

HIGHWAY BOND PLAN DOOMED TO FAIL THIS SESSION

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—Because of the adverse sentiment existing generally against bonding the state at the present time for paving, it is believed that senate bill 312, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$6,000,000 for hard-surfacing state highways will fail. Incidentally the fact that the bill was drafted and introduced in the legislature at the eleventh hour is militating against it.

Governor Withycombe is squarely against the bill, and legislator after legislator has expressed his opposition to it. The governor believes that no further provision for the issuance of bonds should be made than the Bean-Barrett bill. This is an emergency measure, merely authorizing the state board of control to issue bonds to match the federal appropriations for highway work, provided funds are not available from other sources. Beyond this, the enactment of a bill creating a non-political highway commission, and a measure increasing the license of the automobile department, the governor does not believe the legislature ought to go.

Under the bill creating a non-political highway commission, it is provided that the funds derived from the levy of the one-fourth mill tax shall be used to match the federal appropriations, if necessary, and the idea of a bill increasing the automobile license is that the funds shall also be used for this purpose. With these funds and the Bean-Barrett emergency measure the federal appropriations are certain to be met and sentiment among legislators seems to be that the legislature should not proceed further at this session. The Bean-Barrett emergency bill was passed for two reasons—first, because of the fear that the bill increasing automobile licenses might prove unconstitutional, and second, to make sure that in case of the shortage of funds for any reason the state would be in a position to avail itself of the federal appropriations.

EMBARGO PLACED EASTERN SHIPMENTS

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.—An embargo on eastern shipments of all but perishable goods and coal to the east was announced at the Denver offices of the Atchafson, Topoka & Santa Fe and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads today. The embargo, it was said, extends to all points east of Illinois and north of the Ohio river.

The only exception to the embargo, it was said, is in the case of shipments which can show boat bookings at the Atlantic seaboard when offered for shipment. Refusal of eastern roads to accept shipment was given as the reason.

As a result of the embargo, freight shipments are held up to some extent. Railroad officials said they expected no congestion of freight here.

FIRST MESSAGE ARRIVES FROM ELKUS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The first message to reach the state department from American officials in Turkey or Bulgaria since the break in relations with Germany was received today from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople, who inquired about the difficulties of communication with his government.

It bore the date of February 7 and apparently was delayed at least five days longer than is usually the case with dispatches from the Turkish capital. Officials are investigating the cause of the delay in all dispatches to and from Turkey and Bulgaria, but are not certain yet whether it has occurred at Vienna, through which all dispatches pass.

SENATE PUTS BAN ON SHIPPING BOOZE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate today adopted a drastic amendment to the postal bill making it a crime for persons in dry states to order, purchase or cause to be transported by mail any intoxicating liquors into such states.

FIRST WOMEN TO ANSWER CALL OF AMERICAN RED CROSS



This picture shows the first women to enroll at the Red Cross headquarters in New York when a call was sent out for patriotic women to volunteer for service as nurses. Left to right—Mrs. E. L. Klots, Mrs. Margaret Van Antwerp, Miss Ruth Cooper, Mrs. V. M. Foreman, Mrs. Austin Baldwin.

PRESIDENT ENDORSES WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Wilson in a letter to Mrs. Henry F. Dimock of this city, head of the George Washington Memorial association made public today, endorsed the association's plan to erect a building here as a memorial to Washington to cost \$3,000,000.

"I am very much interested in the plans for the George Washington memorial building and hope most sincerely that they will prosper and the building be finally built," the president wrote.

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS EVERY FOUR YEARS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—A senate resolution was introduced here today providing for submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment setting the sessions of the Oregon legislature at once to every four years, instead of two years as at present. A companion resolution was introduced providing that legislators shall receive not more than \$270 instead of \$120, as at present for each session.

OREGON WOMEN LOSE FIGHT FOR JURY DUTY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Oregon women who wanted to be placed on the same footing as men for jury service lost their fight here today when the senate defeated a bill intended to submit to the people the question of whether or not discrimination be shown between men and women by judges in selecting juries. At present women can be excused from service on stating they do not care to serve.

BLACK NOMINATED SOLDIER GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The house today nominated Colonel George W. Black of Olathe, Kas., to succeed Frederick J. Chase of Kansas City, as a member of the board of governors for the national soldiers home. Three present members of the board, John W. West of Maine, James W. Wadsworth of New York, and H. H. Markham of California, were renominated.

NEW MANAGER FOR EARL FRUIT COMPANY

Joe Brown has been chosen as district manager for the Earl Fruit company at Medford, and is now in charge. Mr. Brown was with the Producers Fruit company last year, has been in Medford several years, is well acquainted with the fruit proposition and will be a splendid man for the local office. The Earl Fruit company recently purchased the Producers Fruit company business and packing plant in this city, are extensive handlers of fruit and are going after the Rogue River product.

MEXICAN PORT OF LAS PALOMAS CLOSED

JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb. 16.—Orders have been received from the minister of finance of the de facto government to close the port of Las Palomas, opposite Columbus, N. M., for the present. This action was taken, it was explained here, because of the rebel activities in and near Las Palomas.

GOVERNMENT CALLS UPON RAILROAD MEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Washington has called upon the railroad men of the country, so it was learned today, to prepare a plan of military transportation and communication for use when necessity arises. Such a plan will be considered tomorrow at the meeting of the executive committee of the American Railway association in this city.

COLOMBIA PRESERVES NEUTRALITY ATTITUDE

BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 15.—The government has replied to President Wilson's note in respect to the German submarine campaign, saying that Colombia would preserve her attitude of neutrality. The reply expresses the sincere hope that peace between Germany and America will not be broken.

BAR LIQUOR ADS FROM U. S. MAIL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Newspapers and other publications containing liquor advertisements will be barred from the mails in states prohibiting such advertising by an amendment to the postal bill adopted late today by the senate. The amendment must be accepted by the house before it can become a law.

MUST BE REGISTERED TO SIGN PETITIONS IN FUTURE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—A bill to confine the signatures on initiative petitions to those of qualified and registered voters was passed by the senate of the Oregon legislature today. It had previously passed the house. Signatures to initiative petitions must be checked by the county clerk and verified, under the terms of the bill, before they can be filed with the measure sought to be initiated.

A bill prohibiting the sale and use of snuff passed by the house last week, was killed in the senate, which also passed a bill previously carried in the house doubling the license fee on automobiles for the benefit of the road fund.

The joint ways and means committee last night decided to allow the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college \$65,000 each and the state normal school \$31,000.

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KAISER MAINTAINS HIS MONOPOLY ON RIGHT AND MORALITY

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—The German newspapers print telegrams from Vienna describing a conversation between the German emperor and Dr. Hans Mueller, "the poet of royalty." Dr. Mueller mentioned the emperor's letter to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg supporting the peace offer of the central powers. The emperor replied:

"The letter had to be written. Now the entire world knows who is imposing further tortures on mankind. Is it already forgotten that the entente protects the murderers of Archduke Francis Ferdinand? When I saw today the land steward of my late friend it was strongly repressed upon me that from the beginning the shadow of crime has been hanging over our enemies."

"On our side are right and morality and to make these triumph every clean weapon must be welcome to us. Look at the European neutrals. Read the Swedish reply. It is a document written as if for eternity. Now all neutrals know how they must estimate our strength and also our will of peace. For the first time, in a certain sense, the declared will of small states is against the Anglo-Saxon world. Napoleon's continental blockade becomes a reality which hits England harder than anything heretofore."

FRENCH LINER CHICAGO ARRIVES SAFELY IN PORT

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Another entente steamship, the French liner Chicago, which passed safely through Germany's zone of unrestricted submarine warfare, arrived here today with 181 passengers.

CARRANZA'S NOTE PURELY HUMANITARIAN

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—The Mexican papers reiterate today that General Carranza's note to neutrals was based on purely humanitarian grounds, and was neither pro-German nor directed against the United States. The editorials say that it is unlikely that Mexico would risk the hostility of a neighbor in favor of the doubtful friendship of a nation that is far away.

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