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EXPOSITION ISSUE UP TO PROMOTERS

Fair Resolution and Tax Bill in Discard.

SECRETARY OF STATE ACTS

Measure Submitted for Filing Turned Down.

DEFECTS DECLARED FATAL

Governor Likewise Refuses to Approve Bill Designed to Put Tax Bill in Operation.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, acting upon the advice of the attorney-general, today refused to accept for filing in his office house joint resolution No. 3, providing for submission to the voters of the state at a special election May 19 the question of amending the constitution so as to authorize the financing of the proposed 1925 exposition through a gasoline tax.

The secretary of state, in explaining his action in refusing to accept the resolution for filing from F. W. Drager, chief clerk of the senate, said it had not been signed either by Roy Ritter, president of the senate, or L. E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives. Because of the omission of these signatures the secretary of state held that the resolution was not completed.

Majority Question Raised.

The resolution was approved in the house by a vote of 48 to 14 and carried in the senate by a vote of 15 to 14. President Ritter ruled that it required a constitutional majority of 16 of the elected members of the senate to adopt the resolution. As a result of this ruling he declared the resolution had failed. Proponents of the resolution then appealed from the decision of President Ritter and the appeal was sustained by a majority of the senate. It was alleged by supporters of the fair that because of the death of one member of the senate 15 votes were sufficient to adopt the resolution.

House Bill No. 22, which provided the machinery for putting the fair tax in operation, met a like fate when submitted to Governor Olcott today by the chief clerk of the senate. The governor refused to accept the bill on the ground that it had not been signed either by the president of the senate or the speaker of the house.

Issue Up to Promoters.

This bill provided for an additional 1-cent tax on gasoline, of which revenue \$2,000,000 was to be diverted into a fund for financing the exposition. House bill No. 22 received the same vote in the house and senate as house joint resolution No. 3.

Upon the refusal of Governor Olcott and Secretary of State Kozer to accept house resolution No. 3 and house bill No. 22, Mr. Drager said he would deposit them in the state depository under a statute which provides that all bills, resolutions and measures which fail to receive the approval of the legislature shall be placed in the hands of the secretary of state for safe keeping.

With the fair resolution and the other measure assigned, and their acceptance for filing by the secretary of state, the next move to force the issue is in the hands of the exposition promoters.

BUTTER TRAIN SENT EAST

Shipment Out of San Francisco Is Largest on Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A freight train of 13 cars, loaded with 492,058 pounds of Australian and New Zealand butter recently received here, which left today for New York, Philadelphia and other eastern points, carried the largest shipment of butter ever sent by rail out of San Francisco, according to local dealers.

Of the total shipments of butter received a few days ago from the antipodes, 700,000 pounds still remain temporarily in storage here. Local butter prices on the dairy produce exchange still are falling under the pressure of the imported article, extra choice being quoted today at 40 cents a pound as compared with 47 1/2 cents a little more than a week ago.

POLES OUT OF POSITION

Earth's Axis Declared to Have Shifted 60 Feet.

SWARTHMORE, Pa., Dec. 29.—Water D. Lambert, mathematician of the United States coast and geodetic survey, speaking today before the American astronomical society at Swarthmore college, described calculations made at a number of observatories showing a slight motion of the earth's poles. The movement, indicated by a change in latitude, he said, was very slight.

The north pole has dipped slightly to the south, the observations over a period of years indicate, he said, but the movement has never taken the pole more than 60 feet out of its position.

BOOTLEGGERS USING U. S. RUM PERMITS

FANCY LIQUORS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN DUPLICATED.

Seattle Business and Professional Men Said to Be Involved in Alcohol Scandal.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Evidence has been discovered by federal agents here showing that thousands of gallons of alcohol have been obtained fraudulently on permits issued by the federal prohibition office in Seattle, Roy C. Lyle, prohibition director for Washington, announced today. The alcohol thus obtained, Director Lyle said the evidence showed, had been used by an organized ring as the base for manufacture of synthetic "gin," "champagne" and "fancy wines," retailed here at high prices. He declared that a chemical formula had been evolved by which the raw alcohol was transformed into liquors which passed critical inspection and that he had in his possession names of business and professional men who were clients of the bootleggers. Deliveries, he said, had been made in downtown office buildings.

Six men, whose names were not given, were questioned this morning, Director Lyle said. He added that he expected to make a number of arrests.

BIG BILL'S FINE SOUGHT

Move to Collect \$10,000 From Haywood Estate Started.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Plans to collect the \$10,000 fine imposed on William D. (Big Bill) Haywood, convicted with several scores of other I. W. W.'s of violation of the espionage act during the world war, have been completed and action will be begun at once, according to announcement of District Attorney Charles F. Clyne today.

Haywood was sentenced to prison but fled to Russia.

Joseph Merensky, assistant district attorney, will go to Salt Lake City immediately, the district attorney said, to start action against the \$50,000 estate of Haywood's wife, who died recently, leaving all her property to her husband.

EX-SENATOR BOURNE ILL

Politician From Oregon Reported in Serious Condition.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Reports here are that Jonathan Bourne Jr., former senator from Oregon, is in a serious physical condition. It has been practically impossible for some time to obtain any information about Mr. Bourne's health, although it has been known for months that his friends were alarmed about his illness, which first took the form of a nervous collapse.

One of his friends who was admitted to Mr. Bourne's apartment today said today that he was shocked to see the one-time senator pale, emaciated and but a shadow of his former self.

QUAKE PREDICTION NEXT

Ability to Make Forecasts Is Announced as Probable.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 29.—The University of California announced today that earthquakes may be predicted with a fair precision, with which weather forecasts are made as the result of the discovery by A. C. Lawson, professor of geology, that earth movements are the antecedent as well as the consequences of earthquakes.

According to the announcement, observation of the earth's crust will enable scientists to determine with accuracy the forthcoming earthquakes and warnings may be sent to the residents of districts to be affected, similar to the weather warnings sent out by the weather bureau.

ACREAGE CUT ALARMING

Serious Curtailment in Staple Food Production Feared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The "curtailment" of the acreage devoted to staple farm products, suggested by the secretary of agriculture, would be evidence that our civilization has gone to smash," Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the farmers' national council, declared in a statement today.

"Millions of people are starving in the world, and millions are underfed in the United States," he said. "We must immediately have a government guarantee the wheat growers the cost of production and control wheat products through to the city bakers."

NOTED FINANCIER OF JAPAN IS HERE

Viscount Shibusawa Is Guest of Portland.

MORALITY OF NATIONS URGED

International Code Declared Salvation of World.

ARMS PARLEY ATTENDED

Party Now on Way Home From Washington, D. C.—Success of Conference Held Assured.

International morality, as Viscount Eishi Shibusawa sees it, is the remedy for the world's turmoil. In his 82d year, the noted Japanese financier, who is passing today as the guest of Portland, hopes only that he may live to witness the establishment of neighborly relations, such as prevail in civil life, among the nations of both hemispheres.

"Between individuals," he declared, "there exists a morality based on courtesy, equity and modesty. The more intelligent the individual, the more pronounced are these virtues. They are the structures of our society, I believe, and have long believed, that nations should have a code of morality founded in these same virtues. If any one nation is actuated by self-interest alone, is proud of its strength, and continually puts forward its own selfish designs, that nation becomes a peril to itself and its sister nations. I have always insisted on an international morality. It will come."

Viscount Pleasant-Faced.

Viscount Shibusawa, a round, pleasant-faced little gentleman, who seems far younger than his years, arrived in Portland late yesterday afternoon on his fourth visit to this city. He is en route home from Washington, D. C., where in an unofficial capacity he attended the disarmament conference as a member of the Japanese good-will commission. Accompanying him are Dr. Junichi Soeda, ex-vice-minister of finance; Melroku Masuda, director of the Shibusawa family association; Kyugoro Ohata, private secretary, and Mr. Yoshiharu Hosaka, physician to Viscount Shibusawa. He was welcomed by Acting Japanese Consul Yoshida, prominent Japanese residents of the city and O. M. Clark and Frank Ira White of the Chamber of Commerce.

"I and the members of my party," said Viscount Shibusawa, in an interview at the Multnomah hotel, "looked forward with great interest to the disarmament conference, as a means to promote world peace and economic welfare. My visit was entirely unofficial."

MISFIT GIFTS EXCHANGED

Post-Christmas Bargain Party in New York Success.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A bargain party for the exchange of undesired Christmas presents was held last night at the women's city club. It was a merry party and everybody got rid of misfit gifts.

The trading scheme, when first proposed by someone who maintained that Santa Claus was human and liable to make mistakes, drew loud protests from sentimental folk, but cold practicality won.

NEW PREMIER NAMES CANADIAN CABINET

WILLIAM L. M. KING TAKES REINS OF GOVERNMENT.

William S. Fielding of Nova Scotia Is Chosen Minister of Finance by Liberal.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 29.—William Lyon Mackenzie King, elected premier of Canada on the liberal tidal wave at the general election December 6, took the reins of government from Premier Arthur Meighen, conservative, today in the presence of Baron Byng of Vimy, governor-general of the dominion.

The new premier announced the following cabinet appointments: Minister of finance, William S. Fielding of Nova Scotia. Minister without portfolio and assistant-general, Daniel D. Mackenzie of Nova Scotia. Secretary of state, A. B. Copp of New Brunswick. Minister without portfolio, John E. Sinclair of Prince Edward Island. Minister without portfolio, Raoul Dandurand of Quebec. Minister of health and soldiers' re-establishment, Henri S. Beland of Quebec. Minister of justice, Sir Lomer Gouin of Quebec.

Minister of customs and excise, Jacques Bureau of Quebec. Minister of marine and fisheries, Ernest Lapointe of Quebec. Minister of trade and commerce, James A. Robb of Quebec. Minister of militia and defense and minister of the naval service, George F. Graham of Ontario. Postmaster-general, Charles Murphy of Ontario.

Minister without portfolio, Thomas A. Low of Ontario. Minister of railways, canals, William C. Kennedy of Ontario. Minister of labor, James Murdoch of Ontario. Minister of agriculture, William R. Motherwell of Saskatchewan. Minister of the interior, mines and superintendent-general of Indian affairs, Charles Stewart of Alberta. Minister of public works, Hewitt Bostock of British Columbia.

FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Orchard, Wash., Man Succumbs While Sawing Wood.

ORCHARD, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Daniel Harmon, 50 years old, an Orchard farmer, yesterday dropped dead while sawing wood at Siscon, three miles from here. The body was found today following a search. Mr. Harmon left home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and a hunt was begun when he failed to return last night.

He is survived by his widow and two children.

BORAH ENJOYS JOE'S CALL

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Mr. Borah declined to talk of the meeting, but it was ascertained that the Pacific agreement was discussed at some length. The Idaho senator said he had enjoyed "Joe's visit very much."

117 FARM LOANS GRANTED

\$37,000 Advance to Oregon Approved by Finance Corporation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Approval of 117 advances for agricultural and livestock purposes, aggregating \$3,592,000, was announced today by the war finance corporation.

The loans distributed included: Montana, \$155,000; Oregon, \$37,000; Washington, \$48,000; Wyoming, \$105,000; California, \$424,000; North Dakota, \$384,000; South Dakota, \$285,000.

NEW LOW RECORD HIT IN PRICE FOR SUGAR

NEW YORK REFINER REDUCES QUOTATION 10 POINTS.

Fine Granulated Now on Basis of \$4.80—Investigation of Hide and Leather Market Asked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Prices for refined sugar declined to another new record today, when a local refiner reduced the list quotation 10 points, to the basis of \$4.80 for fine granulated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Refined cane sugar at the refineries here dropped from \$5.40 to \$5.20 today, following reduced quotations in the New York market. This was said to be the lowest price in seven years.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 29.—The Connecticut board of agriculture has written Attorney-General Daugherty, asking him to order an investigation of the hide and leather market. The letter said that farmers can only get 5 or 6 cents a pound for cattle hides, sometimes not over 3 cents, and that the finished article is still very high in price.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Aid of the attorney-general of the various states will be relied upon by the justice department in an effort to rectify retail prices of the necessities of life, Attorney-General Daugherty said today.

When the department's investigation of retail prices has been completed, Mr. Daugherty said, it was expected that the local authorities in the different states would take the necessary steps to remedy local situations, while the department would act in cases where there were violations of the federal law.

Mr. Daugherty said that he expected to publish a table of the cost of necessities—food, fuel, shoes and clothing—to the consumer in different localities, as compared with the production costs of these commodities. Publication of retail prices was expected by Mr. Daugherty to have a salutary effect upon profiteering prices. Already, he said, announcement of the department's investigation has had some effect.

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FRENCH MENACING THEIR WFFUTURE

Diver Stand Hurts Their Position at Parley.

DEBT CANCELLATION WANTED

But America Not Likely to Be That Generous.

POLITICS PLAYING PART

Briand Jockeying for Longer Tenure of Office and Conference Is Handicapped.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—If you ask whether anything can be found to say in extenuation of what the French delegates have done to the conference, the answer, after a large number of conversations with persons entirely open-minded and without feeling about it, is, for the most part, very little. If you ask whether the episode is likely to be discouraging consequences, both immediate and remote, the answer is, un happily, yes.

It just happened that the climax of the steady French course of preventing success for the conference coincided with the most important utterance made in America in the direction of our cancelling the debts due us from France and other European countries. The position of Justice Clark, both as a member of the supreme court and otherwise, is such as to carry much weight. But if you were today to call the roll of congress and the senate together with other public men in a position to influence the event you would find hardly a man willing to follow Justice Clark's lead.

France Wants Several Things.

France wants several things from America. Among them she wants the cancellation of the debts she owes us, and she wants the assurance that we will come to her help if she is ever again attacked by Germany.

There was about in the way for France to get these things, and the way is so to act as to make the right sort of impression on American people. And so to conduct her relations with us that, whenever the issue arises, the American people shall have the feeling about her that would move us to come to her help.

To visualize the effect of what has just happened, there is no better way than the crude but effective answer made by many American public men to the question of relieving France from paying the money she owes us. "Are we," it is replied, "going to let France have our money to build a huge naval equipment?" In the same way the other question is answered, "Are we going to come to the help of France in any future war when she willfully endangers success in the Pacific?"

Political Causes Susseid.

But the discouraging effect of the actions of the French delegates goes even further than this. What the American public may have sensed vaguely is realized even more concretely and definitely by persons close to the conference. That is, that much that has been done here by the particular French individuals is not necessarily the act of the French people, but is dictated to a considerable extent by personal political considerations. In addition to the situation between Briand and the French politicians now out of power, who would like to get themselves in, those who are familiar with the French delegation, say there has also been tension between Briand and one of the other French delegates, who, through his position at home, is in a position to influence a considerable block of the membership of the French chamber of deputies, upon which Briand must depend for his tenure of office.

The net effect of all this is a discouraged feeling on the part of the Americans that it is hopeless for us to become involved in this sort of thing. We can possibly conduct our affairs with one eye on the politics of Paris. In short, the result of this French development must be accepted as having the effect of making us less willing to take part in international conferences or in international affairs altogether. Those who favor isolation for America are greatly strengthened in their position; and for those who realize that France exists and we must live in the same world with her, the possibility of a satisfactory relation to the world is made more difficult.

Other Delegates Wise.

Nevertheless the net result of the situation as it exists today is not discouraging. The American, British, Japanese and Italian delegates to this conference are wise and able men. They are to the Americans especially, they did not go into this matter expecting it would be an easy walk to success. They took into account possibilities of trouble even more serious than

DEBS PASSES DAY IN QUIET AT HOME

SOCIALIST CHIEF UNCERTAIN AS TO FUTURE PLANS.

Secretary of Party in Illinois Declares That National Tour Will Be Made.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Back at his home after almost three years in prison because of his anti-war speech in 1918, Eugene V. Debs, the socialist, passed today in quiet, broken only by visits of friends. He announced tonight that all plans for his future activities would be held in abeyance for some time. Friends said he would make a lecture tour next year, probably under the auspices of the socialist party.

Most of the socialist party leaders who had gathered here to welcome Debs back, visited him today and then left for their homes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Eugene V. Debs will make a national tour under the auspices of the socialist party, it was announced here today at national socialist headquarters. O. C. Wilson, state secretary for Illinois, said that members of the party's national executive committee expected to meet with Mr. Debs in a few days to work out details of his future work with the party.

HEARST GETS NEW PAPER

Purchase of Oakland Enquirer Announced in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Purchase of the Oakland Enquirer by William B. Hearst and its prospective consolidation with the Oakland Post were announced today. The change becomes effective January 3, 1922, the consolidated newspaper thereafter to be published as the Post-Enquirer of Oakland.

Hearst now has three newspapers in the bay area—the Examiner of San Francisco and the Post-Enquirer of Oakland. Only the San Francisco Examiner is controlled openly by him. He also has two newspapers in Los Angeles. The purchase of the Enquirer was announced by the Post Publishing company.

INEBRIETY ON INCREASE

Chicago Municipal Court Record Shows Drunkenness Grows.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The annual report of the municipal courts of Chicago, submitted today by James A. Kearns, clerk of the court, showed drunkenness had increased here during the last year. The report showed that 61,200 persons were arraigned for intoxication in 1921, as against 52,366 in 1920.

The report followed the action by the city council yesterday in declaring by a vote of 52 to 6 that prohibition had failed to prohibit and demanded that congress and the state legislature authorize the manufacture, sale and distribution of "wholesome beers and light wines."

SOVIET AGENT IS COMING

Envoy to Supervise Expenditure of Millions for Relief.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Permission has been granted the soviet government to send a representative to this country to supervise the expenditure of \$10,000,000 of former imperial Russian funds for the purchase of grain for famine relief, Secretary Hoover said today.

The soviet government was informed, however, that the agent would be admitted to this country only for the purpose of supervising the purchase of supplies with Russian money, Mr. Hoover added.

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ONE CHARGE LEFT AGAINST GOVERNOR

Mr. Small Freed of All Other Accusations.

FRAUD TRIAL IS STILL FACED

Conspiracy in \$2,000,000 Shortage Alleged.

CASE DATE UNCERTAIN

Embarrassment Indictments Are Dropped—Fight in Court Is Vigorous One.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Governor Left Small today was freed of every charge against him except that of conspiring with Lieutenant-Governor Sterling and Vernon Curtis to defraud the state of \$2,000,000 during Mr. Sterling's term as state treasurer.

All charges of embarrassment during his own term as state treasurer were stricken from the record, partly by Judge Edwards and partly by the state. The court also quashed a charge of operating a confidence game. Tonight Governor Small issued a statement, declaring that "what occurred today in the circuit court of Lake county will live here to the public mind the methods employed and the inspiration causing these indictments."

TRIAL DATE UNCERTAIN

The date of his trial on the one charge remaining still was uncertain. Judge Edwards, in his decision on the motion to quash the indictments, ordered the governor to trial January 9 on an indictment charging him with embezzlement of \$500,000 during the last six months of his term as state treasurer.

State's Attorney Mortimer and his assistants staged a vigorous fight to bring the governor to trial, first on the conspiracy charge, and failing in that, nullified the embezzlement indictment rather than try it first. James H. Wilkerson, assistant attorney-general of Illinois, one of Mr. Mortimer's aids, explained to the court that the state desired to try the conspiracy case first because to try the books and records needed in it "had been left in the treasurer's office and not carried away."

RECORDS HELD DESTROYED

The embezzlement indictments, besides charging the governor with misappropriating \$500,000 in state interest money, also alleged he had destroyed or carried away many of the records of the treasurer's office.

The next step in the legal battle between the governor and his prosecutors will be taken here Saturday, January 7, when the defense expects to present a motion asking for separate trials for the governor and Mr. Mortimer's aids, explained to the court that the state desired to try the conspiracy case first because to try the books and records needed in it "had been left in the treasurer's office and not carried away."

NAME SIGNED WRONG PLACE

The foreman of the Sangamon county grand jury, D. A. Brian, signed his name in the wrong place on the back of an indictment charging Governor Small, Lieutenant-Governor Sterling and Mr. Curtis jointly with embezzlement of \$700,000. Judge Edwards quashed the indictment because of the foreman's error.

A typist left the word "relentlessly" out of a count charging the trio with operating a confidence game. The charge was quashed. The grand jury charge counts in the joint conspiracy indictment failed to allege the special

PORTLAND AS A PLAYGROUND FOR TOURISTS

FEATURE OF OREGONIAN ANNUAL.

The most interesting place in Portland last tourist season was the municipal automobile camp opposite beautiful Peninsula park, where travelers from everywhere found comfort and convenience.

This remarkable place, equipped by the city government for the use of our visitors, is described in detail in text and illustrations in the annual edition of The Oregonian, to be issued January 2.

It is but one of many places of the kind, smaller, but none the less sources of joy to the automobilist, to be found in Oregon.

There are all kinds of outdoor sports to be enjoyed in Oregon and in the annual edition there will be articles dealing with these, showing the state to be one great paradise for the tourist.

