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## WILSON SIGNS ALASKA RAILROAD BILL DEVELOPING NORTHERN TERRITORY

### MEASURE LINKS ALASKA WITH UNITED STATES

Executive States Bill Will Do More to Develop Northern Territory Than Any Plan as Yet Devised—Real Helping Hand Extended.

No Formal Ceremonies Attended Signature, Though Chamberlain, Author, and Others Present.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—President Wilson this afternoon signed the Alaska railroad bill. He used two pens—one of ivory and silver; the other of ivory and gold.

"Gentlemen," he said, glancing smilingly at those around him, "it gives me the greatest pleasure to sign this bill. I can say now that we have linked Alaska and the United States by more than a friendly tie. I believe this measure will do far more to develop this territory than any other plan that has been devised.

"I had hoped to sign such a bill before my term expired and that I am able to do so in this brief period is a source of much gratification to me that I find it hard to express myself.

"Alaska deserves much at the hands of the American people and I believe its interests will be cared for by this bill. I feel that we have at last reached out a hand of real helpfulness and brotherhood to Alaska and that we have linked it to us with many bonds in a way valuable to both sides.

No formal ceremonies attended the signing of the bill but there were a good many present, including Secretary of the Interior Lane, Senators Chamberlain, James and Pittman, Congressman Houston and a delegation of Pacific slope and Alaska residents.

### ENGLAND'S BIGGEST NAVAL BUDGET ASKS \$257,000,000

LONDON, March 12.—Such a warship building program as even England had hardly expected was laid before the house of commons by First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill this afternoon.

His estimate provided for four new dreadnaughts, four cruisers, twelve destroyers, submarines and vast stores of munitions. The appropriation desired to cover the construction of the proposed new vessels was \$257,700,000, an increase over last year's naval allowance of \$15,000,000.

The ambitiousness of the admiralty's program was the result mainly of Germany's rejection of Churchill's proposal of a "naval holiday."

### LANDSLIDE BLOCKS SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS AT DUNSMUIR

REDDING, Cal., March 12.—A landslide four miles north of Dunsmuir blocked the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific railroad from 9 o'clock last evening until 8:30 this morning, when a track around the slide was completed. The northbound Shasta Limited and the Portland express were held all night at Dunsmuir.

### MR. O'GORMAN WILL OPPOSE TOLLS EXEMPTION



United States Senator James A. O'Gorman, of New York, repeated recently his statement that he declined to change in his opposition to the repeal of the Panama toll exemptions, for which the President pleaded in a brief but strong message delivered in person to Congress. Other prominent Senators who have seen with Senator O'Gorman in his stand against the repeal, said that they were wavering because of the impression made by the President's address, and that they would support the President because they favored his general attitude although not in sympathy with his reasoning.

### MILLION DOLLAR LOSS DOCK FIRE PORTLAND HARBOR

PORTLAND, Or., March 12.—Damage estimated in excess of \$1,000,000 was done early today by a fire which destroyed Columbia docks Nos. 1 and 2; Montgomery dock No. 1 and part of No. 2. The steam schooner Cricket, loaded with asphalt, is practically a total loss and the British Royal Mail steamer Glenroy, loaded with lumber and wheat, has her upper decks burned away, with considerable damage to her cargo.

The fire was probably caused by an explosion of wheat chuff on the Columbia dock. The Cricket, the first vessel to take fire, became at once a roaring furnace, the inflammable cargo making the craft a floating torch. She was cut loose from the dock and set adrift, but instead of taking the channel in the middle of the river, floated against Montgomery dock No. 2, setting fire to the platform, the burning oil pouring into the water and firing the piers.

The fireboat David Campbell seized her with grappling irons and towed her to a small island below the flouring mills, where she was beached and abandoned. It was not until the fire had burned itself out on the docks and on the Glenroy that the fireboat went back and began playing streams on the burning Cricket.

### O'BRIEN AND GILBERT IN 20-ROUND DRAW

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 12.—Fight fans here were demanding today a return match between Danny O'Brien of Portland and Gilbert Gallant of Boston, who battled 20 rounds to a draw at Murray, a Salt Lake suburb, last night. Both men closed strong.

Danny O'Brien fought Bud Anderson six times, the last fight occurring in Medford eighteen months ago. While here O'Brien made many friends and divided popularity with the "Pride." He lost a hair-line decision to Bud, although he finished strong in the last round, but Bud's popularity and 99 per cent of the spectators were against him. Gallant is a Boston scrapper, who recently went 20 rounds at Oakland, Cal., with Frankie Burns.

### SHIP BUILDERS PAID LOBBYIST AT WASHINGTON

Alleged Anti-Canal Toll Repeal Lobbyist Admits Receiving \$1000 Fee and Contingent Fee of \$4000 for Work on Bill.

In Case Panama Tolls Bill Passed in a Certain Way, Company Would Build More Ships, He Asserts.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Flat admission that he received a \$1000 fee and entered into contracts involving contingent fees of \$4000 for merely attending congressional committee meetings and taking notes, without talking to senators and congressmen, was made today before the senate lobby committee by Charles W. DeKnight, an alleged anti-canal tolls lobbyist. DeKnight swore that he was paid \$1000 by P. T. Bowles of the Fore River Shipbuilding company at Quincy, Mass.

Asked what the "contingency" was, DeKnight said that was uncertain, but he believed it meant that "if the Panama tolls bill passed in a certain way the company would build more ships, and in that case I should get my \$4000. However, the bill did not pass in the desired shape and I got only \$1000.

"What did you do to earn your fee?" asked Senator Walsh. "Oh, I did a lot of work in attending hearings and making notes," answered DeKnight. "Did you ever talk to congressmen or senators?" asked Walsh. "No."

"I do not think that you were a \$5000 man," said Walsh.

Later DeKnight said he had discharged a stenographer for giving information to newspapers which had embarrassed his clients. He admitted attending conferences of representatives of shipbuilding interests, but denied that he knew anything of a fund raised to affect canal tolls legislation.

DeKnight also identified contracts he had made for 50 per cent of any increase in pay he obtained for enlisted men.

### MINERS TO REFUSE TO ABANDON UNION

CALUMET, Mich., Mar. 12.—President Rockard of the Calumet local of the Western Federation of Miners denied today that the members of his local would abandon by vote the copper strike even if a referendum should be held, as suggested. Besides, he added, no definite plans had been made for the referendum.

### MISS DRAKE, PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN IN CHICAGO, CAMPAIGNS AMONG WORKMEN'S WIVES



Miss Marion H. Drake, progressive candidate for alderman in the first ward in Chicago against John J. Coughlin, has carried her campaign among the women of the south end of the ward.

Miss Drake visited more than fifty housewives in a house-to-house canvass before she went to the loop district to attend matters connected with her law business.

On her way to the loop district the woman candidate was hailed by a number of teamsters, to whom she has become a familiar sight working in the business streets of the ward. At one corner she stopped to chat with a mounted policeman to learn some facts about the policing of the ward.

### ALLEGED FRAUD IN ALLEGATIONS OF SIEGEL BANK

NEW YORK, Mar. 12.—The two big department stores operated here by Henry Siegel and his partners were ordered closed this afternoon by the federal court.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Investigation of fraud allegations against officials of the Siegel Store corporation and the Siegel private bank was continued here today by a grand jury. District Attorney Whitman declared that "sufficient material to warrant fifty indictments had been uncovered."

Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Siegel Stores corporation, and owners of the defunct Siegel bank, were arrested yesterday on three indictments. Investigation by the district attorney's office, it was said, had disclosed discrepancies of nearly \$2,000,000 between the books of the Siegel Stores and banking enterprises, and the financial statement used as a basis for additional credits before the failure.

### BUREAU TO LOAN FORECASTER FOR DANGER PERIOD

Weather Bureau to Furnish Observer During Frost Season, if Forecaster Beals' Recommendation is Agreed to at Washington.

Fruitgrowers Name Committee to Take Up Appointment of Pathologist With County Court.

The U. S. weather bureau will provide an expert observer and forecaster for the frost period at Medford provided the recommendation of E. A. Beals, district forecaster for the northwest, stationed at Portland, is favorably acted upon at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Beals arrived in Medford Thursday to make arrangements for carrying on the weather service after Prof. O'Gara's departure, and will send F. R. Drake, his chief assistant here during the two months frost danger period, on the understanding that the county pay the room rent for the bureau, which was agreed to by County Judge Tou Valle.

It is badly handicapped. "Of course," said Mr. Beals "it will be hard to fill, even temporarily. Prof. O'Gara's place for local predictions. A new man, no matter how expert, will be handicapped in many ways. And you have had such an unusually efficient service, that it has spoiled you in your expectations. Prof. O'Gara's work has attracted nationwide attention. But we will do the best we can to fill the void during the danger period."

Fruitgrowers of the valley met in the public library Wednesday afternoon, and discussed the matter of securing a county pathologist, appointing a committee of five composed of Bert Anderson, F. H. Madden, A. S. V. Beckwith, Dr. Hart and A. C. Allen to investigate the proposition of the O. A. C., secure applicants, and act with the county court.

The O. A. C. informally agrees to furnish half the salary, from state aid and appropriation fund for use of data, etc., collected, but leaves the selection of the pathologist to this section. An effort to restrict the committee to the acceptance of this offer was rejected. The committee will hold its first meeting with the county court Tuesday.

Tribune to O'Gara. Tributes were paid to the worth of Prof. O'Gara by Col. R. C. Washburn and D. M. Lowe, and resolutions adopted unanimously thanking him for his services and painstaking efforts.

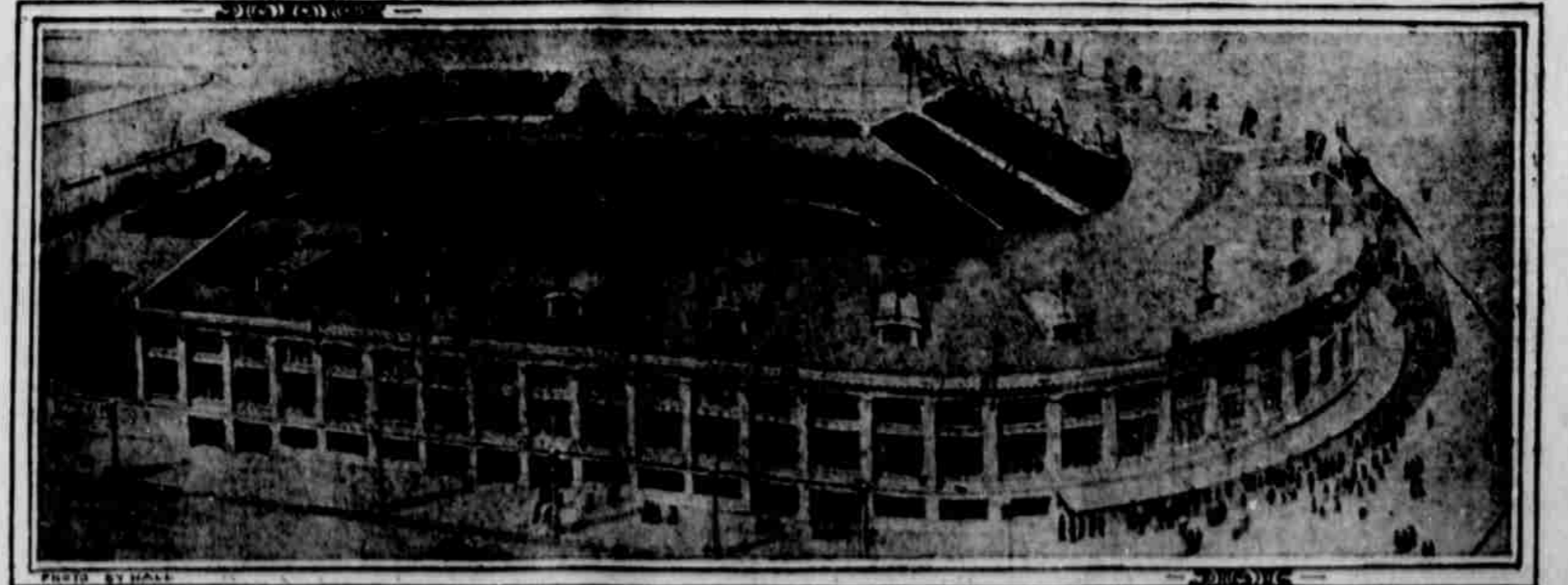
It was argued by E. W. Carleton of Table Rock that a pathologist versed in horticulture and agriculture should be chosen so the farmers could not wait that the fruitmen were receiving all the benefits of the office. Unity and harmony were urged among all branches and sections and diversified farming urged.

### COLQUITT PLANS TO INCREASE FORCE OF TEXAS RANGERS

AUSTIN, Texas, Mar. 12.—That Governor Colquitt intended to increase the force of Texas Rangers as a step toward better protection of the Mexican border was understood here today.

"Do you intend to consult with President Wilson concerning the proposed increase?" he was asked. "Washington has absolutely nothing to do with the Rangers," answered Colquitt. "I will consult none of the federal authorities."

### WHERE BROOKLYN FEDERAL LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM WILL PLAY THIS YEAR



FEDERAL LEAGUE BASEBALL PARK, BROOKLYN, N. Y.  
If the Brooklyn Federal League ball park is erected as the Wards have arranged it will look like the accompanying illustration, made from plans drawn by C. U. Constock, supervising architect. It has been variously estimated that these stands, which the owners expect to be completed in six weeks time, will cost between \$125,000 and \$150,000. There has been a great deal of speculation on the part of organized baseballers as to whether it will be possible to complete the work in that time. The Wards declare the park will be in readiness for the opening of the season.