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"FREEDOM OF SEAS" TO BE MORE THAN THEORY IF LEAGUE WINS POINTS

PEACE DELEGATES DECIDE ON POLICY ABOUT MUNITIONS

Each Nation Will Be Held Responsible For Unequal Acts of Citizens.

RULES TEND TO MAKE WAR IMPOSSIBILITY

Any Non-Warring Power Discovered Shipping Contraband Shall Be Punished.

(United Press staff correspondent)
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 Paris, Feb. 25.—Revolutionary changes in international laws which, fitting in with the rules of the league of nations, would make war virtually impossible, are now under discussion. Regulations under which munitions are shipped from neutrals to warring countries would be completely overturned. Under their operation, "freedom of the seas" would not be theoretical, but real.

The United Press is able to state that the principal points favored by the peace delegates regarding munitions shipments in the future are:

- 1—Each nation shall be held responsible for any unequal act by its citizens.
- 2—All contraband must be established at the outbreak of the war and lists cannot be changed during the period of hostilities.

As carrying contraband naturally is forbidden, the flag of a non-warring nation flying over a ship would be a guarantee that she was not carrying munitions or other prohibited materials.

- 4—If a ship arouses suspicion and is stopped within a restricted area, search shall be limited to investigation of her papers to determine her nationality.

Subject to Punishment

- 5—If a ship of a non-warring power is discovered carrying contraband that nation shall be subject to punishment by the league of nations, economically or otherwise, as the executive council recommends.

It is obvious that under such rules no nation will be able to carry on a war beyond the limit of her own production of munitions. The practice of buying munitions from a non-warring power by payment of enormous prices and obtaining shipment through payment of high freight rates, with shippers taking the risk—as heretofore done—would be eliminated by point one, and the nation from which a ship was sailing would ascertain that she

NO MORE TAX DODGING ON AUTOS TO GET BY

House Favors \$12 Yearly Tax For Fords And \$55 For Packards.

Owners of automobiles stand a fine chance of paying just double the amount of auto tax as in past years, beginning with July 1 of this year. And those who own autos and have failed to report them to the tax assessor and have paid no tax, will find that tax dodging under the new system, will not work.

In the debate in the house relative to taxing autos for road purposes, it was stated that fully 50 per cent of the automobiles in the state pay no tax whatever, simply because the owners made no returns to the tax collector.

It was also stated that \$5.61 was the average amount received from each auto in taxes the past year and that the average assessment for an automobile was \$270.00. This will all be changed in the present taxing bill, passed by the house yesterday and now in the senate for consideration.

Under the new law, it is proposed that automobiles and motor vehicles are not to be assessed as personal property. There can be no tax dodging as every car is obliged to secure a license and the tax is paid at the time the license is secured.

Objection was made to the high license placed on the cheaper cars. After several amendments were suggested, the house passed the following:

Up to 25 horse power.....	\$12.00
From 25 to 30 horsepower.....	20.00
From 30 to 35 horsepower.....	15.00
From 35 to 40 horsepower.....	45.00

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QUESTION OF OREGON LABELS ON FRUIT CANS STARTS BIG DEBATE

Marion County Senators Take Opposite Sides In Discussing Bill.

Shell Oregon fruit and vegetables be labeled with an Oregon brand when offered for sale?

That question precipitated a sharp debate in the senate this morning when house bill 455, by Martin, came up for third reading. Because of the opposition to the bill, the measure was referred to the senate horticultural committee for the purpose of adding a provision that the act shall not apply to wholesalers, packers and others for repacking.

The Marion county senators took opposite sides of the question, Senator Lachmond strongly favoring the bill while Senator LaFollette just as vigorously opposed it.

Senator Lachmond declared that all the big fruit organizations of the state favored the bill, and he insisted that it was right that Oregon fruits should be sold under an Oregon label so that this state will be able to build up the reputation its fine fruits and vegetables deserve.

Senator LaFollette, who reminded the senators that he was a fruit grower and knew from personal experience something of the business, insisted that the bill would drive from the state all but Oregon fruit companies, and he declared the result would be the elimination of competition and a consequent reduction in the price the growers would receive for their products.

He said that Senator Lachmond was favoring the bill because he was the representative of a local fruit company which wanted to drive out competition.

Senator Handley declared that behind the bill "is the fine Italian hand of the fruit monopoly." He insisted that the bill would squeeze out the small fruit growers who sell their products to Armour & Company and other big packers who buy from the little fellows and furnish them labels for the packages.

Senator Dimick supported the bill.

"We are trying to build up our state and gain a reputation for our fine fruits," he said, "and still Oregon fruits are being sold under a California label."

Joe Mages, who was jugged last week for giving a quart of liquor away, has been adjudged insane. Who remembers that when another went down town it was an event?

AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO RETURN IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL ABROAD

General Pershing Announces Increase in Shipping Tonnage Available.

Paris, Feb. 25.—American soldiers will return home in the order of the arrival of their respective division headquarters in France, General Pershing announced in general orders made public today. Divisions bearing regular army designations will be excluded, however. The only other exceptions will be made when availability of transportation or the military situation renders it necessary.

Assigned combat, together with supply and labor units, will be returned in the order of their service, so far as they can be spared. The orders estimate that shipping, including German craft, will be available as follows:

March 212,000 tons.
May 248,000 tons.
June 270,000 tons.

Based on the provisions of the general orders and taking into consideration the importance of their present assignment, divisions would return as follows:

March, Twenty seventh, Thirtieth, Eighty fifth, Thirty seventh and Ninety first divisions.

April, Twenty sixth, Seventy seventh, Eighty second, Thirty fifth and Forty second divisions.

May, Thirty eighth, Twenty eighth, Thirty third, Eightieth and Seventy eighth divisions.

June, Eighty ninth, Ninetieth, Twenty ninth and Seventy ninth divisions.

By exception of so called regular army divisions, the orders would indicate that those units will be maintained as the army of occupation as long as necessary.

OWNER OF MYSTERIOUS DIAMONDS CLAIMS JEWELS

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The string of 72 matched diamonds, valued at \$20,000, still rests in the vault at police headquarters, but its owner is now definitely known as Mrs. Josephine McAllister of New York.

She promised to call again today and reclaim her jewels, which were stolen from her Friday night at the St. Francis hotel.

She told the police late yesterday that the loss of the jewels worried her so that she collapsed at the home of a friend and so did not reappear, although the diamonds were recovered Saturday morning.

Mrs. McAllister gave her permanent address as the Hotel Plaza, New York. She said she came here from Portland, Oregon, and had intended to remain a while, but that unfortunate publicity resulted from the theft had determined her to leave at once.

ARREST PLOTTERS FOR COUNTER REVOLUTION

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.—Former Premier Wexler, former Minister of Commerce Szarnski and other members of the old government have been arrested for complicity in a counter revolution plot, it was reported in a dispatch received from Buda Pest today.

The Hungarian government is said also to have demanded extradition from Switzerland of Prince Windaeschitz, who is accused of defrauding the state of four million crowns (\$6,000,000) and extradition of the former military commander of Buda Pest, who is accused of wholesale execution of soldiers.

FIRST NIGHT SESSION CLEARS UP BUSINESS

Senate Passes Bill Relative To Building Roosevelt Coast Highway.

Last night the senate held its first night session and disposed of a list of house bills.

By unanimous vote it passed house bill 147, which refers to the people at the next election the question of issuing \$2,500,000 of bonds for building the Roosevelt coast highway. A condition is that the government must put up an equal amount with the state.

The highway is to be built along the coast and is being urged for its commercial and military value and for its scenic attractions.

Under suspension of the rules, the senate passed house bill 508, which authorizes the appointment by the commission of a commission to spend \$5000 for the entertainment of the Oregon soldiers as they arrive in New York. The \$5000 is to be taken from the \$100,000 soldiers emergency fund appropriated early in the session.

The senate passed house bill 225, appropriating \$10,813 for the purpose of matching the government's funds under the Smith-Hughes act, which provides for the extension of industrial education in the public schools of the state.

The bill which causes a biennial fight over fishing in Rogue river came before the senate late last night and after a short, but acrimonious debate, was passed by a vote of 18 to 12. It was house bill 180.

Other bills were passed last night as follows:

H. B. 413, by Coffey—Creating an interstate commission consisting of the three county commissioners of Multnomah and the district attorney allowing the commissioners a salary of \$50 a month each, and providing that the commission shall have full control of the interstate bridge, relieving the state of its obligation to pay the interest on the interstate bridge bonds.

H. B. 398, by Hosford—Amending his estate law board law.

H. B. 428, by Graham—Providing that pioneers may hunt and fish without license.

H. B. 19, by Burnaugh—Amending the law relating to the levying of a special road tax.

H. B. 449, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to compensation for labor or products exchanged between state institutions.

H. B. 438, by Gallagher—Providing for the eradication of predatory animals and injurious rodents, and appropriating \$10,000.

H. B. 303, by Clatsop county delegation—Appropriating \$10,000 for Klatsop.

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JAPANESE SATISFIED WITH DISPOSITION OF ISLANDS

Tokyo, Feb. 19.—(Delayed.)—Japanese newspapers, commenting on the covenant of the league of nations, which has just appeared in complete text here, agreed for the most part today that it sounds the knell of militarism.

The newspapers appear to be satisfied with regard to the arrangement for the German islands in the South Seas.

In one respect they are unanimous. They regret that in the covenant there is no declaration of the equality of races and nothing to abolish discriminatory laws.

The above dispatch from Tokyo was greatly deplored probably because of the break in the cable connections with the Orient.

WILSON SIGNS SIX BILLION DOLLAR REVENUE BILL

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Wilson signed the \$6,000,000,000 revenue bill before retiring last night. It was officially announced today.

The measure, besides providing for greatly increased taxes on incomes, profits and many of the every day things of life, carried a ride making the national capital home dry.

Income tax bills have been mailed out and the operation of many provisions of the law will get under way at once.

The Knights of Columbus will erect a clubhouse at Yakima costing from \$70,000 to \$50,000.

CONFEREES ANXIOUS TO RESTORE NORMAL LEVEL IN GERMANY

Committee On Reparation Reported To Be Approaching Agreement.

By Fred S. Ferguson
 (United Press staff correspondent)
 Paris, Feb. 25.—The new revolution in Germany is giving added impetus to the work of preparing the outline for a preliminary peace. The conferees are anxious to reach a point where food and materials may be shipped into Germany to restore economic and political conditions to a normal basis.

The peace conference had not yet received official advice on the situation in Germany today, owing to the fact that its representatives in that country are sending reports by courier rather than telegraph. But there was a disposition on the part of the delegates to feel that speed in effecting a preliminary peace is becoming more essential each day from a standpoint of self protection, if for no other reason.

While the question of whether peace with Germany or final disposition of the league of nations shall be taken up first after President Wilson's return is present to participate in the discussions, there appears little doubt at this time that the preliminary peace will be given precedence.

Progress Rapid

The various committees are progressing rapidly in the working out of details of the general peace settlement. The sub-committee of the body which will determine responsibility and punishment for authors of the war is understood to have completed its report on individual guilt, though the whole committee has not yet acted. The sub-committee's report is said to have been unanimous.

The committee on reparation is reported to be approaching agreement. It is further reported that early high claims are being consistently weeded down to conform with what can be obtained. The committee is understood to show a preference for making the period of payment as short as possible—inside of 20 years—rather than permit the cry of "commercial slavery" to go up from a couple of generations.

In the matter of territorial claims, informal discussions regarding the western frontiers of Germany are going on. Only the Moroccan and Armenian questions remain of the minor problems to be taken up.

Representatives of various league of nations societies of the big powers will meet in London this week to confer on amendments and additions to the constitution, which they will present when the peace conference opens debate on the covenant.

PRESIDENT SIGNS 26 CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS TODAY

SILVERTON ARMORY AN ASSURED THING

Citizens Will Have To Raise \$10,000 To Meet State And County Appropriation.

Silverton is likely to have an armory. The house this morning passed a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Lachmond authorizing an appropriation of \$10,000 in state funds for constructing an armory at Silverton upon a site which had already been donated or upon one that may be donated.

Besides the \$10,000 state money the county of Marion is authorized to appropriate from the general fund or to levy taxes for the purpose of raising funds in the sum of \$10,000 to aid in the construction.

The general staff created under the military code is authorized by the bill to accept the site which may be tendered by the city of Silverton or to accept any site that may be acceptable to the general staff.

All that the bill needs now to become a law is the signature of the governor. As he is known to be strong for the military, Silverton is practically assured of an armory.

In order that the armory may be acceptable to the general staff, the bill provides that "no part of the money hereby appropriated, nor of the money to be raised by said Marion county shall be expended in the construction of said armory until the city of Silverton, of the citizens thereof, shall have raised by subscription, donation or otherwise, a sum of not less than \$10,000; provided, however, if any site acceptable to the general staff is donated, the market value thereof shall be considered as a part of the money to be raised by the city of Silverton, or the citizens thereof."

It is also provided that the general staff shall be the exclusive judge of the site.

CHIEF OF THESE WERE FAMINE AND PENSION BILLS

Wilson Believes People Will Rally To Support Of Society Of Nations.

PLANS TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE BY MARCH 5

No Definite Date Has Been Set For Conference With Governors As Yet.

By Robert J. Bender
 (United Press staff correspondent)
 Washington, Feb. 25.—President Wilson in his first few hours at the white house today signed twenty six congressional bills and joint resolutions. Chief among these were the \$100,000,000 famine fund bill, the deficiency bill, the invalid pension bill, a measure allowing soldiers, sailors and marines credit on homestead entries while they were in the service, the public buildings bill and the joint resolution granting a pension to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

Since his departure from home last December, the president has traveled over 12,000 miles, has been made a citizen of approximately sixteen hundred cities, towns and hamlets in Europe, has been housed in the royal palaces of two kings and one prince, has ridden on the royal trains of two ruling families, delivered nearly two score of speeches and short addresses and received six college and university hon-

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McCredie Well Fixed For PITCHERS AND OUTFIELDERS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25.—If Walter McCredie were as well fixed for as infield as he is for pitchers and gardeners, he wouldn't be worrying a bit about his Pacific Coast league team for the coming season.

Besides men for covering the bags, he needs an extra catcher. But his outfielders and burners appear to be all to the good, especially since George Pungington was secured from the St. Louis Browns, supported by Walker and Fenner, he may be the main stay of the pitching staff.

Besides this trio, McCredie can select from "Lefty" James, Dick Mitchell, Harry Lay and Frank Rapp.

"Red" Gutham, who pitched for San Francisco until he went to war, will be turned over by Detroit if he can be located. Detroit is also expected to deliver two outfielders in Eitson and Maisei. Other gardeners will be selected from a list of four: Jack Farmer, Walker, formerly of Detroit; John L. Sullivan and Bill Daniels.

MAY CALL GENERAL STRIKE IN ENGLAND

Lloyd-George Introduced Bill Calling For Investigation Of Situation.

London, Feb. 25.—Representatives of the "triple alliance"—miners, railway men and telephone workers—met today to map out a common program regarding demands to be made upon the government and to decide whether a general strike should be called.

The miners did not yield an inch in last night's parliament session, replying to Premier Lloyd-George's offer of compromise, "accede to our demands to avoid a strike." The bill introduced by the premier to create a special commission to investigate the mining situation was advanced to its second reading. The miners' amendment, providing that the proposed commission should report March 12 instead of March 31 was defeated 237 to 43.

William Adamson, labor leader in the house of commons, announced that the final returns of the recent vote on a miners strike were 661,998 for and 104,997 against. He said he did not believe the government had done all it could to meet the miners' demands.

Will Try To Avert Strike

"Confronted with the prospect of civil strife, we should do all in our power to avert it," said Lloyd-George in introducing the bill "I had hoped the bill would be passed through all its stages today.

"To grant the miners' demand without inquiry might make hundreds of thousands jobless, while crippling the export of coal. The miners were pinned first in demobilization and the terms offered them were the most generous of any country in Europe."

The premier proposed a reduction in hours and a raise in the price of coal at the pit head to 35 shillings a ton (\$8.50), compared with 11 to 12 shillings (\$2.75 to \$3) in America.

Lloyd-George promised re-organization of mining, housing, wages and hours, but said the reduction of two working hours a day, as demanded, would have a serious effect.

OREGON HARDWARE DEALERS CONVENTION IN PORTLAND

Portland, Feb. 25.—With many visitors in attendance from the Washington association, the Oregon Hardware Dealers opened their annual convention here today. It will last three days.

Captain W. J. Hindley, former mayor of Spokane, is among the speakers for the convention. Mayor Baker of Portland will be the toastmaster at the annual banquet.

THOUGHT HE WAS KING

Boston, Feb. 25.—John Rogosky, who was arrested when he attempted to gain admittance to President Wilson's suite in the Copley Plaza hotel, was arraigned in the central court today charged with carrying dangerous weapons.

Rogosky told the police he "intended to get the president and save the world." It was also learned that the man believed himself to be the "king of Poland." Upon his arrest he declared he "had reached heaven" and that he tried to do the task imposed upon him by the "supreme being."

Representative Hawley has appointed William Shaper Hiddle of Milwaukee as principal to West Point Military academy and Ralph Tudor of Sutherland alternate.

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME.



Three of the heavyweights of the upper house of the legislature, who might have succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the cartoonist had the session closed with the constitutional limit.