

RAISE PAY OF STATE ENGINEER TO \$4600 A YEAR

House bill 445, introduced by the committee on irrigation, proposing to increase the salary of the state engineer from \$3500 to \$4600 a year, passed the senate yesterday by a vote of 16 to 14. It is understood the governor will veto the bill. The vote was:

For—Banks, Butler, Carases, Clark, Davis, Dennis, Hall, Hare, Joseph, Kinney, Klepper, Magladry, Miller, Ritner, Upton, Moser.

Against—Beals, Brown, Corbett, Dunn, Eddy, Fish, Garian, Johnson, LaFollette, Staples, Taylor, Strayer, Toose, Zimmerman.

Senator Toose branded the bill as absolutely ridiculous and flayed the senate for going over the heads of the ways and means committee. He declared that the state officials now seeking increased salaries knew what the salaries were when they accepted the offices and that the cost of living was no higher now than then. He said the legislature could better provide an increase in salaries for engineers at the state institutions, some of whom receive only \$67.50 a month.

Senator Upton said one reason for the increase was that the state is constantly piling up the duties of the state engineer and reminded the senators that while Engineer Rhea Luper gets only \$3600 a year his deputy gets \$4000.

Butler called attention to the duties of the former water board that have developed upon the engineer. Joseph was for the bill, declaring that the duties of the state engineer were more exacting than those of the governor.

Senator Staples fought the bill and said that more officials are seeking salary rises than can be counted. "I hope we won't have a repetition of the salary grabs of four years ago," he said.

Taylor and LaFollette opposed the bill and Dennis supported it. Senator Strayer paid a tribute to Engineer Luper but wouldn't bear to an increase in his salary. "I don't want to see a repetition of the crime of '21,'" he said.

TWO LINERS COLLIDE IN NEW YORK FOG

New York, Feb. 21.—Two incoming ocean liners, the Tuscania of the Cunard Anchor line, and the Rochambeau, of the French line, collided off the quarantine station today. Both vessels were damaged but not seriously.

The crash occurred in a heavy fog over the lower harbor. Part of the Rochambeau's railing was ripped, while the Tuscania's stern was injured. The Tuscania with 200 passengers on board was returning from a cruise to the West Indies. The Rochambeau carried 145 passengers from Havre, France.

Globe Flier Arnold Secretly Wedded to Nurse Last August

New London, Conn., Feb. 21.—Lieutenant Leslie P. Arnold, one of the world fliers, who is visiting here, acknowledged to a gathering of acquaintances in the home of Dr. J. H. Ganey that on August 13, 1917, he was married at the little church around the corner, New York city, to Miss Margaret Avery, a nurse, who now is on duty at the home of Charles Prentice, a few doors from the home where the lieutenant is a guest.

Miss Avery confirmed the lieutenant's announcement of the marriage, which Lieutenant Arnold said was the culmination of a childhood romance. Lieutenant Arnold made the acknowledgments in denying published rumors of his engagement to Priscilla Dean, well known movie actress. Arnold said the marriage was announced a few days after the wedding and had been generally known to his friends here.

"We are friends, nothing more," said the lieutenant in speaking of the connection of Miss Dean's name with his own. The report of the engagement had its origin in Milwaukee, he said, where he had a speaking engagement at the same time that Miss Dean was filling an engagement at a theater. Meeting at a hotel, he and Miss Dean renewed an acquaintance of a year's standing when the world fliers were at Hollywood.

Arnold was a man in the ranks when he married, he said. He had just returned from the Philippines. He telegraphed Miss Avery to meet him in New York. She responded and they were wed. They separated on their wedding day and have met but once since and then for only a few moments.

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Newell and Kane in "Something New" live up to their billing. The act is said to be something different from the usual run of vaudeville numbers and is enhanced with a fine display of costumes and scenery.

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