

NINE MEN WILL FORM NEW STATE FISH COMMISSION

Senate Puts Clincher on Measure Which Strips Governor of His Appointive Power Altogether.

Salem, Jan. 16.—A new state board of fish and game commissioners of nine members constituted into two departments representing the game and commercial fishing interests of the state under a neutral chairman, will supplant the present commission on the first Monday in March next. In the meantime a legislative committee of five members, two from the senate and three from the lower house, will conduct an investigation into the affairs of the present commission in an effort to get at the root of the long standing and increasingly bitter controversy which has waged around the administration of fish and game affairs in Oregon.

FINLEY DISMISSAL FACTOR

Included in the duties of the investigation and of upmost interest will be the placing of responsibility for the stand that has been stirred up through the recent dismissal of William L. Finley as state biologist.

Election of eight of the members of the commission provided for in the Norblad-Handley-Bean bill as a rebuke to Governor Olcott for his wavering policy in connection with the fish and game squabble will be effected by the legislature as soon as the governor signs the bill, some time before Saturday noon, the executive having promised to "keep his hands off" the measure if approved by the legislature. In spite of the fact that the plan as adopted is contrary to the wishes expressed in his recommendation contained in his official measure to the special session, to which the legislature have added insult to injury by stripping the governor entirely of his appointive power in connection with the new commission.

MAY REBUKE GOVERNOR

While there may be some doubt as to who will constitute the new members of the nine-man organization, there is little doubt if any in the minds of the legislators but that all four members of the present commission will be reinstated in the new organization as a vindication of their attitude toward the governor's demand for a reinstatement of Finley and as a further slap at the executive for passing the buck to the fish squabble to the legislature.

Although the Norblad-Handley-Bean bill came into the senate after its emphatic approval by the house, with the senate all grieved for speedy action and an unshakable line of defense standing guard against the onslaught of its enemies, passage of the measure was not effected until after nearly four hours had been devoted to numerous outbursts of well spiced oratory.

Senator Thomas tried to talk the measure to death; if not choke it to death by turning the fight into a joke, by an hour's harangue in which he divided his attention between scoring the present commission for its unfairness to the sporting interests of the state and sarcastic attack against Governor Olcott, whom he advised to "go some place and get some treatment so he can function as an executive."

LINE-UP COMES PARTLY

The lineup in the senate on its attitude toward the measure was taken early in the afternoon course as attempts to delay action by referring the bill to committees, both of which were met and turned down by the solid 17 who stood for the bill on its final passage, the 11 who were voted against favoring the attempts to sidetrack the measure. The final vote on the bill—17 to 11—was as follows: Aye—Banker, Bell, Eberhard, Farrell, Handley, Hurley, Jones, Moser, Nickelsen, Norblad, Orton, Patterson, Rihner, Shanks, Smith of Josephine, Wood. No—Baldwin, Eddy, Gill, Lachmund, LaFollette, Pierce, Porter, Smith of Coos and Curry, Strayer, Thomas, Vinton. Throughout the entire debate on the bill there were injected sarcastic and stinging criticisms of Governor Olcott—both friends and foes of the measure taking advantage of the opportunity to score the executive for his failure to "stay put" on one side of the controversy or the other, even Senator Eddy, regarded as a neutral so far as the fish and game squabble is concerned, declaring that, "I hold no brief for the gov-

ernor, nor do I ask for any of his suggestions," in characterizing the election provision in the bill as a "most vicious proposal."

While the sportsmen were opposed to the measure because of its failure to entirely divorce the two conflicting interests, the real fight was waged over the elective provision which takes from the governor his appointive power and places the naming of the new commission in the hands of the legislature—for the time being, at least, as several members expressed it.

ELECTIVE FEATURE DEFENDED

Senator Eddy defended the elective feature on the ground that the executive office had demonstrated its inability to function in this connection. "What we need in such departments in this state house," he declared, "is a little more Gibraltar, a little less jellyfish, a little more executive and a little less clerk."

Senator Thomas, opposing the measure, but accepting defeat as inevitable, scored the governor for "passing the buck" to the legislature in his effort to "make it the goat in the controversy; but he admitted that it seemed as though the executive had gotten a hold of the "hot end of the poker, and he blamed him for wanting to turn loose."

Governor Olcott's letter to the commission upholding the executive action in the Finley case, yet demanding his reinstatement as state biologist, was characterized by Thomas as the "most absurd document ever addressed to the people of the state."

PERSONAL GRIEVANCE ALLEGED

The entire fish and game controversy, Thomas insisted, was nothing more nor less than a petty personal grievance, which had come into the legislature only "because of the weakness and failure of the executive to do anything else out of it."

Enactment of the bill into law would make the position of the executive a "dead end" and, Thomas concluded, insisting that the election of fish and game commissioners would be a state issue until the law was repealed, which someone else would be expected to do as a change had been effected in the personnel of the governor's office.

LOBBYING IS SCORED

The presence of the entire board of fish and game commissioners, together with several of the commission's employees, was openly resented by several of the senators, who scored them for their activities in lobbying in the interest of the bill.

Senator Eddy, although declaring that he "held no brief for the governor and asked for none of his suggestions," insisted that he honored the executive by the measure as approved by the legislature and made a plea for legislation without regard to the governor's attitude.

Senator Pierce, in casting his vote against the measure, declared that "if I were governor I would veto this bill and throw it back into the teeth of this legislature. It is a most vicious measure."

INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED

Action on the house resolution providing for a legislative investigation into the affairs of the fish and game commission was speedily accomplished after the fish and game bill proper had been gotten out of the way. The vote for the investigation was unanimous, even Senator Pierce asking to be recorded as voting for the bill after first declaring that he did not know how to vote. Senator Thomas expressed the hope that the inquiry would go deep. Senators Norblad and Gill will represent the senate on the investigation committee, the three members of the house not having been named as yet.

Elopement Comes to Grief; Girl Bride, Husband Caught

The elopement of Frank Cabler and 16-year-old Ida Mabel Land came to an abrupt end Thursday night, when Sheriff Levi Christman of The Dalles arrested the youthful couple at Mosier. Deputy Sheriff Roy Kendall of Portland left for The Dalles this morning to bring Cabler back to answer to the charge of subornation of perjury.

Roy Land, father of the girl, has been notified of the capture and he left immediately to see his daughter.

No trace has yet been found of E. W. Cullison, who disappeared shortly after appearing as a witness at the marriage license counter.

Young Cabler and the girl were married by Judge Taxwell of the circuit court following the issuance of the license.

Jury in Grady Case Disagrees

Spokane, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—After 30 hours of deliberation, the jury in the case of John Grady, charged with criminal syndicalism, failed to agree and was discharged late Thursday by Superior Judge Blake.

SHIPPING FRAUDS MAY REACH TOTAL OF ONE BILLION

Special Attorney for U. S. Is on Way to Northwest to Investigate Alleged Gigantic Theft.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Grand Jury investigation of the alleged frauds in Pacific coast shipyards, amounting into the millions of dollars and even hinted to reach a billion, loomed here today.

Special Assistant United States Attorney General Schlesinger was expected to leave here today, in company with his newly appointed assistant, William Tidwell, for the Northwest, where further investigations are to be made.

Several of the most prominent of the Pacific coast shipbuilders are said to be implicated in the alleged frauds. The frauds, it is said, were accomplished with the aid of false vouchers showing fabulous costs of materials, upon which the builders received from the government a profit of 10 per cent. These vouchers were so expertly raised, it was said, that the builders actually received many times 10 per cent of the actual cost of materials and production.

It was intimated here today that federal grand juries will be assembled in the principal cities of the Pacific coast for the purpose of investigating the frauds and consideration of the evidence already gathered by special agents of the department of justice.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS INVESTIGATING ALL YARDS

Washington, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—A sweeping investigation of shipbuilders and shipyards all over the country is being made today by the department of justice, as the result of discovery of alleged frauds in shipyards on the Pacific coast, it was announced at the department of justice today.

"We already have evidence of a conclusive nature, sufficient for presentation of the cases to the grand jury," Frank Burke, assistant chief of the bureau of investigation, said today. "Our men are working everywhere, and will care being called to testify in all shipyards. We will go the limit."

U. S. ATTORNEY HAS ALREADY CALLED ON SEATTLE YARDS

Seattle, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—That no new witnesses for the new federal grand jury, which convenes here January 21, are being called to testify in the government officials here today. It has been known for some time, however, that an extensive investigation of alleged frauds in the Puget Sound shipyards has been in progress by special government agents. The investigation was heralded by the visit here two months ago of Her investigation, special assistant United States attorney general.

Tacoma Also Receives Call

Tacoma, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—A special agent of the department of justice was here being called to testify in the government officials here today. It was learned today that a thorough investigation of the affairs of shipyards here, it was learned today.

Thicker Pavement On Bridge Increases City Bill, Says Barbur

"When the county commissioners quoted the municipal paving plant's bill of \$1.56 a square yard for repair work on the Broadway bridge approach, they failed to mention that asphaltic cement was laid to a depth of four inches," said Commissioner Barbur this morning.

Discussion over the matter has been brought to a head lately by the city's bill presented to the county, at a sum much higher than \$5 cents, which the city originally stated they would do county work for.

"We stand ready at all times to do the county's work for two-inch surfaces at less than \$1 a square yard," asserted Barbur.

Speeding Costs \$15

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 16.—R. F. Hollenbeck was fined \$15 and costs for alleged speeding. Charles Lamb, driver for Clement Scott, was arraigned on a charge of driving a truck with the load extending too far over the side and with no lights. The case was suspended on payment of costs.

John Barleycorn Finds Shelter in Philippine Islands

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Don't crowd! There is one spot in the territory of the United States that does not go dry today.

This, at least, is the opinion of federal officials here, who have received from Prohibition Commissioner Kramer at Washington authority to allow liquor now en route to Manila to be unloaded there for consumption purposes. While the eighteenth constitutional amendment affects the island possession, technicalities in the territorial legislature, for the time, permit the sale of booze.

RATES ON STEEL REDUCED 25 CENTS

Senator Chamberlain Is Advised by Railroad Administration of Decreased Freightage.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Chamberlain has been notified by the railroad administration that the rates on ship steel to the Pacific coast will be reduced 25 cents effective February 25, making the rate \$1 from Pittsburgh and 90 cents from Chicago.

The Pacific coast delegation took this matter up some time ago, representatives of shipbuilders urging that the reduction was needed to keep the steel shipbuilding industry going on the Pacific coast.

VANDERVER TESTIFIES VIOLENT WORDS TO BE CUT FROM SONGS

Attorney for I. W. W. in Trial at Vancouver Says Commission Given by Organization.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 16.—In the case of Mike Henney, on trial charged with violation of the criminal syndicalism law, evidence has been completed by the state and the defense and arguments are in progress.

Attorney Vanderver took the stand Thursday and said that under orders from the general executive committee of the I. W. W. he was given the task of drafting a copy of an alleged I. W. W. song book for reprinting, in which all that advocated violence was eliminated.

Ray Gammon of Seattle testified that he is an I. W. W. organizer and delegate and through him an attempt to prove that the I. W. W. do not advocate reform by violence was made.

George Bernash, foreman for the Red Ash Coal company, testified that for a short time Henney was employed by that concern. He is said to have worked several weeks and then became sick and quit.

Henney took the stand and said he was born in Ireland and, although in the United States since 1886, said he is not a citizen.

An electric attachment has been invented for bottle cap openers used in public places to sound a bell as an alarm if an unauthorized person opens a bottle.

MEASURE AIMED AT JAPANESE IS WINNER IN HOUSE

Vote for Bill Is Unanimous; Additional Tax of Two Mills for Elementary Schools Is Granted.

State House, Salem, Jan. 16.—The house adopted Senator Patterson's joint memorial to congress petitioning congress to enact legislation denying citizenship to the children of such aliens as may not now acquire citizenship. There were no votes cast against it by the house.

The memorial petitions congress to amend the existing law that the children of Chinese and Japanese parents who may be born in the United States shall not acquire citizenship by virtue of their birth in this country, as is now the case. This is not the wording of the memorial, but is its intent.

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

Consideration of the memorial provoked some debate but brought out no negative votes. It was pointed out by Sheldon and others that the American Legion was urging the enactment of such legislation and was back of the memorial.

Richardson questioned the wisdom of the memorial at this time, because of commercial reasons. He pointed out that the shipping situation in Portland was controlled by Japanese interests and said he feared reprisals by them should the state legislature go on record as favoring such legislation.

SCHOOL TAX GRANTED

The two mill tax introduced in the house by Mrs. Thompson at the request of the State Teachers' association, was passed by the house without dissent and with but little debate. This bill provides an additional millage tax of two mills annually for the use of the elementary public schools of the state. It would raise in money on the basis of the present assessed value of the state approximately \$1,398,000 a year for the use of schools in their operation and maintenance, in addition to present law. The funds so raised are to be divided among the various school districts of the different counties in proportion to the number of pupils attending the schools. The bill provides that it shall be submitted to the people at the special election of May 21, for their approval or rejection.

AIDS NEDDY CHILDREN

The house also passed house bill No. 38, by Mrs. Thompson, removing the 5-year age limitation provision in the statute governing the commitment of wards to the institution for feeble minded. The present law provides that children under 5 years of age may not be committed to the institution. The Thompson amendment cuts this provision out.

The passage of this bill by the senate will result in the need for added financial assistance for the institution for the feeble minded, and the ways and means committees have tentatively set aside \$40,000 to take care of this necessity.

Mexican Bandit Is Captured; Supports Jenkins Charges

Mexico City, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—Caelano Mendez, one of the leaders of the Cordoba bandits who abducted William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, has been captured, according to a dispatch from that city tonight.

Mexican authorities reporting the arrest declared Mendez seized important evidence supporting the charges against Jenkins of collusion with the bandits.

CELEBRATED COMPOSER OF MUSIC IS DEAD



Reginald De Koven

R. DE KOVEN IS DEAD AT CHICAGO

Was Among Most Noted of American Composers; Opera Robin Hood Made Him Famous.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Reginald De Koven, the noted American composer, died in Chicago early today. Death came suddenly while he was visiting friends.

De Koven was stricken at the home of Mrs. Joseph Fish on South Shore Drive, where he had gone after the opera with a number of friends. He apparently was in the best of health. He died within a short time.

Henry Louis Reginald De Koven, the author of the famous comic opera of "Robin Hood," was born at Middletown, Conn., on April 3, 1851. He studied music at Stuttgart, Florence, Paris and Vienna, and is a splendidly trained and finely equipped musician. On May 1, 1884, Mr. De Koven married the well-known authoress, Miss Anna Farwell. He wrote two operas, the "Begum" and "Don Quixote," before bringing out "Robin Hood," which achieved a success never before equaled by an American written light opera. Since then he has turned out a number of successful operas. He is the founder of the Washington (D. C.) Symphony orchestra, and made his home in Washington.

State Policy Sought on Projected Work For Mt. Hood Loop

Request for a statement of policy in connection with the construction of the Mount Hood loop road is asked of the state highway commission in a letter addressed to it Wednesday by County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman. The statement contains the information that the Multnomah county commission has appropriated \$85,000 to help build the loop road. The letter reads:

In the Multnomah county budget for the year 1920 is an appropriation of \$85,000, which is available as an appropriation toward the construction of that part of the Mount Hood loop road lying in Clackamas county, between the Multnomah county boundary and the Cascade forest reserve, containing, however, upon the state appropriating a like amount and submitting to the board of county commissioners for Multnomah county a definite plan and program, with estimates, for their consideration and approval.

Will you kindly inform me at the earliest possible date what the policy of the highway commission will be on this subject?

HARMLESS DUEL IS CLIMAX TO MAN'S JEALOUS RAMPAGE

Mrs. Nellie Regan, Elmer Glass, W. F. Bent and Police Figure in Early Morning Affair.

Fifteen revolver and small rifle shots punctuated the thrilling escapade in which three Portland police officers, Sheriff Wilson of Clackamas county and Mrs. Nellie Regan and Elmer Glass of Kendall station, in Clackamas county, were playing leading parts between midnight and 3 o'clock this morning. Not one shot was effective.

Glass is in the Clackamas county jail, said to be enjoying a typical old "morning after the night before." He had been a boarder in Mrs. Regan's home, it is reported, and there developed an insane jealousy toward Mrs. Regan. She was forced to order him from her home and, when he met her in Portland Tuesday night he attempted to take her to task. She cried. The tears attracted W. F. Bent, special officer.

Here Bent assumes a leading role. Thursday night he recalled the case of Mrs. Regan and Glass. He hurried to Kendall station, arriving at midnight to protect the house and home. Bent preceded Glass by only a short time. Glass had added strong liquor in great quantities to his natural fury.

Glass was enraged. He went to his room and found his revolver. From it he fired two shots at Bent. Bent rushed next door and borrowed a rifle and aimed a shot which passed far from Glass. In the meantime neighbors had called Portland police and Motorcycle Patrolmen Stiles and Wiles responded. Glass shot at Wiles four times and every shot was returned while Stiles, who had found himself beyond his jurisdiction, was requesting Sheriff Wilson to make haste to the scene of the "massacre."

Wilson arrived and the storm calmed under the soothing influence of his acquaintance with Glass. Calmly Glass is said to have delivered himself to the sheriff without further attempt at murder.

The action of the force continued from midnight until 3 a. m., when Sheriff Wilson interrupted it and cost the several marksmen 15 rounds of ammunition.

Police Charge Soft Drinks Are "Hard"

Astoria, Jan. 16.—In connection with the police campaign against soft drinks alleged to contain more than one half per cent of alcohol, Chief of Police Carlson Thursday arrested the proprietors of three soft drink parlors. They were Matt Armstrong, Tom Hye and Tom Hart. Grape Juice was found at Armstrong's place containing 3.35 per cent alcohol, cider at Hye's that tested 6.2 per cent and cider at Hart's that tested 6.15 per cent, according to police.

Poindexter Makes Strong Appeal for Immediate Peace

New York, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—An appeal for support of New York state presidential delegates was made by Senator Poindexter of Washington in an address here last night before the Republican county committee.

LEAGUE ORGANIZED TO INSURE PEACE

Following the meeting it was announced that the League of Nations was organized.

In his opening address, M. Bourgeois suggested that the next meeting of the league be held in London. Earl Curzon supported this suggestion and the other delegates fell in line with it. It was decided, however, that the date will not be a new world," said Bourgeois.

BIRTH OF NEW WORLD

January 16, 1920, is bound to go down in history as the date of the birth of a new world," said Bourgeois.

Earl Curzon emphasized England's loyalty to the league. Premier Lloyd George and Viscount Grey, British ambassador to the United States, attended, but Premier Clemenceau was absent. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

High Wallace, United States ambassador to France, had also attended the morning meeting which discussed at length the new situation which has grown up in Russia as a result of the victories of the Bolshevik armies. The Russian situation was described as "most serious."

DECISIONS EXPECTED MAY 25

Speeches were made by M. Hyman and Premier Venizelos before the council began electing secretaries and appointing members of the commission which are to supervise the demilitarization of the Saar valley and Danzig. It is expected these commissions will hand in their decisions to the council by May 25.

Despite the numerous duties as president of the French senate, it was said that M. Bourgeois would continue as the French representative on the council.

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