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## Time to Adjourn

Both the president of the senate and the speaker of the house agree in asserting that no emergency exists to justify the calling of a special session of the legislature and that the best thing that can be done is to adjourn and go home and stop the expense.

That this is the view also of a majority of the members of both houses is apparent from their actions, for certainly they have accomplished nothing worth the calling of an extra session—nor are they likely to—for whatever legislation is enacted will be so hastily considered as to probably contain fatal defects.

The truth is that no sentiment existed outside of Portland for a special session. On the contrary, there was and is widespread opposition both to the calling of the session and to the purpose for which it was called—the voting of a tax to pay for an exposition. The fact that this opposition was unorganized has not in the least prevented its effectiveness.

Portland has long considered herself Oregon and figured she had but to demand and the state would comply. Her exposition promoters figured that they had but to command and the legislature would obey—illusions now in a way to be dispelled.

Since the state surrendered to Portland leadership, the average levy rate for state taxes has increased from 1.56 mills in 1912 to 9.39 mills, the levy rate for 1922 taxes.

This is an increase of over 500 per cent, without figuring anything for a Portland exposition.

In 1907 state taxes totalled \$625,000. In 1912 they had grown to \$1,385,616. In 1921 they had jumped to \$9,493,105 while in 1922 the people must plunge up \$9,587,255 to pay for the dance of the tax-eaters.

These figures alone convince the tax-payers of the state that the time has arrived to call a halt and clamp the lid down—that another million a year for three years must not be exacted for an exposition or any other cause, lest taxation spell confiscation.

It is as unfair to the auto owner as it is to the property owner to make him pay for Portland's merry-go-round. The motorist is already paying for the paved highways and their maintenance and further mulcting by means of a gasoline sale tax is penalizing.

Nor is it possible, in the limited time of the session to prepare a satisfactory income tax bill to finance the fair. An income tax is not the need of Oregon—it will merely dig up more money to further inflate the cost of government.

As a matter of fact, no tax can be conjured for an exposition that will not be discriminating and unfair, because it is special legislation in behalf of special interests and a special locality at public expense.

If we are to have an exposition, it should be financed as all other expositions have been, privately and by its beneficiaries. Other cities have had no difficulty in raising money, but Portland made no effort to so finance her proposed exposition or to enlist the support of the state in such financing—because it was easier to soak the tax payer—or the fair boomers thought it was.

Therefore, the suggestions of the president of the senate and the speaker of the house are to the point—the sooner the legislature passes the exposition financing back to the promoters and adjourns, the better for the taxpayers.

## What's New

### The Market

By Rex Stewart

The turkey market is looking exceedingly firm. Forty two cents was offered this morning and a retail price of 48 and 50 cents was established throughout the stores. The retail price may go as high as 55 cents within the next day or two, with a depression on the Portland market Friday or Saturday. Due to the cold weather merchants have bought early with out fear of their stocks spoiling and as a consequence have had jobbers thinking that there is a greater demand than there actually is. Late arrivals of birds in the city are expected to take a decrease. This condition can hardly be expected to affect the local market, which may run short if more offerings are not made.

Black Cornish capons are on the market at a price cheaper than turkey, though the supply is very limited. They are semi-game birds and delicious eating, and are treated on all hotel menus as an extreme delicacy. They are raised locally, have the size of a very small turkey, and are retailing for 45 cents a pound.

A 19 pound ham would make a better Christmas present, to any one needing food, than a turkey. A turkey must be eaten within a day or two, a ham can be kept for a long time and can be purchased for 30 cents a pound.

## Bill to Prohibit Blocs in Congress

Washington, Dec. 21.—A bill prohibiting the formation in congress of "bloccs" based upon particular pursuit or geographical location for the purpose of "in any way affecting legislation" was introduced today by Representative A. C. Clegg, republican, New York. Senators and representatives would be subject to a fine of \$5000 if they were proved they belonged to a "blocc."

## Stuffed Phone Coin Box Rains Nickels on Release

New York, Dec. 21.—Next time you go into a telephone pay station, deposit your nickel, wait five minutes and fall to get your party, and the operator says "I will return your money," and you wait for the familiar tinkle of the jitney in the metallic "coin return" box, and it doesn't come; and you are about to tell the operator that she is not playing fair with you; just take a close look at the slot through which the coins are supposed to drop.

Perhaps you will find there a wedge of paper, wood or some other substance which prevents the release of the coveted coin. And when you take out the plug perhaps you will get, not one nickel, but a whole rain of them.

This novel method of acquiring funds was discovered here when detectives apprehended David Levitch, 18-year-old clerk, in the act of colling from his "route" of telephone coin boxes.

Levitch says he got the idea when he found a coin box in the subway plugged that way.

One evil result of the practice is said to be that a lot of perfectly "dear" telephone operators are talked to in language that is not suited to their feminine ears and understanding.

## Turkey Growers Advised To Sell

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Turkey producers were advised by Harry S. Maddox, state market director, to dispose of their birds at a "reasonable profit" rather than hold them for prices "which may antagonize consumers."

# Starlight

BY THE NOVEL AUTHOR  
Idah McClone Gibson  
The Thrilling and Dramatic Story of Virginia Fairfax's Ambition!

Tommy Warner Calls  
"Why, of course I will not hate you," I reassured the little bride. "I am very glad you got the part. Gloria, you know, asked to be excused. She has some very great trouble that makes it necessary for her to leave the city at once."

"Oh, how lovely!" exclaimed the little bride. "Oh, I don't mean that," she added quickly. "I don't mean it is lovely that she has had the trouble, but I do mean it is lovely that she was not let out. That is the gossip that has been going over the studio. I will do my best to stop it, now that you have told me."

"And your husband is not well, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_?" I hesitated, for I did not know her name.

"Oh, don't you know my name? It is Ruth Drayton. Poor Ralph has not been well since he arrived here. I think it is because he was so worried when he could not get a job either as a publicity man or as a reporter on one of the papers, and my job in the pictures, which was partly promised me, did not show up. If the truth must be told, Miss Winston, Ralph and I should never have married, for while he has not really got tuberculosis his lungs have been affected since he returned from overseas. He has never fully recovered from a gas attack. The doctors tell us that out here he will get better, but of course he hasn't had time yet. He was way down in the depths when I came away this morning and I am just crazy until lunch time, when I can telephone him the good news. You will come and see us won't you, Miss Winston? Ralph will be so happy when he knows that I have met you out here again. We have spoken of you many times since we came and I told Ralph that I had seen you at the studio when I went home last night."

"On the set, Miss Drayton," called Tommy Warner and he stopped to whisper to me: "I would have given you the part if you had had any experience at all. That little girl has been on the stage."

I didn't know it then, but since I have grown to hate that word experience. About every picture studio in Hollywood the word hangs like a pall over the enthusiasm, ambition and talent of those who want to break into the profession.

Directors will tell you: "We think you can do the part. It is absolutely your type, but we can't give it to you for you have had no experience."

I think directors and producers are the most fearful people in all the world. And they are inconsistent, too. They will take long chances and produce a commonplace story by an author who has had more or less popularity. Indeed, it is whispered about Hollywood that many of the producers are so afraid that some other one might get the production of the pen of this of that author that they have signed these men and women up at large salaries, only to find their stories worthless for the screen.

I have often wished, and so has every other youthful aspirant, for screen fame, that they would take the chance with the actor that they do with the author. But no. They toss the word experience to you, and that is to be given a chance.

The day seemed interminable. I did not know what was happening to Ria. I heard the whispers and saw the glances of those about me, and I knew that the word was going about that I had been turned down for Gloria's part. Tommy Warner, also scenting this, was especially nice to me.

Jack Thompson and I were given on all the prominence possible in every scene in which the atmosphere was used. Jack was rather disappointed that I did not get the part, but when I told him about Ruth Drayton and her husband and how much she needed it than I he said: "You are a good sport, Virgie. I thought so the moment I looked at you. I know it now, when I find you are a good loser."

I couldn't make him understand that I had never had the part. "They only shot three scenes in which the atmosphere was used during the whole day and with the thoughts of what Ria might be going through just at this time I thought I should go mad. The usual waiting was absolutely unbearable today."

But at last as I was in Ria's dressing room, which I was now sharing with Ruth Drayton, Tommy Warner came to the door. "Virgie," he said, "I have just had a telephone from Gloria. She wants me to bring you down to her apartment in my car." And then he bent lower and whispered as I stuck my head out of the door: "Virgie, did you know that Gloria and Herb Richardson are going to be married this evening?"

"Yes, I knew it, but I thought it was a dead secret."

"It is. She wants us to go with them and be witnesses. I don't understand it yet, but she is going to do something for Kitty Dalton and Herb is going to stay in town and throw people off the track."

I stepped back and said loudly for Ruth's benefit: "All right, I'll be ready in a minute. So nice of you to take me home."

I knew from the look that Ruth gave me that she thought Tommy Warner had fallen for me (as Ria would say), especially as she said: "I don't think you are going to have any trouble getting on in pictures, Miss Winston."

Tomorrow—Virginia gets a Surprise.

## Shanghai Has Largest Radio Plant in World

Shanghai, China, Dec. 21.—The world's most powerful radio station is to be built in Shanghai. It will be larger than any now in operation in America and as large as the greatest wireless plant in the world at Bordeaux, France.

According to plans now being carried out, the big overseas station will surpass even the Bordeaux station in equipment, as it is to be fitted with all time-saving apparatus of recent invention.

The monster station is to be completed and in operation within 18 months. An idea of its scope may be gathered from the fact that this station will have six towers, each 1006 feet in height. It will be able to communicate with any radio station in the world.

The station will be open to all forms of wireless communication, and, in addition to the commercial service to be given, there will be a press service of 3500 words daily between America and China, thus establishing a continuous daily news service.

The project is being carried out by the Federal Telegraph Company of San Francisco. The work will be done by this company and the Chinese government under terms of the agreement of January 8, 1921. All difficult diplomatic problems and differences of opposing interests that developed when the project was launched have been solved.

An inventor in Italy has devised a machine by which the impressions of a finger-print may be sent by wire.

For the first time in seven years the first complete telephone directory has been issued in Paris.

There are no fewer than 175 different kinds of wood in the forests of Florida.



BLANCHE BLAIR

That Taniac is a wonderful medicine for delicate children is conclusively proven by the remarkable results accomplished in the cases of the three children shown in this picture.

Little Blanche Blair, of Providence, R. I., age 13, gained 19 pounds; Regina McCabe, at right, age 9, of Scranton, Pa., gained 15 pounds; Little Richard Leary, Jr., of Philadelphia, who was very delicate, is now in fine, robust health. The statements made by their parents are as follows:

Mr. A. M. Blair residing at 29 Atwood street, Providence, R. I. said: "We are just so happy over our little girl that we can't do or say enough to show our appreciation. She had lost nearly 20 pounds in weight and looked so frail and weak that her mother and I were both almost worried sick over her condition. Since taking Taniac she has already gained 10 pounds her color is better than it ever has been and she looks and acts like a different girl."

Mrs. Catherine McCabe, 414 Dickens Ave., Scranton, Pa., said: "The 'flu' left my little Regina in such a bad condition that I have no idea she would be with me now if it hadn't been for Taniac. It is a mystery to me how she lived on the little she was eating and was so lifeless she never even cared to play with the dolls and toys she got at Christmas. Since taking Taniac she is as hardy and well as any child could be and has gained 15 pounds in weight. I will always praise Taniac for restoring our little girl's health."

Richard Leary, 2342 Palethorpe St., Philadelphia, said: "There is no doubt in my mind but that Taniac saved my little boy's life."

## Giant Airship Roma In Flight

Washington, Dec. 21.—The semi-rigid dirigible Roma, the largest American airship, arrived over Washington shortly before noon today on her first long distance flight after having been brought to the United States from Italy and reassembled at Langley field, Va.

## Gas Tax Hope

(Continued from Page One.)

and there enough of them indicating an eagerness to wield the axe in execution of the Kuhl property tax bill and the Bean income tax bill to indicate that both if these measures are doomed.

The second conclusion is based upon a statement by Speaker Bean in concluding his arguments in behalf of his income tax bill before the committee in which he warned the legislators that "if they expected to get action on any bills at this session they had better be presented at once as the house is figuring on adjourning Thursday afternoon."

This warning together with Bean's declaration that his income tax bill "offers an opportunity to secure state aid for the fair which you probably may not get in any other way," indicates that any fair financing measure, whatever its nature, is slated for a fight before it can hope to receive the favor of the legislature.

That even the most ardent supporters of the property tax proposal have at last recognized the futility of this cause was shown by the action of the exposition committee in presenting to the committee for its consideration a gasoline tax measure modeled somewhat along the line of the Fletcher bill except that it involves a constitutional amendment to validate this form of taxation.

As a companion bill to the constitutional amendment the legislature will be asked to increase the present tax of two cents per gallon to three cents per gallon. From the revenue derived from this source then \$5000 per month would be diverted to the state highway fund for maintenance purposes, as the entire revenue now is, and the balance would be diverted to the exposition fund until the sum of \$3,000,000 has been accumulated. After that the entire tax would again be diverted to the highway fund.

"In proposing the property tax the exposition committee had no thought of attempting to foreclose the judgment of the legislators as

to how the fair should be financed," Griffiths declared in explaining that the gasoline tax bill also was merely offered as a suggestion for the consideration of the law makers, who, he believed were agreeable to state participation in the fair if only some plan for this financing could be agreed upon.

Griffith on Tax  
"I believe the people of the state want the fair. Advice received by the exposition committee from every section of the state so indicates. But the matter of financing the fair is another thing," Griffith declared.

Under the proposed gasoline tax measure as under the proposed property tax, Griffith explained, Multnomah county would contribute one third of the total state contribution to the fair in addition to the \$2,000,000 voted by the city of Portland.

"Don't adjourn without doing something," he pleaded in explaining that the exposition committee was not advocating any particular method of financing the fair and was not even wedded to the gasoline tax bill if a better method could be devised, for meeting the problem.

Logical Says Kuhl  
Defending his personal property tax before the committee Representative Kuhl declared it to be the "most logical, most sensible and most equitable way" of financing the fair that has yet been proposed.

However he intimated that it might not pass, this depending largely upon whether the legislators had the nerve or courage to stand up for what is for the best interests of the state. Many of the lawmakers who were against his bill he declared, really recognized its merits but were afraid to antagonize their constituents by voting for another property tax.

Speaker Bean, differing with Kuhl, insisted that his income tax proposal was the most equitable way yet offered for financing the fair. By his play, he insisted, only those able to pay an in proportion to their ability to pay.

Whether the income tax was adopted as a means of financing the fair or not it would be adopted ultimately as a solution to Oregon's tax problem, Bean predicted. The bill, he explained, was drafted by Jack Latelle of Portland and was modeled after the federal income tax bill and a model form for state income tax purposes prepared by the National Tax association. It would raise approximately \$2,275,000 a year in Oregon, he declared.

## British Cancel Reservations

Washington, Dec. 31.—The British delegation today cancelled reservation it had made on a steamer sailing from New York on December 31. It was stated members of the delegation think there is little chance of their being able to leave before the middle of January.

The British delegation was said to feel that the action of the Japanese delegation in calling upon Tokyo for further instructions in regard to Shantung would involve considerable delay in the settlement of that question owing to the slowness of cable communication between America and Japan.

It was expected there will be a number of fog ends remaining to be disposed of, which might hold the conference in session until the middle of January.

## Farm Home At Dallas Burned

Dallas, Or., Dec. 21.—A modern farm house was destroyed Sunday night by fire in the Liberty section just south and west of Dallas a few miles. The residence was owned by C. C. Ralph, a well known hop grower and was a loss of several thousand dollars. Nothing was saved except the clothing that was owned by the family. The fire was discovered while the family was eating supper and before anything could be done the building was engulfed by flames.

After the disaster the neighbors in the community cared for the family that night, and the next day Mr. Ralph came to town and secured sufficient supplies to take care of the needs of the family, as they will make their temporary residence in a tenant house which was on the place. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the loss was a great shock to the family, but so far no physical difficulties have resulted. Mr. Ralph will not rebuild until spring.

## Roma Christened With Liquid Air Returns to Base

Washington, Dec. 21.—After having been christened with liquid air, the new army semi-rigid dirigible Roma, purchased by the United States from Italy, left Bolling field at 2:30 p. m. today to return to Langley field, Virginia.

A warning from the weather bureau that a storm, accompanied by high winds, was expected late today, led to the cancellation of much of the program which was to have accompanied her first visit here.

# SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

If you are stung, be glad you might have been bitten.

When it comes to privacy, think how little a goldfish has!

More people arrive at the grave yard by the gorge route than any other.

A cheerful woman is always beautiful, no matter how homely she is.



The fellow who says he can lick any man in town is getting ready to be licked himself.

Before you can get into "good" society you have to quit doing useful work.

HEZ HECK SAYS:  
"A woman remembers more about dresses and hats she sees in church than she does about the sermon."

## Premier Denies Coercing Irish

Belfast, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press)—"I stand by everything I said," declared Robert G. Barton today, when shown the semi-official statement issued in London, denying that Premier Lloyd-George had coerced the Irish plenipotentiaries through a threat of war, as stated by Mr. Barton in the Dail Eireann. Mr. Barton was a member of the Sinn Fein delegation which signed the treaty.

## Accuse 13 of Night Murder

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press)—A statement declaring thirteen men charged with murder in connection with the killing last Tuesday night of Joe Carroll at Wilson were part of approximately 150 men who assembled at night in a secluded pasture and sent eight of their number to Carroll's home to bring him to the pasture, was issued here today by James H. Mathers, county attorney.

## No Third Party In Divorce Case Alleges Mrs. Crum

Affirming that she instituted the divorce suit against her husband, Lester Robert Crum, of her own accord, and not through the instigation of third parties, Mrs. Robert Crum filed her affidavit, stating that she had agreed to return to her husband because he had "insistently avowed a change of heart and disposition toward her." In the circuit court this afternoon.

The complaint of Mrs. Crum alleges that she was beaten by her husband and that he drank lemon extract. In his motion for dismissal of the suit, Crum, alleged that a third party had persuaded his wife to get a divorce and the action was not brought through her own desires.

Judge George G. Bingham signed an order accompanying the affidavit, dismissing the suit.

## Coos Harbor To Be Improved

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.—Proposed improvement of Coos Bay harbor by construction of two jetties is to be covered in a report now being prepared by army engineers, according to assurances given United States Senator McNary and Stanfield of Oregon, the Portland chamber of commerce has been advised by the senators. This report will reach congress in time to be within the provisions of the rivers and harbors bill, the senators' message stated.

Miss Julia Stimson, dean of the army nurses' training school, is the first and only woman major in the United States army.

## Conference Marks Time On Navy C

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press)—The armistice negotiations again stood in jeopardy today while the French worked out their estimates for an adequate allotment of auxiliary craft, the Japanese waited for further advice from Tokyo regarding Shantung and the British prepared presentation to the conference their case for abolition of the marine.

In the interim there was widespread speculation among delegates as to what might be the development in the discussions relative to application of the four power treaty to the islands of the Japanese empire. The difference in interpretation revealed yesterday between President Harding and the plenipotentiaries led to the questions in some quarters that tonight might be taken by the delegates themselves further to the language of the treaty.

## Japs Want Open Door For Siberia

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press)—The question to how Siberian matters will be dealt with at the present conference depends largely upon the attitude of the United States, it was declared today in Japanese circles. It was pointed out that any question raised at the conference program could be taken up so far as the Japanese were concerned.

Japan's position with reference to Siberia was reiterated as "no territorial ambitions for Japan" and every desire to see the principle of equal opportunity throughout Siberia.

Among some Japanese the sense of accredited delegates a solid and substantial program government was developed, making it more difficult to take any concrete action.

## Daniels Asserts Subs Must

Charlotte, S. C., Dec. 21.—The submarine is a "root and branch" menace, reached for reduction of armaments, and the Atlantic ocean solved, the Washington conference will have failed to its full duty and purpose, Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, declared in a dress last night.