

STORMS BREWING OVER SHIP BILL

Harding Fights Year-to-Year Appropriations.

TILT IN SENATE LOOMS

Chief Executive Fears Madden Plan Will Jeopardize Subsidy; Loan Feature Studied.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Storms awaiting the administration shipping bill in the senate were foreshadowed during initial consideration of the measure today by the senate commerce committee.

The storm center in the committee was the Madden amendment attached by the house making the shipping aid fund subject to annual appropriations by congress.

Elimination of the amendment was immediately opposed by a group of republican committee members composed of Senators McNary of Oregon, Leavitt of Wisconsin and Williams of Ohio, who announced their intention of fighting in the executive and in the senate for some provision giving congress a measure of control over a fund from which shipping companies may be extended loans amounting annually to as much as \$20,000,000.

Discussion ranged about this question and the McNary amendment was finally put over until after the committee had concluded its consideration of other sections of the bill.

Late in the day the McNary-Leavitt-Williams group put forward a compromise under which the approval of congress would be required only for an increase over the amount of government aid fixed in the original contract entered into between the shipping companies and the private companies.

Some consideration was given by the committee today to the section of the bill establishing a construction loan fund amounting to not more than \$25,000,000 from which loans for construction purposes are to be made to shipping companies with interest at 4 1/2 per cent, but the progress was made in fact, progress upon the entire measure was so slow today that committee members would not venture a prediction when the bill would be sent to the waiting senate.

The president's letter declared the Madden amendment would "jeopardize the programme by threat of conflict in securing an appropriation from year to year," and added "the thing worth doing right and with every possible effort for a definite policy for an ample trial, else it is scarcely worth doing at all."

The president said in his letter that he desired to urge "with all the earnestness at my command" that the Madden amendment be eliminated.

"I understand that this amendment was added," he wrote, "without any thought of enacting the bill, mainly to harmonize it with an accomplished practice of congress in making appropriations in carrying out government commitments relating to improvements, such as navigation and other government projects."

"It is a very different proposition so far as the shipping bill is concerned. Our chief object is to establish and promote the American merchant marine."

"Shipping enterprise involves a very considerable investment of capital. Sometimes millions must be invested in a single ship and no shipping concern with ample ships to operate, definite lines in sustained service could begin without expending several millions of capital. Much of this capital will necessarily be acquired through the process of direct subscription, attended by bonding. It is not believed that any financial concern would support a bonding enterprise with any uncertainty in the continuity of government aid."

Collapse Held Possible. "It would be quite possible for shipping concerns already organized and financed to avail themselves of government aid without any more subsidy than the bill passed by the house carries for them."

"Of course it is a reasonable assumption that congress once pledged to a policy of government aid would carry on from year to year in accordance with its enacted pledge. At the same time it must be recognized that a congress unfavorable to a policy of government aid might for one reason or another interrupt the appropriation and bring about a collapse of the enterprise under the law."

"The mere possibility of such a fissure would undoubtedly deter the successful financing of shipping projects and defeat the very object which the merchant marine act sets out to accomplish."

The president declared that "the outstanding objection to the amendments lies in the fact that it impedes the organization and financing of the new and smaller shipping concerns."

KELSO PRECINCTS SPLIT Long-Bell Township Divided Into Five Voting Districts.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—To care for the great increase in population at Kelso and vicinity the board of county commissioners has subdivided Monticello precinct where the Long-Bell Lumber company's new city of Longview will rise, into five precincts, and has made five precincts of north, south and east Kelso. The new precincts are as follows: North Kelso, north of Allen and west of Fourth street; east of Fourth street; South Kelso, between Allen and Mill streets;

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW READS DETROIT MAYOR'S TELEGRAM OFFERING HIM SENATORSHIP.



JAMES COUZENS AND MRS. FRANK COUZENS.

This photograph, taken November 29, shows Mrs. Frank Couzens, daughter-in-law of Mayor James Couzens of Detroit, Mich., reading the telegram to the Detroit executive offering him the United States senatorship of Truman H. Newberry, resigned. He accepted the appointment, which was made by Governor Greenback of Michigan.

Wallace precinct, Wallace addition and acreage; Lower Covean mountain precinct, Coveman and Bryson mountain district; West Kelso, unincorporated; Longview, territory bordered by Fowler's lake, where the business center of Longview will be located; Monticello precinct, industrial town and millsite; Rock precinct, vicinity of Coffin Rock; La Du precinct, south of Mount Solo; Mount Solo precinct, north of Mount Solo.

YEAR WET FOR OMAHA

Recent Records Broken in Arrests for Drunkenness.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 6.—Statistical-ly, 1922 has been Omaha's wettest year since prohibition went into effect, records compiled by the Omaha department show, the arrests for drunkenness in the 11 months of 1922, ending November 30, numbered 4562, more than ever before in the city's recent history, according to the police, whose records show that the nearest approach was in 1915, when 4084 arrests for drunkenness were made.

Notwithstanding the great increase for 1922 a comparison of police records of five years before prohibition and the records for the five years following prohibition show that arrests for drunkenness have decreased 12 per cent.

Police attribute the great number of arrests for drunkenness to the poor quality of liquor obtainable and an increase of drinking among the younger generation. "It used to be that a drunk could be directed home with the expectation that he would go," said Sergeant John Holden, addressing a small audience at police headquarters yesterday. "Nowadays a drunk is capped dynamite. Sometimes it is necessary to hold a drunk a couple of days to calm him down before he can be sent before the court."

INDIAN AUTOIST JAILED

Man Who Crawled From Wreck Charged With Drunkenness.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Jonas Hyasman, Indian, crawled from underneath his automobile which had rolled over his wheel, crashed its top and broken the windshield as it rolled over twice after leaving the pavement at Lincoln and Perry streets, yesterday, and arrived at the police station with a bloody nose and a swollen face.

Shortly afterward, the police and Patrolman Sharp arrived on the scene, then gave chase, picked up Hyasman and booked him at the police station for driving a car while intoxicated.

OIL WELL TO BE SHOT

Nitroglycerine to Be Exploded in Astoria Project.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A. J. Bankson, manager of the Rock Glycerine company of Basin, Wyo., arrived yesterday to examine the lower Columbia Oil & Gas company's well, and made arrangements with the board of directors to shoot the well at the bottom of the 277-foot sand, or at the 3577 foot level. He will use a charge of 160 quarts of solidified nitro-glycerine, placed in eight shells, each 5 feet 2 inches in length, so the charge will extend a distance of over 40 feet.

The explosive and equipment will leave Denver, Colo., by freight tomorrow, and Mr. Bankson, who left today, will return to make the shot as soon as the explosive arrives, probably in two weeks.

Blizzard Expected in Baker.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Blizzard conditions were expected to hit Baker county and the rest of eastern Oregon late tonight, Government Observer Maxwell said. Early in the night a drizzling rain had changed to intermittent falls of snow and the wind was blowing at a terrific rate. A low temperature was forecast.

Normal at Bend Suggested.

BEND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The recently enacted law requiring teachers to have two years' work above the high school may mean the establishment of a normal school in Bend within the next few years, according to County Superintendent Thompson, who spoke in the national educational week programme at the weekly commercial club luncheon today.

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ERIN'S INAUGURAL AS DOMINION HELD

Ceremony Is Simple One and Unmarred.

OATH TAKEN BY HEALY

New Governor-General Sworn In, as Is Professor Hayes for Speaker of Dail.

DUBLIN, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Inauguration of the Irish free state as one of the dominions of the British empire took place today. The ceremony was simple and unmarred by hostile demonstrations from the republican minority.

The oath was administered to Timothy Healy as governor-general by the lord chief justice at Mr. Healy's residence, three miles west of Dublin, and afterward the new governor-general administered the oath to Professor Michael Hayes as speaker of the dail.

Members Meet Promptly. There were no crowds outside the parliament house when the dail met tonight. The members assembled punctually at 5 o'clock. William T. Cosgrave, president of the dail cabinet, and Kevin O'Higgins, minister of home affairs and nephew of the new governor-general, were among the first arrivals and occupied the seats first in the dail. At 5:10 o'clock Speaker Hayes announced he was authorized by the governor-general to administer the oath to the deputies.

Timothy Healy was the first one to be sworn and to sign the roll. The form of the oath of allegiance was primarily to the constitution of the Irish free state and then to King George as the head of the people forming the British commonwealth.

Others Also Take Oath. Mr. O'Higgins and the other ministers took the oath in turn, followed by the members of the dail. The oath was administered to each man individually.

When the ceremony was completed Professor Hayes was re-elected speaker and Cosgrave president of the cabinet.

Only two of the five Irish signatories of the treaty, Eamon J. Duggan and George Gavan Duffy, took the oath. The others, Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins are dead and Robert C. Barton is in jail as a rebel.

All laborers present. All the labor members with the exception of L. Gaffney, who was the only member of the dail to vote against the constitution. He is expected to refuse the oath, thus leaving his constituency unprotected.

Cathal O'Shannon, editor of the "Voice of Labor" and member for his advanced views, was one of those sworn in. Lord Mayor O'Neill was absent because of illness. Another absentee was Liam de Rolaité (William Roche), member for Cork county. He has been a supporter of the treaty and is counted upon as certain to take the oath later on.

George McKewen Takes Oath. McKewen, who has been conducting the free state military operations in the provinces and has not been in Dublin recently, appeared and took the oath.

The labor party authorized its leaders to make a statement explaining its acceptance of the oath. The statement said the laborites were merely following the tactics of the political parties of the workers in all other countries, whether monarchial or republican. The oath looked upon as implying no obligation other than the obligation resting upon any person in accepting the principles of citizenship.

The whole tenor of the president's reference to Ulster was quiet and conciliatory.

After his address Mr. Cosgrave nominated the following six ministers as constituting, with himself, an executive council: Kevin O'Higgins, Richard Mulcahy, Professor John MacNeill, Ernest Blythe, Joseph McGrath and Desmond Fitzgerald. His nominations were accepted.

CHURCH GUARD DECREED

Burning of Catholic Property Is Ascribed to Firebugs.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Officials of various Catholic orders today announced elaborate plans for guarding the church property against incendiaries believed to have been responsible for fires which have destroyed or damaged several Catholic institutions in Canada within the last few weeks.

FORMER ENVOY ACCUSED

Another Greek Indicted for Disaster in Asia Minor.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A revolutionary court-martial has decided that Steriadis, former Greek commissioner in Asia Minor, was partly responsible for the disaster in that region and various charges have been made against him, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens.

If he does not reply to a summons ordering him to stand trial in Athens he will be tried "in absentia," the dispatch adds.

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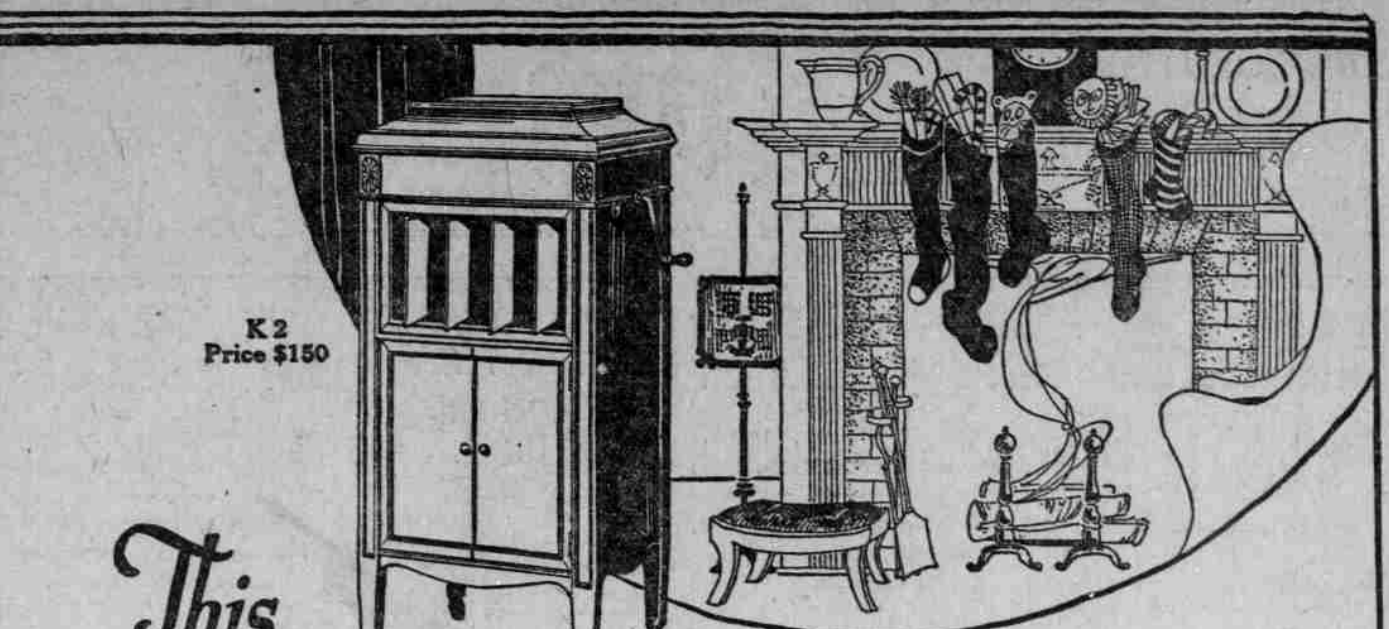
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When Walter M. Pierce takes office as governor he will be asked by H. H. Weatherston of Elgin, member of the state horticultural board, to use his influence in obtaining legislation for state control of the quarantine on hay in Baker county. This was indicated in a letter to County Judge Dudson from Mr. Weatherston, made public last night. At present the weevil-infested area is patrolled at county expense.

OLD MEDALS OFFERED

Soldiers to Get Prizes Struck for Contest in 1889.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Two gold medals, ordered by Major G. F. McConnell for presentation 23 years ago, have been turned over to Captain J. Quincy Adams, present commander of the 48th company, Oregon National guard, coast artillery corps. Major McConnell organized the local company in 1889, and had the medals struck at that time. Both are of Roman gold, and the larger one cost \$25 at that time.

The larger medal will be presented to the best all-round soldier in the company for the quarter ending March 31, 1923, according to Captain Adams. The other medal will be awarded to the member of the organization making the highest aggregate score in competitive shooting during the same period.

BUS LINES FILE PLAINT

Threat of Benton Court to Halt Use of Roads Charged.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Operators of a number of stage lines operating on the Pacific highway, between Salem and Eugene, appeared at the offices of the public service commission today and complained that the county court of Benton county had threatened to regulate them out of business.

The specific complaint of the Benton county court was that the buses are too heavy for the roads over which they travel and have caused considerable damage. The stage operators hold that they are under the jurisdiction of the state laws, and that the county court has no authority to impose further restrictions.

State Quarantine Desired.

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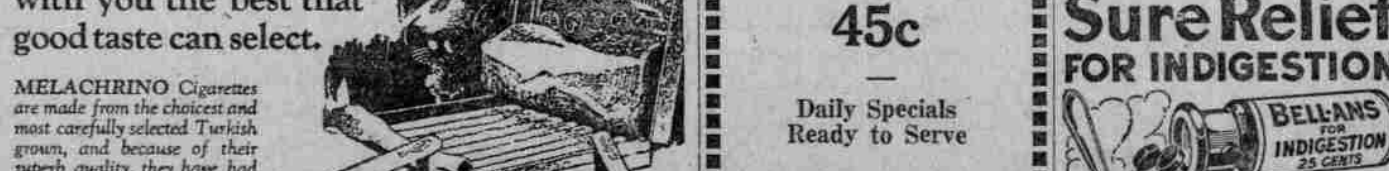
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