

## HOUSE PASSES FAIR TAX BILL

### Gasoline Levy to Raise \$3,000,000 Voted.

### MEASURE WINS 45 TO 14

### Details of Collecting Money Taken Up Immediately After Ballot.

### DEBATE LASTS TWO HOURS

### Resolution Adopted Creating Oregon 1925 Exposition Commission at Once.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—By 45 affirmative and 14 negative votes, the house late tonight adopted house joint resolution No. 3, which is a proposed constitutional amendment, creating an Oregon 1925 exposition commission and making provision for a gasoline tax to raise \$3,000,000 for the fair.

Immediately following the passage of the joint resolution, which had occupied the oratorical attention from early morning, the house took up a companion bill giving details as to how the gasoline money should be raised, collected, expended and rebates given to the various counties. This measure was passed, without discussion by 45 votes.

After the house had considered the resolution in the committee of the whole and reported back, two hours of debate were indulged in. Most of the time was taken up by Speaker Bean, who took the floor and made a powerful appeal to send the gasoline bill to the waste basket and support, instead, his own state income tax, which was to have been considered after other plans of fair finance were rejected by the house.

### Opposition Is Weak.

Practically all the opposition to the resolution, which carried the gasoline programme with it, was voiced by the speaker and Representative Bennett. Debate was eventually cut off by moving the previous question, after which two or three members explained their vote, among them being Representative Carter of Jackson county.

Speaker Bean declared that there was little difference between the gasoline tax and a property tax, and predicted that revenue will be lost because large consumers of gasoline will import the fuel to avoid the excess charge.

"I know," said the speaker, "that this gasoline bill is killed in the senate right now. The income tax is coming and you can't get away from it. I have an income tax bill in this house. It will serve you best—it is safest."

Mr. Bennett took the position that if Portland wanted to hold a party it should not ask others to pay for it. Mr. Bennett has been the most determined opponent of exposition in the lower house.

### Bill Called Unjust.

Prior to the recess for the night meal, explained Mr. Carter, he had been favorable to the gasoline impost and had intended supporting the resolution. Upon further consideration he had come to the conclusion that it would be unjust to ask the gasoline consumers to pay for the exposition and, furthermore, it would be an interference with the road programme.

The vote follows:—Burdick, Childs, Davey, Egbert, Fisher, Fletcher, Flint, Gallagher, Gordon of Multnomah, Gordon of Lane, Hammond, Hindman, Hopkins, Hord, Hurd, Hyatt, Johnston, Kay, Kinney, Korrell, Kubli, La Follette, Lee, Leonard, Looney, Lynn, Marsh, McDonald, McFarland, Miles, North, Overturf, Perry, Powell, Richards, Roberts, Shank, Shirra, Stone, Templeton, Wells, Westcott, Woodson, Wright.

Noes—Acheson, Allen, Belknap, Bennett, Carter, Carey, Hubbard, Hunter, Martin, Miller, Pierce, Sheldon, Sloan, Speaker Bean. Absent, Carsner.

The house followed the passage

## JOHN D. JR. IN CLASH WITH FILIPINO LEADER

### NATIVE INSULTS STEWARD ON SHIP, STARTS FIGHT.

### Principal in Movement for Island Independence Kept From Sitting With American.

An oceanic episode in the movement for Filipino independence, with Manuel Quezon, native leader, and John D. Rockefeller Jr. as its principals is narrated in a letter recently received by Colonel Alexander P. Bowen of this city from a friend who is an American official at Manila.

Quezon was en route home from Washington, where he was a member of the commission that petitioned the government for Philippine independence. Rockefeller was his fellow passenger. Following Quezon's arrival in Manila it was announced that he was ill at the conclusion of the voyage. With this proviso Colonel Bowen's correspondent takes up the tale.

"I cannot vouch for the facts, but the story goes," ran the letter, "and I can well believe it, since it is quite in keeping with his whole career, that Quezon wanted to sit at the same table with Mr. Rockefeller, who came part way from San Francisco on the Empress of Asia. Mr. R. thought otherwise, and gave instructions to the steward to do differently from what Mr. Q. had asked.

The steward obeyed Mr. R. and Q. protested and became insulting to the steward—who was a Britisher. He succeeded to 'rough-house' and in the middle four of Mr. Q.'s ribs were broken, and his visage somewhat spoiled. When the vessel arrived at Manila Mr. Q. was taken ashore on a stretcher. He is now recuperating at Bagio, the summer capital, also the health resort of the islands."

### CUT IN TURKEYS ADVISED

Market Director Urges Producers to Take Reasonable Profit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Turkey producers were advised by Harry S. Maddox, state market director, to dispose of their birds at a "reasonable profit" rather than hold them for prices "which may antagonize consumers."

Turkeys are moving slowly on the local market Mr. Maddox declared in a statement today, and said there was evidence the consumers would not pay more than the prevailing maximum of six cents a pound. The price to producers probably would not go below 40 cents, he said, and added that this figure would provide, in most cases, a reasonable profit.

### SNOW BLANKET COLORFUL

### Mid-Columbia Formation Is Like Neapolitan Ice Cream.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—A cross section of the eight-inch snow blanket that covers the mid-Columbia resembles a portion of Neapolitan ice cream. The first four inches of the snow are as white and beautiful as that about which the poet sings. The next two inches, however, are light chocolate in color. Then comes a top layer of white crystals again.

The dark colored snow, it is thought, results from an eastern Oregon sandstorm.

### SOVIET USES GOLD BASIS

### First Budget Estimated Under New Plan Is Adopted.

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—The central executive committee of the soviet government today approved soviet Russia's first budget estimated on a gold basis. It is for the period from January 1 to September 1, 1922.

The government's income for that period is estimated at 1,571,000,000 gold rubles and the expenditures are estimated at 1,872,000,000 rubles, representing the smallest estimated deficit in the history of the soviet government.

### RADIO TO MOVE TRAINS

### Ford Gets Equipment for Wireless Dispatching System.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 21.—Wireless may soon be adopted by Henry Ford for dispatching trains on his Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad. Equipment for a steel tower to be erected on the roof of the local freight station of the railroad has arrived.

This will make three wireless stations on the road.

### GIRLS' PARENTS APPEAL

### Plea Made for Students Who Violated "Rushing" Rules.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 21.—Parents of five girl students at Ames college charged with violating the "rushing" rules in Tri Delta sorority have appealed to the state board of education to nullify the penalties imposed.

The dean of women had suspended the girls' social privileges temporarily and directed them to move from the sorority house to a dormitory.

### LINEMAN DIES IN BLIZZARD

### Electric Company Employee Frozen to Death on Patrol Duty.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 21.—Alexander Stewart, a lineman employed by the Snake River General Electric company, was frozen to death last night in a blizzard near Virginia City, where he was patrolling one of the power lines.

His body was found this morning.

## DALL'S DECISION EXPECTED TODAY

### De Valera Intimates Final Vote Is Near.

### BITTER WORDS EXCHANGED

### Miss MacSwiney Hints at Revolt if Pact Is Adopted.

### SIGNERS DEFEND TREATY

### Several References Are Made to Plebiscite to Decide on Free State Plan.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—The possibility of concluding debate on the Irish treaty and reaching a decision by tomorrow night was indicated by Eamonn de Valera in today's sessions, when he suggested that if the discussions were not concluded tomorrow a night session should be held "to finish it."

Arthur Griffith, criticising Mary MacSwiney for speaking so long—two hours and 40 minutes—thought 15 minutes would be sufficient for each remaining speaker. There was a disposition tonight by certain members supporting the treaty to predict definitely that it will be ratified.

Miss MacSwiney not only said that she might never have another opportunity to address that assembly, unless Ireland became a republic, but marked out her future policy and that of the republican party. She had opportunities of ascertaining the views of the members of the Dail and these references were taken as pointing to her opinion as to the probable result in the Sinn Fein parliament.

### Treaty Is Defended.

George Gavan Duffy and other speakers for ratification seemed to take it for granted that the Dail would approve the treaty.

There were several references today, as yesterday, to a plebiscite, whatever the Dail decision may be. Much friction between the opposing sides was in evidence. Interchanges this morning between Mr. de Valera and Mr. Griffith created a tense atmosphere. The speech of Michael Cosgrave in the afternoon, however, went far towards restoring mutual friendliness.

Cosgrave strongly advocated ratification of the treaty; he made it plain that a great majority of the Irish people favored acceptance. He followed the line adopted by Michael Collins and welcomed the treaty chiefly for its immediate helpful effects on Irish social and economic conditions.

### Pathos Is Brought In.

Mr. Cosgrave spoke with much pathos of the misery of 20,000 Dublin families, each of whom lived in one room and suggested the desirability of leaving the decision to the Irish people. The meeting was notable for speeches by Gavan Duffy and Eamonn J. Duggan, two of the delegates who signed the treaty. Though Mr. Duffy regretted the treaty and Mr. Duggan

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## WEALTHY WOMAN HAILED INTO COURT

### SHOPLIFTING CHARGED BY EMPLOYEE OF STORE.

### Accused Resists When Taken Into Custody, but Tentatively Admits Act to Court.

Mrs. Cliff M. Weatherwax, wife of a wealthy lumber importer and exporter of San Francisco, was arrested at the Lipman, Wolf & Co. department store yesterday afternoon as a shoplifter. The arrest was made by Miss Cora Walker, house detective at the store, who swore to the complaint.

According to Miss Walker, Mrs. Weatherwax was seen to steal a pair of \$4 gloves and hide them in her expensive fur muff a moment before she hurriedly left the glove counter. The gloves, with the price tag still on them, were found in Mrs. Weatherwax's possession when Miss Walker arrested her just outside a street entrance of the store.

Clothed in furs and other apparel valued at thousands of dollars and with her fingers glittering with diamonds which represented a snug fortune, Mrs. Weatherwax presented a striking appearance as she stood before Municipal Judge Roseman in police court less than two hours later.

Her face had the pallor of a child who might have been shocked from some great fright. She seemed to be lost as she stood there alone, and without a friend in the grim courtroom where drunks and women of the street loitered at her as she told her story to the court.

"Really, I do not know what to do or what to say," she said simply. "I must have taken the gloves because the woman found them in my possession. I don't know how they got there, but I must have done it. I am absolutely mind-blinded, because there is no other explanation I can think of."

Miss Walker had testified she had seen Mrs. Weatherwax wait until the saleswoman at the glove counter turned her back for a moment when she picked up the gloves and stuffed them into her muff.

Miss Walker further testified she had become suspicious of Mrs. Weatherwax when she first entered the store, two hours earlier, and had followed her around from one department to the other until she saw the alleged act of theft.

Miss Walker was accompanied by a woman house detective from the Meier & Frank store, who had also become suspicious of the wealthy woman's actions and had gone over to the Lipman & Wolfe store to put Miss Walker on her guard.

Together, the women detectives accused Mrs. Weatherwax the moment she reached the street. According to their version the prisoner fought bitterly to escape and it was necessary to call upon a deputy constable who was passing to assist them in securing her to the police station.

A crowd of more than 200 persons was attracted to the scene and followed the captive and captors almost to the door of the police station.

The trial, which was brief and void of anything unusual, had almost finished when Charles E. McCulloch of the law firm of Carey & Kerr rushed into the courtroom and raised his voice in behalf of Mrs. Weatherwax.

"If your honor please, I have just heard of this unfortunate arrest of Mrs. Weatherwax, and although I was not called down here to represent her, I felt it my duty to come at once," he said. "I know her husband and have represented him on many occasions."

It was then, for the first time, that both the identity and the social and financial standing of the frightened woman were brought to the astonished gaze of the courtroom.

Mr. McCulloch pleaded vainly with

## COLD SNAP CONTINUES TO HOLD ITS ICY GRIP

### FREEZING WEATHER ON ITS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DAY.

### Forecast of Mr. Wells for Today Is "Snow, Possibly Turning to Rain."

Time	Deg. Time	Deg.	
1 A. M.	25.1	P. M.	24
3 A. M.	24.1	P. M.	23
5 A. M.	23.1	P. M.	22
7 A. M.	22.1	P. M.	21
9 A. M.	21.1	P. M.	20
11 A. M.	20.1	P. M.	19
1 P. M.	19.1	P. M.	18
3 P. M.	18.1	P. M.	17
5 P. M.	17.1	P. M.	16
7 P. M.	16.1	P. M.	15
9 P. M.	15.1	P. M.	14
11 P. M.	14.1	P. M.	13

Though the sun shone from a cloudless sky for several hours yesterday and the wind dropped down enough to let the warmth of the sun be felt, the cold snap, which yesterday finished its third consecutive day, is not through. At 8 o'clock last night the thermometer was back to the 30-degree mark, and a freezing temperature was expected throughout the night.

Some of the snow on streets and sidewalks in the business section melted yesterday afternoon, while the thermometer ranged as high as 35 degrees, but the heat of the sun was not sufficient to evaporate the water, the snow in the gutters prevented it from running off, and the result, when the freeze came on again, was a thin coating of ice, precarious alike to pedestrians and motorists.

Weather conditions generally were much the same last night as they had been for three days, and Weather Man Wells repeated his forecast of Monday when he pronounced "snow, possibly turning to rain," as the outlook for today.

A slight fall of powdery snow occurred early yesterday morning, but amounted to only .7 of an inch on the level, according to the weather bureau record.

### BEND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—For the third time in three consecutive days, a new two-year cold record was set here last night, when the mercury in the official government thermometer registered five degrees below zero.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Two ice jams now block the Columbia river within a few miles of the Dalles, completely spanning it in both instances. The first to form was at Crates Point, about three miles below here. The jam formed some time last night, and late this afternoon the ice jam had almost backed up as far as the Dalles, because of inability to pass. The second jam is at Big Eddy, four miles above the city.

The temperature reached the low mark of 9 degrees above zero here at night, the coldest in two years. The locks at Cascade Locks are said to be frozen, precluding any river traffic, even if ice floes did not make navigation dangerous. The ferry crossing to the Washington side here stopped running at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the boats were put into quarters, pending the breaking of the ice jams.

All county roads are open, as is Pendleton to Hood River, although the highway is as slick as glass where snow has melted from drifts and refrozen on the pavement.

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The delay was caused by the derailing of three cars of the local freight

train at the station.

### Another Meeting Called.

By agreement of all concerned a meeting was scheduled for 9:30 this morning, when Mr. Dieck will meet with Chief Jenkins in Mayor Baker's office to seek a solution for the situation.

Three tentative schedules to meet the situation were presented by Chief Jenkins. He declared that they had been worked out after two days of effort. One, proposing a five-booth plan instead of foot patrol, was rejected without consideration. The Mayor and proposed to install a 12-booth system, as well as meet the cut of \$72,000 from the department budget. It showed, according to statements of Mayor Baker and Chief Jenkins, that 80 men must be discharged from the police force, from the 403 now in the bureau, in order to raise funds to put it in operation.

A third plan which will be taken up unless a better solution is found according to Chief Jenkins, would meet the budget cut only and would require a reduction of 37 men and a reorganization of the hours of duty. Under it the second night relief would practically be done away with and a rearrangement of hours provided in the inspectors' division.

### New Schedule Planned.

Two motorcycle riders, the patrol-wagon crew and five patrolmen alone would be left in the downtown section between 4 A. M. and 7:30 A. M. No men would be on beats in the outlying districts and but two motorcycle riders would be on duty at the east-side station during the same hours. In order to care for the eight hours of the second night relief the inspector's day relief would work from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.; the first night relief of inspectors from 6 P. M. till 3 A. M., and the shotgun squad from 3 P. M. to 4 A. M. No men would be on patrol in the outlying districts from midnight on till morning.

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vision.

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## MAYOR PROTESTS POLICE FORCE CUT

### Retrenchment Order Is Held Preposterous.

### CRIME SWEEPING COUNTRY

### Dropping 80 Men Now Declared Poor Business.

### CITY WOULD BE HELPLESS

### Executive Astounded by Situation Forced Upon City by Tax Conservation Commission.

Trimming of the Portland police force to meet the \$72,000 budget cut made by the tax supervision and conservation commission will mean the elimination of all new blood, including ex-service men, on the police force, and will leave the police department of the city unable to meet an emergency without the backing of the national guard or an auxiliary citizens' organization. Mayor Baker declared yesterday in conference with the commission on the charges scheduled to go into effect about January 1.

Installation of a 12-booth system of automobile and motorcycle patrol and radio equipment to replace foot patrol would require a further dropping of that police force, he said. "I don't know what to do, but I must have enough men to make it operative, the mayor said.

The announcements were made at a meeting arranged by Mayor Baker in the offices of the tax supervision and conservation commission. The three members of the tax commission, together with Mayor Baker, Commissioners Mann and Bigelow, Chief of Police Jenkins, Chief of Inspectors Moore and City Attorney Grant, were in attendance.

### Mayor in Predicament.

Mayor Baker said that a check on the funds allowed by the commission for operation of the department had left him in a position where he did not know what to do to maintain police protection for the city.

"We must drop 80 men to get down to the budget allowance and install the 12-booth system recommended by the tax commission," said Mayor Baker. "That means we must cut out all our special work and if we install the system we will not have enough men to operate it."

F. W. Mulkey, chairman of the commission, called upon Robert G. Dieck to compare the tax commissioner's estimates of force with those presented by Chief of Police Jenkins. Mr. Mulkey declares the commission was not suggesting the manner in which it should be carried out, but was ordering a straight reduction and had suggested more up-to-date methods to meet it. The commission held that the installation of the booth and auto patrol system could be accomplished in two years on the budget allowance without wrecking the police force.

Comparison of reduction schedules of Mr. Dieck and Chief Jenkins showed that the former estimated on a total of 236 men in the bureau and the latter on 323 when the \$72,000 budget slash had been met by a reduction in force and the booth system installed.

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## REALTOR FOUND DEAD WITH BULLET IN HEAD

### PLUMBERS COME UPON BODY IN SEATTLE RESIDENCE.

### Remains Forwarded to Person Using Slain Man's Name in Portland and California Points.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—Mystery confronted the police here tonight when plumbers repairing pipes found Ferdinand Hochbrunn, 72, a retired real estate dealer, lying dead with a bullet wound in the back of his head, in the apartment he was believed to have vacated. Hochbrunn was supposed by his friends to have gone to California more than two months ago.

The coroner estimated the man had been dead eight weeks.

Edwin von Tobel, Hochbrunn's attorney, told the police that Hochbrunn was supposed to have left town. Von Tobel had forwarded regularly the rent collections from Hochbrunn properties to some one telegraphing in Hochbrunn's name from Portland, Or., Oakland, Ca., and San Bernardino.

After a preliminary investigation the police announced they were looking for Miss Clara E. Skarin, about 28 years old, who was reported to have had access for months to the apartment occupied by Hochbrunn. Miss Skarin occupied a room in the house for five months, according to information furnished detectives. When she went there to live, neighbors recalled, Hochbrunn explained that she was the daughter of an old housekeeper whom he had employed.

About two months ago, residents of the building said, Miss Skarin gave it out that Hochbrunn had gone south to turn a real estate deal. Hochbrunn was reported to own property worth \$100,000.

The police said neighbors also were authority for the statement that following Hochbrunn's absence Miss Skarin frequently came to the house, entering the apartment with a key.

In his statement to the police, Von Tobel said he had received not only the telegrams from Portland and from California points asking that rent collections be forwarded, but had received letters, apparently in Hochbrunn's handwriting and bearing California postmarks.

Had the family living beneath Hochbrunn's apartment saw water leaking through the ceiling from a frozen pipe that had burst. The plumbers called discovered Hochbrunn's body in an ante-room adjoining the bedroom. The body was covered with a blanket.

The aged man's pockets had been silt. While two cents was all the money on the body, Hochbrunn's gold watch, in his vest, had not been disturbed. A money belt containing \$2000 in gold certificates was found in a trunk.

Miss Skarin had left a trunk in the apartment and the police took from it letters and telegrams addressed to "Clara E. Skarin" and also to "Clara Winborn." They all were signed "Robert Winborn" and several referred to the serious illness of a relative.

Hochbrunn was unmarried. He was born in Germany and was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war.

### SECRET-HOLDER IS FINED

### Editor Refuses to Divulge Name of Bootlegger Interviewed.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 21.—K. E. Torrance, editor of the American Fall, Idaho, was fined \$10 for contempt of court today for refusing to divulge his source of information in regard to an interview with "the most prominent bootlegger in the city," that appeared in his paper, according to word received here.

The interview gave a detailed description of where and how bootleg liquor is being made.

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