

MARINE AID BILL IS APPROVED BY HOUSE

Predictions Made That Law Will Increase American Shipbuilding.

Washington, D. C.—Without a record vote, the house passed the \$250,000,000 Jones-White merchant marine bill, which its supporters predict will result in a great increase in shipbuilding in the United States.

The measure now goes to conference with the senate. Its passage by congress and approval by President Coolidge is believed certain.

Not a single amendment undesired by the house merchant marine committee was made to the bill in the house. The slight opposition to minor features was smothered in noisy shouts.

Democrats joined with republicans in pushing the measure through the house.

Its outstanding provision is that which increases from \$125,000,000 to \$250,000,000 the shipping board's loan fund, permitting loans on ships built in American yards for service under the American flag up to three-fourths of the cost, at the rate of interest paid by the government in its bond issues.

The percent law permits loans up to two-thirds of the cost of the ships, but the interest is fixed at 4 1/4 per cent for vessels for overseas trade.

Shipbuilders are enabled in the bill to obtain their loans for 20-year periods and at a rate of around 3 per cent. This will offset to some extent the higher cost of building ships in American yards. It will not cost the government a cent.

WASHINGTON FAVORS SECRETARY HOOVER

Yakima, Wash.—The republican state convention here praised and cheered Herbert Hoover as the party's choice for president and instructed the state's 17 delegates to the national convention at Kansas City to vote solidly for the nomination of Hoover from start to finish. Popular sentiment for Hoover overcame factionalism and dwarfed the issues before the convention when more than 900 delegates and several hundred spectators joined in the display of enthusiasm for the secretary of commerce.

The voting of instruction was more unanimous than was expected. King county's 244 delegates disregarded the county convention's formal declaration against instruction to join the Hoover band wagon, the delegates deciding that popular sentiment for the commerce secretary justified their action. Only one district made a stand against instruction, the fourth congressional district, where some wheat growers preferred Lowden, but a formal test showed Hoover winning by a vote of 115 to 42. Thereupon, the district convention named two Hoover loyalists as delegates to Kansas City.

AMERICAN STUDENTS LEAD

Estimate Shows About Million Are in Colleges Here.

Washington, D. C.—The federal bureau of education estimates that there are more college students in the United States than in all the other countries combined.

Its figures place the American total at approximately one million and give the rest of the world 950,000. American students of high school rank were estimated to number 4,200,000, as compared with 5,700,000 for the other countries. In schools of all kinds 29,000,000 were enrolled in America, which was said to be more than one-fifth of the world's total.

St. Francis Valley to Get \$1,000,000.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Los Angeles city council authorized the board of water and power to curtail new construction of municipal utilities in order that an additional \$1,000,000 might be made available for rehabilitation work in the St. Francis dam area during the next 30 days. The 185-foot St. Francis dam, a unit of the city's water supply system, burst on the night of March 12 last, and its 12,000,000,000 gallons of water left a 65-mile wide wake of death and devastation before the torrent poured into the sea. More than 400 lives were lost.

New Plane to Use Rocket Principle.

Kassel, Germany.—A rocket-propelled airplane designed not to go to Mars, but only to the roof of this world's atmosphere, is in the making. If it gets back safely a more powerful one will be constructed for a trip to America which its designers figure can be made in four hours.

Casualties Number 800 in Tsinan.

London.—Casualties from the recent Japanese-Chinese skirmish at Tsinan amounted to about 800, dispatches to the Daily Express said.

CYRUS LOCHER



Cyrus Locher, democrat, of Cleveland, who was appointed by Governor Donahey to fill out the unexpired term of the late United States Senator Willis of Ohio.

CLEAR GUARD SKIPPER OF DIVER CRASH

Washington, D. C.—Commander J. S. Baylis and the personnel of the coast guard cutter Paulding were held entirely blameless for the collision with the submarine S-4, which sank off Provincetown, Mass., December 17, with a loss of 40 lives, according to a report to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Sunday by a special investigating board.

In addition, the board reported that, had a submarine warning flag been displayed as "shown on the hydrographic office pilot charts and in the navy signal manual" the collision would not have occurred.

The navy board of inquiry recently held both the coast guard cutter commander and the submarine commander responsible for the accident.

FAVOR CHILD LABOR LAW

National Parent-Teacher Congress Reaffirms its Stand.

Cleveland, O.—With a closing skirmish over the question of child labor legislation, the national congress of parents and teachers ended its 32d annual convention after reaffirming its stand in favor of a federal child labor amendment.

The child labor fight marked the only deviation from the solid support of the resolutions committee. Other proposals were adopted unanimously.

Hasty marriages and easy divorces were condemned as subversive of sound family life. Daily newspapers were criticized for publishing too much detail about crime and divorce cases.

Support of the P. T. A. for the 18th amendment was reaffirmed.

The resolutions report was amended to place the organization on record as favoring the outlawing of war. Only one vote was registered against the proposal.

Walsh Quits Contest for Nomination.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, democrat of Montana, announced that he was "impelled by the logic of events to request that no further effort be made in Montana or elsewhere to promote my nomination." Walsh stated that the California primary result "quite clearly indicates that the democrats desire Governor Smith as their candidate."

Americans Spared in War Area.

Washington, D. C.—All Americans in the Tsinan area in China where there has been a battle between Japanese and Chinese troops, are believed to be safe, Ernest B. Price, American consul at Tsinan reported to the state department.

OREGON THE MARKETS Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.63; soft white, \$1.50; western white, \$1.49; hard winter, \$1.39; northern spring, \$1.40; western red, \$1.39.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$19@19.50; valley timothy, \$19@19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—43@44c.

Eggs—Ranch, 20@25c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.50.

Hogs — Medium to choice, \$9.50@10.75.

Lambs—Medium to choice, \$12.25@13.00.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.53; western hard winter, \$1.41; western red, \$1.45; northern spring, \$1.46; bluestem, \$1.63; dark northern spring, \$1.64; dark hard winter, \$1.61.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S. \$24.

Butterfat—45c.

Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11@12.25.

Hog—Prime, \$10.75@10.95.

Spokane.

Hogs—Good, \$10.75@10.85.

Cattle—Steers, good, 11.15@11.25.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The state De Molay convention was held in Salem Friday and Saturday, with approximately 800 members in attendance.

Figures compiled by the county clerk for Umatilla county show that 10,956 voters have registered for the May primary.

Approximately 2000 school children of Marion county participated in the annual honor roll parade held in Salem Saturday.

The general fund of the state on May 1 showed a net deficit of \$437,848.24, says a statement by State Treasurer Kay.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association started its canning operations Monday. The association has disposed of two carloads of rhubarb.

Mary Mealey was chosen queen of the May-day festival to be held in Sweet Home May 11 under the auspices of the Union high school.

Permanent organization will be effected and officers elected when the Columbia county chamber of commerce meets at Rainier, May 11.

The state land department turned over to the state treasurer during April \$102,193.69, according to the report of George G. Brown, clerk of the board.

Nearly 500 pioneers of old Wasco county gathered at The Dalles last week in the seventh annual reunion of the Old Wasco County Pioneers' association.

Oregon pioneers gathered at Champog for the annual Founders' day celebration last Saturday, with a meeting of the Champog Historical Highway association.

The Oregon Cement company's big cement plant at Lime in Baker county has resumed operations with a full crew after having been closed down for three months.

A deal has been completed by the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce committee for a lease of a 45-acre tract just south of the city for a federal landing field.

Total registration of voters in Lane county is 21,031, according to figures announced by the county clerk. This is an increase of 5332 over the registration a year ago.

A litter of eight kittens, two flocks of young chicks, and twin calves were nature's Mayday present to J. E. Doughty on his suburban place near St. Helens last week.

The Suver mail route in Polk county, established more than 28 years, has been discontinued and the route divided between Monmouth route 1 and Albany route 4.

Mailing of approximately 340,000 voters' pamphlets for the primary election was completed last week, according to announcement made by the secretary of state.

Con McAuliffe, 32, was killed last Friday on the Coe Valley market road in Klamath county, a large rock rolling down the mountainside and crushing him and his wagon.

The wet weather has developed a rank growth of clover in most fields in Yamhill county and many farmers are mowing it and allowing it to lie on the ground for fertilizer.

W. F. Kernin and others have become interested in the oil prospects in the Arago section of Coos county and actual drilling of a prospect well will be started within 30 days.

Contract for installing a 28-post curb lighting system in Vale has been awarded to R. F. Nichols, Vale contractor, and the Capital Electric company. The total cost will be about \$3200.

Walock Ragsdale, 18, a resident of the Soda Springs district, was bitten by a rattlesnake Monday forenoon and Dr. R. J. Conroy made the 25 miles from Medford in 35 minutes and saved his life.

Seventeen hundred mentally alert and physically fit grade school children of Medford, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Medford, wearing the colors of their respective schools, took part in the inspiring parade, spectacle and exercises sponsored by the Jackson County Health association, in co-operation with the school authorities, in Medford last Friday.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Eagle Valley Fruit association, Inc., of Baker, with capital stock of \$5000, to handle the fruit crop of the valley. Practically all growers in the valley have signed with the association.

Receipts of the Portland postoffice for the month of April took an expected drop, John M. Jones, Portland postmaster, reported. Receipts for 1928 were \$239,928.90, and for April, 1927, \$259,279.29, a loss of \$19,350.39, or 7.4 per cent.

Salem postal receipts for April exceeded those of any April in the history of the Salem postoffice. Total receipts for April, 1928, were \$17,161.90, as against \$15,711.03 for April a year ago.

Some 30 land owners and tenants residing north and northwest of Athena met recently in that town and resolved to complete road construction by organizing the district affected and levying a special road tax.

Congressman Hawley has nominated John C. Kehrl of Garden Home as principal for appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis, with Edgar H. Batcher of Corvallis and Harold Thomas of Roseburg as alternates.

W. A. Compton, 65, was found dead last week at his ranch home near Broadmead, where he was living alone. On his body were found \$55 in cash and a bank book showing that he had several thousand dollars on deposit.

Significant of the advance of Oregon in the last 25 years, the number of telephones in the state has increased approximately 900 per cent during that period, while the number of daily telephone conversations has increased more than 1100 per cent.

The McMinnville News-Reporter, Edgar Meresse editor, has the distinction of being the oldest weekly newspaper in the state. It dates from 1871 through a continuous line of publication. The Hillsboro Independent, founded in 1873, is the second oldest.

Fire in the Oregon Lumber company plant at Baker caused loss estimated between \$150,000 and \$175,000. Two million feet of finished lumber valued at \$80,000, dry sheds and stacker units, including buildings and machinery worth more than \$85,000 were a total loss.

Forty-three Marion county pioneers, two being sons of men who attended the historic Champog meeting May 2, 1843, were guests of the Salem chamber of commerce at the annual Champog luncheon held last week. One of the guests recently observed her 90th birthday.

The carcass of a moose, reported floating in Siltcoos lake, near Ada, is believed to be that of one of the cows of the original herd, liberated on the game preserve at Tahkenitch lake by the state several years ago. If correct, this is the third known loss out of the original five imported.

Oiling operations are in progress in various sections of the state, according to announcement made by the state highway department recently. Because of the unfavorable weather conditions during the past six weeks the oiling operations probably will not be completed before late in June.

The 75th anniversary of the discovery of the Crater lake by J. W. Hillman and party of ten other prospectors, will be elaborately observed some time this summer under auspices of the national park system. It was announced by Superintendent C. G. Thompson of Crater National park.

About 1000 school children took part in a May day pageant last Wednesday afternoon on the Cottage Grove high school campus. Cottage Grove high and grade schools and outlying district schools participated in the event which included May pole drills and other interesting features.

One section of an additional long-distance circuit between Baker and Portland now is being provided by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company crews at work placing 254 miles of copper wire on the long-distance sector between The Dalles and Umatilla. This work calls for a total expenditure of \$22,490.

Secretary Work of the interior department has approved for payment a claim of Klamath county for \$7705 in settlement of taxes on Oregon & California land grant lands for the year 1927, under the Stanfield act. This is the sum equal to taxes that would have been paid had the lands been in private ownership.

First strawberries of the season were brought into Grants Pass last week. Although frosts of the past week have blighted some of the blooms there are evidences of a bumper crop this year. Fruit trees have come through the spring undamaged and indications point to an abundance of peaches, pears, apples and cherries this season.

There were five fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending May 3, according to a report prepared in Salem by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Clifford A. Grey, Marshall, laborer; Joe Kelly, Portland, brakeman; Sam Ayers, Cocharn, pile driver; Oscar S. Rydam, Beaverton, car builder; and Edward Mathison.

West Linn union high school celebrated its ninth annual May day festivities Thursday with the crowning of Miss Sadie Borland as Queen Sadie I. About 1500 attended, including approximately 300 grade school children from 17 nearby schools.

The past month has been the wettest April in the history of the Salem weather observatory, according to announcement made recently. The precipitation for the month was 5.25 inches. The average precipitation for April is 2.65 inches.

OTIS F. GLENN



Otis F. Glenn, who was nominated by the republicans of Illinois for United States senator, defeating Frank L. Smith, whom the senate refused to seat after his election last year.

FLOOD RELIEF BILL CONFERENCE HELD

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge invited house and senate conferees on the Mississippi river flood control bill to visit the White House Monday to discuss his differences with congress over several provisions of the measure.

The senate and house conferees accepted the invitation. The development was regarded by supporters of the bill as indicating possibility that the president and congress may yet get together on the measure.

Mr. Coolidge has insisted upon the states in the flood area assuming a larger part of the financial burden, and from the inception of the flood control legislation in congress this has been one of the outstanding points in dispute.

As finally approved by the conferees, the measure authorizes a total appropriation of \$325,000,000 for carrying out the flood control project from the head of passes below New Orleans to Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Its essential features include: Places the full burden of the flood control plan on the federal government, except that the states or levee districts shall provide without cost to the United States all rights of way for levee foundations and levees on the main stem of the Mississippi river between Cape Girardeau and the head of passes.

Provides that no liability of any kind shall attach to or rest upon the United States for any damage from or by floods or flood waters at any place.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

A detailed report shows 138 persons were killed in the recent earthquake disasters throughout Bulgaria.

By an overwhelming plurality L. C. (Larry Ho) Hodgson, widely known as a poet and orator, was re-elected mayor of St. Paul.

The Sutherland bill to grant an additional 100,000 acres of public land to Alaska was approved by the house public lands committee. The land is to be used by Alaska's Agricultural college and School of Mines.

The United States board of tax appeals ruled that Senator James Couzens, republican, Michigan, would not have to pay a \$10,000,000 assessment made by the internal revenue bureau on profits derived from sale of Ford stock.

Governor Al Smith received a plurality of approximately 35,000 over the combined vote of Senators Reed and Walsh in the California democratic preferential primary. Secretary of Commerce Hoover, unopposed for the republican delegation, was given a complimentary vote of 564,970.

Federal Highway Bill Passed by House

Washington, D. C.—An amended senate bill to authorize appropriation for the construction of roads through unappropriated or unreserved public lands, non-taxable Indian lands, and federal reservations was passed by the house. The 11 western states of California, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado and Idaho would come under the provisions of the bill.

Rumanians Rise Against Misrule.

Albajulia, Rumania.—Two hundred thousand peasants, forming the largest political assemblage in modern Europe, raised their voices Sunday in a mighty crescendo demanding that the regency dismiss the present Bratianu government as illegally elected, incompetent, tyrannical and unrepresentative of the will of the people.

COOLIDGE IS URGED TO SIGN FARM BILL

Delegation Representing Numerous Farm Organizations Call on President.

Washington, D. C.—A delegation representing numerous national and middle-western farm organizations, headed by Samuel H. Thompson, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, urged President Coolidge Saturday to sign the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill.

The delegation included F. W. Murphy, president of the American Council of Agriculture; B. W. Kilgore, president of the American Cotton Growers' exchange; George H. Peek, chairman of the committee of 22; W. M. Hirth, chairman of the corn belt committee; Charles Hearst, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation, and William Settle, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau federation.

The committee urged Mr. Coolidge to reconsider his attitude on the equalization fee on the ground that it was the only device yet proposed by which the cost of organized handling of the surplus may be distributed fairly over all the producers who market the commodity.

Embodiment of the equalization fee machinery objected to by President Coolidge, the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was passed by the house. The vote was 204 to 121.

The measure was sent back to the senate for adjustment of differences with that body, which several weeks ago approved the bill by a vote of 53 to 23.

As soon as these differences, none of which are of major proportions, are smoothed over, the measure will be ready for inspection by President Coolidge. Some have predicted that he will veto it as he did the original McNary-Haugen bill last session.

SENATE ACTION ON TAX BILL EXPECTED

Washington, D. C.—Approving more than two score non-controversial changes made by the finance committee in the house tax reduction bill, the senate cleared the way for an early decision on the rate revision fight.

In its first actual work on the bill, the senate literally swept through the long list of committee amendments, putting aside all relating to rates, but approving without any debate a number of changes in the administrative provisions.

Enthusiastic over the rapid progress, leaders confidently predicted final action on the bill this week. Both republicans and democrats have put their case before the senate, the former asking a \$200,000,000 limitation on the tax reduction compared with the \$290,000,000 house bill, and democrats demanding a \$325,000,000 cut.

Considerable argument is in sight, however, over the proposal of Senator Bingham, republican, Connecticut, for repeal of the inheritance tax.

On this both parties are split, but the western republican independents have served notice they will fight to the finish against repeal of the levy.

FEDERAL PENSIONS LARGE

\$7,663,900,000 Paid to Veterans by America Since 1790.

Washington, D. C.—The pension bureau figured that the United States had paid \$7,663,900,000 on account of its pensioners between 1790 and March 31, 1928. The figures do not include compensation paid to world war veterans through the veterans' bureau.

Pensioners of the revolution received \$70,000,000, those of the war of 1812, \$46,179,364, and of the Indian war \$34,380,363. Pensioners of the war with Mexico received \$58,471,636.

Civil war pensioners received \$7,065,442,194, those of the war with Spain were paid \$291,307,321 and world war pensioners have been paid \$232,177. Unclassified pensioners, including widows and children of soldiers, were paid \$16,513,425, while it cost \$81,374,419 to maintain the pension service.

President's Salary Held Taxable.

Washington, D. C.—To make sure that the president pays a tax on his salary, the senate voted a section into the revenue bill stipulating that the president's income is taxable. The section, however, would apply only to presidents who take office hereafter. It was explained that under a recent supreme court decision there was some doubt as to whether the president's salary was subject to taxation.

Los Angeles Wins Shiner Convention.

Miami, Fla.—Los Angeles was awarded the 1929 national Shrine convention. No other city entered a formal bid, though several were understood to have staged quiet campaigns. The sessions will be held June 4, 5 and 6.