

EUROPE ON BRINK OF WAR

TO CONSIDER
INCOME TAX
BILLS MONDAY

Joint Committee on Assessment and Taxation Begins Sessions With State Commission.

KEENEY HOSPITAL
BILL IS TABLED

Measure in Greatest Favor Said to Be Personal Income Tax Bill

Actual consideration of the three income tax bills introduced in the legislature will begin Monday night when the joint committee on assessment and taxation will begin a series of sessions with members of the state tax investigation commission, Frank M. Warren, chairman of the state audit commission, and Dr. James Gilbert, head of the economics department of the University of Oregon.

This was decided at a meeting of the committee held last night at which action was taken on several bills referred to the house committee.

Keeney Bill Tabled

Representative Keeney's bill, aimed to place hospitals which now escape taxation under the plea of charitable purposes, was tabled awaiting amendments by its author. Representative Best's bill to advance the date of payment of taxes and provide a premium for prompt payment, was made a special order of business for Monday night and Representative Lewis' bill to put church property back on the tax roll was tabled to permit Representative Shelton, a member of the committee, to draft a substitute bill.

In brief the three income tax measures introduced to date, and they appear to be all that will be forthcoming at this session, provide for a graduated income tax under the Wheeler and Bennett bill, a flat personal income tax under the bill introduced by the committee on assessment and taxation and a copy of the federal income tax measure, introduced by McManhan of Lima and modified to provide that a sum equal to one-half of the amount paid by those required to pay an income tax under the federal statutes shall be paid into the state treasury.

Present Tax Liked
Indications are that the bill now in greatest favor is the personal income tax bill as proposed by the state tax investigation commission and introduced by the committee on assessment and taxation.

Business men, who feel that an income tax is probably scheduled to be passed this session, are largely putting their support back of the personal income tax act for the reason that they claim it is the only one of the three introduced that does not in effect result in double taxation through a tax on corporation earnings as such and again when distributed to the individual beneficiaries.

This bill, reduced to its fundamentals, provides a uniform tax of four per cent on all incomes in excess of the specified exemptions. In the case of an individual, unmarried, an exemption of \$1000 is allowed. In the case of a head of a family, or a married individual living with husband or wife, a personal exemption of \$1500 is allowed but a husband and wife living together shall receive but one personal exemption of \$1800 against their aggregate net income. In case they make separate returns, the personal exemption of \$1800 may be taken by either of them or divided between them. An additional exemption of \$300 for individuals

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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Friday, cloudy with occasional rain.
LOCAL WEATHER (Thursday)
Maximum temperature, 45.
Minimum temperature, 35.
River, 6.5, stationary.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.

FAMILY WON'T BELIEVE PAPA REALLY DIED

Members of Household Say Body is in State of "Suspended Animation"

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 25.—

Following a conference with the family of George Stevenson, Coroner Fred C. Bolen this afternoon ordered a physician to assemble a clinic of Phoenix physicians to make an examination of Stevenson's body, which members of his family claim is in state of suspended animation, but which two physicians have pronounced dead. Although doctors say Stevenson died Tuesday, members of the family have refused to surrender the body to an undertaker.

WARM BATTLE IN COMMITTEE

Zimmerman, La Follett and Taylor Assail College Representatives

Senators Zimmerman, La Follett and Taylor of the senate side of the joint ways and means committee went to bat against representatives of Oregon Agricultural College who appeared before the committee last night in support of a requested appropriation of \$62,000.76 to match government money under the Smith-Lever act and another of \$7500 for rodent extermination, both of these under the extension service of the college.

Zimmerman has a penchant for statistics, and though a graduate of the college, took great delight in tantalizing the professors with questions of statistical character. La Follett and Taylor appeared to look upon the institution as an intruder upon the rights of the taxpayers and minced no words in their verbal assaults.

Silenced, But Not for Long

Previously the national guard requirements had been placed before the committee by Adjutant General George A. White, and the general by some brusque retort to a remark of La Follett about high taxes had succeeded in silencing the veteran senator, the first man who has been able to do so this session. For two hours thereafter La Follett hadn't a word to say on anything, but when the OAC people began talking about county agents, insects, club work, tree diseases, fertilizer and domestic science demonstrations, matters became unbearable for the old senator and he proceeded to tie into Paul V. Maris and Dean A. B. Cordley, two faculty members in the college delegation. The college had an exhibit of supporters that was ahead of anything that has yet appeared before the committee. It included professors, dirt farmers and farmerettes, dairymen and county officials from all sections of the state, and was reinforced by C. E. Spence, master of the state game; George Mansfield, president of the Oregon farm bureau, and Mrs. Ida Callahan, president of the State Federation of Women.

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OPEN HEARING IN KLAN CASE IS CONCLUDED

Attorney General Has Had Sufficient Evidence Introduced to Hold Kluxers Responsible.

NO JURY PROCEEDINGS TO BE MADE PUBLIC YET

Facts That Daniel and Richard Were Placed in Truck Established

BASTROP, La., Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The open hearing here conducted by the state of Louisiana into the operations of masked men in the parish, which Attorney A. V. Cocco has characterized as the "Morehouse atrocities," ended today after having been in session continually since January 5.

Scores of witnesses testified concerning floggings, deportations, circulation of warnings by a "vigilante committee," kidnappings and the spitting away of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard on August 24 of whom no trace was found until their bodies floated to the surface from the depths of Lake La Fourche on December 22.

Masked Men Seen

The entire hearing revolved around the disappearance of Daniel and Richard and virtually every witness was questioned concerning the circumstances of their disappearance.

Until today no witness had testified who had knowledge of the hooded bands since they were seen at Colliston near here on the night of August 24, when the hooded captors released three other men taken with Daniel and Richard and obtained a supply of gasoline for their cars.

Leon Jones of Mosele, Miss., the only witness at the concluding session, testified that his car was disabled on the highway about three-quarters of a mile from Lake La Fourche "some time in August," and that during the night one small touring car and a truck containing masked men and two others who appeared to be prisoners, passed them, bound toward the lake. Some time later the cars returned from the lake and he said there seemed to be no prisoners.

Truck Identified

It has been established that Daniel and Richard were placed in a small truck at the scene of the kidnapping and they were in the truck when the cavalcade stopped at Colliston. Jones, however, could not say whether it was the night of August 24 that he observed the truck and touring car near the lake.

The hearing adjourned about 1:25 a. m. today, but a few minutes prior to that time Attorney General Cocco made a statement to the court declaring that evidence had been developed sufficient to show the Ku Klux Klan

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OVERHEAD IN BOOZE GAME RUNS HIGH

Portland Bootlegger Gets Off With Fines of \$350—Is Just \$249 Minus

The "overhead" in the bootlegging business sometimes runs into fabulous sums, according to the experiences of an industrious Portland dispenser of the product. Yesterday Bert Calvin, charged with unlawful possession of 25 pints of the stuff, was fined \$100 in the police court and sentenced to 20 days in the city jail. The jail sentence was later suspended on condition that Calvin "get out of the county and stay out."

The liquor salesman had just \$101. When he left the police court he had \$1 with which to begin life over. But the arm of the law was not yet through. The justice court by way of completing a perfect day brought charge against him of unlawful transportation of liquor. He pleaded guilty. The result was a fine of \$250. Calvin was just \$249 shy. He was given 30 days in which to raise it.

The Portland bootlegger is now under the custody of Don Miles, Salem attorney. He has just 29 days in which to raise \$249—outside of Marion county.

WOULD SLASH ALL SALARIES

Bill Introduced by Carsner Asks for Economical Business Retrenchment

Sweeping cuts in salaries paid to state officials would be made under the terms of a bill introduced by Representative C Carsner of Wheeler county.

The bill would provide reductions in the salaries of the governor from \$7500 to \$5000; attorney general from \$4000 to \$3,000; corporation commissioner from \$3600 to \$3000; state school superintendent from \$4000 to \$3000; clerk of the state land board from \$3000 to \$2400, and judges of the circuit court in Multnomah county amounting to \$500 per year.

Other Reductions in Salaries Follow

Other reductions in salaries follow about the same proportion.

Reflection of Conditions

"In submitting these bills to put salaries in the state of Oregon back to where they were before these abnormal advances were made," said Carsner. "I wish to state that there is nothing of a personal nature intended, neither is there any desire to punish anyone holding office. It is but a reflection of the business and economic conditions that exist throughout Oregon, for it is well known that every individual and every business firm is taking tremendous losses and in private business salaries of managers and superintendents are everywhere being cut to a greater extent than I provide for public officials in these bills."

School Salaries Cut

The salaries of the following officials are also included among those affected, with reductions in each case as shown: Clerk of the supreme court, \$3000 to \$2400; president of OAC, \$10,000 to \$5000; president of U. of O., \$8,000 to \$5000; state highway engineer, \$7200 to \$4000; maximum salaries of professors, teachers

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THIRTY DAYS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Klepper Measure Would Make It Difficult for Some People to Marry

A bill introduced by Senator Klepper yesterday would require that applicants for marriage licenses must file their written applications with the county clerk at least 30 days before the issuance of the license. The idea back of the bill is to prevent hasty or not duly considered marriages.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION TO BE INTRODUCED BY MR. HARE

YANK TROOPS ON WAY HOME

American and Belgian Anthems Sung as St. Mihiel Takes Departure

ANTWERP, Jan. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Moving slowly down the river Scheldt tonight on the way home aboard the American transport St. Mihiel is the last contingent of the troops who represented the United States in the world war.

The troops arrived this morning from the Coblenz bridgehead and embarked on the transport which started her voyage for Savannah at 5:20 o'clock this afternoon.

With soldiers lining her rails the transport cast off her lines and the doughboys sang farewell songs and shouted greetings of good-bye, while groups of friends ashore standing in the dim light of the early darkness waved their adieux.

Good Will Accompanies

Then the propellers of the St. Mihiel began to churn the waters, the transport slowly moving on her way toward the flat lowlands of the Scheldt and soon was lost to view at the royal sluice still wending her way toward Flushing, which was due to be reached about midnight. From Flushing the wide sea opens the way for home and the signal bells will register the call "full speed ahead."

The formal ceremony of departure took place at 4:48 o'clock when a company of the 26th Belgian infantry with its band lined up alongside the St. Mihiel. The band played the Belgian and the American national anthems. Minister of War Devez, accompanied by General Jaques, representing King Albert, and the burgomaster of Antwerp, Dr. Franz Van Cavelaret, boarded the transport, where they were received by the Captain of the St. Mihiel, with the Oliver; Colonel Walter T. Bates of the Eighth infantry and the American consul, George S. Messersmith. Appropriate speeches were exchanged in the main cabin of the vessel. In his address, M. Devez expressed Belgium's devotion to the United States.

The final ceremony was one of many attending the farewell

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WILL ENTERTAIN FOR LAWMAKERS

"Cons" Plan Musical Comedy for Coming Month; Invite Legislature

The annual legislative "Laugh and Song Fest" will be given early next month by the prisoners of the Oregon state penitentiary, according to plans now under way. Rehearsals are now being held and the "Prison Escape of Musical Energy" will be given February 12, 13 and 14.

The show this time will include a chorus of 40 voices which it is considered will be a special attraction. The first night will be "prisoners' night" and the other two for the public.

Two years ago the minstrel show was postponed until the time the legislature was in session. Since the regular annual show was given in December this year another musical comedy will be put on for their special benefit.

Organic Law of the State Too Easily Amended and now Filled With Legislative Matter, Declares Washington County Senator—Series of Consolidation Proposals Ready to be Submitted.

A constitutional convention to be called in the year 1927 for a remaking of the Oregon organic laws into workable form is provided for in a joint resolution that has been prepared by Senator W. G. Hare of Washington county and which will be introduced in the next day or two. It would refer to the people the question of calling the convention. This is only part of an elaborate program which has been prepared by the Washington county senator designed to save money to the taxpayers of Oregon and at the same time avoid the creation of a super-government. The remainder of the program is a series of bills calling for the consolidation of various state departments and offices which would have the effect of cutting down the number of salaried officials and employees.

LORD'S PRAYER IS DEMANDED

Fine or Imprisonment Penalty if it is Not Posted in Offices

A bill was introduced in the senate yesterday that would make it compulsory for any person conducting a public office, place of religious worship, fraternal hall, school, court house, shop, store, mill or other place where men, women or children are employed, or who gather in bodies for labor or worship, to have one or more copies of the Lord's Prayer posted where it may easily be seen and read.

The bill was introduced by Senator La Follett at the request of 41 Protestant and Catholic ministers, public officials and business men of Salem and vicinity. It provides for the appointment of one commissioner without salary to see to the printing of the prayers. Printing would be done at state expense.

Failure to comply with the law is made a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

CAPPER PAYS TRIBUTE TO SENATOR CHARLES M'NARY

Over the initials of United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas the following tribute to Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, appears in Capper's Weekly, published in Washington, D. C.:

One of the soundest speeches made during the debate on the Borah amendment to the naval bill authorizing an international economic conference was made by Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon. Mr. McNary is a Senator who does not consume very much time in the senate debates, but at such times as he has something worth while to contribute to the discussion. It would facilitate the business of the senate if more senators were like him in this respect. I regard Senator McNary as one of the strongest and most useful men in the senate.

Discussing the proposed economic conference authorized by the Borah amendment, which was withdrawn after assurance had been given by Republican senate leaders that the president already had initiated a movement for such a conference, Mr. McNary voiced the views of a number of senators who have felt ever since the ending of the war that this country should not remain aloof from European affairs merely because it intends to adhere to its traditional policy of noninterference in European politics. Mr. McNary made this point clear in the following language:

"In my humble opinion, the amendment offered by the able senator from Idaho (Mr. Borah) is limited to operate only in the field of international economics and can not be construed to imply any obligation calculated to involve any aggressive or defen-

POPULATION IN GERMANY TAKES ACTION

Demonstrations of Violent Nature Reported When Industrial Leaders Are Sentenced.

FRENCH READY FOR EVERY EMERGENCY.

Teuton Government Will Resort to Any Means to Expel Frenchmen

All the elements usually cited as contributory causes of open war exist in the Ruhr valley. The German population, wrought up by the presence of the French and Belgians, their hatred accentuated by the arrest and conviction of the industrial leaders, have carried out demonstrations of a violent nature at various centers of the Ruhr and the occupying forces have placed their machine guns, 75's and weapons of larger calibre at strategic points for the purpose, if necessary, of overcoming resistance that appears to be no longer passive, but extremely active.

Representation Provided For

Each county would be represented in the constitutional convention in the same manner that it is now represented in the house of representatives. Delegates to the convention would be elected at the regular election of November, 1924, and the convention would be held early in 1927. Every move would be made in regular elections and the people would not be at the expense of voting on the proposals at costly special elections. The idea in this mainly would be that of giving the people ample time to consider and discuss all phases of the proposal.

Constitution Faulty

The reasons for a proposed new constitution of the state are set forth in the preamble to the resolution which avers that the constitution should be a declaration of principles and contain the fundamental laws granting and limiting powers and authority of departments and officers of government and fixing the rights of the people.

It is pointed out that the framers of the original constitution of Oregon at the time of its adoption could not anticipate and provide for all of the conditions

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Bad Mood Evident

The populace, however, is in a bad mood, and some small incident might set off this powder magazine. The French have taken all necessary measures for stern repression. Batteries of 75's and 155's of the 3rd army corps surrounding the city are posted in commanding positions. Essen has been divided into uninhabitable zones to the French artillery because of the presence of French officials and citizens in these particular sections.

All the rest of the city is under the French guns, which are capable of destroying it in case of serious organized resistance. Great crowds turned out this afternoon to greet Fritz Thyssen and his fellow industrial leaders, found guilty and fined yesterday.

ESSEN, Jan. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Essen is the center of great agitation. Thousands assembled at the railroad station and also in front of the coal syndicate offices today and proclaimed Fritz Thyssen as a second Bismarck. Temporarily at least the demonstrations were confined to the singing of patriotic songs and the shouting of "Hoche's" intermingled with epithets of reproval against the French.

Senator McNary voiced another view shared by senators who had supported the Lodge reservations to the treaty of Versailles in the hope that it would result in the ratification of the treaty and not in its defeat by its supposed Democratic friends.

Holding this view, Senator McNary said he could not persuade himself to oppose any conference looking to a better understanding among the nations and to a restoration of economic stability among them. In this view, it may be said, a large majority of his colleagues on the Republican side of the Senate share, and whatever steps President Harding and Secretary Hughes may take to this end will meet with their hearty approval.

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