

### BILL AIMED TO CORRECT CONDITIONS AT AMENT DAM

SALEM, Jan. 31.—Representative Sheldon has introduced a bill which, if it becomes a law, will have a very important influence toward correcting the present unsatisfactory conditions surrounding fishing in the upper Rogue river.

The bill aims at correcting the conditions at the Ament dam. It recognizes the fact that that structure is in such a state of unrepair that an efficient fishway cannot be maintained, and that because a continuous stream of water cannot be maintained thru the fishway.

#### May Be Declared Nuisance

Mr. Sheldon's bill makes it the duty of the fish warden, when he finds a dam in such a state of unrepair as to forbid the operation of an efficient fishway to serve notice on the owner of the dam to repair the same and if such repairs are not made within a reasonable time it becomes the duty of the fish warden to file a complaint against the same with the fish and game commission, due notice being given to the owner of the dam.

If the fish and game commission find that the conditions forbid a free passage of the fish above the dam they are authorized to declare the same a common nuisance and instruct the fish warden to provide for the abatement of such a nuisance.

Mr. Sheldon's bill reads as follows:

#### Text of Measure

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to construct in such a manner any dam or artificial obstruction across any stream in this state frequented by salmon or trout, or to maintain any such dam or obstruction heretofore erected in such a condition of unrepair that a serviceable and efficient fishway cannot be maintained so as to enable a passage by the fish frequenting said stream past and beyond such dam or obstruction.

It shall be the duty of the fish warden to examine from time to time all dams and artificial obstructions in all rivers and streams in the state frequented by salmon or trout, and if in his opinion any such dam or obstruction is constructed in such a manner or is in such a state of unrepair as to prevent the efficient serviceableness of a fishway around such dam or artificial obstruction, and if in his opinion there is not a free passage for fish past and beyond any such dam or artificial obstruction on account of the construction or lack of repair of such dam or obstruction, he shall notify the owner thereof to repair such dam or artificial obstruction within a reasonable time and maintain the same so as to permit the free passage for fish past and beyond the same.

#### Can Be Condemned

If such dam or obstruction is not repaired to the satisfaction of said fish warden within the time specified it shall be the duty of said fish warden to call a formal hearing before the state fish and game commission, and it shall be the duty of said fish and game commission to hold such hearing, before which hearing the said fish warden shall enter complaint alleging that said dam or obstruction is a common nuisance and asking for an order for the removal or abatement of such nuisance. The owner or legal representative of the owner of such dam or obstruction shall be given written notice of such hearing at least ten days before the same and may appear at the same and be represented by counsel.

If as a result of such hearing the fish and game commission shall find that the said dam or obstruction is, in its opinion a common nuisance, it shall and hereby is authorized and empowered to order the fish warden to take such steps as the said fish and game commission shall specify to abate such nuisance forthwith, and the fish warden is hereby authorized and instructed to carry out the orders of said fish and game commission as to the abatement of such nuisance.

### COLLECTING HELMETS FOR WAR COLLEGE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Jan. 31.—Helmets of every type worn by German officers and men during the war are being collected by the United States receiving commission of the war college in Washington and the museum at West Point. The collection for each also will contain swords of various kinds, rifles and revolvers, breast plates worn by German snipers and other styles of armor, gas masks, and in fact a sample of nearly everything excepting the heavy artillery brought into use by the Germans during the four year's war.

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### RUSSIANS ASK HELP TO OUST BOLSHEVIK RULE

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Five representatives of Russian political organizations who are now here have issued a statement in which they assert that they are of the opinion that the salvation of Russia requires, first of all, that Russia should be liberated from the Bolsheviki. They ask for the active help of the entente allies for Russians who are fighting Bolsheviki rule.

The delegation includes two moderate conservatives, one liberal and two moderate socialists. They were sent to the allied countries to inform the governments and peoples of Russia's critical position. The members of the delegation are Vladimir Gurko, Nicholas Shebeko, formerly Russian ambassador at Vienna; Sergius Treilakoff, formerly president of the Russian Ecumenical council; Alexander Titoff and Constantine Krovopokoff. The two last named are moderate socialists. This mission when in Paris was headed by Professor Paul Millukoff, leader of the Russian constitutional democrats and formerly foreign minister, but his name is not included among those who make public the appeal for help for Russia.

"The German domination in Russia and its artificial splitting into independent parts," say the Russian representatives, "is contrary to the aspirations of the masses and of all the sane elements which demand the union of the whole country in a single state whose ultimate fate must be determined by the free decision of the peoples inhabiting Russia."

### RABBITS SPREAD SPOTTED FEVER

BOZEMAN, Mont., Jan. 31.—That wild rabbits play a part in the spread and recurrence of spotted fever, if they are not in fact the main reservoirs of this fatal disease, is the theory that Dr. R. R. Parker, assistant to the state board of entomology, plans to work out on live wild rabbits from various parts of the state. He has requested that live rabbits be sent in by the people of Montana for the purpose.

"We have asked that live wild rabbits be shipped to us in order that we may work out our theory," said Dr. Parker. "At present the matter still is in the theory stage and nothing must be taken as definitely conclusive that the rabbit is the guilty agent in the spotted fever recurrence and spread."

According to Dr. Parker's theory, humans contract spotted fever from the wood tick, which carries the germ of the disease. Only a small percentage of the ticks actually transmit the germ he explained, but any may transmit it if they come in contact with the germ. The tick, which has four stages of life, may transmit the germ of the disease through its eggs, to the young. Through the three later stages of the larva, nymph and adult, the tick is parasitic.

### LEONARD TO MEET BENJAMIN TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Benjamin Leonard of New York, lightweight boxing champion of the world, will meet Joe Benjamin of Portland here tonight in a scheduled four round bout. This bout will be the feature of a series of six being staged as a benefit to the champion in recognition of the many times he voluntarily offered his services during the war for various war activities.

Both men are expected to enter the ring slightly in excess of the 133 pound lightweight limit. Benjamin, while a promising youngster, is not expected by ring followers to cause the title holder any worry.

### WOMEN'S TIGHT SKIRTS UPSET SCHEDULES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—Tight skirts worn by women passengers have upset schedules on the railroads.

The Pennsylvania railroad, with scientific accuracy, has found that since women have begun wearing tight skirts the average stopping time of a train at a station is now seventeen seconds longer than it was when the skirts were short and roomy around the bottom.

## Theaters and Movies

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### AMERICA'S ANSWER AT PAGE TONIGHT

"America's Answer" at the Page tonight and Saturday, was made by the United States Signal Corps photographers under the direction of General Pershing, by whom it was reviewed and approved. General Pershing has said that the films are an accurate accounting of his stewardship and that the complete series will form a pictorial history of America's part in the great war.

A clear idea of how America handled the tremendous job of transport in soldiers and supplies across the ocean may be gathered from the second United States official war picture, "America's Answer," which is at the Page tonight and Saturday.

From convoked transports to the first line trenches the activities of the American army in France are vividly portrayed. The bridge of ships made for by General Pershing was made. An appreciable span is now formed by the hundreds that took American soldiers and supplies "Over There," and they are shown in "America's Answer," performing their important duty with the able assistance and protection of the navy.

The picture shows the transports enroute and unloading in France, making use of the splendid port facilities constructed by American engineers.

### LONE BANDIT ROBS GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—A lone unmasked bandit boarded a northbound Great Northern passenger train at Samish, Wash., early today and held up the train crew and the day coach passengers, according to word received by the Seattle police. Not more than \$10 was obtained by the robber, it was reported.

The bandit went thru the coach as the train was nearing South Bellingham, Wash. At the point of a revolver he forced every passenger to hold up his hands. The passengers were allowed to lower their hands only long enough to get their money which the bandit desired.

The robber dropped off the train as it slowed down to stop at South Bellingham.

### TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Wounded severely—Private Ernest Eneberg, Portland, Ore.; Private J. F. Moser, Seio Osegon, Ore.; Private Max Davis, Brookings, Ore.; Private Wm. E. Wilant, Salem, Ore.  
Wounded, degree undetermined, previously reported missing in action—Private T. S. Powell, Jordan Valley, Ore.  
Wounded slightly—Horseshoer Herman R. Christman, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Cook Ervin Parker McMinds, John Day, Ore.; Private Joseph Sampson, Falls City, Ore.; Private Jesse J. Jones, Drewsey, Ore.; Private Edgar D. Lusby, Reedville, Ore.; Private Thomas W. Weeks, Crestview, Ore.

### ARGENTINE TROOPS ATTACK MAXIMALISTS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 30.—Argentine troops have reached Rio Gallegos and will proceed inland to act against the Maximalists.

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### LITTLE MISS HOOVER AT LIBERTY TODAY

There are few men in public life who are better known than Herbert Hoover, food administrator, who is now in Europe in charge of the distribution of food to starving neutral and suffering beleaguered nations. Mr. Hoover's office in Washington may be seen in Marguerite Clark's new photoplay, "Little Miss Hoover," which will be shown at the Liberty theatre today and tomorrow.

The set used in "Little Miss Hoover" is a replica of Mr. Hoover's office where Miss Clark discussed the purposes of food conservation with the celebrated administrator. On the walls are the national colors, a map of the United States and a picture of President Woodrow Wilson.

The story deals with the fortunes of Nancy Craddock, a beautiful society girl of Washington who is an enthusiastic food conservationist after she has heard a speech by President Wilson. She becomes a farmerette and after adopting the slogan, "eggs will win the war," she goes on a farm to raise chickens, and incidentally to improve the prospects of her impoverished family. She meets a gentleman farmer who is employed on his farm and an interesting love story develops.

### BANKER SLATED FOR GERMAN PRESIDENCY

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.) The announcement of the retirement of Arthur von Gwinner as managing director of the Deutsche Bank lends color to a rumor in Berlin today that he is expected to be elected president of the German republic.



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### IRRIGATION ADDS 250,000 ACRES TO CULTIVATION

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Water, mostly from the high Cascade mountains ditched and flumed to the eastern plains below, has made over 250,000 arid Washington acres fertile and has increased their value at least one hundred times.

"Washington is way ahead of other northwest states in irrigation matters," declares T. B. Hill, secretary of the state development bureau of the Seattle chamber of commerce and an authority on land settlement and irrigation matters. "This is due to several reasons, the main one being that we have studied irrigation thoroughly and have treated it as a big business."

#### Yakima an Example

Records on file in Mr. Hill's office here show that the Yakima valley, a great area in central Washington, probably contains more completed irrigation projects than any other part of the state. Rough estimates show about 200,000 acres of the valley are under irrigation.

Private ditches in other parts of Washington supply water to many acres, in the Wenatchee country, the Walla Walla section, the Spokane valley, the Okanagon valley, and other sections.

Central Washington land, before it was irrigated, Mr. Hill estimates, was worth from fifty cents to \$10.00 per acre. Now, this same land, having felt the magic touch of water, has risen in value to \$150 to \$200 per acre. The land was once used mainly for grazing. Now it produces crops worth from \$60 to \$125 per acre.

#### Systems Projected

Many irrigation systems in Washington are projected. Greatest of all the projects is the Big Bend or Columbia Basin to irrigate over 2,000,000 southeastern Washington acres by taking water from the Pend d'Oreille river and using the Pend d'Oreille Lake of Idaho and the Flathead Lake of Montana as reservoirs. The water would be dropped by gravity thru a ditch from the lakes to the soil.

Government and state money has made much of the irrigation possible. Eventually all the government irrigation schemes will be owned by the water users, for the government's plan, in general, is to let the users purchase the ditches and water rights now controlled by the federal reclamation service.

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