

PIERCE FISH BILL PASSES IN SENATE

GOVERNOR WEST GIVES NO INTIMATION OF WHAT HIS ACTION ON BILL WILL BE

By Vote of 18 to 12 Senate Follows Lead of House in Defying Peoples Bill—Men Voted for Pierce Bill Who Had Sworn to Leave Peoples Laws Alone—Arguments for and Against Measure Were Made Before Governor—Von der Hellen Makes Strong Appeal for Measure.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 18 to 12 the senate this morning passed the Pierce bill re-opening the Rogue River to commercial fishing.

The bill had been made a special order for 10:30 o'clock and the vote was preceded by no debate.

Those who voted to sustain the people, and against the bill were Albee, Bean, Dimick, Joseph, Kellaher, Lester, Malarkey, McColloch, Miller, Von der Hellen, Wood and Selling.

Among those who voted to repeal the people's law were a number who had previously in speeches declared their intention of not interfering with any legislation enacted by the people, among them being Bowerman, Locke, Petton, Barrett and Oliver.

The Hume interests were represented throughout the session by a strong lobby and brought great pressure to bear upon the legislators from Portland financial and commercial interests, including the entire commercial fishing industry of the state, who feared the precedent by closing a stream by initiative.

This afternoon before Governor West the Hume representatives and those from the Rogue River Valley appeared to state their respective cases. Arguments on behalf of vetoing the bill were made by Judge Briggs of Ashland, J. E. Enyart and George Putnam, while for the Hume interests were Herbert and John Hume, Ivan Humason, D. Keusey, J. C. Munsey and Kendall; also Senators Norton and Chase and Representative Pierce.

Many questions were asked by the governor who gave no intimation of his intentions.

The senate passed house bill 148, as amended, prohibiting the sale on shipment of steelheads, salmon trout and trout from the Rogue River and its tributaries and the sale and shipment of salmon during the closed period.

Even though the governor does not veto the bill, the sporting interests are in far better shape than ever before. The open season at the mouth of the river is cut down to five and one-half months, and to four months on the upper river. Use of seines and drags is prohibited and 8 inch minimum nets provided. Catching of steelheads or trout except with hook and line is absolutely prohibited.

The following is the text of the amended Pierce bill, house bill No. 218, which nullifies the initiative bill closing the Rogue river to commercial fishing.

ASHLAND GETS NEW ARMORY

Bill Authorizing Erection of Armories Passes—Neighboring City Also Gets \$8000 Due Her for Deficiency in Teachers' Salaries.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—Ashland gets her new armory provided her people raise and the county court puts up half of the necessary amount.

This the county court of Jackson has done and the people of Ashland vote soon on the matter of an appropriation with which to erect the armory.

The bill authorizing the erection of armories passed both houses today.

Ashland also gets in the general appropriation bill \$8000 for the deficiency due for teachers' contracts to reimburse the citizens of Ashland for the premature closing of the school.

TRAVEL TO EUROPE WILL BE GREATER

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—According to a report of the Trans-Atlantic Line, the advance bookings for next season give every indication that travel to Europe will be greater than ever before.

Last year was heralded as the banner year of steamship travel, according to steamship men. Between January 1 and September 1 of last year, 175,000 cabin and 270,000 steerage trans-Atlantic passengers sailed from this port.

These figures are likely to be surpassed this year in the first and second classes, and there is reason to believe that steerage travel also will be heavy.

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FRESNO, THEN ON TO FIGHT DIAZ ARMY

So Say I. W. W. Members to Representative of Mail Tribune Who Spent Night With Them on Slopes of Siskiyou—Say They Will Make No Trouble en Route.

"We'll settle with Fresno first," was the statement made to a representative of the Mail Tribune who spent Friday night with them, by members of the Industrial Workers of the World army at Steinman, on the northern slope of the Siskiyou mountains, "and then on to Mexico."

This statement, uttered by members of the "common herd" portion of the mob, was instantly and flatly denied by the committee of six who are at the head of the migrating Industrialists, who, however, pined down, gave as the reason for their denial the fact that "that part of our campaign is as yet unofficial."

Are Not Armed.

Notwithstanding the fact that a squad of eight special railroad policemen who arrived in Ashland Saturday to intercept any more members of the band who come south, and to protect railroad property from depredations by the army now marching across the Siskiyou mountains to California are believed to have been instructed that about one half of the hoboes were heavily armed, the leaders of the mob Friday night requested the newspaper man to search them and their effects for weapons, and although no attempt was made, to make a thorough search, it is not believed that they are armed at all.

No Trains Stop.

No trains would stop between Ashland and Siskiyou Friday night, and in order to have them go by Steinman at a speed which would make the catching of the train possible by any of the marauders, three engines were attached to each.

According to members of the party who spoke officially through the "executive committee," almost four hundred more members of the I. W. W. will pass through this city en route to Fresno within the next three weeks. By that time, it is said by the leaders of the band, that about three thousand sympathizers with their cause will have been mustered in Fresno.

Nothing Can Stop Them.

"Only one thing in the world will cause us to turn back," they said "and that is the news that our brothers in Fresno have been liberated from jail and allowed their constituents."

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LOCAL OFFICIALS GIVEN A RAISE

Fred Colvig Now Gets \$2000 a Year With \$300 for Deputies—Deputy is Given District Attorney Mulkey at \$900.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—The recorder of Jackson county gets a raise, House bill No. 219 increasing the salary of the county recorder of Jackson county to \$2600 a year and providing \$300 a year for deputies was passed by the senate today.

Senate bill No. 526, providing a deputy for Prosecuting Attorney Mulkey at a salary of \$900 a year is up to the governor for signature.

Senate bill No. 284, fixing the salary of the school superintendent of Jackson county at \$1800, has been passed.

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IS YESTERDAY TODAY? QUERY BEFORE SOLONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—With a score of measures of national importance awaiting action by congress, the house today debated for an hour to decide whether today is yesterday or today.

On account of Representative Mann's filibuster to prevent consideration of the omnibus claims bill, the house last night took a recess until 11 o'clock this morning. After much wind, pro and con, had been spilled, Speaker Cannon finally ruled that today is yesterday.

"This will be a continuation of the legislative day of February 17," he announced. And then the house got down to business.

CHINA SPREAD PLAGUE IN ORDER CHECK RUSSIA?

Such is Charge Made in Germany—Every Indication Now That Chinese Will Resist Threatened Occupation of Towns.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—That China deliberately spread the pneumonic plague in Manchuria to check the encroachment of Russia is the charge made here today in the Tokai Anzeiger by Professor Skortitchenko, a Russian statesman.

He declares China deported plague patients from southern China, where the plague was incessantly epidemic, to Manchuria, and that clothing sent to the Manchurians from China was first infected with plague germs. The precedent for this, he says, was established in early Chinese wars against the Tartars, hundreds of years ago, when the Chinese threw the bodies of plague victims into the camps of the enemy, starting disastrous epidemics.

China Will Resist.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Every indication that China will resist the threatened occupation of three of her provinces by Russia by force of arms is contained in notes received here today by the foreign office from the chancelleries of Europe. All of them believe that the czar must have the bayonets or his throat will prove useless.

"England," it is said, unofficially, "will second the attitude of the United States that the czar's grab is entirely unwarranted. Along this line the Morning News says editorially today:

"Clearly we are not witnessing a demand for justice, but an act of vulgar aggression. It is hoped that England will not support Russia in her design because American is likely to unfavorably regard such a wanton outrage. England has no interest in injuring China and provoking the United States at the behest of Russia."

SENATE PASSES STATION BILL

Rogue River Valley Assured An Experiment Station—Von der Hellen Digs it Out of Grave and Gets it Through.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—After a stormy career, house bill No. 183 today passed the senate after being reauthorized by Senator Von der Hellen. It was killed in the senate Friday.

The bill as amended appropriates \$5000 for the support of and maintenance of an experiment station in southern Oregon under the control of the state agricultural college.

This was the only appropriation secured for southern Oregon. Most of the bills introduced by Westerlund, one of Eggleston's and all of those by Von der Hellen passed.

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ORGANIZED LABOR MAY AID REBELS

San Francisco Labor Council Adopts Resolutions Denouncing President Diaz as Bloodthirsty Enemy of the Worker—Copies Mailed to all Union Bodies in America.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—A movement to enlist organized labor in the cause of the Mexican revolutionists was launched here today, when resolutions adopted by the San Francisco labor council denouncing President Diaz as a bloodthirsty enemy of the worker were mailed to every union body in America.

The resolutions call on unionists throughout the country to come to the aid of the insurgents and to urge through their representatives at Washington that alleged discrimination now going on against the insurgents in the enforcement of the neutrality laws by American troops shall cease. The orders against taking food across the border and the stopping of unarmed men who endeavor to cross into Mexico were especially denounced.

The resolutions were endorsed by Secretary A. J. Gallagher of the San Francisco labor council, who urged their adoption, saying that labor conditions in Mexico were a disgrace and that the whole power of the Mexican government was used to crush attempts at organization. He bitterly denounced Diaz, saying he could not express his opinion of the chief executive of the southern republic without resorting to profanity.

The resolutions were adopted only after a sharp clash during the labor meeting. Some of the members said they were so radical that the state department might consider them a violation of neutrality. The friends of the resolutions, however, secured passage by a vote of 19 to 17, defeating a proposition to refer them to a committee for re-drafting.

During the debate it was asserted that dissatisfied workmen at Cananea, Mex., who desired to strike could only do so by running away under cover of darkness and then, it was alleged, they were in danger of being shot by federal soldiers placed around the town by order of Diaz.

That the real cause of the activity of the United States along the border, Gallagher declared, was the flight of American investors who represented \$900,000,000 in Mexican enterprises.

"When money gets scarce," said he, "troops are rushed to the scene."

The resolutions specifically endorse the revolution.

PORTLAND'S HAND SEEN IN RATE CASE BEFORE RAILROAD COMMISSION

Complaint Seems to be a Duplicate of Medford Petitions With the Exception of the Addition of Less Than Carlot Commodity Rates From Grants Pass—This Leads to Suspicion That Portland Jobbers Have Hand in Case Much Activity There Among Certain Interests.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—The railroad commission has just issued a statement on its own motion citing the Southern Pacific company to appear before it on February 27 as defendant in a suit in behalf of Grants Pass.

The complaint of the commission appears to be a duplication of the Medford petitions with the exception of the addition of less than carload commodity rates from Portland to Grants Pass. A review of the public documents on file with the commission in the Medford suits indicates a most strenuous opposition on the part of the attorney representing Medford's interests to prevent the Portland chamber of commerce from intervening and raise the question of less than carload commodity rates as a part of the petition. The citation on its own motion of the commission and including the issue opposed by Medford has led to some speculation as to what influence dictated the clause of the less than carload commodity rates to Grants Pass in the petition of the commission associated, as the mooted question is, with the efforts of the chamber of commerce of Portland to not only raise this issue in the Medford suits, but also in similar suits now pending in behalf of Baker City. It is pointed out that under customary traffic regulations Grants Pass would ordinarily, as an intermediate point, receive the same carload rates from Portland that Medford would receive, and this being the case an extension of the petition or motion of the commission to include less than carload commodity rates has excited inquiry and comment on account of the index hand pointing Portlandward because of the activity of certain interests there in the less than carload commodity issue.

SOLONS SPEND FOUR MILLIONS

Most Expensive Session in Years is Held—Everything Got All Coin Wanted—State Printer Put on Flat Salary.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—The closing scenes of the most expensive session of the Oregon legislature in years are being enacted this evening. Some \$4,522,460, or over fifty per cent more than the amount appropriated by the last legislature, was spent.

The university of Oregon got all it asked for, O. A. C. got all it wanted, state institutions ditto, also in the matter of county district fares money was not taken into consideration.

Governor West today vetoed the senate bill providing for the sale of unappropriated or over flow lands by municipalities.

The senate this afternoon passed the bill which makes Multnomah one congressional district, the rest of Western Oregon, another and all the counties of Eastern Oregon a third.

The house also voted to put the state printer on a flat salary. This was the one big saving act of grace to mark the closing session.

EX GOVERNOR'S BODY TO BE BROUGHT BACK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 18.—Preparations were made today to send to Salem, Oregon the body of William Paine Lord, former governor of Oregon, who died here yesterday after a brief illness.

Lord came to San Francisco a few weeks ago suffering from an organic ailment which affected his heart. He was 72 years of age. A widow and three children, Montague Lord of Rawah, Attorney William P. Lord, Miss Elizabeth Lord of Salem, survive him.

The commission has set a good record for itself before the courts in revision of rates largely beneficial to Portland distribution, but the Med-

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