

VERO TO AX CUTS OFF ALL SALARY RISES

Governor Kills 41 Out of Total of 97 Bills.

OTHERS TO GO INTO EFFECT

\$10,000,000 Road Bond Proposal Is Filed.

ISSUE IS UP TO PEOPLE

Sale in Excess of \$1,989,428 to Hinge on Lifting Limitation on State Indebtedness.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special)—General salary bills passed at the special session of the legislature, including those providing for increases for deputy labor commissioners, district sealers of weights and measures, state highway engineer and authorizing county courts to fix the compensation of county surveyors and their deputies, fell under the veto ax wielded by Governor Olcott today.

Out of the total of 97 bills passed during the session 56 were approved by the executive, while the 41 remaining proposed acts were vetoed and relegated to the legislative scrapheap.

In his veto message regarding the disapproval of house bill No. 19, introduced by Representative Horne and designed to fix the salaries of deputy labor commissioners, the governor said:

Investigation Result Awaited.

"This is a bill providing for an increase in the salary of deputy labor commissioners. The special session of the legislature, in a joint resolution and a companion bill, made provision for a committee to investigate the matter of the salaries of state and county officials. The committee was organized and has been working for some time on this investigation. I believe that the matter of the increase in salaries should be delayed until such time as the legislative committee makes its report and the regular session acts thereon."

The governor, in disapproving house bill 27, introduced by Representative Burdick, increasing expenses allowed district sealers of weights and measures from \$850 to \$1150 a year and salary from \$100 to \$125 a month, said: "This is a bill providing for an increase in the amount to be paid to district sealers of weights and measures. This disapproval is based on the reasons stated in my message in returning house bill No. 19 with my veto."

Highway Engineer's Salary \$5000. In refusing to concur in the action of the legislature in passing house bill No. 23, introduced by Representative Smith of Multnomah county, regulating the salary of the state highway engineer, the governor had the following to say: "This is a bill which would permit the state highway commission to authorize an increase in the salary of the state highway engineer. This disapproval is based on the reasons stated in my message returning house bill No. 19 with my veto."

The state highway engineer now receives a salary of \$5000 a year, and under the law passed by the legislature and vetoed by the governor, the limit of compensation of this official would have been removed and left entirely in the hands of the state highway commissioners.

In vetoing senate bill No. 13, introduced by Senator Nickelson, providing for compensation of county surveyors and their deputies the governor reiterated his reasons as set out in his message regarding his veto on house bill No. 19.

All Pay Rises Disapproved. A check of all bills passed during the special session of the legislature and the subsequent action of the governor, shows that he disapproved every salary measure referred to him for consideration.

The \$10,000,000 road bonding bill, introduced by the committee on roads and highways and passed during the recent special session of the legislature, was filed with the secretary of state today by the governor. This means that the act will become operative five days after its receipt by the executive without his formal signature.

Issuance and sale of the bulk of the bonds authorized under this law are contingent, however, upon the success of the measure to be referred to the voters at the special election to be held in May providing for increasing the highway construction indebtedness limitation from 2 to 4 per cent.

Should the latter measure fail to meet the approval of the voters at the polls only \$1,989,428.89 of the bonds authorized under the \$10,000,000 act passed by the legislature last week could be issued and the money derived therefrom expended on the roads. Issuance and sale of these bonds in excess of that amount would violate the 2 per cent limitation on road indebtedness now in force in this state.

Based on the assessed valuation of the state the 2 per cent road bond limitation is \$17,818,240.55, against which bonds already have been authorized in the sum of \$17,818,240.55 of the bonds making up the latter.

FOOD COSTS SET NEW RECORD IN DECEMBER

22 ARTICLES 89 PER CENT HIGHER THAN 6 YEARS AGO.

Commissioner of Statistics Declares Average Family Does Not Live as Well as in 1913.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—Twenty-two articles of food reached record prices in December, according to a report issued today by the bureau of labor statistics. The prices were 2.6 per cent higher than in November, 5 per cent higher than in the preceding December and 89 per cent higher than December, 1913.

Of the 44 articles of food for which prices were obtained during the month, November 15 to December 15, 22 increased in price, 12 decreased and 10 remained stationary. Increases follow: Cabbage, 36 per cent; onions, 17; granulated sugar, 16; strictly fresh eggs, 11; potatoes, 10; raisins, 10; butter, 9; corn and storage eggs, 8; fresh milk and canned salmon; 3; lamb, evaporated milk, oleomargarine, cheese, macaroni, rice, canned peas and bananas, 1 per cent each.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 22.—Prices of living commodities were higher in December, 1919, than in any previous month in history, but January, 1920, promises to set another record, Dr. Royal Meeker, commissioner of statistics for the department of labor, declared in an address tonight. Food in December cost almost twice as much as it did in December, 1913, he said. The average increase in wages has not kept pace with the increased cost of living, Dr. Meeker said, declaring that "the average family today does not live as well as it did in 1913."

WHISKY FOR "FLU" ASKED

Ninety-Day Suspension of Dry Law Urged on Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Representative Sabath, democrat, Illinois, today introduced a resolution declaring that whisky is needed as a "cure for influenza," and proposing suspension for 90 days of provisions of the national prohibition law requiring special permits and reports from druggists, doctors and others as to the use of liquor for medicinal purposes.

Six thousand cases of influenza have been reported in Havana, Cuba, the public health service was advised today. The service announced that all possible precautions were being taken to prevent an influx of the disease into the United States.

CHIEF SUSPENDS SLAYER

Seattle Policeman Gets 30 Days for Absence Without Leave.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Patrolman C. E. Roselius, slayer of Sergeant Guy L. Carleton, after being reinstated on the police force by an order of the city civil service commission, was today suspended for 30 days without pay for being absent from duty without leave on the day of his reinstatement.

WOOL MEN COMPROMISE

Government Income Tax Paid and Suit to Be Dropped.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 22.—William A. English and John H. O'Brien, as members of the wool firm of English & O'Brien of this city, were sentenced last July to 18 months' imprisonment for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the payment of income taxes, have paid the government \$1,500,000 in settlement, it was announced tonight.

O. D. AT TRIAL AUTHORIZED

Wearing of Uniforms During I. W. W. Murder Case Allowed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Soldiers attending the trial of the I. W. W. accused of the armistice day murders at Centralia, Wash., are free to wear their uniforms, though out of the service, the war department advised Representative Johnson today. This information was asked by members of the American Legion at Centralia.

STOLEN GEMS COME BACK

Jewels Taken From Home Mysteriously Returned.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Ten days ago considerable valuable jewelry was taken from the residence of Charles W. Neimeyer, 2005 Ferry street, and a thorough search of the premises failed to produce the missing articles.

WRECK OF FRENCH CABINET IMPENDS

Vote of Confidence Held Moral Defeat.

300 DEPUTIES REMAIN MUM

Steeg Appointment Threatens Complete Overthrow.

MINISTER HELD DISLOYAL

Belief Is That Government as Now Constituted Cannot Last Long; Millerand Is Warned.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Amid tumultuous scenes in the chamber of deputies today, the recently formed cabinet of Premier Alexandre Millerand received a vote of confidence, 272 to 25. The vote for the government, however, as more than 300 deputies abstained from voting. The reluctance of the deputies to vote on the question of confidence recalled a scene in the chamber of the nineties, when the minister of Alexandre Ribot was overthrown three hours after its formation.

The vote was taken on the demand of Premier Millerand, following a savage attack by Deputy Leon Daudet, editor of L'Action Francaise, on Jules Steeg, minister of the interior.

M. Daudet demanded the right to interpellate the government on M. Steeg's appointment. He declared Steeg was an accomplice of Louis J. Malvy, former minister of the interior, who was banished after his conviction on charges of communicating with the enemy, and of Joseph Caillaux, former premier, who is soon to be brought to trial on the charge of attempting to promote a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany.

Action Declared Warning. The significance of the vote generally was interpreted in the lobby to mean that the Millerand cabinet cannot last as now constituted and that the premier will have to replace M. Steeg at the ministry of the interior or the cabinet will be overthrown on the question involving the interior policy in a question of confidence.

Many of the deputies who abstained from voting told the Associated Press correspondent that they had given the premier fair warning that the next time they would vote against him, should M. Steeg remain.

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FORT ROCK RANCHER, GONE 18 DAYS, HOME

SAMUEL HILL SUFFERS LONG LAPSE OF MEMORY.

Man Is Herding Sheep on Wagon Tire Mountain, 80 Miles From Home, When He Recovers.

BEND, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Eighteen days after his mysterious disappearance from his ranch home near Fort Rock, Sam Hill returned yesterday, apparently somewhat dazed and claiming that he had suffered a lapse of memory from the time he left home on the morning of January 3 to Monday morning, when he found himself herding sheep on Wagon Tire mountain.

Word of Hill's reappearance was telephoned here today by Roy Mitchell, forest ranger in the Fort Rock section. Since Hill vanished early in the month, search parties had scoured the surrounding country, sheriffs of adjoining counties were notified, and relatives in Georgia were communicated with in an effort to obtain a note of any kind was obtained.

Hill has no recollection of any happenings from the time he started on horseback for Silver Lake, a distance of 35 miles, until he came to himself on Wagon Tire mountain, over 80 miles in a straight line from Fort Rock. He had still the horse which he had ridden from home, and found in one of his pockets a check for \$200 signed by A. T. Tilton. Where this idea, he says, but presumes that must have been given to him in payment for his services as a sheep herder.

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Party From South Seeks to Open Relations With America.

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U. S. NATIONAL SEEKS ELKS' TEMPLE SITE

BANK OFFERS \$400,000 FOR QUARTER BLOCK.

Property Purchased by Lodge in 1900 for \$26,500 and Building Costing \$85,000 Erected.

The United States National Bank has made an offer of \$400,000 for the quarter block owned by Portland Lodge of Elks No. 142, at the north-east corner of Broadway and Stark street. The offer has been under consideration by the fraternity for some time and probably will be decided next Thursday night.

This property was purchased by the Elks in 1900 for \$26,500 and the building erected in 1905 and finally dedicated February 1, 1906. The building cost approximately \$85,000. The corner was known as the Nathan Cohen property, lost to his estate through foreclosure of a mortgage. After liquidation of the estate received about \$2000 from the sale of the property. Two sons of Nathan Cohen, who were minors when the foreclosure was made, brought suit on the ground that they were entitled to an apportionment in the property.

Early last year tentative plans were discussed by members of the lodge for a new and larger building to meet the growing needs of the order, but the projected plans contemplated erecting a skyscraper on the site occupied by the present building. The lodge owns a quarter block at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Alder streets, held as an investment, but which is now being offered to the Elks. It is understood that no definite plans have been acted upon regarding a site for another temple, in case the offer of the financial house is accepted. However, a number of sites have been offered to the committee of ten named to receive offers from property owners of desirable sites for the purpose, should the membership decide to sell and select a new location.

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MEXICAN DESIGNS AGAINST U. S. AIRED

Evidence Damaging to Carranza Unearthed.

RAIDS DECLARED APPROVED

Bands to Harry Border Held Openly Organized.

SAN DIEGO PLAN BIG ONE

Project Said to Have Contemplated Separation of Six American States From Union.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 22.—Carranza and a few of his principal lieutenants instigated and directed the long series of raids on American properties that began along the Rio Grande early in 1915, according to documentary evidence today placed before the senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation.

This was supported by testimony by John A. Walls, the district attorney at Brownsville, Tex.; L. R. Barnes, in charge of the United States army intelligence work along the border during the war, and other witnesses.

Further information was obtained as to the success encountered by Germans in bidding for the sympathy and support of Mexico during the war and the reported present drift toward bolshevism. T. R. Altendorf, a Pole, who was in the intelligence service of the American army during the war, and who was largely responsible for the arrest of the German spy Witske, now a prisoner at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., was placed on the witness stand long enough to identify Mario Mendez, the director of telegraphs in Mexico, as one of those whom Minister von Eckhardt kept on his payroll during the war.

Altendorf said Mendez' job was to see that copies of all messages from the United States bearing on military affairs were delivered to the German legation. A new route on the bolshevik movement in Mexico came from a copy of a letter written by Linn Gale to L. C. A. K. Martens, the bolshevik representative at New York.

TWO VOTE \$300,000 BONDS

Few Voters Brave Deep Snows to Pass on Proposal.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Two lone voters in the Shaker Heights village school district passed a \$300,000 bond issue for building new schools at a special election Monday, it was said today.

No other voters braved the deep snows.

WIFE RIFLES POCKETS; HUBBY GETS DIVORCE

SEATTLE DECREE GRANTED FOR 'PERSONAL INDIGNITIES.'

Dentist Tells of Writing Himself Fictitious Letter to Be Found. Decision Causes Hysterics.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Dr. William J. McMillan, a dentist, appearing before Judge Everett Smith Thursday as plaintiff in a divorce suit, testified that on one occasion he wrote himself a fictitious letter, purporting to have come from a female admirer, and that he found it carefully in his pocket, where his wife found it.

"She was always going through my pockets," he explained, "looking for incriminating letters. I thought I would let her find something. However, afterwards, when I explained, she was not inclined to believe it was a joke."

Dr. McMillan declared that when he opened offices in Portland his wife was a constant visitor during business hours and interfered with the treatment of patients.

Mrs. McMillan contested the case, but filed no cross-complaint. She sought to have the suit dismissed and did not want a divorce. She testified that her husband had used his office for wild parties.

Judge Smith granted Dr. McMillan a divorce on the ground of personal indignities.

HOTEL ROBBERS ESCAPE

Marauders Flourish Pistol in Dash From Caples Hotel.

Two men, falling in what is believed to have been an attempt to rob Moses Burk, proprietor of a coffee house at 37 Third street, ran down stairs and through the Hotel Caples early last night and made a get-away in the street. One of the men discouraged pursuit by brandishing a pistol as he ran through the lobby. They took no valuables with them.

Mr. Burk reached his room in the hotel last night he found that the lights would not work and telephoned to the clerk. He was advised to secure a globe from the adjoining building, but when he opened the door he found the two men there. A fierce fight ensued. Mr. Burk finally driving his assailants away.

HOLLAND GUARDS KAISER

Extradition Without Request of Germany Is Denied.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Standard reports that Holland's reply with regard to surrender of the German emperor, says it is impossible to grant extradition at the call of a third country if its own country does not demand extradition.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Jan. 22.—Swiss newspapers, following the lead of the Geneva Tribune, favor the extradition of ex-emperor William from Holland. The consensus of editorial opinion is that even the most heinous crimes of an international character charged against him, Holland would not be guilty of abusing the traditions of neutral countries.

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- The Weather. YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; northerly winds. Denikins holds and bolsheviks slow up. Communist overthrow of new French government is threatened. Japanese premier outlines nation's policies for next session of parliament. Armenian ambitions dashed. National. Gompers before house committee, denounces anti-sedition bill. Treaty compromise brought nearer. Pan-American ship service sought. Domestic. Orientals riot at Oahu plantations. Socialists threaten walkout at New York assembly committee hearing. Food costs set new record for December. Mystery of heiress aviatrix, detained at Atlanta, deepens. Passengers taken from disabled Powhatan. Wife rifles pockets; hubby gets divorce. McDonald trio acquitted of murder and rerearrested. Governor Olcott vetoes every bill carrying increases in salaries. Sam Hill, Fort Rock rancher, suffers 18-day lapse of memory. Mother and aunt wage battle of love for custody of child. Pershing blames chief of Eugene. Dempsey's ex-wife raps his war record. Beavers will train at Ontario, Cal. Portland hearse open campaign in Bay city region. Washington tosses defeat Columbia. Lighter inquiry for potatoes for shipment. Chicago curb weakened by railroad embargo. Wall street stocks steady and more active. Bankers of 20,000-ton capacity wanted at St. John. Oregon's forest area advanced as argument for high-way appropriation. Russian bolshevik predicts quick Russian collapse. National bank offers \$100,000 for Elks temple site.

ANTI-'RED' BILLS BITTERLY FOUGHT

Gompers Leads in Attack on Measure.

STRIKE HELD LABOR'S RIGHT

Present Anti-Sedition Laws Declared Sufficient.

PALMER FAILS TO APPEAR

Attorney-General, Instead of Defending Sterling-Graham Proposals, Offers Substitute.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Opponents of anti-sedition measures, led by Samuel Gompers, today urged the house rules committee to block the passage of the measures because of their drastic provisions and because sufficient laws exist to prosecute dangerous radicals and communists.

Attorney-General Palmer, who previously had announced his support of both the Sterling bill, which passed the senate, and the Graham measure, held up in the house because of the drastic death penalty provision, failed to appear in defense of the measures.

The attorney-general, however, sent a letter to Chairman Campbell of the rules committee, saying he was "impaired to say that neither of the bills accords with my views as to what the legislation ought to be," and recommended as a substitute a bill which he drafted and which was introduced several weeks ago by Representative Davey, democrat, of Ohio.

The Davey bill provides fines not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment for not more than 30 years for persons convicted of an attempt to overthrow the government, or of acts of violence against the government.

Measure Comprehensive One. The measure also would prohibit writings or teachings which constitute sedition.

The department of justice is ready, Mr. Palmer informed the committee, to enforce the law unless legislation congress should see fit to pass.

Mr. Gompers, appearing as spokesman for the American Federation of Labor, denounced the pending bills in unqualified terms, saying they strike with the orderly purpose to strike to improve living conditions would be suppressed under the bills, asserted Mr. Gompers, adding that strikes and cessations of labor are nothing more or less than inspirations of working people to improve their conditions.

Gompers Votes Protest. "I do not believe this species of legislation would stifle the things it is supposed to do," Gompers said, "but rather would provoke the opposite. It would tie the men to their jobs."

E. W. Evans, president of the yearly meeting Society of Friends of Philadelphia, said it was impossible to separate freedom of speech and the freedom of religion. He advocated an appeal to the public-spirited people in an effort to put down those who would overthrow the government rather than utilization of drastic laws.

"There is no disposition to punish anyone except for physical force," said Chairman Volstead of the judiciary committee. "There is nothing to prohibit moral force; no disposition to take away rights to organize or to advocate change of government."

Lawmakers Also Hopped. "I oppose all activities of the so-called 'reds,'" Mr. Gompers said, "and there is no one who is more opposed to these people."

"Standpatists, reactionaries and fools in congress may hate me, but none hate me or vilify me as these people whose activities have been branded as 'red.'"

"What do you mean by fools in congress?" Chairman Campbell asked. "I am afraid I would be guilty of less majesty if I mentioned any names," Gompers replied.

"The life of the people of the United States should not be irksome and suppressed," said Mr. Gompers. "What right has the postmaster-general to pry into private mail and determine what is seditious and what may pass?"

Newspapers Also Protest. Labor opposes force by machine guns or even the mail, newspapers, he said, but it does not want the right "to exert moral force for changes in the government destroyed."

Telegram from 39 newspaper publishers protesting against the sections of the bill which they said would limit the freedom of the press were read into the record by Chairman Campbell.

James Weldon Johnson, former consul to Nicaragua, protested against the bill in behalf of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

Howard A. Davis of Boston presented a petition from the Harvard Labor Club of that city, which said that passage of the measures "would be a calamity forever discrediting those who pass it."

Objection to the provision which would permit the postmaster-general to bar from the mails newspapers publishing objectionable stories or cartoons was made by S. P. Weston.

