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FOOD TRUST MUST BE INVESTIGATED SAYS PRESIDENT

Congress Urged to Appro- priate \$400,000 To Aid In Probing It

"WE WANT BREAD" CALL THAT MUST BE STOPPED

Grand Juries To Be Used In Nation Wide Attack On Price Manipulators

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson is determined congress shall pass immediately the \$400,000 appropriation which the federal trade commission has requested for the nation wide food probe he directed the commission and the department of agriculture to make.

It was stated officially at the white house today that the president will give his personal attention toward swinging congress into line behind big food probe suggestion. It is possible for us following receipt of news of the New York food riots.

As a result, administration leaders in congress today began lining up forces to compel congressional acquiescence Representative Borah, in the house and Senator Borah, in the senate, are expected to lead the fight with the charge that there is universal conviction that food prices are subject to widespread manipulation.

Senator Borah today demanded that congress remain in session until adequate steps are taken to bring prices back to normal.

"Congress cannot adjourn," Borah said, "so long as it is possible for us to be of any service in this deplorable situation."

A Dangerous Cry

"We want bread," was the cry of the French revolutionists as they marched to Versailles," said Borah. "It is the most ominous cry that can be heard in a republic and whatever is said as to the effect of the war on prices the fact remains these people are in large measure the victims of speculators and combinations which are milking millions out of food."

Resume of Work Done By Oregon Legislators During Session Which Just Closed

It is impossible yet to secure the exact text of the road bonding bill, the road code, or any other of the important measures passed by the legislature. This is due to the fact that many changes were made during the discussions that preceded the passage of these measures and their amendments do not appear in the printed bills. When these measures are finally engrossed it will be possible to secure copies of the bills as they passed, but the main features of all have already been given the widest publicity.

ABE MARTIN



HEARD OF PRICES

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Agricultural households of Los Angeles favor of a boycott against vegetables which, some allege, have been held for a rising market may spread to other Pacific coast cities, it was believed today. Although prices of perishable foodstuffs in San Francisco and elsewhere in California do not compare with those in the east, they have still reached unprecedented figures.

Potatoes today were selling at five cents a pound, retail, and some fancy grades at that figure wholesale. Onions sold at from 12 1/2 to 15 cents a pound wholesale and lima beans at 10 to 11 cents. Wholesale potato prices have advanced 50 cents a hundred pounds in 36 hours.

Eggs are among the few articles showing a decline and are now selling at 32 cents. Butter was unchanged at 36 cents. Other prices are: String beans, 30 to 35 cents; peas, 12 1/2; sweet potatoes, \$1.25 a sack; squash, 3 1/2 cents a pound.

MRS. THOMPSON WILL BE GUEST OF HONOR

Banquet To Be Given in Port- land to Brilliant Woman Legislator

Honoring Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of The Dalles, who represented Hood River and Wasco counties in the Twenty-ninth session of the Oregon legislature, and who made an enviable name for herself as a speaker on the floor of the house, as a clever adviser in committee, and backer of all legislation.

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FIRST AMERICAN LINER SAILS FOR ENGLAND TODAY

Mongolia Leaves Early Soon Followed by the Alonguin

NO ATTEMPT MADE TO DISGUISE BIG VESSEL

St. Louis Kept From Sailing —May Be Needed As Transport

New York, Feb. 21.—The first American line steamship to leave this port since the German submarine warning was issued—the Mongolia—today is past Sandy Hook and on her way to Europe. She was followed closely by the American freighter Alonguin. Both are bound for London and are the first American vessels to sail from here for a British port since Germany's warning.

Officials of the American line were reticent over the sailing of the Mongolia, refusing even after she had been seen to pass out of the harbor to admit her sailing. She is a vessel of 13,639 tons and is an out and out American vessel, having been built in this country and never having flown any flag except the American. No attempt was made to disguise her. She is painted in regular colors with her name and registry painted on her sides in huge letters.

The captain of the Mongolia is Edward Rice, an American.

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Consolidation Fails

As usual consolidation of commissions and offices failed, the tax commission being alone wiped out. A committee was appointed to consider the consolidation question for two years and report a plan at the next session of the legislature.

Hundreds of bills were passed of realty small consequence.

Money Left Over

In spite of the six per cent tax limitation law the legislature left the state with an apparent balance of \$974,655 over and above the amount allowed for it to expend under the intent of the limitation amendment.

The grand total of appropriations made was \$6,319,084.75, and the grand total of revenue available under the estimates prepared in the budget was \$6,209,505.82. This would indicate a seeming deficiency on the part of the legislature of \$9,578.93, not taking into consideration unexpended balances and the greatly enhanced estimated revenues of the next biennium.

But in reality such a deficiency does not exist. One appropriation made by the legislature was for \$10,553,558, to be used in repaying money which was borrowed from a local bank to take care of the flax industry. This appropriation, however, was made with the string tied to it, that as soon as the flax on hand is sold, the money accruing from the sale of such flax is to be returned to the general fund.

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Constructive Legislation

Among very important pieces of constructive legislation which have been placed on the statute books may be numbered the insurance code, the irrigation code, the rural credits bill, the military and fish and game codes. All represent much hard work and will go a long way toward simplifying and bettering our laws. The men who worked them out deserve great credit.

Road Bills Important

The road program consisted of six bills of prime importance. There is one known as a procedure code which prescribes methods for the opening, laying out and vacating of highways. Heretofore three different processes have been available and they have promoted more uncertainty and confusion than good highways. The three systems have by the procedure code

Highway Code Notable

There is, further, an ambitious measure known as the state highway code. Its object is to provide procedure for construction of hard-surfaced highways and for co-operation of county and state in construction of what are known as state highways. It dispenses with the existing ex-officio state highway commission composed of elected state officers, and provides for appointment by the governor of a non-salaried commission of three, one member to be from each congressional district. It serves the highway engineering department from the state engineer's office, and gives appointment of a highway engineer to the new highway commission. This bill carries an emergency clause.

A measure known as an act to regulate motor vehicles is, in its main effect, a road law. It doubles the present motor vehicle license taxes and devotes the whole proceeds to road work under supervision of the state highway commission. The old law required that motor vehicle licenses be apportioned to the counties in which they were collected after payment of the cost of license tags and other incidentals of state administration. The money was thus scattered and inefficiently expended in many instances. Under the new law the automobiles will pay, on the basis of the existing number of such vehicles in Oregon, of \$300,000 a year into the state road fund.

Still another road bill is the Beas-Barrett bonding act. This is a contingent or emergency measure. It authorizes issuance, in event revenues from established sources are not sufficient to meet allotments of government road funds, bonds in an amount equivalent to the deficiency. This bill also carries an emergency clause, and insures expenditure in Oregon of the entire government allotment for post roads and forest roads and an equal sum of state money as is required by the federal act. This assurance prevails regardless of the fate of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue to be submitted at a special election June 4.

Road System Laid Out

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Pigs sold at \$1.11 per hundred weight. He prices are the highest since the Civil war.

Half a Billion Is Set Apart for Navy

Washington, Feb. 21.—Increased by \$128,000,000 since it passed the house, the administration's naval bill—the biggest in the history of the country—was reported to the senate this afternoon by Senator Tillman, chairman of the naval committee.

The bill, as revised, carries a total of nearly a half billion dollars and authorizes the president to commandeer private ship yards and munitions plants in time of war.

The \$128,000,000 increase—a giant appropriation in itself—was added after greater pressure from the navy department and after President Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, appeared in person at the capitol while the bill was in committee.

The biggest item of increase is \$115,000,000 for the immediate completion of war vessels now under construction. This is a reduction of \$35,000,000 from that asked by the navy department.

It is stipulated that \$35,000,000 be expended for completion of submarines.

FUNSTON FUNERAL AT PRESIDIO SATURDAY

All Military and Naval Forces, and War Veterans To At- tend Ceremonies

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—With all the military honors it is possible for his country to give Major General Frederick Funston, who dropped dead at San Antonio, Monday night, will be buried at the Presidio national cemetery in this city Saturday morning.

For 18 hours before interment the body will lie in state in the big rotunda of San Francisco may view the last of San Francisco may view the last remains of the man whose work meant so much for salvation of the city during the great fire of 1906.

Major General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the western department of the army announced the funeral arrangements today. The body, escorted by Captain Fitzhugh Lee two non-commissioned officers and six privates, will arrive from San Antonio Friday afternoon. It will be taken under military escort to the city hall where the public will be given an opportunity to view it. A military and naval guard of thirty will be constantly on duty around the casket.

It is expected that the ceremonies Saturday morning will constitute the largest military funeral in San Francisco's history. All the naval and military forces in the bay region, together with civil war and Spanish war veterans and members of other patriotic societies will march in the cortege. This will escort the body on a caisson to the First Presbyterian church where brief religious ceremonies will be held. General Bell will personally command the escort. From the church the body will be taken directly to the cemetery, and while the interment is in progress a salute of thirty guns will be fired at the Presidio.

The pall bearers will be General William L. Sibert, General J. P. Wiser, General Oscar F. Long, General R. K. Evans, Colonel Benjamin Alvord and Rear Admiral W. F. Fullam.

Salem Militia Now National Guardsmen

Officially, the Salem company of militiamen are United States national guardsmen, according to information received by Captain James Roy Neer, commanding officer of company M, in a letter from the war department. This designation is given the company under the new federal law which takes the militia out of the hands of the state authorities and places it directly under government supervision.

At the regular drill last night, Captain Neer announced that he soon would have installed a sand table for the purpose of illustrating instruction in the theory and practice of military tactics. To these lectures, young men who are not members of the company are cordially invited.

On account of the fact that the heating of the armory has been somewhat unsatisfactory and the knocking of the pipes during musical programs distinctly annoying, Captain Neer has secured the consent of Adjutant General White and Major Wilson of Portland to install a heating plant in the armory at a cost of \$500. Steam from the Northwest Fruit Products company's plant is the present method of heating. It is believed a different system of heating will prove more satisfactory.

but subsequently lost 3-8 to \$1.00 1-8. Oats worked to lower levels, following wheat and corn. May opened unchanged later losing 1/4 to 57 3/8. July opened 1-8 up later lost 3-8 to 55 1/8. Fair activities were noticeable in provisions with prices ruling higher at the start. Later quotations broke from

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Chambers of Commerce In 14 Big Cities To Appoint Committees

THESE WILL ASSEMBLE MATERIALS NEEDED

Would Also Learn Location of and Amount of Food- stuffs

Washington, Feb. 21.—The business end of preparation for possible war—that of purchasing all supplies—will in the future, virtually be in the hands of expert business men. These men will work with the council of national defense, as much to prevent excess "war profits" in the event of hostilities—as to mobilization of munitions.

Secretary of War Baker, responding to a suggestion by the committee of national defense, today asked the United States chamber of commerce to name an advisory committee of business men to assist the quartermaster's department in this work.

This plan is the first definite step of the council of national defense, created by the army appropriation bill, to mobilize the business men of the nation to the needs of the country.

Under the plan the chamber of commerce in each of the fourteen cities supporting a purchasing depot of the quartermaster's department, will appoint five business men to assist in the work of their particular depot.

Each member of these committees will be a specialist in the line which his depot specializes. They will be charged with the task of assembling, standardizing supplies at economic prices, so that should the country be suddenly faced by war, the committee would know exactly where to turn for additional war materials.

Secretary Baker believes economic disturbances following a declaration of war will thus be minimized and probably altogether wiped out.

The plan calls for granting private plants, called into the government service, a small profit, but with exorbitant "war" rates will meet with speedy rejection by the business men committees. Cities having supply depots, and which will appoint committees, are:

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Kansas City, Jeffersonville, Ind., St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco, New Orleans, San Antonio, Omaha and Portland, Or.

Basson Little, Cleveland, chairman of the national defense committee of the United States chamber of commerce, was one of the leading figures in getting favorable action on the plan.

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