

Seen and Heard in Michigan

Albion—Albion College students will hold their annual banquet Feb. 28.

Ludington—Accepting the offer of the Chamber of Commerce, the Mason County Fruit & Produce exchange will erect a warehouse here on a free city, with water and rail transportation, this spring.

Kalamazoo—For gallantry in action on the Ives, front, Lieutenant Albert M. Smith, of this city, has been decorated by the British general in command of the Allied soldiers in northern Russia.

Kalamazoo—The twenty-first annual convention of the Michigan Retail Hardware association, which will be held here February 11-12, is expected to bring 2,000 delegates from all parts of the state.

Escanaba—The largest personal injury award recorded in Delta county was returned recently when relatives of John Sagawak, an Indian, killed by a Soo line train a year ago, were given \$65,000.

Albion—Fourteen round trips to France with a United States transport is the record of Donald Full, son of Dean DeLoe Full, of Albion college. He now is in New York. He has just been promoted to coxswain.

Muskegon—State Representative Carl Young is the only Michigan representative invited by the federal department of labor to attend a labor conference in Indianapolis, Ind. Young is president of the Michigan Federation of Labor.

Grand Rapids—The Grand Rapids memorial to the soldier dead will be in the form of a temple unless the committee handling this affair changes its mind in the near future. Plans for the building will be submitted in the near future.

Ludington—The Mason County Co-operative association, organized at Scottville, starts with 27 members. It will be associated with the Michigan Potato Growers' exchange, which has 43 exchanges in operation in the western part of the state.

Grand Rapids—An attempted jail escape was frustrated by Sheriff Viora and Harry Jeffrey, a prisoner, who is now in solitary confinement. The other removed a saw, knife, file and other tools from Jeffrey's prison. Four razors were taken from other prisoners.

Fort Huron—Dr. George Elliott, of Detroit, speaking here recently, said American conditions were partly to blame for the Russian collapse because Russian immigrants had not been given a touch of America's best life and never imbued with the American spirit.

Port Austin—On account of poor health, Dr. A. M. Frances is giving up his practice in Port Austin, Mich. He is leaving this community without a physician. Citizens have appealed to the Red Cross society for an emergency doctor as influenza is prevalent, and there is but one physician within 20 miles of the village.

Pennsville—The mid-winter meeting of the State Society of Physicians will take place here Feb. 11 and 12. The speakers include H. J. Larkins, Benton Harbor; E. E. Warner, South Haven; I. T. Pickard, East Lansing; F. L. Simanton, Washington; H. J. Vanlace, East Lansing; C. P. Halligan, East Lansing; and H. M. Pugsley, Paw Law.

Ann Arbor—The University of Michigan has offered to Major Edward Riet, of the French Army, the chair of internal medicine at the college. Dr. M. J. Foster, having resigned to go into the medical corps of the United States army, personally. Major Riet was in the United States on a tour about a year ago and as a physician is highly placed in the medical annals of Paris.

Saginaw—Senator H. A. Penny, chairman of the state university committee, has received from the University of Michigan, where he found a university asking \$1,500,000 of which \$100,000 is for enlargement and improvement of the hospital and \$200,000 to complete the library and \$200,000 for a high school teacher's training building. Penny will recommend it to the hospital by Representative A. Harris of Saginaw.

Kalamazoo—With the arrest of confederate of Charles Cooley, Thomas Ibbotson and Clarence Holts, a series of automobile thefts in Kalamazoo in the last three months has been solved. Cooley was arrested at Albion. Ibbotson is serving a term in the Cass county jail, and will be turned over to the Kalamazoo authorities on the expiration of his term. They are charged with taking, in addition to others, a car belonging to the Kalamazoo National Bank of the King City company.

Muskegon—Mrs. P. K. Lamb, of Rockford, as the result of a breakdown caused by grief over the death recently announced of her son, Capt. Merritt Lamb, of Muskegon, in France, died at her home in Rockford. Another son, Sgt. John Lamb, who is a 107th field signal corps, has been awarded the Distinguished Service cross for bravery. The citation said that even though Sgt. Lamb saw the body of his brother, Capt. Lamb, lying in the field, he stayed at his post until he was carried back exhausted during the battle.

Muskegon—Major J. H. Waldron, who has been several months fighting overseas, has returned to the United States.

Sundt—This city will have an electric light plant of its own if plans of the business men materialize. A committee will investigate the cost.

Grand Rapids—Guy Willis, Y. M. C. A. secretary, has returned from France bringing from overseas received while at work in the St. Mihiel sector.

Muskegon—With Jerome E. Turner, judge of the municipal court, as chief speaker, Muskegon workers dedicated Liberty arch, a gift to returning heroes here recently.

Bay City—Theodore Steinhilber has received a letter from his son, Lawrence, who was reported as missing in action, stating that he is well and settled near Cuba.

Ipswich—H. M. Buchanan has received word that his cousin, John McGregor, single hand, killed four Germans and captured eight during the fighting at Cambrai.

Constantine—Churches, schools, movie, pool rooms and all public meeting places here are closed because of the "flu." About 80 per cent of the victims are school children.

Sturgis—Mrs. Julia Lockwood, 83 years old, walked from her home in Ipswich, Mich., to the Town Hall, six miles distant, that she might register to vote at the spring election.

Owosso—Albert Fink and Raymond Farley, Detroit youths, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering in the night time. They were remanded to await sentence on February 10.

Constantine—Mrs. Flora DeWitt, of Three Rivers, and Mrs. C. W. Shellenbarger, of Sturgis, are candidates for the position of school commissioner. Three men want the job also.

Reed City—During last year Oceola County has expended nearly \$100,000 on mothers' pensions, according to the annual report of Judge West. Total cost to the county for needy cases was \$50,000.

Grand Rapids—The Russell Carpet Sweeper Co. has just received a large order for sweepers from an English firm. This is the first foreign commercial order received for nearly two years.

East Lansing—Several scores of boys and girls who won championships in the state and county, as gamblers and gamblers will be entertained during February as guests of the M. A. C.

Allegan—Plans for the erection of a tuberculosis sanatorium for Allegan County have not been given up. Business men here are at work devising means whereby this institution can be secured.

Redford—Avoiding a collision with another automobile, C. H. Smith, of Redford, drove his machine directly into a telephone pole. His mother-in-law, a passenger in his car, received a bad shock in the forehead.

Grand Haven—The Kalamazoo County road commission will build a new wide concrete road from tide city to Highland Park, a summer resort, and will then build a parkway where at least 100 automobiles can be parked at one time.

Imma—Vernon Bowen, farmer, who is charged with the murder of his wife, another farmer, so Kelly, that his life was despoiled of a wife, as found guilty by a jury of assault to do great bodily harm. He was remanded for sentence.

Grand Rapids—Plaintiff Township, Kent County, is defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit resulting from a road which caved in, allowing Roy Vinton, the driver of a large load of straw, to be buried beneath the straw when the wagon overturned.

Holland—William DePuy's wife is threatened with pneumonia. A boy, one year old, is the only survivor. He is dangerously ill with the disease. DePuy and his wife died within five days of each other.

Holland—Leonard Kleyer, 75 years old, twice made a widow, his marriage for the fourth time, his fourth wife, who died of pneumonia. When she fell upon an icy sidewalk Kleyer, 75, fell upon it and died of pneumonia. His wife died within five days of each other.

Ann Arbor—While on duty as a judge, when called to the bench, a judge was arrested, denied a license to drive a car, and charged with violating the prohibition law and fined \$200 and costs of \$200 and costs of \$200.

Grand Rapids—A Grand Rapids man who sold to his neighbor a car, which he had bought from a neighbor, was arrested for selling a car to a neighbor. The car was sold to a neighbor, and the neighbor was arrested for selling a car to a neighbor. The car was sold to a neighbor, and the neighbor was arrested for selling a car to a neighbor.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

MANY CHANGES IN MOTOR CAR LICENSE LAW BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CHIEF CHANGE IN LICENSE RATE

Early Action Is Looked for On Budget Measure Introduced in Senate When First Opened.

(By Staff Correspondent)

Lansing, Mich.—A bill making numerous important changes in the present law governing the issuance of motor car licenses has been introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives by the director of the Department of State. The bill changes the license rate from \$10 to \$15 annually. The bill also changes the license rate for commercial vehicles from \$10 to \$15 annually. The bill also changes the license rate for commercial vehicles from \$10 to \$15 annually.

All commercial cars would be rated at 25 cents per 100 pounds, eliminating the present \$10 license. Those under 2,000 pounds would pay \$5 for the first year and \$10 for the second year. Those over 2,000 pounds would pay \$10 for the first year and \$15 for the second year.

Other changes provide that dealers and garages must keep records of all purchases and sales and make monthly reports to the department of state. The bill also provides that the department of state may revoke the license of any dealer or garage who fails to keep such records. The bill also provides that the department of state may revoke the license of any dealer or garage who fails to keep such records.

The bill to establish a budget system for the state of Michigan will be the first of the big measures of the year to get consideration in the legislature. The last legislature enacted through nearly its whole session about what kind of a budget bill to introduce, and finally left the matter to a commission to be appointed by the governor and to report its findings to this legislature.

The bill based on the report of this commission was the first one introduced in the house when the session opened. The prospect is that some sort of budget system will be established, nearly every one being agreed on the need of one. But agreement stops there, and much argument is going on among legislators as to what the system should be. The bill should be a result there probably will be much debating of every phase of the proposed law.

However, the senate finance committee has decided to go ahead with the bill, and the house is expected to report on the bill and give the arguments a chance to start before the bill is introduced. The bill is expected to be introduced in the house in the near future.

A memorial to congress asking action with Canada by the United States in building a dam from the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence river would permit the passage of ocean going ships from the Atlantic to the lakes, is proposed by Rep. Meritt Wilson, of the Six. A concurrent resolution introduced in the house, the resolution provides that the president be authorized to negotiate with Canada for such free waterway as may be desired.

The legislature, after tussling around for a week over an error in its resolution of January 2 ratifying national prohibition, had to ratify it again in order to have Michigan listed down in Washington as in favor of it. An effort by Rep. Lewis to have a resolution instructing the clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate to correct the language of the original resolution, fell down in the house. The members felt miffed over the first error, and they were sure that it was not being steered wrongly a second time.

An opinion therefore was sought from the attorney general's office and Deputy Attorney General Doherty in regard to the matter. In his opinion the original resolution was correct. In reality, the exact amendment submitted by congress had not been passed. The only logical thing to do, he held, was to forget the last vote and do it all over. His advice was accepted. The vote was unchanged from that of January 2, except that about twenty house members were away on visits to state institutions. Among them was Rep. Doherty, one of the three "no" voters of the legislature. The other two "no" voters, Rep. Fred J. White, of Detroit, and Rep. John Holland, of Gogebic, stuck to their old vote.

The net result of the fiasco over the original resolution is that Michigan loses its rank as the sixteenth state to ratify national prohibition. It is now about fourth in the list of states.

Two legislative committees have made their reports to the legislature and submitted bills based on their findings. One is from the budget commission and the other from the compensation law commission.

The latter recommendations increasing salary recommendations from \$11,500 to \$14,000 and minimum to \$11 and \$7, increasing the percentage of compensation from 50 to 60 per cent of the weekly wage; extending medical attention to three months; reducing the waiting period, for compensation from 10 to 14 days; increasing total disability maximum from \$4,000 to \$6,000, to be paid in 100 weeks, as now; and allowing the state accident board, in its discretion, to extend payments in partial disability cases beyond 400 weeks.

The budget commission recommends standardizing salaries and wages paid by the state. It shows that some of the most important of the state's responsibilities are in the hands of men who are only paid \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year, and that just one of the supreme court are paid still on a basis fixed in 1897, getting less than many circuit judges in the state are paid.

The state's expenses for food, clothing and coal state institutions are due to fall at least ten per cent in 1920 and twenty per cent in 1921 on food and clothing, and from twenty to twenty-five per cent on coal, owing to the end of the war, it is stated, and those reductions were taken into account in estimating expenses for the coming two years.

Highway development is especially urged by the commission, which made liberal allowance for this in its estimates owing to the wide demand for good roads. A uniform accounting system is also urged, and a general highway system, his report declares.

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JAPAN WANTS GERMAN COLONIES

WILL RETAIN GERMAN RAILWAYS, MINES AND OTHER CONCESSIONS IN SHANTUNG PROVINCE.

NO ANNEXATIONS — WILSON

German Colonies Occupied the Entire Attention of Two Extended Executive Sessions.

Paris—Financial considerations have entered largely into the discussion of the internationalization of the German colonies, which have been generally regarded as the chief asset of Germany, in settling war claims.

While Japan has made it clear that she is willing to return the actual territory included in the Kiao-Chow concession to China, she desires to obtain the German railways, mines and other valuable concessions in Shantung province to reimburse her for expenses.

Australia has advanced a similar claim, claiming the New Guinea and New Zealand for claiming Samoa. Japan's claims to the Marshall and Caroline groups are supported on the same grounds, and a similar reason is offered for the actual transfer of the German African colonies to members of the Entente.

China, which has provided the colonies which Germany forced from her transferred to Japan in settlement of the war claims of an ally, while it is asserted that President Wilson opposes actual annexations and insists upon the internationalization of all the Pacific and African German colonies.

Germany's colonies occupied the entire attention of two extended executive sessions of the supreme council of the great powers and the disposition of this small empire scattered over the African mainland, in Asia and throughout the Pacific, is presenting a territorial question of the first magnitude.

The hearings covered the entrance of these German colonies, as the delegates of Australia, New Zealand and Japan presented their respective interests in the Pacific group of islands; Japan and China their interest in Kiao-Chow and the German concessions at many treaty ports, and the French minister of colonies, M. Simon, took up the African colonies, embracing Tanganyika, the Kamerun of German East and Southwest Africa.

General Jan Christian Smuts, the South African leader, and General Louis Botha, the South African premier, already have been heard on the question of German East Africa and now it only remains to obtain the viewpoint of the Belgians, who are about to present their ideas of their interests on the colonies adjacent to the Belgian Congo. It appears to be the generally accepted view among the belligerent powers that the German colonies should not be returned to her.

This in turn has developed another critical question, namely whether German sovereignty over these colonies should pass to the powers who may receive them or whether they should be entrusted to a league of nations, which would exercise international control while power is negotiated, or such powers as attain to the particular colonies.

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MUST PROVIDE FOOD

Duty Devolving on Farmers of This Continent.

Western Canada Well Prepared to Meet the Needs of the Old World.

"The Earth Is a Machine Which Yields Almost Gratuitous Service to Every Application of Intellect"—Emerson.

Speaking with one of the committee members appointed to make a survey of the food situation in the battle-torn countries of Europe the writer was told that the depletion and shortage of food was far greater than anybody had expected. With the investigation which at that time had merely started much had been brought to light that had only been surmised. Herds of live stock were completely wiped out, fields that had been producing good yields of grain and vegetables were terraced and hummocked by bombs and shells, many of them still lying unexploded and dangerous. Until this land can be gone over and cleaned nothing in the way of food can be carried on, and even where that is done the work of leveling and setting under cultivation will take a long time.

Much more develops upon the farmer on this side of the Atlantic than was at first supposed. Herds of live stock will have to be replenished, and this will take years; the provisioning of the people in the meantime is the task the farmers here will be asked to undertake. Producing countries will be taxed to their utmost to meet this demand; all that can be provided will be needed. This need will continue for some time, and during this period prices will be high. The opinion of those who have given the question most careful thought and study is that the war needs will be greater than ever before. The Allies will have to feed Germany, Austria, Turkey and Russia and this in addition to the requirements of European neutrals for increased supplies now that there is no starving menace.

To the Canadian and American farmer this means a demand for his grain fully as great as at any time in the past. Wheat will be needed, meat will be required. The slogan "don't stop saving food" is as necessary today as ever. The farmer must be given the most direct attention to the fact that his herds of thousands of acres of land in Western Canada are still unoccupied, and this land is capable of producing enough to supply all needs. On its rich grasslands he could raise and cheaply too the cattle that will be sought in its soil lies the nutriment that makes easy the production of the grain that will be needed, and in both the farmer will be assured of a good profit on his investment. The land can be purchased at low prices, on easy terms, and with the abundance of returns that it will give, it does not mean a matter of speculation. The facts as set out are known and certainly are guaranteed.

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ROAD FUND MAY BE INCREASED

Michigan's Share \$2,720,000, in Bill Reported Favorably by Committee.

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FIREBUGS CAUSED \$3,014,916

Defective Heating Plants Resulted in \$2,002 Fires, With a Total Loss of \$1,949,470.

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