CONGRESS SETS BACK RESPITE

House Will Postpone Thirty-day Vacation Period to Late in August

TAX REVISION IS CAUSE

Senators Also Defer Proposed Rest from Present Session, Bills Pend

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The movement for a recess of congress received several setbacks today and as a result the tentative date for beginning the 30-day vacation turned back from August 20 to August 24 or 25.

Probable delay in house passage of the tax revision bill was the principal cause of talk of postponement. Representative Mondell, Wyoming, house Republican leader, informed Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, senate leader, that August 20 appeared too early for a recess and that it now was probable the tax bill could not be gotten through until August 24 or 25.

Another Obstacle

Another obstacle to the proposed vacation was rising opposition among both Republican and Democratic senators because of the status of several pending bills. Several Democrats served notice in the senate today they would oppose a vacation resolution, possibly to the extent of filibustering, unless the good roads bill is enacted.

A compromise on this legislation was reached today by the senate postoffice and post roads committee, which agreed to report a bill next Monday calling for $100,000,000 of government appropriations, $50,000,000 of which would be immediately available with the balance in six months.

Provisions Adopted

The committee adopted provisions giving authority to the states to lay out state road systems subject to the approval by the federal commission.

Sixty per cent of the federal appropriation which would have been matched by the states would be spent on interstate highways.

JOHN SIERKS BACK AT STATE HOSPITAL

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sleep at the McLaughlin farm. Upon his arrival at that place he had been recognized and was given a meal and promised a place on the threshing crew in an effort to hold him until the authorities arrived.

"I will never be taken alive," Sierks is reported to have remarked. Warned by this, the hospital authorities "rushed" the man when they located him at McLaughlin's.

"We will have no more trouble with Sierks," was Superintendent Steiner's comment last night upon his return with the prisoner. "From this time on, Sierks will be an inmate of Ward No. 38." Ward No. 38 is occupied by the criminal insane.

SPECIAL TRAIN SHRINERS' PLAN

Arrangements Being Made to Attend Picnic at Albany Labor Day

At a meeting of the Salem Arabian Knights Shriner club, held last night at the Masonic temple, the president and secretary of the club were instructed to secure a special train for the accommodation of local Shriners who wish to attend the picnic of the Albany Shrine club to be held at Albany labor day, Monday, September 5.

As the club had received an invitation from the Albany Shrine club to attend a dance to be given tonight at Albany, those in Salem who wish tot attend were asked to secure their tickets at the Capital Drug store. A number of Shriners and their wives are planning to attend.

To serve as a committee to arrange for dances to be given this winter by the Arabian Knights Shrine club of Salem, the following were appointed: F. G. Brock, Albert Gille, David Wright and Glen Niles.

Shriners have been discussing the holding of a picnic this month and in order tot arrange a date and place for the occasion a committee was appointed consisting of Leo Gilbert, Harry T. Love, B. E. Shaver, William Bell and R. A. Harpke.

With the growing strength of the local Shrine club, it was decided that the club should have chanters, as well as the Al Kader Shrine at Portland. In order that the best voices in the club should be named, the selection was left to Dr. John R. Sites, who chose the following:

O. K. DeWitt, Glen Niles, Elmer Laue, Harry T. Love, George Dunsford, William Burghardt, Jr., Albert Gille, William McGilchrist, Jr., Frank Deckebach, Walter Jenks and J. H. Tupling.

Derby Block Transfer Rumor is Held Untrue

That the Oregon Electric system either through local or Portland offices had made efforts to lease or purchase the Derby building at Court and North High streets was denied last night by F. J. Lafky, part-owner of the property.

For several weeks persistent rumors have been circulated through the business district to the effect that Oregon Electric officials and attorney representatives were making efforts to secure the Derby property as a location for local offices. It is also reported the railroad company's lease upon the Oregon Building offices expires within the next 18 months.

F. N. Derby, partner with Mr. Lafky is absent from the city, but the denial as given is authorative, according to Mr. Lafky.

PAPER CHASE IS STIRRING EVENT

Two Hours Required for Hounds to Locate Hiding Place of Hares

Of all the paper chasers who ever chased paper and found anything at the end of the route, the 35 boys who lined up in front of the Y. M. C. A., Thursday morning, were the happiest and the busiest. It was another version of the old song,

"They say such things,
And they do-o-o such things
On the Bow'ry."

This was the Y paper chase, and not the Bowery; but they certainly said and did "such things," just like the song says.

Two boys started out 15 minutes ahead of the crowd, equipped with bags of paper "scent" for the gang to follow. It was hare-and-hounds on wheels, with the hares headed for a goal that they knew, but the hounds hadn't any more notion of than a snowbird. They trailed for a few feet or a few dozen yards up blind alleys, and then doubled back and scooted like greyhounds for another blind turnout. It took the 35 hounds two hours to locate the hares' hiding place, which was only three miles away.

They found a good time waiting for them, however. Swimming pool, bathing suits, dinner baskets, sand bars, swings, and maybe a few green apples that nobody was watching; pebbles to throw, whistles to make, flowers to pick, and almost everything that a boy could think of for rough and ready enjoyment except school books and dishes to wash for a family of six.

Brakeman Sigrist is Hurt When Trolley Drops

While the Oregon Electric train that reaches Salem from Portland shortly before midnight was about 35 miles from Salem last night, Brakeman J. C Sigrist was almost put out of commission while trying to adjust a trolley that had slipped from the wire. While he was attempting to connect it with the wire the trolley dropped and struck him on the head. An application of cold water and other first aid treatment by passengers and other members of the train crew brought relief to the injured trainman.

Rain Interferes With Tennis at North Randall

NORTH RANDALL, Cleveland, O., Aug. 11.—Because of rain the semi-final singles between the Australians and Danes in the Davis cup tennis series did not begin here today at the Mayfield Country club. Owing to today's postponement, the tournament will close Sunday instead of Saturday.

Today's program will be carried out tomorrow, Tegner meeting Peach and Jo Anderson of Australia, playing Vagn Ingerslev of Denmark. The doubles match Saturday will be between Tegner and Henrikse of Denmark and Anderson and Todd of Australia.

Hawks, the young southpaw Australian, and Peach will play an exhibition game Sunday as a curtain raiser.

Murray Will Contests Before Judge Carroll

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 11. — On the application of the public administrator of Silver Bow county, District Judge W. E. Carroll today ordered a commission to take depositions of three witnesses to the signing of the will of the late James A. Murray, millionaire mining man who died May 26. Depositions of W. A. K. Brown and R. A. Crocker of San Francisco and William Jacks of Monterey, Cal., will be taken for suits contesting the legality of the will.

WATER EXPERTS COMPETE TODAY

Interesting Contests to Be Staged in Tank at Y. M. C. A.

Every boy who believes he has mastered the art of diving is invited to take part in the diving contest at the Y. M. C. A. pool this afternoon.

An exhibition of plain and fancy diving will be put on that will be worth seeing. There are no gold medals up for the winners. The honor itself is the biggest prize. They will dive for distance, for variety, for form. The water isn't deep enough to test for depth, but they can dive almost twice as often in a shallow pool as in a deep, well-like hole that they have to climb down like a ladder, rung by rung like a pearl diver; and they'll get twice as much splash out of the shallow work.

There are a dozen kinds of real dives, besides the "belly-buster" or flat flounder off the springboard, and the light-on-your-ear misstep of the novice. A large number of boys are expected to take part. As many as 50 have been in the pool at one time this summer, some of them really expert divers and swimmers in any company; others mere tyros, who tremble at every step nearer the water—but they keep it up, and they're learning to swim like ducks and ive like porpoises.

5 Killed and 11 Hurt When Train Hits Truck

VICKSBURG, Miss., Aug. 11.—Charles Brown, driving a truck with a trailer behind, loaded with human freight, attempted to cross the railroad track ahead of a north bound Yazoo and Mississippi valley passenger train one mile north of Anguilla, Shelby county, today, and as a result, Brown, another white man and three negroes were killed and one white man and nine negroes were injured.

RESTAURANTS TO WELCOME CHANGE

Many Inconveniences Would Be Eliminated With Repeal of War Taxes

Restaurants and confectionery stores welcome the proposed repeal of the tax on anything served from a fountain.

It is pie a la mode that has caused such stores much grief. For when there is a call for pie a la mode the ice cream section of the order is served from that department of the store that has a fountain. And right there is where Uncle Sam steps in and puts on the 10 per cent tax.

But instead of taxing for the ice cream which decorates the top of the pie, the internal revenue experts claim that even the pie is subject to the tax, possibly because the eater rather mixes the pie with the ice cream, whether using a spoon or a fork.

But in a hotel which has no fountain, there may be served the pie a la mode and the revenue expert doesn't interfere. That is, the pie a la mode in a hotel is rated at 20 cents worth of good food, while in the restaurant with a fountain it must be sold for 22 cents. The extra 2 cents is tax.

While it isn't much, it is said that clerks in confectibnery stores with fountains often have to expend considerable energy explaining why the pie a la mode is 22 cents, while in the other block, a hotel or fountainless lunch counter only charges 20 cents.

Hence a number of places in the city where pie and ice cream are served together, will welcome a repeal of the internal revenue tax.

PRESIDENT'S DAD WEDS SECRETARY

Dr. George T. Harding and Miss Alice Severns Marry at Monroe, Mich.

MARION, O., Aug. 11.—Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, on his arrival here tonight from Toledo, admitted he and Miss Alice Severns, his stenographer and office attendant, had been married at Monroe, Mich., today.

Entering the automobile of one of the friends, Dr. Harding took his bride to her home and then was driven to his own home four squares away Before leaving his bride, Dr. Harding said:

"Good-night, Alice, I'll see you tomorrow."

Commenting on his marriage, Dr. Harding said:

"I was lonesome; simply unbearably lonesome.

"I thought perhaps we could go away and be married without much publicity. I changed my mind, however, in Toledo this afternoon. I gave the deputy county clerk at Monroe $1 to keep the license from newspapermen, but we had hardly arrived at Toledo until newspaper men were after us," he declared, with a wide smile.

Telling of further difficulties, the doctor said:

"We first tried to get a license at Windsor, Canada, yesterday, but because we were not residents, we were refused."

Then they went to Detroit, Dr. Harding said, and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs Louis B. Sanborn, relatives of his. Early today, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn, they motored to Monroe, arrived there shortly after noon and the license was immiediately issued. Shortly afterwards they were married by Rev. Frank T. Knowles, a Presbyterian minister at Monroe.

President Harding was officially notified of the marriage tonight in a telegram from an employe of his newspaper here. No word had been received from him at a late hour.

Dr. Harding said that he and his bride left Marion together Wednesday morning for Detroit. Previous reports said Miss Severns did not leave Marion until this morning.

Marion people were quite surprised when word of the marriage reached here late this afternoon.

Dr. Harding for years physician to Miss Severns' family, became acquainted with his bride while she was still in her 'teens, when he was called to her home in a professional capacity.

Her father, Oscar Severns, was one of the pioneer settlers of Marion county. She was born on a farm near Marion and has spent practically all her life here.

Dr. Harding, who is almost 77 years of age, has practiced medicine in Marion county for half a century. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, and came to Marion about 55 years ago. His first wife died 11 years ago.

Although keeping pace with the times in the medical profession, Dr. Harding has not permitted modern transportation to replace his horse and buggy, in which he makes his daily calls on his patients.

He is the father of five living children, Warren G. Harding, president of the United States; Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., of Columbus; Mrs. Heber Votaw of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Charlotte Bemsberg of Santa Ana, Cal., and Miss Abigail Harding, who makes her home with her father in Marion.

Dead Aviator's Parents Formerly Lived in Salem

Word has been received in Salem of the fatal injury to Hiram Tolbert Fairbanks, aviator, in an air fall at Willetts field, California. The young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fairbanks, known here in Salem in past years. Mrs. Fairbanks, before her marriage was Miss Addie Luney, and the Luney family still live in Salem.

Medford Man Promoted In U. S. Weather Work

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 11. — Priort o departing today for Portland and Yakima, Wash., William Floyd Young, stationed here for several years past during the spring frost period, announced that he has been promoted in the United States weather service to become the meteorologist in full charge of frost investigating and forecasting in the Pacific coast.

Mr. Young for the past year has been in charge of the weather bureau at Davenport, Ia., when not engaged here.

COST OF DRINKS DUE FOR CHANGE

Ice Cream, Coca Cola and Other Things May Be Given New Schedule

The 5 cent ice cream cone is a possibility by the first of the year and the penny change will be in the discard, according to confectioners and others who sell ice cream.

Dispatches from Washington, D. C. give the hope of the final arrival of the 5 cent cone about the middle of next winter. This is in the proposed repeal of tax on fountain drinks and ice cream and the substitution of a flat tax of 10 cents a gallon on fountain syrups, to be paid by the manufacturer.

Judging from the remarks of those who sell ice cream, not only the children but adults as well will welcome the repeal of the tax that requires them to dig up 2 cents extra for a 15 cent ice cream.

And with the 5 cent ice cream cone next January, there is the possibility of a 5 cent coco cola. With the assurance that the trade in general will pay 10 cents for a "coke," the manufacturers have not as yet reduced the price of coco cola to the retailers, compared to the reductions in many items sold by the confectionary.

But while there may be 5 cent cones of ice cream and 5 cent "cokes" shortly after the first of the year, the 15 cent dish of ice cream will remain. Dealers in ice cream say that cream has not fallen in price to any extent and that the present costs are about double that of the pre-war period.

Anyhow, here's looking at you for a 5 cent ice cream cone about New Years, or a little later.

ELDER JEFFRIES PASSES.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—Alexis Jeffries, father of James Jeffries, died here today at the age of 82. Mr. Jeffries came to Los Angeles 40 ysars ago.

ARTHUR BURCH IS INDICTED

Mrs. Madelynne Obenchain Also Charged With Murder of Kennedy

CASE DRAWN TO FOCUS

Chicago Lawyer Quits Office and Hastens to Help Former Wife

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—Arthur C. Burch of Evanston, Ill., was indicted here late today by the Los Angeles grand jury, the indictment charging him with the murder of John Belton Kennedy in Beverly Glen, on the evening of Friday, August 5, when Kennedy was killed by receiving the charge from a shotgun in the back of his head.

Mrs. Madelynne Obenchain of Chicago and Los Angeles, who was with Kennedy at the time, was also indicted for murder. Mrs. Obenchain has been held in jail as a material witness since the night of the shooting, when she reported it hysterically to passersby in Beverly Glen and later told a story in the sheriff's office, throwing the blame for the shooting on two unidentified men who were said to have talked with a foreign accent.

Arraignment Monday

Judge Reeves of the superior court remanded both prisoners to the county pail to be arraigned Monday.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Ralph R. Obenchain tonight was hurrying to the aid of his former wife, held with A. C. Burch in connection with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy at his bungalow near Los Angeles.

Within less than an hour after the receipt of a telegraphic appeal from the woman he had given up because of her admitted love for Kennedy, Obenchain had closed and locked his law offices and was preparing to rush to her defense in answer to his pledge that he would aid her in her "hour of need."

Woman Declared Innocent.

"I love her now just as I have always loved her," he reiterated when boarding a train for Los Angeles. "I also am convinced of her absolute innocence of any connection with this tragedy and will help her to the full extent of my ability to prove it beyond all question of doubt."

The first indictments today bring to a focus the few glimmers of evidence that at first were seen about the shooting of Kennedy, which have been reinforced and increased from day to day as the officers have patiently followed out and untangled thtet many peculiar threads of circumstance interwoven with the case.

Mrs. Obenchain, who is a daughter of a Los Angeles woman and of a father now dead, ran hysterically down the road leading from Kennedy's little summer home in Beverly Glen late last Friday night and told two passing men that Mr. Kennedy had been shot. They looked at him, saw he was beyond help, and took Mrs. Obenchain in an automobile to the Beverly Hills police station several miles from the scene. There she told the officers that Kennedy had been shot down by two roughly dressed men who had evidently waited in ambush and who had fled by automobile. Her story was reported to the sheriff of Los Angeles county, who sent out investigators and caused Mrs. Obenchain to be held as a witness.

Actions Are Puzzling

Burch has positively refused to attempt to account for his actions Friday evening, the night of the murder. He intimated in several conversations that he was in Beverly Glen but made no definite statement of his whereabouts. oday he was taken into the grand jury room but remained only a moment. Mrs. Obenchain was also taken in but emerged quickly. The circumstances led attaches to express the belief that each had declined to testify.

SPEED COP AND OTHERS FINED

Heinie Says Imlah Timed Cycles With Ingersoll Across Prune Orchard

Deputy Sheriff James Imlah, of West Salem is no respector of persons. Henry Heine, West Salem speed cop, Glenn Lewis, son of West Salem's deputy recorder and H. H. Best, three residents of the little Polk county town Wednesday paid fines of $5 each after appearing before Justice of the Peace F. L. Wood.

The three young men were arrested Monday by Imlah on charges of driving their motorcycles at a higher rate of speed than authorized by West Salem city ordinances. Evidence submitted during the arraignment was to theeffect that the motorcyclists' speed performance was staged on the Wallace road within the city limits of West Salem.

Traffic Officer Heinie protested the charge, alleging that the deputy sheriff had "timed" the motorcycles with an Ingersoll watch while viewing the alleged speedsters across a prune orchard.

NAVY RESERVES GOING ON CRUISE

Destroyer Sent to Portland to Take Embryo Sailors On Short Run

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11. — Lieutenant Commander John A. Breckwith, chief of the naval reservists in the Oregon district, today received a telegram from the navy department saying a destroyer will be here Monday to take local sailors on a cruise to Alaska.

The destroyer will be sent from the Bremerton navy yards. It will sail from here for northern waters Tuesday, carrying 50 men and five officers on a 15-day practice cruise.

Commander Breckwith today received a message from Eagle Boat No. 38, the flagship of the Oregon naval reservists, saying the craft had reached Bellingham, Wash. It will leave there Saturday, arriving in Astoria Sunday morning and Portland Sunday night.

The "Eagle" has been steaming around in Puget sound during the past two weeks with 40 Portland lads who are members of the reserve.

William C. Hook, Well Known Jurist, is Called

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 11.—Judge William C. Hook, 64, of the United States circuit court, one of the most fidely known jurists in the United States, died of pneumonia this morning at his summer home in Sayner, Wis.

Judge Hook was the son of a Kansas pioneer.

In 1903 President Roosevelt appointed Judge Hook to a vacancy on the United States circuit court of appeals for the eighth district.

BLAZE IN GRASS TAXES FIREMEN

Flames Near Twenty-Fifth Street Threaten Buildings in Vicinity

Fire which threatened homes in the Turner road district near Twenty-fifth street yesterday gave local fire fighters a two hour struggle when it burned grass and shrubbery over an area of about four city blocks. The department men were forced to use wet sacks in extinguishing the flames which completely surrounded three homes and a barn as no water was available.

The fire started from an unknown cause about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and before the department engines had arrived a large number of neighbors had arrived with wet sacks. Firemen upon their arrival soon found the impossibility of getting any great amount of water to the scene and joined the others in protecting the buildings. None of the buildings were damaged although under one house built up off the ground, the grass caught.

The many small children who worked hard and earnestly in carrying the sacks and water were richly rewarded after the flames had been extinguished when Chief "Buck" Hutton allowed the young fire fighters to ride part of the way in on the fire engine.

LOSS IS LIGHT.

BEND, Or., Aug. 11. — Although 70 fires have occurred in the Deschutes National forest this year, so efficiently has protection work been organized that only 158 acres have been burned over, according to reports received here today. Of the total fires, 32 were in the past 10 days. Of the 70 fires for the season, 34 were man caused, the others starting from lightning.

The official figures show that the interest owed the United States by the allies amounts to $944,534,755. No doubt Uncle Sam would be willing to throw off the $755 if he could collect the balance.

A leopard en route from India escaped on board the ship and was with difficulty recaptured. The animal was trying to show that he could change his spots—that is, from one spot to another one.