

WILL SEE VETO OF BILL CREATING TAX COMMISSION

City Council and Tax Levying Bodies Severe in Criticism of Measure.

PROTEST COMMITTEE NAMED

Governor Will Be Asked to Use His Powers to Prevent Measure From Becoming Operative.

Characterizing the bill as faulty, superficial and special legislation, strong opposition to house bill No. 231 creating a tax supervising and conservation commission was voiced by members of the city council and various tax levying commissions at a meeting at the city hall this morning.

The bill has passed both legislative branches and went to the governor for signature Friday. It provides that a commission of three be appointed by the governor to act as an advisory board for all tax levying bodies in counties with a population of 100,000 or over, and provide for a clerk or clerks with a total salary expenditure of not more than \$2500.

"I believe the bill is faulty in several provisions," County Commissioner Hoyt declared, "and can be picked to pieces." Deputy City Attorney Latourette agreed with Hoyt that the bill would not hold because of its exercise of power over the city not warranted by law.

Permit Not Needed For Foreign Ships; Jones' Bill Passed

Washington, March 1.—(U. P.)—The senate Friday passed a bill by Senator Jones of Washington making it unnecessary to secure permits for the construction of ships for foreign account. There was no debate or objection to it.

Ex-Actress Seeks to Divorce Millionaire

New York, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Suit for a separation has been filed today against Daniel E. Reid, multimillionaire tin plate operator and financier, by Mrs. Margaret M. Carters Reid. The grounds on which the former actress is seeking the separation were not made public.

Committee Approves Palmer's Nomination

Washington, March 1.—(U. P.)—The senate judiciary committee today favorably reported the nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer as attorney general.

DON'T FUSS WITH MUSTARD PLASTERS!

Musterole Works Without the Blister—Easier, Quicker

There's no sense in mixing a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can easily relieve pain, soothe or stiffen with a little clean, white Musterole. Musterole is made of pure oil of mustard and other helpful ingredients, combined in the form of the present white ointment. It takes the place of mustard plasters, and will not blister.

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End of Seattle's Shipyard Strike Is Apparently Near

Seattle, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Unofficial assurance that the government will not oppose a wage adjustment conference being held in the Northwest brought the end of the strike of Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Anacortes shipyard workers considerably nearer today.

TESTIMONY OF WOMEN LEADS TO INDICTMENT ON GAMBLING CHARGE

Frank H. Maulding and Joseph G. Noble Held to Answer Before Grand Jury.

An indictment charging Frank H. Maulding and Joseph G. Noble, proprietors of a soft drink establishment at Thirteenth street and Tenino avenue, Sellwood, with conducting a gambling establishment was found by the Multnomah grand jury this morning.

A postoffice sub-station is run by Maulding in the same building where the gambling is alleged to have taken place. Abernethy testified that he had lost as much as \$400 playing cards at the place. Checks issued by him for \$70, \$40 and \$35 to pay his losses were placed in evidence. Other checks were issued by him, his wife testified. She had stopped payment on some of them, she said. The Abernethys have an \$800 mortgage on their home, it was said, and it was the fact that her husband neglected payments on the mortgage that aroused her suspicion as to the existence of the alleged gambling den.

Bank Clearings Indicate Healthy Business Status

Portland business conditions, as indicated by statements for the month ending Friday, are decidedly healthy state. Bank clearings for the month totaled \$99,352,404, compared with \$72,567,265 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of approximately 33 per cent.

Deposits in the postal savings bank total \$1,917,200, an increase of about \$193,000 during the month. Postal receipts for the month total \$139,000, compared with \$121,928.30 for February, 1918, and \$147,110.48 for January, 1919. Cancellations of letter postage numbered 3,675,459 for February, compared with 3,410,726 for the same month of last year, an increase in the number of letters sent through the Portland postoffice to \$64,000.

Final Phone Rate Arguments to Be Heard March 17

Salem, March 1.—The public service commission here set March 17 as the date for the final hearing on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an increase in the exchange telephone rates in Oregon. It is estimated that the increase, if allowed, approximately \$600,000 a year will be added to the revenues of the company.

Louisiana Senator Out for Suffrage

Washington, March 1.—(U. P.)—Senator Jones of Louisiana today announced his support of the woman suffrage resolution introduced Friday by Senator Jones, New Mexico. Gay's support insures passage of the resolution at this session if an opportunity can be found to bring it up, Senator Jones said.

TROOPS TO COME VIA PORTLAND

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YORK WANTS PEOPLE TO VOTE ON LEAGUE

Columbus, Ohio, March 1.—A resolution petitioning congress to submit the proposed treaty of ratifications to a national referendum was presented today by Representative George S. York, Democrat. He cites the earnest advocacy and bitter opposition to the league as evidence of the fact that the voters of the country should decide the matter for themselves.

POWERS TO GET INTO SLIPPERY GULCH!

Warning has been issued to the people of Portland that tonight is their last chance to enjoy the lights of "Slippery Gulch," which have been shining on hundreds of merry-makers this week in the Auditorium.

Peace Conference Will Take Hand in Quarrel Between Italy and Jugo-Slavs.

Paris, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Immediately upon the return of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George to Paris, strong action will be taken by the peace conference in the Italian-Jugo-Slav dispute. A provisional boundary will be drawn and both parties sternly warned to keep on their own side of the line.

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Hurry, Hurry, to Slippery Gulch! Show Ends Tonight

The show being conducted for the sick relief fund of the bollemakers. Many of those who attended earlier in the week intend to go to the Auditorium to see the show tonight, and a last view of the remarkable setting of the village.

SHORT TERM NOTES FOR FIFTH LOAN IS PREDICTED BY MILLS

That short term notes at a slightly increased interest rate will be issued by the treasury department instead of long terms 4 1/2 per cent bonds is the fifth Liberty loan prediction of A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank. Mr. Mills returned Friday night from a three weeks' visit to New York and Washington.

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Courts Probe Bank Failures; Assets on Hand Are \$750,000

Minneapolis, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Investigation of the affairs of the Mortgage Security company, parent company of the string of fourteen banks owned and operated by William H. Schafer, which failed recently, today showed that assets are expected to yield more than \$750,000. Superintendent of Banks Pearson announced that the entire amount of banks and securities taken out of the bank since November 1, totals \$916,000.

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