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TAWNEY SCORED FOR KEEPING DOWN MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS

Congressman McLachlan of California, Condemns Attitude of Chairman.

DECLARES IT IS ALMOST LIKE MURDER

Scorching Speech In Reply to Charges of Effort to Stampede Congress.

(Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Replying to the charge of Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations that a conspiracy existed to stampede congress to larger military appropriations, Congressman McLachlan of California, issued a statement in which he said that "patriots have kept the nation in utter ignorance of its helplessness until war has come has then placed."

"The men armed with absolutely worthless weapons in the field hold the national honor."

In answer Tawney's charge that "our cowardly to make known" our national weakness," McLachlan replied: "The most wicked and cowardly I can picture is the man who dares to come to the aid of our people to come to the national defense and then send them forth an unequipped mob to meet a more powerful enemy to be murdered."

McLachlan is the author of the resolution calling for a report from the War Department on the state of national defense.

FRAUD IS CHARGED.

Department Accused of Violating Law.

(Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Replies were made in the House today by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, that the Navy Department without authority of law in construction of the two newest battleships had proceeded on its own initiative to plan vessels thirty per cent greater than were called for by law authorizing their construction and that the contracts could not be cancelled for the six million dollars allocated for the vessels. Mr. Fitzgerald declared that many of the charges in the estimates for the construction of the battleships were merely bookkeeping entries.

TO SETTLE TROUBLE.

Neill Leaves to Try and Adjust Railroad Wage Controversy.

(Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor and one of the mediators for the Erdman act, left today for Chicago to undertake the adjustment of the controversy between the western railroads and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The trouble was referred to Chairman Knapp of Interstate Commerce Commission Dr. Neill.

This action on the part of the roads operating south, west and north of Chicago followed a refusal of the engineers to accept an offer of one and one-half per cent increase.

FRENCH BILL STANDS.

Vote in Senate Prevents It Being Stricken Out.

(Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—At the vote of 27 to 27, a motion to strike the French spoliation claims omnibus bill lost in the senate today. Vice-president McNamara's absence prevented the tie from being broken.

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PEOPLE TO ELECT U. S. SENATORS

Sub-Committee of Senate Decides In Favor of Constitutional Amendment Permitting It.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—By a vote of two to one, a sub-com-

mittee of the Senate Committee on Judiciary today authorized a favorable report on the resolution for a constitutional amendment to provide for the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people. Senators Borah and Rayner voted for it and Senator Dillingham against the report. The question will be submitted to the full committee next Monday.

TWO MEN ARE ELECTROCUTED

John J. Smuthe and Negro Executed in Virginia For Recent Murders.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16.—John J. Smuthe, a bartender who shot and killed his wife and daughter in Norfolk last August, was electrocuted today. Jim Sitlington colored, who robbed and murdered a 70-year-old white woman in Rockingham last August, was also put to death.

WINTRY TODAY IN NEW YORK

Empire State Is Swept By Cold Wave From Northwest and Gotham Shivers.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—New York is experiencing its share of the inconvenience caused by a sweeping cold wave from the northwest, which today holds of entire northeastern section of the country in its grip. It is nine degrees above in this city but up-state sections report as low as eight below zero.

BETTER ROADS BEING URGED

State Convention at Portland Declares For State Aid For Highways.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—After recommending the expenditure of \$2,040,000 for state-aid roads, the 200 delegates from all parts of Oregon in attendance upon the good roads convention, adjourned. Of the large sum mentioned, \$680,000, or 33 1-3 per cent, is to be taken from the state treasury and the remainder comes from the counties taking advantage of the state law.

A resolution was passed requesting the Legislature to pass a bill which would put a license tax upon automobiles of 25 cents for each horsepower up to 50 horsepower. On automobiles having 50 horsepower the charge is to be 50 cents per horsepower.

A committee of five, consisting of John H. Albert, of Salem; M. J. Lee, of Clackamas; H. W. Thompson, M. R. Ryan, of Douglas, and F. F. Eddy, of Coos county, were appointed to prepare a bill regarding the regulation of the width of tires to vehicles.

A committee of two from each county in the state was ordered appointed by the chair to go before the Legislature to secure the passage of the bills adopted by the association. Douglas county will spend \$200,000 in the improvement of its public highways in 1911, announced M. R. Ryan, one of the county commissioners.

TIMBER DEAL CLOSED.

Big Tract In Coos and Douglas Counties Transferred. COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Dec. 16.—John F. Woodward, of this city, and C. H. Chick, of Portland, have just closed one of the largest timber deals made in Oregon this year, whereby \$500,000 worth of the best yellow fir in Coos and Douglas counties is transferred to Eastern capitalists. The timber was owned by F. J. Haynes of Port Huron, Mich., and William M. Porter of Eugene.

The LADIES SEWING SOCIETY of the Knights of Finland, will hold an AUCTION of HANDMADE articles, suitable for Christmas presents, at the Finnish hall, SATURDAY NIGHT, December 17. Dance and supper after auction.

Guaranteed POCKET KNIVES at THE GUNNERY.

NEW DATES HAVE ARRIVED AT STAUFF'S GROCERY.

ENGLAND SUFFERS WORST FLOOD COUNTRY HAS KNOWN 30 YEARS

LIFE TERM IS GIVEN WOMAN

Mrs. Della Totten Sentenced For Washington Murder—Mother Also Punished.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—Found guilty of murder in the first degree for slaying James E. Sutton last August in a dispute over a right-of-way, Mrs. Della B. Totten was sentenced by the court at Wenatchee today to life imprisonment. Her aged mother, Mrs. Hannah Beebe, 73 years old, convicted of manslaughter in the same connection was given a sentence of not less than one year and not more than two years.

CASE COMES TO ABRUPT END

Judge Coke Dismisses Indictment Against Wm. J. Robertson of North Bend.

The Robertson extortion case which attracted considerable interest in North Bend and vicinity the last few months came to an abrupt end yesterday when Judge Coke dismissed the case, holding that there was no cause of action against Wm. J. Robertson. The latter had been indicted on a charge of "attempting to secure money by threats" from his brother, Jas. R. Robertson.

The case involved a quarrel between the Robertson brothers. Jas. R. Robertson is said to be quite wealthy and sent for his brother to come from the east to live here. Trouble followed and the matter was soon in justice court and went from there to the grand jury.

Chas. I. Reigard and J. M. Upton were defending Wm. J. Robertson, and secured the dismissal of the case against him.

It is intimated that there maybe further litigation before the trouble is ended.

WOMEN VOTERS MEET.

First National Convention Will Be Held In Tacoma.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—The first national convention of women voters will be held here January 14, according to plans perfected today. The convention is called by Governor Brady of Idaho, who has sent letters to governors of the other four equal suffrage states—Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Washington, representing about 270,000 women's votes. The delegates named by the governors are:

Idaho—Margaret S. Roberts. Utah—Mrs. Susan Young Gates. Wyoming—Mrs. Zell Hart-Deming. Washington—Mrs. Virginia Wilson-Mason.

Colorado—Delegate to be named later.

The promoters of the new organization propose to call it the National Council of Woman Voters and plans have already been perfected for the publication here of a national organ. The national convention will be held in conjunction with the first state convention of Washington women voters and an elaborate program has been prepared.

JARDINIERS at MILNER'S.

Don't stumble around in the dark but get one of those FLASHLIGHTS at the GUNNERY.

Incessant Rain Since First of December Responsible For It.

LARGE AREAS ARE COMPLETELY INUNDATED

Immense Stretches of Country Devastated—Water Twelve Feet Deep.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It has been thirty years since England has known such a flood as is now devastating immense stretches of country. The deluge has practically been incessant since the first of December, only two days out of sixteen being without rain. Farmers have suffered heavy losses. Large areas of territory are inundated and water in some parts of the country is twelve feet deep.

DREDGE WILL FILL LOWLAND

Pumping Dredgings On to Mudflat Has Been Ceased.

The dredge Oregon has again caused quite a furor by pumping dredgings from the channel back on the mud flats near what is known as "Dredger Island." It pumped there for a day or two before it was noticed that yesterday Secretary Songstacken took the matter up with Engineer Leeffe, who is in charge of the work and tomorrow it will begin pumping the dredgings in behind the bulkhead built on the west side of the Bay north of Ferndale.

Engineer Leeffe stated that the reason for pumping on the mudflat was because the bulkhead along the water front was not completed and that the dredgings would wash back into the channel. However, where they were pumping them would result in the dredgings being washed over into Coos River channel by the flood tide and back into the bay channel by the ebb tide.

The dredge is tied up today for repairs and tomorrow will begin pumping back of the bulkhead.

BAD FIRE IN ALASKA.

Nine Buildings Burn In Fairbanks With \$120,000 Loss.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

FAIRBANKS, Ala., Dec. 15.—Fire early today destroyed nine business houses. The loss is in excess of \$120,000. The temperature was fifty below. Water was obtained by pipes heated by steam paralleling principal mains.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Wheat unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Wheat closed as follows: December 91 3-4c; May, 95 3-4c; July, 93 1/2 c.

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—Milling wheat—Bluestem, 84c; Club, 82c; Red Russian, 78 1/2 c.

SALAD sets—Chocolate sets, plate sets and tea sets at MILNER'S.

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