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PAY CUT IS URGED FOR ALL OFFICIALS

The Dalles Offers Tax Reduction Plans.

FEWER EMPLOYEES ADVISED

6 Per Cent Drop in Levy for 5 Years Suggested.

TAXPAYERS OFFER IDEAS

Dechutes Judge Declares Much of Fault for High Assessments Is With People.

BY JOHN W. KELLY.
THE DALLES, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—A slash in salaries in all officials, a reduction in the number of employees and a legislative act demanding the valuations and tax levy of 1914 or a decrease of 6 per cent each year for five years, were the suggestions that were made to the state tax investigation commission in this city today.

County officials, as a rule, see no way of bringing about a reduction, but taxpayers are more fruitful of proposed remedies. However, much of the fault for cost items in the tax situation, saying "they voted too much on themselves."

Cut in Salaries Urged.
It is not whether a thing is good or desirable to have, but whether the taxpayers can afford it, it was pointed out by A. S. Bennett, ex-member of the supreme court, Judge Bennett proposed that there be a cut in salaries from state officers all down the line. This, he maintained, is the key to the situation. To begin with, there should be a general reduction of 25 per cent "if we are to get anywhere," and this cut should be made deeper in subsequent years, he added.

A too elaborate system has grown up in all departments and the judge advised returning to the simpler life of 20 years ago, when there were fewer officials, smaller salaries and less luxuries, proposed E. L. Kelly, ex-member of the legislature. He would wipe out all county agents and so-called extension work, but would retain the experiment farms.

A property qualification for voters is favored by Mr. Kelly, or the requirement that bond measures receive a two-thirds of a majority of all voting in order to be carried. He insisted that if the valuation and levy of 1914 is restored the county and other officials will be forced to eliminate non-essentials. Only by such drastic forcing can officials bring about a change, he continued.

Bond Commission Favored.
A state bond commission should be created, according to Judge Sawyer, whose duty it should be to supervise all bond issues to see that the sinking fund requirements are provided. He, too, would restrict voting on financial matters to those who pay the bill.

County assessors should be field agents for a central assessing power, in the belief of the judge, if an equalization of assessment is to be realized.

There should be no curtailment of educational finances, continued Judge Sawyer, except where salaries are too high or instruction unnecessary.

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VISION OF WORLD TODAY, BY LORD NORTHCLEIFFE, TO APPEAR IN THE OREGONIAN.

Lord Northcliffe, Great Britain's premier publicist, one of the best informed men alive on international affairs, has completed a tour of the world. He made a study while on the trip of the situation, the ills and the problems of peoples. His first authorized statement of his observations in the various lands that he visited will be published in The Oregonian next Sunday, March 19. It is entitled by authorization of Lord Northcliffe "A Vision of the World Today." It is one of the most notable and instructive special articles of the season. Don't miss it.

SOUTH AFRICA STRIKE OF MINERS IS ENDED

COMPLICITY IN REVOLUTION REPUDIATED BY FEDERATION.

Police Declare They Have Plenty of Evidence Showing Plot of Bolshevik Forces.

JOHANNESBURG, March 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike of miners which has held South Africa in its grip for more than two months has been called off.

The decision was taken by the old South African Industrial federation, as distinct from the federation's augmented executive. It announced first, that the general strike was null and void; second, that the augmented executive would "fall off the mine strike, and third, that complicity in the revolution against the government was repudiated by the federation.

The police have declared they have voluminous evidence showing that a Bolshevik plot was responsible for the revolution. The revelations will be astounding, they asserted. A government official has declared that the prisoners exceed 5000, and those among them responsible for outrages will be dealt with.

The railway men have resumed work.

A tour of Fordesburg yesterday showed that the place was completely clear of revolutionaries and that the occupation by the government forces had been entirely effective.

Last night was the quietest since the fighting began. The work of clearing out Fordesburg immediately produced a calmer atmosphere all around.

The most militant of the rebel leaders, Fisher and Spendiff, were killed by shrapnel.

NEW BUS TAXES ASKED

Commission to Ask Levy of 5 Per Cent of Gross Earnings.

TACOMA, Wash., March 16.—(Special.)—All buses and trucks, operating on the public highways of the state under exclusive franchises, will be taxed 5 per cent of their gross earnings hereafter, if the legislature adopts a recommendation of the state tax investigating committee, which will soon be sent to Governor Hart.

This information was revealed here today by Reeves Aylmore Jr., secretary to the committee, who was in Tacoma on his way to Olympia to work on the report.

The gross earnings tax will be recommended as an addition to present license fees, Mr. Aylmore said. Transportation companies in 1920 had gross earnings of \$2,000,000.

DEMOCRAT LEAVES PARTY

California Leader Turns Republican Because of Foreign Policy.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Theodore A. Bell, for many years leader of the democratic party in California, today registered as a republican. He gave as his reason "because I believe that the present foreign policy of the republican administration makes a drastic stride towards the maintenance of the world's peace."

He had served as democratic representative from California and was democratic candidate for governor in 1906, 1910 and 1918.

JURY ACQUITS SLAYER

William Sederberg Freed on Charge of Killing Father-in-Law.

TILLAMOOK, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of William Sederberg, charged with the degree murder, brought in a verdict of acquittal just before midnight.

Sederberg shot his father-in-law, James Spencer, following a quarrel between Sederberg and O. D. Spencer. He wounded him in the arm so severely that amputation of the limb was necessary. Death resulted from the operation.

HYLAN TO HAVE REFUGE

"Cyclone Cellar" Being Fitted Up for Gotham Mayor.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A suite, with shower bath, is being fitted up in the basement of the city hall for Mayor Hylan, with a private stairway leading to his official quarters on the floor above.

Political opponents of the mayor facetiously referred to the new suite as a "cyclone cellar." The mayor calls it his "private office."

FIGHT FOR MAN DECIDED

Judge Disposes of Contest for "Mutual Husband."

CANADA'S GHOSTS FLEE TO SAFETY

No Queer Fires or Brutal Attacks Recur.

UNGANNY SPIRIT NOW GONE

Scientist's 7000-Word Report Stirs Up Criticism.

EXPERT DECLARED WRONG

Eyewitnesses to Strange Incidents Accept Verdict as Reflection on Veracity.

HALIFAX, N. S. March 16.—Canada's two ghosts today apparently have been "killed."

Not a peep was reported from Antigonish county after Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, the New York stalker of the ephemeral, last night issued his 7000-word report, expressing belief that mysterious fires in the house of Alex Macdonald could be attributed to Mary Ellen Macdonald, the farmers' foster daughter, subject to "altered states of consciousness." His ghost hunt over, Dr. Prince was preparing to return home tomorrow.

Dispatches from Windsor, Ontario, which yesterday reported the spirit of Len Leonard of Jackson, Mich., walking abroad, stated that no further unquiet incidents have occurred overnight at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Crandall, who charged the ghost with having buried him across the room.

Clergymen Visit House.
Indeed, a ghost would have had a hard time squeezing into the small house, which was thronged all way with the curious. Two clergymen were invited by the family to visit the house to lay the spirit by the power of prayer.

Rev. H. M. Paulin said after his visit that there was no doubt that the family was in a state bordering on fanaticism.

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Miss Hardgrove has denied marriage to Moore.

BIG BOND DEAL CLOSED

New York Bankers to Take Over \$30,000,000 French Issue.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Purchase of \$30,000,000 5 per cent external floating fund bonds of the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean Railroad company has practically been concluded by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City company.

The issue, which matures in 1953, will be publicly issued at 83 and interest. Proceeds will be used for purchase of rolling stock and other improvements.

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Leo MacGillivray, whose reports regarding the phenomena of which he was a witness have been generally accepted as the most valid and

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HOTEL IS 'SHOT UP'; MAN THEN KILLS SELF

FIVE SHOTS FIRED AT PERSONS IN LOBBY.

Laborer Is Hit in Leg, but Not Seriously Injured—Motive for Actions Not Determined.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 16.—After walking into a local hotel late this afternoon and firing five shots at persons sitting in the lobby and injuring one, Richard Snyder, aged about 40, ran into a room of the hotel and shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

Frank John, a laborer, was hit in the left leg by one of the shots, the bullet passing between the bones, but not causing a fracture. Another shot went through John's hat. The other shots went wild.

The police have been unable to determine Snyder's motive. It was declared by witnesses that he shot indiscriminately at persons in the room.

PLATINUM DEPOSIT FOUND

Vast Discovery in Albania Told in Letter to U. S. Mine Director.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Discovery of vast deposits of platinum in Albania was announced today by Constantine A. Chetrez, commissioner to America. The announcement was contained in a letter to Foster Bain, director of the United States bureau of mines, who said the platinum had been unearthed several weeks ago by Professor Zaderholm of the University of Helsingfors, who was in Albania on a mission for the league of nations.

Platinum was found in sufficient quantities to warrant belief that the deposits in the Ural mountains, controlled by the Russian soviet government, would lose their prestige as the world's chief supply of the precious metal, according to the commissioner's letter.

BIGAMIST TRUSTS WIVES

Offender Believes He Can Count on Loyalty of Some.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 16.—An appeal to some of numerous wives is to be made by Isaiah Moore, confessed bigamist, for them to be present in his behalf when he goes on trial here on indictments charging him with bigamy, embezzlement and grand larceny.

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MORE FARM LOANS MADE

Advances Totalling \$2,312,000 for Western States Approved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Approval of 95 advances for agricultural and livestock purposes aggregating \$2,312,000 was announced tonight by the war finance corporation.

The loans included: California, \$22,000; Montana, \$246,000; and Oregon, \$45,000.

KING FUAD SALUTED AS RULER OF EGYPT

VISCOUNT ALLENBY CALLS ON MONARCH IN PALACE.

Head of New Government Pledges Word to Work for Welfare of Beloved Country.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The proclamation of the sultan, Ahmed Fuad Pasha, as king of Egypt, today was accompanied by the firing of salvos of 101 guns in Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said, and of 21 guns in all the other provincial capitals.

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, hitherto the British high commissioner, accompanied by members of his staff, called at the royal palace and congratulated King Fuad, whom he addressed as "your majesty."

Through Premier Sarwat Pasha the king addressed a letter to "our noble nation" in which he said in part: "God has graciously permitted the independence of Egypt to be attained by our hands. We are grateful to God and hereby announce to the world that from today Egypt enjoys independence and sovereignty."

"We have taken for ourself the title his majesty, King of Egypt, in order to insure the country's dignity and its international status. We ask God and the nation to bear witness that we shall endeavor to work for the welfare and happiness of our beloved country. We hope this day will inaugurate an era which will restore Egypt's grandeur."

PASSENGER TRAVEL LESS

Reports Show Traffic Fell Off 20 Per Cent in 1921.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Passenger traffic on class 1 railroads during 1921 was 20 per cent less than in 1920, according to reports compiled today by the bureau of the interstate commerce commission. A similar condition was reported last month as to freight traffic.

Total passenger miles reported for 1921, the number of passengers multiplied by the miles carried, amounted to 37,322,000,000, compared with 46,811,000,000 in 1920. Total revenues from passenger fares were \$1,153,752,000, or \$133,671,000 less than in 1920.

PETS ARE PROVIDED FOR

Fund Left for Care of Manufacturer's Cats and Dogs.

NEW YORK, March 16.—James Bolton, deceased textile manufacturer, was so fond of his cats and dogs that he made a separate bequest in his will, filed for probate today, stipulating that \$5000 be invested in stocks and bonds to provide a fund for their care.

His widow is the principal beneficiary under the will, which disposes of an estate in excess of \$200,000.

CHANCE FOR HOW IS SEEN

That would be extraordinary for the speaker to do under any circumstances, and it alone would be enough to precipitate a row, even if the row were not sufficiently under way anyhow. There is one angle to this reported intention of Speaker Gillette which makes you wonder just what Harding's motive can be and what broad course he may have in mind for the future.

If Gillette recedes from his reported position and lets the republican house leaders have their way, the house bill will go through the house without any more fireworks than can be set loose in 40 minutes. But if Gillette should really attempt repression, there would be quite a different development.

FURIOUS DEBATE EXPECTED

Some other way will be found to get the bill on the floor. There need be no doubt of that. But whatever other form of parliamentary procedure may be found will entail a debate not limited to 40 minutes, but one that will go far, fast and furious. In that debate, if the republicans in congress and the democrats as well as half the things about the administration which they now sullenly sneer at are going to say, there will be a very merry, merry time indeed.

One possible outcome of that situation might be a combination of republicans and democrats to restore the excess profits tax as a means of providing the bonus money, or some other form of unanticipated and unwelcome amendment. Still another development might be an amendment providing for a sales tax to raise the bonus money and a square fight on the sales tax issue. Conceivably that may be the thing Harding and his friends are playing for.

Harding's Motives Considered.
A fight on the clear alternative of bonus plus sales tax against bonus minus sales tax would bring the issue exactly where Harding has always said he wanted it. If the bonus plus sales tax should be adopted, the onus of defeating the bonus might then rest on the democrats and those among the republicans who refuse to favor it in that form.

As a more future-looking motive for Harding's course it may be conceivable that he would not be disposed to see the present republican majority in the house cut down considerably in the November elections. To any one of the 200 republican representatives, each considering his individual case and this moment breaking his neck for re-election, this is a malvolently impious and wickedly treasonable thought. But the general behind the lines is occasionally called upon to consider the larger

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HOT BONUS FIGHT BREWING IN HOUSE

Republican Split Is Deepened Widened.

LEADERS' ANGER AROUSED

Sales Tax May Be Center of Furious Debate.

PROFITS LEVY CONSIDERED

Unanticipated and Unwelcome Amendment to Bill Also Is Considered One Possibility.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—(Special.)—Any reporter with a professional interest in political rows must find himself seriously inconvenienced when the potential contestants are separated as far as the distance between Washington and Florida, and all parties to the row are in one ring and within the focus of a single pair of eyes.

It is difficult to make out the motive of the dispatches which have been coming from the president's entourage and which are published in Washington in the newspaper which is owned by Harding's Florida host. But if it is difficult to determine the motive in Florida there need be no doubt about the result in Washington.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS FURIOUS

The republican leaders who are alluded to in these dispatches are furious and the end of the situation which has been developing for the last ten days or more is now pretty clearly in sight.

First the dispatches said the president was tired of republicans in congress coming to the White House for leadership and then disregarding it. Then they said that Harding would veto the present bonus bill if the republican leaders forced it through.

Finally the dispatches said that Speaker Gillette of the house, who is with the president in Florida, would refuse to recognize the republican leaders when they try to push the bonus bill through, as has been their plan, under the present emergency procedure limiting debate to 40 minutes.

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MILLIONAIRE SPEED FIEND GOES TO JAIL

WEALTHY DETROITER PUNISHED FOR 23-MILE GAIT.

Son of Auto Maker Fined \$100 and Sentenced to Five Days in House of Correction.

DETROIT, March 16.—John Duval Dodge, millionaire son of the late John F. Dodge, Detroit automobile manufacturer, was sentenced to five days in the house of correction and fined \$100 today when he admitted driving his automobile 23 miles an hour—three miles in excess of the speed limit. He was taken to jail.

Judge Bartlett also recommended that Dodge's driver's license be revoked for a year.

Dodge's wife wept as a sentence was passed on her husband.

As Dodge was being escorted from the courtroom he was served with a summons in a damage suit for \$10,000 instituted in behalf of Edwin Schults, 12-year-old newsboy, who is said to have been run down by an automobile driven by Dodge several weeks ago.

The speeding charge was filed against Dodge March 6. This morning his counsel asked for a continuance, saying his client was unavoidably detained in Kalamazoo, where he was arrested Monday charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated and illegally transporting liquor.

Judge Bartlett refused to grant the continuance.

The Kalamazoo case is the outgrowth of a ride following a dance early Sunday, in which Dodge, Rex Earl of Kalamazoo and three girl students of Western State Normal participated and which resulted in Emma Kwakoneck, one of the girls, jumping from the automobile and sustaining serious injuries. Dodge is under \$7000 bond to appear for hearing there March 21.

Twenty-one other motorists were sentenced to terms in the house of correction.

QUART OF POISON TAKEN

Jobless Roseburg Worker Drinks Wood Alcohol, but May Survive.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—J. J. McDonald, recently cook in a local restaurant, endeavored to commit suicide late today by drinking a quart of wood alcohol. McDonald has been ill with influenza and was out of work and without funds.

After drinking the alcohol he reported of his condition and hastened to the office of County Physician Wade and applied for relief. He collapsed while talking to the doctor and was rushed to the hospital, where the poison was taken from his stomach. The doctors believe that he will recover, but fear that he will lose his eyesight.

MR. NORTHRUP NAMED

Local Man Nominated for Receiver of Portland Land Office.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 16.—Frank O. Northrup was nominated today for receiver of the local land office at Portland, Or.

Frank O. Northrup succeeds to the position left vacant by the retirement of George R. Smith, whose term expired February 28. Mr. Northrup has been a resident of Portland for many years and is engaged in the real estate business. With his wife he lives at 153 East Sixty-eighth street. Mr. Smith held the office for the past eight years.

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PRINCESS FATIMA DROPS FROM SIGHT

Lady From Afghanistan Fails to Start Home.

MIND EVIDENTLY CHANGED

Big 44-Karat Diamond Is Still Held by Government.

TRAIL OF DEBT LEFT

British Nation, After Arranging to Take Wanderer Home, Says It Is Through With Her.

NEW YORK, March 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British consul-general was assuring those who inquired that he and the empire he represented have no further interest in the doings of the once wealthy lady who dazed Broadway last summer with her nose jewel, and a little later visited the White House to be ushered into the presence of the president of the United States with all the dignities of a royal guest.

The United States government was holding tight tonight to the 44-karat diamond which the princess naively brought into America without paying duty and then tried to sell. Paul Koch, the lawyer who fought for her when those whose bills she had not paid went to the courtroom, announced that Mrs. Wylie still has the diamond, in whose lodging the princess has remained since last November, said she, too, had reached the end of her patience.

Bills Paid for While.
For a while the princess paid her bills at the boarding house and then for many weeks she overlooked the practice, the landlady said. Three weeks ago the British consul-general took up the burden and continued until after breakfast this morning.

Yesterday Mr. Koch went around to the Waldorf-Astoria, where the princess lived in fine style during her first thrilling weeks in the metropolis, and persuaded the management that inasmuch as the princess had meant well and was going to get out of the country today, it would be a gracious gesture to release her luggage. The heart of the management softened and the luggage was released, although the princess still owed the hotel money. Mr. Koch called at the Narragansett hotel, where the princess also had made her abode for a time without any particular impression being left upon her pocketbook, and that place also released what luggage it had retained.

Bugs Are to Be Held.
John Bull doesn't know where the trunk went after they left the Waldorf. Uncle Sam doesn't know. Mr. Koch doesn't know. Mrs. Wylie doesn't know. But Mrs. Wylie has the bags that the Narragansett released. She is going to keep them because she says the princess owes

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