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CONDITION OF TEX RICKARD GROWS WORSE

Famous Fight Promoter Said Near Death From Acute Appendicitis

Second Operation Performed in Desperate Attempt to Save Life

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Tex Rickard, president of Madison Square Garden, lay near death at Allison hospital, Miami Beach, late last night. The famous promoter, who underwent an operation Tuesday evening for appendicitis, suddenly took a decided turn for the worst at midnight and physicians worked to save his life.

At 12:45 a. m., Mr. Rickard was gradually growing weaker, after a second operation had been performed late last night. The statement was made at the hospital by authority of Dr. H. E. Adkins, who is in charge of the case.

Dr. Atkins performed the first operation upon Rickard Tuesday night, removing the appendix. Rickard had been taken to the hospital Tuesday afternoon after he had complained that morning of suffering from a severe pain in his right side. He had believed at first that he had suffered an attack of indigestion.

Jack Dempsey at midnight had not been admitted to see Rickard, physicians forbidding anyone to enter the sick room following the promoter's turn for the worst.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 4.—(AP)—El Mundo tonight quoted Dr. William Mayo, Rochester, Minn., specialist, as saying he would not go to the bedside of Tex Rickard, New York promoter, ill at Miami, Fla. In a telephone conversation with the newspaper, the specialist who is touring Oriente Province, declared, the newspaper said, that in his opinion Rickard's condition was such that his services would be of no benefit.

HAVANA, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Urgent requests for the assistance of Doctor William Mayo of Rochester, Minn., were received late this afternoon from physicians attending Tex Rickard, New York boxing

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INDIAN STRONGHOLD ATTACKED BY POSSE

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Francisco Fimores, Sonora, Mexico, cattleman, today is leading a searching party into the rugged mountains south of here, the lair of a wild band of Apache Indians which two years ago kidnaped his son.

The Fimores family was set upon by Apaches in October, 1926, while riding from Naco, Mexico, to its home on the Bavispe river. Mrs. Fimores was killed, and her body carried into the mountains, and the Fimores boy also was carried away.

Francisco Fimores today received a commission from Governor Fausto Topete, of Sonora, to organize a search party at Agua Prieta, Mexico, across the border from here, to hunt down and wipe out the Apache band.

The Apaches, now living in the mountains of Mexico from where they swoop down at intervals to rob and kill, are the descendants of the survivors of the Gironimo band, which 40 years ago terrorized southern Arizona. This group was dispersed after many had been captured by United States soldiers following one of the most famous of Indian expeditions. The few who escaped the soldiers migrated to Mexico and established a well fortified camp deep in the mountains.

Fimores believes that his boy still is alive, and is being raised as an Indian. The search party took provisions for a two weeks' stay in the hills.

Fight Promoter Near Death

George "Tex" Rickard, who is now on what may prove to be his death bed at a hospital in Miami, Florida, and his wife, who has sent a hurry call to Havana to obtain the services of one of the famous Mayo brothers of Rochester, Minnesota. They are shown above in golfing togs as they appeared in Virginia a short time ago.

Crew of Question Mark Wins Desperate Battle Overcoming Heavy Odds

Hard Fight to Refuel Plane and Keep It in Air Told in Brief Log

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A heroic and at times desperate battle by the crew of the Question Mark to keep their plane in the air yesterday and last night when they pulled her through to smash all existing airplane flight records was revealed late today in the log dropped from the army tri-motored Fokker.

Confronting the plane's daring crew were fogs, terrific down drafts in Imperial Valley, a nearly exhausted fuel supply and a motor going bad and throwing oil.

Before leaving Los Angeles yesterday morning because of the fog fast rolling in, Major Carl Spatz, commanding officer, wrote in the plane's log that the bumps during the morning refueling here, were severe enough to cause a difference of distance between the two airplanes of 20 to 30 feet in a fraction of a second. The piloting of both men, Captain Ira Eaker in the Question Mark, and Lieutenant Odas Moon in the refueling plane, was superb."

"Arrived Rockwell Field 11 a. m.," the log continued. "Field covered with clouds. In urgent need of gasoline. Just a few gallons left, went beneath clouds, crossed Rockwell Field at 300 feet altitude. Saw refueling plane take off. Climbed back through clouds, crew took positions. Contacts made at 11:40 a. m. and 11.50 a. m. 150 gallons gas and storage battery transferred.

"Rockwell Field showed keen judgment in picking us up promptly and getting fuel to us just as we were about to use up our last few gallons."

At 2 p. m., Lieutenant Elwood Quesada, relief pilot, wrote: "Captain Eaker has slight sore throat; painted it and also gargled a solution otherwise he feels o. k."

At 3 p. m., Quesada wrote: "We are now in Imperial Valley. Oh boy, what a rough ride over the mountains. Engines O. K. at 2:58 p. m. Took on gasoline and food. There was mail in the food bag. Can see that friends are pulling for us. It is very rough. Can hardly write."

Lieutenant Harry Halverson, relief pilot, wrote a few minutes later: "Captain Eaker thinks the left engine is going bad. Don't know yet."

Captain Eaker later wrote: "Flew from three to five p. m., Halverson just taken controls. Wind terrible, running almost full throttle and making no headway. Descending winds roll down the mountains. Lost from 500 to 1500 feet in less than no time. We will do well to get through the night. Left engine throwing oil. Has covered Tachometer."

PAIR MAY NOT DIE TODAY AS SLATED

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Whether the hanging of Mrs. Ada Bonner Lebouef and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher will take place as scheduled tomorrow at Franklin became cloaked in legal uncertainty tonight when Chief Justice Charles A. O'Neill of the Louisana supreme court granted a stay of execution and four justices of the supreme court ruled that the hanging should be carried out.

The four justices, constituting a majority of the court, ordered the clerk of the court to inform Sheriff Charles Pecot of St. Mary parish to proceed with the hanging. The chief justice, however, held that the state constitution empowered him to grant a stay of execution.

Sport Briefs

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Portland Buckaroos and the Seattle Eskimos fought each other to a scoreless standstill in an overtime hockey game here tonight. The 0 to 0 tie however, raised Portland out of a second place tie with Victoria in the Pacific coast hockey standings.

MOSCOW, Ida., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Montana State college, Rocky Mountain hoop champions last year, swamped the Idaho Vandals under a 44 to 21 score in the first of a two game series here tonight. The Idahoans started with a burst of speed that gave them a four point lead, but weakened after a few minutes and the Bobcats had easy sailing.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Overcoming a lead held by the mid-westerners at half time, the University of California basketball team opened up in the second half with a dazzling attack here tonight to take a 30 to 23 victory from the University of Kansas quintet.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Repelling a last minute rally that fell just short of tying the score, Stanford university's basketball team defeated College of the Pacific here tonight, 34 to 31.

Gas War Spreads Down to Astoria

ASTORIA, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Spread of a gasoline war in Portland to Astoria was indicated today when an independent dealer advertised fuel for 19 cents a gallon, tax included. Other dealers, selling at 23½ cents a gallon, tonight refused to comment on the situation.

Giant Radio, Phonograph Companies Form Merger Of Immense Resources

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Radio and phonograph were brought together today for service in one of the greatest if not the greatest entertainment enterprises of history through unification of the Radio corporation of America, and the Victor Talking Machine company.

Directors of both companies approved plans which have been in preparation for nearly a year and which in effect provide for a merger of the corporations through an exchange of stock. Subject to approval of stockholders, Radio corporation directors vetoed issuance of approximately 6,590,000 shares of new common stock, of which 5,777,000 shares will be exchanged for present common stock outstanding on the basis of five new shares for each old share now held. In addition, there will be created an issue of approximately 813,000 shares cumulative B. Preferred stock, carrying $5 dividends which will be junior to the $19,780,000 of seven per cent a preferred stock outstanding.

Radio gains through the unification of interests valuable right to artists, entertainers, and patents controlled by Victor, as well as the benefit of laboratory developments resulting from years of endeavor in reproducing sound.

David Sarnoff, executive vice-president of radio, explained in a statement accompanying the announcement of the plan, that as the radio and the phonograph play complimentary parts in broadcasting, talking motion pictures, and in theatre installations, the permanent success of both industries is dependent upon the future development of electrical entertainment in the home and in the theatre.

The Camden, N. J. plant and organization of the Victor company, as well as the trade marks, will be retained, and Victor Talking machines, radio-phonograph combinations and records will continue to be produced.

AIRPLANE NOW WELL PAST ALL RIVALS' MARKS

Question Mark Roars On, Still Making Regular Fuel Contacts

Machine Gradually Nearing 100th Hour of Continuous Flight

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The midnight refueling took place directly over this airport and the lights of both planes were plainly seen as they raced through the air at 70 miles an hour.

The Question Mark's three motors were heard distinctly, and air corps officers reported that the engines seemed to be running perfectly after nearly 89 hours in the air.

The giant Fokker was flying with its running lights, red port, green starboard and white tail light. The weather was reported as calm and clear with good visibility.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The 86th hour of continuous flight was passed by the Question Mark at 9:26:46 o'clock tonight. The army tri-motored monoplane passed over the airport at 9:30. Officers reported on its ceaseless circles above the mountain rimmed San Fernando valley.

Army aviation officials stationed at the airport reported at 7:30 o'clock that the giant tri-motored Fokker had just passed over the field, its motors apparently still functioning smoothly.

One hundred and fifty gallons of gasoline were loaded on the monoplane by refueling ship No. 2 at 4:30 p. m., in a ten minute contact, the longest contact period so far during the endurance flight.

Many Observers Watch Refueling

The refueling was a spectacular event, with several observing planes in the air circling the Question Mark and its flying filling station. Scores of other observers on the ground craned their necks to watch the thrilling drama enacted half a mile above the earth.

The Question Mark, which last night in the bumpy and drafty air above the hot sands of Imperial valley broke all airplane endurance flight records, winged back to Metropolitan airport, its New Year's day starting point, during the forenoon. A refueling plane tagged along ready to refuel enroute if necessary.

An air tour of 5,400 miles was the unofficially estimated mileage of the Question Mark at its 84th hour tonight—a distance equal to that from San Francisco to Yokohama. The estimate was based on an assumed average of 65 miles an hour, which army officials stated undoubtedly was lower than the actual speed of the ship.

During the next 12 hours the monoplane will circle above the airport here, and guards tonight were posted to keep constant lookout for signal flares, indicating that messages are expected to be dropped by Major Carl Spatz, commanding officer on the plane.

WOMEN OF O. N. S. FACULTY INJURED

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 4.—(Special)—Miss Jessica Todd, dean of women, and Miss Maude McPherson, librarian at the Oregon Normal school, were injured in an automobile accident on the Salem-Dallas highway near Holman Park Friday forenoon.

They were on their way to Salem in John Bulloch's automobile, accompanied by Mr. Bulloch, who was driving, and Mrs. Bulloch. At the curve east of Holman Park, an automobile was parked partly on the highway, and a machine going toward Rickreall, driven by a Portland man turned toward the center of the highway to avoid this stationary car and met the Bulloch car in a head on collision.

The car containing the Monmouth party was practically demolished; Miss Todd suffered an injury to her spine, and Miss McPherson a bruised hip. The other car turned over and the driver was pinned beneath it but not seriously hurt, according to reports which reached Monmouth. His name was not reported here. He was extricated by the driver and passengers on a stage which came along just after the collision.

The normal school faculty women were taken to Salem on the stage. An X-ray picture of Miss Todd's injury was made and showed that her spine was sprained but not dislocated. She and Miss McPherson were brought to Monmouth later in the day. Mr. and Mrs. Bulloch were not hurt.

Judge McNary to Resume His Post

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Federal Judge John McNary, who has been ill at his home in Salem since before the Christmas holidays, is expected to resume the bench in federal court here Monday. Judge McNary sufferend an attack of influenza.

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BORTZMEYER NAMED FOR COMMISSIONER

Portland Man to Succeed Ostrander; Corey Wins Reappointment

Appointment of O. C. Bortzmeyer of Portland, to succeed Edward Ostrander as a member of the Oregon public service commission on January 7 was announced Friday night by Governor Patterson. H. H. Corey, member of the commission for the last 12 years, was reappointed for a four-year term.

Mr. Corey represents the eastern Oregon district on the commission, while Mr. Bortzmeyer will serve as commissioner from the western Oregon district. L. E. Bean of Eugene, third member of the commission, represents the state at large.

Mr. Corey first was appointed a member of the public service commission by Governor Withycombe in June, 1916. He previously was nominated for the office at the republican primary election held in May, 1916, and was elected for the four years term in November of that year. He was reelected in 1920 and 1924. Prior to becoming a member of the commission Mr. Corey served as secretary of the body for more than four years.

Governor Patterson said Mr. Corey was the only candidate for the office from eastern Oregon. He had the indorsement of Mr. Aitchison and many of the commercial and civic organizations of central and eastern Oregon.

Mr. Bortzmeyer is a member of the Portland civil service commission and formerly served as its secretary. He has been engaged in the insurance business in recent years.

Mr. Ostrander, who retires after serving one term, previously served as secretary of the commission for a number of years. Prior to that time he served as a rate expert for leading railroads and was prominent in lumbering circles.

In 1916 Mr. Ostrander was employed in the valuation of the properties of the Portland Electric Power company. He announced no plans for the future.

Friday In Washington

By The Associated Press

Senator Borah of Idaho defended the Kellogg treaty on the senate floor.

The house census committee approved the reapportionment measure.

The Pan-American conference approved its arbitration and conciliation treaties.

The supreme court concluded arguments on the St. Louis and O'Fallon railroad valuation case.

The $84,000,000 first deficiency bill including $75,000,000 for tax refunds was reported to the house.

The senate approved the reappointment of Owen J. Roberts as special government oil counsel.

Senator-elect Vare of Pennsylvania was granted an indefinite extension for his appearance before the senate committee.

Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, proposed the appointment of a citizens committee by Herbert Hoover to study prohibition.

Secretary Davis and Army Air corps officials praised the endurance flight of the Question Mark in California.

A compromise settlement of $26,000,000 tax refunds for the United States Steel corporation was made public by the house appropriations committee.

Fred Herrick is Found Bankrupt

SPOKANE, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Fred Herrick, widely known northwestern lumberman, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in federal district court. He had previously made an assignment of assets for the benefit of creditors whose claims totaled between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000.

HOOVER PLANS TOUR OF WEST INDIES REGION

Porto Rico, Haiti, Cuba and Santo Domingo Among Places on List

Week's Rest to be Enjoyed in Florida After Washington Meetings

U. S. S. UTAH, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A tour of the West Indies before his inauguration March 4 is looked forward to by Herbert Hoover if he can conclude his next week's conferences in Washington in short order.

HERBERT HOOVER

The president-elect will commence his conferences on his cabinet selections and other matters facing his administration in the national capital on Monday and after their conclusion he plans to go to Florida for a week or ten days rest.

Afterwards he hopes to visit Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Porto Rico, and possibly the Virgin islands. The West Indies tour probably would require less than three weeks and if undertaken, the president-elect would expect to return to Florida in ample time to write his inaugural address.

Activities of Marines To Be Investigated

Mr. Hoover particularly desires to visit Cuba. He also is anxious to get a first hand observation of what the American marines are doing in Haiti and to ascertain how Santo Domingo has progressed since the termination of the American occupation several years ago.

Under present plans for the trip, Mr. Hoover would stop at

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WORM HAS TURNED; LAUGH'S ON KEENE

Man Once Sought as Tom Murray Brings Liquor Under Officers' Noses

Rex Keene, who laughed at state, county and city officers when they sought him one day in the summer of 1925—and failed to find him—found that the laugh was on him when he was arrested here Friday for transportation of intoxicating liquor.

Keene was sought as Tom Murray a few days after the famous prison break in August, 1925. He was seen in the rear seat of an automobile, almost completely covered by a blanket, his wife driving the car. The report went out that this was Murray, and all hands joined in the chase. Roads, highways and streets were scoured while the Keene car was parked calmly on State street, with Keene in it and his wife shopping.

Tom Murray has long since been dead, having cheated the gallows by hanging himself in his cell, but Keene has always had his laugh.

On Friday George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner, looked out of his window in the Bligh building. "Buck" Mariot, prohibition agent, was beside him. They saw Keene drive his car along High street, and stop in front of their window. Keene got out with a package under his arm. A few minutes later he returned, not having delivered the package.

"I'll bet that's liquor," said Alexander. "Let's go down and see." A few minutes later Alexander, Mariot and Keene appeared in justice court. The officers declared they had just confiscated two gallons of moonshine. Keene was released on $500 bail, and will enter his plea today.

All of which is of particular interest to the police, who were contemptuously described as "some detectives" by Mrs. Keene when they failed to find her husband. "You just wait," said Jack Cutler when he read newspaper accounts of her statements. "There'll be a time when the papers will have a lot better story than that."

Lad Buried Alive Is Unhurt After Staying 2 Hours

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., aJn. 4.—(AP)—Digging frantically, a score of San Rafael firemen worked for two hours to rescue Proctor Solomon, 14-year-old school boy, who was buried alive today when a sand bunker in a gravel yard here caved in.

Although they held little hope of getting the youth out alive, the firemen built a bulkhead and sank a shaft through the wet sand to where the boy lay.

When they pulled him out of the hole, expecting to use respirators, the youth was uninjured except for a chill. The sand had packed around him so he was able to breathe easily, he explained.

New Alignment of Representatives Will be Demanded

Constitutional Requirement on Membership May be Complied With

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A congressional row which has been in progress nearly 10 years, over the reappointment of the membership of the house of representatives, promises to reach the house floor again this session. A year ago the question was brought up in the house only to be sent back to committee for further consideration.

The development today was a favorable vote by the census committee to report the Fenn bill proposing reappointment of the present membership of 435 down upon the basis of the forthcoming 1929 census. The committee action was close, the bill being approved 7 to 6 or by a margin of one vote.

Shortly after the committee's action, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the republican floor leader, announced he would seek a special rule to bring the measure to the floor next Thursday.

The Fenn measure is slightly different from that which the house rejected at the last session by a vote of 200 to 179, but opposition that developed in reporting the bill indicated another fight on the proposal.

SEARCH WIDENS FOR MURDERER OF GIRL

Slayer of June Nelson Now Sought in Nevada; Taxi Driver Gives Clue

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 4.—(AP)—New leads in the search for the abductor and slayer of little June Nelson here New Year's eve directed the attention of authorities toward Nevada and indicated the likelihood the child was taken from her home in a taxicab instead of a private automobile.

The hunt for the slayer veered across the state line when officers received a report of the discovery of a blood spattered car near Tooele, Utah, south of here, on New Year's day, with a bloody knife in a side pocket, and another that a young man of the same general description as the supposed slayer had obtained a ride to Elko, Nev., yesterday morning stopping a motorist near Grantsville, Utah, not far from Tooele.

A taxicab driver who told the police he had taken a young man and a crying girl from the neighborhood of the Nelson home New Year's eve to an address in another part of town identified the slain girl's clothing today as corresponding with that worn by his young fare. He said she objected to leaving the cab and was jerked out by the man.

Reports of advances made to women and girls by men who have accosted them on the streets here in the last few days continued to be received by the officers today. The police issued a warning that such incidents should be reported immediately. Meanwhile men resembling the supposed slayer, described as nearly six feet tall, slender and wearing a long black overcoat, are reported as being avoided by women pedestrians.

Father O'Hara to Quit Eugene Post

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, pastor of the Eugene Catholic church, will move this month to Washington, D. C., to the headquarters of the Catholic rural life bureau. He has been granted a leave of absence by Archbishop E. D. Howard to develop the work of the bureau. During the past nine years Father O'Hara has been in charge of bureau activities in Oregon. His place in Eugene will be filled by Rev. F. P. Leipzig, pastor at Corvallis, the archbishop announced.

INNOVATION IN LAW IS HIT BY SALEM JUDGE

McMahan Sets Off Fireworks at State Meeting; Hot Words Heard

Proposal Previously Advocated by District Attorneys Draws Fire

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Changes in court procedure, some of which were described during the session as revoluntary in nature, were considered by members of the Oregon judicial council, in annual convention today. The council is composed of supreme court and circuit court judges of the state.

Proposals which found favor with the council included a provision for a thirteenth juror to sit through long trials and to act in case of illness or incapacity of one of the regularly chosen twelve jurors; an increase by three of the number of circuit judges in Multnomah county; grant of the right to a defendant, except in a murder case, to waive trial by jury and submit his case to the court for decision.

Hot Debate Caused By Proposed Change

A resolution favoring granting to district attorneys the right to comment on the failure of a defendant to take the witness stand in his own behalf, was postponed indefinitely. It provoked the most heated debate of the session and brought two members of the council into a clash over the present fairness of the courts to defendants before the bar, and the asserted ruthless prosecution of accused ones.

When the resolution approving the abrogation of that provision of the constitution providing that no presumption may be taken against a defendant because of his failure to take the witness stand to testify for himself was presented to the council, fire was immediately struck.

Judge McMahan Clashes With J. W. Hamilton

J. W. Hamilton, circuit court judge from Roseburg, observed that it was "a harmful innovation," depriving prisoners at the bar of a right that had stood for many years. Hamilton vigorously opposed the measure.

The fireworks were set off by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan of Salem, who declared that the present rule protects the innocent from the unfair tactics too often employed by district attorneys to obtain convictions.

"It has been my observation," Judge McMahan declared, "that district attorneys do not go into court to get the facts in a case. They go into court to convict. If they can prevent a defendant from introducing testimony in his own behalf by a legal technicality, they do so. If they can take advantage of some unfortunate condition of a defendant or of a mistake on the witness stand, they do so.

"It is further my opinion that this proposal would place the defendant at a further disadvantage an-

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French Steamer Goes Down With Many On Board

MAHON, Spain, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Thirty-eight persons, including several women, are believed to have perished in the sinking of the French steamer Malakoff yesterday between Cape Bartrum and Santa Galiana Bay on the southwest coast of the Isle of Minorca. The vessel, which was bound from Dunkirk and Havre to Madagascar, foundered seven minutes after striking the rocks in a fog.

Forty-four survivors, including two women, have arrived in Ciudadela. An intensive search is being made for the missing in the hope that they may either be in lifeboats or still afloat in lifebelts.

Columbia Basin Measure Passes House Committee Minus Most of Provisions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Columbia Basin bill, shorn of most of its controversial phrases, approached the last lap of its congressional journey today when the house irrigation committee approved the measure. Unlike the Summers bill of last year, the measure which has been passed already by the senate would not authorize the adoption of a three million acre tract in the state of Washington as an irrigation project, but simply would provide for a new survey of various phases surrounding the feasibility of the project.

There was but one dissenting voice as the measure came to a vote in the committee which, however, made several changes to make it conform to recommendations presented recently by Secretary West. Representative Leatherwood, republican, Utah, registered the negative vote.

The committee incorporated in the bill language to safeguard the water rights of the states of Idaho and Montana, and to provide for an economic survey to determine what difficulties would be encountered in populating the lands if they are irrigated. It disregarded another recommendation of the secretary of interior that the state of Washington contribute half the cost of the survey.

Testimony before the committee indicated that the people of Washington already had spent approximately $500,000 as compared to almost $200,000 spent by the government in making surveys of the project.

The committee saw the argument between Representative Leatherwood and Chairman Smith over the attitude that the two had assumed toward the measure during the last session. This brought a flat reiteration of the Utah representative that there had been a "log rolling combination" at the last session to secure the passage of the Columbia basin and Boulder canyon bills.