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PROGRAM FOR ROAD BUILDING SURE TO PASS

LARGER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX SEEMS POPULAR WITH STATE SOLONS

BURDICK BILL HELPS JUDGES

Mrs. Thompson Champions Four Women Bills—Wants Women to Perform Work of Jurors

Salem, Feb. 3.—The third week of the legislature closed with only 323 bills in the house and 128 in the senate, about half as many as usual, and this is the last day for the introduction of bills without unanimous consent, or by the ways and means committee. Six bills reached the governor, but they are mere formalities. Of the \$100,000 for the returning soldiers and sailors, only \$5,000 has been drawn by the commission. There is a growing feeling that patriotic appeals that are only fired off when the gallery is full of spectators are not a safe guide in making demands on the legislature.

The state highway commission had a public hearing Thursday night in which all criticism against that body had a full airing and the commission came out with respect and confidence, so far as could be judged by the large crowd present. That their program for a larger bond issue financed by a motor vehicle tax will go through there is not a shadow of a doubt.

The consolidation program was not reached this week but is to be staged next week.

Representative Burdick of Bend is leading the fight for higher salaries for judges of the supreme court. Of course, with that would go many other salary raises. The Burdick bill proposes to raise the seven judges from \$4,500 to \$6,000 a year and claims Oregon pays smaller salaries than any other state in the nation. The facts show we have more judges and pay more per capita for the judiciary than any other state in proportion to wealth and population. Never has a judge resigned because he could make more in private practice. The appropriation for the judiciary asked at this session totals \$494,536. Fees earned \$14,400. A domestic relations court is to be added, costing about \$20,000 a year. There are bills to create more district judges and raise a number of other judicial salaries.

Four woman bills are championed by the only woman in the assembly, Mrs. Thompson of Hood River. They are bills to raise the age of majority for women to 18 years, married or single, the domestic relations court for Portland only; requiring women to perform jury duty the same as men and to be drawn on juries the same as men, and the teachers' minimum salary bill. The latter is drawing some opposition. Many small country schools that would have an eight months' school at \$50 a month for a teacher would have less than a six months' school at the minimum of \$75 a month. The demand for this comes from city teachers, but the bill is one of a group of school laws that are ground out each session, raising school taxes.

The usual job of recodifying the code, that come up every five or ten years, at a cost of from \$25,000 to \$50,000, is again before the session.

SHELDON INTRODUCES ANOTHER BILL IN HOUSE

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3.—Representative Sheldon, of Jackson county, has introduced a bill creating a commission of 15 to draft reconstruction legislation for submission to the people.

FOUR YANKEE ACES RETURN TO HOMES

Rickenbacher Is Star, Having Defeated 26 Enemy Planes—No More Autos for Him

New York, Feb. 3.—Four of America's aces, one of them Captain Edward V. Rickenbacher, of Columbus, Ohio., who is officially credited with bringing down 26 enemy airplanes, have arrived in New York. The others were Major James A. Melsner, of Brooklyn, officially credited with eight machines; Lieutenant Paul F. Baer, of Mobile, eight; and Captain Douglass Campbell, of Mount Hamilton, Cal., six. All wore decorations awarded them by the American and allied governments.

Captain Rickenbacher, prior to going to France, was a well-known driver of racing automobiles. His first experience abroad was as chauffeur to General Pershing, but he soon was transferred to the air service. He soon led America's airmen in the number of foes downed. "There is no comparison between the automobile and the air," Captain Rickenbacher said today. "I am through with the automobile, and I stand ready to place my skill and talents in flying, if I have any, at the service of my government, commercially or otherwise."

"In my flying I had no particular system that I can describe and my victories were simply 60 per cent luck. In all my work I used French machines, as did most of the boys." Lieutenant Baer, who spent eight months in a German prison camp before being released after the signing of the armistice, said he was brought down during a fight with four enemy machines at a height of about 12,000 feet, when his machine was disabled by a machine gun bullet and he himself wounded. He said the Germans treated him reasonably well.

Captain Campbell took part in the fighting at Chateau Thierry. His most thrilling experience, he said, was his escape with a broken wing after a fight with six enemy machines. He credits Captain Rickenbacher with saving him by driving off the foe.

CREAMERIES GOBBLE UP O. A. C. TRAINED MEN

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 3.—"Trained butter and cheese makers help the dairy business by improving the quality and lowering the cost of dairy products," declared P. S. Lucas of the dairy department in announcing that every man who has finished the O. A. C. short course has been gobbled up by the creameries and cheese factories. With a single exception the men took employment in Oregon, one going to Idaho.

"By substituting tests and technique for rule of thumb practices more and better work can be done," Mr. Lucas asserted. "Dairy factory men appreciate this and we have more calls right now for trained dairymen than we are able to fill."

"Although some of these men were inexperienced the class as a whole was above the average and kept on the hop, skip and jump to do the practical work required. But they did it, and most of them have successfully taken the state testers' examination."

MAY BAR SUBMARINES IN ALL FUTURE WARS

London, Feb. 3.—The abolition of submarines as warships may be decided upon by the league of nations committee during the coming week, according to the Paris correspondent of the Mail. It is believed that this understanding was reached by Pres. Wilson, Colonel House, General Smuts, and Lords Roberts and Cecil.

TROOP TRAIN WRECKED AND EIGHT KILLED

COLLIDES WITH TWO GERMAN LOCOMOTIVES IN FRANCE. 38 ARE BADLY INJURED

YANKS WERE ON WAY HOME

Pershing to Release Any Soldier Who Can Prove Distress in His Family at Home

Troyes, France, Feb. 3.—Eight United States soldiers were killed and 38 injured when a troop train carrying American soldiers from Chaumont to Brest collided with two German locomotives standing at the station at Montieramey, near here. The soldiers were on their way to Brest to take ships for the United States. The dead and injured were taken to Bar-Sur-Aube.

Washington, Feb. 3.—General Pershing has been authorized by the war department to send home for immediate discharge from the army any drafted or enlisted men who present convincing evidence of sickness or other distress in their families.

WANT EGGS, ICE CREAM AND AN AMERICAN GIRL

New York, Feb. 3.—Eggs in any style, ice cream of any quality and an American woman to serve them—that sums up the requirements necessary to keep the American soldier happy overseas now that he has finished the job for which he left home, judging from letters received by the women's canteen division of the Young Men's Christian Association. If the American woman is there the soldier will forego, if necessary, the eggs and the ice cream. More than 1,600 women are now overseas in "Y" uniform, it is announced.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BOBS UP AGAIN NEXT MONDAY

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate woman suffrage resolution will be called next Monday and a final vote obtained, if possible. It is believed that the result will be close.

ISOLATED PART OF ASIA CONTAINS ALL WARRING TRIBAL ELEMENTS OF PEOPLE

New York, Feb. 3.—Fifteen thousand miles from Broadway, in the wilds of Western China where the foot of a white man never before had trod, according to the Rev. Dr. Joseph Beech, a Methodist missionary, lives a polyglot nation of more than 4,000,000 persons "95 per cent of whom do not know that there has been a war."

Dr. Beech, who is president of the Western China Union University at Chengtu in the province of Szechuan, maintained by five evangelical denominations of England, Canada and the United States, and who recently arrived here to participate in the Methodist centenary, today told of a journey he took alone with a native guide, last summer far into the depths of the habitat of "the tu-ron, or children of the soil," the strangest people in the Orient.

"Quarrels are settled on horseback by means of blunderbusses, spears, bags of stones and broadswords. The enemies challenge one another and at a given signal ride full tilt on small, wiry ponies, at each other. It is seldom that both combatants escape alive but the sur-

BIG GUNS SHELL THE ALLIES IN NORTH RUSSIA

BOLSHEVIKI PATROLS IN SKIRMISH WITH AMERICAN TROOPS NORTH OF SREDMAKRENGA

KIEV IS TAKEN BY THE REDS

Ukrainian Forces Prepare for an Attack on Rumania, Whose Soldiers Are Being Mobilized

Archangel, Feb. 3.—Bolshevik patrols were in touch with American patrols yesterday, 15 miles south of Sredmakrenga. Comparative quiet reigns except heavy shelling on the Vologada railway line.

Warsaw, Feb. 3.—Kiev has been taken by Bolshevik troops, General Paturus' troops partially going over to the enemy. The Ukraine government has been removed from Kiev to Winnitsa.

London, Feb. 3.—Ukrainian troops are preparing for an attack on Rumania which is said to have mobilized its forces to meet the assault, according to Copenhagen advices.

Stockholm, Feb. 3.—Petrograd has been bombarded by Kronstadt artillery and many persons have been killed, according to travelers who are quoted to this effect by the Finnish papers. Serious disorders are prevalent in Petrograd.

The great fortress of Kronstadt lies about 20 miles west of Petrograd at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

The Bolshevik forces were reported on January 23 last, in a dispatch from Helsingfors to be evacuating Petrograd and removing all their stores. The Bolshevik war minister, Trotsky, was said to be transferring his headquarters to Nizhni-Novgorod.

Zurich, Feb. 3.—The Prague Tageblatt is authority for the statement that former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary intends to apply for a divorce.

Charles was married in 1911 to Princess Zita of Bourbon and Parma, an Italian. From the union have been born five children, four boys and a girl.

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vivor is required to feed and clothe the family of his dead adversary as long as they live and this makes 'duels' rare. In many respects these combats resemble the tournaments of the Middle Ages."

Dr. Beech said that while he believed he had penetrated further into this section of Western China than any other white man he regretted that he had not gone still further. "For my guide," said he, "said that four of five days journey beyond there were tribesmen near Songpan 'who are just like you are.' That is, natives who appeared like Americans." Their dress, conversation and mode of living, of course he said, was characteristic of the country.

"How so many different types of people located there is a problem for the ethnologist," resumed Dr. Beech. "One theory is that they represent all of the warring tribal elements that have come into the continent of Asia and driven by the Monfols and Tartars, made their last stand in this natural refuge between India, China and the northern part of Asia.

10,000 YANKS ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR

Majority May Later Be Found on Roll of Honor—Total Dead Now Number 39,158

Washington, Feb. 3.—Official tables of major casualties of the American forces in France, made public by General March, chief of staff, show that approximately 10,000 men remain wholly unaccounted for nearly three months after the ending of hostilities.

The deaths, missing and known prisoners are tabulated up to January 10 for each of the 30 combat divisions. The total is 56,592 of whom 17,434 are classified as missing or captured. An appended statement shows that only 29 American military prisoners were believed to be still in Germany January 8, and that 4,300 prisoners had been checked up as returned and 118 died in captivity.

Some of the great body of missing men may be located as the return army thins out, the American force in France. Indications are, however, that the majority of the 10,000 finally will be added to the roll of honor shown in the tables of those killed or died of wounds, now recorded as 39,158 men.

To that figure also must be added 1,551 men of the Marine brigade, figures for which, not carried in the tables, were obtained from official sources. This brings the grand aggregate of deaths from battle up to 40,709 on returns estimated officially to be 95 per cent complete.

NEW MINERAL LANDS TO BE OPENED TO PUBLIC

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house and senate conferees have agreed on an oil leasing bill. Fifty million acres of oil, gas, coal, phosphates, sodium and public lands may be opened to prospecting under the leasing and patent system.

\$300,000 BONUS ASKED OF DEL NORTE COUNTY

A. C. Ross arrived here from Crescent City yesterday. Mr. Ross is interested in constructing a railway from that city to Grants Pass, or to some other point on the Southern Pacific line.

In lieu of asking Crescent City to bond itself to secure the railroad, Mr. Ross has asked the citizens of that town and Del Norte county to put up a \$300,000 bonus, the money to be paid Mr. Ross or his associates when the first trains are running over the road.

Mr. Ross sees great opportunities in the Del Norte country in the way of fisheries, and developing coal, iron and copper mines and establishing a smelter. Whether he will ask a bonus of the citizens of Grants Pass is not yet known. He left this morning for points south.

Mr. Ross' son, George J., who is a civil engineer, accompanied his father here and will leave this evening for Portland.

HALE SAYS IDEALS OF WILSON NOT POPULAR

Washington, Feb. 3.—In an address urging the prompt conclusion of the peace treaty and the return of United States troops, Senator Hale, of Maine, declared that he did not believe the ideals for which President Wilson is contending were those of the vast majority of the American people, or of the soldiers.

STRIKERS TIE UP ALL BUSINESS IN NORTHWEST

EVERY UNION MAN IN SEATTLE TO WALK OUT ON SYMPATHY STRIKE FOR SHIPWORKERS

NEWSPAPERS MAY SUSPEND

Faithful and Staid Old Typographical Union Votes to Go Out—Piez Makes An Appeal

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3.—Every union man in Seattle will walk out on a general sympathy strike for the shipworkers Thursday morning, it is announced. Union leaders hope to extend the strike to Tacoma and other localities. The strike committee is preparing to feed the strikers and the general public. They hope to conduct an "orderly strike and bring it to a speedy and favorable conclusion."

Street car men will walk out and newspapers may have to suspend. The typographical union voted to go out and asked the international body to sanction the move.

The light and gas men will not go out, it is believed.

In a full page advertisement, Charles Piez, of the shipping board, today appealed to the men to return to work. No movement has been made for settlement.

Strikes in Sweden
Copenhagen, Feb. 3.—A serious railway strike has broken out in Sweden. Workmen have stopped work on 19 different lines.

London, Feb. 3.—The strike fever in the United Kingdom has spread to London, where several strikes are threatened.

Tacoma, Feb. 3.—Three unions voted today to go out on sympathetic strike with the shipyard workers. They were the butchers, the timber workers and the automobile mechanics. The butcher workmen, who also voted, declined to give out the result. The barbers began polling a vote today.

ADVOCATE OF THE FIG LEAF VICTIM OF FLU

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Ernest Wilfred Darling, apostle of the simple life and advocate of abbreviated clothing, has died in the Fiji Islands from influenza. Darling's mother lived in Portland.

RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS DISTRUST THE ALLIES

Vladivostok, Dec. 31.—Distrust of the good intentions of the allies in seeking control of the Trans-Siberian railway is voiced by the organ here of the Social democrats. It says:

"The allies have decided to improve our transportation system. They are taking the railways into their hands, the English as far as China, the Japanese the Transbaikalian railway and the Americans the line from Irkutsk to the front. We cannot tell what this friendly assistance is going to cost Russia.

"The allies are making arrangements among themselves; we are out of the deal. As long as we continue our internal carnage and amuse ourselves with 'recognitions' and 'coup d' etats' of governments the allies will be masters in our own house."