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SENATE PASSES SHOALS BILL

ELEVATION OF GUNS IS HELD PERMISSIBLE

Program For Modernizing Battleships Allowed Under Arms Treaty, Is Hughes' Contention.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Congress was informed today that the administration does not regard the much debated proposal to modernize American battleships as conflicting with the arms treaty, but that President Coolidge believes both the modernization program and certain proposed new construction would conflict with his policy of economy.

Secretary Hughes, in a letter to the house naval committee, declared Japan and the United States agreed that elevation of guns on American capital ships would be in harmony with the treaty, although Great Britain has taken the opposite view.

Secretary Wilbur, appearing before the same committee, said although the navy department would like to see enough construction and alteration to bring the navy as a whole up to the 5-5-3 ratio, the expenditures necessary had been vetoed by the budget bureau with the backing of the president.

Secretary Hughes took the position that elevation of guns on American capital ships would not violate the arms treaty, although it might have the unfortunate effect of tending to promote naval competition.

The letter also recited that while Great Britain had taken the view that the alterations proposed would prove a violation of the treaty, Japan took the opposite position.

M. Hughes wrote the committee in response to a resolution asking whether any protests against the elevation program had been made by foreign powers. The British ambassador, he said, on March 15, 1923, had brought up the subject, "earnestly appealing" to the state department against any alteration of the present gun elevations and giving positive assurances that no such alterations had been made on any British capital ship after its commission.

BRYAN' FAREWELL PLEA FOR DRASTIC STATE ECONOMIES

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—Governor Charles W. Bryan, former democratic vice-presidential nominee, bid goodbye to the people of Nebraska's governor today, surrendering his office at inaugural exercises to Adam McMillen, republican, after making a plea for rigid economy through the abolition of several state departments.

Following his plea, made also in his budget message of yesterday, when he asked for drastic cuts totalling \$4,838,292.72, the retiring executive reviewed his two year administration, pointing to the reduction in the number of state employees and the cut in taxes which he said totalled approximately 23 per cent as compared to the preceding republican administration of 1921 and 1922.

Salient points of Governor Bryan's farewell message were: Advocated abolition of state department of agriculture, finance and insurance departments. Recommended the legislature to adopt full program of capital commission for construction of new state house.

POLK COUNTY ROAD FUND IN RELIEF 45,000

Audit of Books Reveals Big Shortage For 1924 With December Claims Yet To Be Paid.

Dallas, Or., Jan. 8.—The Polk county general road fund and market road funds are in the red for a total of \$45,332.35 with the December bills against these funds yet to be added, according to the books of County Clerk Hugh G. Black. This comes as a rather startling revelation, inasmuch as the county has long followed a pay-as-you-go policy in the matter of roads.

Apparently the exact status of affairs was not known by anyone until the county clerk's books were totaled up to show the condition of things at the end of the year.

Real Shortage Conceded. At the budget meeting it was brought out that the funds were overdrawn and Judge Robinson stated on questioning by Judge-elect Hawkins that the market road fund was overdrawn about \$15,000 and the general road fund about \$5,000 or \$6,000. The county books show that there is \$17,130 outstanding against the general road fund and \$28,195.57 against the market road fund. This latter huge total is due partly to the fact that the state is withholding approximately \$13,000 pending an adjustment of affairs because of purchase of road machinery out of market road funds.

It will not be known until the court acts on December bills, at an adjourned meeting to be held today, just how much more will be placed against these funds. The general fund of the county, likewise low and with all the December court bills, shows an expense to meet yet, there is approximately \$4,000 remaining.

Market Road Fund Relieved. While the condition of the general road fund has shown the county some \$19,000 to \$12,000 deeper into the hole than the darkest forebodings of the incoming county court members had anticipated, the matter of state

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BARNES VISITS CITY AFTER 25 YEARS ABSENCE

T. H. Barnes, real estate operator in Salem 25 years ago and more, is back in the city today trying to locate old landmarks and old friends. The former, he finds, are about as scarce as the latter. He looked through the directory, but he found few of the old names. Some, however, he recognized as the sons of his old-time acquaintances.

Mr. Barnes left Salem in 1900, and is now making his home in Alliance, Nebraska. During his years here he was actively engaged in real estate promotion and was one of the organizers of opening up the Englewood addition. It was largely through his efforts that the subscriptions necessary to secure construction of the North Seventeenth street car line, abandoned during the past few months, were secured.

Commenting upon the radical growth and changes in the city, Mr. Barnes said that the period of expansion through which Salem is now passing is what he and his associates looked for 25 years ago.

McCoy Given 1 to 10 Years For Murder

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—Karl McCoy, ex-prize fighter, convicted of manslaughter here last week for the murder of Mrs. Theresa W. Mora last August, was sentenced today to from one to ten years in San Quentin prison.

Superior Judge Charles Craft, before passing sentence, denied the defense motion for a new trial which claimed charges of 15 counts of error during the trial. The most prominent of the charges was directed at the "compromise verdict" of manslaughter.

McCoy was indicted for first degree murder.

Attorney H. L. Geisler, who defended McCoy, announced that he would appeal to the higher courts.

CONFERENCE OPTIMISTIC

Paris, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press).—The conference of allied finance ministers, called to settle a number of points connected with German reparation payments, had a session of half an hour this afternoon to consider a program.

The hours preceding the session were spent by the various delegations in unofficial conversations which so far have comprised most of the progress achieved by the ministers.

American Ambassador Herrick, Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer; French Finance Minister Clementel, Premier Theunis of Belgium, Finance Minister Stefani of Italy and Viscount Ishii of Japan, ambassador to France, held an unofficial meeting earlier in the afternoon at M. Clementel's office. This meeting lasted about one hour and a half and at its close Ambassador Herrick and Mr. Churchill, arm in arm, walked slowly to the foreign office for the official meeting. They appeared to be carrying on an earnest conversation.

The conference decided that the best way to do its work was to continue private talks between the delegates and an adjournment was taken until Monday.

BROOKHART TO FACE CONTEST

Washington, Jan. 8.—A contest of the election of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican, Iowa, was filed in the senate today on behalf of Dan F. Stack, his democratic opponent.

The petition was filed by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader. It will go to the senate privileges and elections committee.

Errors and irregularities in counting the ballots in each of the 99 counties of Iowa are charged by Seack.

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LANDLORDS MAKE WAR ON COOLIDGE

President Stirs Up Hornets Nest In Effort To Regulate Rentals In Washington City.

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge, at the November election, was given a four year extension of his lease on the White House, but nevertheless he is having plenty of trouble these days with Washington landlords.

By initiating steps to bring about permanent government regulation of residence rentals in the District of Columbia, Mr. Coolidge, whose own home in Northampton, Mass., is the rented half of a double house, has brought down upon his head the wrath of Washington real estate men. The result has been to fill the air here with statements and counter statements regarding rents, the insertion of half page advertisements in newspapers by the real estate interests, and broadcasting by the realtors of urgent appeals for aid from their associates in other cities.

President Coolidge entered the lists about two weeks ago on the side of the tenants by requesting Richard Whaley, chairman of the District of Columbia rent commission and a former member of the house from North Carolina to draw up a regulatory bill based on the police power of the federal government to maintain sanitary and moral conditions in the district.

The new legislation requested by the president would take the place of the existing rent act, first passed in 1919 and since twice extended, setting up a commission to determine fair rentals on application either of the tenant or owner. This law, enacted as a war emergency, expires next May, and since last June has been inoperative by court decision affirming to the contention of the real estate men that the war emergency had ceased to exist.

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Ross, in his testimony, assailed Clanton, declaring that waste of funds which he formerly had attributed to Carl P. Shoemaker, he had discovered, after becoming a member of the commission, were due to Clanton's management of the hatcheries.

Clanton said today that later he expected to issue a statement refuting Ross' statement.

"It was with the commission for 15 years," said Clanton, "under some of the best commissioners the state has ever had, and I am going to protect my reputation."

The governor has not yet announced his decision as to whether he will remove Ross. When first notified by the governor that he had been removed Ross refused to quit without a hearing, and at the conclusion of the hearing the governor took the case under advisement.

CAMPAGN MANAGER CHANGED ELECTION RETURNS New York, Jan. 8.—George Rosken, a campaign manager for Representative Nathan Perlman, republican, who was re-elected to congress from the fourteenth New York district last November today told District Attorney Barton that he had been hired to change the returns in Perlman's district, so as to count out William I. Sirach, democratic candidate and re-elect Mr. Perlman.

LEGISLATOR SEEKS TO DIVORCE WIFE



MRS. EDNA JAMES SCOTT, wife of Representative Frank D. Scott in the latter's action for divorce in the courts at Alpena, Mich.

Startling allegations, which have thrown Washington into a furor, have been made against Mrs. Edna James Scott, wife of Representative Frank D. Scott in the latter's action for divorce in the courts at Alpena, Mich. He accuses her of extravagance and indiscretions. She denies his charges in toto and has depicted the wifeness of a dry congress in her testimony.

Heroic Rescue of Drowning Airplane Achieved by Minto

"Rush quickly, an airplane just dove nose first into the waters of the Willamette river!"

Out of breath, a stranger yesterday rushed up to Policeman Lew Olson on the street with the foregoing terrifying news.

Being a man of action, Olson acted. Full steam ahead he rushed to the police station, routed out Chief Minto, some of his aides, the city pumotor and a section of the fire department, with ladders and complete equipment, except the new aerial "ladder," which seemed to have been overlooked some way in the excitement.

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ROBBERS SLAY BEND MILLHAND

Bend, Or., Jan. 8.—Alex Rouchek, 55, Russian mill worker, was found brutally murdered amid flames of his cabin here by city firemen at 4:30 o'clock this morning. Rouchek was struck down by an unknown assailant. Several deep gashes were inflicted on hand and face. Authorities believed robbery was the motive.

Identification cards show Rouchek entered Minnesota 20 years ago as an alien under name of Alex Krowczyk. He received mail here under names of Rouchek and Kram. Money orders for \$100 have been sent Maryna Shigorenko Kram in Poland. Rouchek, according to Shevlin-Hixon mill officials where he worked, was married, and has a wife and three children living in Russia.

MUSSOLINI DENOUNCED BY 80 DEPUTIES

Aventive Opposition Refuses To Return To Parliament As Protest Against Fascisti Rule.

Rome, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press).—At a plenary meeting of the deputies of the Aventine opposition today it was decided to continue to abstain from parliamentary work as a sign of protest against the fascist government of Premier Mussolini.

The meeting, attended by 80 deputies, also sent out a message to the country violently denouncing the fascist regime and setting forth the reasons of the opposition why the coming elections should not be conducted by the present government.

Rome, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press).—Arrangements are under way for the reopening of the chamber of deputies, which adjourned last Saturday until its committee should be ready to report on the electoral bill introduced by Premier Mussolini.

Interest centers in the question whether the deputies of the Aventine opposition will decide to reenter the chamber or continue their policy of abstention. A plenary meeting of the various opposition groups is being held today when the exact plan of campaign will be decided. The most prominent opposition leaders have joined in framing a manifesto to the country which they already term a "historic document." Those who have read it say various passages can be recognized as coming from the pens of Signor Turati, leader of the intransigent socialists; former Premier Giolitti and former Premier Orlando.

Meanwhile the excitement over the first energetic measure adopted by the government in its campaign to "clear the situation" is gradually subsiding, and it is not considered likely that the opposition's manifesto will cause much of a stir except perhaps among discussion between the fascist and opposition newspapers.

The chief efforts of the opposition at present are understood to be bent toward avoiding a schism between those who wish to return to the chamber and those who insist upon remaining away.

COUNTY COURTS TO CONFER UPON NEW COAST ROAD

Dallas, Or., Jan. 8.—A joint meeting of the Polk and Lincoln county courts will probably be held in the near future to consider some feasible plan of building the Falls City-Lincoln county highway to establish a short route to Newport for all valley points north and east of Independence and Monmouth. A delegation of Falls City business men met Wednesday with the county court, in company with representatives of the Dallas commercial club.

The Lincoln county district chiefly interested in the road has proposed a joint Polk-Lincoln road district for the purpose of levying a special tax to build the road. As only a mile of Lincoln county road will be unfinished the Polk county section would receive a heavy share of the funds. But the road would open up and develop a rich section of Lincoln county which now needs an outlet.

There is no prospect of Polk county aid on the road this year, but the court and Falls City and Dallas citizens are interested in it and undoubtedly the movement is underway. Some legal obstacles may be in the way of a joint county district.

Broker Under Arrest Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—On charges in a complaint of Idaho, P. A. McMaster, a broker of Idaho Falls, was in jail here today. He was arrested yesterday on accusation of accepting \$551 from Nollson brothers, of Idaho Falls, for sugar stock that he didn't deliver.

UNDERWOOD BILL PASSES VOTE 48-37

After Month's Debate Measure Providing For Leasing Muscle Shoals Project Wins Out.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The senate today voted to substitute the Underwood bill, providing private operation at Muscle Shoals, for the Norris government operation bill, but left the measure pending subject to amendment.

The vote was 48 to 37 and many of those who voted believed they were disposing of the problem so far as the senate was concerned. After a long parliamentary wrangle President Cummins ruled the action was merely on substitution for the Norris bill.

The Underwood bill, providing for private leasing of the project then formally was substituted for the measure passed by the house leasing the property to Henry Ford by a viva voce vote. Mr. Ford has withdrawn his offer for the property since the house acted. That body must now act again on the subject.

The senate roll call follows: For the Underwood bill: Republicans—Ball, Butler, Barsum, Cameron, Curtis, Dale, Edge, Fernald, Foss, Hale, Jones of Washington, Keyes, Ladd, McCormick, McLean, Means, Metcalf, Oddie, Pepper, Phipps, Reed of Pennsylvania, Shortridge, Swoot, Stanfield, Sterling, Wadsworth, Warren, Watson, Weller and Willis—39.

Democrats—Bayard, Broussard, Bruce, Caraway, Dial, Edwards, Fletcher, George, Gerry, Harrison, Hefflin, King, Owen, Pittman, Robinson, Shields, Stanley and Underwood—18.

Against the Underwood bill: Republicans—Borah, Brookhart, Capper, Conzen, Cummins, Ernst, Frazier, Gooding, Harrell, Howland, Johnson of California, LaFollette, McKinley, McNary, Norbeck and Norris—16.

Democrats—Ashurst, Copeland, Dill, Ferris, Glass, Harris, Jones of New Mexico, Kendrick, McKellar, Mayfield, Neely, Overman, Ransdell, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Swanson, Trammel, Walsh of Massachusetts and Walsh of Montana—29.

Farmer labor—Shipstead—1. Total 37. Following the vote the senate tied itself into a knot over the question of whether it was merely on substitution for the Norris measure or amounted in fact to adoption. It was pointed out that Senator Jones, republican, Washington, has pending a substitute for both the Underwood and Norris bills.

Pairs were announced as follows: Spencer, republican, Missouri, for, with Dalton, democrat, Indiana, against; Moses, republican, New Hampshire, for, with Wheeler, democrat, Montana, against; Stephens, democrat, Mississippi, for, with Johnson, farmer-labor, Minnesota, against.

Senators absent and unpaired, were: Elkins, West Virginia; Leonard, Wisconsin; and Green, Vermont, republicans; and Reed, Missouri, democrat.

AGREEMENT ON WAR DAMAGES

Paris, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press).—The British-American negotiations concerning the payment of war damages to the United States are proving more arduous than originally expected, but both the British and American delegations expressed confidence tonight that they would be ready to go before the plenary session of the finance ministers conference Monday morning with a proposition acceptable to all the allies.

Paris, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press).—Finance Minister Clementel, discussing the American debt question with the French press is quoted today as saying: "I hope we will arrive at negotiations with the United States on the matter of our debts and that they will be fruitful. But there is nothing being done now."