

HARDING BANS ALL INAUGURAL POMP

Thrift Request Halts Preparations at Capital.

BRIEF ADDRESS TO BE MADE

President-Elect Would Simply Take Oath of Office.

EXTRAVAGANCE IS FOUGHT

Telegrams Sent Committee Chairman at Washington and Also to Senator Knox.

MARION, O., Jan. 10.—In the interest of national thrift, President-elect Harding tonight requested officials arranging for his inauguration to abandon all plans for an inaugural ceremony.

In a telegram to Mr. McLean, Mr. Harding declared he preferred simply to take the oath of office, deliver a brief address and then take up his duties. He said it would make his position very unhappy if the outlay for an elaborate inaugural created the impression of extravagance.

He also telegraphed Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, in charge of the congressional end of the plans, suggesting that the proposal to erect stands on the capitol grounds be abandoned. This proposal has been the subject of heated debate in congress.

Abandonment Is Asked.

Mr. Harding's telegram to Mr. McLean said:

"I beg respectfully to suggest to your committee complete abandonment of all plans for an inaugural celebration. Heretofore, I have been very reluctant to express my personal views because I know of the cherished regard in our national capital for this quadrennial event and the generosity of the citizens of the district in making provision for it.

"However, if it is becoming to express my preference, I wish you and your committee to know that the impression of extravagant expenditure and excessive cost would make me a very unhappy participant. I am fully aware that the government outlay is relatively small and that the larger expenditure comes from the generous contributions of a district citizenship, but it is timely and wholesome to practice the utter denial of public expenditures where there is no real necessity, and it will be a wholesome example of economy and thrift, if we save the many, many thousands which the inaugural celebration will call from the private purse of those attending.

Message Sent to Knox.

"I have sent a message of like purport to the congressional committee and expressed the wish that no preparations of outlay of any kind be made. It will be most pleasing to me to be simply sworn in, speak briefly my plight of faith to the country and turn at once to the work which will be calling."

The message sent Senator Knox said:

"I have been reluctant to intrude my views relating to inaugural plans, but I cannot longer remain silent without embarrassment and misunderstanding which I had rather avoid.

"Please convey to your committee my wish for the simplest inaugural program consistent with actual requirements in taking the oath of office and the utterance of befitting addresses. I very respectfully request that congress will not appropriate and your committee will not expend any fund whatever.

"I am familiar with the custom of erecting a platform and providing seats for guests who witness the ceremony, but it will be most pleasing to me to have this ceremony take place within the capitol or on the east porch, without a single extra preparation. This will require no expense and we shall be joint participants in an example of economy, as well as simplicity, which may be helpful in seeking our normal ways once more.

Ball Also Is Given Up.

"I have addressed a message of like import to the inaugural committee asking the abandonment of the parade and ball and hope for an acceptance of the intruded suggestion in the spirit which has inspired it."

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NEGRO PASTOR THEN MAKES TOUCH FOR SERVICE.

Woman Without Food for 43 Days, but Mate Still Refuses to Join Her Church.

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 10.—(Special.) While no nearer joining church than when his wife started her hunger strike 43 days ago to force him to her will, Ernest Harrington prayed for her by proxy Sunday and Monday at a dollar a smash, the Rev. Henry Green, itinerant, a negro preacher, doing the oral work.

Rev. Mr. Green, who had at the Harrington home, invited Harrington into the yard, requested him to kneel and attend prayer and then made a touch, while members of the Pentecostal Church of God, of which Mrs. Harrington is a member, prayed outside and inside the house.

"The incident was repeated Monday. "She, like the man who caught the bear, has got to a point where she can't let loose," said Harrington. "She has lost 75 pounds, but is still going strong, but I believe she is sorry she started the thing. As for me, I am still standing pat. I believe my life is my own to live as I see fit, and I don't intend for any person to force me to do a thing I feel is wrong."

Guards have been placed at the Harrington home to keep away the newspaper correspondents and motion picture operators who daily visit the residence in an effort to gain access to the fasting woman. None but the immediate members of the family and well-known members of her church are admitted to the apartments of the woman, who is said to have fallen off in weight from 210 pounds to approximately 135.

Hundreds of letters and telegrams are being received each day by both Harrington and wife. Religious fanatics implore her to keep up the fast and assert she must win, while others advise Harrington not to recede from his stand. One asked if the Lord told her to fast, then why don't he tell her to quit, that it is of no use.

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LEGISLATORS GRIP TAXPAYERS' CASH

All Appropriations Will Undergo Slashing.

HOUSE, SENATE WORK JOINTLY

Cuts May Be Made Below Limit of Six Per Cent.

BUSINESS MEN AT HELM

Institutions Needing Money Will Not Be Refused, but Each Request Must Be Reasonable.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LEGISLATURE AT SALEM.

Organization completed speedily. Introduction of 12 bills. Memorial to congress urging passage of Fordney emergency tariff bill adopted. Committee of 15 reports recommendations as to laws governing state industrial accident commission.

Organization made quickly after delay while waiting for supreme court to administer oath. Three bills introduced. Committees announced.

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ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 10.—(Special.) Action for the fulfillment of its part toward the presentation of the Tongue Point naval base site to the government in accordance with the authority given by the taxpayers of the county at the November election was taken today.

The county court ordered the issuing of warrants in the sum of \$94,463.13 to pay for the various tracts of land comprising the site.

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SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES NAMED

MULTNOMAH HAS 3 ON JOINT WAYS AND MEANS BODY.

On the Whole, Appointments Appear to Be Satisfactory; Rittner Is Generous to Eddy.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Committee appointments were announced late this afternoon by President Rittner and Speaker Bean. On the joint ways and means committee Multnomah county has three representatives and on road and highways Multnomah is represented on both house and senate committees by a member. These are the two most important committees of the session.

On the whole, the appointments appear to be satisfactory. There was some little complaint in the senate that no Marion county man was on the ways and means committee, but as Kay is on the house committee, this county is apparently well recognized. There was such a scramble to be on the roads and highways committees that the membership was enlarged from seven to nine. All sections of the state have representation on this committee.

Rittner Generous to Eddy.

President Rittner, who had a contest for this position several weeks ago, has been especially generous to Senator Eddy, who was his opponent for the place. The president also has kindly treated the supporters of Senator Eddy and at the same time has taken care of the senators who were loyal to himself. Speaker Bean's assignments have also been made with regard to the peculiar fitness of a member for a committee, although there are members who declined to take certain chairmanships for personal reasons. Representative Wells, for instance, ex-insurance commissioner, declined to be chairman of the insurance committee.

Following are the committees:

Senate.

Agriculture—Foster, Robertson, Nicholson, Thomsen, LaFollette.

Alcoholic traffic—Farrell, Eddy, Ella, Lachmund, Strayer.

Assessment and taxation—Bell, Dennis, Hume, Hall, Porter.

Banking—Ryan, Robertson, Hall, Staples, Joseph.

Claims—Thomas, Eddy, Patterson.

Commerce and navigation—Edwards, Hall, Moser, Norblad, Joseph.

Counties and state officers—Vinton, Bell, Ryan, Eberhard, Fortier.

Education—Staples, Eberhard, Hume, Gill, Edwards.

Election and privileges—Dennis, Lachmund, Strayer.

Engrossed bills—Smith, Farrell, Dennis, Norblad, Bell, Hall.

Federal relations—Ellis, Vinton, Patterson.

Fishing industries—Norblad, Smith, Moser, Banks, Jones, Edwards, Nickelsen, Game—Robertson, Dennis, Gill, Bell, Farrell.

Horticulture—Lachmund, Nickelsen and Jones.

Industries—Jones, Vinton, Lachmund, Farrell, Strayer.

Insurance—Banks, Robertson, Moser, Jones, Hare.

Irrigation—Upton, Ellis, Eberhard, Strayer, Banks, Lachmund, Bell.

Judiciary—Moser, Banks, Ryan, Eberhard, Hare, Vinton, Jones, Norblad, Upton.

Medicine, dentistry and pharmacy—Smith, Hume, Farrell, Staples, Ellis.

Military affairs—Joseph, Upton, Bell, Mining—Strayer, Hume, Smith.

Municipal affairs—Robertson, Vinton, Joseph, Norblad, Edwards.

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ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—All appropriation measures will be considered by the house and senate ways and means committees, acting jointly. This agreement has been made by Senator Patterson, chairman of the house committee. By acting jointly, it will not be necessary for arguments to be made twice by advocates of appropriations.

One thing is certain: The 6 per cent limitation will not be exceeded, and it is the intention of the committee to hold down the total as far below this limitation as possible. The joint ways and means committee for a few days as no bills can get to the committee before Wednesday, but in the meantime the members will hold informal conferences and exchange ideas.

It is apparent that a considerable amount of surmounting must be made, and expenses are to be confined to reasonable bounds. The present cost of living and the reported gradual increase in the purchasing power of a dollar are factors which will have

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3 NAVAL BALLOONISTS NEAR JOURNEY'S END

INFORMATION IS BROUGHT BY GUIDE SENT IN ADVANCE.

Camp Reported Made at Skunk Island, a Day's Trip From Mattice, Ontario.

MATTICE, Ont., Jan. 10.—The three American naval balloonists who are "mashing" their way back to civilization here tomorrow afternoon. They were encamped tonight at Skunk Island, a day's journey from Mattice. Information to this effect was received tonight from Earl Trowse, a guide sent out in advance by newspapermen awaiting their arrival. The three officers were reported to be in good physical condition.

The aeronauts party will leave Skunk Island early tomorrow and is expected in Mattice sometime after 4 P. M. Trowse was informed of the proximity of the Americans by W. H. Clarke, who headed the advance party. He started at once for Mattice, traveling 18 miles in the darkness over the Missinipi river and taking five hours for the trip. The trail was fairly good, he said.

Mr. Clarke and Basil Rooney, the third member of the advance party, followed Trowse into Mattice about an hour later. They had not seen the Americans, but were told by an Indian that the aeronauts were encamped at Skunk Island with some islanders. The snow storm, reported heading this way, had not reached here at midnight.

SERVICE AT COST OBJECT

Novel Street Car Operating System Proposed in Detroit.

DETROIT, Jan. 10.—Formation of a company to be conducted on a service-at-cost basis, having administrative control over all street railway lines and in effect ending the controversy between the city and the Detroit United Railway line, is proposed in an ordinance presented to the city corporation council by attorneys for the Detroit United Railway today.

The proposed ordinance provides that a new company, to be known as the Detroit Service at Cost Railway, shall have complete control of all lines.

MERCURY HITS TOBAGGAN

Thermometer Drops to 36.4 Degrees and Freeze Expected.

Following the balmy sunshine of Sunday, the official weather bureau thermometer dropped to 36.4 degrees at 6 o'clock yesterday morning—the lowest temperature recorded here thus far this winter—and the weather-at-once basis, having administrative control over all street railway lines and in effect ending the controversy between the city and the Detroit United Railway line, is proposed in an ordinance presented to the city corporation council by attorneys for the Detroit United Railway today.

Whether or not water pipes will freeze at the temperature that may be reached before the present cold snap breaks, is an open question and depends on the pipes and precautions.

MODERN STATION WANTED BY 1925

Delay in Hearing Asked by All Interests.

CONFERENCE TO BE CALLED

City Will Remain Firm in Its Demand, Declares Mayor.

FORUM FAVORS UNION

Portland Officials Believe That City Is Entitled to New Terminal in Time for Fair.

A new, thoroughly modern union passenger station for Portland in time to accommodate the great throngs that will gather here for the 1925 world's exposition will be sought by this city's representatives, and a meeting of all parties concerned, including the municipality, the railroads and the state public service commission, will be called within a few days by H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of Mayor Baker's special committee of civic club presidents, to get a line on the situation.

Directors of the Northern Pacific Terminal company held a meeting yesterday morning in the office of J. P. O'Brien, president of the board, and voted unanimously to ask the interstate commerce commission for a postponement of the hearing on terminal problems, now scheduled for next Friday morning in this city, and to ask the city and the state commission, as well as the Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroads to consent to such action.

It was officially announced by W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway; that the two so-called Hill lines will agree to the postponement of the hearing, and to ask the city and the state commission, as well as the Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroads to consent to such action.

The city, while in no sense wishing to be arbitrary or appearing to stand in the way of negotiations between the railroads concerned, will stand out for its original objective, namely, a modern union passenger station, no matter what understanding of the railroads may come to on other features of the situation, was the declaration of Mayor Baker after a conference with H. B. Van Duzer, president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the mayor's civic clubs committee.

City to Stand Firm.

"We will agree to a postponement of the hearing by the interstate commerce commission," said the mayor, "but to have a thorough understanding as to what is proposed by the railroad officials as to a new union passenger station, Mr. Van Duzer is calling a meeting of the committee and is inviting everyone concerned to attend and thus to obtain a complete line on the situation. The city will stand firm in its original policy of demanding a new union station, but, of course, will be reasonable."

"My idea is that the city is entitled to a new union passenger station in time for use during the 1925 exposition," said Mr. Van Duzer, "and in order to ascertain the lay of the land under the changed situation developed by the terminal company's action, I soon will call a meeting of the mayor's committee and hope to have a thorough airing of the whole proposition."

City Agrees to Wait.

Other than to give out copies of the resolution adopted at the meeting of the terminal company and copies of telegrams dispatched, following it, the railroad officials had nothing to say as to probable developments in negotiation between themselves.

Mayor Baker and City Attorney Grant yesterday telegraphed the city's permission to grant the requested postponement, properly safeguarded.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the members' forum of the Chamber of Commerce:

Whereas, Portland urgently requires the establishment of a union passenger and freight terminal, available on equal and equitable terms for the use of all the railroad carriers serving the city;

Whereas, the present terminal arrangement is obstructive of efficiency and an impairment to the business prestige of the city;

And whereas, the petitions of the Oregon public service commission and of the city of Portland for a union terminal adjustment adequate to public needs have been heard in this city before the interstate commerce commission or its authorized representatives on January 14, 1921, he

Resolved, That the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce place itself unreservedly and without qualification on record in support of the union terminal adjustment of the Oregon public service commission and the city of Portland; that this organization declares the needs of Portland have not been met until an adequate terminal is provided, and that until such a terminal has been arranged for we ask for the continued joint use of the present terminal facilities in the same manner as during the United States railroad administration; be it further

Resolved, That the board of directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce do hereby ask to take action confirming the above declaration at its next meeting; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution and of the resolution adopted by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce be filed as exhibits before the interstate commerce commission through the agency of

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1790-1920 CENSUS RECORDS BURNED

FIRE GUTS BASEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Three Firemen Overcome by Smoke; Last Enumeration Date Alone Saved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Valuable records dating back to 1790, when the first census of the United States was taken, were destroyed late today in a fire of undetermined origin at the department of commerce. The records included figures from every census up to the present one and officials said that it would be days before even an estimate of the damage could be given.

The fire originated in the basement. Water from more than 20 lines of hose completed the damage done to the records.

Three firemen were overcome by smoke. Among them was Frank Newman, recipient of the 1920 bravery medal.

James Foster, a watchman who discovered the fire, said on investigation he found the carpenter shop and engine room full of smoke.

According to T. J. Fitzgerald, chief clerk of the census bureau, records of the census of 1890 were kept stacked outside the vaults and these were totally destroyed. In the vaults were stacked records dating back to 1790 and arranged according to years up to 1910. The 1920 records were kept on an upper floor. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the actual fire loss was slight but the records destroyed could not be replaced if "we had the entire wealth of the United States. There are no duplicates."

Mr. Fitzgerald said probably the entire census records were practically worthless as sections of nearly every year would have to be deleted and it would take days to get the water out here even an estimate of the damage could be estimated.

Officials said it was probably the most disastrous loss of records the government had ever sustained.

BONUS BILL UNDER WAY

South Dakota May Appropriately \$6,000,000 for Veterans.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 10.—The state's attorney general is drawing up a bill for presentation in the legislature which will provide the \$6,000,000 fund necessary to pay ex-service men the bonus voted at the November election.

Three plans are being considered, the first being the payment of the bonus in cash, the second providing payment in non-negotiable bonds payable in five years, and the third giving the ex-service men choice of either of the two methods of payment.

\$99,000 FINE IS LEVIED

Mislabeling of 99 Cars of Gasoline Charged to Company.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 10.—The Gulf Refining company was fined \$99,000 by Judge Robert L. Williams in the United States district court here today.

It was alleged the company mislabeled 99 cars of casing head gasoline shipped from cities in Oklahoma to Beaumont, Tex.

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AUTO SHOW OPENS IN REAL SPLendor

Six Score Motor Cars in Handsome Array.

AUDITORIUM LIKE OUTDOORS

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MOST ARE STOCK CARS

Valuable Information for Driver and Amateur Repairman Is Available at Exhibition.

BY H. W. LYMAN.

With more than six-score motor-cars in handsome array within the municipal auditorium—made over into Oregon outdoors by a gorgeous decorative scheme—Portland's 12th annual automobile show made its bow to an admiring public yesterday. It is the "beauty show of the automobile world" and it is doubtful if ever before on the Pacific coast has such a predominant note. With the beauty of the auditorium itself, decorated with unusual splendor, is mingled the beauty of cars of the latest models standing at ease upon rare oriental rugs amid bowers of flowers.

But other factors are not forgotten, and the educational value of the show is attested by the fact that numerous cut-out chassis show how the "blame things run" while other displays give valuable information for the driver or the amateur repairman.

140 Cars on Display.

What do you see at the auto show? In the first place, about 140 different models of cars displayed by 30 different dealers, and of about 50 different makes. Here they are: Cadillac, Chevrolet, Dodge, Franklin, Auburn, Stutz, Packard, Nash, Buick, Stephens, Apperson, Elgin, Westcott, Case, Paige, Liberty, Locomobile, Mercer, Revere, H. C. S., Tempair and Premier.

As to what else one may see at the auto show, it is too long a story to tell. One must go and see for himself. Cars there by the score, every model imaginable, in all the colors of the rainbow, the most beautiful and the most practical cars which the greatest automobile producing country of the world can turn out.

No Pains Are Spared.

No pains have been spared to make the show this year the most beautiful ever held in Portland, if not of the Pacific coast. The Portland Automobile Dealers' Association, which is in charge, has spent more than \$20,000 on the big event, a large share of which has gone into the decorative scheme. By means of blue draperies hung from the ceilings, lattices along the walls which are entwined with flowers, and a myriad of electric globes, an effect of the out of doors is achieved, and it is doubtful if the big auditorium has ever looked handsomer. In the main floor room a big chandelier of Oregon "logs" attired with electric lights has been hung from the ceiling, while at numerous places along the Buick, Packard, Apperson, Elgin, Westcott, Case, Paige, Liberty, Locomobile, Mercer, Revere, H. C. S., Tempair and Premier.

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