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JUMBLE OF BILLS
RUSHED THROUGHReckless Haste to Close
Session Causes Row.

ULTIMATUM SENT TO HOUSE

Senate Threatens to Retal-
iate for Sifting Proposal.

SPECIAL ELECTION IS SET

Eight Measures, Including Death
Penalty and New Tax Levies,
to Be on May 21 Ballot.RECORD OF FINAL DAY OF
SPECIAL SESSION LEG-
ISLATURE.

Legislature.

Directed special election May
21 to refer eight measures to
people, including capital pun-
ishment and several new tax
levies.Passed bill regulating foreign
language papers.

House.

Passed 40 bills at evening
session.Passed educational millage
tax.Defeated final attack on pav-
ing royalty.Rejected memorial to ratify
treaty with Lodge-McNary com-
promise.Appropriated approximately
\$12,000 for Child-Caring league.Adopted resolution that two-
thirds of votes cast be necessary
to carry constitutional amend-
ments on ballot.Passed bill authorizing county
courts to regulate dancehalls.Appropriated \$250,000 for sol-
diers' financial aid law.Adopted capital punishment
measure.Killed Pierce's state income
tax bill.

Senate.

Passed straight party ticket
bill.

Passed state income tax bill.

Passed \$10,000,000 road bond
bill.Adopted resolution urging rat-
ification of League of Nations.Ratified and validated con-
struction of Vista House.Directed highway commission
to complete Mount Hood loop.STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan.
17.—(Special.)—At 1 o'clock this
morning the legislature was still in
session.STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan.
17.—(Special.)—The legislature be-
fore adjourning directed that a spe-
cial election be held May 21, for the
purpose of referring to the people
eight measures, ranging from restora-
tion of capital punishment to several
new tax levies.In the evening session the house
considered 40 bills, passing most of
them, including nine road measures.
Following the report of the steer-
ing committee, the house took up
measure in rank of importance,
which satisfied the senate, the latter
body declaring that it would not pass
house bills until the house ceased
killing time and got down to business.Senate Has Pave-Fight.
One of the last acts of the senate
was to stage another patent pave-
(Continued on Page 14, Column 1.)SENATOR GILL KEPT
ON NEW COMMISSIONSPECIAL MEASURE ENACTED
TO COVER APPOINTMENT.Bill Calculated to Prevent Doubt on
Eligibility to Service on Board
for Fish and Game.STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan.
17.—(Special.)—John Gill of Portland
will remain a member of the newly-
created state board of fish and game
commissioners. To prevent any doubt
as to his eligibility to serve, the sen-
ate and house this afternoon enacted
special legislation exempting the
members of the fish and game com-
mission from certain definitions of the
constitution. The point was raised
after Senator Gill's election to the
commission that there is a constitu-
tional prohibition against a member
of the legislature filling a member
of the session of which he is a
member.To straighten out the situation, the
attorney-general drafted a bill calcu-
lated to cure this with respect to
members of the fish and game com-
mission, and Representative C. C.
Moore of Multnomah had it passed
unanimously in house and senate.Mr. Gill had decided to resign when
the issue was raised and so informed
a number of sportsmen, but the pas-
sage of the curative act caused him
to agree to remain. It is reported that
H. B. Van Duzer and Richard Price,
who have been fighting the old com-
mission, sent urgent messages to Sen-
ator Gill not to consent to remain on
the new commission in any circum-
stances.There now remains but one member
of the commission to be selected, and
this is to be the chairman, the ninth
member. The new law provides that
he shall be a neutral and act as an
arbitrator between the fish commis-
sioners and the game commissioners
in matters of dispute. E. V. Carter,
a banker of Ashland, is being dis-
puted as a probable selection for the
chairmanship.Under the measure adopted in the
house for a committee to investigate
the fish and game commission, Speak-
er Jones has appointed Representative
Beane, Hare and Cross.STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan.
17.—(Special.)—State Senator Lach-
mund of Marion county was selected
as a member of the special committee
to investigate the fish and game com-
mission when Senator Gill, who had
previously been named on the com-
mittee, submitted his resignation. Sen-
ator Gill withdrew from the com-
mittee by reason of his election to the
commission. Senator Norblad is the
other senate member of the com-
mittee.

"PUSSYFOOT" IS ELATED

William E. Johnson in London

Comments on U. S. Prohibition.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—William E.
Johnson, the American
Anti-Saloon league organizer, in a
speech today referred to the going
into effect in the United States of the
prohibition amendment."This is a solemn moment for
me," Mr. Johnson declared, "because
from this day the flag of my country
will no longer float over any brewery
or distillery. My flag is clear and
from beginning to end our statute
book will direct war against this
traffic in human misery and de-
bauchery."Mr. Johnson said he was looking
forward to the success of the prohibi-
tion campaign in England.

FREQUENT RAINS COMING

Forecast for Week Predicts Snow
East of Mountains.WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Weather
predictions for the week beginning
Monday are: Northern Rocky moun-
tain and plateau regions:Frequent local rains or snows in-
dicated over north portion; generally
fair over south portion; nearly normal
temperatures.Pacific states—Frequent rains in
Washington and Oregon, probably
some snow east of the mountains;
generally fair in California, except oc-
casional rains extreme northwest por-
tion; nearly normal temperatures.STRAIGHT PARTY
TICKET IS PASSEDPresident of Senate Casts
Deciding Ballot.

BILL EVOKES LIVELY DEBATE

Finish for Oregon's Indepen-
dent Voters Asserted.

PIERCE SEES OBSTACLE

House Promptly Passes Measure
With Few Adverse Votes; Move
to Reconsider Ineffective.STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan.
17.—(Special.)—It required the vote
of President Vinton to pass the
straight party ticket ballot in the
senate this afternoon, for without his
support the political measure would
have failed to secure the constitu-
tional number of votes. The bill
passed after a brief but spirited de-
bate, in which the democratic mem-
bers and three republican senators
fought to defeat it.Later the house duplicated the
action by passing the measure
promptly."This," sighed Senator Pierce, dem-
ocrat, "is the finish for the inde-
pendents in Oregon."Known as S. B. 53, the straight
party ticket ballot was introduced by
the senate judiciary committee, which
consists of eight members, half of
whom voted on third reading to kill
Representative Gallagher and given
to the senate judiciary committee to
sponsor, the theory being that if the
measure could get through the sen-
ate its passage in the house would be
a simple affair. The bill is practically
a copy of the measure passed by the
house in 1919, but which was
smothered in the senate judiciary
committee on a plea of Senator Pierce.

Bill Is Averted.

Since the Oregonian announced the
existence of the party bill, members
have been showered with telegrams
from Portland asking that it be de-
feated. The civic club sent many such
messages.Senator Moser explained the work-
ing of the bill, stating that it will
make voting a more simple matter,
but that it will not prevent the in-
telligent voter from making his per-
sonal selections. The bill is a party
matter, admitted Senator Moser, and
as Oregon is a republican state and
the legislature is largely republican,
the bill should pass. Senator Gill re-
plied that he was one of the commit-
tee which years ago evolved the Aus-
tralian secret ballot system for Ore-
gon, which requires selection and in-
telligence in voting, and he stigma-
tized the pending bill as a reflection
on the intelligence of the Oregon
electorate.

"Bad Politics," Says Handley.

Opposition to the bill was voiced
by Senators Thomas and Handley, re-
publicans. The reason democrats
have been getting elected in Oregon,
contended the senator from Jackson,
is because the republicans have not
been nominating their best men, and
he declared that when democrats are
elected in a state overwhelmingly re-
publican something must be wrong
with the republican nominees. In his
speech, Senator Thomas predicted that
Senator Pierce will be the democratic
candidate for governor the next time
an election is held for that office, a
statement which Mr. Pierce did not
deny.Senator Handley of Tillamook
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FIGHT RED AGITATION.Lansing Opens Vaults Where Cher-
ished Documents Have Been in
Hiding for 18 Years.WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Recent ac-
tivities of radical propagandists led
Secretary Lansing this week to dis-
play for the first time in 18 years
the original parchment of the Decla-
ration of Independence and the Con-
stitution of the United States.In the presence of a group of official-
ties of the department, the parchments
were removed from the vaults of a steel
safe inclosing them and placed on
view in the state department for an
hour, while motion picture cameras
recorded their appearance for the
benefit of the 110,000,000 persons liv-
ing under the principles enunciated
by them.Theaters from Maine to California
and from the Gulf of Mexico to Can-
for will exhibit the films in an ef-
fort to remove from the public mind
in every city, town and village any
possible effects of recent "red" activi-
ties.Owing to their age, exhibition of
the parchments is a rare event. Ex-
posure to light even though each
sheet is protected carefully from air
by hermetically sealed glass plates,
caused additional fading of the ink
inscribing the immortal words which
brought the republic into being.

Reds Cause of Move.

It was only the hysterical clamor
of radical agitators, which caught the
ear of many local citizens and be-
cause of the reaction that induced
Secretary Lansing to enlist the co-
operation of the press and motion
picture industry to remind the peo-
ple of their debt to the land in which
they live. Fearing a great crash to
see the precious sheets if the plan
became known, with the possibility
of serious damage resulting, an-
nouncement of what was done was
not made public until today.Both the declaration and constitu-
tion were found in excellent condi-
tion. The former for many years has
been very faded, due to the fact that
"letterpress" have come and gone
productions have come and gone
about 70 years ago, and in the wet-
ting necessary much of the ink was
lost. The signatures are very indis-
tinct, except for the famous "John
Hancock" written extra large with
flourishes and right in the most
prominent place, so that his advocacy
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known to all the world.Such witnesses are ordinarily very
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several occasions.Admiral Sims' great victory, one
more signal, perhaps, than anything
that happened to the American naval
forces in the war, came when he suc-
ceeded in getting into the record the
word "profane hands.""WATCH BRITISH"
SIMS' ONLY ORDERAdmiral Startles Crowd at
Senate Hearing.

SUPPRESSED LETTER IS READ

Navy's Course During War Is
Strongly Criticized.

PITTMAN GETS BACK TALK

Audience Is Aghast When Officer
Relates Final Instructions
Before Going Abroad.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Women nodded
their heads in approval, and the au-
dience was composed mostly of women,
and women and men but their lips and
laughed as Vice-Admiral William S.
Sims snapped out his answers to Sen-
ator Pittman of Nevada today at the
hearing of the senate sub-committee
investigating the distributing of naval
decorations. The old sea dog presen-
ted an entirely new type of witness
before congressional committees.Incidentally, he caused a sensation
by getting into the record a sup-
pressed letter to Secretary Daniels
which probably will result in the in-
vestigation of the entire course of the
navy department during the war.He was so entirely different from
any other military or naval witness
appearing at an official investigation
that the effect was startling, and at
times almost shocking. He never
smiled and he never lost his head, and
to questions put to him in the form of
a defense of some act of the navy de-
partment by Senator Pittman, his an-
swers came back so quickly that the
large audience packing the committee
room sometimes became more inter-
ested in the man than in the subject
under investigation.

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THROUGH MAIL TRAINREGISTERED MAIL SEIZED BY
AFFABLE HOLD-UP MAN."Just Out of Trenches," Robber
Tells Mail Clerks Before Leav-
ing Cars in California.BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 17.—A
masked man, apparently a former
soldier, tonight held up and robbed
Southern Pacific train No. 10, a fast
mail and express train eastbound
from San Francisco to Chicago, carry-
ing no passengers, rifled the mail car
of 30 pieces of registered mail and a
tin box containing valuables in trans-
it, and escaped between the small
towns of Stege and Pullman, Cal."Hello, boys, I'm just out of the
trenches and I'm going to get some
of Uncle Sam's money that is coming
to me," was the robber's greeting to
four mail clerks who had opened the
door of the mail car in answer to his
knock. Holding them at bay with a
revolver, he gathered up all the regis-
tered mail within his reach, including
the tin box, gave the correct railroad
signal for a stop with the car, backed
cord that ran through the car, backed
out through the door as the train's
momentum died, and jumped off.The outlaw did not wear soldier's
clothing, the clerks said.

GASOLINE ACT DEFEATED

Senators "Play Safe" and Presi-
dent Casts Deciding Vote.STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 17.—
(Special.)—President Vinton, of the
senate, tonight cast the deciding vote
in defeating H. B. 42, by the roads
and highway committee, which
sought to repeal the act of the last
session requiring a specific gravity
test for all gasoline shipped into or
sold in this state.The bill passed the house yester-
day by a substantial majority and
seemed certain of passage in the sen-
ate tonight. An extended debate tired
the senators to such an extent that in
voting they "frankly admitted they
had become so confused they would
vote against the bill on the theory
that to do so would be playing safe."
The vote stood even until the name
of President Vinton was called, when
he voted in the negative. The bill
received 15 votes as against 14 to
defeat it, but 16 votes are required
in the senate for the passage of any
measure.