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BUSY SCENES AT CLOSING OF LEGISLATURE

DOG TAX COLLECTED BY STATE WILL BE TWO PLUNKS FOR EVERY CANINE

SOME HEAVY TAXES TO PAY

Fight Over Lieutenant Governor Bill Lasted Until Latest Hour—Must Be Ratified by the People

Salem, Ore., Mar. 3.—A rancher took his little boy up to show him the legislature. The chaplain was offering prayer and the boy asked his father why he did that. The father said, he took one look at the members and then decided it was time to pray. There is the usual feeling of relief now that the session is over and the hope is expressed that it may never happen again. While there is cause for complaint, many constructive acts are cited to their credit.

Two things done that will be most kicked at are the automobile taxes and the dog tax. The house and senate compromised at the last minute before adjourning, and the result was about doubling gas car income, raising it to \$400,000, this including a county property tax of 25 per cent to be added on each license fee, which is doubled to begin with. Then there is a cent a gallon added on gasoline. That went into effect Friday and the price jumped a cent automatically all over the state. It is estimated the gas tax will average about \$6 a year, and the average motor car tax will be about \$12. The four big oil distributing companies collect the gas tax and remit monthly to the state.

The dog tax collected by the state will be \$2 per canine, and his dogship must wear a muzzle when off owner's premises. No one admits having seen the bill at any stage of its passage. Until the law is published.

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY HAS TOTAL OF 136 BRIDGES

County Clerk E. L. Coburn has furnished the Courier with a summary of the bridges and culverts in Josephine county, most of which are reported to be in excellent condition. The report shows:

Steel bridges	11
Wooden bridges	125

Total number bridges	136
The following shows the length and number of bridges:	
Over 20 ft., under 30 ft.	53
Over 30 ft., under 50 ft.	36
Over 50 ft., under 75 ft.	16
Over 75 ft., under 100 ft.	9
Over 100 ft., under 200 ft.	12
Over 200 ft., under 400 ft.	8
Over 400 ft.	2

Total bridges 136
The report states that the total number of culverts, under 20 feet, in Josephine county, is 1,499.

WILL TEST LEGALITY OF CONTROL OVER RATES

Portland, Ore., Mar. 3.—The public service commission of Oregon, Washington and Idaho met here today. It was decided that the Washington commissioners should begin suit immediately to test the legality of the railroad administration's control over purely interstate freight rates.

LUMBER CUT SHOWS DECREASE

Oregon Mills in 1918 Cut 2,115,676 M. Board Feet—Big Demand Expected in Near Future

Portland, Mar. 3.—Lumber census reports received up to February 24 by District Forester George H. Cecil, of Portland, shows that 321 large mills in Oregon and Washington cut five and one-half billion board feet during 1918. This is a slight decrease from the cut in 1917.

The reports by states are as follows: 116 mills in Oregon report 2,115,676 M. board feet cut in 1918, which is 33,298 M. feet less than the cut of identical mills reported for 1917. Two hundred and five mills in Washington report 3,383,312 M. board feet cut in 1918, which is 121,598 M. feet less than in 1917.

The returns available are as yet incomplete, but the data indicates that practically all of the larger mills have reported. Because of the expected increase in demand for lumber from these two states, the officials in charge of gathering this data are anxious to make the census as nearly complete as possible.

PROMINENT PUBLIC WOMAN HERE SUNDAY

It was the privilege of a few Grants Pass ladies to meet Mrs. Charles H. Castner, of Hood River, yesterday afternoon at the Josephine hotel. There is no doubt that Mrs. Castner is one of Oregon's greatest women. Not only is she president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Oregon, and president of Oregon Women's Division of the National Council of Defense, but she has added prominence to many state committees.

At present she is presenting to the women of western and southern Oregon the new work undertaken by the Young Women's Christian association in which girls holding positions previously occupied by men, are being urged to give back those positions to the returned soldiers and sailors, and the Young Women's Christian association promises to care for the girls and assist them in finding other employment.

At a later date Mrs. Castner expects to cover the state of Oregon, educating the women voters on the state bonding issues and reconstruction measures to be voted upon in June; that is, bonding for hard-surfaced roads; for \$200 per year to returned soldiers and sailors to enable them to complete education at college; and for the establishment of vocational schools, also for returned soldiers and sailors. It is hoped the women of Grants Pass will be fortunate enough to have Mrs. Castner include Grants Pass in her itinerary then.

BULGARIA FACING FINANCIAL CRISIS

Sofia, Bulgaria, Mar. 3.—Bulgaria is facing a financial crisis, it is asserted. The war cost the country over \$1,500,000,000 while its estimated wealth is only \$2,200,000,000. The national debt before the war was \$160,000,000.

Of the national debt as it now stands Bulgaria owes to Germany \$660,000,000 which was advanced in installments of ten millions, but last winter Germany discontinued this practice, and demanded payment for railroads in cash. Germany, evidently was not in the business of helping its allies for nothing, as the prices charged Bulgaria for gas masks clearly indicate. For each mask it charged \$16 and a sheepskin, as compared with the cost of a similar article for the United States army in England of \$4.50.

PEACE PLAN FIREWORKS STARTED BY SHERMAN

Says President is "Dreamer Bookman," a Socialist, and Haberdasher of Phrases—Wilson Considers Himself "Mere Servant" of People—Soviet a Menace

Washington, Mar. 3.—Senator Sherman, of Illinois, attacked the constitution of the league of nations and the president. He said President Wilson has been acting either as "usurper or dictator."

The senator also called the president a "dreamer" bookman, a socialist, a mere haberdasher of phrases which intoxicate and mislead. Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, republican, took the floor and urged that the United States become a party to the league. He recommended some amendments to the constitution of the league and called Senator Sherman's criticism "far fetched."

Washington, Mar. 3.—Opening the White House conference of governors and mayors on peace time business and labor problems, President Wilson promised that the federal government would consider itself servants of the states, municipalities and counties in solving readjustment problems and would perform its duty guided by suggestions of the conference.

CRUISER ARRIVES WITH PART OF 41ST

New York, Mar. 3.—The cruiser Frederick has arrived from Brest, France, with 1,562 troops, including the third battalion headquarters company, and companies I and D of the 162 infantry of the 41st division, national guard men from Oregon, Washington and Montana.

FORECAST FOR PERIOD OF MARCH 3 TO MARCH 8

Washington, Mar. 1.—Pacific Coast States: Generally fall, except occasional rain on the north Pacific coast. Temperatures below normal.

LATEST TERROR OF BOLSHEVIKI IS MURDERING OF CLERGYMEN IN RUSSIA

London, Mar. 3.—Murders of clergymen constitute the latest feature of Bolsheviki terror in Russia, says Professor Peter Struve, a distinguished Russian economist who has escaped from Russia and arrived in England after hiding from the Bolsheviki for months in Moscow, and after a long journey on foot to reach safety in Finland. He was compelled to disguise himself to escape death at the hands of the adherents of Lenine and Trotzky. Professor Struve was representative from Petrograd in the second Duma and a member of the assembly convoked by Alexander F. Kerensky.

"Altogether ten bishops had been shot and many priests murdered and the dean of Kazan Cathedral and his two sons were drowned in the Neva by the Red soldiers," said Professor Struve. "Near Kotlas, all the monks in one monastery were shot to death. Professor Kartashev, minister of religion in Kerensky's government, who has escaped into Finland, says that the present persecution of the church in Petrograd is only comparable with the persecution of the early Christians.

"In Moscow all the shootings take place at night, but in Petrograd the victims of the Bolsheviki are snatched in the afternoon in the courtyard of the headquarters of the executive

The president said he hoped the discussion would assume a wide range, including the means of restoring labor conditions to a normal basis as soon as possible, and to "effecting such fresh allocations of labor and industry as circumstances may make necessary." He said the conferees at Paris regarded themselves only as servants of the people, not masters, and are anxious to keep in close sympathy.

Secretary of Labor Wilson presided at the meeting and told the conferees that the recent strikes at Seattle, Butte and elsewhere were not industrial disputes in their origin, but organized attempts at social and political movements to establish soviet governments in the United States.

Washington, Mar. 3.—The senate judiciary committee has agreed to take action on legislation to enforce war time prohibition, which becomes effective July 1. There is no chance for the passing of a bill at this session.

UKRAINIANS FIRE ON INTER-ALLIED MISSION

Warsaw, Mar. 3.—For the second time a train bearing members of the inter-allied mission to Poland has been fired upon by the Ukrainians, according to a telegram received here by Premier Paderewski.

SENATE TO INVESTIGATE THE MILK INDUSTRY

Washington, Mar. 3.—The senate has adopted a resolution for the investigation of the milk industry, particularly regarding condensed milk. Profits, interlocking interests and practices are to be probed.

LOAN BILL PASSED BUT WORK REMAINS

Congress to Adjourn Tomorrow Noon With Many Matters Unsettled No Filibuster Attempted

Washington, Mar. 2, Sunday.—The 65th congress enters tomorrow upon its last full working day facing an unprecedented mass of legislation, but with the contested "Victory loan" bill out of the way. Both senate and house, after convening in the morning, are expected to work steadily until sine die adjournment at noon Tuesday.

The senate remained in session all last night to pass the loan bill, the keystone measure of the calendar, adjourning shortly before 7 o'clock this morning, while the house today held a business session, disposing of the conference report on the hospital bill. The senate also held a brief session today for eulogies of deceased congressmen, but business went over until tomorrow.

Passage of the loan bill without a record vote and in the identical form in which it came from the house definitely marked the course of future legislation and gave assurance that President Wilson would not find it necessary to change his plan of calling the new congress after his return from France, probably in June.

Most republicans favored an earlier extra session, but after republican senators failed to reach any decision as to the advisability of obstructing the loan bill, no filibuster was undertaken.

SENATOR J. C. SMITH SPEAKER AT LUNCHEON

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon this noon Senator J. C. Smith was called on and gave interesting side lights on the recent session of the legislature. He spoke of the reconstruction bill aimed to relieve the labor situation, explaining details, and also spoke of the land settlement and reclamation bills, the latter bill providing for a land survey and soil test of lands coming under irrigation, and the guaranteeing of interest by the state for the first five years.

The senator spoke of the great need for new penitentiary buildings and stated that the present building was not even suitable for housing animals comfortably. The legislature took up the matter of Bolshevism and appropriated \$100,000 for the combatting of the menace, but the prompt settlement of the revolution in Seattle, he said saved Portland from serious trouble.

The ever present Rogue River fishing question came up again and was settled by the elimination of seining at the mouth of the river and the regulating of net mesh sizes.

Lieutenant L. O. Clement, who returned on Saturday from Camp Lewis, where he served at the base hospital for several months, was called on and expressed his pleasure at being home again, and spoke of life in the big hospital.

Captain Stricker was also called on and spoke of his experience in the army as medical officer.

WOMAN TRIES TO KILL DETECTIVE W. J. BURNS

New York, Mar. 3.—Two shots were fired at William J. Burns, detective, by a woman giving her name as Gertrude Wormworth, as he entered the Grand Central station. Neither shot took effect. Mr. Burns said he did not know the woman. She was taken to the Bellevue hospital for observation of her mental condition.

STRIKERS ARE FILING BACK TO THEIR OLD JOBS

SHEET METAL WORKERS FIRST TO RESUME WORK ON THE FORMER WAGE SCALE

WILL TAKE REFERENDUM VOTE

Six Thousand Idle By Refusal of Half Holiday in Bay Region—Ordered Back by Their President

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 3.—The first break in the shipyard strike came today when 250 sheet metal workers and 200 apprentices who had been on strike returned to work on the same pay as before.

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 3.—A referendum on the shipyard strike in the Puget Sound district will be submitted to the rank and file of the strikers not later than Thursday, as the result of a joint meeting here.

San Francisco, Mar. 3.—Six thousand machinists have been made idle in the Bay region through differences with their employers, over a half holiday on Saturdays. They have been ordered to return to their work and renounce the half-holiday by President Johnston of the international lodge of machinists.

FOCH WOULD PLACE BAN ON SUBMARINES

Paris, Mar. 2.—Marshal Foch presented to the council of the great powers the military terms to be incorporated in the peace treaty. These will be considered today with the naval terms already submitted to the council.

The military terms provide for the disarmament of Germany down to 20 divisions of 10,000 men each, including 15 divisions of infantry and five of cavalry. Severe restrictions are placed on the manufacture of all classes of war materials, and the military and commercial use of the airplane is limited to the minimum.

The naval terms now before the council provide not only for the complete suppression of Germany's submarine equipment, but also for the termination of all submarine warfare by all nations throughout the world, thus ending the use of the submarine in naval warfare.

HUNS RESUME ATTACK ON POLISH DEFENSES

Posen, Mar. 3.—The Germans, after three days of comparative quiet, resumed their attacks all along the line upon the Poles yesterday, it is reported.

TOTAL CASUALTIES TO DATE

Total number of casualties to date:	
Killed in action (including 381 at sea)	31,701
Died of wounds	13,189
Died of disease	20,155
Died of accident and other causes	3,042
Wounded in action (over 85 per cent returned to duty)	189,361
Missing in action (not including prisoners)	6,335
Total to date	263,783

RUSSIANS PROTEST AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

Washington, Mar. 3.—In a cablegram to President Wilson, Senator Hitchcock and Senator Lodge, two Russian representatives at Paris protested against negotiations by the allies and the United States with the Bolsheviki government.