

LAWMAKERS ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY

Joint Session Called January 17 to Hear Special Message of Governor—Purpose Is Unknown

UPTON WOULD DESTROY EMERGENCY BOARD

State Lands Near Salem Subject of Bill by Martin

At the close of the morning session of the legislature yesterday both houses adjourned until Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Governor Olcott has called a joint session of the senate and house for Monday next at 2:30 o'clock to hear a special message from the governor.

Members of the legislature are unable to guess what is to be the purport of the special message. One venture is that it deals with the question of indirect taxation.

A special committee named by the governor some months ago to make a study of possible new revenues by this method, has not yet reported.

Senator Upton yesterday introduced a bill to do away with the state emergency board, but offering no substitute for the board.

The emergency board is the state board that authorizes state departments and institutions to create deficiencies when the amounts appropriated for their use by the legislature run short at any time during the biennium.

The board is composed of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, president of the senate, speaker of the house, chairman of the senate ways and means committee and chairman of the house ways and means committee.

It is understood another bill will be introduced in the senate to substitute the joint ways and means committee, or part of it, for the emergency board. This would provide for the calling together of the committee, presumably by the secretary of state, at any time during the biennium to consider shortages in any state department.

It is held that the ways and means committee is particularly competent to perform this function for the reason that all legislative appropriations are under the perusal of the committee at each session of the legislature.

A special committee of six members of the house and five of the senate is proposed in a joint resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Norblad to confer with a like committee from the legislature of the state of Washington relative to mutual fishing interests on the Columbia river.

SHADOW BLACKMAILER SPEAKS OVER PHONE

JENNING FINDS LETTER ON OFFICE DESK

\$25,000 Is Demanded From Ladd or Great Misfortune Will Overtake Him

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 13.—"Shadow," the alleged blackmailer who is the supposed source of threatening letters received by prominent and wealthy Portlanders within the past few days, was still active today according to the police.

The voice on the wire told Ladd that "Shadow" was speaking and warned him again that if he did not pay the \$25,000 previously demanded, great misfortune would overtake him.

Other developments today were the finding on a desk in his place of business by H. Jennings, Jr., another recipient of a "shadow" letter, of a note signed by the supposed blackmailer saying he had been there and the receipt by Mrs. Philip Gevirtz, wife of a former resident of one of the blackmailing letters.

TAX ROLLS MAY BE INCREASED

Senator Jones Would Withdraw Exemption From All Institutions

Millions of dollars worth of property will be added to the tax rolls of Oregon and the assessed valuation of property in the state will be given a tremendous boost if a bill to be introduced in the legislature next week by Senator Jones of Lane county is enacted into law.

Senator Jones proposes a law providing that all churches, hospitals, private schools and all other institutions that are now exempt from taxation must be placed on the tax rolls, as well as all land owned by institutions of this kind.

No statistics are available at the state capitol to show how much of an increase this would make in tax receipts, but it would go a long way toward relieving the present condition wherein taxes fall far short of meeting the needs of public expenditures.

This condition has become so serious that Governor Olcott some time ago appointed a special committee of prominent persons to make a study of further possible sources of indirect taxes, and the committee was charged to report its findings at this session of the legislature.

Doubt exists whether Senator Jones' proposed bill will be able to get past the legislature. It is believed certain that both churches and school leaders will unite in lobbying against the measure, and both these elements are tremendously influential in the state, particularly with the average legislator who has a future political career in mind.

With emergency clause attached, a bill was introduced today by the senate committee on revision of laws empowering the industrial accident commission to invest the unexpended balance of the rehabilitation funds when the balance shall exceed \$75,000. It is a remedial bill to complete a measure passed at the special session of 1920 creating the rehabilitation fund.

Liquor is Delivered by Airplanes From Canada

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Airplane delivery of liquor from Canada and its distribution through a comprehensive organization operating under the cloak of an ostensible airplane school were reported today by D. C. Smith, prohibition officer from Portland, Or., co-operating with John L. Considine, prohibition supervisor, in an investigation of the alleged association.

DEFICIENCY FUND MAY BE CUT IN HALF

Kozer Advises 50 Per Cent Reduction in Appropriation Asked by Emergency Board; \$459,766 Wanted

LARGEST ITEM FOR SOLDIERS' AID ACT

Livestock Exposition and State Library Requests Large

Through a suggestion made to the ways and means committee by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, the amount to be appropriated by the present legislature to meet deficiencies authorized by the emergency board in the last two years, may be cut from \$459,766 to \$224,766, almost 50 per cent.

The total in deficiencies that has been authorized is \$459,766. Of this amount the largest item is \$225,000 under the educational aid millage act for soldiers, sailors and marines. This is four-tenths of a mill, which on the basis of the state's present assessed valuation, produces about \$440,000 a year.

The peak in the demands of ex-service men under the act, Mr. Kozer believes, has been passed, and the demand will decline each year from now on. His suggestion is that the ways and means committee of the senate and house, which work jointly, recommended no appropriation whatever to meet the deficiency under the educational aid act for ex-service men. Because of the decreasing demand under the act the secretary of state feels certain that surplus left at the end of each year from the millage assessment will be sufficient in about two years to meet the present deficiency. The suggestion is that the government any provision for the appropriation favorably by Senator Patterson and Representative Herbert Gordon, chairman respectively of the senate and the house ways and means committees.

To save interest on deficiencies that have been authorized during the past biennium, the ways and means committee will have the bill apportioning money to meet these introduced by January 20. It will be introduced in the lower house, as is required for appropriation bills. Another bill to be introduced by the ways and means committee in the next few days will be one appropriating \$40,000 for expenses of the legislative session.

What the policy of the ways and means committee will be relative to budget demands made by the many state departments is yet a matter of conjecture. No big cuts are expected in the estimates of state institutions, since these were passed on by the state board of control prior to the assembly of the legislature.

However, a policy of the strictest economy, it is believed, will be pursued by the committee and some departments are liable to be accorded appropriations thousands of dollars below what they are demanding. It is known that several departments have made demands in excess of actual needs, knowing they would be cut down. The department heads apparently calculating that this is the surest method of obtaining what is actually needed.

No surprise will be occasioned if the ways and means committee swats the Pacific International Livestock exposition of Portland. Two years ago the exposition leaders were accorded state aid of \$50,000 used for premium awards on prize livestock. This year they are asking the state for \$175,000. The bill is considered, would be stated far out of proportion to the aid given the Oregon state fair. Two years ago the state fair received from the state \$105,150, and the present estimate submitted to the ways and means committee is \$225,000.

Whether the state library will receive all it asks of the state is a question, since the estimate places the amount for salaries at more than double that of two years ago. At that time the appropriation for salaries in the library was \$21,000. Now the estimate is \$45,000. Two years ago only \$50,000 was allowed the library as a total. This year the demand is \$79,660. Four years ago the total amount was only \$40,000.

The state livestock sanitary board is asking a 20 per cent increase over two years ago, or \$60,000, as compared with \$50,000. This is likely to be cut.

RELIEF WORK IS URGED WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Continuation of relief work in Europe is urged in telegrams from American diplomatic representatives transmitted today to the senate by President Wilson in response to a request for information regarding European distress.

EXALTED SPIRIT AIDS WOMAN FAST 46 DAYS

MRS. HARRINGTON CONFIDENT HER HUSBAND WILL YIELD

Physician Finds Food Abstainer in as Normal Condition as Healthy Person

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 13.—"This is an amazing woman, a strange case wherein the spirit is so exalted as to maintain the health of the body," said Dr. Gerety tonight, after making a careful examination of Mrs. Ernest Harrington, who has fasted 46 days in the endeavor to cause her husband to join her church.

"I found her in as normal a condition as any healthy person," resumed the doctor. "And I am inclined to believe her faith is so such as to cause her to tell the truth. I am quite sure she has not eaten since November 29. Her pulse is 84 which is higher than normal, 72; but that means nothing. Her temperature is 98, and her heart beats freely. The only change in her body appears to be a slight flabbiness of the muscles."

Mrs. Harrington declared she intended to continue fasting, and is confident her husband's spirit will finally yield.

SOVIETISM IS OPPOSED

National Civic Federation Says Regime Overthrowers of Democracy

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Official recognition of the soviet government of Russia by the United States was opposed by the national civic federation, meeting here today.

The adoption of a resolution denouncing Lenin and Trotsky for the chaos into which they had plunged Russia and pledging support to the incoming administration at Washington in resisting "bombers and social unrest" followed the reading of a letter from Acting Secretary of State Davis outlining the department's policy toward soviet Russia.

The letter branded as false statements that the government of the United States proposed officially to restore "Russian territorial integrity" and rule over Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia; nor has the government any intention, Secretary Davis said, officially to restore "the former boundaries of the Russian empire."

The resolution opposing official recognition of the soviet government characterized it as "an organization whose avowed purpose is the undermining and overthrow of stable government and democratic institutions throughout the world."

LOWER RATES ARE ADVISED

Sam Cowan Declares Railroads Should Lower All Rates

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 13.—A suggestion that owners of railroad securities in this country aid in a movement for the reduction of railroad rates and thereby facilitate the readjustment period in America, was made today by Sam P. Cowan of Fort Worth, Texas, in an address to the American National Livestock association's annual convention.

Cowan charged that the rate increase allowed railroads in August last was excessive. He declared that because of conditions in European countries which prevent Europe from buying our wares, "we have got to live largely in ourselves."

"Wages must come down," he declared, "and the high cost of living must come down, but the question seems to be who will start the movement to lower levels. Railroad freight rates control prices in this country. The owners of railroad securities in this country, if patriots, can afford to forego some dividends and reduce railroad rates."

W. C. Barnes of Washington, D. C., an official of the forestry service, told delegates grazing fees would not be raised until 1923, at least, but also declared there was no chance for a reduction or elimination of the present application of the law to the several appeals which have been taken and of course, this means courage to grant an appeal and, as well, the courage to deny one in other words, fairness to both parties.

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"Having taken this distinct step forward, we must now await the result before the six audiences and the supreme court. Meanwhile, I shall give my attention to other matters connected with my mission to Cuba."

CUBA FACES LEGISLATIVE PARALYSIS

Crowder Finds Failure of Electoral and Courts to Function Within Prescribed Limit

MAJOR-GENERAL TELLS OF LAX CONDITIONS

Courts Will Decide Upon Probative Value of Evidence Presented

HAVANA, Jan. 13.—Major General Enoch H. Crowder, special representative of President Wilson investigating conditions in Cuba, in a statement tonight, after referring to the failure of the electoral and courts to function within the prescribed limit, declared:

"If these agencies continue to fail, Cuba in due course of time will be confronted with an interim provincial and national administration and after the first Monday in April next, with a total paralysis of the legislative power."

General Crowder until tonight had maintained absolute silence ever since his arrival here on the cruiser Minnesota, a week ago. His statement, which sets forth "what has been accomplished thus far at the instance of the president," follows:

"As President Menocal has so forcefully stated in his admirable letter to the central electoral board, the urgency of the present electoral situation lies in the fact that already, through the failure of the electoral boards and the courts to function within the prescribed time limit, we have to an ad interim or provisional municipal administration in a majority of the municipal districts of Cuba."

"If these agencies continue to fail, Cuba in due course, will be confronted with an ad interim provincial and national administration and after the first Monday in April next, with a total paralysis of the legislative power, due to the fact that on that date one-half of the seats of congress will become vacant."

Judiciary Action Lacking. "The electoral boards have functioned and posted their provisional returns. What is lacking is the action of the continental judiciary on the contested election cases, of which there are a great number, involving practically all of the colleges of the Orient and Matanzas and a large number of the colleges of Santa Clara, including whole municipal districts and a smaller number of colleges in other provinces."

"What has been accomplished thus far at the instance of the president in the patriotic co-operation of the patriotic court and central electoral board in the issuance of proper instructions and regulations and the patriotic co-operation of political parties in the waiving of certain provisions of the legal procedure of Cuba, all of which means a most expeditious procedure for the courts in deciding these numerous appealed cases."

"The electoral code of Cuba makes a special appeal to the judiciary of Cuba in such a situation as now exists. It should be the attitude of everyone to assume that the Cuban courts will meet that situation and discharge their full responsibility. They have the mandatory duty of decreeing the nullity of elections in any college or colleges for any of the causes—A to O inclusive—mentioned in article 242 of said code, and the authority to invalidate elections for other causes where it shall be established by proper proof that there has been suppression of the vote of a failure of the security and canvass through intimidation, force or fraud or other causes."

Courts Must Act Upon Evidence. "I point to these provisions in order to remind all the contestants that the law as drawn gives them an ample remedy and to express my belief that the courts will be courageous and fair in the application of the law to the several appeals which have been taken and of course, this means courage to grant an appeal and, as well, the courage to deny one in other words, fairness to both parties."

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OPERA STAR ELECTED CHICAGO DIRECTOR

MARY GARDEN TO PLAY DUAL ROLE IN MUSIC WORLD

Debut, Was Made in Paris, Then in America in Thais—She Has Gained World Fame

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Mary Garden, American grand opera star, was elected general director of the Chicago Opera association at a meeting of the executive committee today.

Miss Garden, it was announced will continue to appear as an artist of the company and therefore assumes a dual role as general director and artist, just as Maestro Campanini continued to conduct operas while he was general director. She will receive no compensation as the world's first woman general director of an opera company either this season or next. She will receive only the amount paid for her regular performances as an artist.

Miss Garden was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1877 and came to America with her parents when she was 6 years old. After a short residence in the east the family came to Chicago where Miss Garden began the study of music which was later continued in Paris. She made her debut in the title role of "Louise" at the Opera Comique in Paris in 1909. Her American debut was made in Thais at New York in 1907. Since then she has gained worldwide recognition for her interpretations of such characters as "Margarite," "Salome," "Thais," "Carmen," "Sapho" and "Louise."

WILLIAM SIMMS VISITS SALEM

United Press War Correspondent Stops on Way to Japan

William Philip Simms, United Press correspondent and one of the most famous of the war correspondents of the world war, spent Wednesday in Salem calling on Governor Ben W. Olcott. Mr. Simms is on his way to Japan where he will spend a year investigating conditions and interpreting the Japanese situation for the United Press.

Before sailing for the Orient, Mr. Simms will provide himself with a more intimate knowledge of the Japanese question in this country, visiting Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., Sacramento, San Francisco and other coast cities. Some of the very best world war stories appeared in the Portland Journal under the Simms "ly-line" while he was manager of the Paris office of the United Press. He was the first American war correspondent permitted to visit the French front by the French government.

Other honors were heaped upon him by the French government in recognition of the exceptional grasp, accuracy and balance of his work.

More Than Half People of U. S. Live in Towns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—For the first time, more than half of the population of continental United States is living in urban territory. Persons living in cities and towns of more than 2500 when the 1920 census was taken, numbered 54,318,032, the census bureau announced today while those living in rural territory numbered 51,390,725.

The population of the cities and towns in 1920 showed a gain of 5.6 per cent over that in 1910 and was 51.4 per cent of the total. The proportion of urban population is larger than in 1910 in all but three states, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, the largest increase being for Michigan, from 47.3 in 1910 to 61.1 per cent in 1920.

Young Woman Drugged Then Turned Adrift

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 13.—A young woman whose name was withheld by the women's protective division of the police department, was picked up in a delirious condition on a street early today, who had been made the victim of gangsters, according to Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, in charge of the division. For several hours after being taken to the police station the young woman was delirious. Later she told a story of having been taken with a girl friend by two young men from a dance hall for an automobile ride. At a road house, Mrs. Baldwin said, the girl was drugged. Later she was turned adrift. A good description of her assailants had been given by the girl, Mrs. Baldwin said, and arrests were imminent.

YOUTH IS SHOT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Henry Aldana, 14 years old, son of Dr. E. M. Aldana, was shot and possibly fatally wounded tonight after a four-mile chase through the downtown section by members of the shotgun automobile squad, who said the girl refused to halt when they discovered him driving a stolen automobile.

SALEM MAN'S STORY IS STRANGER THAN LURID DIME NOVEL

L. E. Daniels, Drugged, Kidnapped and Robbed, Awakes on Ferryboat in San Francisco Bay—Weird Time Spent With Armed Ruffians in Local Taxicab—Bride Weeps at Home, While Dazed Youth Walks Streets of Strange City—Threat Recalled by Girl

No adventure or dime novel hero is more thrilling, and no fiction more strange, than the mishaps that have befallen Lewis Edward Daniels, Salem youth of 23 years, since he stood with his bride of 18 at State and Liberty streets on the afternoon of Friday, January 7, when he suddenly disappeared, and until he again joined his young wife in Salem Wednesday night. There is a villain in the story—two of them, in fact, and the unenacted chapter is the capture and punishment of the wrongdoers.

Suddenly, in the hands of thieves and robbers, to flit from the conscious world; to awake on a ferryboat crossing Oakland bay; in fragments to gather remembrances of two months of wedded happiness, then abduction and threat of death; courage and strength at last to send word to the loved one weeping at home. That is Daniels' strange story, the story he told yesterday to Chief Moffitt.

WAR IS GONE PRICES STAY

Young Rebukes Certain American Business Interests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Certain American business interests were rebuked by Representative Young, Republican, North Dakota, today during consideration of tariff revision by the house ways and means committee for asking duties which he charged would amount to licensing them to continue profiteering. He served notice that he would strenuously oppose the granting of import duties ranging from "100 to 400 per cent above the Payne-Aldrich rates."

Earlier in the day Senator McCumber, Republican, also from North Dakota, had announced he would seek an increase in the duty on wheat in the Fordney emergency tariff from 30 to 50 cents a bushel. He declared the higher rate necessary to stop "enormous importations" of wheat from Canada.

Mr. Young said he was "getting tired" of witnesses coming to ask for prohibitive tariff rates and relating how German competition was cutting into their trade. He said that a lot of industries were complaining of the competition when "what hurt a lot of these industries is the definite decision of the consuming public to submit no longer to war prices."

"The war is over," he said, "and the consuming public is asking why war prices are not also gone. If we grant the rates most of these interests are seeking, we will simply be licensing a continuation of profiteering."

Girl and Baby Fall Into Well; Rescued Unharmed

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 13.—While crossing the yard of a deserted home in Coquille, Or., yesterday and carrying a 15-month-old boy, Miss Jean Pointer plunged into an abandoned well, according to word brought here today. A man passing saw them disappear and rushed to the spot. They landed on a platform built half way across the well and two feet above the water. The impact jarred the baby from the girl's arms and he fell into the water. As he came up after the plunge Miss Pointer leaned over, reached down and pulled the child from the water. Both were rescued from their perilous position by means of a ladder.

Collected Information Tucked Away by Harding

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 13.—With his conferences here nearing a conclusion, President-elect Harding devoted today to discussion of incidental public questions. The day's conferences revealed no development in regard to cabinet appointments nor any of the other important problems awaiting solution.

Speculation regarding the cabinet now centers about the question of whether Charles Evans Hughes of New York is willing to accept the post of secretary of state. There is no evidence that a formal offer has been made, but it is understood that some time ago feelers were put out to learn Mr. Hughes' attitude.

Developments in regard to virtually all other cabinet places bid fair to remain at a standstill for some weeks. Most of the information Mr. Harding has collected has been tucked away, to remain, present indications forecast, at least until after his house boat excursion in Florida.

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THE WEATHER

Friday, rain west; rain or snow and warmer in east portion; fresh southerly winds.