

# STATE SALARY SLASH UPHELD

### Supreme Court Ruling Puts Reduction in Effect; Staff Chagrined

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taking no reduction themselves and making up the increase in their salary budgets by letting some subordinate workers out of their jobs.

**Ruling Coincides With Meier's Stand**

State workers who pooled their funds to support Thomas in his suit admitted their chagrin yesterday, for the court's position coincided with the governor's public statement a fortnight ago in which he backed the 5 to 30 per cent reduction and indicated he wished it enforced in all phases of the state government.

William Elmsig, state purchasing agent, who was employed at a \$7690 annual salary, and who had taken a 30 per cent reduction, goes down to \$4200 annually under the court's decision for this is the payment made the secretary of the board of control on December 31, 1930. The job would be subjected to the 5 to 30 per cent additional reduction provided by the law although it is doubtful if the state board of control will demand that Elmsig take the additional cut. Walter Robinson, budget director's attaché whose salary was jumped to \$190 a month for the 1933-1934 biennium, goes back to the \$115 scale heretofore prevailing for that office.

The supreme court's decision points out that the 1933 legislative act cannot apply to the salaries of supreme court judges or members of the circuit bench in the state since a constitutional limitation exists against reduction of a judge's salary while he is in office. All members of the supreme court, however, and most circuit court judges have taken voluntary salary reductions of from 15 to 20 per cent.

## Poultry Racket Chief Reported Taking Vacation

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—Federal authorities joined in an attempt to free the New York city poultry business of domination by racketeers, while a widespread search went on for Joseph Weiner, ex-convict named by officials as "czar" of the terrorists.

Meanwhile, four fearful poultry dealers, victims of bombings and other underworld intimidation, continued their self-imposed imprisonment in lieu of bonds totaling \$1,050,000.

While friends of Weiner were quoted as saying he had left the state "on a little vacation" district Attorney Samuel Foley disclosed that the ex-convict's alleged "muscle-man," known as "Big Jim" Petrucelli, likewise is missing.

## Muscle Shoals Bill Given Big Margin, House

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—The administration's mighty program for developing the Tennessee river basin today was made ready for early senate consideration by an overwhelming house majority.

The count was 306 to 91 on passage of the Hill version of the president's Muscle Shoals plan. Crushed under the majority in which 17 republicans and all five farmer-laborites joined were 89 republicans and two democrats.

## French Propose Defensive Pact

GENEVA, April 25—(AP)—Rene Massigli, setting head of the French delegation, presented a French plan for a European defense pact at the session today of the disarmament conference.

Under the plan, any nation attacked would be able to call upon armed aid from other nations.

## ELDRIDGE WINNER

ELDRIDGE, April 25.—Eldridge baseball team played the Parkersville team on the Gervais diamond Sunday, winning 12 to 3.

## ARRESTED

Stuart Hill, son of Mrs. Opal S. Hill, Kansas City, Mo., golf star, who is held in connection with the death of Philip Thelen, of Kansas City, as the result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile in which young Hill and three other boys were riding, today faces charges of homicide.

## STAR IN REAL LIFE ROMANCE



Friends since childhood, Doris Kenyon Sills, widow of Milton Sills and a notable screen figure in her own right, and Arthur Hopkins, wealthy business man of Syracuse, N. Y., are to become more than friends. They are shown on their arrival at Los Angeles, where they announced their engagement. They will wed in June.

## GIRL OPERATED ON FOR EYE INFECTION

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—Two year old Helen Casco underwent the operation today that two courts ordered, after doctors said it was necessary to save her life, and that her parents for weeks had opposed because it meant the loss of her left eye.

The surgery took just 15 minutes. It was performed by Dr. John H. Dunnington, assistant to Dr. John M. Wheeler, who removed a cataract from the eye of the King of Siam in 1921. The little girl's condition afterward was described at the Presbyterian hospital as "entirely satisfactory," but physicians said her chance would have been better if the growth on her eye had been removed when it first was discovered.

If Helen recovers, as the doctors expect her to, she will be out of the hospital in a week or 10 days, and in about a month her eye socket will have healed and a blue glass eye will take the place of the one she lost.

## Spent Millions Trying to Stop Stock's Decline

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—Testimony that during the stock market crash of October, 1929, the Citicorps Securities company spent more than \$120,000,000 purchasing common stock of its parent, the Citicorps service company, was presented to the federal trade commission today by Thomas W. Mitchell, the commission's economist-examiner.

This sum bought 2,372,101 shares of Citicorps service, he said, but as these amounted only to about two-fifths of the total quantity of that stock thrown into the market, they were not sufficient to uphold the market price, which broke to a low of \$20 on October 29.

## Mitchell Faces Further Charge Of Tax Dodging

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—The federal government today boosted by \$68,685.67 the total 1929 income on which, it is charged, Charles E. Mitchell, banker, evaded payment of an income tax.

The filing of a fourth indictment against the former chairman of the board of the National City bank disclosed the government now claims he evaded payment of income taxes for 1929 and 1930 totaling \$888,429.68.

## Byrd Resigns as Active Chief of Economy League

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—The resignation of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd as chairman of the National Economy league was submitted at a meeting of the league's executive committee today.

His reason for resigning, he said, was that he had served half a year longer than he had agreed to serve and that personal affairs which he had neglected for nearly a year made it imperative he give less time to the league.

## New Scarlet Fever Case is Reported

The county health department has quarantined another sufferer from scarlet fever, the sixth this month, it was announced yesterday. The latest patient is a Parish Junior high school girl. This case, unlike the others, is a mild one.

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## LABOR OPPOSED TO SALES TAX, PLAN

### Scheme of Wealthy to put Burden on Workers Says Federation Secretary

Laboring people are constitutionally opposed to the sales tax, declared Ben T. Osborne, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, and chairman of the Anti-Sales Tax federation, in an address before members of the Salem unions and the Salem Trades and Labor council Tuesday night.

The sales tax is wrong in principle, since it is based not on ability to pay, but on necessity and is an insidious and indirect way of reducing wages, Osborne declared.

Forces back of the Property Tax Reduction committee have not identified themselves, Osborne said, but they are obviously the wealthy scheming to shift the burden to other people when their own revenues have been reduced.

Public officials today are no different than the rulers of earlier times, Osborne said. He cited rebellions in Rome when sales taxes were imposed, the Boston Tea Party of 1775 when a hated sales tax met with retaliation by colonists and was one of the incidents preceding the American Revolution, and the hated stamp tax of the British empire which was a sales tax that caused such a commotion that its repeal was forced.

He charged that agitation for sales taxation began in 1918 with propaganda from Wall Street, which caused and set out sales tax literature until 1924. The present move, he said, originates from the same source. The withholding of the state tax millage last year, Osborne said, was ground work laid to pave the way for the sales tax. The condition was created which will now give cause for sales taxers to charge that those who oppose the measure are not patriotic.

Investigation in Multnomah county shows that 4.3 per cent of the 14,873 personal property tax payers pay 75 per cent of the \$1,467,000 a year collected there. Because of the personal property tax exemption in the sales tax bill, these wealthy ones are the ones who get relief from the sales tax, Osborne said.

He said preliminary figures from the state tax commission show that the personal property tax exemption in the proposed sales tax act will save the utilization of the state \$1,561,000 each year.

The special committee of the Salem Trades and Labor council to further prompt construction of the municipal water project reported that it will meet with the board of directors of the Salem chamber of commerce May 1. Several civic organizations also approved the resolution suggested by the council calling on congress to liberalize Reconstruction Finance corporation laws.

## AS FALCON FOUND AKRON HULK



Made from a plane that hovered over the grave of the ill-fated dirigible, this photo shows the wreckage of the control car of the U. S. S. Akron on board the navy diving tug Falcon, soon after it had been hoisted from the sea off the Barnegat Lightship. Divers from the Falcon believe they have located the entire hulk of the dirigible at the spot where Captain Karl Dolderer of the German tanker Phosbus saw her crash.

## Bennett Ready To Talk Tariff With Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—Prime Minister Richard B. Bennett of Canada announced today the Dominion government does not regard the Ottawa-British Empire trade agreements as a bar to trade agreements with the United States such as President Roosevelt proposes.

"I recently said in the Canadian house that our government stands ready to consider trade proposals from other nations and that position is unchanged," the prime minister told newspapermen.

He will go to the White House tomorrow and remain there three days, discussing with President Roosevelt the economic and monetary problems to be considered at the London conference.

## Typhoid Raging; Costs 400 Lives

MANCHULI, Manchuria, April 26—(AP)—Four hundred persons have died in a typhoid epidemic in Siberian regions contiguous to the Manchurian border. The disease was said to be spreading toward Manchuria. Manchukuan authorities have quarantined the frontier.

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day on charges of conspiracy. The indictments resulted from a state's attorney's investigation of the mortgage transactions of Security Life, which has been in receivership since April, 1932.

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