

MEIER FORGES WIN A VICTORY ON PORT ISSUE

Obtain Amendments to let Governor Appoint for The Present Year

But House Expected not to Accept Changes; Vote In Senate 15-13

By the slim margin of 15 to 13 votes, the senate yesterday rejected the minority report of the Multnomah delegation on the Anzell bill for the election of Port of Portland commissioners and at the same time accepted the majority report which provides for the filling this year of the four existing vacancies by the governor and the election of the commissioners in succeeding years.

The matter is up for a final senate vote today when House Bill 73, the center of the most controversial in the legislature thus far, comes up on final passage in the upper house with the amendment made by the Multnomah senatorial delegation attached.

Technically, yesterday was one of victory for the Governor Meier forces while the governor has agreed with the senators on the men who will be named port commissioners, should the power be handed the executive, the act of appointing them will be in Mr. Meier's hands and he can state that he has received the authority requested of the legislature in his inaugural address.

Issue Decided by Narrow Margin

On the test vote in the senate yesterday on the substitution of the minority report the roll call was: Aye: Billingsley, Carsner, Dunn of Jackson, Fisher, Franciscovich, Johnson, Kiddle, Kuck, Mann, Miller, Moser, Schumacher, Strayer, Upton—14. Bennett, Booth, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Dunne of Multnomah, Eberhard, Eddy, Jones, Spaulding, Staples, Wheeler, Woodward, Marks—15. Absent: Hall.

The battle is not over. The forces arrayed against the governor in his campaign to secure the port commissioner appointments may defeat House Bill 73 when it comes up for final passage.

If unsuccessful in the senate, the battle ground will again be transferred to the house where there is little likelihood that the amended bill will be acceptable. The majority of Multnomah representatives does not favor it; a group of upstate members of the lower house are opposed to the bill.

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NO FUND PROVIDED TO STUDY PENSION

The joint ways and means committee last night eliminated an appropriation of \$2500 from a bill introduced by Senator Eddy providing for the appointment of a commission to conduct a study of old age pensions and unemployment.

The bill provided that the report of the committee should be filed with the next legislature. Senators who objected to the appropriation, and it finally was decided that the study should be made by the higher board of education.

A. C. Marsters of Roseburg appeared before the committee and requested an appropriation of \$100,000 to pay premiums at the Oregon state fair. This is an increase of \$25,000 over previous appropriations. Marsters declared this increase was warranted by the natural growth of the fair which necessitated additional premiums.

Request for an appropriation of \$75,000 for the Pacific International Livestock Association was presented by O. M. Plummer, manager of the show. The committee considered a number of other routine budget requests.

Rusk Requests His Ashes Put Atop Mountain

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(AP)—A letter from C. E. Rusk, Grants Pass, Ore., who died from a heart attack Wednesday, was received by the Yakima Cascadians here today directing the mountaineers club to place an urn containing his ashes in a cairn on top of the castle on Mount Adams. The letter was dated November 30, 1929.

Rusk, founder of the Cascadians in 1920, took members on the only two trips up the east slope of Mount Adams on record. In 1910 he exposed a false belief of the contention of Dr. Frederick Cook that he attained the summit of Mount McKinley, Alaska. He returned last summer from Alaska where he explored glaciers. Rusk was the author of "Tales of a Western Mountaineer".

Lincoln Viewed as Crafty Politician In Book by Masters

Martyred President Treated Much as Rupert Hughes Handled Washington Character; Says he Could Have Prevented war

By RICHARD MASSOCK

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Another author of note has sought to strip the garments of heroism from another famous American. The author is Edgar Lee Masters, lawyer-poet, and his subject is Abraham Lincoln. In "Lincoln, the Man" published tomorrow, the Spoon river anthropologist treats of the martyred president much like Rupert Hughes treated of that other February-born statesman, George Washington.

Lincoln he interprets as a political personality, a "slick and crafty politician," cold, mannerless, unkept, at times neurotic and superstitious.

The union of sovereign states of which Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg "perished with the (Civil) war." Masters writes and Lincoln's mind "was not profound enough" to see it. Could Have Kept Nation out of war.

Lincoln, Masters said, might have prevented the Civil war. "one of the most colossal blunders in history."

Masters calls his book a political and legalistic analysis of Lincoln's mind and nature, based on available biographies. "In the middle western small town," Master said, fit an inter- (Turn to page 10, col. 3)

MARTIAL LAW NOW PREVAILS, NAPIER

NAPIER, N. Z., Feb. 6.—(Friday)—(AP)—New Zealand's realm of ruin was under martial law today. Armed marines patrolled the streets to prevent looting and to see that nothing hampered the ceaseless toll of rescue workers seeking survivors among the wreckage left by Tuesday's earthquake.

All day yesterday a great exodus continued; the remaining inhabitants fleeing from sickness it was feared might follow destruction of the city's sanitary system.

Communication between the raised town of Hawkes Bay province and the outside world was reestablished. With scores of doctors, nurses and other relief workers present all that was possible was being done for the hundreds of injured still unable to be moved.

Red Cross workers estimated the number of dead in the whole quake district at more than 1,000, but other reports made the figure lower. A final count will not be known probably for days, and probably never will be complete, because of the fires which raged through both Napier and Hastings after the buildings had tumbled down.

SILVERTON SCHOOL BONDS VOTED DOWN

SILVERTON, Feb. 5.—The proposed \$36,000 bond issue for the Silverton school district was defeated at the polls here today, 325 negative votes being recorded against 232 affirmative.

The bonds were proposed to finance construction of an addition to the senior high building, which has become overcrowded. Much interest has been aroused in the issue, both for and against, with the result that 557 voters turned out to express their desires, as compared to only 17 voters at the last regular school election. Today's vote undoubtedly sets a record for school elections in Silverton.

HOCKEY GAME TIE PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Vancouver Lions maintained their place at the top of the Pacific coast hockey league here tonight, playing Portland to a 2 to 2 tie in an overtime game.

The Legislative Calendar

SENATE YESTERDAY
Almost entire day occupied with debate on house bill 73, providing for election of port commissioners. Majority report of committee providing for appointment of four vacancies this year by governor election thereafter, carrying 15 to 13, after incisive attack led by Senator Moser.

HOUSE YESTERDAY
Group of minor bills principally effecting lawyers passed.

Five measures recommended by League of Oregon Cities secured approval of house.

HOUSE TODAY
Third reading house bills 60, 82, 1, 129, 130, 131, 135, 153, 171, 172, 191, 195, 209.

SENATE TODAY
Third reading senate bills 5, 8, 30, 47, 102, 123, 124, 145, 159, 165, 166, 171, 173.

Third reading house bills 7, 35, 44, 73.
Senator Booth's bill up to give ex-soldier's property exemptions.
Fight to pass house bill 73 as amended, providing for appointment and election of Port of Portland commissioners, is expected.

LOANS INSTEAD OF RED CROSS FUND FAVORED

Compromise Plan on Relief Agreed to by Both of Parties in Senate

President now Considering Proposal; Amount for Drought aid Same

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The senate coalition blocked enactment of one of the vital appropriation bills today while a compromise proposal to break the deadlock on relief legislation was being weighed by President Hoover.

The compromise emanated from the senate and was sent to the White House with word that it was acceptable to both republican and democratic leaders. It called for an additional \$25,000,000 drought loan appropriation in place of the \$25,000,000 Red Cross relief fund which the president and the republican house have flatly rejected.

Approval Bill Called Up
As the fresh peace negotiations moved forward in the hope of avoiding an extra session, the first of the eleven appropriation measures was called up in the senate for final enactment.

Democrats who have threatened an extra session to obtain their relief program lined up solidly in opposition to final approval of the bill. Sixteen republicans joined the opposition.

The vote was 47 to 22 to reject the conference report on the billion dollar treasury-postoffice bill.

While showing their strength, the senate coalition made no open declaration against the appropriation measure. The debate on the treasury-postoffice bill hinged on differences between the senate and house.

Had Heard Rumors Of Contributions
Blaine was asked by Blaine if he would be "surprised to know" that beneficiaries of the postal leases had contributed about a "million and a quarter dollars" to the campaign funds used to elect Presidents Coolidge and Hoover.

Blaine said later he would develop the basis for his question tomorrow.

Meanwhile Postmaster General Brown was challenged in the house by Rep. Mass, republican, Minnesota, to make public an investigation on charges by Mass against Charles J. Moos, St. Paul postmaster.

Mass asserted Moos was linked directly with a St. Paul post-office lease which along with about 6,000 others is under investigation by the Blaine committee.

Among the crowd were many persons from the south, who crowded around Bishop Maxon and his son and clasped their hands joyfully. Some gave vent to their emotion in a flood of tears.

The liberated youth said he had not decided whether he would accompany his father back to Chattanooga or stay in New York and hunt a job.

The youth confided to a reporter that last summer, while he was out on bail he got a newspaper job in St. Louis but was fired for being scooped.

MISSING AVIATOR FOUND ON DESERT

ROSWELL, N. M., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Caded Joseph B. Donnelly, who had been missing since noon Wednesday, arrived here tonight after his plane had crashed 35 miles southwest of here at 1:10 p. m. Wednesday.

Donnelly was brought to Roswell by Allen Doyle, rancher, who found him walking over the desert shortly after 5 p. m. today.

Donnelly and 50 other student fliers left the training field at San Antonio Wednesday for El Paso and when he failed to land at Fort Bliss yesterday afternoon officials instituted a search for him.

Donnelly told the Associated Press his motor stalled and he attempted to make a landing, as he neared a ground the wind direction shifted and he landed with his tail in the wind. The plane turned over and was demolished. Donnelly suffered only a slight bruise under his right eye.

Former Official Of Washington Dies of Injury

LONGVIEW, Wash., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Injuries received in a traffic accident near Centralia January 31 caused the death here today of E. W. Ross, about 70, former state land commissioner. Mr. Ross held that position for two terms, eight years, and was succeeded by Clark V. Savidge, present land commissioner.

Mr. Ross was United States court commissioner at the time of his death as well as director of the First National bank of Longview. A widow and one son survive.

Tables Turned as Butler Faces Trial



When Brigadier-General Smedley Butler goes on trial in general courtmartial, before Rear Admiral David F. Sellers (left below), he will only be taking a new role in an old drama. At left he is shown as witness in the famous trial of Col. Williams, whom he accused of drinking a cocktail when both were serving at San Diego, Cal. He often was the accuser, also, when safety director in Philadelphia. At right, he is shown as he left City Hall when he was fired. Right below, he is shown as "Hien-tsin" China, in 1927, where he won commendation for his work. His courtmartial because of accusations against Benito Mussolini only marks a new episode in his stormy career as a member of the U. S. Marine Corps.

BUTLER IS SILENT AS TO VANDERBILT

Refuses to Comment Upon Statement Mussolini Story Misquoted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The defenders of Major General Smedley D. Butler conferred seriously today over news reports from Cornellius Vanderbilt Jr. that he had been "quoted inaccurately" by the accused marine, but neither Butler nor his counsel would comment further.

After an all-day conference at Butler's Quantico, Va., quarters, Major Henry Leonard, one of his counsel, said Vanderbilt's charge had been seen, together with his offer to "relate correctly" from the witness stand "what he had said. Leonard asserted just as promptly, however, the defense had nothing to say.

Meanwhile word came from the navy department that at least so far as the navy was concerned the specific charges made against Butler will not be made public until they are read at the (Turn to page 10, col. 3)

Woman in Hospital Exercises Leg and Thigh is Fractured

Joy that she could exercise a leg to the extent of drawing it to near her shoulder proved short lived for a woman patient at the Deaconess hospital.

Calling one of the nurses to show her how well she could exercise the leg, the patient drew the leg upward. It snapped. A thigh bone was broken.

Dr. V. A. Douglas, county physician, and Dr. E. A. Lebold were called to set the bone.

The lower part of the patient's body has been practically paralyzed for almost three years, nor has there been much motion apparent, so the patient has been confined to bed most of the time.

JURY IS SELECTED IN KINGSLEY CASE

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—A jury was selected late today in the trial of James E. Kingsley, 28, alias J. C. Adams, charged with the murder of Sam Prescott, traffic patrolman, who had stopped Kingsley's stolen automobile to question him concerning its ownership.

The court ordered the jury to remain intact until the trial is completed, and denied the state's request for an alternate juror.

Kingsley, it is said, will be the only defense witness.

The state called three eye witnesses to the shooting, Earl Remington, 19, of Wenatchee, Wash., a chance companion of Kingsley, was one of the others. The others were Mrs. L. F. Batchelor and her son, Johnny, aged 10 years.

Other witnesses to be called included E. J. Farlow, service station operator where Kingsley stopped a few minutes before the shooting; Mrs. Tillie Rose who pointed out Kingsley to pursuing officers, and Herbert Moore, traffic officer, who captured him.

The case will be concluded late tomorrow.

Mrs. Fowler is Willing to Try To Return Cash

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Emma Fowler, whose accounts as La Grande city treasurer allegedly have been found short \$112,000, today was given until Monday to enter her plea to a charge of larceny of public funds. She was to have entered her plea today.

Carl Helm, district attorney, said Mrs. Fowler had indicated she was ready to return the money if given an "opportunity."

An audit of the city's books was started today by a Portland firm of auditors.

Oldest Mason Has Birthday

CHARLTON, Mass., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Leopold Miller Logee, believed to be the oldest living Mason in the United States, today celebrated his 105th birthday, the feature of it a huge cake containing 105 candles.

CITIES BILLS ARE PASSED BY HOUSE

Lively Part of Program is Provided by Mott and Andrews; Brief

Five measures designed to improve governmental conditions in Oregon cities were approved yesterday in the house, marking the principal accomplishment of that body. The bills were drawn by the League of Oregon Cities.

Included in the provisions of the five measures are provisions exempting cities from penalties and interest on delinquent taxes on property they own; changing payment on Bahrhoff bonds from an annual to a semi-annual basis; permitting creation in advance of sinking funds for the purchase of fire equipment and new-works disposal plants; simplifying procedure on street vacation.

Mott and Andrews Engage in Debate
Representatives Andrews and Mott engaged in a heated but short-lived clash over a bill providing that the eight-hour day be effective on all state highway jobs and that overtime be paid after that time had elapsed. A letter from State Highway Engineer Klein was introduced by Andrews in which Klein's adoption of the bill would add \$100,000 annually to maintenance costs for the department.

Mott criticized Andrews for not placing the objection before the labor and industries committee where no opposition to the bill is said to have developed. Andrews said Mott's attack was the first made on his methods during his own membership in the house. The bill was reported out favorably by the house.

Adjournment is expected this afternoon until Monday.

Proposed Laws Add Hazards to Life of Bandit

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Three bills introduced in the Nevada legislature today are intended to make life hazardous for bandit robbers and the penalty for being caught alive more severe.

Said to be capped after Texas laws, the bills would legalize rewards for killing bank robbers by making such an act "justifiable homicide." He cities cases and in some instances declares that double mortgages were issued.

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AURORA STATE BANK CLOSED; SUIT IS CAUSE

Run Occasioned by Stories Of Action Involving Mortgage Company

No Connection Between two Institutions; Data on Condition Lacking

Following a "run" occasioned apparently by news stories of legal difficulties in which some of its officers had become involved, the Aurora State bank closed its doors Thursday afternoon and by vote of its directors, was placed in the hands of the state bank examiner.

The examiner, A. A. Schramm, spent several hours in Aurora Thursday afternoon and on his return here that night stated that liquidation apparently would follow but that he could not at this time give any indication as to what the bank's condition was or what the depositors' prospects of recovery might be.

The December 1 statement of the bank showed deposits of \$352,570.06. It was capitalized at \$25,000.

Fraud Action in Snyder's Claim
Claiming that officials of the Willamette Valley Mortgage Loan company had defrauded him of \$25,200, Andrew C. Snyder filed suit against the company and its officials, Dr. P. F. Gleay, president, Zeno Schwab, secretary and William Phoenix, manager, all of Aurora.

Snyder charged that many other citizens of Aurora and vicinity had also been defrauded but that was the indication on Thursday that others would join him in his attempt to recover money he claims to have lost.

Dr. Gleay, who is president of the Aurora state bank, branded the charge as "hokey." He said that the defendants in the suit would not oppose the appointment of a receiver for the loan company Friday when on an order from Judge Evans of Multnomah county they are to appear to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed. Gleay was reported to have said:

"We want to do what is best for all concerned but appointment of a receiver won't help. It would be best to leave it in its present management and try to work it out as best possible."

In Snyder's complaint he charges that the loan company issued mortgage loans on farm land far in excess of the value of the land and that these notes were sold to farmers who are now "holding their sack." He cites cases and in some instances declares that double mortgages were issued.

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