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A COMMENDABLE BILL

A BILL that should receive favorable consideration at the hands of the legislature is that introduced by Representative Thomas of Jackson (H. B. 348), declaring any dam in state of unrepaired to be a public nuisance. The bill is designed to force the repair or removal of the Ament (Golden Drift) dam near Grants Pass, which, in its present state, is a menace to the people of the lower valley, likely to go out at the first high water, and one of the main causes of poor fishing because of defective fishways constantly out of repair.

This dam was supposed to be a swindle and has been perpetuated as a fraud. It was built for a fraudulent get-rich-quick mining scheme, nearly a score of years ago, and served its purpose when it enabled its promoters to realize a fortune from the sale of mining stock, and since then utilized to sell more stock in irrigation and power schemes.

The dam was supposed to furnish water and power for adjacent placer ground. But the placers petered out and the company went bankrupt. Some responsible and wealthy persons had been "stung" and another promoter affected a reorganization of the stockholders after years of idleness and projected an irrigation district to be watered, power to be generated by the dam. Securities were sold and construction work started.

In the course of time this scheme also collapsed, and another reorganization was effected, this time by merging the stockholders and creditors of another busted company, a high-line irrigation and power concern, that had a flowery prospectus and fillings on the upper Rogue and a small plant at Gold Hill, with the defunct irrigation company creditors. Bonds were sold in the east, the dam repaired and construction work for power and irrigation again begun—only to again collapse, with creditors' plasters and workmen's liens upon the dam as thick as the planks.

The dam had been constructed with an adjacent fishway through the center, and proved an effectual barrier to the ascent of fish. The master fish warden, H. C. McAllister, in 1909 constructed a permanent fishway on the south side of the dam costing \$3000, taking receivers' certificates for pay, the concern being in bankruptcy. This fishway only partially solved the problem, being located on the wrong side of the stream to attract the fish—though still in operation at certain water stages.

In 1912 Governor West and the state game and fish commission secured an order of court for the construction of an adequate fishway on the north side of the dam, advancing the money for construction from the commission's funds, some \$2500, taking a lien upon the dam. But the repair work on the dam has damaged the intake of this new fishway so it requires constant attention or does not work.

The state has already some \$6000 or \$7000 invested in this worthless structure, which should either be permanently repaired and used or destroyed as a menace to the lower valley.

NOT VERY PATRIOTIC

SENATOR LANE of Oregon does not appear in a very favorable or patriotic light as the only democratic senator who failed to vote for the resolution approving the president for his diplomatic break with Germany.

In a speech shortly before the vote was taken, he opposed the president's action, declaring that the United States should not go to war, but mind its own business, and that Americans should not venture into war zones except at their own peril. He is quoted as saying:

"There is as much reason to sustain an American who wishes to walk between the trenches on the European battlefields as to sustain one who wishes to travel in the high seas war zone."

There is absolutely no comparison between the battlefield and the sea, recognized as the world's highway. The citizens of the United States have every right on the sea, as guaranteed by treaty and international law, and no rights at all in the trenches.

Mr. Lane explains his dodging a vote as due to the fact that he was locked out when he went out on a veranda to get a breath of fresh air after making his speech, and that the vote was taken while he was out. Otherwise, he would have voted against the measure.

Yet Mr. Lane must have known that a vote was near, and also been familiar with the rules of the senate. However, his action in this matter are along the lines of his record in the senate—nothing for his constituents to be proud of.

GETTE TOO SMALL FOR SWISS NEED

PARIS, Feb. 10.—Cotte, the sole sea outlet permitted to Switzerland by the German submarine note, is absolutely incapable of applying the country's needs, according to a representative of the Matin, who went to the port to make an investigation. The traffic of Cotte has doubled since the war began but the space and equipment are the same as in peace time.

The Matin's representative says that Cotte might handle enough food-stuffs to keep Switzerland from star-

STEEL ORDERS SHOW A HIGH DECREASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The un-filled orders of the United States Steel corporation on January 31 last were 11,474,054 tons, a decrease of 78,222 tons compared with December 31.

The January statement is the first in several months that has not shown an increase. The December statement of 11,547,286 was the high record for unfilled orders.

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"You can't tell about us pacifists," Ford said. "Sometimes I think a pacifist seems like a cat—a gentle creature that you can fondle—a gentle, harmless thing. But back it up in a corner and you've got the worst kind of a fighter you've ever seen."

Ford declared his belief in the "baby submarine" and said he would stake his reputation as a manufacturer as to success of the little under-sea craft. He asked if it was not worth something to the government to have handy a plant capable of turning out thousands of automobiles each day, each capable of transporting ten soldiers.

"Think they could transport some soldiers?" he inquired.

"The other day I noticed a lot of flags flying. A good many seemed to be from bank buildings. They all seemed patriotic—for profit, which is what actuates nations (except our own United States) to fight wars."

"But I did not see any signs of picks or shovels or khaki about those bank buildings, indicating they were offering any practical help to the U. S. except what they could profit from."

STEAMER FREDERICK TO CONVEY GERMANS

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The steamship Frederick VIII was given permission by its owners in Copenhagen today to convey former Ambassador Von Bernstorff and his suite to a Scandinavian port, according to a cablegram to the Scandinavian-American line offices here. No date has yet been set for the vessel's departure.

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Later it was announced that the Frederick VIII will sail Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

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THE REWARD OF AN OLD TIGHT WAD

This is a very peculiar subject to essay on, but it is like spraying trees, it is necessary.

We have animals walking around dressed in men's clothes, who are so far from filling the specifications of what a man is that if they were the lead in a pencil they would not make a visible mark on white paper.

Now this is for the animal, who wears the tight wad shoe. If you should go down to buy your good wife a washing machine and have it delivered to her house, it would make her shed tears of joy, different from the tears she is in the habit of shedding, for watch her as she tries to clean those old socks or skirts of years and see her when annually she tries to make over the wedding dress to fit the style and the only thing that saved her last year was the tight skirts. Her father gave her the dress, don't forget that.

You proudest the preacher you would love her and protect her, now old boy, you had better give yourself or at least your feet a bath with soap and water, let her brush, or cut the wrinkles out of your whiskers, go down to the Baptist church on Sunday morning or evening and let that long, hungry, southern preacher tell you how he it gets where you are going, if you don't change.

Now, you orchard chaps, if you don't look out, will have another crop of wormy fruit and that will be your fault, for verily, the Beau Spray rigs are death to bugs and worms. This may all sound like a joke to you, but if you could happen into the big store on the west side and watch Big Johnson, Ben and Shortie passing out the many and much goods, it would make you feel that Woodrow had said, "boys go get 'em." We are ready. You need what we have and we need what you have, so you will be welcome.

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