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FEDERAL AID ROAD AND NEW CAPITOL BILLS PASS HOUSE

Opposition to Two Big Measures Falls in Lower Body and Both Go Through Easily.

FORMER CARRIES \$600,000

Levy of .67 Mill Provided With Which to Build Capitol Wing.

TAYLOR ABSENT FROM CITY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 21.—(Special)—This was surely boosters' day in the lower branch of the Nebraska legislature. The federal aid road bill and the measure for a wing on the capitol both were passed.

The federal aid road bill, House Roll No. 722, had been amended so that it carried a special tax levy of .65 of a mill, which is estimated to raise about \$640,000 for the biennium. The bill went through with such a strong support that even its friends were surprised. The vote stood 78 for, with only 18 against, those against being all柔弱的.

Auten, Bass, Das, Gormley, Howard, Koch, Leiblich, Lamar, Liggett, McAllister, Moore, Mills, Norton, Osterman, Parkinson, Rieschick, Shaffer, Traceyville.

Absent and not voting: Schramm, Fults, Harris, Burdick, Johnson, Regan, Seeger, Shannon, Swanson, Taylor, Trimble.—19.

Capitol Bill Follows.

With the good feeling still existing over the passage of the federal road bill, the house took up the Richmond bill for the building of a new east wing to the state house and put that over almost as easily, the vote standing 67 to 28, enough to have carried the emergency clause if it had been attached.

W. J. Taylor, the bone and sinew of the opposition, was not present, having gone to his home at Merna on business. Explanations were given of some votes and several changes from the former vote in committee of the whole.

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Votes Are Explained.

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Those opposing the capitol bill were:

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Comparative Local Record.

1917. 1916. 1915. 1914.

Highest yesterday 65 32 28

Lowest yesterday 51 31 14

Mean temperature 49 45 31 20

Precipitation 0.00 T. 0.00 T.

Temperature and precipitation departure from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years:

Normal temperature 39

Excess for the day 19

Total deficiency since March 1 24

Deficiency for the day 24 inch

Total rainfall since March 1 1.29 inches

Excess since March 47 inch

Deficiency cor. period, 1916 74 inch

Excess cor. period, 1915 52 inch

Normal rainfall for March 1 2.00

Station and State Temp. High. Rain. of Weather. Temp. High. Rain. of Weather. Temp. High. Rain. of Weather.

Omaha, clear 59 52 .08

Cheyenne, clear 59 52 .08

Davenport, clear 54 55 .00

Des Moines, clear 56 60 .00

Dodge City, clear 62 66 .00

Landis, cloudy 58 42 .00

North Platte, clear 60 65 .00

Omaha, clear 58 63 .00

Pueblo, clear 54 58 .00

Rapid City, part cloudy 50 54 .00

Salt Lake City, snow 52 54 .16

Santa Fe, clear 52 54 .00

Shreveport, snow 50 42 .01

Houk City, part cloudy 48 54 .00

Calgary, snow 54 54 .00

* * * indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

ALLIES RETAKE 50 MORE TOWNS

Paris War Office Reports Rapid Progress in Pursuit of Fleeing Germans.

REPULSE A SURPRISE RAID

London, March 21.—The capture of forty more villages on the front in France is announced from British headquarters tonight.

French Make Progress.

Paris, March 21.—Rapid progress is being made by the French in pursuit of the retreating Germans, the war office announces. Important gains were made on both sides of the Loire road, ten villages being captured.

Frontier Regiments Are Reported to Have Left for the Capital to Preserve Order.

REPORTS ARE VIA HOLLAND

Five Munitions Factories in Dusseldorf Reported Scenes of Strikes.

MEN DEMAND MORE TO EAT

London, March 21.—Reuter's Am-

sterdam correspondent reports that it is rumored that serious riots have broken out in Berlin in connection with the scarcity of food.

A dispatch from Oldenzaal, Hol-

land, says persistent rumors are cur-

rent of great rioting in Berlin. The

dispatch says:

"Frontier regiments are reported to have left for Berlin to maintain order."

A dispatch to the Exchange Tele-

graph company from Rotterdam says:

"Our frontier correspondent under-

stands that five munition factories in

Dusseldorf have been the scenes of

strikes during the last forty-eight

hours, in protest against the small

rations entailed by the reduction in

the meat, bread and potato allow-

ances introduced last week. The

workers refused to resume work un-

less the food rations are increased."

Stormy Weather Continues.

London, March 21.—The stormy weather, with severely cold winds and frequent snow squalls, continued during the night in the region over which the British armies in France are following the retreating Germans. Although these conditions add to the discomfort of field campaigning, the British representative at the British headquarters, telegraphs they have had no bad effect on the surface of the ground, which in the retreat of the

French has been gutted, but in most cases the walls remain standing,

so that cover for troops is provided easily.

Send Civilian Back.

Many places which the British have taken in the last few days contain civilian inhabitants and it is reported that the Germans in evacuating the towns and villages on the line of retreat are sending civilians in considerable numbers back instead of forward, so that they will not have so many mouths to feed.

The correspondent reports that the joy of the civilians at their liberation from German rule is pathetic and that instead of leaving provisions for five days for the civilians, as was reported, the Germans took the last loaf from the inhabitants before burning the villages. Apart from the large proportion of the original population left at Noyelles, the greatest number of civilians found in one place thus far is 400, in Bouvencourt.

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