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CITY TAKES CAMPING GROUND

SNAGS AGAIN BLOCK ACTION TOWARD BONUS

Progress of Proposed Measure Through Uncharted Congressional Sea Proves Very Troublesome.

PLAN TO LIMIT PAY EASILY FRUSTRATED

Formal Presentation of Measure to House Delayed Several Days

WASHINGTON, March 6.—House ways and means committee Republicans encountered some apparently unlooked for snags late today in further consideration of the compromise soldiers' bonus bill, with a result that the formal presentation of the measure to the house will be delayed for several days.

It was understood that an unsuccessful effort was made to confine the bonus largely to the adjusted service certificate option.

The other differences were said to have been unimportant.

After a morning session of the majority committee, Chairman Fordyce announced that it was the plan to complete the bill in the afternoon, introduce it in the house immediately and formally present it tomorrow after a session of the entire committee.

He added that meantime he might discuss the measure with President Harding.

Opposition Encountered
It seems that the proposal to require the Democrats on the committee to cast their vote on the bill without having full opportunity to consider it met with some opposition from the majority side and it was indicated that when the measure was put in final form by the Republicans the minority members would be given time to study its provisions before final committee action.

The bill will be taken up again tomorrow by the Republicans, it was said, with the hope that it can be completed before night.

Technical Changes Made
Changes made in the bill at two sessions of the majority members today were said to have been largely of a technical character.

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KU KLUX KLANSMEN PAY SUDDEN VISIT TO BAPTIST CHURCH AND COMMEND SERMONS OF MINISTER

PACE NAMED AS HEAD OF W. W. PRISON

Washington Director of Business Control to Supervise Industrial Plants

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 6.—John W. Pace, state supervisor of industrial management, will assume charge of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla about April 1, when the resignation of Warden W. G. Potts takes effect. It was announced today in a statement from the office of the state department of business control.

Supervisor Pace is taking charge of the penitentiary that the industrial program which is being instituted may have his personal supervision at its most important stage, the statement said.

Pace was recently named director of business control to succeed T. E. Skaggs, who retires April 1. Just what effect the appointment will have on his position as director, was not stated.

It is understood his stay at the penitentiary will be only temporary, and that he will be relieved as soon as the industrial program is under way. Whether further appointments are contemplated was not indicated.

Obenchain Defence is Begun at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—The defense in the trial of Mrs. Madalyn Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, got under way today after Arthur C. Burch, co-defendant in the case, had refused to testify for the prosecution unless the indictment against him was dismissed.

Mrs. Obenchain's case, as far as disclosed today, includes an attempt to impeach prosecution witnesses and a revelation of the relation which existed between Kennedy and herself.

DEMOCRATS WIN PORTLAND, Me., March 6.—

Democrats won in the municipal elections today in Lewiston, Waterville and Rockland, all of which cities had Democratic mayors last year.

O-O-O-O-O! GHOST BACK IN PARADISE

Mysterious Visitant Near Silvertown Has Banquo Backed Clear Off the Boards

SILVERTON, Ore., March 6.—(Special to The Statesman)—A flashlight mystery has awakened the interest of the inhabitants of the Paradise road community.

The light was first seen on the lawn of one of the residents at about 7 o'clock on a Sunday evening about two weeks ago. The light entered the gate and came toward the door and then went out. The light shone in a large enough circle to indicate that a man was carrying it. A few nights later the same thing occurred at the same time and place. Both times an investigation was made with no results.

Again a few nights later a man driving a car over this road noted someone running behind the car with a flashlight. Thinking that it was someone who wished to join him the driver stopped. So did the light. When the driver started on again the light followed suit. Again investigation showed nothing.

The night following this it was seen between the houses of two neighbors at about 10 o'clock. Another night one of the members of the neighborhood saw it in a field.

Last Thursday night it was seen to go from the orchard to the barn of one of the residents.

No harm has been done. Nothing has been stolen or even touched as far as anyone can discern and yet the light appears and disappears at odd places and odd hours. At first it was thought someone was spying for something although it cannot be remembered that any of the residents of Paradise road has given any reason to suspect that there is anything worth spying on. Again it was the conjecture that someone was playing a joke. This supposition was also discarded and it is now generally believed that some lost soul has returned to Paradise road to wander about indefinitely.

It is, however, rumored by some of the natives that it might not be exactly safe for even a perfectly innocent flashlight to wander through this community at anytime in the near future as the mystery light has found the nerves of some of the residents and they are prepared to take drastic action.

Reverend Mr. Todd recently took a determined stand at his church against certain lawless elements in the oil fields and exhorted his congregation to exert every effort toward a restoration of rigid observance of the law.

NEW GLUE IN TAYLOR CASE IS DEVELOPED

Letter Signed by Man Well Known in Motion Picture Industry Confesses Murder of Director.

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—A brief part of the 10-page handwritten confession to the murder here February 1 of William Desmond Taylor, film director, mailed to the Los Angeles police department from Atlantic City, N. J., February 27 and received in this city March 4, was made public tonight by Captain of Detectives David L. Adams.

This is the only part of the document which has been made public and the only part to be read by other than officials, Captain Adams stated. He stated a newspaper had been permitted to photograph the section quoted in order to make comparisons of handwriting.

Part of Letter Published.
The part made public read:
"We South Americans always take care of our women. We are hot headed and see that swift justice is meted out to those who wrong us."

"I killed the d—, and even this is a mild description of the man who, hiding behind a polished manner, won the regard of many women, only to cast them aside when tired of them, for a new plaything."

"The confession, according to Captain Adams, was signed by the name of a man who occupied a prominent place in the motion picture industry, and whose wife was a native of South America."

It was said the man had left Los Angeles about the time of the murder and that he had previously been considered by the police in connection with the crime.

Detectives today were busy checking alleged acts connected with the information from Atlantic City and in another letter received by the police shortly after the slaying.

Facts Are Checked.
The previous letter, it was said, and the confession connected identical statements as to persons, times and places, and the former was considered from the viewpoint of its apparent corroboration of the latter.

An examination by experts of the Atlantic City communication, which was written upon stationery of a well known hotel of that city, proved it was not written by Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, it was said.

Sands Apparently Cleared.
This confirmed a previously announced view of the detective, is not Sands, so far as known, is not married, while the confession was made by a husband whose wife had first engaged in an "affair" with Taylor, only to be "scorned" by him later.

Captain Adams stated that when he had first announced the confession had been mailed from a Connecticut city he had in mind another communication received by the police.

Boston Search Asked.
It was reported, but not officially confirmed, the police had asked Boston detectives to search for an establishment in that city in the hope of effecting an arrest of the murdered of Taylor.

No Inquiry Asked
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 6.—Chief of Police Miller said tonight that his department had not been asked to investigate the mailing of the alleged "confession letter" giving details of the murder of William D. Taylor, motion picture director, slain at Los Angeles.

County Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill, Jr., and Postmaster William Lopdenlager said they were without information regarding the letter.

HANGS ON NAIL

PEORIA, Ill., March 6.—When James Hawkins, negro, roused from his sleep, jumped from his burning room, his pajamas caught on a nail on the window coping and left him dangling 30 feet above the ground with the flames leaping about him. Firemen rushed a ladder to the shrieking man and saved him. He was overcome with smoke.

CONTRACT AWARDED

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 6.—The state highway commission today awarded the contract for grading and surfacing 9.7 miles of highway between Dodd's and Pomeroy on the inland Empire highway in Garfield county to Bauer & Bauer of Dayton, Wash.

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Option Will Be Included in Agreement

Automobile Park to Be Rented This Year and Possible Later Purchase Embodied in Arrangement.

OPINION OF ATTORNEY SMITH IS AWAITED

Requests of Street Railway Company Deferred Until Next Meeting

Unless there is a hitch in an opinion pending from the offices of the city attorney, Salem will offer an attractive camp grounds to tourists as a result of action by the city council last night. The council approved plans for renting the park and its later purchase.

By establishing a charge of 50 cents per car per night, the city should receive \$2000 in camp admission fees during the present season, Alderman Edward Schunke stated. By the terms of an offer made by the executor of the Albert estate, owners of the camp site, the council is offered the site at a rental of \$600 for the present year with an option to purchase the grounds for \$3900 during the present year.

"Why not let the people vote upon the measure at the May primaries and save the \$600 rental by purchasing the grounds at once," asked Alderman Utter.

"Well, that is not the offer made us," replied Mr. Schunke.

"Besides, we would have no authority to take over the grounds until after the election and that would be too late for much progress this year."

Inconsistency Charged
"You are not quite consistent, Alderman Schunke," charged Utter. "Right upon this floor, several months ago, you fought for submission of an ordinance calling for a special election for the purpose of voting for a bond issue of \$7,000 for the purchase of the park. Now that the price has been reduced to \$3900 plus the \$600 rental you do not favor voting for the voters for a bond issue in the smaller amount."

"At that time we had no proposal for a system of admission by which the park could be made self-supporting," replied Mr. Schunke. "A bond issue would have been required for the larger purchase price, but with the lower figure, the council can make arrangements without taking the matter to a special election."

Plan Approved
The councilmen last night approved plans for renting the park and for its later purchase, providing that City Attorney Ray Smith finds no legal objection to the manner of handling funds derived from auto park admissions. By the plan now under consideration it is proposed that proceeds from park admissions be placed in a fund for which the chairman of the park board will be responsible. This is intended to prevent diversion to the general fund in order to facilitate payments of auto camp rental and purchase price.

Railway Issue Delayed
City aldermen were not asked to act upon franchise requests recently filed with the city council by T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of Salem street railway lines. This request was made several weeks ago and was followed by appointment of a special committee by Mayor George Halvorsen.

Alderman Utter, chairman of this committee, last night announced that the street railways matter would be brought up at the council meeting of Monday March 20.

"I want to say that this matter has been thoroughly investigated by your committee," Mr. Utter reported to Acting Mayor John Glesy.

"Undoubtedly much can be done to bring about remedial action to lessen physical difficulties confronting the railroad company. There is the question of vacating the Summer and Seventeenth street lines, which are without doubt being operated at a heavy loss to the company."

Company Position Outlined
"Briefly, the company asks that

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DR. HUBERT WORK, of Colorado, appointed by President Harding to succeed Will S. Hays as postmaster general in the presidential cabinet, and who assumed the duties of that office last Saturday. Mr. Hays resigned to accept the position of director of the motion picture industry at a salary of \$150,000 a year.

POLICE MATRON COMMENDED BY COUNCILMEN LAST NIGHT

Police Matron Elsie F. Eisaman of the Salem police department, was last night highly commended by the city council for her recent efforts in bringing about the arrest and conviction of "mashers" who are reported to be from the ranks of the gentry that accost unescorted women and girls.

In a formal report signed by all members of the police committee, the police matron's recent work was given praise and brought to the attention of the assembled council.

Mrs. Eisaman was invited to occupy a chair in the councilmanic circle.

Reported efforts to bring about

DRIVE FOR OIL AT ST. PAUL IS ALMOST READY TO BEGIN

Los Angeles parties are preparing to bore for oil down near St. Paul, Marion county, and they are going at it in a way that will show results one way or another very shortly.

The name of the company boring is the Willamette Valley Gas & Oil company, and the manager of the company is Walter Brown, with headquarters at the Multnomah hotel, Portland. The geologist is Paul Dressel, with the same headquarters.

The location of the first proposed well is about two and a half miles from St. Paul on the east side of the Salem-St. Paul main road, the machinery is on the grounds, and the buildings are being finished.

The drilling operations will be under roof, so that they can go ahead, rain or shine, and the operator can go as far down as any oil well ever went, for their machinery is of the best type used in California and Mexican oil fields.

History of Project Told
Back in 1914, just before the opening of the World war, J. T. Rea came to the St. Paul neighborhood, ostensibly as a well borer. He had boring outfit of much smaller capacity than the one he has now. He bored a "well" on the very spot where the boring is to be done now, and he went down 878 feet, and he found oil sand and a little oil.

So he knows oil is there. He knows he will find oil again, perhaps in paying quantities and maybe not. But he thinks that if he does find oil in paying quanti-

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STORMY SESSION IN COUNCIL ON ISSUE OF SEWER BUILDING

Whether Commissioner Low or Alderman Jefferson Supervise Work is Question That Precipitates Heated Scene—City Attorney Rules That Member of Council is Not Eligible for Superintendent

Alderman Vandervort's proposal that Street Commissioner Walter Low have charge of construction of sewers last night precipitated a brief but bitter clash between factions in the council.

"I do not see why the street commissioner should be placed in charge of sewer construction. In fact his department has as little to do with sewers as the street department has to do with the fire department," said Alderman Jefferson, who is chairman of the sewer committee.

Alderman Suter defended Mr. Jefferson, stating that he intended to recommend that Jefferson be given charge of several thousand dollars worth of sewers to be undertaken in the near future.

"I want to ask Alderman Suter if he meant that," demanded Alderman Utter.

"Certainly, I would recommend Mr. Jefferson. I cannot make that as a motion until the present motion is disposed of," replied Mr. Suter.

Utter is Opposed
"Well, I want to say frankly that I am opposed to any member of this council being on the payroll or participating in profits derived from city contracts," asserted Utter.

Alderman Patton stated that he was in favor of giving the sewer superintendency to Jefferson.

HAYDEN SAYS HE WILL QUIT

Traffic Officer Expects to Resign from Department Within Ten Days

Announcement that he intended to resign from the Salem police force within the next 10 days was made yesterday afternoon by Traffic Officer Miller Hayden.

"I had intended to keep the fact of my resignation quiet but it might as well be said now," stated Officer Hayden.

Announcement of Officer Hayden's intended resignation comes as a surprise to members of the police force. Chief of Police Moffitt has been ill for some time and it is thought that the traffic officer will not leave the force until the head of the police department returns to duty.

During the past two months two other members of the department have forsaken the low police salaries for other fields. During Officer Hayden's period of service he has acquired a reputation as one of the most active officers in this field. Of many arrests made by him for traffic violations perusal of police records show a conviction and fine in nearly every instance.

Mutilated Body of Woman Found by Granddaughter

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—The mutilated body of Mrs. Mary Spiegel, 65, was found in her home here late today. She had been slain with an axe, the police believe, by burglars whom she surprised while they were robbing the residence.

The house had been ransacked and Mrs. Spiegel's body was discovered by her 15-year-old granddaughter, Mary, when the girl returned from school.

TAX REDUCTION LEAGUE GROWING

Membership at Silvertown Increases Rapidly—Another Meeting Soon

SILVERTON, Ore., March 6.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Tax Reduction league which was organized a short time ago at Silvertown is growing. It is rumored that at first the league was looked upon with considerable skepticism but that this has now been overcome and the most recent meeting of the league was attended by an enormous crowd most of whom, it is said, were farmers. Around 175 members now belong to the local Tax Reduction club and the gaining of the remainder of the 400 which was set as the goal is looked upon optimistically. The next meeting of the league to be held at Silvertown will be March 15.

Draws Royal Flush, and Max Wilkofski Passes Out

NEWARK, N. J., March 6.—Max Wilkofski drew a pat royal flush in a midnight game at the home of Michael Eisenberg.

Before he could open the pot, he pitched forward on the table, dead. Physicians said heart failure was the cause.

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