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### BILLS CONDEMNED TO DIE

While the legislative session is supposed to end Friday night at midnight, it is the intention to continue it until Saturday night. Even with this extra time at least one-half the bills will die in committee rooms and never see the daylight. At the most there is only four more days and there are more than five hundred bills perhaps nearly six hundred remaining to be acted on. This would require the acting on 150 bills a day, or doing about as much in one day as has been done during the entire session. So far the consolidation bills have failed to consolidate and seem to suit nobody. It looks very much as though they will all, or about all, die and make no sign.

The appropriation bills are just a question of committee work and are well in hand. Senator Wood, chairman of the senate committee on ways and means, stated yesterday that he thought from present conditions there would be about \$200,000 left after all appropriations had been made. That is that the limit allowed under the six per cent law would not be reached by that much. He stated though that there was plenty of demand for all the balance as O. A. C. wanted experiment stations and there were other things that would easily exhaust this margin. There is no exaggeration in that statement, for there is still a hungry lot awaiting with pet measures. It is fortunate for this session that the six per cent limitation law was in force for with the raid that has been made on the legislature had it not been for this, it is probable the cost to the people would have been much greater than it will be. This seems to be the general opinion of those who gather around the rotunda and who are familiar with the hundreds of schemes demanding state aid.

### NEW HIGHWAY TO THE COAST

One of the road projects that is of special interest to Salem and a large part of the Willamette valley is the proposed highway to the coast. It is proposed to follow the route of the present road through Wilhelmina to Dolph and from the latter point to Nestucca bay and the coast, and on to Tillamook. Such a route would place Salem within a three-hour drive of the coast and be a great convenience to every part of the valley. Most of the road is already in good condition and real construction work is necessary only upon a short section in Yamhill and Tillamook counties.

The county courts of both counties concerned in that portion of the road to be constructed are said to be favorable to it; in fact Tillamook has already made an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose, contingent upon the state contributing a like amount. A large delegation of Yamhill and Polk county businessmen will visit Salem tomorrow with a view to interesting the legislature and the members of the highway commission in the project. It seems to us that this should not be difficult to secure precedence for it among the many schemes for highway construction which are being promoted at this time.

Modern legislation is not carried out along the lines of a few years ago. It used to be that generally a law was what it purported to be, and few bills contained a joker. Of late years this has changed and a bill without a joker is considered a short deck. It has gotten so that somewhere in most of the bills is concealed something that one would not suspect of being in such a bill. For instance at the last session a bill providing for a bounty on seals came out of the last house it went through and passed on to the governor with the word "seals" eliminated and the word matter of course that every business is almost forced to "coyotes" inserted instead. This has become so much a keep some representative at the state house during the entire term just watching for jokers. It is this tendency of modern legislation that causes the business of the country to breathe a sigh of relief when the legislature adjourns, even though it is by no means certain there is not some joker somewhere that will pop out to annoy and harass it. There were dozens of just such cases during the present session, that would have caused considerable trouble had they gone through.

There has been but little gossip in the rotunda this year and until the Rogue river fishing bill and the state highway measure came up practically none about money figuring in the way of passing or defeating bills. There has been considerable business on the part of Dame Rumor that there was a financial side to these, but if there was, the old lady aforesaid is the only one that has any knowledge of it.



### THE SLUGGARD

I heard the sluggard say, when he was young and fair, "This is too fine a day, for labor, I declare. Beside a babbling brook in comfort I'll recline, and read a helpful book, and make its message mine. The reapers reap their grain, the farmers bale their hay; and work no doubt seems sane to people built that way. But better is a dream than any kind of toil; so by the babbling stream I'll read up Whist on Hoyle." I heard the sluggard say, when age had made him blue. "All through the weary day I wander fro and to; some little job I ask, however small the wage; most any kind of task, to help me in old age. But for my plea and groan no sympathy is felt; the hearts of men are stone, and granite will not melt." Whene'er I see a youth who wastes his golden years, I'd like to push some truth into his foolish ears. Age is the time to rest beside a babbling brook, white whiskers on your chest, and in your hands a book. Youth is the time, my dears, to cut a goodly swath, and your declining years won't find you in the broth.

### Some Little Stories and Gossip of the Legislature

Senator LaFollette talks neither long nor often but he generally makes a bullseye at every shot and never misses the target.

When the bill to increase the bounty on coyote scalps was up it was disclosed that there was no bounty on the scalps of female coyotes and consequently they were not killed. Men who made a business of killing coyotes for the bounty hunted with autos. They backed the machine up to a coyote hole and turned the exhaust through a pipe or hose down into the hole. This was enough, for even a coyote could not hold out against the Rockefeller combine and so came out of its hole. The males were caught and killed but the females were turned loose to raise another crop. It was at this point that LaFollette remarked that the stock raisers could make more by dropping the cattle business and going into raising coyotes. He also said something about equal suffrage, and he could see no reason why a female coyote should not have the same right to be killed at \$3 per as her male companion.

There is much important legislation still to be dealt with but the senate postpones the even tenor of its way, perhaps realizing that the less it does the better. Yesterday afternoon there were two bills fixing salaries of some county officers; one abolishing the office of recorder in Jackson county; a bill providing for bounties for gophers and moles in Polk county; one making two paylays a month in factories, and still another fixing the standard size of cranberry boxes. There were three appropriation bills but these were simply ratifications of the committee's work. Outside of these it was sure a hot bunch of legislation.

Among the bills sent from the house to the senate yesterday was one to prevent the use, sale or giving away of snuff. It should be referred to the Multimillion county delegation as it seems to be up to snuff most of the time. Orton and Farrell might one take a dose and then wait for the other to sneeze.

When senate bill No. 200 was recalled from the house yesterday it caused considerable stir over in the executive end of the capitol. It is one of the governor's pet measures and it is very likely it will have gone into the limbo of the past before it gets back to the house. The whole matter is a difference of opinion as to allowing the parole officer additional compensation in the shape of a residence at the prison. It was suggested by Senator Garland that as some of the members thought it was wrong to separate the parole officer from his family that it was better to strike out that portion of the bill providing for the parole officer living at the prison and allow him to rent a house down town where he could be with his family.

### UNITED STATES ABLE

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Wheat, imports of wheat, 6,000,000 bushels; practically all from Canada; imports of rice, 250,000,000 pounds, only from China, England and The Netherlands.

Flax—Production 1,000,000,000 pounds; imports something over \$17, 100,000 worth from Norway and Canada. Sweet and Irish potatoes—Production 450,000,000 bushels; imports slightly over 200,000 bushels, from Bremuda, Canada and Mexico.

Oranges, lemons and grape fruit—Production 25,000,000 boxes; imports \$2, 100,000 worth from Italy and the West Indies.

### GERMANS DO NOT

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When the American embassy train left Berlin, the imperial chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, was admittedly downcast over the situation, and believed America wanted war with Germany. It was noticeable also when Foreign Secretary Zimmermann received the American correspondents shortly before their departure, he was plainly nervous.

He likewise insisted "Wilson wants war" and denied that Germany made any irrevocable promises in the Sussex. Nothing now from neutral Swiss soil, it is possible for the first time, to tell the developments which led Germany to her decision of relentless sea war.

**Reason For New Policy**  
Determination to use the submarine in unlimited warfare dates back to November. It was then that Germany's internal affairs were at the greatest crisis of the war. The specialists warned the kaiser that unless he moved immediately for peace, Dr. Philipp Scheidemann (socialist leader in the reichstag) and other socialist leaders would head a militant movement to bring about peace. This move came at a time when the German people were destitute and dependent. Simultaneously the powerful landowners, controlling the food supply and the equally powerful group of industrial leaders, controlling the

munition manufacturers, told the government the only way to end the war was by unlimited submarine warfare. These interests have always been anti-American. They succeeded in convincing Quartermaster General Von Lidenorff. Meanwhile the National Liberals, who would welcome war with America, won over Foreign Secretary Zimmermann to the submarine policy.

Finally, the kaiser's birthday conference at German great headquarters, January 27, did not include in its contents such officials as Minister of the Interior Von Helfferich, Minister of Colonies Hoff and the imperial Treasurer, Count Von Roeder, known to be opposed to inciting American intervention.

### Socialists Won Over

The speech made by Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in the reichstag early in December, where he announced peace overtures—non over the socialists to the support of any course the chancellor might advocate.

On the same way, the kaiser's submarine blockade won over the food producers and the group of industrial leaders to a continuance of hostilities. The government's peace proposal united the German people. They believe firmly they must fight on all their own defense. Everybody in German is working day and night.

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### OPEN FORUM

#### ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN BILL

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8, 1917.—Editor the Capital Journal: I would like to ask will some one please explain the illegitimate child law enacted by the present legislature? If I understand it right it is a direct blow to the wife, home and respectable mother.

Would like also to know the name of the person who introduced the bill and those that voted for it. Please answer through Capital Journal that the ladies may all understand it.

Respectfully,  
MRS. LUCINDA HALL,  
Salem Heights, Oregon.

The bill above alluded to is senate bill No. 16, introduced by Senator Olson, of Multnomah county. It is entitled an act to provide for the support and maintenance of illegitimate children or children born out of wedlock, and to define the rights, duties and obligations of the father and mother of such children, and to fix the rights of inheritance. The title explains the objects of the bill. Its main provisions are that an unmarried female who has given birth to a child born out of wedlock, or who is to give birth to such child may make complaint under oath in any justice of the peace accusing some person, naming him, of being the father of such child. The justice must issue a warrant for such accused person who shall be brought before him to answer such accusation.

It is provided that the proceedings shall be tried as a civil case, the testimony being reduced to writing and a change or venue if desired as in any other case. It provides the accused person may pay such sum as the mother may consent to, the agreement being approved by the judge of the juvenile court, and upon giving bonds to secure the county against all charges for the maintenance of the child, and paying all costs of trial and other costs the county has paid on account of such child, he shall be discharged. If no agreement can be reached and there is probable cause to believe the accused person guilty he shall be bound over to the circuit court and shall be committed to jail on failure to furnish such security. It is also provided that in case he is discharged for lack of evidence he may be arrested again should sufficient evidence be discovered to justify it. In case of conviction he must pay not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for a year, for the first two years, and not less than \$150 nor more than \$500 for each year succeeding until the child reaches the age of 14 years. It is also made the duty of certain officers in case the mother does not commence action to do for the county. It also provides that when the charge of such child has been established within three years after birth, it shall have the same right of inheritance to the property of the father as is now provided by law in regard to inheritance from his or her mother.

The vote on the bill is not at this time within reach but can be procured from the journal clerk of the senate, or later from the secretary of state.

### FAR REACHING EFFECT

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less shippers can show that they have space reserved on board vessels," he said. "As long as this is enforced no shipments will be made that cannot be immediately unloaded at arrival at destination.

"The scarcity of cars will continue until the weather becomes warmer, thus relieving the rolling stock now used in transporting coal."

### ILLINOIS SENATE DRY

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—The statewide prohibition bill passed the senate today by a vote of 31 to 18. It has not been voted on in the house.

### MY HUSBAND AND I

Jane Phelps  
A TALK WITH ELSIE  
CHAPTER CLXVI  
Elsie's manner the next morning worried me exceedingly. For, although she attended to her duties, her guests, as usual, she was grave and taciturn. I hardly know you when you say unpleasant things. And Elsie, don't care too much for Morton Levering until you know he cares for you. Be a little more attentive to the others and perhaps he'll learn to appreciate my little sister.  
"I will, Mildred. But I'm afraid it is too late. I care so much!" and gay laughing Elsie burst into a perfect torrent of tears. I let her have her cry out, then helped her bathe her face and made her lie down on my bed, while I took her place down stairs.  
"Oh, dear!" I thought, "why can't the right people fall in love with each other?"  
The Wedding Day is Set.  
"I have been looking all over for you and Elsie," mother said, "we have been talking about Zona's wedding, and have about decided she shall be married soon."  
"How soon?" I asked, and Curtin answered:  
"In two weeks! isn't it lully?"  
"Do behave and save my blushes Curtin," Zona laughed. "Mildred will think you are more of a kid than you are."

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### AMERICA'S ACTIVE WORK FOR BELGIUM IS ENDED

London, Feb. 13.—America's active work in directing Belgian relief is about to be ended. Announcement was made by the commission here that all American workers in Belgium and northern France, in territory held by the Germans, except a very few leaders, were about to be withdrawn. Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, is, however, to remain, although with the German government's distinct proviso that he has no diplomatic standing.

Thus Whitlock will be the only remaining American diplomat on German territory, now that the break in relations between America and Germany has caused withdrawal of American diplomatic and consular officials from German soil.

Withdrawal of American workers from Belgium and France does not mean, however, that the American commission for relief will discontinue its work in the United States. The actual administration of the work, however, will be turned over to some other neutral nation, the Americans continuing their efforts to raise money in America.

About \$25,000,000 worth of supplies—food, clothing, etc., is now on hand at the various depots of the relief commission in Europe. The food will prevent the poverty stricken Belgian women and children from starving for about six weeks. The clothing and other supplies will also last about that long. After that time means must be found to carry on the work started by the American commission.

Officials of the commission today expressed the belief that their work is well organized. The only way it can be continued, however, is to turn the vast machinery over to some neutral nation. It is expected Spain will be offered the opportunity of taking up the actual work of distribution. The American commission will then center its attention upon the raising of funds in this country.

### Knocks Obstinate Coughs in a Hurry

A Simple Home-Made Remedy that Gets at the Cause.  
Thousands of people normally healthy in every other respect, are annoyed with a persistent hanging-on bronchial cough year after year, disturbing their sleep and making life disagreeable. It's so needless—there's an old home-made remedy that will end such a cough easily and quickly.

Get from any druggist "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" (30 cents worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Begin taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also promptly loosens a dry or tight cough, stops the troublesome throat tickle, soothes the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes, and relief comes almost always. A day's use will usually break up an ordinary throat or chest cold, and for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma there is nothing better. It tastes pleasant and keeps perfectly.

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