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DAY'S BOSS RULE DEADLOCKS STATE LEGISLATURE

"WHOEVER ENTERS ZONE MUST EXPECT TO PERISH" IS BERLIN PAPER REPORT

Editorial of Leading German Daily Says Measure Result of Illegal Methods of Germany's Enemies--Travel to Continent From England Discontinued Today

SITUATION NOT SO BAD.
Washington, Feb. 19.—Following a meeting of the cabinet today, devoted almost entirely to the consideration of international problems, one of the president's advisers said: "The situation is not half as bad as it is painted."

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Who ever enters the danger zone must expect to perish.
This was the warning voiced today by the Lokai Antzeiger, which reflects the viewpoint of the highest government officials, in a leading editorial. "Because of the illegal and unwarranted methods of her enemies," the paper said, "Germany was forced to begin yesterday a defensive fight to retain her place as a world power. Her people were threatened with starvation. We are now engaged in a fight for life and must push aside all considerations of third parties toward us."
"The fight into which we have entered must be fought with all recklessness or not at all. Henceforth we are resolved to fight without regard to the consequences."
"There is no intention on the part of this government to wage a commercial war on neutral shipping, but whoever enters the danger zone must expect to perish."

Waiting and Watching.
Washington, Feb. 19.—"Watching and waiting" characterized the policy adopted today by the administration in the international problems confronting America and particularly those raised by Germany's proposed submarine blockade of the British coast.
One government official declared that the state department wanted to wait until it could be seen how the German plans develop. The American relations with Germany are not regarded as ominous as they were before the receipt yesterday of the Kaiser's reply to the American protest although some officials admitted they were still grave.
Germany's professions of complete friendship for the United States have caused the authorities to believe that, with the exercise of reasonable precautions, no merchantman will be sunk in the undangered British waters. It is admitted, however, that British merchantmen fly the American flag, the German submarines might easily make a mistake which would end disastrously to American commerce.

Traffic Suspended.
Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department was advised today that all travel between England and the continent had been suspended by order of the British admiralty until further notice.
The new order is taken to mean that Great Britain regards the German blockade seriously and does not propose to risk the lives of passengers in the danger zone.
At the same time the state department was advised that the German military authorities are now requiring that every man, woman or child who enters Germany must have an individual passport.
State department officials said the British order would not prevent American merchantmen from traversing the war zone if they so desired. It was not clear, however, whether the British would grant clearance papers to ships touching English ports en route from America and the continent. The message said "all traveling" but the state department was inclined to believe that this referred only to passenger traveling.
Dutch shipping will suffer most if the order means that vessels now in English ports cannot return to the continent, regardless of nationality, or if it prevents neutral vessels from traversing the war zone to England.
Official reports of today's submarine attacks have convinced the administration officials that the Germans are in deadly earnest.

Norwegian Tanker Sunk.
London, Feb. 19.—The Norwegian tank steamer Belridge, bound from New Orleans to Amsterdam, today struck a mine in the Straits of Dover and sank. Her crew was saved.
Later advices stated that the Belridge was torpedoed and not mined. The crew took to the boats and landed at Walmer, 10 miles from Dover.
Spain Takes Action.
Madrid, Feb. 19.—The Spanish government today took steps to prevent disaster to Spanish merchantmen which may hereafter travel through endangered British waters.
The official Gazette today advises all captains of Spanish vessels to be ready to display their papers at all times and to stop immediately on sighting a submarine, no matter what its nationality.
British Steamers Safe.
London, Feb. 19.—With the German blockade of the British coast in existence 36 hours Lloyds had no record this afternoon that any British steamers were overdue at their destination. At the same time the admiralty declared no report had been received of any attempts to attack merchant vessels and

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Americans Should Not Accept All Reports About Submarines

By J. W. T. Mason.
(Former European Manager of the United Press.)
New York, Feb. 19.—America must exercise reserve in accepting reports concerning alleged unprecedented abilities of new German submarines. Such descriptions, however, are bound to be circulated, but there is nothing to warrant the belief that unknown and terrifying exploits, beyond the capacity of other submarines, may be expected from the new German types.
Germany did not suddenly inherit a flotilla of submarines constructed according to plans of Jules Verne.
It requires more than the imagination of a Verne to make ideas work and more than a single wish to create a new fleet of even the smallest warships. What the Germans possess in submarines they have had, with possibly a few exceptions, for a considerable time. During this period, England has been transporting thousands of troops over the English channel to France. Yet, not a single catastrophe due to German initiative has occurred. This fact, itself,

EIGHT SENATE BILLS, INCLUDING TUITION BILL APPROVED BY HOUSE

Two Consolidation Bills Held Up Until Senate Amendments Are Printed

The work of the house this morning was confined to the consideration of senate bills on the third reading, eight of which were passed and two were held over for the printing and consideration of proposed amendments.
The most important of the senate bills passed by the house this morning was senate bill 85, by Senator Moser, and 84, by Senator Perkins, the first of which provides that on school districts in which no county or district high schools are located a special levy of taxes may be provided to constitute a high school tuition fund which will enable the pupils of one district to attend high school in another and his or her tuition is to be paid out of the county fund.
This bill met with very little opposition in the house, some objections having been raised by Representative Jones of Wallowa, who claimed that the high school question had been settled in his county and that his constituents were opposed to further legislation which would revive the subject, and Representative Porter did not think it right for the legislature to force the issue upon counties and districts which did not want it. Representative Davey, however, explained that the special levy was not compulsory but gave the counties the option of establishing high schools or providing means for sending their children to high schools in adjoining counties or districts where high schools are maintained.
Senator Moser's bill provides for changing the time of holding county teachers' examination from the third to the last Wednesday in June, substitutes the subject of physiology for physical geography in the list of subjects for one year teachers' certificates, and limits the number of excuses which the school superintendent may grant to pupils for absence to five days in any three months.
Several senate bills, which were passed by the senate yesterday, came over to the house this morning and were passed up to third reading and ordered printed, included among which were the two consolidation bills one of which provides for the merging of the corporation department with the insurance department.

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Bartholdt Says Treatment Unfair.
Washington, Feb. 19.—The declaration that Germany is not getting justice in the United States was made today by Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, in an address in the house.
He voiced a demand for "honest neutrality" and accused the newspapers of printing "vile calumnies" on the fatherland. Should the United States be embroiled in war, he said, the Germans would rally to the stars and stripes.
"We have not had the same consideration as our English brothers," he said. "Not a word has been said about British and Japanese violations of Chinese neutrality. Have we protested against Americans with German names being dragged from neutral ships? Or against England's policy to starve Germany non-combatants? Or against England declaring the North sea in the war zone? No. But when Germany did the same thing we dispatched a stiff note to Berlin and a milder one to England."

Missouri Congressman Accuses Newspaper of Printing Vile Calumnies

Washington, Feb. 19.—The greatest victory of the war to date was claimed today by the Austrian war office.

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GENERAL REPORT OF FRENCH TROOPS IS REPORTED AT BERLIN

Five Officers and 479 Men Taken In One Days Engagement

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 19.—Reports of French troops at all points where they have assumed the offensive was claimed in an official statement issued today by the war office here.
"On the road to Lille and Arras," said the statement, "the French have been driven from the section of German trenches the former carried February 16. Renewed French assaults were attempted in the Champagne district but they broke down before a withering German fire. More than 1,100 of the enemy were taken prisoners."
"Five officers and 479 men have been captured as the result of a French attack on the Bourouilles-Vauquois line. The French also have been repulsed east of Verdun."
"German troops stormed Height No. 6 south of Lunz, and captured it, with two machine guns."
"Engagements with retreating Russian northwest of Grodno are bearing on and with the Germans everywhere successful. Fighting continues northwest of Kolno."
"Further reports from the Mazurian lake district emphasize the German success. It is doubtful whether much remains of the five Russian army corps engaged in that battle."

The Weather
Oregon: Fair to night. Saturday fair east, probably rain west portion; easterly winds shifting to southerly.

TWO BILLS MERGING IMPORTANT OFFICERS APPROVED BY SENATE

Upper House Passes Measure Giving Relief to Alsea Bay Fishermen

The senate managed to get around to final action on two consolidation measures this morning adopted by overwhelming majorities bills consolidating the desert land board with the state land board and the office of state highway engineer with that of state engineer.
For one time the corporation interests did not have the main roller behind them and a bill giving the common fishermen of Alsea bay protection actually passed the senate. The bill is house bill No. 494 introduced by the house committee on fishing industries. The small fishermen on Alsea bay have been practically put out of business, according to reports made to the legislature by one of their number, by the seniors of the Elmore Packing company who have recently established one of their canneries there and with their power launches and big seines sweep the still net and the drift net fishermen right out of their path. According to the report the power boats made no effort to avoid still nets or the drift nets but rather gave them all the annoyance they possibly could. The bill makes fishing with seines in the bay and river unlawful.
Dimeck Stirs Up Pass.
Senator Dimeck created a mild sensation this morning when following the reading of the committee reports he asked what had become of house bill No. 187 providing for organizing a state board of chiropractic examiners. He stated that the bill had been referred to the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, had a majority report attached to it signed by Senators Van der Hellen, Langguth and Vinton recommending that it pass but was being held up by the other two members of the committee J. C. Smith, chairman and W. D. Wood, who are practicing physicians and surgeons. He charged them with being unfair to the members of a profession that were just as much entitled to consideration as they were. While the senator was still making his charges, President Thompson announced that the report had appeared upon the desk and would receive attention. A move to indefinitely postpone the bill was thwarted and the measure was referred to the committee with instructions to make some minor changes and report it at 2 o'clock this afternoon.
Many Bills Pass.
Bills passed by the senate this morning included senate bill No. 310 relating to the width of county roads; senate bill No. 288 providing an additional judge for Union and Wallowa counties; senate bill No. 277 providing that district attorneys shall make reports to the attorney general; senate bill No. 250 consolidating the desert land board with the state land board; senate bill No. 104 providing that the court may allow expenses of witnesses summoned from outside of state; senate bill No. 307 changing manner of buying supplies in Multnomah county; senate bill consolidating office of state highway engineer with the office of state engineer; senate bill 291 relating to turning bulls on the ranges in eastern Oregon.

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Report From Sir John French Tells of Fierce Fighting Through Battle

More Than 1,100 Made Prisoners

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BURLY LEADER OF SENATE AIDS SECTARIAN SCHOOL IN ITS FIGHT FOR MONEY

Fight to Prevent Elimination of Present Members of Industrial Welfare Commission Tie Up All Consolidation Measures—Many Members Anxious to Leave

Both branches of the legislature are in complete deadlock over an aggravated situation, in which sectarian charitable institutions, aided and abetted by the arch manipulator of the destinies of the senate, have organized a conspiracy which has tied up completely all legislation pertaining to appropriations until Chairman Day, of the senate ways and means committee, disorganizes the house bill appropriating \$49,200 for the support and maintenance of the girls' training school, and the fight between the two branches of the assembly over the consolidation embroglio, which, unless a compromise is reached some time today, threatens to hold the legislature in session indefinitely.
Perhaps that phase of the delicate situation which has aroused the strongest feeling of bitterness between the two branches of the legislature is the insistence of the senior branch upon the complete elimination of the present personnel of the industrial accident commission and consolidation of the department with the bureau of labor and industrial welfare commission which a small following of Speaker Selling and Representative Schuebel declare they will fight to the last ditch and will not give an inch. The senate is just as stubbornly determined to reorganize the whole system, an built up by former Governor West, and if a new proposition which has been suggested as a compromise does not prevail the legislature will adjourn leaving the situation before either side will give in.
The compromise proposition which has been offered and which will be presented for consideration some time today is that the industrial accident commission, the bureau of labor and industrial welfare commissions be merged with Labor Commissioner Hoff at the head of the department as chairman, to serve during the balance of the term for which he has been elected, and with two commissioners to be appointed by the governor. This seems the most likely and reasonable solution to the situation and it is known that, if the small following that is fighting principally to retain Commissioner Fern Hobbs in her present position to which she was elevated by former Governor West, still insists upon holding out and blocking progress of legislation they will receive no support or consideration at the hands of the majority of the house and this compromise proposition will carry. It is conceded by the majority members of the house.
Fight for Miss Hobbs.
The principal contention raised by Representative Schuebel and Stewart, who are putting up the big fight to

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Save Miss Hobbs' job for her, in that the personnel of the accident commission should not be reduced to less than three members and the compromise offered by the above combination of offices will remove that objection, in the light of the other members of the house, and they will not tolerate any further obstructionist tactics for the sake of saving the political head of any department.
So far the tie-up over the appropriation measures is concerned the whole situation revolves around that effort to compel Senator Day to disorganize the girls' industrial home appropriation bill, which, it is claimed, he is packing around in his inside pocket and refuses to give it up until the house is forced to put through the appropriations providing state aid to the several sectarian institutions around Portland, and, as a result of this the house has appropriated bills, aggregating a total of \$2,800,387.53, lying upon its desk which it absolutely refuses to act upon until Senator Day lets loose his hold upon the girls' industrial school appropriation bill.
The great majority of the members of both branches of the legislature are getting tired and anxious to adjourn and go to their several homes and an effort was made in the house last night, through the introduction of a resolution by Representative Smith, of Klamath county, which provided that the legislature stand adjourned without a day at 6 o'clock this evening. This resolution, however, was objected to by Representative Eaton and no further effort has been made to bring the matter to a focus. The majority, however, is getting weary of the dilatory tactics and political manipulations of the bosses and a revolt is threatened to take place at any time and without a moment's notice or warning.
COLLEGE TEAMS MEET.
Hartford, Conn., Feb. 19.—The annual relay race between Williams and Amherst drew hundreds of collegians to Hartford today.

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Murray Wade Discovered These at the State House

Harvey Wells, the newest thing in insurance commissioners.

Judge Littlefield who likes a scrap on the floor of the house when he is right or the other fellow is trying to put one over.

Senator Ferrell one of the original economy bunch.

Senator Day who broke the paving trust and wants genuine competition for all state and county highway work.

