

HUGE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM STARTED

President's Message Read in Both Houses.

QUICK ACTION SOUGHT

Return of Railroads and Wires Promised—Repeal of War-Time Prohibition Stirred.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson's cabled message outlining legislation for the extra session of the new congress was read separately in the senate and house Tuesday by clerks, and arrangements were made by congressional leaders for immediate consideration of the vast legislative programme, with the equal suffrage resolution to come up in the house.

Major recommendations of the president were for the early return to private ownership of railroads, telegraphs and telephones, for repeal of war-time prohibition insofar as applying to beer and wine, for woman suffrage, retaliatory tariffs, protection of the dyestuff industry and labor and employment measures. The president announced his intention to turn back the railroads at the end of the calendar year.

Republican leaders met the president's proposals for early return of public utilities by statements that such legislation already was planned. As to the prohibition recommendation both republican and democratic "dry" leaders joined in vigorous statements dissenting from the president's suggestions and predicting that no beer and wine repeal would be passed. Opinion in both senate and house as ascertained by leaders was general that the ban on beer and wine would not be lifted.

Presentation of the president's message—the first ever transmitted to this country by cable—was the principal business of Tuesday's session. Before the president's message was read, the house arranged to take up the woman suffrage resolution. Its adoption before adjournment is planned. Senate leaders have promised prompt action in the upper body probably early next month.

The flood of bills and resolutions opened in the senate, while scores were thrown into the house hopper which received about 1200. The principal measures in the senate asked for copies of the peace treaty, for deflation of the American policy in Russia, adoption of woman suffrage, establishment of a federal budget system and repeal of the luxury taxes and the daylight saving law. All were referred to committees, democratic senators objecting to all requests for immediate consideration.

Republican plans for many investigations were launched in a resolution by Chairman Green of the house merchant marine committee, proposing inquiry into operations of the shipping board and emergency fleet corporation. Representative Welby of Ohio asked for an investigation by a "non-partisan commission of irregular and unlawful expenditures."

Organization of senate and house was pushed forward at a committee conference of house republicans, a meeting of the republican steering committee with Speaker Gillett and an initial meeting of the republican senators' committee on committees.

Of the recommendations in the president's message, those for return to private ownership of railroads and wires and repeal of wartime prohibition against beer and wines drew most comment from congressional leaders. It was agreed that legislation dealing with the public utilities virtually is assured at the present session. Leaders also were interested in the president's statement that if he was familiar with administrative questions affecting telegraph and telephone systems he could "name the exact date for their return also."

NEW GRAIN RULES WANTED

Conference Approves Plan for Uniform Inspection Service.

Approval of a plan to harmonize grain inspection rules in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is sought as the result of a tri-state conference held in Portland Tuesday when officials of the three states met in the Oregon offices of the United States department of agriculture. Should approval be given by the secretary of agriculture, to whom a special resolution is addressed, the ruling would apply to all other states as well.

Briefly, the members of the tri-state conference seek approval of a programme of guarantees of negotiable receipts by insurance and bond of the warehouses. If consent is given to harmonize the rules, shipment of grain from one state to another will not cause the grading to change, said Miles Cannon, Idaho state commissioner of agriculture, who called the meeting.

Attending the conference were Miles Cannon, Boise; E. F. Blaine, A. A. Lewis and F. R. Spinning, Washington public service commission; P. J. Sweeney, Washington state grain inspector; L. D. Crowe, Spokane, Washington state grain inspector; J. W. Church, Oregon state grain inspector; Dean Iddings, Moscow agricultural college; B. J. Stubblefield, A. F. Nelson and C. K. Landers, grain supervisors of Portland and other delegates from the three states.

Seattle Trade Gains.

Seattle.—Official figures under compilation here, it was announced Wednesday, indicate a gain of \$25,401,723 in the export and import business for Seattle for the months of January, February and March over a corresponding period in 1918.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland.—Wheat—Government basis, \$2.20 per bushel.

Flour—Patents \$11.45 delivered, \$11.30 at mill. Millfeed—Mill run f. o. b. mill, carlots, \$37@38 per ton, mixed cars, \$37.50@38.50; ton lots or over, \$39@40; less than ton, \$40@41; rolled barley, \$60@62; rolled oats, \$61; ground barley, \$60.

Corn—Whole, ton, \$75; cracked, \$77 per ton.

Hay—Buying prices f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$36@37 per ton; alfalfa, \$28; valley grain hay, \$26@28; clover, \$26@28.

Butter—Cubes, 92-score, 57½¢; 91-score, 57¢; 90-score, 57¢; prints, parchment wrappers, box lots, 60¢; cartons, 61¢; half boxes, ½¢ more; less than half boxes, 1¢ more; butterfat, No. 1, 59¢@60¢ per pound, station.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 45¢; candled, 46¢; select, 47¢.

Poultry—Hens, 33@36¢; broilers, 30@36¢; ducks, 40@45¢; geese and live turkeys, nominal; dressed turkeys, 40@45¢.

Veal—Fancy, 19¢ per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 26¢ per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$4@5.50 per box; strawberries, \$2.75@6.

Vegetables—Cabbage, \$5.50@6 per 100 pounds; lettuce, \$1.75@2.75 per crate; peppers, 30¢ per pound; artichokes, 90¢; cauliflower, \$5.25; beets, \$2.50 per sack; carrots, \$3.50 per sack; turnips, \$2.25@3.50 per sack; cucumbers, \$1.50@2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, \$4.50 per box; spinach, 8¢ per pound; peas, 12½¢@15¢ per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.75 per box; asparagus, \$2.25@2.50 per crate.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, best, \$1.75; Yakimas, \$1.75@2.00.

Onions—Oregon, jobbing prices, \$4@5 per sack; new, \$3.75@4.75 per crate.

Hops—Oregon, 1918 crop, 45¢; 1917 crop, 27@28¢; 1916 crop, 15@17¢ per pound; three-year contracts, 30¢, 28¢, 25¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 30@52½¢ per pound; valley, 30@50¢ per pound.

Mohair—1918 clip, 64¢ per pound.

Cascara Bark—New, 8@10¢ per lb.

Grain Bags—In carlots, 13¢.

Cattle—Best steers \$13.00@13.50

Good to choice steers 11.00@11.50

Medium to choice steers 10.00@11.00

Fair to good steers 9.00@10.00

Common to fair steers 8.00@9.00

Good to ch. cows, heifers 10.00@11.50

Med to good cows, heifers 6.50@7.50

Fair to med cows, heifers 4.50@5.50

Canners 3.00@4.00

Bulls 6.00@8.00

Calves 9.00@12.50

Stockers and feeders 7.00@10.00

Hogs—Prime mixed 19.75@20.00

Medium mixed 19.50@19.75

Rough heavies 18.00@18.75

Pigs 17.75@18.25

Sheep—Prime sp'g lambs 14.00@15.00

Fair to medium lambs 12.50@13.25

Yearlings 11.00@12.00

Wethers 9.00@11.00

Ewes 7.00@11.00

SICK PRUNE TREES MAY BE RESTORED

Growers Report Failure to Bloom and Delayed Leafage.

(Prepared by Oregon Agricultural College)

Many of the seriously damaged prune trees of the Willamette Valley may be saved and restored to vigorous bearing by giving especial care to the soil, applying nitrogenous fertilizer and giving adequate pruning, says C. I. Lewis, chief of horticulture, in reply to many complaints from growers that their trees were looking bad and seemed likely to die. The damaged trees failed to bloom and were abnormally late putting out leaf buds. Later many of the trees developed their leaf buds with indications that not many will die, although foliage this year will be very sparse. Indications are that they will be in a weakened condition for several years unless drastic restorative measures are taken.

The cause of the trouble seems to be due to the two dry seasons just passed through. Last year was extremely dry with little rain from the latter part of March until after the prunes were harvested. This was a severe strain on the trees, especially where the tillage had been poor or the soil rather thin or not well adapted to prunes. Even trees that had very good care and good soil showed some suffering, mostly in the way of functional troubles. Many prunes dropped prematurely. The setting of prunes in some orchards was unusually heavy, which is always to be expected when trees are suffering for want of food and moisture. By the middle of the summer many of the prunes began to turn a reddish color. They often had large green watery areas on them. Others became malformed, having irregular, sunken areas which when cut through displayed a corky interior indicating that the moisture had been drawn out, probably by the leaves.

Many prunes fell in July and there was a heavy drop even late in the summer. All these signs thrown out by the tree indicate that it is suffering and needs moisture. With such troubles during a growing season trouble of one kind or another may be expected the following spring. Often the buds are too weak to bloom or if they bloom too weak to set. The trees were so weak last summer that they could develop no fruit buds and only a limited number of rather weak leaf buds.

Where the trees are not severely damaged and show only a moderate amount of weakness the best thing is to take especially good care of the soil, till it is in good shape and work it down thoroughly.

Some fertilizer would be a good thing, say three to five pounds of nitrogenous fertilizer like nitrate of soda, sown broadcast and worked into the ground. It might serve as a stimulus and help some. Where there is considerable damage it might pay to practice quite heavy pruning of the trees, thus reducing the top and bringing it into more equal balance with the roots. The roots are probably in a feeble condition with very few new feeding roots and those are overtaxed. Reducing the top quite strongly will help these roots to establish themselves again and assist the tree in getting on its feet. Where the damage is very severe and the tree shows only a few signs of life probably the wisest thing here would be practically to dehorn the tree. The top is cut back very severely to force out a new top which may make the tree vigorous again.

The whole situation and the experience of prune growers last summer and this spring should teach prune growers that they are too careless in their orchard practices. Too many growers delay tillage. The best growers in the state, those who seem to get the largest crops and the most money, are men who practice very early plowing and harrowing and continue it very thoroughly at least up to mid-summer. They do not neglect the regular annual pruning, removing the weak wood and encouraging the strong and vigorous sprouts. Much can be done to offset the decline.

It may be four or five years before some of these damaged prune trees can be brought into a highly productive state where as in most cases if a little more care had been taken this rest period could have been avoided.

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Greedy for Wasps.

The common green frog has been discovered to possess an insatiable greed for wasps. This extraordinary appetite does not seem to be in the least checked by an occasional sting. The protecting color of the frog, which sits motionless upon leaves, no doubt deludes the most wary of insects into sense of security.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Laugh When People Step On Your Feet

Try this yourself then pass it along to others. It works!

Ouch ! ? ! ? ! ? ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn or hardened callous stops soreness at once, and soon the corn or callous dries up and lifts right off without pain.

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How Great Poems Were Written

Two of the greatest poems in the language were written by chums competing against each other in friendly rivalry. They undertook to work at these poems for six months and then compare results. Keats went to the Isle of Wight and wrote "Endymion," and Shelley went to Marlow and, lying in a boat on the Thames, wrote "The Revolt of Islam."

Babylon in its Prime.

At the time the priests betrayed Nebuchadnezzar and permitted Cyrus to enter the city of Babylon, the students were learned in astrology, kept time with sun dials, and a water clock by night, fashioned rude telescopes; and the rich had perfected a system of entertainment never equaled in lavishness.

Optimistic Thought.

A judicious silence is always better than truth spoken without charity.

Daily Thought.

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IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

Flush your kidneys occasionally if you eat meat regularly.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

An Awful Break.

Squiggs—"Well, I see that porch climber finally escaped from jail. Broke out, I understand." Squaggs—"Say, now, for the love of billyclubs and badges, don't hand us that old stuff about measles." Squiggs—"Wouldn't think of such a thing; this fellow broke out with chickenpox."

Brogue.

Brogue occurs when an entire population of alien blood or tongue acquires the tongue language of its conquerors or its subjects or its neighbors, as the case may be; and acquires it, naturally, with a difference, importing into the foreign speech many of its own native peculiarities.

Egyptians Invent Bells.

The invention of bells is attributed to the Egyptians, who are credited with having made use of percussion instruments to announce the sacred fetes of Osiris.

Daily Thought.

Chance is a word void of sense; nothing can exist without a cause.—

Optimistic Thought.

I regret often that I have spoken, never that I have been silent.

THAT CHANGE IN WOMAN'S LIFE

Mrs. Godden Tells How It May be Passed in Safety and Comfort.

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