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SEARCHLIGHT ON RECORD DRY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OREGON REVEALS OFFICIAL HARDSHIPS

Unsympathetic County Officers Impeded Governor's Clean-Up Campaign—Moonshiners Carried on State's Payroll—Unexplained Checks to Anti-Saloon League Head.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—Prohibition investigating committee last night in the closed session following its open meeting, decided to have all meetings in executive session during the inquiry, with the exception that public meetings will be announced from time to time.

Newspaper men will be invited to attend all executive sessions, but on the condition that they are to make public only such matter as the investigators designate.

It was explained that the reason for this is that the committee is unwilling for anything of public character to be made public that would be contrary to public policy or that might hamper the state prohibition department in the enforcement of law. This will apply, for one thing, to the names of operatives of the department.

An invitation was sent to the district attorneys of the state to appear before the committee.

W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the Oregon anti-saloon league declared today that no investigations made by the league in any way involved a United States senator or any other federal officer.

The committee will meet tonight and the records of Mr. Herwig will be perused.

To Aid Market Roads

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—Public hearing on the house bill which would amend the present market roads law will be held by the joint committee of roads and highways at four p. m. Thursday, according to announcement made by Representative Ford chairman of the house group and author of the bill. The measure would give the highway commission closer supervision over market road construction in that county engineer on a market road job would have to be approved by the commission.

More systematic laying out of market roads through the various counties of the state would be provided under the measure. A maintenance fund for repairing market roads after once constructed would be provided.

Measure in The House

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—The house committee on medicine and pharmacy today reported in favor of house bill 45 by Woodward, Multnomah county, providing for physical examination of children in the elementary schools of the state.

House bill 38 providing for repeal of the six and five tenths mill limitation in taxation in school districts of more than 100,000 was reported favorably by the committee on assessment and taxation. The measure was introduced by the Multnomah county delegation. It is designed for the relief of Portland school district number 1. A number of new bills were introduced at the morning session.

Representative Peirce, Coos and Curry counties, has prepared a bill which would limit a trawler's catch on the Rogue river to two salmon a day. Sportsmen have complained that the commercial fishermen who work nets at night descend on the river to troll or to sell their net caught fish to tourist fishermen.

Tax would be levied on tax exempt securities on their inheritance under terms of house bill 79 introduced this morning by German, Multnomah county. The rate

would range from 1 to 12 percent, depending on the amount inherited. The property qualification for voters in school elections where taxation or bonding measures are to be acted upon would be removed by house bill 75 introduced this morning by Woodward, Multnomah county.

Senator Staples today introduced a bill to do away with constables in Multnomah county and place all their work under the sheriff's office.

Another bill introduced by Staples today provides \$5 a day compensation for appraisers of estates.

Daily Grind of Bills

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—The senate yesterday afternoon passed over the veto of last session the Dunn bill exempting estates left to charity from application of the income tax. The bill has special application to the estate of Dr. Bernard Daly who left a million dollar estate to pay the way of young men and women of Lake county through Oregon colleges and universities.

The house adopted a joint memorial calling upon Oregon's delegation in congress to ask for a three cent pound duty on cherries imported into the United States.

Bus and truck lines operating in Oregon would be placed under the public service commission and supervised in about the same measure as railroads under house bill No. 59 introduced by Representative Oakes, of Malheur, and Swan, of Linn county. The bill fixes rates paid to the state for use of its highways on a basis of mileage, weight, and with relationship of cost to the small car owners. It would mean a total of between 10 and 15 percent tax on the gross income of bus and truck lines, according to Swan who points out that the railroads of the state paying the least contributes around 24 percent in taxes.

The fact that a person was armed with a revolver or pistol and did not have a permit to carry the same would stand as prima facie evidence of intent to commit a felony under house bill 63 introduced by Loneragan, Multnomah county.

Finances Discussed Secretly

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—The ways and means committee held its first meeting of the present session last night and began its deliberations by barring newspaper men from attendance. This resulted directly from the statement of one member that he was going to make some drastic remarks on appropriations of state institutions. Senator Beale made the motion to exclude the news writers.

Governor Pierce appeared before the committee and mentioned some of the appropriations that he considers of most importance, these included \$41,000 for the conduct of his office, \$100,000 to complete the new state training school at Woodburn, between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to convert the old training school into a new wing for the eastern Oregon insane hospital, funds for an industrial building at the state hospital in Salem and an appropriation for new buildings at the childrens farm home near Corvallis.

The committee approved the

JAZZ GIRL SLAYER MERELY FACES TERM IN REFORM SCHOOL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Two more young guests at the party at which Dorothy Ellington, 16 year old matron, died danced 12 hours after she had shot her mother, were under arrest today following the questioning by the police last night. They were Earl Kreuter, 17, and a 15 year old boy, both charged with statutory offenses, and Catherine Mosman, booked as a ward of the juvenile court.

Dorothy Ellington is scheduled to appear tomorrow morning in juvenile court for her preliminary hearing on the charge of killing her mother. The decision reached yesterday to take her case out of regular police court channels will, it is said, probably result in her trial in juvenile court and a sentence of imprisonment in a reform school which will release her in a little more than six years, when she is 23 years old.

Another bill introduced by the governor's request for an appropriation for his office, but cut off \$1,000, making the amount \$40,800.

The governor said that out of \$25,000 allowed him by the session of 1923 he had spent \$34,950.

STATEHOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.

Sensation aplenty is promised by the investigation of the state prohibition department which began last night, but the best part may be heard by the public in executive session. Some hints of what is to come were dropped last night. For example Senator Hare asked W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the state anti-saloon league, if he could give the committee information about a conspiracy to trap a certain United States senator. The senator was not named.

"I can," answered Herwig, "and will be glad to do so any time you gentlemen want to subpoena me."

"And do you know something about a gentleman named Weinstein?" Hare asked, "I certainly do," Herwig replied.

He also said he would be glad to tell the committee a lot of other things. "My cards are on the table," he declared. "The anti-saloon league is absolutely committed to the state prohibition department law."

He explained that the purpose of the law was to supplement the work of law enforcement in those counties where prohibition is not well enforced, not in the counties where it is enforced.

Klamath and Grant Worst.

Klamath and Grant counties came in for some rough treatment last night. Governor Pierce declared Klamath county was utterly without enforcement of the prohibition law owing to the lack of sympathy upon the part of the county officials and that he and Mr. Herwig had paved the way there by holding a series of public hearings under conditions that are much better. Geo. L. Cleaver said that when his men went into Grant county, they found one of the law enforcement officers drunk.

After hearing Cleaver, Governor Pierce, Herwig and Joseph Helgeson, Polk county district attorney, in an open session of the committee went into executive session.

The purpose of the executive session was to outline the scope of the investigation and to arrange an orderly procedure if possible.

The open meeting was called for that purpose, but did not succeed, and numerous suggestions were made and some difference of opinion arose as to how the body should proceed. Senator Johnson stood alone for sending broadcast throughout the state a call for anyone who had any charges to make against the prohibition department and then listening to the representatives of the prohibition department and giving them a chance to refute. All other members of the committee were for first getting the records from Cleaver, and he was ordered to produce these forthwith.

Cleaver's records and his report will be checked against records to be furnished by the district attorney's association. The latter have already been prepared for 1923 and Helgeson was requested to have them prepared for 1924. These will show the amount in fines and the number of prosecutions in each county for which the prohibition department is responsible. Cleaver at first objected to producing his records or giving the names of his agents without the consent of the governor, declaring that the governor is head of the department. But he was informed by chairman Garland, that the committee would get them anyway. Cleaver said he would cooperate in any way he could.

Cleaver declared that his report was his opening statement in the probe.

Governor Pierce told the committee he wanted the most careful investigation to be made, asserting that "we have nothing to lose."

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PORTER CALLS CECIL FOR SLUR ON AMERICANS

Charge That More Opium Is Consumed Here Than in India Resented.

BRITON BACKS DOWN

Bolshevism Fostered By Exploitation—Sharp Jab Delivered by London Press.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
GENEVA, Jan. 20.—After tonight's adjournment of the International Opium Conference Viscount Cecil told the press for publicity, that he deemed the present situation in the conference critical and declared he would oppose the American proposal to abolish opium smoking in the far east within fifteen years.

GENEVA, Jan. 20.—Accusing Lord Cecil of Chestnut of slandering the American people when he alleged they were consuming more opium than the people of India, Representative Stephen G. Porter of Pennsylvania today became the center of the most dramatic session in the international opium conference yet held.

The stern rebuke administered by the head of the American delegation was followed by Lord Cecil's immediate withdrawal of his allegation and expressing his profound regret that he had been misled into making an untrue statement.

The conference had scarcely recovered from the tension over the Porter-Cecil incident, when it was again thrilled by Mr. Porter's attack for the west to cease exploitation of the east in opium and by his solemn warning that the world was threatened with bolshevism.

This latter declaration seemed deeply to impress his auditors because of Mr. Porter's position as chairman of the foreign relations committee of the house of representatives.

British Press Jabs U. S.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Scattering comments by British newspapers on the subject of the Geneva opium conference continue to reveal considerable "intuition" at the assumption which, according to cabled reports, is common in America, to the effect that the growing use of heroin and other derivatives of opium in the United States is due to importation of the drug from British India.

The Times today insist that this assumption is wholly unwarranted and that India is not the source, either directly or indirectly of these narcotics.

The Westminster Gazette yesterday, similarly denying Indian origin of the noxious drugs used in America and contending that Great Britain was innocent of any part in the trade said:

"This is the second matter upon which the United States, being unable to enforce her own laws, has attempted to restrict the liberty of other peoples."

RAILROAD VETERAN DIES.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ST. PAUL, Jan. 20.—John Malcolm Rapelle, 68, vice-president of the Pacific railroad, died today in the Northern Pacific hospital here today. He completed 37 years continuous service with the road this month.

Wool Growers Assemble

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Wool growers from all over the United States were gathering here today for the convention of the National Wool Growers' Association, which will open tomorrow. The sessions will take up questions of range, particularly grazing on national forests, of marketing and of tariff protection.

TOTS DIE IN FIRE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 20.—Two children perished and four other children were saved from death by being hurried from a second story window in a fire here today.

Going to Convention

Sheriff Sam Starmer will leave tomorrow for Portland to attend the convention of sheriffs and peace officers. He will remain until Sunday, and will also take in the school to be conducted by Dr. Livville, federal prohibition director for Oregon for an enforcement officers.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF SON IN COURT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 20.

Arthur Hauschild will be arraigned in district court today on the charge of murder growing out of the death of his 3-year-old son, Ray, who died a week ago from what has been ascertained to be poison.

Hauschild was arrested yesterday on a charge of murder following an investigation into the death of the child.

The child was heir to about \$15,000, left in trust for him by his mother, who died in 1923. In the event of the child's death, the bequest provided the estate was to go to Arthur Hauschild.

INCREASE OWN TAX TO BOOST CREDIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Since the publication of income tax payments some business men here have deliberately increased their payments, out of all proportion to their actual income, solely to boost their credit, according to Harry Herkowitz, who is connected with the bureau of internal revenue here.

This desire to boost credit, caused some other persons to increase their income tax payments, since publication of the figures, he said.

YEGGS PAY THIRD VISIT IN A YEAR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MIDFORD, Ore., Jan. 20.—Safecrackers some time Monday night entered the warehouse of the Farm Bureau Co-operative Association here and attempted to rob the safe. They knocked the combination lock and handle off the strong box, but failed to reach the money.

This is the third time in 3 years that the same safe has been a target for robbers.

17-YEAR LAD SUSPECT.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—Police today were holding George Horn, 17, who they declared admitted robbing 20 homes in Portland recently. They arrested him when they found a cache of alleged loot at his home.

LAW USES LONG ARM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 20.—The police today announced that a gun carrying suspect arrested here Thursday, admits that he is John R. Potter, who escaped in 1922 from prison at Walla Walla, Wash., where he had been serving a ten to twenty-year term for robbing a bank at Tacoma.

SENATOR EDWARDS NAMED AS GO-BETWEEN IN BOOZE TRIAL; HIS INDICTMENT MAY FOLLOW

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 20.—Senator Edward J. Edwards of New Jersey was implicated today in the evidence implicating Senator Edward J. Edwards, offered in court today.

George Cutley, counsel for the defense in his opening address to the jury said "the present prosecution was conceived in fraud and inequity" and "bolstered by hatred and malice."

Prior to the Federal prohibition law he said in this and in other communities "was tranquil."

Passage of the Volstead Act, he asserted, had introduced "a cataclysm of injustice."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Edwards of New Jersey today declined to comment on testimony given in court in Jersey City today bringing his name into the Weehawken rum scandal.

The senator told The Associated Press that he would reply to the charges at the proper time and added that any one who undertook to quote him as commenting, did so wholly without authority.

OPERATION OF RAILROADS BY U. S. IS COSTLY

26 Months Control During World War Creates Bill of \$1,674,500,000.

FINAL REPORT FILED

Original Damage Claims of Railroads Pruned Heavily Without Litigation.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Liquidation of claims and counter-claims between the Federal government and the railroads growing out of the governments war time control of the carriers has been practically completed without litigation in any case, James C. Davis, director general of railroads, announced today in presenting his final report to President Coolidge.

With the original aggregating \$768,003,374 claimed as damage by the roads taken over finally scaled down to a total credit of \$243,647,196 for under-maintenance and other items owned by the government, the report showed the government at the same time collected \$195,072,295 for expenditures in excess of requirements, making the net cost of settlement \$48,574,901.

Mr. Davis emphasized in his report that this settlement had been obtained without a single carrier going into court on its claims.

Mr. Davis calculated that the final net cost to the government of its war time railroad control would be \$1,674,500,000. For the 26 months control the government spent \$1,123,500,000 more than it took in as freight, passenger fares and other income. The Interstate Commerce Commission has figured that in addition, it will finally cost \$536,000,000 to pay the government's guaranty of earnings given the roads for the first six months after release from federal control, while about \$15,000,000, was said to be the amount due short line railroads for deficits sustained by reason of the governments control of the main lines.

NEAR-LYNCHERS PLACED ON TRIAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
VALE, Ore., Jan. 20.—Bert and Melvin Lawrence went on trial here today charged with assault with intent to kill. According to the indictment returned by the Grand Jury, the Lawrence brothers caught Ralph Harvey near Ironsides, which is 30 miles from a railroad in the north part of Malheur county, and throwing a rope around his neck and tossing the end over a limb pulled him up until he swung free from the ground. They are alleged to have held him there until his struggles ceased, because of suffocation, then let him down.

They repeated this three times according to the state's charges.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS CONVICTIONS OREGON MURDERERS; COVELL, PARALYTIC, MUST HANG

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—The conviction of Arthur Covell, bedfast paralytic astronomer, who was sentenced to be hanged for conspiring with his nephew, Alton Covell, minor, to kill Mrs. Ebba Covell, was affirmed today by the State Supreme Court. Covell will have to be taken back to Coos county to be resented to death. Mrs. Ebba Covell, the murder victim, was the wife of Dr. Fred Covell, a brother of the condemned man. Alton Covell, the boy, was found guilty of doing the actual killing by suffocating the woman with ammonia, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mrs. Covell met her death September 3, 1923.

The supreme court also upheld

"MA" FERGUSON INDUCTED INTO GOVERNORSHIP

New Executive of Texas, in Inaugural Address, Asks for Team Work.

ADMITS OWN LIMITS

High Ideals Voiced, With Pull Together Plea to Further Progress of the State.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 20.—A woman sits today in the seat of power here since the birth of Texas only men have sat.

A kiss bestowed on the state's oldest official bible, an oath to uphold the laws, a promise to consecrate her life to her state and Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, of Temple, Texas, became the first woman governor of the union's largest state.

The crowd pressing against the doors of the house of representatives to see Mrs. Ferguson inaugurated was so great today that the governor's party could not enter and the inaugural was delayed. Officials in charge at noon were discussing the possibility of holding the ceremonies in the stadium of the University of Texas. No one could get in or out of the hall. Attempts to clear the way within the hall so Mrs. Ferguson could enter only added to the confusion. The aisles were packed and every inch of floor space was covered. Spectators had commandeered seats set aside for members of the senate and refused to give them up when that body appeared at the door of the house. Speaker Satterwhite tried in vain to make room to start the inaugural.

The investiture of the woman governor was a notable event. A few thousand of her fellow citizens witnessed the simple, impressive ceremonies in the hall of representatives while from 20,000 to 30,000 stood outside.

So great was the crowd attempting to witness the inaugural that the governor's party was unable to enter when it called at the door. Six thousand persons jammed the hall. Finally police reserves were called and cleared a passage-way so Mrs. Ferguson could get to the platform.

As she came forth, Mrs. Ferguson was greeted by a tumult of noise and music. "The Old Gray Mare" from Brownwood, which brought the mare herself into the capitol, struck up "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You," as Mrs. Ferguson, accompanied by her husband, former Governor James E. Ferguson, came out to the front of the platform.

Before "Ma" took her seat, the band played "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet."

Barry Miller first was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor. Then Mrs. Ferguson, standing to the left of Chief Justice C. M. Cureton, with her left hand on the old Bible which has served for this purpose since the days of General Sam Houston, took the oath.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 20.—Teamwork is to be the motto of the Ferguson administration, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson declared in her inaugural address here today.

"Recognizing and freely admitting my inexperience in governmental affairs," she said, "I must ask the advice and counsel of others."

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PROGNATHEOUS JAWED DRIVER NEEDED FOR LAZY OFFICERS OF NAVY, SAYS THOS. A. EDISON

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Thomas A. Edison came out today with a few simple ideas for gun elevation of American battleships at little expense and also for getting work out of the navy's personnel.

Gun elevation could be obtained, he said, at little expense by adoption of the Paravane principle. The Paravane, he explained, was a sort of lateral rudder or fin, by which a battleship could be tilted to alter the range of the guns, much after the principle used by submarines in diving or coming to the surface. The \$5,500,000 sought in the naval appropriation for gun elevation, he regards as needless.

"A pound of mercury for each ship, used with the apparatus, will do the trick," said the inventor. He added that his plan had been

sent to Washington and rejected on the ground that it would cause too much retardation of a ship in motion.

"Do you know what the navy needs down in Washington?" he asked. "They ought to have a fellow about six feet tall and with a big jaw about eight inches across from somewhere out in a backwoods county of Kentucky or Missouri for a civilian boss and make the navy officers work. You know, the navy has good material, and some fine fellows in it but they ought to have a driver to make 'em work."

"I'm 78 myself and I work sixteen hours a day but, do you know, I'm almost dying of ennui because I cannot get in more work a day."

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