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FREE WHEELER FROM CHARGES OF BRIBE ACT

Montana Senator is Exonerated By Senate Committee From Indictment of Receiving Money

STERLING MAY SUBMIT A MINORITY FINDING

Maintains Committee Was to Pass on Whether Charge was "Frame-Up"

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, Montana, is "wholly" exonerated in a majority report filed today in the senate by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, chairman of the special committee which investigated charges that Wheeler accepted a fee from Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, to prosecute oil land claims before the interior department after his election to the senate. The vote in the committee was 4 to 1. Senators Borah and McNary, republican, Oregon, and Swanson, Virginia and Caraway, Arkansas, democrats signed the majority report, but Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, reserved the right to submit separate views. He expects to do this soon and meantime, said he did not assume to pass upon the guilt or innocence of Senator Wheeler.

The charges investigated by the committee previously had been made the basis for an indictment returned against Senator Wheeler by a federal grand jury in his home state. There was no mention of that indictment in the report nor was there reference to the activities in Montana of Blair Coan, who testified he had been sent there by Secretary Lockwood of the republican national committee and gathered information used in obtaining the indictment against Wheeler.

The majority report held that the committee was authorized to inquire into the sole question of whether Senator Wheeler agreed to receive or had received money for prosecuting claims before a government department in violation of the statute. The majority found that he "neither received nor accepted nor agreed to receive or accept any compensation whatever, directly or indirectly, for any services rendered, or to be rendered, to any person, either by himself or for another in relation to any proceeding before any federal department."

Senator Sterling, who took the lead in cross examining witnesses before the committee said he had a definite conception of the functions of the committee than did the other members; that in his judgment the investigators were not to undertake to pass upon either the guilt or innocence of the senator, but to determine whether the grand jury was justified in returning the indictment on the evidence presented to it, and whether the indictment was the result of a "frame-up."

Department of justice officials declined to comment on the report or to indicate what, if any, effect this might have upon their plans to bring the senator to trial. A warrant already has been served on him and he has furnished bond for his appearance for trial.

SIX HORSES DIE IN BARN FIRE AT THE STATE BOY'S SCHOOL

Large Amount of Hay and Grain Go Up In Flames at Institution—Inmates Fight Valiantly and Save Other Property—Cause of Blaze Not Known—School is Hard Hit.

Six horses at the boys' training school were burned to death in a fire about 6 o'clock last night that destroyed one of the barns. Prompt action upon the part of the boys saved five of the animals, which were driven through the flames to safety. In addition 35 tons of hay, 300 bushels of grain, \$250 worth of implements and all the harness was consumed. L. M. Gilbert, superintendent, was high in his praise regarding the fire-fighting ability of his charges.

Smoke was seen pouring from the roof of the barn just as supper was finished. Officers and inmates rushed to the scene but were forced to confine their activity toward preventing the spread of the blaze to the dairy barns. Both of the fire extinguishers mounted on wheels were called into play, supplemented by those from the tubercular hospital and the cottage farm. Had the wind been in any other direction but northeast, other buildings would have been destroyed.

The barn was built about 40 years ago and efforts have been made for the last 10 years to have it replaced. Props were used on the south side to prevent it from toppling over. The barn was about 300 yards south of the main school building.

Coming at this time of year, the school is hard hit by the loss of the horses, Superintendent Gilbert said last night. He was unable to give an estimate of the loss and would not offer a conjecture as to how the fire started.

RATE QUESTION HOTLY DEBATED

Senate Devotes Session to Proposed Modification of Commerce Act

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Transportation rate questions came to the front today at both ends of the capitol. The senate devoted its entire session to debating the proposed modification of the long and short haul section of the interstate commerce account, while in the house the rate-making section of the transportation act came under attack.

Continued discussion in the senate for the second day of the proposal to attach the Gooding long and short haul bill to the pending army appropriation measure as a "rider" brought an open charge of filibuster and when a recess was taken proponents of the legislation refused to enter into any agreement to limit debate.

Senator Gooding asserted the policy of the railroads in their "violations" of the long and short haul clause had prevented the development of western states and was "un-American."

His views were endorsed by Senators Oddie, republican, Nevada, and Dill, democrat, Washington. Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, declared freight charges could be reduced one billion dollars annually without reducing the labor items in the cost of operation by eliminating \$400,000,000 in charges on "water capitalization," \$300,000,000 "now added annually as unearned increment" and \$300,000,000 represented as annual charges on stocks and bonds "in excess of 5 per cent, which is all that should be allowed."

JAP BILL SURE TO BE CARRIED

Immigration Measure Ready for President's Signature By End of Week

WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Coolidge was informed authoritatively today that the immigration bill, fixing July 1, 1924, as the effective date of Japanese exclusion in all probability would be ready for his signature this week.

Leaders of both parties in the house were understood to have reported at a White House conference that so large a majority of that body was in favor of the conference report now drawn that when it was presented tomorrow the opposition would be perfunctory. At the same time the president was told the report would be presented to the senate as soon as acted upon at the other end of the capitol and that the outlook was for immediate adoption.

The White House conference was attended by Representatives Longworth, Ohio, and Garrett, Tennessee, the republican and democratic leaders; Chairman Snell of the rules committee and Representative Garner, Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee.

While the legislative situation generally was discussed, the president was understood to have emphasized his continued interest in the immigration problem, his inquiries being directed toward determining beyond question the impossibility of further efforts to obtain a compromise on the exclusion date.

The consensus of opinion among leaders of that body was that the conferees had stretched a point in agreeing to reconsider their first report and that no further consideration along that line could be had. Even if this obstacle could be passed the resulting compromise was held certain to meet with a decided rejection when presented to the house.

BOYS' CHORUS IS HEARD BY 4,000 PEOPLE

Epley's Musical Youngsters Do Choir Service Last Night at Demarest Revival Service

THE EMPTY HOUSE IS EVANGELIST'S THEME

Parade of Those Interested in Meetings to Be Held in City Tonight

Seventy-five members of the Salem Boys' chorus, with Dr. H. C. Epley as their leader, appeared as a special choir for the Demarest tabernacle meeting last night, and gave the 4000 people in the audience a real treat. They have been singing every week at the YMCA and have come up to real singing ability and enthusiasm. The audience gave them a burst of applause for their excellent rendition of "I'll Stand By Until the Morning."

The boys are to give a special concert at the tabernacle building, the night of May 20, the proceeds to go towards the paying of a boys' secretary for the city YMCA. As there is no overhead expense, the full amount to be received goes directly to the gift fund. Director Demarest of the evangelistic party gave a very urgent invitation to the people of Salem to help out in this fine charity, as well as to get a bargain in real music.

Evangelist Mrs. Demarest has been suffering from a severe cold, so that she felt obliged to call off the women's meeting at the tabernacle set for Friday afternoon. But because the women of Salem have been so earnest in their attendance and interest, she countermanded the announcement that she would not speak, and now the meeting is to go ahead as planned.

This evening at 7:30 there is to be a great parade of the people who have been deeply interested in the evangelistic campaign. They will form in front of the First Methodist church at 6:45, and will march down State to High, then north to Court, then west to Commercial, and then back up State street. It is expected that at least 1000 people will be in the parade.

The young people's organizations have been fully perfected, with Douglas Wilkinson and Wilburn Swafford as president and secretary of the boys' group, and Esther Lisle and ElRae Maxwell as president and secretary of the girls' group. The young people will hold one or two street services before the evangelistic series closes.

Mrs. Demarest gave a strong, practical sermon based on the parable of the unclean spirit that, after having been cast out of man, returned with seven other devils and took possession of the man to make him worse than ever before. "That man must have cast out this spirit in his own power, and then he was so puffed up with pride that he couldn't help making room for all the other devils of the human mind to come back and take possession," said the speaker. She pointed out that the parable was drawn from real life.

It represented the state of man who "saves" himself by his own efforts, and becomes so proud and self-righteous over his own efforts in reforming himself that while he may escape the one evil he opens the door to a host of others. "My mother once said, in one of her evangelistic services, that the trouble with today is that man wants Christianity without a Christ, reformation without redemption, heaven without hell, a comfortable religion without any trouble between right and wrong. Men want a comfortable God to do their bidding, who can be dismissed when he is not wanted."

METHODISTS OPPOSE ALL AID IN WAR

Church as an Organization Will Not Assist in Future Military Combat

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 14.—Refusal of the Methodist church to take part in war will be recommended to the Methodist Episcopal general conference by the standing committee on the state of the church, that committee voted today, 76 to 37. An amendment to exempt wars fought for self defense or the defense of humanity, was tabled by a vote of 59 to 41.

The resolution condemned war, urged the United States to conduct a peace campaign of education and enter the world court and "an association of nations," it concluded. "While recognizing the freedom of the individual member to follow his own conscience but remembering that the church is the visible expression of Christ to the world, we as an organization separate ourselves from war and take no part in its promotion."

PORTLAND MAN SERIOUSLY HURT

Victor Strode Receives Fractured Skull When Automobile Skids

Victor Strode, 27, received a fractured skull and Harry Dupuy, his companion, severe face lacerations and body bruises when the automobile driven by Strode was reduced to a pile of junk in an automobile wreck on the Pacific highway near Brooks about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The men were taken to the Willamette sanitarium. Fear was expressed concerning the recovery of Strode, but it was reported from the hospital last night that he was better and it was believed he would recover.

The men were traveling toward Salem in a high powered automobile which crashed into an embankment when it failed to negotiate a curve about two miles north of Brooks. The scene of the accident was visited by State Traffic Officer Griffith, who said that skid marks on the pavement were visible for nearly 300 feet. He estimated that the automobile must have been traveling at least 60 miles an hour. Dupuy said yesterday that they were not going more than 35 miles an hour. The machine first left the pavement on the right side of the road, according to Griffith, but later swerved to the other side of the highway and crashed into the bank.

While both men are from Portland, Dupuy was formerly associated with the Corvallis creamery and is well-known in Salem.

Montana Forest Fires Reported Very Serious

MISSOULA, Mont., May 14.—With receipt of reports of two large fires on the Flathead forest and of four blazes hitherto not reported from the Pend O'Reille forest, the fire situation for district No. 1 loomed more serious today. A complete report of the Pend O'Reille forest fires was received in a letter this afternoon giving the status of eight blazes on the forest and one of 600 acres in private timber. None of these was reported under control, but spreading before a high wind in dry territory.

GIESY ALWAYS ON THE JOB

Mayor John B. Giesy is always on the job—

He has missed but three meetings of the city council in four years, as alderman and mayor; and then only when unavoidably absent from the city. He is on the job day and night; no day is too stormy, no night too dark to prevent him from responding when duty calls, for the good of the service; for the good of the city. To this testimonial of faithful service, every member of the city's force will give hearty assent, for Mayor Giesy works with every department, and he works in harmony with them all. He takes and gives advice. He consults with every one who can help Salem or its city government, in the interest of law enforcement—in the interest of a better, more progressive and prosperous and cleaner city.

Without sparing himself in any particular, without withholding any moment of his time, Mayor Giesy is always on the job. He thinks of his forces and of his city first—he thinks of himself last. That is the kind of a mayor Salem now has. That is the kind of a mayor the people, every last man and woman of them, would say they wanted, if every one realized the absolute truthfulness of the above— For every word of it is true.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS JUNE 7 GOAL

Move is Made to End Session in Time for Party Conventions in June; Possibility Doubtful

BOTH PARTY LEADERS FAVORING THE MOVE

Demand for Immediate Action on Needed Legislation May Prevent

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Adjournment of congress by June 7 is the goal toward which the democratic and republican organizations in both the house and senate are striving President Coolidge was told today by a group of house leaders. They expressed confidence that the legislative program would be in shape to permit a getaway despite increasing talk, particularly in the senate, that this is a remote possibility. During a White House conference Representative Garrett, the democratic leader, and Representative Garner, Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee, agreed to do their utmost to bring about adjournment before the June political conventions.

The president was informed that senate leaders, democrats as well as republicans, were in sympathy with the June 7 adjournment program and were hopeful that it could be carried through. It was admitted, however, that demand is growing for action on certain legislative proposals and that a last minute hitch in plans might keep congress in session through most, if not all, of the summer.

In the senate several senators declared Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals must be put to a vote at this session, while Chairman Norris of the senate agriculture committee asserted he saw little prospect of a windup early in June. Tentative plans of house republican leaders for the remainder of the session call for action on a variety of miscellaneous bills and for action on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, the postal salary measure and the McPadden bill to amend the national bank and federal reserve acts.

Mr. Longworth said that while an opportunity would be given the house to pass on the merits of the McNary-Haugen proposal, which would set up a corporation to sell surplus farm products abroad, this in no way obligated the republican leadership to support the measure. Leaders of the farm bloc, however, declare they are satisfied with this arrangement. The postal bill will be taken up despite unofficial indications that the president may disapprove it unless it carries a revenue producing provision to cover the expenditures authorized in salary increases.

One of the bills which probably will be considered by the house before the end of the week is one to authorize an appropriation of \$6,500,000 for additional hospital facilities for war veterans.

CARSON'S RECORD SHOWN IN LETTER TO PRESBYTERIANS

The following letter of endorsement for District Attorney John H. Carson was sent to all members of the Presbyterian church in Salem yesterday by A. F. Marcus, and S. E. Purvine, members of the police committee of the city council and both of whom are members of the First Presbyterian church.

Salem, Or., May 13, 1924. Dear Friend:—

As members of Police Committee of Salem council and of the First Presbyterian church, we want to call your attention to the excellent record made by District Attorney Carson in assisting our department in law enforcement and urge you to support his candidacy for reelection.

It is our experience that boot-leggers spare no expense in defending themselves. They employ the best legal talent and a prosecuting officer, to be successful, must have a lot of experience and ability. We believe Mr. Carson's record shows him to be eminently fitted for this position and he has always handled all cases we have turned over to him in an entirely satisfactory manner, having actually won several cases for us that we had expected to lose. We know his stand on prohibition enforcement and unquestionably commend it. Respectfully,

A. F. MARCUS S. E. PURVINE.

APARTMENT FIRM MADE DEFENDANT

Salem People Sue to Recover Funds Invested in Proposed Project

Twenty-eight subscribers took stock in the Capital apartments, an enterprise floated by Warren Armington and Carl Linde, architect, have brought suit against the apartment company to recover money they have subscribed and to join Linde from collecting \$4500 for alleged services as an architect and who is threatening to take possession of the property. A receiver is also asked to take charge of arrears and to dispose of funds and property placed under court order.

The complaint sets forth that Armington and Linde conceived the idea of a \$150,000 72-room apartment at Court and Capitol and took an option on the property for \$19,000. Plans and photographs of the proposed building caused the plaintiffs to invest in the enterprise. Representations as to costs are held untrue in the complaint, which states that the building could not be erected from the plans for less than \$225,000.

Plaintiffs in the case against the Capital Apartment company are Jennie B. Thielsen, B. C. Miles, W. M. Hamilton, A. M. Hansen, Gideon Stolz, W. T. Stolz, Minnie Peterson, Thomas B. Kay, Homer H. Smith, W. E. Wilson, E. D. Thielsen, Lloyd Rigdon, Theo M. Barr, W. B. Morse, C. H. Robertson, Henry Lee, J. W. Howard, Eleanor R. Lampert, J. G. Heltzel, F. S. Barton, F. E. Hallik, C. S. Hamilton, J. R. Kennedy, Robert Hutcheon, Jehu Oliver, Rebecca G. Matthews, C. Van Patten and C. Van Patten, Jr.

WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate oil committee tentatively closed its hearings. Details of campaign expenditures were considered by the senate Mayfield committee. A compromise farm relief bill was introduced by Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina. Further steps were taken by the administration to obtain postponement of Japanese exclusion. The revenue bill conferees disposed of a number of non-controversial amendments voted in by the senate. Secretary Hughes declared to be "absolutely false" the statement that he had anything to do with the sale of the steamship Martha Washington to its former owners.

PRESIDENT IS WRITING VETO ON BONUS BILL

Message of Disapproval is Expected in House Today or Friday—Time Will Expire Friday

DRAIN ON TREASURY IS REASON FOR DISFAVOR

Cost of Measure Over 60-Year Period Would Mount to \$6,700,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Coolidge today began preparing the message he will send to the house in explanation of his veto of the soldier bonus bill.

While no official announcement has been made that Mr. Coolidge will veto the measure, persons close to the executive make no attempt to conceal his intentions. The president's message may be sent to the house tomorrow or it may be delayed until Friday.

The ten-day period during which he may act on the bill will expire at midnight Friday. The message is expected to cite the drain the measure would impose on the treasury. Director Lord of the budget, in a report to the president along with reports from the treasury department and the veterans' bureau is understood to have presented an estimate that the bill would cost \$152,000,000 the first year, \$146,000,000 for cash and insurance payments, and \$6,500,000 for administration.

The treasury in its report is understood to have presented an estimate as to the total cost of the measure, figuring this cost at \$6,700,000,000 over a 60-year period. The veterans' bureau report dealt merely with administrative provisions of the measure.

BISHOP DEPLORES AMERICAN MORALS

Adoption of "Free Moral Life of France" Held Worse Than Drinking

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Testimony before the house judiciary committee today at hearings on pending bills to legalize 2.75 per cent beer was momentarily diverted to the question of present-day American morals when Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, told the committee he thought there was "more immorality than drinking among the younger generation."

"An alarming and insupportable attitude," the bishop asserted "has developed among women toward morals, and things are done now which would not have been tolerated several years ago. Bishop Cannon declared the "free moral life of France" had made its impression on American morals and that the young men who served overseas during the war had been different since their return.

Harry S. Warner, general secretary of the intercollegiate prohibition association testified that "students of 1924 certainly are not drinking more than students of past years and they do not favor modification of the law." Such drinking as is found, he said, "is spectacular, exceptional and gains undue publicity."

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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair and continued warm Thursday; moderate northwesterly winds. LOCAL WEATHER (Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 72. Minimum temperature, 50. River, 1.2 feet; stationary. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northwest.

SEN DEATH CONFIRMED HONG KONG, May 15.—(By the AP.)—The death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the leader of the recalcitrant south China government was confirmed yesterday.

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