

COUNTIES OF IDAHO IN SECESSION PLOT

Northern Tier Ghost-Walks to Form New State.

LINCOLN WOULD BE NAME

Governor Olcott of Oregon Invites Joint Delegation to Confab Over Japanese Question.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Secession of the ten northern Idaho counties from what is now Idaho, and their combination into a new state, was the proposal that was made today to sons of the present legislature.

The ghost of the biennially proposed state of Lincoln was first sighted in the legislative halls this morning. It was seen frequently by a number of members in the highway and by-ways of the chambers. A delegation from Sand Point, Bonner county, headed by George R. Baker, was expected to reach Boise Sunday for the purpose of holding a conference on the proposal with members of the legislature from the Panhandle.

Education Bill Is Passed.

By a vote of 23 to 22 the house of representatives passed house bill No. 53, by the committee on education, to abolish the office of state commissioner of education, and fix the salaries of heads of state educational institutions.

Representative Hugo of Latah county, majority leader in the house, just before adjournment gave notice that Monday he would move for a reconsideration of the vote. He had changed his vote from nay to yea for this purpose.

House Joint Memorial No. 5, by Miller, was introduced and passed by the house under suspension of the rules. It calls upon congress to enact reclamation legislation at once upon a broad national policy.

New Measures Swamp Clerk.

Inasmuch as Saturday was the last day but one allowed by the house rules for introduction of bills, the clerk's desk was swamped under with 26 new measures.

One of them was a joint resolution by Weeks of Canyon, proposing to submit to the people a constitutional amendment by which the biennial sessions of the legislature shall be held in two sections of 30 days each, a month apart. This would permit members of the two law-making bodies to go home and consult their constituents midway in the sessions.

Such a law is now in effect in California, though a similar measure was defeated in the 14th Idaho legislature.

The senate voted unanimously to invite legislative committees of Washington and Oregon to meet with a committee from the Idaho legislature in Boise to consider the problem of alien population of the Pacific coast states.

Oregon Governor Sends Call.

This action was taken on receipt of a telegram from Governor Olcott of Oregon stating: Oregon legislature has passed a joint resolution asking for a conference at a convenient place between committees of the legislative assemblies of Idaho, Washington and Oregon for the purpose of careful investigation and consideration of the alien population problem of the Pacific coast. Can you kindly advise at the earliest opportunity when and where a joint committee of your legislature could meet with a committee from the state of Oregon, to discuss the problem of the Pacific coast states?

Lieutenant-Governor Moore will appoint a committee of three to represent the senate at the conference. House bill No. 118, by the committee on livestock, creating a sheep commission of five and appropriating \$35,000 for its use to eradicate scab in Idaho, was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Senate Passes Repeal Bill.

By a vote of 23 to 22 the senate passed house bill No. 15, by the state affairs committee. This bill repeals the act providing for a continuing appropriation in Idaho to be used jointly with a federal appropriation to be used under the Smith-Hughes act.

Ex-service persons of the late war were recognized unanimously by the senate in the passage of senate bill No. 52, by Burky, which gives to such service a 20-day preference right to file on Carey act lands in Idaho.

The legislature is half over. Thirty of the 60 per diem days have passed and the vast bulk of legislation is yet to be digested. Solutions have been heard to remark that there are but two real issues before the legislature—economy and a new primary; that after these are disposed of the two houses can adjourn sine die. Every member will agree that economy is necessary. There is a difference of opinion over the primary.

The bill introduced in the house Friday is assured of passage in that body, a list of 31 members supporting it having been published. Among them are the authors of the primary measure introduced a week ago, which it is now believed will be withdrawn. The main objection to that measure was that it called for a non-partisan judiciary and primary elections believe that each party should have the right to nominate their own candidate for the supreme court bench.

A safe and reasonable primary bill will be passed by the senate, representatives who have investigated the situation say. It is admitted a hard fight will be necessary to accomplish this.

The lower assembly has gone on record as opposed to any plan to change the system of raising public school revenue. House bill No. 7, by the committee on education, proposed a state-wide school tax of two mills to take the place of the district school tax, and that the money raised in this way be pooled and apportioned on a census basis. This bill was defeated.

The question of good roads was quite definitely settled when the senate voted to repeal the 2-mill highway levy authorized two years ago by which \$2,000,000 was raised. Its repeal is a republican party pledge. The house is expected to affirm the action of the senate.

HUSBAND TO OUST WAIFS

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Keep the children. "He's going to take out legal adoption papers tomorrow," she said.

"I'm not making out any adoption papers," said South. "And I'm not talking either. I tell you right now I don't intend to keep them and stay there myself."

"That's all right," said Mrs. South, smiling, when informed of her husband's attitude. "He'll come around all right. I know he meant what he said last night when he agreed to keep the other children. He kissed me good-bye, like he always does, this morning and told me he loved me better than anything else in the world."

It was an appealing story Mrs. South told of what occurred at the little home Friday night. At noon she had amazed her husband with her admission that triplets supposedly born to her New Year's eve were not their own; that twins supposedly born to her two years before that were not her own; and that four other children preceding the twins were, like the others, procured by her secretly from maternity hospitals.

4 PLANE CARRIERS ASKED BY CONGRESS

Vessels Not to Cost More Than \$24,600,000 Each.

UNITED AIR FORCE URGED

General Mitchell Says Airships Could Sink Enemy Craft 30 Miles From Coasts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—First steps looking to the construction of a fleet of modern high-speed airplane carriers for the navy were taken today in congress.

Senator Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island, introduced an amendment to the naval appropriation bill providing for four such vessels, to cost not more than \$24,600,000 each. Before the house naval committee Representatives Britten, republican, Illinois, and Oliver, democrat, Alabama, announced that they would present bills each providing for two airplane carriers.

All naval officers and Brigadier-General Mitchell of the army air service, who have been testifying before the house committee for two days, have stressed the importance of obtaining such carriers as soon as possible. General Mitchell said today American aviation officers had little knowledge of the uses of the proposed vessels because Great Britain is keeping the data secret.

Thirty Million Limit Suggested.

Representative Oliver's bill would set \$30,000,000 each as the limit of cost for the two carriers and would provide that until money was appropriated none of the fund authorized for the battleships Massachusetts and Iowa, already under contract, could be available. The Britten proposal would divert \$24,600,000 authorized for 12 destroyers, one transport and air fleet submarines for the two airplane carriers.

General Mitchell told the house committee that a united air service would save the government money and would place the air service under the command of the navy. He is interested in its development. Under present conditions in both the army and navy, he said, aviation is under officers who are unemphatic.

Members of the navy general board and Captain T. T. Craven, director of naval aviation, will present the navy side of the case in opposition Monday. The senate naval committee today continued hearings on Senator Borah's resolution to suspend naval building for six months while experts study types of ships. Rear-Admirals W. S. Sims and H. A. Piske, before the committee in executive session, opposed the resolution.

Big Carriers Urged.

General Mitchell urged the substitution of enormous air and seaplane carriers to accompany the light vessels of the fleet in place of battleships and battle cruisers.

"I think with our present aviation facilities properly developed," he asserted, "that we can sink any enemy vessel, armored or unarmored, that comes within 200 miles of our coast. With airplane carriers housing at least 20 planes, we could extend this area far out to sea."

Chairman Butler interrupted to remark that he did not think the people could be interested in large expenditures for air forces until they know what had become of money appropriated for aviation during the war.

American flying officers have little knowledge of airplane carriers, General Mitchell said, "because England has absolutely stopped up on information." He thought that Great Britain had six such carriers and was building more.

Committee Wants Tests.

General Mitchell said he asked the general board in 1919 for ships to use in maneuvers to demonstrate the effectiveness of air forces against naval vessels. The idea met with favorable comment, but no action, he said, and another request for two destroyers, one battleship and one supply vessel to be attacked from the air and bombed for experimental purposes had been put through this week.

Chairman Butler indicated that the committee would urge the navy department to arrange for tests. Representative Oliver, democrat, of Alabama, said he would move to report a bill authorizing immediate construction of two airplane carriers to cost not more than \$25,000,000 each. Representative Britten, republican, Illinois, said he would propose a substitute to divert \$24,600,000 in appropriations for 12 destroyers, one transport and six fleet submarines for construction of the two airplane carriers.

The committee will vote Tuesday on these proposals.

BEARCATS HUMBLE CLUB

Multnomah Loses, 38 to 14, Outplayed Throughout.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Manager Toomey's Multnomah athletes were unable to stymie the Bearcats here tonight, and the Willamette quintet romped through 40 minutes of play for a 38-to-14 victory.

Willamette outplayed Multnomah in every department of the game, using short, accurate passes and converting tosses with deadly accuracy. Wapato, husky varsity forward, started the fireworks for Coach Matthews' aggregation by tossing a pretty field basket.

Jackson was easily the shining light for the Willamette basketeers, making five throws from the floor. Dimick at guard performed with brilliancy, breaking down the floor time after time and registering three goals. McKittrick at forward rang up eight points for the Bearcats, converting six out of seven free throws. Morton was the most consistent basketeer of the Multnomah quintet, tossing two field baskets and four fouls. Campbell and Gus Clerin were both showing to good advantage, the

MISSING WOMAN SOUGHT

Systematic Search Is Begun for Tacoma Phone Operator.

COSTLY FROCKS REJECTED

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which is designing and executing many of Mrs. Harding's gowns, said: "The American woman never copies exactly the gowns of another woman, no matter who the other woman may be. She may follow Mrs. Harding to the extent of wearing blue and choosing gowns of simple lines, but she will not slavishly follow the example of even the first lady of the land."

It is interesting to find in connection with blue as a prevailing color for spring, that according to a test recently applied by a psychologist to 4500 men and women in this country, blue was found to be the favorite color with the majority of women and red for men.

(This brings up the debatable question of whether or not women dress to please men, or to please themselves and would seem to prove the former.) Experts on the psychological effect of color describe blue the most soothing color, and they state that blue produces also a "grave mood reaction."

Asked whether the cost of an inauguration wardrobe this year was lower than it would have been if inauguration had come last year, a Fifth-avenue designer said: "No, the cost of labor and over-head is still high. This keeps the price of garments up. What is more, gowns for special occasions, on inauguration must be works of art, and works of art are always worth paying for. However, in complying with the simplicity desired by the president-elect at the inauguration ceremonies, Mrs. Harding has been most conservative in choosing her gowns."

Asked whether Mrs. Harding's emphasis on the importance of American-made, American-designed gowns would have a decided effect on fashion this spring, a Fifth-avenue house answered in the affirmative. Here American-designed, American-made gowns were shown but, in featuring the leading modes for spring and summer, American manufacturers followed the dictum of France.

It is, however, high up on Fifth avenue that many of Mrs. Harding's gowns are being designed according to her instructions. I visited this establishment this morning and found eight fashion artists busy at work. And although a good deal of secrecy has been maintained regarding the wardrobe of the wife of the president-elect, some information leaked out. For instance, in this particular establishment the inauguration gown is being designed. It will be a combination of chiffon and charmeuse in gendarme blue. The gown will be very simple in cut and embroidered in heads matching the fabric.

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