



FINANCE BILL REPORTED WITH MANY CHANGES

Chief Feature, Formation of Federal Finance Corporation Remains.

BILL TO SLASH RED TAPE ALSO REPORTED

Slight Amendment Made to Measure Giving President Power.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The senate finance committee reported the half billion finance corporation bill with many changes, the formation of a federal finance corporation remaining. It has supervision of the floating of all private securities over one hundred thousand. The senate judiciary sub-committee voted to report favorably on the bill empowering the President to slash war government red tape. There was a slight amendment.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO HANDLE THIRD LOAN CAMPAIGN

In preparation for the intensive campaign which is to be carried on for the Third Liberty Loan in the near future, a committee has been named by the state committee in Portland to have charge of the Pendleton district campaign.

George A. Hartman, cashier of the First National Bank, was appointed chairman for Pendleton with the following as the other members of his committee: J. B. McCook, cashier of the American National Bank, George C. Paer, president of the Commercial Association, J. Roy Jolley, attorney, and Fred W. Landis, business manager of the East Oregonian.

W. L. Thompson, president of the American National, had been previously appointed chairman for Umatilla county and it is assumed that committees will be appointed for each banking district in the county.

ARRESTED AS I. W. W. SECRETARY OF THE LUMBERMEN'S I. W. W. WAS ARRESTED ON WASHINGTON ORDERS TODAY.

DONALD ROSS TAKEN SUDDENLY BY DEATH

Prominent and Wealthy Sheepman Expires After Illness of Few Moments.

Donald Ross, prominent and wealthy sheepman whose home is in this city, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at his ranch at Vinson on Butter Creek, whither he had gone yesterday morning. The news of his unexpected death came as a profound shock to his family and many friends.

Mr. Ross was in his usual health when he left on his 30 mile trip yesterday morning. He was killed by the flu, and on arrival at his ranch at 1 o'clock remained in doors, sitting by the stove after eating dinner. He complained of a pain in his chest and took some medicine. Soon thereafter he became sick at the stomach and in a few minutes fell over dead. One of the men on the ranch was in the house at the time. The body was brought to Pendleton last night and is now at the Brown undertaking parlor.

Mr. Ross would have been 67 years old had he lived until March 6. He was born in Scotland, the son of John Ross and Elizabeth Isabel (McIntyre) Ross. He came to this county 24 years ago and took a job herding sheep for William Ross. After four years he and John Frazier formed a partnership and bought a small band of sheep which they ran for three years when an exceptionally hard winter wiped out their business. After that experience Mr. Ross purchased another small flock by himself and had been in the sheep business ever since, gradually increasing his holdings until he was counted among the prominent sheepmen of the county.

In 1889 he was married to Estella Keener. He is survived by his widow and seven children, as follows: Miss Ross Ross, who is studying music in New York; Miss Myrtle Ross, who is attending the University of Oregon; John Ross, who is in the aviation section of the army at Waco, Texas; and Water, Isabel, Marian and Dorothy Ross, all of whom are at home. Telegrams have been received from the three absent children stating that they are on their way. Funeral arrangements will not be made until they arrive.

HEADS CLASS FOR "REJUVENATION"



MRS. HENRY T. RAINEY

So great is the government's need for typists and other office workers that a vocational "rejuvenation" class has been opened in Washington by the Woman's Cooperative Council where former office workers may go and "brush up" on work at which they have become "rusty". Mrs. Henry T. Rainey, wife of Congressman Rainey of Illinois, is chairman of the vocational guidance work.

HUNS STEADILY ADVANCING AGAINST UNRESISTING SLAVS; TURKS REACH TREBIZOND

Attempt Made to Cut Libau-Romen Railroad; Russians Abandon Supplies.

GERMANS CLAIM 400 MILE FRONT IS CLEAR

Preparations Made for the Occupation of Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—The Germans are attempting to cut the Libau-Romen railroad. The Russians are retreating without resisting and are abandoning their supplies. The Turkish troops have appeared at Trebizond. The Germans occupied Bapsal, a Finnish seaport and arrested all officials. The Germans are approaching Pskoff from Dvinsk and the Austro-Germans are concentrating on the southwest front while the Ukrainians are concentrating at Brest-Litovsk under German general.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—The Germans are pressing east from Dvinsk, Pskoff and Rovno. A four hundred mile front has been cleared in the country of the enemy. A general and a divisional commandant of eight thousand troops have been captured.

Says Resistance Is Futile. LONDON, Feb. 21.—The German distributed proclamations that resistance to Germany was futile. The Germans are preparing to occupy Petrograd. Holland says Germany declines to make peace with Russia until the independence of the Russian Poles and Russian debts to the central powers are guaranteed.

SALE OF CANNED SALMON STOPPED

All Varieties to be Used for Army and Navy Use Administrator States.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Salmon Administrator Denning of Bellingham ordered canned salmon throughout the northwest to hold all varieties of canned salmon for the army and navy and cease sales. This was preceded by a request for the amount on hand. The government is to fix the price.

ODD FELLOW LODGES GREAT GRAND MASTER

The occasion of the annual visit of the grandmaster of Oregon was a notable one for local Odd Fellows last night when a joint meeting of Burek and Integrity lodges was held. There was a large attendance of members. Initiatory work was put on and later the doors were thrown open to the Hebekeles who mingled with the Odd Fellows in a social session. Grand Master George W. Trefren and others made short talks and the evening was concluded with a light banquet at which 175 men and women sat down.

Grand Master Trefren went to Western Oregon to visit the lodges there and tomorrow will visit the Adams lodge. Saturday he will attend the district convention at Stanfield to which quite a number of local Odd Fellows will go.

LA GRANDE TRIES TO LAND NORMAL

Organization Perfected to Gain Prospective School for That City.

LA GRANDE, Feb. 21.—A meeting of unusual importance was held at the city hall yesterday afternoon, having for its purpose the initiation of an effort by the people of this city to secure the normal school which will come to eastern Oregon if the measure is placed upon the ballot for the November election, is carried. The bill before the people provides for a school in southern Oregon and one in eastern Oregon. The particular location for the eastern Oregon school will be determined by the state board of normal school reorganization. It has become known that the individual members of that board have strongly expressed themselves as being absolutely neutral as between the several communities of this section of the state which may be prospective candidates for the institution. They have made it plain that any one city has an equal chance with each other city; the determination of the question to depend upon the relative merits of the several propositions presented to the board by eastern Oregon communities after the people shall have approved the measure. The people of La Grande understood that several other eastern Oregon cities are to make an effort for this institution. They believe, however, that this city can present reasons why such a school would prosper and serve the interests of the eastern section of the state to excellent advantage if located here. And they know that if action is taken to stop into their laps without letting them know it will be made known. At the meeting yesterday the following La Grande Normal School committee was appointed: George T. Cochran, M. E. Hall, O. L. Larson, T. J. Scroggin, Win. Miller, Fred J. Holmes and Fred B. Curry.

D. J. Kirk Seeks Place As County Commissioner

(East Oregonian Special.) EMMAINE, Ore., Feb. 21.—General satisfaction is being expressed in the Hudson Bay country and the entire east end of Umatilla county over the announcement of Dan J. Kirk, for county commissioner on the republican ticket at the next election.

Mr. Kirk is well known throughout the entire county having been a resident for more than thirty four years, has been an extensive tax payer during this entire period and has been a staunch republican all his life. He has been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge for more than twenty five years and is a member of the R. F. O. R. lodge and has always been willing and ready to aid in the advancement of worthy public enterprises in the community. He has liberally supported the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Liberty loans.

CHAMBERLAIN IMPROVING.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Physicians report Senator Chamberlain is steadily improving.

WOMEN'S WORK PROGRESS COMING

Mrs. Richards Declines Indiscriminate Rush Into Heavy Industry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Hilda Richards, chief of the women's division of the labor department declared the coming generations of Americans is endangered by the indiscriminate rush of women into industry. She says, "Women should enter only those lines of work not injurious to their health and morals. There are plenty of men to take care of the manual labor jobs—when the supply falls the men now in office and light work positions should be replaced by women. Don't try to be conductresses or munition makers because you think it romantic. There are plenty of floorwalkers, ribbon counter and office jobs which can be handled over by their patent leathered men possessors. There is no pressing need for women in heavy work now. Only three per cent of the male labor supply has been affected by the draft thus far."

MY SERVICE FLAG

Set in a bit of ribbon,
I wear a star on my breast;
For I've given my boy to his country
To fight for the nation's oppressor.
No jewels of dazzling beauty
Would fill me with half the pride;
With a smile I sent him to battle
Where thousands have bled and died.

I smiled, though my heart was breaking
For oh, to me he is dear!
And the thought of what fate may await him
Grips my heart with a terrible fear.
My mind goes back o'er his boyhood
To the day God gave him to me—
Oh, the joy of that little presence!
Surely nothing more precious could be.

Then the days when he learned to love me
And trust in my tender care—
With dear, chubby arms he'd enfold me
As the thoughts of his heart he laid bare.

Must the shot and the shell of battle
Roof that form so precious to me
"Dear God!" I cry in my anguish,
"Why dost thou permit this to be?"

Then, there seems to hover o'er me
The spirit of infinite love
And there comes to me a whisper
From the Heavenly Father above:
"I, too, gave my son to suffer
For a world that was lost in sin,
But the life that is lost in my service
All eternally shall win."

"As a drop within the ocean
So thy life on earth must be—
Mid the countless waves and billows
Of the great eternity.
All my sons of earth I'll gather
From the east and from the west
And their mothers shall be with them
With a star upon each breast."

"Then, throughout the countless ages,
Sheltered in my tenderest love,
They shall serve me in all gladness,
Honored by the courts above."
Then I answer in contrition,
"Father, dear, thou knowest best,
And I pity every mother,
Who's no star upon her breast."

Mrs. G. W. Ingram, formerly of Pendleton.

ALLENBY IS WITHIN FOUR MILES JERICHO

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The New Zealanders successfully raided near Jericho wood today. Enemy artillery is active in Palestine. General Allenby is within four miles of Jericho, despite rains.

JUAREZ AGAIN IS THREATENED BY VILLISTAS

Strengthened by 1000 Recruits Villa and 5000 Men are Marching Northward.

400 FEDERALS KILLED IN THREE DAY FIGHT

Murguia Prepares for a Strong Stand at Chihuahua City.

EL PASO, Feb. 21.—After losing Jimenez and Latta and increasing his forces by a thousand men recruited thereabouts, Villa and 5000 followers are closely pursuing the remnants of Murguia's constitutionalists, fleeing toward Mexico City.

During the three days of fighting preceding the capture of the two towns, nearly 400 federals were killed, including General Juan Carrasco.

Both Juarez and Chihuahua City are threatened with attack by Villa's forces today. Murguia is prepared to make a determined stand at Chihuahua City. He sent Durango for reinforcements.

30 GERMAN PLANES DOWNED IN PAST 3 DAYS BY BRITISH

Fine Weather Causes Extreme Activity Among Aviators on West Front.

(WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.) BRITISH FRONT, Feb. 21.—Aviators have been extremely busy the past few splendid days. The Germans continue to battle the British flyers daily observing Germany's preparations for the offensive. Thirty German aeroplanes have been destroyed during the past three days, and ten driven earthward, uncontrollable. The British on the other hand have only ten missing, despite continuous day and night work. The British dropped huge quantities of bombs on billets, munition dumps, stations and aerodromes behind the German lines. They've attacked the enemy quarters from just above the roofs, machine gunned marching troops, disrupted transport trains and wrecked big supplies. Meantime the British troops are busy training and retooling raids. Short sharp clashes are constant in the trench no-man's land.

BLEWETT HARVESTER CO. IS SUED TWICE

The Blewett Harvester Co., which recently announced the removal of its plant to Portland in the near future, was this afternoon made defendant in two suits. Mrs. Ann Matlock brought suit to enforce a mortgage against the plant for \$104 principal and interest on a note executed in March, 1916, when the company purchased its present site from the Matlock estate. Attorney fees of \$400 are asked also. Jones & Dillingham of Spokane brought suit to collect \$1150 for materials furnished during 1917. W. M. Peterson is attorney for both plaintiffs.

SPY PLOT UNCOVERED.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—A spy organization to create disturbances in France during the German offensive was discovered. An alleged German harvester directed it. Many arrests were made, including operations at the army factory.

TO EMBARGO COAL SHIPMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Fuel Administrator Garfield is preparing to embargo the shipments of coal to north and south Alaska except for public utilities requiring them to draw from Montana and Wyoming fields, releasing the other supply for Illinois and the east.

PARENTS OF 116 SEE CITY

DOVER, N. Y., Feb. 18.—One hundred and sixteen claims for damages amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, have been filed against the city by parents of children who became severely ill after administration of the DDT for susceptibility to measles by a spy plot.

The physicians who administered DDT to the children of public safety after the health officer had reported that he had administered toxin twenty times for poison.

One child who was treated had died the previous year, the physician announcing blood poisoning as the cause. Several of the children may become permanently crippled hospital authorities say.

NEW METHOD IS ADOPTED FOR EQUIPPING MEN FOR FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—General Goethals has reorganized the method for equipping and supplying men enroute for France. The men enroute overseas going to Camp Merritt near New York, were outfitting to the button and sent to the ships. Previously they were equipped at their own expense and sent direct to embarkation points. Greater care will be taken to see the soldier has everything needed with clothes and shoes that he. Goethals is making further changes in the quartermaster department for efficiency.

ADMINISTRATION WINS FIRST SKIRMISH ON RAILROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The administration won the first skirmish in the senate, where the railroad control bill is up for passage by defeating the committee amendment following railroad compensation. The final vote is expected tonight. Senator Lewis of Illinois demanded federal ownership of the railroads as a prerequisite to federal control, and says the measure, producing America, would set up behind the Communist amendment.

He said German tribute board of five railroad men to situate would invite Russia to seize Alaska the railroads after the war.

HOW PARIS RECEIVED FIRST AMERICANS BACK FROM THE TRENCHES



This photograph shows how the people of Paris, particularly the women, received the first American troops to arrive in Paris on leave after their bit in the trenches. The girls in front and each grabbed a soldier by the arm, proud to march with him through the streets.