

# West Wins Two Victories

## *Oleo and Reclamation Bills Get Congress O. K.*

**T**WO MEASURES of great importance to the northwest "got under the wire" before congress adjourned—one an emergency loan of \$5,000,000 to the reclamation bureau to prevent construction work from being stopped, and the other imposing a 10-cent tax on all colored oleomargarine.

The Townsend-Brigham oleomargarine bill was drafted to block the damaging loophole which was created when the internal revenue commissioner decided that oleo colored "naturally yellow" (by using palm oil) was not subject to the 10-cent tax which applied to "artificially" colored butter substitute.

Meanwhile millions of pounds of this "new discovery" oleo were flooding the markets escaping taxation. All yellow oleomargarine is now required to pay a 10-cent tax. THE FARMER wired its strong indorsement of this legislation and urged northwest senators and congressmen to support it.

The \$5,000,000 loan to the reclamation bureau, which had exhausted its finances

because revenues from public lands have been falling off, now provides for the following western project construction, according to Reclamation Commissioner Mead:

Bully creek, Oregon, \$150,000, pipe line to supply orchards in Kennewick division; Yakima project, \$100,000; Baker project, Oregon, \$200,000; Cache valley portion, Salt Lake basin project, Utah, \$300,000, provided the district signs a contract with the government.

Mead said bids would be called for before May to start work upon the Cle Elum dam and reservoir in the Yakima project.

Work under way on the following projects will be continued and contractors notified immediately, Mead said:

Minidoka-Gooding, Idaho, completion of a canal with approximately \$600,000 due on work.

Vale, Oregon, \$200,000 to complete a siphon.

Kittitas division, Yakima project, for completion of siphon under Kittitas river.

Owyhee project, Oregon, approximately \$3,000,000 to meet existing contracts.