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## LEGISLATURE BEGAN THIRD WEEK TODAY

Ten Bills Now Ready for the Third Reading in Both Houses

### PIERCE MEASURES TO APPEAR SOON

Pierce Understood to Be Not in Accord With Committee on Tax Investigation on Some Proposed Bills.

SALEM, Jan. 22. (2:30 p.m.)—Senator Bruce Dennis declares that the key to tax reduction in Oregon is contained in a bill which he will probably introduce today, providing for tax leveling bills during 1923 and 1924, from levying a tax amounting to one-half of one percent of the tax levied in 1920. Two exceptions would be made for the purpose of paying interest on principal to become due on bonded indebtedness heretofore contracted and for payment of salaries fixed by which shall effect a saving of one percent of the tax levied for same year for 1922. Senator Dennis will also introduce a joint resolution calling for an amendment that will provide that the majority of the registered voters of the state shall be necessary to amend the constitution instead of a majority of the vote cast.

SALEM, Jan. 22.—With nine bills slated for the third reading in the house and six in the senate, the state legislature began its third week today. The measures are expected to appear this week. The bill which will allow Wednesday for a visit to the Oregon Agricultural college, at Corvallis. The bill covering the program of the state commission on tax investigation was distributed in pamphlet today but none have yet been distributed. While a member of the committee it was said that he was not in full agreement with other members on all of the bills.

Pierce Recommends Economy. SALEM, Jan. 22.—Governor Pierce today issued a statement which three weeks of hearings has made it evident that constructive legislation will be accomplished toward tax reduction. He recommended the passage of the income tax, following the federal law, urged the passage of a measure consolidating the departments and doing away with many commissions.

Both Houses Active. SALEM, Jan. 22.—The house passed the Woodford bill regarding all school districts over ten thousand population to establish special instruction for students classified as exceptional. The senate passed the Edley bill giving the county courts the power to contract for bridges up to \$25,000. The senate reduced the maximum from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

OPENING ROAD BIDS. Bids for the 1923 road bond quota, set at \$400,000, are being opened this afternoon at the observatory goes to press, in the courthouse in the presence of the county court.

## Deranged Man Shoots 5 Persons; One Fatally

DENVER, Jan. 22.—A woman was killed, two men were probably fatally wounded and two other persons, one the husband of the slain woman, and a 5-year-old boy were injured, when a deranged man, who had been confined in a lunatic asylum, shot his way into a house today and shot down five persons. The slayer, said by victims of the shooting and other persons in the house to be Louis Christoff, a 30-year-old man, shot his way into the house from the back of the house. He then shot down five persons. Mrs. Christoff, the slain woman, wife of Mrs. Nider, secretary of the house, was shot in the back of the head. Her husband, who was shot in the chest, was taken to the hospital. The boy, who was shot in the arm, was taken to the hospital. The other two persons, who were shot in the arm and the leg, were taken to the hospital.

## FUNERAL OF WALLACE REID IS ATTENDED BY ABOUT TEN THOUSAND

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—A throng estimated at 10,000 persons late Saturday filled the First Congregational church and overflowed upon the pavement in front of the edifice while funeral services were being held for Wallace Reid, popular screen actor who died in a Hollywood sanatorium Thursday as a result of an illness brought about, according to relatives, by his struggle to quit the use of narcotics. All day a line of men, women and children drawn from film workers, film fans and admirers of the dead actor from every walk of life passed quietly before the bier where the body of Reid, attired in one of his favored tweed sport suits, lay in state.

## MARKETS HOLD A STEADY TONE

Supply of Funds Abundant; Conditions in Industrial Field Very Excellent.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Although financial markets have shown themselves somewhat sensitive to developments in the Ruhr during the past week, their tone has been notably steady. This condition generally has been attributed to signs of good domestic business, easy money and to a philosophical attitude toward the European situation. The country's supply of funds is abundant as shown by the behavior of the money market and the character of the Federal reserve bank statements, and by the extraordinary ease with which nearly two-thirds of a billion dollars in new capital issues have been absorbed during the first three weeks of January. With both note circulation and deposit liabilities at the reserve banks showing a continuing increase and with reserves growing rapidly because of additional gold imports, the reserve ratio of the system as a whole has risen from 71.8 per cent to 74.1 during the past two weeks. The latter ratio approximates that existing during the year fall and is actually slightly higher than that of a year ago, although some gold has been newly mined and absorbed.

Steel in large quantities is still wanted for building construction, railroad building and by the oil industry while the nature of agricultural requirements now require increased activity. Great optimism prevailed in the automobile trade, a record year being expected. In most quarters there is a disposition partly to suspend judgment on the French advance into the Ruhr. It is felt that the occupation is an economic injury to both of the countries involved and that the prospects of success such as the way of reparations are poor. Well informed quarters also minimize the British debt mission's departure without having completed an arrangement. It is pointed out that the operation is huge and will have momentous consequences. Proposals to look on the excellent relations maintained by the two commissions and the strictly forward and business like attitudes which both have adopted. Substantial progress toward an agreement is believed to have been made and it is expected that the negotiations will be completed by cable after the British mission has had an opportunity to confer with its government.

## WOMAN KILLS ONE; TURNS GUN ON SELF

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 22.—Germine Bethon, aged 70, woman anarchist, entered the offices of the Royalist newspaper L'Action Francaise today and fired two shots, killing Marius Plateau, one of the paper's officers. She then shot herself in the breast and was taken to the hospital.

## SLEEPING ILL HITS PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Sleeping sickness has claimed four victims in Portland since January 1, and nine others are now ill with the disease, records of the city health bureau show, states the Oregonian. The two latest deaths were those of Mrs. Jack Munson, 35, of Astoria, who succumbed Saturday night at Good Samaritan hospital, and Ronald Greenwald, 24, who died at his home, 650 Lovelock street. Mrs. Munson's mother, Mrs. Thomas Braas, lives at 350 East Forty-fourth street, this city. Physicians declare almost unanimously that the illness is not communicable, but many has accounted for its presence in almost epidemic form.

## LA GRANDE PASTORS TRADE PULPITS FOR MORNING SERVICE

Congregations in the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches were victims of a surprise yesterday morning. Without warning, or notice, George H. Quinley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, walked into the Presbyterian pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour, and at the same moment Mr. Ross, of the Presbyterian church, assumed the pulpit at the Methodist church. The innovation was keenly enjoyed by both audiences and both ministers.

## BULLETINS

MAN LINGER IN HOSPITAL. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Max Linder, French motion picture comedian, who made pictures here several months ago, was possibly fatally injured in the Swiss Alps recently when he was caught by an avalanche and swept 1000 feet down a mountainside according to advices received here in his Los Angeles representative, Robert Florey. Linder is in a hospital in Langgange suffering from fractures of both arms, internal injuries and a possibly broken neck. Florey said he was informed.

## MRS. CURREY PASSES AWAY

Death of Former Resident of La Grande Comes This Morning About 7 O'Clock in Portland.

The sad news of the passing away of Mrs. Carrie E. Currey, wife of Fred B. Currey, at her home in Portland this morning at about seven o'clock came as a shock to her son and to her host of friends in this city. Mrs. Currey was a resident of La Grande until about two years ago, when they moved to Portland, where they have since made their home. Her death came as a result of pneumonia, although she has been an invalid for many years, due to a long-standing illness. Her son, Roy B. Currey, accompanied by his wife, will leave for Portland this evening to attend the funeral services. Mrs. Currey leaves a husband, two daughters, Carol Currey, of Corvallis, Oregon, and Gladys Currey, of Portland; a son, Roy B. Currey, of La Grande; a mother, Mrs. S. G. Benson, and a brother and sister, H. Benson and Mrs. A. G. Serio, all of San Jose, California.

## COVE MEN TO ATTEND CLUB LUNCH TUESDAY

Tomorrow noon representatives of the Cove Commercial Club and of Cove in general will sit side by side with the members of the Union County Ad Club at the regular weekly noon day luncheon. Reported as coming nearly a more strong, the body of Cove men will present a plea asking for the Ad Club's support in the endeavor to secure a paved road between Island City and Cove. "We want a permanent road" is their universal cry. "Every cent of the \$275,000 voted for the purpose of building the road should be spent to the end that we have the best road that that money can buy."

## HOUSE FAVORS NAVY LIMITING

Naval Appropriation Bill, Containing Congressional Request for Limitation of Naval Armament, Signed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The naval appropriation bill, which included the request by congress that the president negotiate for further limitation of the naval armament, was signed today by the house.

## AUF WIEDERSEHEN!



## FARM BLOC MAY EXTEND ITS SCOPE

SALEM, Jan. 22.—While the agricultural bloc formed in the house by about twenty members the first day of the session still is marking time waiting for something agricultural to develop. Representative A. R. Hunter of Union, one of its most vigorous proponents, looks ahead to its operations as being decidedly beneficial. "While he had about 20 members to begin with many more are requesting an opportunity to come in. I believe our little bloc is going to be a decided factor before the session is over. From the senate side we have had numerous bills to get in and probably next week we will have another session with a material, enhanced membership."

## LA GRANDE IS WINNER BY TWO POINT MARGIN

Enterprise Quintette Nearly Beats Local Team in the Roughest Game of Season. Saturday games. At Enterprise: La Grande 33, Enterprise 31. At Salem: Elgin 19, Union 12. In one of the roughest games of the season, La Grande high school defeated Enterprise at Enterprise Saturday evening by two points. With the score 21 to 19, Lynch dropped two points through the hoop in the last twenty seconds of the game, saving the contest for the local five, the final score being 33 to 31. By winning from Enterprise, La Grande completed their hardest trio of out-of-town games of the season and emerged with but one loss. The game was close throughout, the score being 16 to 12 in favor of Enterprise at the end of the half. Weakness by the loss of Hank Hummel and Billie, who ruled out on account of personal fouls, the La Grande team arose on their benches and, following the example that has been set many times before during the season, overcame almost hopeless odds and grabbed a victory from what looked like a certain defeat.

Just about forty personal fouls were called on both teams during the game. Game refereed but fair was the verdict of both judges. In many respects the game resembled a football contest, although the floor work of both teams was excellent. Poor foot shooting on the part of La Grande was responsible for the close score, although La Grande indeed missed more field baskets than did the Black and White. Hummel went good for seven minutes, then went out. Lynch played a fair game and Bob Garrity proved his right to mention also. The work of the La Grande team was ranged in spots but in the whole went very well. La Grande takes on two games this week, Waterloo coming here on Friday evening and the Blue and White entertaining Elgin Saturday evening. With a few days' rest and a chance to recover from the rigors of the four-day Lynch trip, the team is hoping to add a couple of more victories to their list.

THE WEATHER (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Tonight and Tuesday rain in the west; cloudy but warmer in the east portion. Tuesday with fresh westerly winds. WHEAT MARKET (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Hard white wheat advanced. Other grades are \$1.20 to \$1.25.

## HUNS CHANCE FOR COUNTER INDEMNITY BIG

Earth Tremor of Many Seconds Duration Hits Sacramento Early Today. (By Associated Press) SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 22.—An earthquake of several seconds duration shook Sacramento and valley towns early today. The shock stopped in the weather office and several minor reports of damage in this zone was received, among them being a report that the gas tanks at Williams were damaged.

## Mine Strikes Are Called

State Mines Have Resumed Operations With Troops Withdrawn. BERLIN FORBIDS COAL TOWING NOW. No Sluices to Be Opened for Passage of Barges Carrying Coal Seized by French.

(By Associated Press) ESSEN, Jan. 22.—An order from the Berlin government today forbids Canal employes in occupied territory from towing any coal barges seized by the French or to open sluices for passage. Strikes in all mines whose directors have been arrested by the French are in partial or complete progress today. The state mines resumed operations, the troops having been removed.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The picture of Germany's counterclaim of future claims of France and Belgium with an indemnity bill of her own for the Ruhr occupation is already being sketched in political circles here. It is believed that Germany will not hesitate to make her own statement after the pattern afforded her by her obligations to the allies.

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 22.—The branch Reichbank here reopened today. The branch at Essen and private banks of Essen still remained closed. Railroad Men Strike. DORTMUND, Jan. 22.—The railroad men declared a strike at noon today. All passenger and freight traffic ceased in the region of Dortmund, Langendreer and Bochum. The service was normal in other parts of the Ruhr.

Nationalist demonstrations took place in Dortmund today and the city was declared "a danger zone" by the French authorities. All French, allied and neutral nationals in the Ruhr were warned to keep away from Dortmund. French Troops Ready. French troops were ready to interfere in the event of clashes between the nationalists and the communists.

## HARVEY DENIES HUGHES SPLIT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Dever-Hughes today received a copy of a radiogram from Ambassador Harvey, to the North American Review, denying the published report that he and Mr. Hughes are not in accord on important questions relating to the foreign policy. Ambassador Harvey sent the message from a steamer on which he is returning to London in answer to a query sent him.

MARKET STEADY (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Cattle are steady, hogs steady to fifty cents higher, extreme top \$2.65; prime light \$2.25 to \$2.50; sheep, oxen and butter steady.

## Dr. S. P. Grant Defies Bishop; May be Tried

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Dr. Percy Stekney Grant, in the Protestant Episcopal church of the Ascension, crowded as never before, reaffirmed Sunday the utterances which prompted Bishop William T. Manning to make a formal demand Friday that he either recant or resign from the ministry. Speaking from the pulpit of the Fifth avenue church in which he has labored for 29 years, Dr. Grant called for a struggle on his statements which caused Bishop Manning's action and led churchmen to "assess the probability of a trial for heresy. Your son comes here from college," Doctor Grant said in closing. "You say, 'man, let's go to church,' do you want your son to reply, 'father, don't ask me to listen to all that bunk?'" At the same hour, members of St. Vincent's Episcopal church in the Bronx passed a resolution calling on bishops and the ecclesiastical authorities to take steps to enforce the law and canon of the church "in such cases made and provided." Many Charges Made. The resolution charged that Doctor Grant had not repented, to the satisfaction of the church, of his statements tending to the encouragement of violation of the ordination vows of the clergy; had denied the miraculous elements of the gospel, the divinity of Jesus Christ and the Christian faith as contained in the Apostles' creed. Even the aisles of the Church of the Ascension, once one of the fashionable places of worship of the metropolis, were crowded during Dr. Grant's sermon. The divorced wife of the millionaire, W. E. Stokes, Mrs. Lillian Stokes, daughter of the doctor, sat in a pew. Doctor Grant announced their engagement several months ago through the columns of the Episcopal church and against the marriage of divorced persons. An hour before the service was to begin the ushers were blocked with some who were curious, some who were members of the regular congregation and some who were known to be of unorthodox tendencies. Police kept order near the door. One woman fainted. After the service Doctor Grant said that his sermon was not to be considered "a formal" reply to Bishop Manning. He explained that this would be made by letter. He declared to characterize his sermon as "a formal" reply to Bishop Manning.