

MARKET BILLS ARE ENGULFED IN LEGAL JAM

All Proposals for Agricultural Legislation Are Threatened; Three Sided Debate Complicated

DETERMINED OPPOSITION MEETS DICKINSON BILL

Committee Postpones Action on Measures, Following Long Debate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Farm marketing legislation was further engulfed today in the jam threatening all conflicting proposals for agriculture when a three-sided argument over the form of the legislation developed before the senate agriculture committee.

Determined opposition to the Dickinson bill, passed by the house as a substitute for the Capper-Haugen measure, and providing federal aid without the Haugen regulatory provision, was voiced to the committee by Chairman Carey of the president's agricultural conference and after a three-hour session the committee postponed a decision until Monday.

Meanwhile Senator Capper, republican, Kansas co-author of the measure, based on the conference recommendations, held the promise of the republican steering committee that his bill would be given a chance on the floor, but with administration leaders as well as farm bloc members divided on the form it should take, enactment of any measure was believed doubtful. Chairman Carey described the Dickinson measure as slyer camouflage and "much," and declared its enactment would provoke one of the "worst inter-department fights ever known."

He said the bill was drawn by Henry C. Taylor, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, whom he described as an "antagonist" of the conference, and contended it would make him "dictator of cooperative marketing."

Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, author of the house bill, defended his measure, and argued the Capper-Haugen bill would set cooperative marketing back "about 25 years."

CONGRESS TO CONVENE SOON; APPROPRIATION BILLS STILL ON CALENDAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—With the closing of the present session only a matter of hours, congress found itself tonight in such a legislative impasse that leaders were dubious that any additional important bills would be enacted into law.

Both houses worked over time in an effort to dispose of the last of the annual appropriation bills, the rivers and harbors and other proposals of less importance. The final deficiency bill was passed by the senate and sent to conference and then, driving forward late in the night, the body sought to dispose of the rivers and harbors measures.

The final deficiency bill cleared the calendar of the supply measures but four are in disagreement between the two houses and the fate of the interior department bill is particularly in doubt because of senate opposition to house amendments affecting the Spanish Springs, Nev., reclamation project.

It was a row over the appropriation for this project which brought on a spectacular filibuster in the closing days of the last session resulting in the failure of a mammoth deficiency bill. Should all the appropriation bills get through by next Wednesday, indications are that the total appropriations for the conduct of the government made at this session will total slightly more than two and a half billion dollars.

President Coolidge has already signed seven of the bills carrying a total of nearly two billion dollars.

Earthquake Recorded Throughout Country; Shock Held Severe

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—The Dominion observatory reported late tonight that the earthquake's center was at the mouth of the Saginaw river in Michigan.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Mother Earth shook herself just a trifle tonight, sending a vigorous little earthquake jolt mail throughout the northeastern part of the United States and Canada.

The tremors were noticeable for about two minutes at 2:34 o'clock this evening, and although not strong enough to cause damage, they shook the country from north-eastern New England to the Mississippi and from the province of Ontario south as far as Wheeling, W. Va., Richmond and Louisville. In the country's great centers of population—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington,

Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit and others—the quake was severe enough to alarm millions of people. In some cities, notably Detroit, hotel guests hurried into the streets. In others, theaters and movie halls were vacated, their patrons mistaking the quake for a serious explosion. New York's many storied canyons of steel and concrete felt the shock too. In fact, reports from observers at Fordham university, said that the tremors, lasting for more than two minutes, were the strongest ever felt in the metropolis. The needles of the Fordham seismograph jiggled over an amplitude of seven inches. Complete reports as to the boundaries of the zone were lacking at 10:45 o'clock, but a telephone message from Montreal said the quake was

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PIERCE VETOES TWO MEASURES

Election Ticket Bill and Mattress Inspector Not Held of Importance

Election tickets will be distributed as usual, although a measure designed to prohibit this practice was passed by both houses. It failed to "take" Saturday when Governor Pierce vetoed the bill. Another measure, providing for the creation of an additional inspector for mattresses and pillows was also disapproved on the grounds that there appeared to be no adequate reason for incurring the additional expense at present, and proper inspection made under the present law. The measure was HB No. 418.

In explaining his veto of the election ticket measure, Governor Pierce said:

"I am herewith returning house bill 384 with my veto. This bill is intended to prevent the publication, circulation and distribution of election tickets on or prior to election day. I fail to see the necessity for such a law. The friends of good government, lacking the cohesive power of the selfish forces, often have no other method of conveying their information to their friends except through a ticket published and distributed prior to or on election day. I fail to see any wrong or crime that might be committed by the innocent circulation of tickets endorsing certain candidates by certain groups of people."

CALLoused RUSSIA SHAKEN BY CRIME

Member of Fanatic Sect Kills Four Children at Sacrifice to Heaven

MOSCOW, Feb. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Russia, which through seven years of civil warfare, famine and revolution has become somewhat calloused to suffering and distress, was shaken out of its lethargy today by the revolting murder in the Volhynia district of four children by their father who imagined that by sacrificing them he would gain heaven.

The father, who is a peasant of the name of Zimbaluk, recently joined a fanatical sect known as "students," which forbids the wedding ceremony on the grounds that Adam and Eve were not married. After he had been instructed in the rites of the society by its president who set himself up among the peasantry as a divine personage, Zimbaluk donned a white robe and, entering the room where his children were sleeping, tied their feet to the bed and then killed them with a iron bar. Their agonized cries for mercy failed to deter the slayer and in his mad passion he crushed each of their skulls and then set fire to the house. When Zimbaluk was captured a short time later, he related impassionately all the gruesome details of his crime and tried to excite the president of the supreme court.

AUTO LIGHTING LAW APPROVED

Changes Become Effective August 31; Educational Campaign Is Planned

An educational campaign to prepare motorists for the changes in the lighting laws may be conducted by the secretary of state prior to the new law going into effect on August 31. The new system brings Oregon on an uniform basis with California and Idaho while Washington is adopting the same system. The act applies to the "eight-point test" approved by the Illuminating Engineers' association of the United States.

The act requires that all motor vehicles be equipped with certain lenses and reflector devices, of which there are 27 makes in the state that come within the provisions of the law. Nearly all of the automobile sold in the last two years are so equipped. The new lenses cost from 30 cents to \$4 a pair.

Only one spotlight will be allowed on the vehicle, this to be attached to the left hand inside with the rays directed to the right side of the highway. It must be stationary and changed only by the use of tools. A fog light may be used and must be on the left side of the axis and not less than 24 nor more than 36 inches from the surface of the highway. Signal lights may be used on busses but must be uniform in color.

Dimming of headlights on dry weather nights will not be necessary under the change, but dimming will be compelled on rainy nights or when the pavement is wet. The act makes it unlawful to possess or sell cars not equipped with the lawful devices.

Adjusting stations are provided for by the act. Any garage or shop which will provide the necessary equipment may, upon application to the secretary of state, obtain the necessary certificates.

MAN TO SUCCEED EBERT IS WANTED

Constitution Does Not Provide Vice President; Position Requires Tact

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—(By the A. P.)—Who will succeed Ebert as the executive of Germany is a question which is forging itself more urgently upon the German people because of the fact that the constitution does not provide for a vice president. Many Germans were made suddenly aware that the president's office, of which they were hardly cognizant, since Ebert's rare tact prevented him from forcing himself to the fore, was a pivotal point in the whole republican structure, and that the future of the young democratic state will be suitably affected by the choice of the man placed at the helm.

Two names thus far stand out pre-eminently as presidential possibilities: Chancellor Luther and Former Chancellor Marx. Dr. Luther will get the support of the nationalists, conservatives and a large part of the business

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WEEKS DENIES CHARGES MADE AGAINST NAVY

War Secretary Hurls Wholesale Denials Against Testimony of Brigadier General Mitchell

ARMY AIR CHIEF RAPPED SEVERELY FOR ACTIONS

"Muzzling" Vigorously Denied; Says Coolidge Edict Not Obeyed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Weeks reappeared today before the house aircraft committee and fired a contradictory shot at practically all of the charges that Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief has hurled against both the war and navy departments.

The war secretary also turned the flow of charges on the general himself and declared he had deliberately disobeyed instructions from President Coolidge in publishing certain magazine articles without war department approval.

General Mitchell published the articles, the secretary said, without the required approval, despite a letter from the president, cautioning him against it.

"Muzzling Denied" Mr. Weeks also said he wished to state "emphatically," the war department had not "muzzled" either General Mitchell or any other officer to keep from "telling the truth" to congressional committees. Asked during his testimony if he cared to express an opinion "as to whether you will reappoint Mitchell," whose appointment expires next month, the secretary replied: "That is a matter which is entirely in the hands of the president. It would be distinctly inappropriate for me to discuss this matter before taking it up with the president, which I have not done."

Mr. Weeks had hardly begun his testimony today when several members, by questioning led the discussion directly to the Mitchell controversy with the war department. Under a running fire of questions on this subject, the secretary denied his request that Mitchell submit articles for approval before publication could be looked upon as "muzzling," and declared he had taken this action because he became "tired" of repeated protests from the secretary of the navy on the general's statement.

Several times throughout the two hours Mr. Weeks was on the witness stand, the discussion veered to various phases of the army air service only to return abruptly to some new angle of the Mitchell case.

"I never deleted any of General Mitchell's articles," Mr. Weeks said at one time, "but I did get tired of the continual protests of the navy department," and added later to a question: "But to give up entire control over matters produced by officers of the army, I won't do as long as I am secretary of war."

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BEARCAT GYM IS OFFERED FOR GAME

In Case of Tie, Third Game to Be Played at Local Gymnasium

With Oregon and the Aggies tied for first place on the championship list, keen competition is to be the forte from now on. At the same time Stanford and California are tied for place in the south and they are to play off the team and then meet the northern team. This situation is unique in the recent history of basketball on the Pacific coast and it is affording fans plenty of speculation as to the winner. The Willamette gymnasium has been offered for use to the officials of the Eugene and Corvallis schools to play off a tie that may result. Probably one game will be played at Eugene and another at Corvallis, and in the result of a tie, one game at Salem. These games are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the next week, with the main championship games to be staged Monday and Tuesday of the following

EVA MANUS IS NEW EXECUTIVE OF CONFERENCE

Linfield College Gets Other Offices; Gilbert Wren, of Willamette, Named Secretary-Treasurer

DEAN MILAM OF OAC GIVES MAIN ADDRESS

Work Among Chinese Is Told to Volunteers; Session Will End Today

The feature of the student volunteer conference now in session at Willamette university was the election of officers for the ensuing year at a banquet held last night. The following officers were elected: President, Eva Manus, of Linfield college; vice president, Harry Shipp of the Eugene Bible school; corresponding secretary, Bernice Cofer, of Linfield college; secretary treasurer, Gilbert Wren, of Willamette university; editor of the "Oregon Volunteer," Ernest Handricks, of the University of Oregon; member at large, Percy Bell, of the Oregon Agricultural college. There have been some 125 registered delegates at the conference is the report of Miss Millicent King, of Willamette university, registration secretary.

First Session Early The conference opened at 8 o'clock Saturday morning with a short devotional service. The service was followed by the reports of the national convention held recently given by Harvey Shipp and Miss Eva N. Manus. Mr. Shipp took up the history of the student volunteer movement, featuring the work of Dr. Wilder and Dr. For-

man done among the colleges a few years ago. Then an interesting account of the trip was given. Mr. Shipp was followed by Miss Manus who gave a detailed account of what transpired at the conference. The conference was attended by two representatives from every state in the Union and three representatives from Canada. Miss Manus also gave an interesting account of what the conference had meant to her.

The feature of the morning's program was the address given by Dean A. B. Milam, head of the home economics department of the Oregon Agricultural college. Miss Milam spoke on the conditions in China as she had observed them during her two year stay in that country while investigating the practicability of establishing a course in home economics at Pekin university.

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Operation of Combination Is Detailed; Message Sent to Congress

MOTORCYCLE RIDER HAS CLOSE CALL

Charles Parrent Takes Bad Spill While Testing Machine Saturday

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Germany Mourns Over Death of President; New Republic Silent

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Theaters and opera were dark throughout Germany tonight, concert halls were closed and cafe orchestras silenced in mourning for Germany's first president, Friedrich Ebert, the former saddler of Heidelberg who succeeded Kaiser Wilhelm as the chief executive of Germany and steered the new republic through six stormy years.

President Ebert died at 10:15 a. m., from peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis five days ago. His system had been undermined by an attack of influenza preceding the operation and his heart was not equal to the burden imposed by the poison which had spread throughout his system.

The president's death came as a shock to the city as earlier bulletins published by the newspapers

had indicated a marked improvement in his condition. He died at the West Sanitarium where he was operated upon early Tuesday morning, after being hurriedly taken there from his official residence. This afternoon Germany's war flags on land and sea were all at half mast by order of General Von Seeckt, commander of the German army and no military band will play throughout the republic, except at Ebert's funeral until after the country's socialist president has been laid to rest. Republican flags of black, red and gold, looped with crepe line the streets of Berlin and Potsdam and the saddened public quietly awaits the morrow which will be a general day of mourning throughout the republic for those who fell in the war. The day will have a

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INAUGURATION TO BE SIMPLE

Plans Completed for Ceremonies; Escort Provided for Procession

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Coolidge will ride with her husband to the capital Wednesday when he goes there to be inaugurated president of the United States. The program for the procession to and from the capital as made public tonight at the White House, provides for a cortege of less than a dozen cars and escorted by cavalry. Inasmuch as there is neither a retiring president or vice president, precedents of the second Wilson inaugural and of the Roosevelt inaugural had to be consulted before making out the program.

The official procession which is distinct from the inaugural parade, will form at the White House between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and leave the White House promptly at 11 o'clock over Pennsylvania avenue for the capital. A squadron of mounted police will precede the procession and a troop of cavalry will ride immediately ahead of the president's car which will carry Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and Senator Curtis of Kansas, chairman of the senate inaugural committee.

Vice President-elect Dawes and Mrs. Dawes with another member of the inaugural committee will ride in the second car.

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HOTEL MAN TO LEAVE SALEM

A. N. Pierce, Manager of Marion, to Take Charge of New Corvallis Hotel

A. N. Pierce, manager of the Marion hotel, will be transferred to Corvallis to take charge of the new seven-story community hotel under construction there, while James R. Linn, principal owner of the Marion, will take charge here. The change is effective May 1.

The personnel of the hotel will not change much, it was declared by Mr. Linn. Harold MacGregor, one of the clerks, will go with Mr. Pierce to Corvallis, while Dean Powrie, who has been night clerk, will become auditor, and William Cain, day clerk, will have general charge of the offices and room management.

The new hotel at Corvallis is under a 20-year lease and will be named "The Benton." It is a fire-proof structure with 125 rooms, 70 of them with baths or connecting baths. A beautiful dining-room is a feature of the new building, as is the ball room, mezzanine floor, and two private dining rooms. It will contain a coffee shop and two store spaces. The building is located at Fourth and Monroe, on the Pacific highway, and is on a street leading to the downtown business district from the college campus.

Mr. Pierce has had an active career in Salem and served as King King of the Cherrigans. He also organized the Oregon Hospitality club, composed of the booster organizations of the state, and became its first president.

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

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POSTAL RATE BILL SIGNED BY COOLIDGE

President Approves Raise of Salary of Postal Employees; Increase Amount to About \$300

SIXTY-EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS TO BE RAISED

Announcement Comes as Surprise to Washington; Delay Indicated

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The postal pay and rate increase bill was signed tonight by President Coolidge.

Announcement at the White House that the president had signed the measure came as a surprise, as earlier indications were that he would send it to the post-office department and the budget bureau for study before taking action on it.

The bill, which was received today at the White House, provided for an average increase of about \$300 annually in postal employees' salaries effective as of January 1, this year, and increases postal rates, effective April 15, next, to raise about \$60,000,000 of the \$68,000,000 required for the pay advance.

The bill also carries a "rider" recommended by the senate campaign funds committee strictly limiting campaign expenditures of congressional candidates. The salary increases are similar to those carried in the measure passed at the last session which was vetoed by President Coolidge on the ground that no provision was made to meet the expense incident to such a rate.

BORGUM ARRESTED GREENSBORO, N. C., FEB. 28

Gutson Borgum, the sculptor, was arrested in Greensboro on charges of malicious mischief in connection with the alleged destruction of models and plans for the Stone mountain confederate memorial, was arrested here tonight.

RADIO BILL SIGNED WASHINGTON, D. C., FEB. 28

President Coolidge today signed the resolution adopted by congress extending for two years from next June 30 the arrangements whereby press dispatches may be transmitted by naval radio.

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