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SENATE VOTES TO EXONERATE SEN. WHEELER

Montana Senator Is Given Vote of Confidence, 56 to 5, That All Corruption Charges are Untrue

STERLING ASKS SENATE TO DEFER ANY OPINION

Holds Legislative Organ Should Not Prejudice Court Before Trial

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, indicted by a federal grand jury in his home state was given an overwhelming vote of confidence today by his colleagues in the senate. Sweeping aside two proposals to defer expression as to guilt or innocence until after the court trial, the senate adopted, 56 to 5, the majority report of its investigating committee exonerating the prosecutor of the Daugherty committee of the charge of accepting a fee to practice before the interior department after his election to the senate.

Eighteen republicans and two farmer-labor senators joined with 36 democrats in favor of the resolution approving the majority report submitted by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, chairman of the investigating committee.

The five opposing the resolution were republican s— Curtis, Phipps, Spencer, Sterling and Willis.

The proposals under which the senate would not have expressed itself as to guilt or innocence were put forward by Senators Sterling of South Dakota, a member of the investigating committee and Spencer of Missouri. That by Senator Sterling, which specified that no question should be raised as to Senator Wheeler's qualifications to sit in the senate was rejected 58 to 5.

Senator Spencer's resolution would have limited the senate to a statement that no facts had been developed in the inquiry which would disqualify Senator Wheeler from retaining his seat. It was rejected, 56 to 8, all of those supporting it being republicans.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, declared that every honest citizenacquainted wih the facts knew that Senator Wheler had been "framed" because of his activities in pressing the investigation of the department of justice and asserted that Senators would be "cravens and cowards" if they took refuge behind Senator Sterling's resolution.

Declaring that upon the testimony adduced before the committee "no reasonable man on earth can say Senator Wheeler is guilty or that the indictment is justified," Senator Johnson, republican California, declared that it would be "cowardly" for the senate not to go on record in vindication of the Montana senator.

Senator Sterling told the senate he did not think he ever would have to defend his courage in the senate; that he had the courage of his convictions and that he did not believe the senate by its vote should prejudice the trial of eSnator Wheeler in Montana.

The South Dakota senator joined with Senator Spencer expressing the hope that when he came to trial Senator Wheler would be able to refute every one of the charges made against him.

"But its not fair," he added, "for us to sit here as a trial jury to determine guilt or innocence."

WHISKEY CAPTURED

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 23.—Four hundred cases of Scotch whiskey direct from the rum fleet off the Jersey coast and valued at $50,000 was seized by federal prohibition agents in St. Paul tonight.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy Saturday; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER
(Friday)
Maximum temperature, 77.
Minimum temperature, 46.
Rainfall, none.
River, stationary.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, north.

POISON FIEND AGAIN AT LARGE IN SALEM; DOGS ARE VICTIMS

Reports Yesterday Show Five Animals Killed —Thoroughbred Police Dog Owned by Major Anreae Is Victim — — Humane Society Eager to Prosecute — — Reward Is Offered

The doors of Hell have again opened outward. And once more the Devil has turned loose his most dependable understudy on Salem.

This is the particular ghoul who is assigned by old Satan to poison dogs. On this trip he got five, reports showed yesterday, including a thoroughbred Police dog belonging to Major Frank Andrae, who lives at 1381 State street. This victim was considered the finest dog of the Police breed in this part of the country. Hundreds of people in Salem knew the big fellow and liked him.

But the dog poison fiend doesn't care whether a dog is of royal or mongrel strain, or whether his owner be rich or poor. He seeks only to gratify his lust to kill. If he can bring sorrow to those who love pets; if he can wrench a cry of anguish from the heart of a child, or cause a tear to flow on the cheek of an old man or woman, then the dog-poisoner is happy, no doubt, and grins in his devilish glee. It has been only a little while since "Mugs," the vivacious little dog belonging to Coach Rathbun of Willamette, that delighted hundreds with his clever tricks at the basketball games last winter, fell a victim to the poisoner.

The names of the other families that lost dogs at the hands of the poisoner on his lates trip to Salem could not be ascertained by the authorities yesterday. However, Col. E. Hofer, president of the Oregon State Humane society, said last night that the society will prosecute the poisoner if he can be found and the organization offers a reward of $25 for information leading to his arrest.

LIONS NOMINATE NEW OFFICERS

Presidency Lies With Neer, Hoppes and Miles—One Other Contest

Competition for offices in the Lions club for the coming year is promised as a result of the nomination of officers held Friday noon. The offices contested are those of president, third vice president and board of directors. Election will be held Friday, June 6.

Names of Frank E. Neer, present secretary, Otto Hoppes and Ross Miles were placed in nomination for president, with John J. Rottle and Guy L. Rathbun for third vice president. With two directors to be elected, the choice for office lies between W. W. Rosebraugh , Al Krause, C. D. Adams and Harry W. Scott, who was nominated to succeed himself on the board.

Allan Kafoury was unanimously nominated for the place of first vice president, with William Hickey for second vice president.

Other officers not contested are secretary, with Rev. Marten Fereshetian the sole nominee, and Rich L. Reimann, to succeed himself as treasurer. Two other offices, those of goat and tailtwister, will be filled by appointment.

Announcement was made that the visiting contest books must be signed by June 1, the end of the contest. The remainder of the Friday session was given over to business and reports of various committees.

Educational Trip Made Through State Departments

Edwin Socolofsky, county YMCA secretary, yesterday conducted 30 boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades of the Stayton and Aumsville schools on an educational trip to state institutions and through state departments. They arrived in Salem about 9 o'clock and made their first visit to the deaf school, later visiting several others. They were met by Governor Pierce and Justices Coshow and Rand of the supreme court. A total of 150 boys and girls of the county havem ade similar educational trips this spring.

WOULD EXTEND SOVERIGNTY

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Coolidge forwarded to the senate today a recommendation of Secretary Hughes that American soverignty be extended over Swain's island, an isolated atoll, 200 miles east-southeast of Apia, Samoa.

COOLIDGE'S COLD VERY MUCH BETTER

Bronchial Affliction of the Past Week Finally Yields to Treatment

WASHINGTON, May 23. — A bronchial cold, from which President Coolidge has been suffering for a week, has yielded finally to medical treatment and rest, and the chief executive today for the first time since last Saturday went through with all of his engagements.

Mr. Coolidge felt so much better that he not only did a full day's work but he insisted on fulfilling a promise made several months ago to attend the opening tonight of the Congressional Country club, built by an organization of Washington officials and citizens several miles out of Washington in Maryland.

Restaurant Strike Is Orderly, Pickets Always on Duty

Yesterday was quiet in the restaurant strike. There have been no new developments. Will Carver has been selected by the strikers to edit a paper as he says "to give unbiased news to the people."

So far there has not been a lawless act. Both sides are firm and both sides claim to be well fortified for the contest.

A rock thrown by some miscreant at a picket was the cause of some discussion but both sides passed it off as an irresponsible act and let it go at that. The pickets have been orderly, always.

Pickets were placed on duty during the entire day Friday as the culinary workers' union continued its fight against the White House restaurant. All of the local pickets are local people who have been employed in Salem. Pickets will remain on duty from 6 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night, it was announced by F. W. Bond, international organizer. So far the shifts have been divided into two hours each, with no one person, particularly the women, on duty more than six hours during the day.

West Salem Concert Is Postponed One Week

..The concert, which was to have been given by the men's glee club of Willamette university at the West Salem Methodist church next Monday night has been postponed one week, and will be given Monday night, June 2. Conflicting dates of the club were the cause of the postponement. Rev. Alexander Hawthorne, pastor of the church, invited the club to appear at his church.

RIVAL FORCES STAGE MIX-UP OVER HEARING

Senators, Lawyers and Witnesses Engage in Exchange of Taunts and Jibes—Police Quiet Crowd

INTEGRITY OF G. MEANS CALLED INTO QUESTION

Todd Testifies That Story of Lost Papers Is a Fake —Offers Proof

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Between rankling exchange of taunt and jibe which involved senators, lawyers and witnesses, the Daugherty investigating committee inquired today into the status of the federal prosecution agent Gaston B. Means, the star informant and heatedly debated charges of work on its own proceedings.

Once or twice the capitol police quieted the audience, over-excited by the continuous outbreak before it, and at the end the guards intervened to stop an altercation between principals for even the adjournment until Monday did not abate entirely the fighting spirit.

Hiram C. Todd, assistant attorney general in charge of the prosecutions against Means in New York, despite turmoil and attack, told his senatorial interrogators that Means was a crook and that he could "nail him" because of the "fairy tale about the loss of his papers," referring to the disappearance of the detective's records desired by the committee.

As he warmed up to his work, he told the committee it was engaged in protecting Means and drew a double flareback, being charged with "giving immunity to bootleggers" in order to obtain the indictment of Means and, over his own denial but with some documentary evidence from the committee, was also charged with seeking a special judge—John M. Killits of Toledo, Ohio — to try Meahs.

Todd taunted Senator Wheeler, the committee prosecutor with his own indictment in Montana and was told by Chairman Brookhart that he had proven himself "unfit" to conduct the Means case. As the attorney said that two department of justice operaives under his orders were on wach the night Means claimed his famous diaries and records were spirited away, and saw no one enter his home, the discussion of spy work aroused Paul Howland, attorney for Harry M. Daugherty.

Committee members were charging him with being involved in unprofessional conduct in the matter of working with detectives and an alleged "frameup" against Senator Wheeler, Howland declared. Senator Wheeler debated this hotly with him and Chairman Brookhart chimed in saying that Howland had known in advance of the indictment against Senator Wheler.

The argument continued between Howland and Brookhart after the hearing had adjournment, Means joining in to state his objections in personal fashion to Howland in an anteroom but the capitol police intervened and quieted the row.

The troubles of Gaston G. Means were so bitterly debated before the Daugherty committee that spectators had to be quieted by the police.

MOVE TO KILL M'NARY'S BILL SURE FAILURE

Attempts to Strike Out Enacting Clause of Farm Relief Bill Downed By Senate Leaders

FINAL ACTION NOT TO COME UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Both Sides Express Doubt as to Result on Final Vote Next Thursday

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Fifteen hours general debate in the house on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was concluded late today and the measure will be taken up tomorrow under the five-minute rule with amendments in order.

There were indications that a move to kill the bill, by striking out the enacting clause may be made, but leaders generally expressed the opinion that such a motion would not prevail. Many opponents, they pointed out, desired that opportunity be afforded to offer amendments and would vote against such a proposal, although on the final lineup they would cast their votes against the bill.

It was generally agreed that final vote could not be reached tomorrow and it appeared probable that the show-down would not come before the end of next week. Present plans are to devote the first three or four days of the week to other legislation, resuming consideration of the McNary-Haugen bill either late Thursday or Friday.

Contradictory claims continued to be made by friends and opponents of the measure as to the sentiment in the house on the legislation. Both sides, however, expressed the opinion that the result would be close.

Starting in on the last lap of debate today. Representative Kincheloe, Kentucky, a democratic member of the agriculture committee launched into a bitter attack on the bill. The last word came from Representative Rubey of Missouri, another democrat on the committee and one of the measure's leading supporters, who declared that if the bill was rejected there was no likelihood whatever of any farm relief legislation being enacted at this session.

Throughout a six-hour session friends and goes of the measure in rotation discussed its provisions, the attack being as vigorous as the defense.

Bruce Layman Convicted On Charge of Possession

Bruce Layman, another violator of the prohibition law, was convicted in justice court yesterday after a jury trial. Layman was arrested at Woodburn May 10 by Clarence Schoeneman, a state officer,, and the charge against him was unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. He was arrested at the same time that Henry Whitney, who was found guilty Thursday of unlawfully selling liquor, was arrested by Officer Schoeneman. District Attorney Carson said last night that Justice of the Peace Kunts probably would sentence both men today.

SALEM WINS STATE HIGH DEBATE TITLE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23.—By unanimous decision of three judges, Salem high school's debating team, composed of Benoit McCroskey and Edgar Tibbetts, won the championship of the High School debating league here tonight by defeating a team representing the Union, Ore., high school composed of Audrey Delap and Vera Shaw. The Salem team had prevoiusly won the championship of western Oregon and the Union team that of eastern Oregon. The Salem team upheld the affirmative on the subject: "Resolved, That the policy of federal subsidies to states, accompanied by federal supervision, should be abandoned."

A cup donated by E. E. Decou, of the University of Oregon faculty, was presented to the winning team. The debate was broadcast from a local radio station.

SCHUNKE AND NEER ARE ASPIRANTS FOR CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Petitions were started in circulation yesterday nominating Ed Schunke and Frank Neer for the Salem school board in opposition to Dr. H. H. Olinger and L. J. Simeral. Schunke is manager of the Roth Grocery company and a member of the Kiwanis club, and Neer is manager of the Salem Brick & Tile company and a member of the Lions club. Olinger and Simeral are present members of the school board. The terms of both expire and they are candidates to succeed themselves.

Property qualifications do not enter into the question of voting for school board members, according to Geoge W. Hug, superintendent of schools, and any citizen who is more than 21 years old and has lived in the district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the election is eligible to vote. Two school board members will be elected June 16.

CONGRESS FIRM FOR TAX RATES

Leaders in Both Houses Confident That Amended Bill Will Pass Easily

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Congress continued firm today in its support of the pending tax measure on the eve of final action on the bill.

The senate will take up the conference report tomorrow with the prospects of favorable action before adjournment, in which event the house is prepared to take it up Monday. Republican leaders in congress freely predicted today that the measure would be signed by the president.

At the same time President Coolidge let it be known that the general question of whether the bill is an improvement on existing law will form the basis of his action. Specific considerations to be weighed by the president in determining his action are whether the new measure will provide sufficient revenue, whether it will provide an efficient system of administration, and whether what he views as its undesirable features are outweighed by its good points.

Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee declared after a conversation today with Secretary Mellon that there was no possibility of a change in the conference report which would modify the publicity provisions or the estate tax rates increase.

Mr. Mellon made known his objections to these provisions, but members of congress minimized predictions that the treasury head would recommend a veto of the bill, especially until after he had opportunity to study the measure as finally passed by congress.

Mr. Mellon particularly opposed the amendment approved by the conferees directing the director of internal revenue to make public the amount paid by each taxpayer, as well as the name and address as required by existing law. Administration spokesmen in congress explained, however, this provision was more satisfactory to their minds as a compromise than the senate provision which would have permitted public inspection of each tax return.

Chairman Smoot today formally submitted the report of the conferees on adjustment of differences between the senate and house and announced he would call it up tomorrow.

Sunday School Workers To Meet Monday Eve.

Wanted—100 or more Sunday school teachers of Salem and the surrounding communities to attend a meeting at the Salem Public library Monday evening, May 26 at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of discussing better methods in Sunday school teaching to prevent a decrease in Sunday school attendance during the summer months, and also talk about the advisibility of organizing a weekly class where Sunday school teachers would discuss and exchange thought and ideas on next Sunday's lesson. This meeting is especially for Sunday school teachers but any body who is interested in Sunday school teaching is welcome to attend Monday night. Meeting will be in charge of [illegible] Marion County [illegible] Cou[illegible]

DECLINES POST IN MONTANA COLLEGE

DR. E. C. HICKMAN

HICKMAN WILL STAY IN SALEM

Head of Kimball College Declines Offer From Helena, Mont., College

Dr. E. C. Hickman, president of Kimball College of Theology, announced yesterday that he had declined an offer to become president of Intermountain Union college of Helena, Mont. Dr. Hickman said that he prefers to remain in Salem where he has been at the head of Kimball college for several years.

Dr. Hickman will preach the baccalaureate sermon for Kimball graduates of this year at Leslie Methodist church tomorrow.

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The conference report on the tax bill was presented to the senate.

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The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying $60,000,000 was passed by the senate.

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President Coolidge attended the opening of the new Congressional Country club, his cold having improved.

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By a vote of 56 to 5 the senate adopted a committee report exonerating Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana.

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Agreement was reached by the senate foreign relations committee to vote tomorrow on propositions dealing with the world court.

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Chairman Hale of the senate naval committee declared the American navy to be nearer the 5-5-3 ratio than at any time since the arms conference.

New Income Tax Bill Is Now Ready for Signatures

Copies of the proposed new state income tax act have been printed, with petitions attached, and will be circulated at once for initiation at the November election. The bill is sponsored by the State Grange and has the approval of Governor Pierce and other exponents of an income tax act. One of the main changes in the bill, as compared with the [illegible] income tax law, is an [illegible] [illegible] will get them in touch with the people of their county.

KIDNAPING AND MURDER STAYS STILL MYSTERY

Few Flimsy Clews Including Automobile, Spectacles and Note Reveal Nothing of Baffling Crime

EVEN CAUSE OF BOY'S DEATH UNDETERMINED

Detectives Busy Trying to Find Motive and Method of Youth's Killing

CHICAGO, May 23.—A few flimsy clews, including a gray automobile, a pair of spectacles and theories of kidnaping and ransom were all the police had to guide them tonight in their search for the slayers of Robert Franks, 14-year-old son of a Chicago millionaire, whose body was bound in a swamp yesterday while the father was waiting to pay a $10,000 ransom.

Even the cause of death was not determined definitely tonight and after 24 hours of investigation the police admitted the crime was of the most baffling in the city's history. Detectives were hunting the answers to a score of questions, while a coroner's inquest opened today was continued indefinitely because of lack of information.

A note addressed to the police and bearing the initials of Robert Franks asking the police to rescue him quickly was found tonight about a block from where the body was discovered but is believed by the police to have been placed there after the body was found.

"Dear officers," the note read, "Find me quick. 'Am in danger. Find me quick."

The police expressed the opinion that the note was a fake because they believe that the boy was dead when his body reached the swamp, where it was later found.

The place where the youth died had not been found but the police believe it was far from the swamp where the body was found in a culvert. One of the lad's stockings was found near his body but none of his other clothing has been found. Coroner's assistants believed poison was the actual cause of death and anxiously awaited the result of a chemical analysis tonight. They said the blows on the head which the boy suffered had not fractured the skull.

Kidnaping for ransom or some unexplained motive alternated in the minds of the police who were disinclined to believe that the boy had been abducted for ransom alone after doctors expressed the beliefs that he had been killed within four hours after he disappeared Wednesday afternoon while on his way from a private school to his home, three blocks distant. One instructor of the fashionable private school attended by the youth was under surveillance tonight and two others and the principal were questioned during the day.

A gray car, which loitered near the school the day the boy disappeared and in which he is believed to have been carried away, has not been found and automobile tracks near the Culvert where the body was found are undeveloped clews.

A pair of spectacles found near the body and at first believed to be the property of the boy presented a peculiar angle.

Plenty of Help To Harvest Crop

Mr. Siddall, who lives out on Salem route 9, was worried about getting enough help to harvest his gooseberry crop. He put a little classified ad in yesterday morning's Statesman. Last evening he called the business office of The Statesman and requested that the ad be taken out as he was swamped with replies. When told that he would have some refund coming as he had paid for the ad to run three days he said: "Never mind the refund—I've hay my money's worth."

This is interesting news to the people of Salem district. It proves that there will be plenty of help to harvest the coming crops and it proves to them that The Statesman [illegible] will get them in touch with the people of their county.