

# MEASURES ATTACK FEDERAL RESERVE

### Pending Amendments to Act Viewed With Suspicion.

## BITTER FIGHT PROMISED

### Attempt to Divorce Bank Board From Treasury Department Houses Strong Opposition.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 26.—Proposed amendments to the federal reserve act are being viewed with suspicion by the supporters of the present financial organization. It is extremely doubtful whether any amendment to the act will pass the senate without an acrimonious debate and opposition which will hold it up for at least this session.

Some of the proposed amendments of the act are not taken seriously and were not offered with serious intentions. This class includes measures to extend credit to the farmers and otherwise change the law in such a manner as radically to disarrange the existing system of credits. Practically all of these amendments were introduced for home consumption, as they are recognized to be dangerous experiments and to remove the federal reserve board from treasury domination on the other. Chairman McFadden of the house banking and currency committee, author of the bill, insists that the board should become more independent of the treasury.

**Autocracy to Be Avoided.**

Those who have been instrumental in founding the federal reserve system take a contrary view. They insist that the controller of currency should not be abolished, but that more than the federal reserve board should not be entirely independent of the treasury department. Only by maintaining close contact with the country through two high officials of the treasury, it is declared, does the federal reserve become responsive in the fullest to the public needs.

It is argued that if the body were to be composed of five or seven long-tenured appointees, it might become autocratic and fail to respond to the demands of the business of the country. This, it is claimed, would make the board extremely unpopular and eventually result in the abolishment of the system.

**Democrats Develop Opposition.**

Violent opposition to the McFadden bill developing on the democratic side of both chambers, as it affects directly the personnel of the federal reserve board. Now the bill is very apt to pass the house, and the democrats are depending upon the senate to defeat it.

The charge is made by the democrats that the republicans are attempting to inject politics into the board. That this will be a misfortune is granted by both sides of the controversy. The republicans, however, reply that there is already politics in the board and that this is due to the action of former President Wilson. The original federal reserve board was composed of W. G. B. Harding and Charles S. Hamlin, classed as democrats; Frederick Delano and Paul Warburg, as republicans; and Adolph C. Miller, who denies any political affiliation.

**Republicans Have One Member.**

In addition, of course, were the secretary of the treasury and the controller of the currency, ex-officio members, both of whom were democrats. The charge is that Delano was not actually a republican and Miller was really a democrat, which gave the republicans only one member.

Mr. Delano was classed as a republican because he was said to have voted for Hughes in 1916, although it is known that he was never actively affiliated with the republican party. To make the case stronger, the republicans call attention to the fact that Henry A. McChesney, a democrat, was appointed to serve out Delano's term when the latter resigned.

**At the Theaters.**

Hellig.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

IF AL JOLSON has a motto on his desk, it is "I have a desk, it probably is that famous admission of our copy book, and early typewriter days—"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party."

Al Jolson is first-aid, the others are his initiators. Long ago he came to the aid of a party that packed the Hellig theater, a party that laughed at his merry quips, loved his songs and the singer, and accorded him on one occasion, when he sang his famous "Mammy" song, a demonstration equal only to five or six they might give John McCormack singing "Mother Machree."

Al Jolson is of untiring energy and of good humor. He makes every one of his songs a new achievement, putting as much vigor and effort into his sixteen-thousandth rendition as into his first singing. The personal equation enters into every song interpretation. When he sang "Mammy" every person in his audience visualized the waiting mother and the homesick wanderer and no Warfield crying "If You Don't Want Her, I Want Her" ever swayed the audience with deeper emotion than black-face Al Jolson singing:

"I'd walk a million miles for one of your smiles, my mamma."

Jolson holds the spirit and tempo of the entire production at the heights in which he is working. His big ambition is to please, and the contagion of his personality and ambition is communicated to the principals and chorus about him.

The new production he has brought up is called "Sinbad" and is based on an idea from Arabian nights, with Jolson in the role of Sinbad, a porter. The Hellig stage is orientalized for the occasion of Mr. Jolson's production and we glimpse perfumed grooves, valleys of diamonds, islands of eternal youth and fascinating streets and markets in Bagdad. Before the principals go to Bagdad, however, they dash around at a country club and return to the club to get the last news we learn that the episode in Bagdad

was only a dream—a vision the heroine glimpsed through a crystal. It's a perfectly satisfying eye-ful, anyway, and we were all glad she peered into the crystal.

The costume is in the established and traditional style of Winter Garden shows, with feathers and furs and jewels and lace of every gorgeous color and splendid quality, and half revealing, half concealing the charms of their feminine wearers. Truth to tell, the costumes are one-tenth concealing and nine-tenths revealing. Some of the girls have nice eyes.

The music follows the synchronized standards that have been so firmly established in this type of production.

Al Jolson is in splendid form as Sinbad the porter, and his audience hangs devotedly on his every word and awaits eagerly his reappearance. His songs "Swanee," "Avalon," "Mammy" and a new one, a croony waits theme called "Always," are rhythmically delightful and delivered with characteristic fervor and dramatic values. He has an unerring sense of characterization and theatrical effect, and a genuine desire to please, and these qualities coupled with the vitality of the performance makes the production unusually interesting and worth while.

Mabel Wilber came in for a great share of attention and applause. She has the prima donna role and appears first as a social butterfly and later as an aristocrat in Bagdad and the favorite of the king. Miss Wilber's voice is bigger and better, and she has two songs that bring out its brilliancy and power. She is a beautiful woman and her figure is elegant. The role calls for handsome costumes, and Miss Wilber wears them with stately grace.

An especially personable and magnetic little maid is Sue Creighton, a dynamic dancer who looks like a sleek little boy. She and a pair of dancing men, Eddie Lynn and William Burns, create a sensation with their original step.

Among the interesting principals are Forrest Huff as Sinbad, and his wife, the clever comedienne, Freda von Busling, in a character role. She sings a "Beauty and the Beast" song which is illustrated by real greyhounds, a dozen or so, that leap gracefully over great hurdles after they have been exhibited at a fashionable dog show. Another exciting moment is when Mr. Jolson as Sinbad is tossed on a stormy sea. Sinbad is in bad luck, but he is in good luck, and for the rest of the week, with a matinee Saturday.

**Hippodrome.**

HARMONY and comedy of an excellent variety are combined attractively in the act sponsored by the Texas Comedy Four, a quartet of talented men from the Lone Star state. They have been referred to as "singers of sizzling songs" and they certainly put a lot of melody and fun into their act. The comedy which has been referred to as "singers of sizzling songs" and they certainly put a lot of melody and fun into their act. The comedy which has been referred to as "singers of sizzling songs" and they certainly put a lot of melody and fun into their act.

**ADMIRAL FECHTELDER DIES**

Fifth Naval District Commander Succumbs at Norfolk.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—Rear-Admiral Augustus F. Fechteler, commandant of the fifth naval district, died at Norfolk navy-yard today, according to reports to the navy department. He had been ill for several months.

Admiral Fechteler would have reached retirement age September 21. It is probable that he will be succeeded in command of the fifth naval district by Admiral Hugh Rodman, now commanding the Pacific fleet.

**STRIKE IN NORWAY GROWS**

Army and Navy Mobilized for Maintenance of Order.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The steamship engineers and sailors who have been striking for the last fortnight in protest against the attempt to cut wages 33 per cent were today, according to reports to the navy department, mobilized for the maintenance of order, it having been declared here that the bolsheviks were urging a general strike for revolutionary purposes.

**Disabled Soldiers' Call Issued.**

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 26.—Governor Stephens today issued a proclamation calling upon people of California to observe the period from May 29 to June 4 as "disabled soldiers' week" in recognition of esteem in which those who are suffering from disability incurred in the world war are held in this state.

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## P. E. O. CONVENTION ENDS

### SESSION AT WOODBURN IS PRO- NOUNCED SUCCESS.

Vale Chosen as Meeting Place of Sisterhood Next Year—Officers Elected and Installed.

WOODBURN, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—The three-day state convention of the P. E. O. Sisterhood closed here today after adopting resolutions thanking chapters J and L for their hospitality, flowers and luncheons, the press for publicity given, the Masons for the use of their temple and all who aided in making the convention a success. Vale was chosen as the meeting place next year.

Officers elected and installed were: President, Mrs. Edna C. Brown-ton; La Grande, first vice-president, Mrs. Emma Park; Portland, second vice-president, Mrs. Maude Kent; Corvallis, organizer, Mrs. Mary K. Logan; Astoria, recording secretary, Mrs. Mabel Settlemir; Woodburn, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ethel S. Palmer; Newberg, treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Bodine; Portland, Dr. J. Bodine.

The day was spent in hearing committee reports and in secret work. A paper on "The Points of Our Star As exemplified in the Lives of Historical Women," was read by Mrs. Lois J. Bodine.

## WHEAT SALES INCREASE

### 20 Per Cent of Kikittat Crop Is Yet Held by Farmers.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Kikittat farmers have shown a disposition to unload their wheat since the price came back above the \$1 mark. It is now estimated that about 20 per cent of the 1920 crop is still in the hands of the farmers, against an estimate of 50 per cent March 1. Considerable wheat was sold when wheat went below the \$1 mark, as many farmers who were being carried by the banks with their wheat receipts as collateral were called on to liquidate.

Kikittat wheat sold during May is going forward to tidewater from shipping points on the Goldendale branch of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway as fast as cars can be obtained.

## ROTARY CHARTER ISSUED

### CLUB AT McMinnville HAS BIG CELEBRATION.

About 50 Guests From Portland and Salem Attend Programme. Dr. Stryker President.

McMINNVILLE, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—McMinnville's new Rotary club received its new charter last night. The organization held a banquet at the Elberton hotel in celebration of the occasion. About 50 guests were entertained from the Portland and Salem clubs.

The McMinnville club was organized about six weeks ago and application was made for a charter from the international organization. Twenty-five charter members have joined. Dr. William Stryker is president of the club.

District Governor Pike was represented by Charles Cochran of Portland in the presentation of the charter. Governor Pike is on his way to Edinburgh, Scotland, to attend the International Rotary convention there next month. Greetings were read at the banquet from Governor Pike and also from International President

## GARDNER IS ARRAIGNED

### Prisoner Held to Federal Grand Jury as Alleged Mail Robber.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 26.—Roy Gardner today was formally charged with the robbery of a Southern Pacific mail car near Newcastle and held to answer to the federal grand jury by United States Commissioner Shepard, with bail fixed at \$45,000.

Gardner also was charged with escaping from federal officers while en route to McNeil's island to serve a sentence for a mail-truck robbery. This charge probably will take precedence over the other, Commissioner Shepard said.

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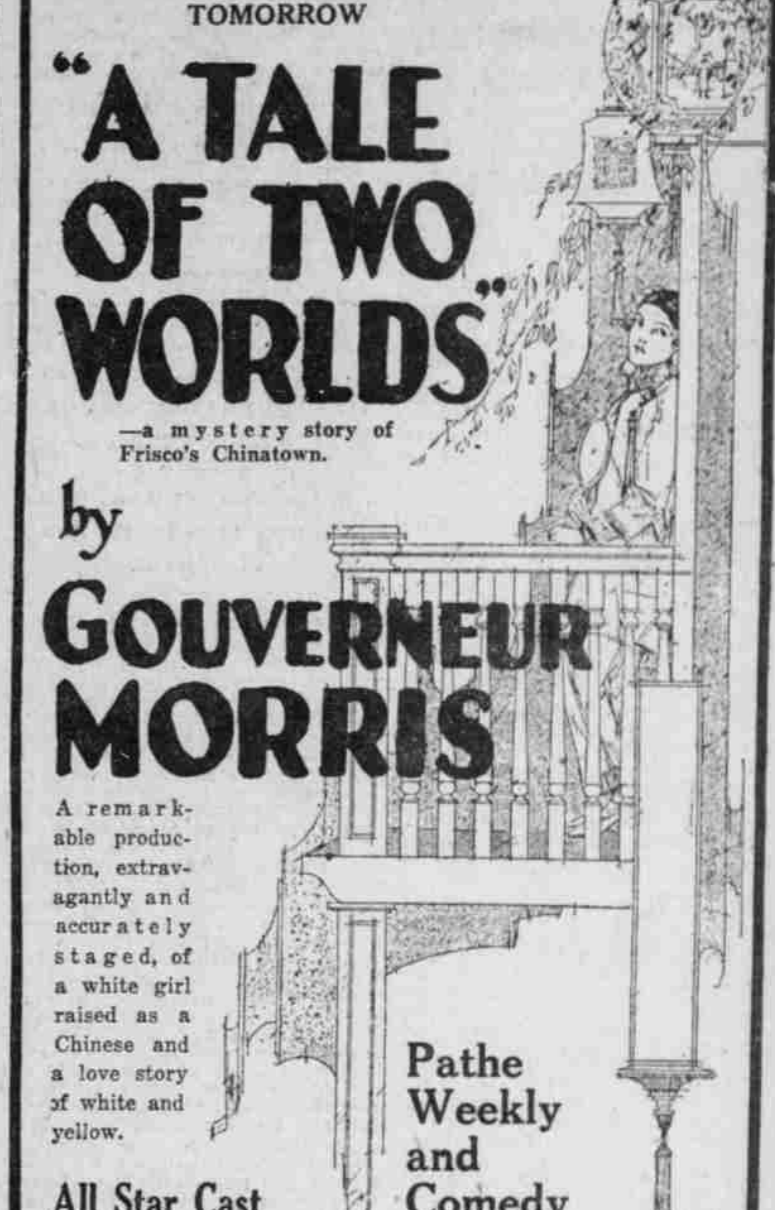
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**Flood Control Bills Approved.**

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 26.—Flood-control bills for the Cowitts and Pug-silup rivers, Washington, introduced by Representative Johnson, were favorably reported to the house today. The bills call for preliminary surveys.

**Action on Peace Uncertain.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—Some uncertainty existed tonight as to whether the house foreign affairs committee would report tomorrow a peace resolution for consideration by the house next week.

**Bronchial Trouble Caused Anxiety.**

Try Foley Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and croup. John G. Hekking, 195 Burgess Place, Passaic, N. J., writes: "I was suffering from an acute case of bronchial trouble which gave me considerable anxiety. Foley's Honey and Tar deserves all the credit for my being well now."—Adv.

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**Oregon Folk Get Licenses.**

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Arthur Blakely and Nora Shan-

## Varsity Girls in Race

Candidates for Officers of Woman's League Announced.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 26.—(Special.)—Candidates for officers of the Woman's League have been announced. Helen Nelson of Pendleton and Ella Hawkins of Corvallis are up for president.

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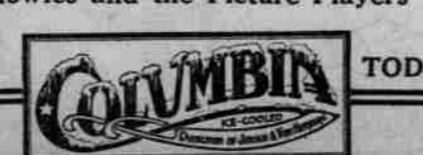
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