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THE CREATOR'S WORKS—The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. Psalm 19:1.

No news lately from Mexico—which is always good news.

The powers have promised to abolish special privileges in China so often that China is now going to take care of it herself.

Maybe bolshevism serves some useful purpose, after all. In an age that has lost its old religious fears, there's got to be some kind of devil.

South Carolina is the latest state to revive Sunday blue laws. On a recent Sunday, drug stores, gasoline stations, cigar stores and refreshment stands were all closed up tight. The action was taken under the governor's orders, and carried out mainly by constables, with the local police standing idly by. Such a revival of old-time Sabbath rules appears every little while, sometimes in good faith, sometimes as a dreadful example, but seldom lasts long. The blue laws may be on the statute books, but they are no longer in people's hearts. People should attend church, observe the Sabbath—but all good effects are lost when such things are legislated.

The new assessment law, in spite of the broad powers given the tax commission, is a desirable improvement. Perhaps next year's assessment valuation will not be less than it was in 1915—as was the 1926 valuation. Perhaps the tax commission will be able to find the property indicated by seventy-five million dollars worth of building permits in the last ten years. Perhaps Multnomah county's valuation will at last go up in proportion to the increase in other counties. We shall see. The test of the new law is a test of the tax commission. It can find a million dollars in new revenue and help tremendously in shifting the tax burden to a more equitable basis. It can—if it will.

THE PHILIPPINES

Earni Thompson, who visited and studied the Philippines for President Coolidge, represents the Filipinos as not exactly hostile to the United States, but eager for independence, and the Moros as actively friendly to this country and eager to have American rule permanently. The Moros, though comparatively few in number, occupy about one-third of the area of the islands, and perhaps the most productive and valuable part.

The islands were relinquished as a whole, says Thompson, there would be immediate war between Filipinos and Moros, resulting probably in the extermination of the Moros. That suggests a rather simple way to solve the political problem there.

The United States has promised to give the islanders their independence when they are ready for it. Those islands, with their 12,000,000 inhabitants, were taken over as a duty by an accident of war. It would be contrary to the principles on which the United States was established to govern any foreign race contrary to its will. "Consent of the governed" is the foundation-stone of our system.

There is general agreement, therefore, in this country, that the Filipinos should have their independence within a reasonable time, if their political development continues and they still want their freedom. That could be managed, no doubt, in a way that would preserve reciprocal trade privileges between the two countries and establish a sort of American protectorate over the country. As for the Moros, they and their country might be made a permanent American possession, with territorial government, if they still prefer that.

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SENATE WARFARE UNABATED TODAY

Law-Makers Forced to Listen to Lengthy Journal of Proceedings

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Talking the attempts of Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, to put through his resolution extending the life of his campaign fund-raising committee, the senate today emerged temporarily from the parliamentary tangle it has created for itself in the closing days of the session, and again took up the prohibition reorganization bill under a rule limiting debate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Meeting an hour ahead of time, the senate today resumed its parliamentary warfare against the resolution to continue the life of its campaign funds committee during the summer recess of congress.

The reading of the voluminous journal of the proceedings of yesterday's day and night sessions was forced by Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, and Reed, of Pennsylvania, and they would not permit it to be interrupted even when Senator Hale, republican, Maine, rose to a question of personal privilege.

After the republican leader, Curtis, of Kansas, had failed to obtain the usual unanimous consent that the reading of the journal be dispensed with, Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, chairman of the campaign funds committee, submitted a similar request but Senator Moses objected and the reading clerk droned an account of various senate actions to which only a few senators gave any attention.

Bloc Active
Although interested in passage of several other pieces of legislation, including the house alien property return bill, some of the republicans have impressed upon the senate their determination to block everything if necessary to prevent action upon the campaign funds resolution.

They had to continue their filibuster only two hours in order to sidetrack that resolution for the day as under the rules the prohibition reorganization bill became the order of business at 1 p. m. under the cloture rule limiting debate.

Reed Threatens
Thoroughly aroused by the action of the group blocking his resolution, Reed, of Missouri, has threatened to force the senate into an all-night session tonight unless the prohibition bill is disposed of during the day. After that is voted on he could move to get up his resolution.

Besides the alien property bill, measures threatened to be lost in the crush before adjournment at noon Friday include the \$125,000,000 building bill; foreign debt settlements; and the Walsh resolution, proposing an inquiry into the cancellation of electric and gas utilities corporations.

After an hour and a quarter the reading of the journal was completed and Senator Reed, of Missouri, was on his feet with a motion to proceed to consideration of his resolution.

Warren on Job
Taking advantage of the situation Chairman Warren, of the appropriations committee, quickly slipped in the report on the second deficiency appropriation bill. The last of the supply bills to be acted upon by the senate.

By a vote of 56 to 25, the senate agreed then to consider the Reed resolution but only half an hour was allowed it under the rules which called for its displacement at 1 o'clock.

Western Girls Dress Best in America, Report

PARIS, Mar. 2 (AP)—California women dress better than any others in the United States, says Mrs. Benjamin Hayne, Paris dress maker who runs a shop under the name of Marjorie Lou.

Mrs. Hayne is herself a Californian, having been born in Santa Barbara and educated in San Francisco. But her opinion is unbiased, she believes, because years of life in New York, South America and Paris have intervened since she was actually resident in California.

Next to California women in the approval of the fashion designer, come women of the Argentine. The Californian woman breathes vigor, health and wholesomeness, she says. Argentine typifies grace. She can achieve style with a breadth of black cloth and a string of pearls, according to Mrs. Hayne.

Three years ago Marjorie Lou opened a shop in Buenos Ayres, where her husband is a planter. Last year she extended her business to Paris and now she operates dress houses in both cities.

Prisoner Escapes From City Jail

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—Harvey Pitts, 22, serving out a \$500 fine assessed on a liquor charge, vanished from the jail Sunday night, leaving a message saying he would return when the jail was fumigated. Last night Pitts called the jail by long distance telephone and asked how the fumigation work was progressing.

Last week a transient who was suffering from a serious skin disease spent a night in a jail cell, and Pitts was transferred to the woman's ward. He escaped from there through a barred window.

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Jerry Tarbot Is Draft Dodger, Mr. Johnson Asserts

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Jerry Tarbot, the man who claims to be a world war hero who has lost his memory, today was declared by Chairman Johnson, of the house veterans committee, to be Alexander Du Bois Jr., a draft dodger, and the son of a chef in a Cuban hotel.

The South Dakota representative himself a war veteran, made this statement at a meeting of his committee, in answer to inquiries why he had not supported relief legislation for Tarbot.

Members of congress, he said, would be "surprised and shocked" if they knew the facts. He added that the department of justice had made an exhaustive investigation of the case.

He then introduced as the first witness to support his statement Mrs. Flora Dove Lange, of Detroit, who said she married Tarbot on Dec. 22, 1917, in Toledo and that he gave his name as Howard Francis Noble. She divorced him in February, 1918, because she "couldn't stand him," she said.

Kerensky Arrives In America Today

NEW YORK, Mar. 2 (AP)—Alexander F. Kerensky, who headed the revolutionary government established in Russia after the overthrow of the czar, arrived on the Olympic today for the purpose of studying American principles of liberty.

He also intends to write for American consumption on the present day Russian situation. Kerensky was besieged by reporters who fired questions at him on a wide range of subjects which seemed to disconcert him for a time, and his answers were ambiguous.

After the question had been put several times, he finally said that he thought 99 per cent of the Russian people were hostile to the soviet.

He expressed the opinion, however, that more good had come out of the soviet "although it turned sour" than could ever have come out of the czarist regime.

He believed that the Russian people must solve their own political problems from within, and not without the country although he admitted propaganda of a constructive nature from the outside was of value.

Kerensky insisted that his mission to America should not be characterized as that of a propagandist.

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The Spanish Shawl Is Latest Dance

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Mar. 2 (AP)—Tiring of the strenuous acrobatics of the Charleston and the Black Bottom, the Rio Grande valley has turned to a dance of its own, the Spanish Shawl.

A terpsichorean artist recently visited the valley, saw some of the Mexican dances and straightaway invented the Shawl, which is rapidly outdistancing the other dances in popularity.

The new dance combines jazz with the softer, gentler movements of the Latin motif. Some describe the Shawl as the Mexican interpretation of modern dancing.

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