## DAVIS ADMITS FEE FOR OFFICIAL ACT

Compensation Absolute as Well as Contingent, Senator Confesses.

LANDS INVOLVED

House Committee Declines to Alter Record of Statement at Arkansas Senator's Request--Selfish Motive Is Shown.

WASHINGTON. March 2 .- Jeff Davis of Arkansas, failed today to have stricken from the records of the House com-

en from the records of the House committee on public lands a statement he made before the committee several days ago when he appeared to advocate a bill introduced by Representative Oldfield, of Arkansas, quieting title to about 100,000 acres of swamp lands in the eastern part of Arkansas, known as "sunk lands."

Davis statement indicated that he was to receive a fee for his services as attorney for the Saint Francis Levee Board of Arkansas in the litigation over the lands. It had been admitted by Davis that he was the attorney for the Saint Francis Levee Board.

#### Good Fee in Prospect.

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On his first appearance before the committee the record showed that Davis made the following statement:

"We could not prove our title. I confess that there is just that much of self-ishness in it to me, because there is a good fee if I can recover the price of that timber. I do not care to whom it goes, the State of Arkansas or the Saint Francis Levee Board, but I would rather it should go to the Saint Francis Levee should go to the Saint Francis Levee Board, because that is just my fight."

In correcting his testimony, Senator
Davis struck out the words "because
there is a good fee if I can recover
the price of that timber," substituting for them the following: "Be-cause I am the attorney for the St. Francis levee board for the recovery

of this timber."
Davis said that he had not used the words attributed to him, but several members of the committee disagreed with him.

#### Direct Answer Avoided.

The committee held an executive ses alon and finally voted practically unani-mously not to allow Davis to make the change desired.
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Robinson, of Arkansas, inquired:
"Is this a contingent fee?"
"I have an absolute, as well as a
contingent fee," replied the Senator.
Representative Pickett: "Does the
contingent fee involve favorable consideration by Congress?"

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Senator Davis: "I can't say. If the title is conferred upon the state of Arkansas it gives the levee board a much better standing."
Senator Davis tonight gave out a formal statement in which he deformal statement in which he deformal statement in which he de-nounced as "absolutely false and with-out foundation" the report that he was to get a fee in the event of the passage of the bill. He declared that the bill was just and was intended merely to quiet the title to certain lands bought by friends of his in Forest City from the St. Francis board, the purchases having been made on the strength of

opinions rendered by ex-Secretaries of the Interior Hoke Smith and Hitchcock. The statement concludes with the declaration: "This is a sensational story gotten up by jealous political enemies, there is not a word of truth in it, and that Senator Davis stands ready to de-fend his action in regard to the bill."

#### 40,000 ARE IN DEFAULT

(Continued From Page One.) It is to tell what distillers or brewers have neglected to pay their taxes.

The Government proposes to act on each case as presented, and, according to the announced determination, a "leak" traced to any collector's office may result in the discharge of the whole force.

A peculiar phase of the situation is the fact that a suit attacking the law as unconstitutional is awaiting final decision before the United States Supreme Court. It is expected that the ruling will be handed down about the middle of this month. A large percentage of the protests declare it un fair on the part of the Government to compel corporations to make reports under a law which may be nullified.

4845 FIRMS FILE REPORTS

Colonel Dunne Says New Law Meets

With Universal Disapproval.

From behind the heaps of corporation certificates stacked around the inner of-fice of the Collector of Customs, Colonel Dunne was able yesterday to begin an estimate of the returns from Oregon in compliance with the attempts of the Government to levy a 1 per cent tax on corporations doing a business yielding more than \$5000 per annum net income.

The Collector annumced that although observance of the law had met almost

universal disapproval among business in-terests, a complete tally, which will be finished about March 10, will show that mot more than 855 companies are to be placed in the "excuse" class for failure or refusal to comply with the publicity

feature of the new statute.
Colonel Dunne announced the following figures as an estimate of the first attempt to regulate the little corporations:
Total number of Oregon corporations subject to the law, 7200; number of companies filing reports (number of companies) panies filing reports (approximately), 4845; number of companies which have gone out of business at various times in recent years, officers scattered and no-tices returned because of the corporation being unknown, 1500.

#### Many Have Perished.

In the latter class are many mining companies which have been organized at various times in the promotion of wildcat properties, stock jobbing concerns, land companies and a number of fraternal insurance organizations which failed to survive long the morning of their hirth. As rapidly as the lists can be made up

As rapidly as the lists can be made up and the corporations are classified as to business and arrangement alphabetically, they will be forwarded to Washington and opposite the names of those listed as not reporting will be entered the data upon which the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington will take such action as he may determine will fit the case of each. Approximately 855 legitimate financial and business institutions will be reported as having failed to comply with the law. These will be comARKANSAS SENATOR ADMITS MERCENARY INTEREST IN BILL PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS.



SENATOR JEFF DAVIS.

pelled to come forward with a legal ex-cuse for negligence, or fall under the provision of the statute relating to fines. The law is mandatory as to the imposi-tion of the penalties, but some discretion is reposed in the Commissioner as to the size of the fine. It may be \$1000 or \$10,-000 in each case. Should the minimum amount be imposed it will require Ore-gon concerns to contribute \$855,000 to the National treasury. Should the maximum amount be levied against delinquents in this state the sum would be \$8,550,000.

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#### Some Certificates Defective.

Among the certificates which have been tendered at the office of the Collector are about 500 which are defective in some manner, several being without proper signatures and others carrying information which is not required by the blank. The Collector will allow these to be with-drawn for correction. It is announced from the office of the

It is announced from the office of the Commissioner that an effort will be made to check the returns beginning March 25, and to notify all corporations of the amount of tax which they will be required to pay. The notices will be sent but from the Portland office as rapidly as they are received from Washington. Taxes will be payable through the Portland collector on or before June 39. and collector on or before June 30. Delayed trains brought many additional ertificates to the collector yesterday and Colonel Dunne announced last night that

"If any corporation has overlooked the

law was intended to accomplish, it is plain that the people do not like it."

REVENUE ESTIMATE EXCEEDED

Commissioner Cabell's Estimate of Delinquencies Is Low.

WASHINGTON, March 2.-From fragwashing Ton, March 2.—From frag-mentary advices which have come to Royal H. Cabell, Commissioner of Inter-nal Revenue, from the Eastern and mid-dle parts of the United States, he believes the percentage of delinquents in making returns under the law imposing a tax of

1 per cent on the net incomes of corporations will not be more than 10.

No definite information, however, from the United States as a whole will be available until the monthly reports of the collectors of internal revenue have reached the Transury Denartment. reached the Treasury Department.

Officials believe that the total revenue of the tax will possibly exceed the estimate made by Secretary MacVeagh—\$25,-000,000-this year.

SWIFT CURRENT CARRIES AWAY TIMBER PRODUCTS.

Rich Farm Lands in Valley Are Reduced to Gravel Bars-Crest of Flood Is Reached.

KELSO, Wash, March 2.—(Special.)—With a warm chinook and a heavy rain at the headwaters of the Cowlitz River, the stream has risen from 11 feet 6 inches

to 19 feet 11 inches in 24 hours. The current is swift and destructive. The loss in logs, shingle bolts, piling, ties, poles and othehr timber products is estimated from \$3000. The destruction caused to farm lands, owing to

struction caused to farm lands, owing to the current cutting new channels and washing away banks, cannot now be estimated. Some of the most valuable farm lands along the Cowlitz have been reduced to gravel bars.

All the sheer, pocket and stiff booms from Castle Rock down to the mouth of the Cowlitz, excepting those belonging to the Metcalf Shingle Company at Kelso, have been carried out. The sawmill belonging to J. S. Beck, at Lexington, is completely surrounded by water and is in great danger. The big county bridge spanning the Cowlitz at Kelso is in danger. The Columbia River boom at the mouth of the Cowlitz suffered heavy damage, the sheer boom giving out early mouth of the Cowlitz suffered heavy damage, the sheer boom giving out early last night, causing the loss of all timber products coming out of the Cowlitz. The sheer boom at the mouth of the Cowlitz was the only hope of saving the timber coming out of this river, and when this was incapacitated the swift current carried everything out into the Columbia River, and when once in the Columbia it means through to the sea.

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The river tonight is at standstill at 19 feet 11 inches, and unless the rains start in again it will begin falling tomorrow morning. The wind is now changing to the north, which forecasts colder weather at the source of the river.

Using electricity. Nome, Alaska, the most northerly town in America, is one of the best-lighted in the

China Friendly to Anglo-American Syndicate.

TROOPS MAY GO TO FRONT

Military Demonstration Will Be Made if China Persists in Present Policy in Manchuria-Corean Governors to Be Replaced.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2,—M. Korotovic, the Russian minister to China, last evening submitted to the Chinese foreign board a formal propo he would receive and enter as having arrived in time to escape the penalty any Railroad by foreign capital as an aldocuments which appeared to have ternative for the Algun-Chinchow Railbeen in the mails prior to 12 o'clock Tues- road project. This proposal was confident been in the mails prior to 12 o'clock Tues-day night.

Protests kept pace with certificates yes-tional powers with the exception of

opportunity to get in a protest against the law, I have not observed it." said colonel Dunne last night. "Whatever the section, purely with Chinese capital, and decline to abandon the Chincho

The Russian foreign office believes that China will have difficulty in financing the second section of the Kalgan road. Dispatches reporting the intention of China to permit the Anglo-American syndicate to proceed with the construc-tiontion of the Chinchow Railroad

tiontion of the Chinchow Railroad without waiting for Russia's assent, have caused considerable disquietude Russia has communicated to the vari-

Russia has communicated to the various powers the notes interchanged in 1889, which bear on the construction of railroads north of Pekin, for which Russia alleges it was agreed only Russian capital should be employed if the roads were not built by the Chinese themselves.

What Russia's further action will be is not known, but there is talk of is not known, but there is talk of "millitary demonstration" if China should persist in her present attitude in Manchuria. It is not believed, how-

ever, that the situation has reached this Advices from Corea state that Japan will replace the Corean governors with Japanese. This is thought to be the basis of the recent annexation rumors.

DARE RESULTS IN DEATH

Girl Crushed Whlle Trying to Operate Elevator.

NEW YORK, March 2 - (Special.) - Dared by her giri companions to run an elevator to the upper stories in the temporary ab-sence of the operator, Miss Riva Melvin, 16 years old, of N. 2492 Elghth avenue, started the car, and a few minutes later was crushed to death at the sixth floor of the Alhambra spartment building, ad-joining the Alhambra Theater at No. 200 West One Hundred Twenty-eixth street,

The girl was alone in the elevator wh she began her journey to death. The door was open as she passed out of zight of her four playmates, who fled shricking to the street. William Manitz, the negro operator of the elevator, rushed to stop the car, but it had passed beyond his reach. He started up the stairway, but before he had ascended to the third floor

before he had ascended to the third floor the dying cry of the girl resounded through the building.

How she came to be crushed is un-known, but it is surmised by the police that she sought to escape from the car when it began its descent at the sixth floor and was caught between the car and wall, from which position the body was removed with difficulty.

Suspected Murderers Run Down. SPOKANE, Wash., March 2 .- After a chase of ten miles through the deep snow, Sheriff Graham, of Stevens Coun-ty, has captured two Montenegrins at Meyers Falls, named Mosmovich and Milutinorich. They are believed to be the men who murdered Tom Roganvich near the O. R. & N. depot in this city Sunday night.

Printers Retain Perry as Head. CINCINNATI, March 2.-George L. Pressmens and Assistants' Union, ac-cording to the vote announced here today. Charles B. Crowley, of Holyoke, Mass.,

# POSTAL BANK BILL IN ROUGH WEATHER

Vote, Set for Today, May Be Delayed by Reference to. Committee.

AMENDMENT AGREED UPON

Discussion of Effect in Time of Panic Develops Varying Views of Heyburn Substitute to Be Pressed by Author.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Administration postal savings bank bill may be referred back to the postoffice committee tomorrow, when the time comes for a vote on that measure in the Senate. Heyburn of Idaho so intimated in a speech in the Senate today on his substitute for the pending bill. Whether he would offer the substitute, he said, would would offer the substitute, he said, would depend upon developments tomorrow.

"I have heard many expressions of dissatisfaction with the legislation as it stands." he said. "A number of Senators have indicated a desire that the bill be re-committed, that it may have further consideration before we commit ourselves. irrevocably to the policy of postal savings system."

#### Heyburn Pleads for Time.

He added that the Republican party He added that the Republican party was under no pledge to pass a postal savings bank law at the beginning of the Taft Administration. There still would be time for consideration if the bill should go back to the committee. Heyburn's speech was followed by a sharp clash between himself and Carter, in charge of the bill. He had begun by suggesting a change of title and Carter charged him with trying to change the charged him with trying to change the constitutional character of the bill by altering the title.

Heyburn replied somewhat vehemently that he had made no such effort, and Carter undertook to show that he had done so. While the Montana Senator was

speaking Heyburn sought to interrupt. Carter declined to yield.

#### Carter Ridicules Substitute.

Carter declared the Heyburn substitute ridiculous and said that Heyburn had offered it to present "something different, rather than to present something better." Heyburn's measure provides for a postal savings bank at the capital city of each state and proceeds upon the theory that a Government savings system is constitutionally permissible only under the borrowing clause of the Constitution. Defending the constitutionality of the Carter bill, Bradley said that those who were attaking it were of the same party that had contended for the right of re-

#### Panic Effect Discussed.

"If," he said, "they could have had their way the Union would have been in the condition of John Sloat, who was killed by a train in the West. His father wired 'Send his remains home'; the re-sponse came promptly: 'There aln't

Sutherland said a postal savings sys-tem would aid to prevent panics. This statement brought out a series of ques-tions from Hale, who said that the proposed law would cause timid depositor in the ordinary savings banks to with-draw their funds and deposit them with the Government in time of panic

With the conclusion of Sutherland's speech, Smoot presented the amendments to the bill previously agreed upon by the Republican managers. Further consideration of the measure was postponed until

GOVERNMENT TO BUY LAND

Sites for Future Buildings Provided.

Diplomats Not to Get Homes. WASHINGTON, March 2.—A bill providing for the purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of real estate in Washington for the future use of the Government, was passed by the Senate today.

The House voted down a proposition to provide residences in the foreign capitals for diplomats. great specifies.

#### FLOUR MARKS TELL GUILT

New York Thieves Caught by Means of Telltale Spots.

NEW YORK, March 2 .- (Special.) Mrs. Carrie Meyers, answering a knock at her door on the second floor of the apartment house at 202 East 110th street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, heard two men say they were inspectors and wanted to look at the gas fixtures. She recognized the voices as those of two tenants in the house, and refused to open the door. When they began to force it, she ran out on the

began to force it, she ran out on the fire escape and screamed for help.

The two men broke through and stole a clock, the only valuable and portable thing in sight, and then rushed into the kitchen. One of them happened to break open a sack of flour and a lot of it got on their coats. Then they heard Mrs. Meyers on the fire escape and fled.

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backs. The men escaped over the Two hours later, while standing at two nours inter, while standing at third Avenue and 109th street, Cox saw two men walking down the avenue with the tell-tale flour spots on the backs of their coats. They had a bag with them, which held a clock. He locked them both up on the charge of burglary, they protesting against what they termed an "outrage."

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Mrs. Meyers went up to the station later and identified her cleck and the olces of the two prisoners.

Firemen Vote Against Strike. LARAMIE, Wyo., March 2.-Firemen on the Wyoming division of the Union Pa-elfic Railroad west of Cheyenne have voted against the proposed strike.

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Policeman Cox. of the East 104th street station, attracted by the house wife's cries, saw the two men racing upstairs toward the roof. Both had brushed the flour off their shoulders, but Cox noticed flour spots on their

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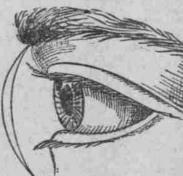
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