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## POSTAL RATES WILL CONTINUE ANOTHER YEAR

### Congress Defers Revision to Permit Ample Time for Careful Study.

## AIR BUREAU O. K.'D

### Tax Reduction Measure Is On Way to Enactment—Christmas Recess to Be Taken.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Congressional action was completed today on a resolution to authorize continuance of existing postal rates until the next session of congress convenes next December.

The House adopted a Senate resolution to continue the existing rate structure to enable a further study of its effect on postal revenue.

The new congress took its first actual step today toward carrying into effect the recommendations of President Coolidge's air board.

A bill by Senator Hingham, republican, Connecticut, for encouragement of civil aviation, was reported by the senate commerce commission.

The bill provides for a commerce department bureau of civil aeronautics and an additional assistant secretary of commerce to coordinate all government facilities for the development of civil aviation.

Provision is made for lighting airports and air ports, licensing of commercial pilots, inspection of commercial craft by government inspectors and special weather reports for aircraft.

### Grinding on Tax Bill.

Debate on the tax reduction bill in the House today again developed bipartisan support for it, increasing hopes of leaders for its passage next week.

Representative Garner of Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee, which framed the bill, told the house he expected it to pass the measure by December 12. General debate will continue under the rules until tomorrow night. On Monday the bill will be taken up for amendment.

Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, a republican member of the committee, in opening the debate today, lauded general provisions of the measure. He said prohibition enforcement would not be affected by the proposed reduction in alcohol taxes.

Congress was asked today by Representative Bloom, democrat, New York, to solve the domestic servant problem. He introduced today a bill to lift immigration restrictions on European women, established beyond question in the careers of cook and housemaid.

Sentiment among livestock men of the west is for modifications of the regulations covering the grazing of cattle on public lands. President Coolidge was told today by Senator Odde of Nevada, a member of the senate public lands committee. A decrease in grazing fees also is urged by the cattlemen, the senator added.

## BOOZE IN BANKER CONVENTION ROOM LEADS TO TROUBLE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 11.—Finellas county officials were continuing inquiry today to determine who is responsible for the presence of 33 quarts of whiskey and three gallons of fine rum in a Sereno Hotel room yesterday. The whiskey was seized by Chief Deputy Sheriff Strickland in a raid on a room used as a lounge or reception room by delegates attending the convention of the investment bankers of America.

No arrests were made up to a late hour last night in connection with the raid on public lands. President Coolidge declared that he would seek a warrant for James A. Coad, executive vice president of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, host of the convention. Mr. Coad last night denied knowledge of the whiskey. Friends of Mr. Coad said if he is arrested they would furnish a \$10,000 bond.

## ARA WOMAN'S CHOICE; INTERVENES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SALIS, N. Y., Dec. 11.—A woman was rescued from Niagara River a few feet above the American side. She was seen to run through the park near the falls and later was discovered in the water, floating toward the catwalk. Employees of the state reservation waded out and brought her to shore. She was sent to the hospital. The woman refused to identify herself.

## STOLEN BONDS OF SHEDD BANK LAND QUINTET IN JAIL

### Attempted Sale Tipped Off to Police in Portland and Arrest Follows—3 Ex-Convicts.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Five men were held in the county jail here today or investigation in connection with the robbery of the bank at Shedd, Oregon, Tuesday. Officers were also trying to determine whether the suspects had any connection with the holdup of the Troutdale bank yesterday.

The men were arrested last night at a home in Portland where six years ago three men were caught following the holdup of the Clarendon Tavern.

The sheriff's office gave out the names of the men held in jail as Wallace Witzel, an ex-convict out of Oregon; Mike Welch, an ex-convict out of Walla Walla; Charles L. Griffin, a former inmate of Monroe, Wash., reformatory, and Vincent Murphy.

### Try to Sell Stolen Bonds.

They were arrested as the result of a report to the district attorney's office that \$5700 of the bonds taken from the Shedd bank.

Witzel, Welch and Murphy are the direct suspects, according to deputy sheriff Griffin was arrested, they say, because he was in the house with the others.

Sheriff Frank Richards of Albany is expected to come to compare fingerprints taken at Shedd with those of the suspects.

The name of the person to whom the bonds were offered, according to the district attorney's office, is being kept secret. It was stated, however, that the man made a list of the offerings and found all except one bond to be fine securities easily negotiable.

About \$10,000 was stolen from the Shedd bank and these securities were listed among the losses, the local authorities said.

James Ogle, Walter ("Dutch") Bannister and David Smith were arrested at Murphy's place November 22, 1919, and sentenced to life on their plea of guilty that they killed George E. Postinger and J. Newburg in the robbery at Clarendon Tavern, November 21, 1919. Since they were sentenced, Ogle has been shot and killed by a prison guard during a bull pen riot.

The report that led to the arrests was made by John L. Etheridge, bond dealer, to whom one of the men, calling himself Murphy, tried to sell the stolen securities. He told Murphy he would give his decision Saturday night, then informed the officers.

Only \$2250 of the \$10,000 Shedd bank loss was in the form of negotiable securities, according to the local authorities, who suspect that the men may have been in other robberies that yielded bonds.

## FAST BOXING CARD EXPECTED TONIGHT

A large crowd is anticipated for the boxing card to be presented tonight by the Roseburg boxing commission at 8:30 o'clock in the armory. The fact that Ace Boles, popular Marshallfield boxer, is to meet Charlie Dundee, a local favorite, in the 10-round main event, is expected to bring out many ardent and interested fight fans from Roseburg and the Coos Bay district.

The ground semifinal between Ryan and Williams, the former of Roseburg and the latter of Coos Bay, will also be an interesting match.

## ANOTHER WORLD WAR MEANS END CIVILIZATION

### British Statesman Sounds Warning at Conference League of Nations.

## NEED MUTUAL TRUST

### Turkey Demands Hand Off in Mosul—Japan Says Idea of War with U. S. Absurd.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
GENEVA, Dec. 11.—An invitation for the United States to participate in the work of preparing for the proposed international disarmament conference under the auspices of the League of Nations probably will be dispatched to Washington as soon as it is signed by Signor Scialoja, president of the League's council.

The council has spent some time in drawing up the invitation, as its leaders are eager to frame a communication which will be most likely to obtain the collaboration of the Washington government. The present tendency is in favor of sending the United States a simple invitation to become a member of the League's preparatory commission.

The general impression in Geneva is that League leaders, although hoping that the United States will undertake full fledged official membership in the commission, would accept any form of collaboration the Washington government felt it could extend.

In this connection it is recalled that American ambassadors to Switzerland have participated in the role of observers and helped to elaborate the text of the draft convention for the control of the traffic in arms and that the United States participated in the arms traffic conference.

GENEVA, Dec. 11.—The Turks have made known that they will have no part in any further discussion by the council of the League of Nations on the dispute between Great Britain and Turkey over the Mosul oil region. The commission which is endeavoring to formulate an agenda for an international disarmament conference, is proceeding with its task.

Viscount Cecil, the British statesman, in an interview with The Associated Press, has outlined the difficulties in the way of solving the disarmament problem and the basis for hopes that they finally will be successfully surmounted.

The chief obstacle to disarmament was the desire for security, cause of suspicion and jealousy of nations, he said. Some amelioration in this spirit has been brought about.

"The more nations become in the habit of referring disputes to pacific settlement," he said, "the less they will regard one another as potential enemies."

### Dire Warning Sounded.

Recalling Lord Grey's statement that the world must disarm or perish, Lord Cecil said:

"A future World war would almost certainly destroy civilization. That is why the peoples of Europe are demanding so insistently that their governments agree to a scheme of disarmament."

Lord Cecil said the first factor making the outlook for disarmament brighter was financial. Next came the obligation of the "allied" and associated powers in the Versailles treaty to further a general scheme of disarmament and their assurance to the former enemies that their disarmament was only the first step toward a general reform in that direction. He emphasized that assurance was explicitly repeated at Locarno.

### Japan Says Time Not Ripe.

TOKYO, Dec. 11.—Premier Taka today discussed with The Associated Press the subject of disarmament, socialism, America and China, and declared Japan gladly would participate in any legitimate disarmament conference, but he believed the time was not ripe at present for such a conference to prove successful.

The premier did not believe that Russia would enter such a conference and he also feared that certain European countries were not yet ready.

## Convict Tom Murray Not to Hang Next Friday; Supreme Court Writ Allows Time to Pass on Appeal

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—The state supreme court, just after noon today, granted a writ of probable cause to Tom Murray, convict of the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12 and sentenced to hang December 18, after listening to arguments on the motion of Will R. King, Murray's attorney, and District Attorney John Carson for two hours.

The writ signed by Justice Rand, automatically stays the execution of Murray until the supreme court passes upon the appeal, which will be perfected and filed within the next few days.

The chief points argued by Murray's counsel were that the state has no authority to execute him for murder of Guard Sweeney until he has completed service on the 20-year term he is serving in the penitentiary for bank robbery; that Murray was tried on the murder charge without being removed from the state prison by a writ of habeas corpus; that in the killing of Guard Sweeney he was acting in self defense, which plea was ruled out by the lower court and that part of the testimony introduced by the state in Murray's trial was a statement made to the district attorney by Murray in the prison, and that said statement was taken without informing the defendant of his rights or telling him that he was addressing the district attorney.

Judge King also took exception to remarks made by the district attorney during the trial in the lower court, arguing that they were irregular and inadmissible as evidence and that they tended to influence the jury against the defendant.

## NATIONAL BANKS RESTRICTED TOO CLOSELY, CLAIMED

### Comptroller Asks More Freedom for Them to Halt Decreasing Resources.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The National banks throughout the country are feeling more and more the restrictions laid around them by federal statutes, and greater freedom for them was described as imperative in the annual report of J. W. McIntosh, comptroller of the currency, made public today.

The comptroller cited detailed statistics to show an increasing exodus from the national banking system, and he predicted it would continue until the national banking laws are amended.

To accomplish the needed relief, Mr. McIntosh strongly urged enactment of the McFadden bill, a measure which was passed by the house last congress but which never was reached by the senate.

"It is a well known fact," the report added, "that many National banks are anxiously awaiting enactment of such a bill as that which failed at the last session of congress. If they cannot at this time obtain some such amendments to their charter powers as are therein proposed, there will be a still greater exodus from the national system."

Mr. McIntosh said that although the resources of the national banks had steadily increased from year to year and the condition of the individual banks remained strong, the relative increase nevertheless in the total resources of the national institutions had been slowly falling off as compared with the resources of state banks and trust companies. He mentioned that during the forty year period ending with July 1, 1924, the total resources of national banks had fallen from 75 per cent of the total banking resources of the country to about 47 per cent. The last 18 months, he said, had witnessed a further shrinkage in the proportion of the total resources held by the national banks. The report says:

"The individual national bank is always ultimately able to take care of itself in meeting the competitive conditions due to more favorable state laws by giving up its national charter and going into the state system. But the gradual loss of national banks and the consequent decrease in relative resources of the national banking system is of primary concern to the national government not only because the national banks form the logical and permanent basis of the federal reserve system but also because only through the national banking system can there be maintained throughout the United States a standardized system of banking subject to the visitorian powers of the federal government and subservient at all times to the will of congress."

## BERLENBACH GETS SECOND CHANCE AT DELANEY TONIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Paul Berlenbach of Astoria, N. Y., light heavyweight champion of the world, faces the greatest test he ever has known when he meets Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn., tonight in the Madison Square Garden, the first championship contest in the new sport arena.

More than 20,000 persons are expected to attend this engagement scheduled for 15 rounds to a decision. Delaney knocked out Berlenbach in four rounds at the old Garden in March 1924.

The Astoria champion is a much improved boxer. When he met Delaney the power of his fists was great, but he had not developed a method of defense against the sharp shooting tactics of the Bridgeport man. Delaney stands up straight, at times dropping his arms to his sides, his speed carrying him out of danger.

He is reported to have reproached some factions of the Bent Priague and Bent Booyas tribes for having facilitated the landing of the Spaniards at Albuquerque. Meanwhile political advances designed to bring about the surrender and subsequent disarmament of all tribesmen are being made by both the French and Spanish authorities and, it is said, with increasing success.

## MONEY WANTED TO PROVIDE FOR ANIMAL HUNTER

### Government Hunter to Slay Predatory Animals Asked by Sportsmen.

### ONLY \$750 NEEDED

### County Court to Be Asked to Provide Fund—System Said to Be Efficient.

An appropriation of \$750 to be taken from the county bounty fund and to be used in cooperation with the state and government in the employment of a federal hunter to aid in the eradication of predatory animals, will be asked of the county court by local sportsmen and stockmen. The tax league at its recent meeting recommended the appropriation of \$500 for this purpose, but as cooperation cannot be obtained with an appropriation of less than \$750 the court will be asked to set aside that amount from the bounty fund.

The bounty system is obsolete in many counties. In fact, Josephine and Douglas counties are the only two counties in the state now using the bounty system exclusively. In spite of the fact that these counties have been using this system for years, and have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in bounties, predatory animals are more numerous than ever before.

The annual loss on poultry, sheep, hogs, and cattle as the result of the activities of predatory animals, ranges from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, it is claimed. There is no estimate of the game slaughtered, but it is generally conceded that each coyote and wolf will kill on an average of one deer each week.

As the wild game life of Douglas county is one of its greatest assets, sportsmen maintain that every safeguard should be provided to prevent the killing of game animals by wolves, coyotes and cougars.

Thirty thousand coyotes have been killed in Oregon in the past two years, according to the statistics of the national wool growers' association, but in spite of this large number killed the number of animals in many counties has not decreased. Each coyote, it is estimated, does damage during his lifetime of more than \$50, while each wolf and cougar costs \$200.

The bounty system, it is alleged, has failed to get results, in spite of the fact that over one million dollars was expended in a period of 10 years. The government hunter system, which has been in use only a comparatively short time, has proven very efficient and good results have been obtained in counties where proper cooperation is given.

The state is spending thousands of dollars to propagate wild game life. It is claimed, while stockmen are investing thousands of dollars each year in bettering their herds and flocks. In view of these expenditures an appropriation of \$750 to destroy predatory animals is well justified, it is maintained.

Under the government hunter system the county and state funds pay the salary of a full time hunter, while the government pays all expenses. The man does nothing but hunt down predatory animals, using poison wherever possible, so that his work will be more widespread. As he does not claim bounties on the animals killed, he rid the county of many animals at a low cost.

## JOHN JACOB ASTOR MEMORIAL PLANNED BY GREAT NORTHERN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Plans for a memorial to John Jacob Astor, founder of Astoria, Captain Robert Gray, discoverer of Columbia river, and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, to be built by the Great Northern Railway and Vincent Astor, were accepted here today by the Park commission.

The monument will stand 129 feet high and will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 according to Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern who arrived here this morning in his special car.

The monument will be erected on Coxcomb Hill, in the center of John Jacob Astor Memorial Park. Work will be started in February and the unveiling will be on July 22 when the Great Northern annual historical expedition reaches here from St. Paul.

## PRISONER WORKING ON COUNTY ROAD GANG ESCAPES

Reedsport Prisoner Makes Attempt to Escape and in Confusion Another Disappears.

## TURKEY MARKET TAKES ADVANCE TO 46 CENT PRICE

The turkey market advanced today to 46 cents, with one firm offering that price for delivery on Tuesday. Reports received from the north were that buyers were meeting the advance and that birds are being purchased on 46 cent basis throughout the county. Many orders are continuing to pour in upon local buyers from outside wholesale firms, and apparently the market is quite strong. The 46 cent price is for number 1 stock, with an 8 cent drop on number 2 birds. Receipts so far have been light, and it is evident that the majority of growers will hold off their birds until next week in spite of the early buying now in progress.

## MURDERER HEARS OF HIS DOOM FOR THE FOURTH TIME

### Firing Squad Will Record Last Chapter of Legal Battle of Nearly Two Years.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 11.—Sentenced to face a firing squad on January 15, 1924, Ralph W. Seybold, spent last evening in his cell making a woman's beaded purse. The youthful murderer—he is 24 years old—yesterday heard the words pronouncing his doom uttered for the fifth time. He was convicted by a jury in the Utah district court on April 1, 1924 for the murder of Patrolman David H. Crowther on October 23, 1923. Various court actions have carried the case along since that time.

Seybold expressed a hope that he might see his father and mother, who live at Defiance, Ohio, before he dies, but declared that he hardly thought that they would come here. He hears from his father regularly, and last week when the warden of the penitentiary carried to him the news that the state board of pardons had denied his last appeal for clemency, he also handed the condemned man a letter from his father.

"And it was only a two-page letter when usually received an eight-page letter," plaintively remarked Seybold.

Seybold said he had a wife and baby at Westerville, Ohio, and that he had never heard from his wife nor seen his child.

### Through Malices of the Law.

Seybold was arrested at San Bernardino, California, several weeks after Crowther's body was found some distance west of this city. He was brought back, tried and convicted by a jury on April 1, 1924. On April 5th sentence was first pronounced. June 4 was the date fixed.

An appeal to the supreme court automatically acted as a stay for Seybold. The case was argued and lost. On April 25, execution was set for May 29. On May 28 Governor George H. Dern granted a reprieve, and on August 22 the board of pardons again refused to commute the sentence. For the third time, on August 28, Seybold heard the death sentence pronounced. This time the court named September 11. A writ of certiorari acted as another stay because less than 20 days separated the two dates and execution was again fixed for October 29. Acting Governor H. Crockett granted another reprieve enabling the board of pardons to review new evidence.

For two days last week the board heard witnesses and read affidavits but refused further clemency.

"I'm not through fighting yet," said Seybold.

## FRENCH MINISTER WOULD PAY AMERICA AHEAD OF ENGLAND

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Finance Minister Loucheur told the financial committee of the Chamber of Deputies today that it was necessary to liquidate France's debt to America before that owed to Great Britain.

M. Loucheur expressed the desire of the government to make fiscal reforms and stabilize the franc after the settlement of the inter-allied debts.

## BROTHER OF POLICE OFFICIAL FACING MURDER CHARGE

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Michael J. Enright, a laborer of Campbell, brother of Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright of New York, was formally charged with murder, first degree, this afternoon in connection with the death yesterday at the Enright farm of Timothy Shay, also a laborer on the farm.

## TOLL OF DEATH AMONG MINERS NOW TOTALS 53

### 44 of Victims of Alabama Horror Are Negroes, 9 Are White Men.

### 50 BODIES TAKEN OUT

### Worst Disaster of 17 in 21 Years That Have Caused 716 Lives—Cause Not Determined.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—With a death list of 53 believed to have been definitely determined, rescue workers were making efforts today to remove three bodies remaining in Overton Mine No. 2, which was partly wrecked by a gas explosion yesterday. The bodies remaining in the mine are those of two white men and one negro. Of the bodies already removed, 43 are negro and seven white.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—Twenty-six bodies were brought from the Overton mine number 2 this morning, bringing the total removed to 48. Mine officials and rescue workers believe that five bodies still remain in the mine, but have abandoned hope that the men would be found alive.

Mine officials expressed the belief that the total death list would not exceed 53 as they estimated that all bodies except five had been recovered. Rescue crews worked all night and continued their labors today, hoping to remove, before nightfall, the remaining bodies. The explosion was one of the worst of the 17 large ones which, since 112 lives were taken in the Virginia mine disaster in 1905, have killed 716 mine workers in this state.

The Overton mine is the property of the Alabama Fuel and Iron company and is considered by federal and state mine officials one of the best equipped in the Alabama field. The blast did not wreck the air machinery, and this aided the rescue parties.

The cause of the blast probably never will be learned positively. Some of the mine workers believed it was caused by a miner striking a match, which is forbidden, or by a "windy" shot.

It is believed that most of the bodies unrecovered are those of negro workers.

Relatives of the victims were not allowed to view the bodies. Identification was being carried out with great difficulty. Some may never be identified.

Worried watchers kept vigil about the pit's mouth through the night. Rain began falling at daybreak, but women hoping to find their loved ones yet alive, never judged from the guard lines.

One woman who heard the blast yesterday, while she was about her household duties and knew its meaning, had never for a moment left the mouth of the pit.

## ANOTHER TURMOIL MENACES IRELAND; PARTITION CAUSE

DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—The Irish republicans, whose representatives in the Dail Eireann signed a declaration last night, declaring unalterable opposition to the partitioning of Ireland, now are contemplating the possibility of securing a referendum on the London boundary agreement.

It is believed, however, that because of their numerical minority in the dail and the senate, they will be unable to fulfill the necessary preliminary conditions.

Before a referendum is possible there must be a demand by two-fifths of the members of the dail or a majority of the senate.

## TURKEYS WANTED BY FIRMS NEXT WEEK

The Economy Market is today notifying the turkey growers of the county to bring their birds in on next Wednesday and Thursday, December 16 and 17. The Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange asks the growers to make deliveries to their firm on Tuesday, December 15th, instead of the 16th as previously announced. Both firms announce they have a large number of orders to be filled.