

DWINDLING IN NEW BILLS IS APPARENT

Past Week the Most Spectacular of Session in Debate Heard on Floors of Senate and House.

IMPORTANT SPECIAL ORDERS FOR MONDAY

Bond Regulations Among Matters to be Taken Up Tomorrow

Introduction of bills in the legislature began to dwindle early in the last week, but the week has been the most spectacular of the session in debates on the floor. In the house the introduction of bills was stopped the first of the week by the house rules, except by special approval or to give right of way to appropriation bills or some other forms of absolutely necessary legislation.

No curb has been placed on the introduction of bills in the senate, but that period has been reached where the senators are giving most of their time to quiet campaigning for bills in the hands of the committees.

Big Measures Handled
Notable in the senate's activity for the week have been the passage of the port of Portland bill, the date on which the utility-utility contract, the passage of the game commission bill and the Rogue River fishing bill, action taken on the Roosevelt Military highway measure of Senators Hall and Norblad and the debate on Banks' free text-book bill.

The port bills had been agreed upon and brought little debate on the floor of the senate, although Senator Joseph had his fling at the port commissioners. Eddy's bill to preserve the obligation of contracts whereby utilities agree to furnish cities certain services in return for franchises privileges, brought on a pretty debate in which Eddy succeeded in forcing over his minority report recommending passage of the measure against the majority report against the bill. The bill passed the senate yesterday.

Game Commission
The fish commission measure and the Rogue River bill represented agreements between factions and passed yesterday without trouble except Senator Smith's assertion that Grants Pass interests never had been invited to participate in conference and his declaration that the fight is not yet at an end. The commercial fishing code bill, because of its numerous amendments, was deferred for action until Monday, but has been agreed upon and will not be debated.

The Roosevelt Military highway bill of Senators Norblad and Hall had a varied history. With only four votes against it the measure passed the senate early in the week. At a public hearing Wednesday night the bill was condemned by R. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, as inimical to the highway program and as a deviation from the policy of leaving the application of highway funds to the discretion of the highway commission and not to the legislature. This caused a motion in the senate to have the bill recalled from the house for reconsideration but vote on the motion was deferred until Monday out of courtesy to Senator Hall, who was absent.

Banks For Free Books
Free text-books for school children under the high school grades is one on which the senate is at variance. After a strenuous debate on the motion was deferred until Monday out of courtesy to Senator Hall, who was absent.

Special Order Monday
A special order Monday at 2 o'clock Senator Eddy's bill to place bond dealers under the jurisdiction of the state corporation commissioner will come up. At 2:30 o'clock Tuesday the Norblad bill striking at purse seining and designed to prohibit that form of commercial fishing will come up for passage.

Only 56 Bills
Only 56 bills have been introduced in the senate during the week. The first one of the week was Hume's measure providing that vaccination or inoculation attendance at schools or any other privilege. This keeps between the medical practitioners and the drugless healers, a fight that now runs through every legislative session and most general and special elections.

Bond Commission Proposed
The Ryan-Edwards bill to create a bond commission, and to require all school districts and municipalities offering bonds for sale to give the state the first chance at them, was another important measure of the week. It is in the hands of the committee on banking.

Banking Bills Offered
Senator Hall has introduced

MRS. PEETE GUILTY OF DENTON MURDER

PENALTY IS FIXED AT LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Crowds Wait All Day Through Sudden Showers to Learn Outcome of Case

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Louise L. Peete was found guilty by a jury late today of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Jacob Charles Denton. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

Mrs. Peete shook hands with her attorneys, W. T. Aggeler, acting public defender and Robert H. Scott, assistant public defender, then turned to the bailiff and said:

"We'll go now."
She was then taken back to the county jail.

There was no demonstration in the crowded court room.

Mrs. Peete was the second woman to be convicted in two days of murder in the first degree in Los Angeles county. The first, Mrs. Maybelle Roe, was found guilty yesterday of the slaying of McCullough Grayson, a real estate operator. Her punishment was also fixed at life imprisonment.

A crowd gathered in the street about the hall of justice all day awaiting the outcome of the case and was not dispersed by a sudden shower about 5 o'clock.

Sentence will be passed Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The jury had been out from 11:44 o'clock this morning until 5:25 this afternoon, with a two-hour adjournment for lunch. Six ballots were taken.

The first ballot was for conviction as was thereafter, according to the statement of J. B. Johnson, foreman.

"The only question was as to whether the death penalty should be inflicted," he added.

GOVERNOR SIGNS EIGHTEEN BILLS

Total of Thirty-Eight Measures Passed by Both Houses To Date

Up to the present juncture of the legislative session a total of 573 bills have been introduced, 254 in the senate and 319 in the house. Of this number 38 have passed both houses and are ready for the approval or veto of Governor Olcott. So far the executive has signed 18 bills, nine of each house and has vetoed none.

Of the 18 measures approved by the governor, five carry the emergency clause and are now effective and of all other measures that have passed both houses, four carry that clause and will be effective as soon as signed by the governor, if he signs them, and will not have to wait the statutory period required of acts not carrying the clause.

Below is a list of the senate and house bills that have passed both houses, and so indicated if they carry the emergency clause and if signed by the governor:

1, by Eberhard—Abolishing board of automobile mechanics examiners. Signed by governor.

2, by Eberhard—Relating to appointment of special district attorneys. Emergency clause. Signed by governor.

13, by Eberhard—Removing from constitution 2 per cent limitation for issuance of bonds, road bonds. Signed by governor.

28, by Patterson—Relating to limitation of time of bringing new action after reversal of judgment. Signed by governor.

31, by Moser—Relating to cemetery association. Signed by governor.

42, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to rehabilitation laws. Emergency clause. Signed by governor.

46, by Ryan—Relating to county superintendent's appointment to high schools.

53, by Ellis—Making it unnecessary for circuit judges to instruct grand juries relative to prize-fighting law when prize fighting is not involved in investigation. Signed by governor.

54, by committee on revision of laws—Making it unnecessary for circuit judges to instruct grand juries relative to criminal libel when libel is not involved in investigations. Signed by governor.

65, by Joseph—Relating to interest coupons in exchange for bonds.

76, by Strayer—Relating to claims on sheep. Signed by governor.

102, by Dennis—Making it a punishable offense to circulate false statements as to standing or reputation of banking institutions.

105, by Washington county delegation—To permit county court of Washington county to compensate Francis Willard Taylor.

138, by Norblad—Providing for preliminary survey for interstate bridge over Columbia river near its mouth.

33, by Joseph—Fixing limitation on revocations, countermands payment and stop-payment orders relating to the payment of any check or draft against bank accounts.

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WIND TORN SEA BATTERS SHIP IN ROCKY COVE

Crew Thought to be Safe on Shore—Steamship Company To Provide Food For Passengers.

SALVAGE VESSELS ARE SENT TO AID THE CRAFT

Rescue Boat Unable to Help Schooner on Account of High Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Isolated by wind torn seas and obstructed by communications, but with her passengers and crew believed to be safe ashore, the steam schooner Klamath was being battered and torn tonight in a rock-circled cove at Del Mar, 80 miles north of here, where she was carried by a gale early today. Every effort was being made by the C. R. McCormick company of this city, which operates the vessel, to provide food and housing for the 19 passengers, among whom are four women and a child, until they can be brought back to this city. Her crew numbers 36.

Everett Fails in Mission.
The Admiral line steamer Curacao halted on a trip from this port to Eureka long enough to get within a half mile of the Klamath and determined that the passengers and crew were ashore she proceeded on her way at 9 a. m., after vainly attempting to render assistance, and her place was taken by the McCormick steam schooner, Everett, which was proceeding from Columbia river points to San Diego. The following wireless message was received by the McCormick company from Capt. John Foldat of the Everett late today:

"Unable to approach Klamath account mountainous seas. Deck lead in poor shape. Klamath too far away for me to detect any people."

Captain Foldat referred to his own deck load, as the Klamath was in ballast. He was ordered to stand by the Klamath until other vessels could be sent to relieve him.

The wind which swept the Klamath shore ripped down virtually all wires between Del Mar and Point Arena, which is 17 miles north, and the outside world, and they remained prostrate throughout the day. At noon today the wind was still 85 miles an hour at points on the coast near Point Arena, but was said to be dying down.

Salvage Ships Are Sent.
The Klamath sent out but two wireless messages after she struck the first of the rocks, S. O. S. and the second a message to the radio corporation of America station at Bolinas, near here, that she had gotten two lines ashore, but that her wireless aerials were toppling over. The steamers Alaska, Queen and Curacao picked up the S. O. S. and the Curacao, being the closest, went at once to the scene.

An army airplane from San Francisco which attempted to land on the bluff near the Klamath, was nearly overturned by the wind. Its pilot, Lieut. W. C. Goldsborough, reported. Lieutenant Goldsborough said he believed the passengers and crew fought their way through the surf to safety, but the steamer's owners were of the opinion that a breeches buoy effected the rescue. The Point Arena life saving station crew also was believed to be at the scene, although no word of any kind was heard from it.

Two salvage vessels were sent from here late today to relieve the Everett.

VICTORIA IS ANCHORED.

ORMOND, Fla., Feb. 5.—The houseboat Victoria, with President-elect Harding and his party on board, anchored tonight near Sebastian, Fla., after an uneventful day's sailing along the winding Indian river.

By nightfall tomorrow the boat probably will be within a day's run of St. Augustine.

POESCHL INDICTED.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—Indictment of murder in the first degree was returned late today against Joseph C. Poeschl, charged with killing Attorney Charles J. Schnabel yesterday. The grand jury's action followed a verdict by a coroner's jury which fixed responsibility for the killing of Schnabel on Poeschl.

TORNADO HITS TOWN

HALEYVILLE, Ala., Feb. 5.—A tornado struck this town early today, moving the residence of E. J. McNabb 100 yards without injury to the sleeping family. Other buildings were lifted from foundations and a score of small structures demolished.

ANGLO-JAPANESE PACT IS NOT DEALT AT U. S.

GENERAL AGREEMENT HELD TO FREE AMERICA

Minister Uchida Declares Alliance Does Not Hold England Bound Ally of Japan

TOKIO, Feb. 5.—Questioned in the diet today whether the Anglo-Japanese alliance obligated Great Britain to assist Japan in the event of war between Japan and the United States, Foreign Minister Uchida replied that the United States never had been considered as a country to which the alliance applies and that Japan and Great Britain had agreed to regard the peace commission agreement of 1914 as equivalent to the general arbitration referred to in article 4 of the alliance of 1911.

Representative Ueyehara asked whether Japan had ever been notified that the interpretation of article four would be altered as a result of the conclusion of a general arbitration treaty with the United States.

Viscount Uchida replied in the negative, but said opinions were exchanged while the arbitration treaty was being negotiated and he regretted that consideration of diplomatic secrets had caused publication of the British view.

The Ueyehara asked if Great Britain considered herself exempt from assisting Japan in the event of a Japan-American war.

The foreign minister in reply, said that though a general arbitration treaty had not been concluded the peace commission agreement of 1914 was regarded as an equivalent.

"So far as I know," he added, "the United States was never considered when the alliance was concluded and article 4 was never meant to apply to Great Britain. In my opinion there was an understanding between Japan and Great Britain that article 4 did not apply to the United States."

PENROSE FAVORS SOLDIERS BONUS

Doubt is Expressed as to Possibility of Getting It This Session

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—An American legion delegation was told by Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee today that he would favor increases in federal taxation, if necessary to provide a cash bonus for war veterans. He expressed doubt, however, whether the legislation could be put through in this session.

Senator Penrose and Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, who has charge of the bonus bill, were interviewed by the American legion representatives, including F. W. Galbraith, national commander. The executive committee of the legion will meet Monday to discuss the situation.

The opinion that the people favor "adequate and satisfactory provision for soldiers, their widows and relatives" was expressed by Senator Penrose.

"I further told the committee," he said, "that the country was in a very bad financial situation and hardly able to meet its requirements and that revenue undoubtedly would fall off to a very marked degree in the next fiscal year."

WILSON'S VETO IS OVERRIDDEN

House Passes Bill to Reduce Army to 175,000 Enlisted Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The joint resolution directing the stopping of enlistments until the regular army is reduced to 175,000 men was passed tonight by the house over President Wilson's veto. The vote was 271 to 16, one member voting present.

The president's veto message was not read to the house until six hours after its formal delivery, but, once read, action was swift.

Those voting to override the veto included 92 democrats.

Action is expected to be taken on the veto early next week in the senate where it was said prospects were favorable for overriding it.

The president in his veto message informed congress that he was unable to see in the conduct of the world or in the needs of the United States, any such change as would justify reduction of the force from 280,000 men.

GOLD ORE IS STRUCK

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 5.—Gold ore assaying \$35 a ton has been struck by an oil drilling outfit on the Cook ranch near Arto, Neb., according to reports received here, which added that the oil company paid \$180,000 for 160 acres surrounding the test well. A heavy snow makes travel to the reported strike impossible.

FATHER AND SON WEEK IS FEBRUARY 20 TO 26

PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED BY MAYOR HALVORSEN

Program to be Promoted Through Junior and Senior Hi "Y" Clubs

Mayor G. E. Halvorsen has issued a proclamation for the observance of a Father and Son week, February 20 to 26, by the people of the city. The proclamation follows:

"Because it has an important bearing on civic welfare in Salem, as well as on individual life in countless cases, I feel it my duty to call attention to the well-conceived plan for a Father and Son Week, February 20 to 26.

"The purpose is admirable. Anything that tends to bring father and son closer together in friendly spirit can not but be beneficial to themselves and to the community.

"I believe that fathers can do more than any others to stem the great and alarming tide of 'dropping out' of school, which carries many boys out into the world unfit for progress and prosperity or public service.

"Many boys grow to manhood virtually ignorant of even the simplest processes of government. These every father can explain to his son. The son, in every case, should become better than his father, for that marks progress.

"The week that is coming will suggest many ways in which fathers may gain more completely the confidence of their sons, with all that means effective guidance and unresented control.

"I, therefore, call upon the fathers of this city and request their co-operation in this important movement by attending with their sons at least one of the meetings to be held during 'Father and Son Week.' I hope the men who have no sons will be moved, the boys who have no fathers."

Arrangements are being made by L. A. Pickett, boys' secretary for the Y. W. C. A. for observance of February 20 to 26 as Father and Son week. The plans are being promoted through the senior and junior Hi "Y" clubs, and an excellent program is provided.

The program schedule follows: Sunday—Go to church with Dad; Monday—Senior Hi club banquet; Tuesday—Senior Hi club banquet; Wednesday—Stay at home night; Thursday—Religious emphasis day; Friday—Assembly talks by father; Saturday—Take a trip with father.

HIGH POWERED PLANES PLANNED

Steps Taken For Construction of Fleet of Aircraft Carriers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—First steps looking to the construction of a fleet of modern high powered airplane carriers for the navy were taken today in congress.

Senator Geary, Democrat, Rhode Island, introduced an amendment to the naval appropriation bill providing for four such vessels to cost not more than \$24,600,000 each. Before the house naval committee, Representative Britten, Republican, Illinois, and Oliver, Democrat, Alabama, announced that they would bring bills each providing for two airplane carriers.

All naval officers and Brigadier General Mitchell of the army air service, who have been testifying before the house committee for two days, have stressed the importance of obtaining such carriers as soon as possible. General Mitchell said today American aviation officers had little knowledge of the uses of the proposed vessels because Great Britain is keeping the data secret.

Representative Oliver's bill would set \$30,000,000 each as the limit of cost for the two carriers and would provide that until money was appropriated none of the fund authorized for the battleships Massachusetts and Iowa, already under construction could be available.

The Britten proposal would divert \$52,000,000 authorized for 12 destroyers, one transport and air fleet submarines for the two airplane carriers.

General Mitchell told the house committee that the united air service would save the government money and would place the air service under flying officers who would be interested in its development.

Under present conditions in both the army and navy, he said, aviation is under officers who are unsympathetic.

Members of the navy general board and Captain T. T. Craven, director of naval aviation, will present the navy's side of the case in opposition Monday.

The senate naval committee today continued hearings on Senator DeLoach's resolution to suspend naval building for six months while experts study types of ships. Rear Admirals W. S. Sims and B. A. Fiske before the committee today in executive session, opposed the resolution.

REPUBLICAN FORCES DOT IRISH ISLE

High Officer Reveals Plans of Republican Army For Ambushing Crown Forces in Every District.

SMALL UNIT IS BASE OF OPERATING FORCE

Regulars and Men on Run Cooperate in Finding The Enemy

DUBLIN, Feb. 5.—A high officer of the Irish republican army has given to the Associated Press a statement on the army and its operations. This is the first authorized statement thus made public, but the identity of the officer and the circumstances of the interview cannot be disclosed, nor is the correspondent permitted to publish the statistical information supplied regarding the total number of forces, regular and irregular, now in the field.

Republican Plan Revealed

The officer, who will be designated "Colonel X," spoke freely, answering every question, but he enjoined non-publication of various statements, which he said, "might give information to the enemy."

He denied the declaration of Major-General Strickland, in command of the British troops, that the Irish republican army organization was disintegrated, and repudiated the suggestion that the remarkable activity of the last fortnight was a demonstration to disprove the assertions that the morale of the volunteers was impaired.

"The recent increase in the attacks on the crown forces," he said, "was only a natural development due to the perfecting of our organization. From now on there will be further extension and intensification of our operations in all parts of the country."

He intimated that the republican army would soon begin the issuance of a military communication, probably weekly, and added: "Our system of communication is not yet rapid, but it is certain."

Republican Army Dots Country
He smiled at a reference called to his attention that Michael Collins was head of the republican army, saying: "That is a delusion persisted in not only by the public, but by the British government. He did not say whether the direction of the republican army was in the hands of one man or a committee of men, but he pointed forward outstanding for the arrest of Collins.

Colonel X began: "The Irish republican army dots the country. Our plan is to account for every district either by battalions or companies; every foot of ground is being surveyed and studied with reference to the most promising spots for ambushes, and with regard to the dispositions of the crown forces. The size of our forces varies according to the nature of the country and the number and character of the inhabitants.

"We are slowly but steadily carrying out our plans. It should be understood, however, that we must organize and train men while we are fighting."

Company Unit of Operation

The unit of the organization, he said, is the company, whose full strength normally is 100 men, each company being tactically self-contained and furnishing its own signallers, engineers and machine guns.

"The tendency, though," he continued, "is to operate in smaller units in areas like Ulster, where certain districts are either too thinly populated or the population is hostile. We have only small groups engaged in reconnaissance and intelligence work. In some areas, where conditions are wholly favorable, the companies are formed into battalions and brigades. This is our regular army. The men on the run are somewhat similarly organized, but in small units. They work in conjunction with the regulars and are kept well armed, clothed and equipped. But the vast bulk of our men are not on the run; they are available for operations in the daytime, others at night."

ORIGINS BEATS O. A. C.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 5.—University of Oregon made it two straight over Oregon Aggies here tonight by winning at basketball 25 to 22. All of the points were made by the forwards of the two teams. Eddie Durso, starting for Oregon, and Dick Stinson for the Aggies. A return series will be played at Eugene next Friday and Saturday.

THE WEATHER:

Sunday: Fair in east; probably rain in west portion; moderate winds, mostly westerly.

GAS WARFARE HORRORS PICTURED IN HOUSE

CHEMICAL LEVY OPPOSED FOR ARMY

Montague Declares Use of Gas Destroys Last Vestige of Civilized Warfare

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Horror of gas warfare were pictured today in the house by members opposed to an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the chemical warfare service of the army. An amendment by Representative Montague, democrat, Virginia, to cut the amount to \$1,000,000, however, was voted down and the amount carried in the army bill remained unchanged.

Declaring that the use of gas "destroys the last vestige of civilized warfare," Mr. Montague said the "world was horrified" when the Germans began to use gas but those nations which deplored its use most were now conducting experiments to make it still more deadly.

Representative Sisson, democrat, Mississippi, favoring the \$1,500,000 declared he thought the United States should make war so frightful that an enemy nation would "regret ever having tackled Uncle Sam."

"We've ever got into another war," he declared, "I want the United States soldiers to kill as many of the enemy as quickly as possible with the smallest possible loss of life to themselves."

"How about dum dum bullets," he was asked.

"I don't see much difference between shooting a man with poisonous bullets and killing him with ones not poisoned," was Mr. Sisson's reply.

Debate on the army bill closed today. The vote probably will not come before Tuesday.

GOVERNOR SETS ASIDE "PRUNE WEEK"

Business Men's Clubs Will Further Movement in Oregon

For the purpose of urging a more general use of prunes by the Oregon housewife, Governor Olcott has set aside the week, February 14 to 19, as "Prune week."

This plan originated with the Portland Ad. Club, as a means to assist Oregon prune growers to dispose of their 22,000,000 lbs. of unsold prunes. It was at once given the hearty support of the governor, Rotary clubs, Commercial clubs and other booster organizations.

Organizations all over the state will cooperate with this movement, numerous ones gladly accepting the opportunity to help in the growers' effort. Through the local branch of Rotary, practically all of the 19 Rotary clubs in the northwest, in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, will participate in "prune week."

The bread for all of these clubs will be baked by the Cherry City Baking club and through the Rotary club sent to the other branches which have arranged to take part in the observance of prune week.

From Centralia, Wash.
The following letter is similar to many others received by the officers of the local club:

"Your letter of the fifth relative to prune week received and we will be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible.

We have given the matter mention in our weekly bulletin. Our meetings are on Tuesdays and meeting for the week of Feb. 14 will be on the 15th. We will certainly appreciate eating some of the Oregon prune bread. It sounds good."

Rotary Yours,
J. M. BENEDICT, Jr.,
Salem Commercial Club Secretary.

The Salem Commercial club will serve a prune luncheon on Monday the 14th, and other commercial clubs in the state are setting aside their regular weekly luncheons that week as prune luncheons.

The Cherrians have arranged to make of their monthly dinner, Feb. 8, prune dinner, thereby lending their support to the movement.

Idaho Legislature Bids Oregonians to Meeting

The senate of the Idaho legislature, through Governor Davis, has extended through Governor Olcott to the Oregon legislature an invitation to send a special committee to meet with similar committees of the Washington and Idaho legislature at Boise to confer on the alien question. Any date will be satisfactory. The invitation comes following adoption by the Oregon legislature or house joint resolution No. 6, asking Governor Olcott to suggest a meeting to Governor Hart of Washington and Governor Davis of Idaho. The Idaho response came in a telegram to Governor Olcott from Governor Davis yesterday and also Governor Olcott received a telegram from Governor Hart saying the legislature had adjourned until Monday without taking action.

FAST BEARCATS DOWN CLUBMEN FROM PORTLAND

Willamette is Victor in Basketball Game With Multnomah Quintet by Score of 38 to 14.

BEST OF TEAMWORK BY COLLEGIANS

Jackson is High Point Man With Ten Tallies Credited to Him

Completely outclassed in the art of basketball playing the Multnomah Athletic club quintet went down to defeat before the clever and speedy Willamette university hoop artists in a contest staged on the armory floor last night, to the tune of 38 to 14.

The winged M players fought valiantly but luck was against them, when they were able to get possession of the ball, and they were able to convert but a few of their attempted field throws. The Bearcats played together with harmony throughout every stage of the game and every shot seemed to be horseshod.

Willamette consistent strong team work and exceedingly clever passing during all of its contests but has been a little weak in the department of shooting. Since the Oregon games Coach Mathews has put his men through long periods of shooting practice and they revealed themselves masters at the throwing art last night.

The Cardinal and Gold defenders began to score early in the game and their machine continued to register counters throughout. The first half ended with Multnomah on the small end of a 22 to 6 score. In the final period the clubmen made a desperate attempt to get going but the superior teamwork of the varsity prevented them from ringing up many tallies.