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HOUSE IS TOLD BY ESCH THAT RAILROADS COST 636 MILLIONS

Statement Made to Legislators by Member of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

GOVERNMENT UPHELD

Esch Declares That Troops in France Would Have Been Unsupplied Without Federal Control of Roads.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—The United States Railroad administration estimates place the net cost to the government of the federal control of the railroads at 636 million dollars.

This is the statement made today by Chairman Esch of the Interstate Commerce committee to the house. Esch said that this amount would have to be charged off to war loss. He stated that it was expensive but that it was well worth it.

Esch told the committee that without government control of the railroads during the war it would have been impossible to have secured the necessary transportation for the American army overseas.

Action Expected Soon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—By A. P.—It was learned today that Presidential action on the oil leasing land bill had been delayed due to the desire to obtain opinions from John Barton Payne, soon to become secretary of the interior and also from Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels.

The president is expected to take action on the bill sometime before midnight Wednesday at which time the act would automatically become a law.

New Classified

FOR SALE—Ford touring car, first class condition. 1,300 miles. Has Freestone demountable rims, tire carrier, speedometer, tool box, three new tires and 1920 license. Price \$500. Terms if desired. Call J. S. McFarland, Tangent, Ore., Phone 604 Rt. 4. 21f24*

READY TO SPRAY—The season is now open to spray trees and all classes of shrubbery. Call W. F. Gouett, Phone 723 J. 21f21*

FOR SALE—110 Egg, Porter Soft Heat Incubator, as good as new. Price \$10.00, at Hazelwood Cream station, 128 W. 2nd St. 21f21*

FOR SALE—Boy's No. 5 1/2, \$10 shoes 12 inches in height, for \$4.00. Good as new. Burns Shoe Dr. 21f21*

WANTED TO BUY—Highest prices paid for Oregon Fir Pitch—any quantity. For full information, write Northwestern Turpentine Co. 1212 Gasco Bldg., Portland, Ore. 21f24*

FOR SALE—Can supply you with good dry wood. Big fir limbs. Call C. P. Peabler, Phone 375. 21f24*

FOR SALE—10 mixed hens, fat and laying, \$1.50 each. Call 53F21.

FOR SALE—5-room plastered house with bath and basement. Lot 66x110, with street pavement paid, 7 bearing fruit trees, range, heater, 6 cords of wood in basement, laundry tubs, and linoleum on floors. Price \$3,000, \$500 down, balance \$25 per month. Located at 326 West 7th St. Beam Land Company, 133 Lyon Street. 21f29*

FOR SALE—Three cows; one wood horse; Harry MacHugh, Santiam road. 21f24*

WANTED—Girl to work on farm during summer, will pay good wages, write Mrs. J. D. Chambers, Rt. 5. 21f24*

FOR SALE—Gilt edge farm securities. Interest 6 per cent, payable semi-annually. Amounts \$100 or more, Phone 74, Barney Hecker, 108 W. 2nd St., Albany, Ore. 21f23*

HEALTH AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE 16 NEW CASES OF INFLUENZA

Health authorities here today have reported 16 new cases of influenza. There are now 89 cases of the disease on record in Albany. It is believed that many more exist that have not been reported. None of these afflicted are reported to be in a serious condition.

ALBANY TOSSERS ARE VICTORS IN GAME AT SALEM

Local Tossers Claim Championship of Willamette Valley

By the slight margin of two points, in one of the bitterest struggles of the year, the Albany high school basketball team wrested a victory from the Salem team last evening and established their claim as champions of the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon.

The final score was 16 to 14, the last two and deciding points for Albany being made in the fourth quarter. Handicapped by being away from home and being in the minority as far as gallery support was concerned the Albany team gave a superb exhibition of pluck and gaminess.

"Bud" Moore was the bright particular star for Albany and A. Gill had the stellar role for the Salem boys. Excellent team work of the capital city boys had a great deal to do with the evenness of the score. The advantage however was offset by the fighting determination that pervaded Albany's quintet.

The first half ended with the score, Albany 7 and Salem 4. The third quarter the game was tied 12 to 12. The points were mostly made throughout the game by long and difficult shots. The Albany team will play Eugene next Friday night.

COUNTY TREASURER ISSUES STATEMENT OF FUNDS FOR YEAR

Linn county had \$105,403.57 on deposit to its credit on Jan. 1, 1920, according to the report issued Friday by Miss Lenore Powell, county treasurer. The audit was performed by F. M. Redfield, who has done this work for Linn county for a number of years.

Distribution of the funds at hand are as follows:

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| | 1920 | 1919 |
| General fund | \$ 1,433.00 | \$ 3,801.88 |
| Gen. Road fund | 23,535.64 | 1,304.87 |
| Road Dis. fund | 2,202.25 | 4,538.11 |
| Special road district fund | 15,437.58 | 12.00 |
| Co. school fund | 622.56 | 1,344.79 |
| School dist. fund | 3,875.95 | 1,989.57 |
| Union high school fund | 275.08 | 325.20 |
| Common school fund | 694.69 | 662.76 |
| Cities fund | 1,301.72 | 2,918.25 |
| Trust fund | 3,958.26 | 3,677.50 |
| School fair fund | 63.53 | |
| Linn Co. fair fund | 176.11 | 254.84 |
| Indemnity funds | 808.29 | 774.92 |
| Institute funds | 173.99 | 88.36 |
| Ground squirrel or rodent fund | 200.00 | |
| Bonded road fund | 50,644.74 | |
| Totals | \$105,403.57 | \$21,843.05 |

The amount on hand January 1, 1919, \$21,843.05, plus the amount of receipts for the year, total \$884,028.11. Disbursements 778,624.54.

Balance \$105,403.54

B. P. O. E. EXCURSION STARTED FOR NEWPORT AT 11:45 TODAY

The B. P. O. E. Number 359 excursion pulled out of this city today on schedule time at 11:45 bound for Newport with about one hundred Albany elks on board and a good size delegation from Lebanon. At Corvallis a large number were to join the possession which is to reach Newport in due time for the "Deep Sea Feed" this evening. They were accompanied by an eighteen piece band which is to play a prominent part from start to finish.

WARNING ISSUED AGAINST OLIVES SHIPPED FROM CHICAGO HOUSE

State Food and Dairy Commissioner Traces Poisoning to Shipment of Pimento to Olives.

SHIPMENTS RECALLED

Brands are Batavia, Ferndell and Richelieu, California Product; Sent to 53 Towns in Eight States.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—The State Superintendent of Foods and Dairies has issued a warning that poisoned stuffed olives had been shipped by a wholesale house in Chicago to dealers in 52 towns over an area of eight states.

The olives are a "pimiento olive" put up in bottles. The salesmen have been instructed to have the olives withdrawn from the market.

This is the first time that the bacillus botulinus has been found in stuffed olives. There are three brands involved, all from California. These are the Batavia, Ferndell and Richelieu brands. They were packed in 1918. A thousand bottles were sold without any report of poisoning. The first case was brought to the attention of the authorities recently.

Writer to Appeal

OAKLAND, Feb. 21.—By A. P.—Miss Anita Whitney, lecturer, writer and convicted of criminal syndicalism here, has announced that she will take an appeal from the decision of the lower court. She faces a sentence of from 1 to 14 years.

Woman Acquitted

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—By A. P.—Mrs. Julia Mildred Thurston of Sacramento was found not guilty today of murdering Miss Jean Kimball, hotel cashier on Market street on November 4 last.

AUDITOR SENJOY MILLS LECTURE

Distinguished Speaker a Real Treat to Small Gathering

The handful of persons who braved the "flu" and attended the lecture given, at the public library last evening by Major Thornton Mills under the auspices of the Albany Chamber of Commerce were well repaid for their venture.

Seldom has so charming a speaker portrayed such simple and fundamental truths as were convincingly uttered by the distinguished speaker from Portland last evening. Major Mills clothed a message of good cheer and optimistic promise in sentences punctuated with humor and radiating buoyant hope.

The substance of his thought was that a person should perform his daily tasks with his whole heart and soul and with a smile on his lips. He described the spirit that moved men to do the least possible in the longest space of time. Unselfish loyalty on one's employer he declared brought its own reward.

Attack the humdrum tasks of daily life with a grin was a motto which he stated would serve to lighten the burden of anyone's duties. The speaker and the man was continually wanting to do less and get more were responsible he said for the precarious conditions that exist in the world today.

Admiral Recalled

PARIS, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, commander of the American warships in the Adriatic has been recalled because of disorders which occurred at Spalato, a Rome dispatch says today.

SON-IN-LAW OF SWIFT DENIES ACCUSATIONS OF FRENCH PREMIER

Count Minotto Says Statement Made by Caillaux is "Old Stuff" and That he has "Heard it Before".

DROPS HIS TITLE

Since Release From Fort Oglethorpe After Armistice Titled Austrian Becomes Mister and Goes to Work.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—James Minotto, son-in-law of Louis F. Swift, declined to discuss the statement of former premier Joseph Caillaux on trial in Paris for treason, that he Minotto, was the German spy who duped him when Caillaux visited South America in 1915.

"That's an old story, there is nothing to it," said Minotto today.

Since his release from Fort Oglethorpe, where he was interned by the government during the war, Minotto has dropped the title of count. He is at present employed in the office of a Chicago exporting firm.

Minotto obtained a good deal of notoriety during the war because of his alleged pro-german tendencies. He was arrested by government operatives after United States entered the war and after a hearing interned for the balance of the war.

Bond Given

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—Mexican federal authorities have located bandits who kidnaped Joseph E. Askew, American citizen, in state of Durango, Feb. second, and troops in pursuit in hope of affecting release.

BANQUET TAKES PLACE TONIGHT

Endeavorers Will Assemble for Feast at Presbyterian Church

Educational banquet for the delegates of the Christian Endeavor convention will take place at six o'clock this evening in the basement of the First Presbyterian church. A similar event for the intermediates will also take place at the Baptist church. Tickets have been sold to over 400 people.

At the conclusion of the dinners the services for the evening will commence at the Presbyterian church. Degrees received for study in the Oregon Christian Endeavor college will be conferred by Walter Myers. An address on loyalty will be made by Paul Brown. Dr. Lapsley McAfee will deliver the closing watch in the convention auditorium.

An auspicious opening marked the initial session of the 1920 convention of Friday evening. Delegations from various Western counties arrived on special cars and were present for the address of Dr. McAfee at the Presbyterian church.

In his address Friday evening, Dr. McAfee dilated upon the value of doing one's uttermost no matter what the task. He referred to the men who were in the service and gave their uttermost while in France. He stated that God's love was unmeasured and that salvation would be given to the uttermost according to our measure of sacrifice.

The largest delegation to arrive came on a special car from Portland and were 87 in number. Lane county delegation, 50 strong arrived in the afternoon and marched to the United Presbyterian church where they registered. They were led by Ted Goodwin, their song-leader.

Receipts for the reception fee book during the past year amounted to \$3775.55 from the land title fee book \$80.75, was received making a total of \$3856.30.

Hines Issues Statement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—Director General Hines has assured the railroad labor organizations that the return of the railroads March 1 would not affect the negotiations now pending as to the interpretation of the various wage agreements made during the federal control.

SPANISH CABINET IS OUT: RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED BY KING

MADRID, Feb. 21.—By A. P.—The entire cabinet is reported to have resigned and their resignations have been accepted by King Alphonso, due to their inability to get sufficient support to pass appropriations increasing the railroad rates.

JUROR'S ILLNESS AT MURDER TRIAL SAID TO BE "FLU"

Case Postponed Until Tuesday Pending His Recovery

MONTESSANO, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—The fourth week of the armistice day murder trials ended here today. The postponement occasioned yesterday by the illness of Edward Parr, one of the jurors has been continued until Tuesday.

Parr was considerably improved today but Judge Wilson decided that it was unsafe to bring him into court. His trouble has been diagnosed as influenza. It is expected that he may be well enough to continue Tuesday, after the holiday on Washington's birthday.

Defendant Loren Roberts, one of the 10 alleged I. W. W. on trial has entered his plea of insanity and with the resumption of the case alienists will testify for the defense concerning his condition.

Vandever will pin all his efforts toward substantiating this plea in order to destroy the effect of the confession which Roberts made previous to his trial. Roberts confession was read to the jury during the case made by the state.

ARCHIE E. WILKINSON CALLED BY DEATH AT PARENT'S HOME

Archie Edward Wilkinson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson, passed away this afternoon at the family home 2 1-2 miles southeast of Albany, following an illness of a week.

The youth was attending school at No. 10 grange hall when he became ill. He was popular with a large circle of friends, attended the Sunday school of the Grace Presbyterian church in Albany. He is survived by his parents who are prominent Oregon pioneers, and two brothers, and three sisters, all of whom are attending school.

Funeral arrangements had not been made late this afternoon, but will be announced later.

MANY TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE OCCUR IN 1919

The past year has been marked by an exceptionally large number of real estate transfers in Linn county according to the annual report of Miss Velma G. Davis, county recorder. Fees for the past year are considerably larger than those for 1918.

Sale of 2250 acres of timber land near Cascadia last week for a consideration of approximately \$70,000 is one of the few large transactions recorded lately. The land sold by Bird Rose to U. F. Diteman of Portland.

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AVIATOR MAKES NEW SPEED RECORD

SEATTLE, Feb. 21.—By Associated Press—Major A. J. Smith, army aviator who arrived yesterday from San Diego, plans to return Tuesday. He made 186 miles from Portland to Seattle in one hour and twenty minutes. This is said to be a record.

AGED FATHER ASKS COURT TO FORCE SONS TO SUPPORT HIM

William Bussard, Aged 89, Appears Before Judge Bilyeu and Tells Pitiful Tale of Neglect.

SONS DISPUTS

Claim to Have Furnished Parent with Necessaries; Three Children out of Eight Appear.

Support of William Bussard, aged 89 years, was the question at issue in the case that was heard today before the county court of Linn county. Martin Bussard and Dorey Bussard of this city and M. L. Bussard of Oregon city, sons of the complaining witness appeared in response to the citation sent out by Judge Bilyeu.

The aged father upon examination by District Attorney Gale Hill testified that although he had eight sons and daughters living he was at the present time being compelled to turn to the county for charity.

He narrated the story of his existence for the past four years since he has been living in Albany, under the questioning of Hill. He stated that for the past two years he had subsisted principally upon a diet of beans, potatoes and cracklings. He said that an estimate of the cost of his meals for this period amounted to about 9 cents a day or 3 cents a meal.

In response to a query from Hill concerning his clothes Bussard said that the pair of trousers and shirt he had on were the first given to him by his sons in four years. He averred that he picked up most of his clothes from a rubbish box located outside of a factory near his dwelling at 128 West Water street. He said that a piece of cloth which he took from the lining of the box and washed, he gave to his son Dorey over a year ago to have made into a shirt.

"I never saw it again, from that day to this," added Bussard.

Asked by Hill if it was not a fact that he had refused on one occasion to let his son come into his house Bussard answered in the affirmative and said: "When Martin came to me, coaxing me to go to the county poor farm, I ordered him from the house and if I had been strong enough I would have thrown him out."

A neighbor who lives in the same house with Bussard corroborated all the aged man's statements and said that on many occasions he had found the old man without food, wood, clothing, medicine and living in a state of hopeless filth.

He stated that he had furnished Bussard with food, clothing and fuel many times during the two years that he had known him.

Martin Bussard told the court that he had done everything in his power to take care of his father during his stay here and for the last forty years. He produced bills for groceries which he had paid for his father at various times during the last four years, contradicted his father's charge of neglect.

He contended that he had done most of the contributing to the support and that the neglect was from the other brothers.

Dorey Bussard disputed the statement and alleged that he had exceeded his quota toward his father. He said that he had bought food for a large part of the time and which his father kept and which more than four times senior consumed.

M. L. Bussard of Oregon city, he had contributed years and a quantity of supplies and goods had plenty. He had to work for a fortunate effort to support him.

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