

Cloudy east; unsettled, occasional rains west of Cascades; mild temperature; southerly winds. Saturday—Max. 54; Min. 42; River 4.8 fallings; Rainfall .01; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind west.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BILLS POURED INTO SESSION BY COMMITTEE

Forty - Four Appropriation and Revenue Producing Measures Are Received by House Saturday

TOBACCO TAX BILL MAKES APPEARANCE

Public Utilities Tax Also Suggested; Total of 509 Bills Now Received

Appropriation and revenue-producing measures were poured into the house late Saturday afternoon in an effort to have them printed over the week-end and ready for consideration Monday morning.

Chief of the appropriation measures, exclusive of those necessary for the maintenance of the activities of state departments and institutions, were for \$14,161 for the University of Oregon medical school at Portland; \$15,237 to replace a barn destroyed by fire at OAC; \$126,000 for a classroom, paying and sewer system for the Oregon normal school at Monmouth; \$125,000 for a training school for teachers at Independence; county fair premiums and a variety of other causes.

Included in the revenue producers recommended by the ways and means committee are bills requiring public utilities and railroads to pay a tax on gross operating revenues; establishing a \$100 fee for traveling vendors of toilet preparations; requiring that a portion of fees collected by different bureaus, commissions and departments be paid into the general fund, at a 20 per cent tax upon tobacco sales of all kinds, and the licensing of tobaccoists.

Other bills would reduce the soldier bonus levy one-half mill, repeal the appropriation for the battleship Oregon, and repeal the quarter-mill road tax.

Forty-four bills were introduced by the joint ways and means committee, bringing the total number for the session up to 509 measures.

- Bills introduced were as follows: HB 466—Appropriating \$214,161 for University of Oregon medical school. HB 468—Appropriating \$61,000 for Doernbecher Memorial hospital at Portland. HB 469—Appropriating \$260,000 for support of homeless, neglected and abused children in hospital and charitable institutions in the state. HB 470—Appropriating \$311,010 for the executive department, and claims of the state printing board. HB 471—Appropriating \$86,500 for salaries and expenses of superintendent of public instruction. HB 472—Appropriating \$360,500 for salaries and expenses of circuit judges and district attorneys. HB 473—Appropriating \$121,350 for

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THIRTY BODIES ARE REMOVED

51 Known to Have Perished in Indiana Mine Disaster; Men Weary

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 21.—Nine rescue workers, weary after more than 24 hours of labor, toiled on tonight to complete the task of removing from the mine of the City Coal company the bodies of 51 men who were killed by an explosion Friday morning.

Thirty bodies had been recovered today before a slate fall impeded progress and made it likely that several hours more would be required to bring all of the bodies to the surface.

Government mine experts and state mine officials declared that beyond a doubt the 21 men still unaccounted for had met death. After-damp had certainly snuffed out their lives, officials said.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON ANNIVERSARY WILL BE HELD IN 1932

President Coolidge Invites All Nations to Celebrate 200th Anniversary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—An intention to invite the nations of the world to join the United States in observance of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington in 1932 was announced tonight by President Coolidge on behalf of the commission recently appointed to arrange for the celebration.

Setting forth the purposes for which the commission was created, the president, in his statement issued on the eve of Washington's birthday, declared that "for the present it is impossible more specifically to suggest the purposes and character of the commemoration which it is expected to arrange."

"The 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth will be an occasion of such significance, not only to our own country but to the entire world that it is manifestly fitting that the American nation should appropriately observe it," the president said.

But beyond this, it is felt that as the life, the career and the achievements of Washington belong, not to a single nation, but to all humanity, it is proper that the nation founded under his leadership, should invite all other nations and peoples to join in the observance of this anniversary.

The character, the efforts, and the achievements of Washington have made an impression upon the whole world so profound as to have affected the very course of history and to have touched the lives of all who today live in this world.

"We cannot doubt that the influence of Washington's example, the leadership which he gave in behalf of liberal institutions and mankind's advancement have been among the great benefactions conferred upon the race. He ranks and will always rank among the foremost of those who were providentially designated to perform great and lasting service.

"As it was the fortune of America to give such a character to the world, so it is the obligation of America to insure that all men shall be invited and encouraged to consider his noble example and to benefit increasingly through a better understanding of the ideals which animated his life."

PIERCE'S VETO IS AGAIN VOID

Salary Increase and More State Traffic Officer Measure Passed By House

Mustering barely the constitutional number of votes, the house overrode Governor Pierce's veto on SB No. 34 by a vote of 38 to 19 at noon Saturday. The measure provides for the employment of not more than 25 traffic officers under the direction of the secretary of state, raises the salary of the chief traffic officer, and provides a sliding scale of salaries for all state traffic officers.

Speaker Burdick took the floor in support of the passage of the bill. Traffic officers alone will suffer if the veto prevails, he told the house. He held that the officers were entitled to a better salary and the people to more adequate protection, and that it was not a political matter at all.

"Does the governor mean to come and tell us the governor is the only executive of the state?" demanded Representative Carlin. "We know better than that. The people elect other state officials, and what he says is the bunk."

Representatives Bennett, Roberts and Woodard spoke in favor of sustaining the veto. Those voting for overriding the veto were Representatives Bates, Bratcher, Buchanan, Carlin, Coffey, Collier, Cowgill, Cramer, Fitzmaurice, Ford, Fuller, German, Hall, Hamilton, Hammond, Hercher, Howard, Kilham, King, Lonergan, Mann, McCallister, Meindl, Mott, North, Oakes, Potter, Randall, Reynolds, Ruslight, Settlement, Teegarden, Tom, Tucker, Wilson, and Speaker Burdick.

Representatives raising their voice in protest against the action were Bailey, Bennett, Fisher, Gordon, Graham, Hazlett, Heese, C. A. Hunter, A. R. Hunter, Hurlbert, Myers, Roberts, Russell, Shelton, Shrock, Shumway, Wheeler, Winslow and Woodward.

MARKET BOARD BILL FAVORED IN US SENATE

Haugen Measure Is Reported Favorably By Agricultural Committee; House Defers Action

DEMOCRATS ATTEMPT TO STALL DECISION

Opposition By Bourbon Leaders Felt in Lower House; Vote Taken

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—While the senate agriculture committee favorably reported today on the Haugen bill to create a federal cooperative marketing board on the basis of recommendations of the president's agricultural conference, the house deferred until next week its choice between that measure and a substitute offered by Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa.

Opposition to the Haugen bill by Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the democratic leader, was evidenced by his speech on the rule to bring the measure up for action today with three hours debate and his unsuccessful attempt to have the house adjourn. The rule was adopted 203 to 47, and opponents conceded that the bill would pass in some form.

Representative Dickinson offered his substitute in the form of an amendment after the agricultural conference was charged by democrats during the debate with being a political body. The bill was described as another step towards regulation and centralized authority and after republicans had defended the president's conference and the Haugen measure.

AMNESIA VICTIM ENTERS STATION

Police Attempt to Establish Identity of Well Dressed Sawmill Man

A man believed to be H. E. Williams walked into the police station at about 12:30 last night and asked to be locked up because he could not remember anything that had taken place during the day.

He is apparently about 55 years of age, weighs about 150 pounds, and is well dressed. His left leg is short, requiring the wearing of a shoe with an extra layer of sole. There are a number of warts on the right side of his face. He is nearly bald, with a fringe of grey hair.

The man was dressed in a dark suit, with a heavy black overcoat, was freshly shaven, and wore a clean collar. He had on a grey cloth hat, and carried a black handbag and a wicker suitcase.

No papers indicating where the man was from were found in his possession; although the names H. E. Williams, and H. E. Wilson were found. He had only a few cents on his person; although he stated that he had carried a considerable amount of money, and also had a gold watch which was missing.

PROBE OF AIR SERVICE ENDS WITH HEARING

Controversy Closed Abruptly; House Committee Gives Decision in Executive Session

NO MORE WITNESSES TO APPEAR ON STAND

Resolution to Ask Secretary Weeks to Appear Is Now Cancelled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The aircraft controversy came to an abrupt end today. The house aircraft committee in executive session voted to close open hearings immediately and at the same time cancelled all subpoenas that had been issued for witnesses called for testimony next week.

This action came unexpectedly, as the committee several days ago rejected by a 4 to 3 vote to end the investigation and only two days ago adopted a resolution to ask secretary Weeks to reappear for questioning on the army air service.

Committee members said today's action was taken to enable the committee to have its record printed before the adjournment of congress March 4, and also because the \$25,000 provided for the inquiry was practically exhausted.

After the committee's action became known at the capitol a report was circulated that administration leaders, provoked at the twist the investigation has taken in recent weeks, had taken steps to close the inquiry. This, however, was promptly denied by Representative Longworth, Ohio, the republican leader, and Chairman Snell of the house rules committee.

The report was to the effect that Mr. Snell would refuse to give the aircraft committee a rule whereby it could call up in the house a resolution to ask authority to postpone its report until the next congress, until the committee terminated its inquiry at once.

Such action by Mr. Snell would practically have forced the committee members.

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LIQUOR RING AT CAPITAL BROKEN

Thriving Business With Officials Uncovered; Doorman Is Arrested

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Another flurry over charges that bootleggers do a thriving business with government officials here resulted today from the arrest of three women and two men, alleged members of a "ring" operating at the capital.

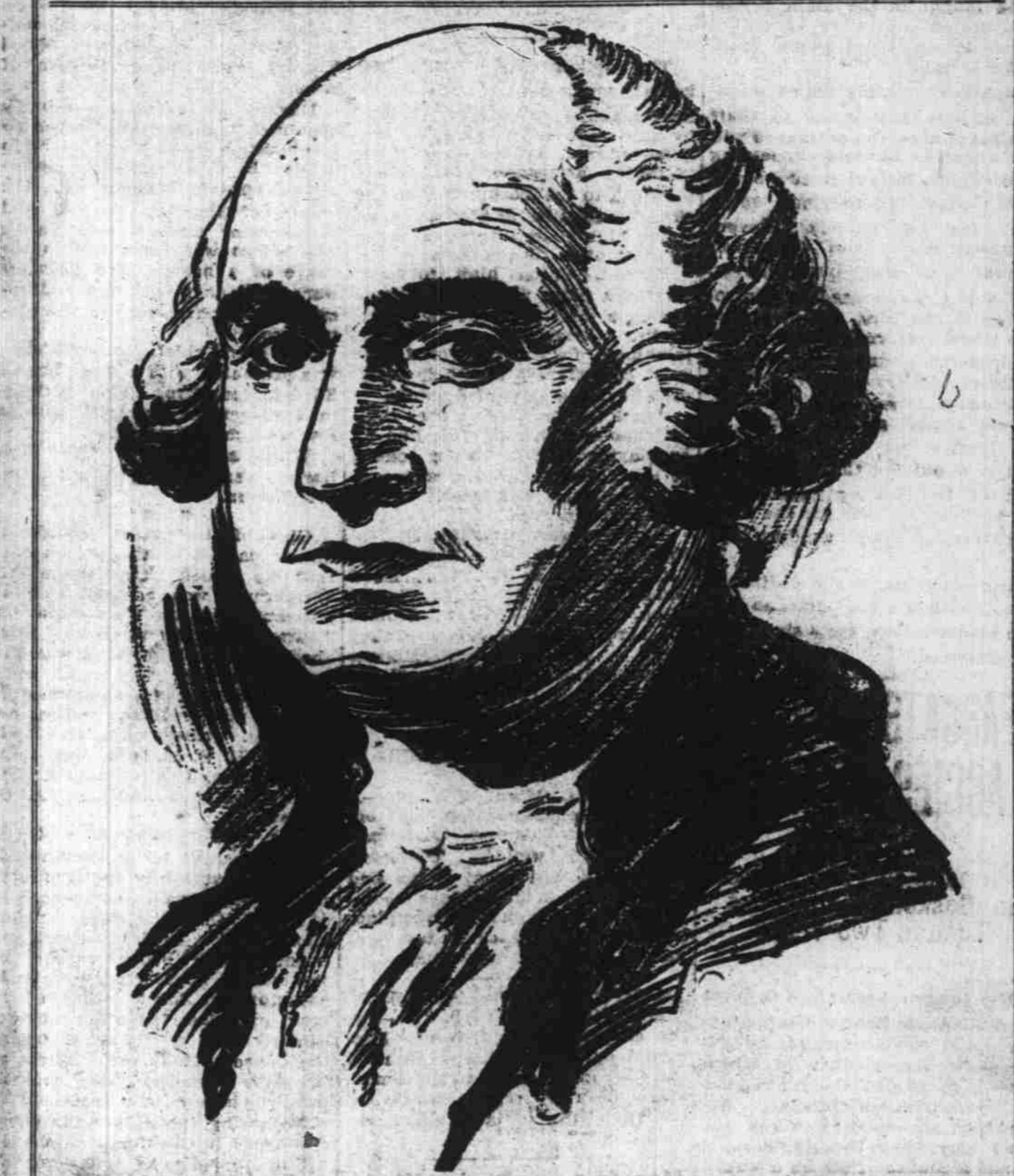
The arrests were brought about through a complaint from Representative Cooper, republican, Ohio, who declared he would urge prohibition agents to make additional raids if conditions do not improve.

None of the arrests were made at the capital. However, one of those taken in custody was Eli George Wright, aged 60, a doorman at the house of representatives, and it is charged that he solicited orders for liquor in the capital building and in the nearby senate and house office buildings.

Wright, who lost his job today as a result of his arrest was at one time secretary to Vice President Sherman and to Chauncey M. De Witt. He demanded a jury trial and the three women also demanded jury trials and were released in \$1500 bond. It is charged that they were distributors working with Wright, while he looked orders. The arrests, made last night in different sections of the city, resulted in a quantity of liquor and were the results of investigations made by Daniel A. Ford, prohibition agent who had been placed on the government payroll on the recommendation of Mr. Cooper and Senator Willis of Ohio. Ford who is attending college here, lives at Warren, Ohio.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON



George Washington, born February 22, 1732. He will live forever in the hearts of his Countrymen.

25 BILLS NOW AWAIT PIERCE

Representatives Reject One House and One Senate Measure After Debate

Proposed changes in the duties of precinct committeemen will not be changed for two years, the house Saturday voting down HB No. 423, providing that precinct committeemen shall be elected and allowed to meet as at present but make a party platform. Under the proposed legislation they would have the power to recommend candidates, assess these for campaign contributions and manage the campaigns.

Eleven house bills were passed during the morning, relating to the compilation of the state budget, governing securities and bonds to be deposited by foreign and alien corporations; election of a Multnomah county school superintendent; creating a department.

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EXPLOSION OF OIL ROCKS WHOLE CITY

150,000 Gallons of Crude Oil Ignited; Two Killed, Many Are Injured

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—With a blast that shook windows in many sections of the city, 150,000 gallons of crude oil aboard a Coo Levick company barge, exploded today at the municipal garbage disposal plant in southwest Philadelphia, killing two men and injuring six others.

As blazing oil drenched the vicinity and swept the surface of the Schuylkill river, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad train on a bridge 200 yards south raced to safety with a number of windows shattered by the concussion. Its passengers escaped injury.

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EXAMPLE OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

AFTER WASHINGTON passed his boyhood, there were only seven years of his life in which he was not engaged in some public service, either civil or military, yet never in the hope or expectation of personal profit. Throughout the eight years in which he was commander-in-chief of the army, he served without pay. Even after he was president, he performed the commonplace duty of serving on a jury; nor did he ever fail to vote at an election, although in order to vote he had to ride ten miles from Mount Vernon to the polling-place. It was in such simple, unselfish and practical ways as those that Washington established the standard of good citizenship; a standard that no man in all the succeeding generations of Americans has surpassed.

PROGRESSIVES SUBMIT SPIRIT

Old Body Passes; Plans Are Devised for Formation of New Party

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(By the AP.)—The conference for progressive political action gave up the ghost here tonight. Its meeting was adjourned without action of any sort on the formation of a new party and was followed on hour late by a meeting composed of delegates to the old body, but minus representation from the 15 affiliated railroad unions and brotherhoods.

The second meeting was summoned to devise plans for launching the new party and proceeded to do so. The passing of the old body, which began as the successor to the Roosevelt Bull Moose movement and wound up as backer of Senator Robert M. La Follette's presidential campaign last year, resulted from refusal of the delegates from the national socialist party, the committee of 48, and the war state organizations formed as part of the La Follette campaign to follow the rail unions in advocating perpetuation of the committee for progressive political action as "a nonpartisan political action."

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SENATE FAVOR INTEREST BILL

Measure to Prevent Usury Receives Strong Vote; Seven Vote No

House bill 371, the usury bill, which has caused a great deal of discussion in both houses of the legislature, was passed in the senate yesterday by a vote of 23 to 7, despite a strong plea by Senator Klepper of Multnomah to reject it.

Senator Klepper read a telegram from the Portland Realty board, urging the Multnomah delegation to exercise every possible means to defeat the measure, which, they said, would drive capital out of the state, and do great harm to Oregon for a number of years. The association of automobile dealers of Portland were also opposed to the measure. "It is a freak bill," Senator Klepper declared, "and will keep money out of Oregon and will forestall any future development of the state."

Senator Eddy defended the bill, stating that it was absolutely safe for all honest people. "There must be a limit to the rate of interest that can be charged," Senator Eddy said. "Usury has been the curse of civilization. It caused the Jews to lose the promised land, and it brought about the downfall of the Roman empire. This bill is intended to reach the person who is not satisfied with a 1 percent rate of interest on his money. No honest man or woman can have any objection to the measure."

Those casting negative votes were Senators Banks, Clark, Hare, Staples, Strayer, and Upton. In the morning session there was a general determination to push matters and not fuss over trivial details. Two of three bills that might have caused discussion were laid aside and a number of other bills passed.

Senate concurrent resolution No. 10 by Senator Eddy was read. This is to investigate the high school curricula of the state. Standing committees reported many bills for passage.

Senate concurrent resolution No. 9, providing for a tax investigation was adopted. House concurrent resolution No. 13, calling for an investigation of poisonous spray and paint was passed. Four new bills were thrown into the hopper which under suspension of

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PIERCE EDICT BRINGS ABOUT HOUSE ACTION

Challenge Accepted By Representatives Who Refuse to Be Intimidated By Veto Ultimatum

BURDICK THREATENS TO OUST COMMITTEE

Mandatory Proceedings May Be Dealt With By House Organization Monday

Tails up in the air, the bit of Governor Pierce's challenge between their teeth, the house members late Saturday afternoon refused to be intimidated by the executive's threats and refused to suspend rules in order to place upon final passage HB No. 425, a revenue producing measure placing a tax upon utilities even though the governor dared them to do so with the club of veto in his hand upon HB No. 419, calling for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the public service commission.

"When the governor comes before this legislature and offers to trade support in order to put over his private hobby he resorts to a means that I condemn," declared Speaker Burdick. "This body is strong enough to go over his veto. When he threatens this legislature it is time for us to take a step and say if we will be so governed."

Burdick Gives Challenge Speaker Burdick took the floor of the house and hurled a few challenges in behalf of the house organization.

"If the ways and means committee makes it mandatory for the chairman of that committee to introduce legislation over his protest I promise you that action is hereby given if such action is continued there will be a bill before this house Monday morning submitting a plan whereby the financial affairs will be handled by some other method."

"The public service commission was created by an act of this legislature and now one man threatens to destroy that work," declared Representative Shelton. Representative Bailey rebuffed both the insinuations of the speaker and the governor in no uncertain terms.

Votes Are Threatened. "It is not the question of the merits of a bill, but members are dragged into the governor's office with the threat of vetoes. This practice must stop," vehemently declared Representative Lonergan.

In the guise of a pacifier Representative Swan said that there was no reason to get excited, that the house knew what the governor had planned to do and what he would do. He demanded that the bill be printed before any action was taken, and that he would vote against the suspension of rules that would place the bill upon final passage.

Rules Not Suspended. Roll call upon the suspension of rules brought forth a volley of negative votes and the motion was swamped. A motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, thus killing it, was made but withdrawn in the interest of fair play. In effect.

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SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house aircraft committee decided to close its hearings at once.

Opponents of Chicago's Lake Michigan drainage plans were heard by Secretary Weeks.

Plans for a coast to coast radio net for the inaugural ceremonies were announced.

The Lusitania treaty negotiated with Turkey was approved by the senate foreign relations committee.

The house commerce committee refused to report a bill authorizing elimination of the Pullman surcharge.

The senate agriculture committee reported a cooperative marketing farm relief bill while the house considered one on the floor.

Formal authority was asked of the interstate commerce commission to carry out the Nickel Plate railroad consolidation plan.