still on the rise. Little damage had been reported in western Oregon up to tonight.

2 INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Astoria Men Accused of Killing Chinese Member of American Legion

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 20.—Parlia Axel Branner and William Wilson, Astoria men, recently arrested in Utah and brought here by Chief of Police Carlson of this city, were indicted in a report made public today by the Clatsop county grand jury on three counts charging second degree murder for the shooting of Frank Gowan, Chinese merchant and American Legionary, while attempting to rob the store of Gowan on the night of November 28. The men will be arraigned Monday.

CONGRESS TAKES HOLIDAY RECESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Christmas recess of congress began at 11:12 p. m. tonight when the senate adjourned to meet again January 5. The house adjourned four minutes earlier and no business was transacted in either house during the night.

The delay in adjournment was necessary to permit bills passed today to be prepared for the signature of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate before being transmitted to the White House. Few members were present at adjournment.

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PROFITEERING TO BE INVESTIGATED

Alleged Violations in Oregon to Be Probed by Federal Grand Jury

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Investigations into alleged profiteering and food hoarding in Oregon will be made by the forthcoming federal grand jury which will convene January 5 by virtue of a call issued today by United States Attorney L. W. Humphreys. The United States attorney's office has been making numerous investigations during the past several weeks, Mr. Humphreys said.

No Award Made on Young's Bay Bridge by Commission

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—Bids were opened here today by the state highway commission for the proposed construction of a bridge across Young's bay near Astoria, in connection with the port of Astoria, and Clatsop county. No award was made. The commission also opened bids for \$1,000,000 in road bonds. Plans were discussed for the presentation of a bill at the coming special session of the Oregon legislature of a bill authorizing a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for completion of the Columbia and Pacific highways in the state.

TIME TABLES

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO.			
Northbound			
No. 44 Oregonian	.....	8:30 a.m.	
No. 14 Oregon Express	.....	8:55 a.m.	
No. 28 Willamette Limited	.....	9:17 a.m.	
No. 18 Portland Passenger	.....	1:40 p.m.	
No. 24 Coast Bay	.....	4:58 p.m.	
No. 14 Portland Express	.....	7:45 p.m.	
Southbound			
No. 52 Oregonian	.....	3:10 a.m.	
No. 32 For Eugene	.....	10:45 a.m.	
No. 15 California Express	.....	11:35 a.m.	
No. 17 Roseburg Passenger	.....	6:38 p.m.	
No. 37 Willamette Limited	.....	8:44 p.m.	
No. 13 San Francisco Pass.	.....	10:04 p.m.	
SALEM-GEOR LINES			
No. 73 Arrive at Salem	.....	9:10 a.m.	
No. 74 Leave Salem	.....	4:50 p.m.	
SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN			
161 Leaves Salem, motor	.....	7:30 a.m.	
162 Leaves Salem, motor	.....	11:30 a.m.	
165 Leaves Salem, motor	.....	1:55 p.m.	
166 Leaves Salem, motor	.....	4:15 p.m.	
Through car to Mouth and Astoria	.....	
171 Leaves Salem	.....	8:15 p.m.	
162 Arrives at Salem	.....	8:25 a.m.	
164 Arrives at Salem	.....	11:30 a.m.	
165 Arrives at Salem	.....	2:30 p.m.	
172 Arrives Salem	.....	7:40 p.m.	

OREGON ELECTRIC Effective Oct. 1st, 1919.			
Train No.	Leave	Arrive	Arrive
Portland	Salem	Eugene	
5 Ltd.	10:45 am	12:15 pm	12:30 pm
6 Ltd.	10:45 am	12:15 pm	12:30 pm
7	1:05 pm	4:15 pm	8:30 pm
12 Ltd.	4:45 pm	8:40 pm	8:50 pm
17	8:45 pm	8:37 pm	Salem only
19	8:30 pm	11:20 pm	Salem only
*North Bank Station (leave Jefferson Street 15 and 30 minutes later.)			

Northbound			
Train No.	Leave	Arrive	Arrive
Eugene	Salem	Portland	
6 Ltd.	7:25 am	7:35 am	8:30 am
11	.....	9:45 am	11:30 am
12	.....	12:35 pm	2:30 pm
16 Ltd.	1:55 pm	4:00 pm	8:50 pm
23	.....	Salem only	8:30 pm
22	.....	5:25 pm	7:25 pm
*North Bank Station (arrive Jefferson Street 15 minutes earlier.) *Leave Corvallis.			

CORVALLIS CONNECTIONS			
Northbound			
Leave Corvallis	Arrive Salem	Arrive Eugene	Arrive Portland
8:30 am	9:45 am	11:30 am	
9:35 am	10:50 am	12:40 pm	
6:18 pm	7:25 pm	8:55 pm	
Southbound			
Leave Salem	Arrive Corvallis	Arrive Eugene	Arrive Portland
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4:45 pm	5:45 pm	7:45 pm	

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