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The Senate's sharp axe fell on three of Representative Britt's bills today, by indefinitely postponing the pharmacy measure, the optometry measure and the medical bill. Strong objection was raised to all three measures. The law passed in 1913 by the First Legislature, creating the Board of Uniform Law Commissioners, also will be gutted, it was indicated today, when the committee recommended for passage Senate Bill 33, by Senator Aldrich, repealing the law.

Senator Millard, of Valdez, who proposed to amend the law by providing that no money be paid to any member of the commission for expenses, except as appropriated by the Legislature, declared that the efforts to repeal the law had been promoted by "some jealous lawyers." Senator Aldrich told the Senate that his inspiration for writing the repeal bill came after he had read the expense account handed in by Judge R. A. Gunnison, a member of the commission, who made a trip to Washington to attend the Uniform Law convention. The Senate voted to repeal the law, Senator Millard dissenting.

Senator Millard's bill, which proposed the passage of the Britt memorial asking that the Legislature be given control over the Alaska Fund, and the dental measure was also favored, by the public health committee, Chairman Renton, of the House, and Chairman Stevens, of the Senate, will be paid \$100 each for their services during the session. The Governor having signed the resolution appropriating \$200 for the purpose.

Compensation Act Hearing

The capital and labor committees of the Senate and House will hold a public hearing on the workmen's compensation bills tonight, in the House, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to give its views on the measure.

Senator McGinn's bill to sure the professional juror evil was favored for passage but laid over until tomorrow.

The Aldrich "medical and hospital fee" bill went over to Wednesday. The committee has filed an adverse report on the bill, and it is believed the measure will be killed by indefinite postponement.

By unanimous vote the Senate recommended for passage Senator Sullivan's memorial asking the Alaska road commission to spend \$50,000 of the \$200,000 available this year, for roads in the First Division. Senator Sulzer

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JACKLING STOCKS MAKING NEW RECORDS IN MARKET

Among the stocks to share in the improved market condition are those of the so-called Jackling properties.

Alaska Gold closed today at 37 1/2; Utah Copper at 65; Chino at 44 and Ray at 22 1/2.

Many Improvements Planned

The ready market for stocks and bonds is resulting in plans for great quantities of construction work and improvements on the part of railroads and industrial companies. While the immense orders from Europe are credited with being the direct cause for the sharp advance Friday and Saturday, the continued advance and heavy buying are sustained by the big orders for steel and equipment that are being placed by railroads.

ISLAND TO HAVE ONE MORE MINE

Word was received in Juneau Saturday that the Alaska-Treasure gold mine at Nevada Creek on Douglas Island will be developed, and that work will begin almost immediately. British capitalists have joined with the California owners of the property and will furnish the money to develop the property and work it. It is not stated just how many men will be employed this summer, but the information is that there will probably be a large force.

Considerable development has been done on this property, and a few months ago the California bondholders who advanced the money for the development foreclosed their trust mortgage, and secured title to the property.

The property is said by experts to be one of the most promising in this region of the Territory, and the showing made was sufficiently good to enable the new owners to raise all the money that will be necessary to develop the property into a mine.

Full details of the plans for the development of the Alaska-Treasure property will be made known soon—probably within a week.

ALLIES GAINING IN BELGIUM AND ALSACE COUNTRY

LONDON, April 19.—The British army has begun another drive at an important section of the German line which holds conquered Belgium.

Sharp fighting occurred yesterday in Belgium. An official French report today says that the British captured 200 yards of German trenches and retained their positions in the face of several counter attacks.

The French war office this afternoon announced that substantial progress has been made by the French armies in Alsace. Many German positions have been taken, and counter attacks by the Germans repulsed.

PERIL IN EAST FORCE GERMANY AND AUSTRIA TO ABANDON WEST

ROME, April 19.—Information received here indicates that the German staff has abandoned the plan for a general offensive movement in France and Belgium and to concentrate their efforts to defeat the Russian offensive movement that has made such headway in the East.

This information is said to have been conveyed in official communications to the Italian cabinet as well as having been confirmed by statements of Germans in high official circles.

The Germans admit that the menace of continued Russian successes in the East have compelled them to put aside the hope of a further penetration into France. The Russian successes in the Balkan States and threaten to give the Russians an outlet, through these countries to the Mediterranean and through them into Hungary.

CONFIRMED AT GENEVA

GENEVA, April 19.—The Germans and Austrians have determined to concentrate their energies on the Eastern campaign. It is said that at a council of war presided over by Gen. Von Hindenburg yesterday it was decided to transfer the Austrian heavy artillery that is now before Verdun to Poland, and to send back to Cracow and Western Galicia the Hungarian cavalry that is now on the Western front.

RAILROAD BUILDERS GO WEST

Bringing the first engineers who will be allied with the construction of Alaska's \$35,000,000 railroad, and with every kind of her passenger space taken by stamperders from the States, from Juneau, and many other Alaskan ports, the steamship Admiral Evans arrived in Juneau this morning and will continue on her way to Knik Anchorage late this afternoon.

ASSEMBLY WORKING WITH VIM

The legal counsel question was settled in the Legislature today. By an agreement reached in conference, it was recommended that the original House substitute prevail, giving the Governor the power to appoint legal counsel after adjournment. The Senate had amended the House substitute but by the conference report, the Senate is asked to recede.

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