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## QUORUM FAILS, FAIL ALSO

### Depend on week's Session.

## LAWYERS AGREED IN VIEW

### Sine Die Adjournment by Majority Is Imperative.

## CONSTITUTION IS FACTOR

### Governor's Effort to Prevent Quorum, if Successful, Will Nullify All but Emergency Acts, Say Experienced Legal Men.

## LEGISLATIVE SITUATION UP TO DATE.

The best constitutional lawyers in Portland agree that, unless there is a quorum present in each house and a formal adjournment is taken, none of the bills passed by the Legislature, with the exception of those carrying emergency clauses, will become effective. Very few have the emergency clauses.

Among the highly important bills that will never become operative, in such event, are the workmen's compensation, widow's pensions, 16-hour day, "blue sky" agricultural extension, the minimum wage measures and several moral bills, passed at the direct request of Governor West.

Governor West and his lieutenants are hard at work in an attempt to prevent the assembling of a quorum. Should the entire work of the session be nullified, the responsibility, it is declared, would rest upon Governor West and those who are aiding him in his efforts to block the Legislature.

According to the best constitutional lawyers in Portland and Salem with regard to political affiliation, not one of the bills passed by the present legislative Assembly will ever become law should there be no quorum at Salem next week. Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle concluded informally with this opinion yesterday.

In playing his game to checkmate the Legislature to keep it from passing on his vetoes, Governor West has evidently overlooked the provisions of a constitution and, if he had his way the end, such bills as those providing compensation for workmen, widow's pensions, the 16-hour day, the "blue sky," the agricultural extension and the minimum wage, or any of the measures governing moral reform, could not become effective.

Section 12 of article 4 of the constitution provides that "two-thirds of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may meet from day to day and compel the attendance of the other members."

Quorum Found Necessary.

The best constitutional lawyers in Portland agree that there can be no final adjournment without a quorum. If no final adjournment is had, none of the acts of the session, save those carrying the emergency clause, can become effective, as section 28 of article 4 provides that no act shall take effect until 90 days from the end of the session. Section 1 of article 4 provides that referendum petitions may be filed within 90 days after final adjournment. As there can be no final adjournment without a quorum, none of the bills, it is declared on competent authority, will become effective if no referendum petitions could be filed.

Dan J. Maloney, President of the Senate, and C. N. McArthur, Speaker of the House, believe there will be a quorum when the Legislature reconvenes Tuesday at 11 A. M., but both have no hesitation in saying that should there not be a quorum in either house, the situation would be calamitous.

Governor West, aided by Representatives Reames and Hagood, Democrats; Representative Eaton, Republican; Representative Gill, avowed Democrat; and Senator McCollough, Democrat, is leaving nothing undone to prevent a quorum from being present next Tuesday. If the Governor and these other men and their friends should succeed, they would, according to the best obtainable statements, at least jeopardize the entire number of measures passed by the Legislature, if indeed they would not entirely prevent them from becoming laws.

Arrests May Result.

There seems little doubt as to a quorum of the Senate being present, it being practically assured that there will be more than 20 members of that body at Salem. But there has been some doubt expressed as to a number of the members of the House, although it is stated by members here that there will be more than 40 on deck when the roll is called next Tuesday morning. If they are not there immediately they will be taken to send the sergeant-at-arms out, arrest them and bring them in to participate in the proceedings.

This will also give assurance that all of the veto messages of the Governor will be passed on at the adjourned session, as the members, if compelled to return, likely will clean up that phase of the business before going to their homes, even if they may

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## TAFT ADVISES USE OF PARKS FOR GOLF

### GAME SAID TO PROMOTE SELF-RESTRAINT AND MANNERS.

### President Says Opportunity for Play Should Be Afforded Poor Man as Well as Rich.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Taft went on record today strongly in favor of golf, his favorite recreation, when he embodied his views in a letter to the local Chamber of Commerce approving the establishment of a public golf links in the parks of Washington.

"You know my tendency of golf, my sympathy with anybody who wants to play it, and my desire to spread a love for the game wherever I can. Golf is a splendid recreation which can be enjoyed with profit by the young and old. It is in the interest of good health and good manners. It promotes self-restraint, as one of its devotees has well said, and affords a chance to play the man and act the gentleman."

"It is the game of classes, not a mere plaything for faddists, nor, as many suppose, a game for the rich men only. I favor a more free use of public parks by the people than we have had in the past. They should be available for tennis, baseball, skating, golf and like games under reasonable restrictions. Golf is the least injurious of outdoor games to the landscape features of our public parks.

"I think all public parks should be opened for golf, unless there is some specific objection in public needs. The use to which they are put should not be confined to driveways, which are a boon to those who own carriages and motors, but should include health-giving games for the enjoyment of those who cannot afford to join a country club."

## OFFICIAL CLOCK KILLS BILL

### Machinery Buzzes, Hands Turn Back and Assembly Bides Time.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The official clock in the chamber of the House of Representatives took the role of legislator this afternoon and effectively killed a bill after the House had voted unanimously in favor of its passage. After the reading clerk had finished calling the roll on the final passage of the first bill of the afternoon session, the clock, one of the kind regulated hourly by telegraph, began to buzz and the minute hand shot back 15 minutes.

Speaker Taylor looked up and, noticing that it was 1:15 P. M., rapped his gavel and declared that the House was not in session, inasmuch as the morning adjournment had been taken until 1:30 o'clock. Although the bill had received unanimous vote, it was declared not passed.

The members waited five long minutes, then convened. The roll was called and the bill passed.

## CITY GETS BRIDGE TOLLS

### Each Car Crossing Willamette Will Pay 3 Cents to City.

Every time a streetcar crosses a Portland bridge, with the exception of the new O. W. R. & N. bridge, hereafter, it will mean that 3 cents is to be paid by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company into the city treasury.

The people passed an ordinance at the special election November 2, fixing the tolls at 3 cents, but the company maintained that previous contracts applied to the Burnside bridge and the Hawthorne bridge. They were paying \$100 a month for the use of the Burnside bridge, and under a franchise granted during the Simon administration they argued they could continue to use the Hawthorne bridge for \$100 a month.

City Attorney Grant obtained a decision against the company. The company appealed, but by agreement they withdrew their appeal, and will henceforth pay 3 cents a car on all the bridges except the railroad bridge.

## BILLS PASS DURING FEAST

### Washington Senate Host to Friends as Lawmaking Proceeds.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—While partaking of an oyster supper with their families and friends, the State Senate tonight passed four bills, including one insurance code. The session was the first to be held at night.

When it was called to order Senator Eap, of Pacific County, announced that he would serve oysters and cider, and moved to suspend the rules and open the chamber doors to the families and friends of Senators.

Practically everybody in the gallery responded, and while the supper and friendly chats were enjoyed the bills were passed, the members stopping long enough between bites to answer the rollcall on the final prospects of these bills.

## 'BUNCO RING QUEEN' FREED

### Tears on Witness Stand Followed Immediately by Acquittal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Irina De Pietro, the so-called "Queen of the Bunco Ring," who was arrested here on a charge of having received stolen property, was acquitted by a jury tonight after 30 minutes' deliberation. She had admitted having received \$200 from Rinaldo De Pietro, shortly after Louis Doderio, of Santa Cruz, had been awarded of \$7500.

The young woman wept on the witness stand today and denied she had known the money had been dishonestly obtained.

## SENATE OVERRIDES LIQUOR BILL VETO

### Webb Measure Passed Over Taft's Head.

## FINAL VOTE IS 63 TO 21

### Act Would Prohibit Shipments Into "Dry" States.

## HOUSE TO DECIDE TODAY

### President Bases Disapproval on Opinion of Attorney-General That Bill Is Unconstitutional in Giving States Right to Interfere.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Webb liquor bill, prohibiting the shipment of liquor into "dry" states, was re-passed in the Senate today over President Taft's veto, within two hours from the time the President's message of disapproval had been laid before that body. A short debate in which the advocates of the bill voted down a motion to postpone action until tomorrow and in which they reaffirmed their belief that the measure is unconstitutional, ended with the re-passage of the bill by the large majority of 63 to 21.

The Webb bill passed both houses of Congress and went to the President ten days ago. His veto message reached the Senate about 3 o'clock today, accompanied by an opinion from Attorney-General Wickereham. Basing his decision upon the Attorney-General's findings, the President expressed the belief that the measure clearly was unconstitutional because it gave the states the right to interfere with interstate commerce. The Senate took up the bill at once.

Effort at Delay Fails.

Attorney-General Wickereham's opinion was not read and Senator Kern asked that a final vote be taken on the overriding of the veto be delayed until tomorrow, so Senators might have the opportunity to examine the Attorney-General's arguments. A motion made by Mr. Kern to postpone the vote until 12 o'clock tomorrow, was defeated, 71 to 9.

Senator McCumber declared this afternoon that the President and the Attorney-General had misconstrued the grounds upon which Congress had passed the prohibition law. He said it had not attempted to give the states the right to interfere with commerce, but simply had declared liquor an "out-law," and had then prescribed conditions.

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## WILSON COUNTING ON TEN IN CABINET

### Labor Portfolio Is Included in Plans.

## REQUEST FOR SEATS IS MADE

### Provision for Ten Wives in Gallery Also Asked For.

## MARSHALLS REACH CAPITAL

### Vice-President-elect Likes His Reception, Which Comports With His Ideas as to Jeffersonian Simplicity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, reached Washington today ready to become Vice-President of the United States at noon next Tuesday. Coming directly from Trenton and conferences with President-elect Wilson, the Vice-President-to-be found a welcome at the city gates to his liking, there being no ostentation marking this first ceremony of the inaugural programme to jar his out-expressed ideas of Jeffersonian simplicity.

Accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, the future Vice-President was met at the railroad station by a committee of Senators, Representatives and citizens. In the Presidential suite at the station a brief informal reception was held. Henry B. F. McFarland, chairman of the reception committee, welcomed the distinguished guests on behalf of the city, and in turn Senator Kern and Representative Dixon, of Indiana, received them on behalf of Congress. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall then were escorted by Senator Kern and Mr. McFarland to the hotel where they will make their home.

Indiana Guests at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall rested throughout the afternoon, receiving a few personal friends. The Vice-President-elect was to have been honor guest tonight with the Indiana delegation in Congress at a dinner given by John E. Lamb, a fellow-Indian and lifelong Democrat, but this plan was abandoned.

The members of the inaugural committee turned their attention today to the finishing touches for the reception of the President-elect. A request from Mr. Wilson necessitated quick action and served as an indication that he is to announce his Cabinet shortly, and that he plans also to name a Secretary of the Department of Labor, created by

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## MAT MEN WRESTLE IN TACOMA CHURCH

### MEN AND WOMEN OF CONGREGATION LIKE BOUTS.

## GRAPPLERS OF UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND TACOMA Y. M. C. A. STRUGGLE STRENUOUSLY.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—To use an expression common in the professional sport, wrestling has "caught on" as far as the congregation of the Pilgrim Congregational Church is concerned. Three matches were held tonight in the auditorium of the church and before the last call of "time" every member of the congregation, from Rev. Edgar C. Wheeler to the young woman who plays the piano in Sunday school, was a confirmed wrestling fan.

It was good wrestling they saw, too. There have been hundreds of professional matches in Tacoma which were worse. The University of Washington boys and the Tacoma Young Men's Christian Association wrestlers put up some game fights and as far as honors were concerned, they were even. In the first match, Carl Bryd, of the University of Washington, got a fall just at the call of time after some sensational wrestling. Ernest Johnson, a Tacoma grappler, disposed of Don Law, the University of Washington Chinese star and in the final match, J. C. Sippell and Val Comstock went nine minutes to a draw.

Blood was sprinkled around freely in the second match, Johnson receiving a body nose after one of the wild rushes by the Chinaman, but none of the women folk begged that they be removed and given medical attention. They merely nudged their chairs closer to the mat and craned their necks in order not to miss a single feature of the combat.

## WOOD THIEVES ARE BOLD

### Plausible Explanation Works When Load of Fuel Is Stolen.

Under the eyes of employees of the house, three men raided a woodpile at the residence of Judge M. C. George, on Vista avenue, yesterday and took their time to loading a wagon with the fuel, after which they drove off and were lost sight of.

J. H. Fields, who is employed at the residence, questioned the men when they first started loading the wood, but they told him they were working for Judge George and for lack of information he accepted their statement. The raid occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The police have been notified and have a description of the party and their team.

## 3 GENERATIONS REGISTER

### Members of One Family, All Women, Sign as Republicans.

Three generations of one family, all women, registered together at the Courthouse yesterday. All gave their party affiliation as Republican and all reside at the same address, 2055 East Couch street, in Precinct 84.

They are Mrs. Minerva Woodworth, aged 82; Mrs. Stella Bartlett, aged 52, her daughter, and Miss Neta Bartlett, aged 22, Mrs. Bartlett's daughter. Mrs. Bartlett gave her occupation as housekeeper and Miss Bartlett said she is a designer. The grandmother gave no occupation. Mrs. Woodworth has resided in Oregon 14 years and the other two 18 years.

## AMENDMENT IS PRESSED

### Bourne Hopes Conference Will Grant Portland Postoffice.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 28.—Senator Bourne is pressing his amendment to the public buildings bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a new Postoffice for Portland on the site heretofore acquired, and hopes to persuade the House conferees to accept it. The amendment offered by Senator Bourne was adopted by the Senate last Wednesday.

The bill is now in conference and although there will be strong opposition in the House to any Senate amendments, Senator Bourne believes his efforts will bear fruit and the Portland Postoffice be made possible.

## TURKS MAKE PEACE MOVE

### Cause May Be Entrusted Unconditionally to Powers.

LONDON, March 1.—Great reticence is being observed concerning a new move by Turkey for securing peace with the Allies. According to the Daily Telegraph, there is reason to believe Turkey is about to entrust her cause to the powers without stipulating any conditions.

Assuming this to be the case, the Telegraph says, doubts are expressed whether the allies will not insist upon Turkey's making direct overtures to them and whether they will consent to any terms while Adrianople and Scutari still are holding out.

## CROSS-TOWN LINES BACKED

### Greater East Side Club Indorses Committee's Action.

The Greater East Side Club last night decided to support the cross-town carline committee in submitting complaints to the State Railroad Commission and the City Council asking that these cross-lines be built, special reference being had to East Thirty-ninth street.

J. H. Neita was asked to resurrect the docks bill when he returns to Salem next Tuesday.

The present temporary officers of the club were made permanent.

## MONEY TRUST DOES EXIST, IS FINDING

### Committee Says Guest Was Rewarded.

## ACTION CENTERS IN MORGAN

### "Banking Ethics" Declared to Assist Operations.

## REMEDIES ARE OFFERED

### Denial of Use of Mails to Non-Complying Financiers Is Suggested. 20 Per Cent Margins, No 'Wash Sales,' Proposed.

## METHODS SUGGESTED FOR REGULATION OF "MONEY TRUST."

Require Clearing-Houses to become state corporations and give right of membership to all solvent banks. Prohibit Clearing-Houses from fixing rates on out-of-town collections. Prohibit transmission by mail, telephone or telegraph of orders to buy or sell, or quotations on any stock exchange not incorporated under state laws. Require corporations listing stocks to make complete disclosure of their affairs. Require margin of at least 20 per cent on stock purchases. Prohibit "wash sales." Prohibit private pledging of customers' securities. Give access to books showing actual names of customers to Postmaster-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—That a money trust does exist and that its powers should be curbed by stringent Federal regulations as to the conduct of National banks, clearing-houses and stock exchanges, were the findings of the House money trust committee set forth in the majority report of its investigations filed in the House late today.

The report, signed by Chairman Pujo and six other Democratic members, was accompanied by two bills, one to regulate stock exchanges through forbidding the mails to exchanges which do not comply with Federal regulations, and the other to regulate clearing-house associations through forbidding National banks to join such associations unless Federal regulations are observed.

## Control in Bulk Unnecessary.

On the question of the existence of a money trust, the report is specific and detailed.

"It would, of course, be absurd," said the report, "to suggest that control of the bulk of the widely distributed wealth of a great Nation can be controlled by any set of men. If that is what is meant by gentlemen who deny the existence of a money trust, your committee agrees with them. It is not, however, necessary that a group of men shall control directly the small savings in the banks nor the scattered resources of the country in order to monopolize the great financial transactions, or to be able to dictate credits to be extended or withheld from business enterprises."

## Few Leaders Hold Together.

The great bank or banker "with access to the mainpings of the concentrated resources of the other people's money," the report declares, can handle the vast issues of securities now demanded by the commercial and industrial development of the country, but the bank reserve system, it is further contended, concentrates a large part of the funds of the smaller banks in New York, where a group of men have strengthened their interest in the various banking institutions.

"If, therefore, by a 'money trust' is meant an established and well-defined identity and community of interest between a few leaders of finance which has been created and held together by stock holdings, interlocking directorates and other forms of domination over banks, trust companies, railroads, public service and industrial corporations and which has resulted in a vast and growing concentration of the control of money and credit in the hands of a comparatively few men, your committee has no hesitation in asserting that the condition thus described exists in this country today," the report adds.

## Membership Is Outlined.

Accepting this as the long-sought "money trust" the committee outlined the membership as follows: "The parties to this combination or understanding or community of interest by whatever name it may be called, may be conveniently classified, for the purpose of differentiation, into four separate groups.

"The first, which we will call the inner group, consists of J. P. Morgan & Co., the recognized leaders, and George F. Baker and James Stillman in their individual capacities and in their joint administration and control of the First National Bank, the National City Bank, the National Bank of Commerce, the Chase National Bank, the Guaranty Trust Company and the Bankers' Trust Company, with total known resources, in these corporations alone, in excess of \$1,200,000,000 and of a number of smaller but important financial institutions. This takes no account of the personal fortunes of these gentlemen, closely allied with this inner group,

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