

SENATE ASKED TO PROBE NEW BOARD CHARGE

Excessive Allowances For Amortization of War Time Industries Reported by Committee

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE HELD INVOLVED

Pacific Coast Plant One of Cases in Question; \$1,600,000 Allowed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Review by the internal revenue bureau of cases involving sums amounting perhaps to millions of dollars granted wartime industries for amortization upon their conversion into privately operated plants, will be asked in resolutions to be presented to the senate soon by the special committee investigating the bureau.

The committee decided today to ask a review of one case involving a shipping concern on the Pacific coast, and Chairman Cousins said other cases where excessive allowances were believed to have been granted for amortization would be taken up by the committee.

Millions of dollars were allowed wartime concerns for amortization but the scope of the committee's investigation has been completed. In the particular case already decided upon, Mr. Cousins said the committee had learned that the shipping concern had been allowed \$800,000 by the shipping board, and a like amount later by the internal revenue bureau for amortization. Investigation also disclosed, he asserted, that the bureau made its grant with knowledge of similar action taken by the shipping board. Resolutions asking reviews of the cases will be presented for action by the senate. Many cases cannot be reopened because of technicalities in the law, however, and Mr. Cousins said no general review of these cases was contemplated.

STORM GRIPS MIDDLE WEST

Train Schedule Disarranged; Wire Communication Is Demoralized

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(By The Associated Press.) The middle west tonight was recovering from its first severe storm of the winter, the rain and snow seriously disarranging train schedules in the northwestern by interrupting wire communications and doing considerable damage in Kansas, Missouri, parts of Nebraska and Iowa.

Rain and snow in Kansas and Nebraska demoralized wire communications but were pronounced of great benefit to the winter wheat crop. In Iowa train schedules which had been disrupted by the damage to wire communications by sleet and snow were about normal but telephone facilities still were hampered. Mill weather had succeeded the severe brand.

In Nebraska, wire facilities of the Associated Press were so badly crippled for a time that it was necessary to resort to radio broadcasting to reach some newspapers.

AMERICAN CONSUL STILL IN DANGER

Details of Shooting by Young Woman Not Fully Known; Rumors Current

BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.) Henry Dayton of the American consular staff here, who was shot yesterday by a young woman, Anna Ousuopaitala, while they were engaged in conversation at the official's home was still in a critical condition tonight. One of the bullets which entered the vice consul's neck has been extracted. Many rumors are current concerning the circumstances surrounding the shooting. The details of the affair are not yet fully known but the inquest is expected to reveal them. One report is that the vice consul told the young woman that their friendship must cease. The woman drew a revolver and fired and then committed suicide by cutting the arteries in her forearm.

Miss Bollman Resigns As Private Secretary; Delzell Her Successor

Resignation of Miss Celia Bollman, private secretary to Governor Walter M. Pierce, was accepted Friday morning by the executive, who immediately appointed W. A. Delzell, of Klamath Falls, secretary of the state board of control as her successor.

At a meeting of the board of control later in the day, Col. Carlie Abrams, secretary of the budget commission, was named secretary of the board of control to succeed Mr. Delzell. It is held doubtful if anyone will be named to succeed Col. Abrams, for the work of the budget commission is nearly completed and will be finished by the first of the year under his direction, when the commission is discontinued.

The resignation of Miss Bollman follows action brought in the circuit court by Mrs. Alice Boswell, who charges the late secretary with a statutory offense. She is alleged to have occupied a hotel room at Centralia, Wash., with the plaintiff's husband, Fred Boswell. The complaint stated the numbers of the rooms said to have been occupied by a "Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bowman" on two different dates. This complaint is supplementary to another suit, in which Mrs. Boswell made Miss Bollman a defendant in a \$10,000 heart balm case. This case was non-suited.

Upon the resignation of Ward A. Irvine, private secretary to Governor Pierce prior to last May, Miss Bollman, who had been chief stenographer in the executive's office since January 1, 1923, succeeded Mr. Irvine. She came to Salem with Governor Pierce from La Grange when he became governor. Prior to that time she had been his stenographer for several years, including one session of the legislature.

Mr. Delzell became secretary of the board of control early in May, coming from Klamath Falls where he located from Oklahoma in 1905. Prior to his appointment to the secretarial position he was engaged in farming and private business. From 1913 until 1921 he was postmaster.

STRIKE VOTE RESULT TODAY

Engineers and Firemen of SP Take Ballot; Outcome Still in Doubt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Results of the strike vote taken by engineers and firemen of the Southern Pacific company's system are to be made here tomorrow, it was announced tonight by L. G. Griffing, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Enginemen.

Canvass of the ballots was expected to be completed tonight but was delayed because a number of points in Texas and Arizona had not been heard from, it was stated.

Disatisfaction with pay increases granted by the railroad labor board to the men under their jurisdiction was given as the cause for the strike balloting. According to Mr. Robertson, the brotherhood executives decided to ignore the bureau's granting increases on the ground that the findings on which the ruling was based were not reached as a common agreement between the carriers and employees affected.

PERRY IS REMOVED NEXT KING BING

Cherriaps to Hold Annual Election of Officers on Tuesday Night

"The king is dead! Long live the king."

This will be the Cherrian cry next Tuesday night when the booster organization meets at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to select a King Bing to lead the group through 1925. Al. N. Pierce, manager of the Marion hotel, is the present King Bing.

Nominations are made from the floor and no tickets are officially placed in the field. The little bird that battles in active again and is whispering the name of J. C. Perry as the next King Bing.

MONEY WIZARD ENTERS CELL; MAY DIE THERE

Promoter of Two Million Dollar Oil Swindle Arrives at State Prison to Serve Sentence

DOCTORS SAY KORETZ WILL DIE IN FEW YEARS

Frenzied Financier Sarcastic and Cynical in Manner; Health Broken

STATEVILLE, Ill., Dec. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—Leo Koretz, money wizard who engineered the \$2,000,000 Bayano Oil bubble, came to the end of his financial rainbow at 9:15 o'clock tonight when he entered the old state prison here to begin serving a sentence of from one to 10 years for three varieties of swindling.

The man who for years made money so fast that he offended friends and relatives by refusing to accept their offerings found no pots of gold at the end of his rainbow.

Broken in health, shabby in appearance, almost penniless, and cynical and sarcastic in his comment, the man who massed \$2,000,000 by accepting with apparent reluctance the money of his friends and relatives to be "invested" in a phantom oil project, which he did not even own, went through the portals of the grey prison here tonight with little hope of emerging alive.

He is suffering from diabetes and doctors here said that it is doubtful if he will live more than a few years at the longest.

Koretz, once worth millions, entered the prison tonight with \$15 in frayed dollar bills, a can partly filled with tobacco, a set of ear muffs and a box of toilet tissues and a shabby suit as his only belongings.

These were taken from him as soon as he passed through the iron gate of the prison.

The promoter was brought here from Chicago to begin his sentence by automobile accompanied by several deputies, all heavily armed. The trip, however, was uneventful.

He presented little of the appearance of the money wizard of finance when he entered the penitentiary. He was unshaven and wore the same clothes in which he was brought to Chicago from Halifax 10 days ago. His feelings also had apparently changed considerably.

He was no longer affable to the newspaper men but addressed them sarcastically and told them that they had given him a "bad break." He had no statement to make as he was hurried from his automobile into the penitentiary.

MONTH'S RAINFALL IS BELOW NORMAL

November Has Total of 7.98 Inches With Three Killing Frosts

Though there were nearly 8 inches of rain in November and a heavy rainfall from July 1 to December 1, the city is short 3.98 inches of the normal amount for the first 11 months of 1924. The rainfall up to December 1 was 28.5 inches, while the average, over a period of 25 years, is 38.19 inches. Of the amount lacking to bring the total to normal, 2.38 inches of rain have fallen since the first of the month.

November had a precipitation of 7.98 inches according to the report of C. E. Oliver, cooperative weather observer. The greatest amount in any one day was 1.61 inches, on December 7. Sixteen days showed at least .01 inches of precipitation. 18 days were cloudy, 11 were clear and only one partly cloudy. There were three killing frosts, on November 16, 17, and 18.

The maximum temperature was 59 degrees, on November 2, 20 and 22, with a minimum of 29 degrees on November 27, 28, 29 and 30. The greatest daily range was 24 degrees, on November 18.

On November 1 the river stood at 8.9 feet and rose nearly four feet the following day. The maximum depth was reached on November 3, when it stood at 16.8 feet, dropping 3 foot the next day. From that time the river fell until it stood at 4.6 feet on November 15, when it again began to rise, touching the 17.1 foot mark on November 23. By the end of the month the river fell to the 4.7 foot mark. Last night the official report placed the river at 8.4 feet and rising, due to the recent rains.

CHINAMAN LOSES \$3000 IN OLD BOX TRICK VARIATION

Desire to Exchange Paper Money for Gold Results in Loss of Large Sum

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 5.—Lim Chau Jem's preference for gold resulted in two men robbing him of \$3000 here today.

Two men entered the store and offered to sell Lim \$3000 worth of twenty dollar gold pieces. Lim counted out the amount in paper money and placed it in an envelope, while the men stacked the gold on the counter. After one of the men placed the envelope in his pocket he changed his mind about the deal and handed it back to the Chinese. The other man scooped up the gold and covered Lim with a revolver when the Chinese became suspicious. After the men escaped Lim found the envelope contained worthless paper.

WEATHER PROPHET TALKS ON MONDAY

"Climate and Business" Topic of Edward L. Wells, Meteorologist

Edward L. Wells, meteorologist of the United States Weather bureau at Portland, is to be the speaker for the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday noon. His talk will be a timely one to business men for it deals with "Climate and Business."

In his youth, according to the Chamber of Commerce bulletin, Wells was interested in weather, and he was born in North Dakota, the home of blizzards and tornadoes, hail storms and droughts. He is a fellow of the American Meteorological society, a trustee of Willamette university, a member of the Methodist church and a GAR.

EXCLUSION ACT HELD DISASTER

Legislation Against Japanese Topic of Former Japan Ambassador

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The Japanese exclusion act was an international disaster of the first magnitude, a disaster to American diplomacy in the Far East; a disaster to religion and effective work of our American churches in Japan, "Cyrus R. Woods, former United States ambassador to Japan, said in a letter sent to the federal council of churches in session here tonight.

"The exclusion act also was brought to the attention of the council by Dr. A. K. Reischauer, Tokio, representing the national Christian council of Japan, who recommended the appointment of a "high commission" composed of "representative Americans and Japanese" to work out a readjustment of the present situation.

"That which now needs to be done is follow the suggestion of Secretary Hughes," said Mr. Woods. "He asked that Japan be placed on the quota basis. This would admit only 146 immigrants annually from 1927. This amount is negligible and I am sure in the enforcement of such a provision America will have the loyal cooperation of the Japanese government."

BANK ROBBER IS KILLED IN ESCAPE

Police Chief May Die When Wounded in Running Gun Fight With Bandit

SEATTLE, Dec. 5.—Lionel Edward Grow, 28, son of one of Utah's notable families and great grandson of the builder of the Mormon temple, was shot and killed after he attempted to escape with \$15,000 in cash from the Kent National Bank at Kent, near here, today.

Mrs. Virginia Grow, his widow identified her husband, in the Kent morgue. She said she married him in New York in 1920 and had left him in Seattle a few weeks ago when he threatened to become a highwayman.

Fred Grant, chief of police of Kent, who was shot twice when Grow ran into an ambush of armed citizens outside the bank, was believed to have only a slight chance to recover from his injuries.

SHIP LOCATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A wireless message from the coast guard cutter Zenra announced it had located the four-masted schooner Bluebird, with 16 men aboard, and was towing it to Norfolk, was picked up here tonight by the independent wireless telegraph corporation.

French Journalist To Cross Unexplored Central Africa in Automobile That Doesn't Use Gasoline



Edmond Tranin, Paris journalist, (above at right) is already on his way on a motor trip that will take him through an unexplored part of Central Africa. The auto, propelled by a mixture of palm oil, arachide and naphtha, will be independent of gas-filling stations.

MORTIMER IS CHIEF WITNESS

Government Closes First Section of Evidence in Forbes Case

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—The chief witness and the chief documents in the government's conspiracy case against Col. Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans bureau and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, closed the first section of the government's evidence in the Forbes-Thompson trial today. Elias H. Mortimer, one of the alleged members of the conspiracy to allot war veterans hospitals to favored contractors and divide the profits and now the principal witness for the government, finished his testimony by identifying a \$15,000 demand note he had signed to Thompson and Black.

Of this Mortimer testified he gave Forbes \$5,000.

The government makes no charge that the conspiracy ever resulted in the division of any profits, and has presented yet only the \$15,000 note and Mortimer's testimony to show that Forbes received money from the contractors as "advances."

James W. Black, partner of John W. Thompson, also of St.

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THREE LOCAL CASES PLACED ON DOCKET

Supreme Court Will Hear Arguments Upon Nine Cases Next Week

Three of the nine cases to be argued before the supreme court next week are appealed cases from Marion or Polk counties, according to the calendar completed yesterday by Arthur Benson, clerk of the supreme court. These cases are those of state vs. Brown, of Polk county, involving the unlawful possession of a still; Eastman vs. Helsey, relative to certain property rights near Silverton and Rasmussen vs. Rasmussen, the final outcome of a Marion county divorce suit involving the custody of a child.

Cases on the calendar and the dates of each are as follows: December 8, state vs. Long; state vs. Balke and state vs. Brown.

December 10—State vs. He Quan Chan; state vs. Buoy and state vs. Gilson.

December 11—Eastman vs. Helsey; Rasmussen vs. Rasmussen, and State Bank of Rainier vs. C&T company.

County Nurse Finds Tubercular Child Attending School Family in Poverty

Conditions in Mission Bottom District Almost Unbelievable; Rags Provided as Bed for Four Youngsters

An 8-year old child in an advanced stage of tuberculosis at school; squalor little associated with any other location outside the slum section of a large city—these were some of the things that Mrs. Lydia King, county health nurse, found on a recent call to a family living in the Mission bottom district. An x-ray of the child was taken yesterday and the youngster placed under medical care.

In order to reach another family Mrs. King was forced to wade through water over her shoe-tops until she reached the door. Inside she found conditions that are hardly believable. Two rooms, the windows boarded up and the only means of illumination in daytime the door. There was no furniture and a bedspring supported

ed on blocks of wood, covered with rags, was the sleeping place of the parents. Four youngsters slept on a pile of rags in another corner.

When asked how the children studied at home, Mrs. King was informed that while supper was being prepared the children read by the light of an old oil lamp, which was extinguished after the meal was completed.

By a vote of the county, the proposed county health measure was defeated at the general election, though Salem, which has little need for work of this kind, stamped its approval upon the measure. Since November 4 there have been several calls for a nurse and strange to say, these came from sections which voted the heaviest against the county health measure.

SCHOOL OFFSET TAKES BALANCE OF COUNTY TAX

Saving of Nearly \$1500 in Marion Government for 1925 Wiped Out by City Educational System

TAX DELINQUENCY EXCEPTIONALLY LOW

Deputy Wrightman Compiles Table Showing Standing on October 5

Cost of operating Marion county government for 1925 will be approximately \$1500 lower than the amount needed this year, but this balance will be more than offset by the increase in the cost of the Salem public schools, according to members of the budget committee.

The committee working on the Marion county budget met yesterday and found that more detailed work will be necessary before the final tabulation is completed and the figures made public. The budget committee is using every possible means within its power to bring about a reduction of taxes and are not taking advantage of the 6 per cent limitation plan, as they found that costs for the coming year will be lower than they were for this year.

Interest Debt Due

The second installment of the Marion county road bonds, amounting to \$85,000, must be taken care of this year by the tax levy board. The interest on bonds which is \$42,075, will be paid out of the cash balance on hand.

As yet the state tax commission has been unable to give Marion county an estimate of the county tax. This will be announced later, but in the meanwhile it is impossible for the levy board to submit a complete report until the tax commission furnishes the county with its allotted amount.

Work on tabulating the figures is progressing rapidly and a complete report will be announced within a short time. Members of the county budget committee include members of the county court, J. A. Baker and F. B. Jones of Salem and J. W. Mayo of Stapleton.

While the budget committee is (Continued on page 7)

Governor Small Injured in Automobile Accident

KANKAKEE, Ill., Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Governor Len Small was injured, his son, Leslie, suffered a broken collar bone and other injuries and two other members of the governor's party were reported slightly injured when the automobile in which they were returning to the governor's home here turned over at Pontiac, Ill.

Governor Small suffered severe cuts and bruises about the head, and a badly lacerated ear.

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

President Coolidge returned from Chicago.

Debate continued in the senate on Muscle Shoals.

The house considered the interior department appropriation bill.

The civil service commission reported decrease in the number of civil service employees.

Secretary Hoover withdrew his support of pending legislation for federal radio control.

Federal prohibition forces, Commissioner Haynes reported, made 65,161 arrests in the last fiscal year.

The Mal Dougherty case, involving the power of congress to compel the production of books, was argued before the supreme court.

The senate committee investigating the internal revenue bureau, decided some excessive allowances for amortization were given war time industries.

High School Classes to Seek Football Honors

The last echo of the football season is being heard at Salem high school with teams practicing for the inter-class series which are to be played next week. The juniors and sophomores will tangle Tuesday and the winners of this event will meet the senior team Friday.