

OIL TANKER ABLAZE AT SEA

KAY CHARGES PIERCE WITH CUTTING LEVY

Treasurer Accuses Governor and Myers of Putting State In Heav As Revenge.

That Governor Pierce and Jefferson Myers, former state treasurer, as majority members of the state budget and tax commissions deliberately cut the state tax levy to 1.9 mills to put the legislature and the state in the hole as a part of revenge for the defeat of the income tax at the November election was the charge hurled by T. H. Kay, state treasurer, before the joint ways and means committee last night.

With the facts and figures before them showing plainly that conditions existing to do with state finances would demand a levy of about 2 mills, Pierce and Myers sought to force re-enactment of the income tax by placing the direct levy at such a low figure as to leave the state without sufficient revenue unless other tax sources are opened up, Kay intimated.

He charged that the reductions had been made in an attempt to make good the governor's previous boasts as to how he would reduce taxes, and pointed out that because the levy has been around 3 mills in recent years, and because of the 6 per cent increase limitation, the state would be prevented from getting back to a normal financial basis for years to come.

Kay asserted that these two officials, in his opinion, had deliberately cut the state tax levy to about 1.9 mills, while all conditions having to do with state finances made necessary a levy of about 2 mills. He expressed the opinion that this had been done deliberately to cripple the state as a sort of revenge for the defeat of the state income tax.

Budget Misleading.

Kay asserted that \$2,501,912.53 which the state budget mentions as in excess of estimated revenues is misleading and can be greatly reduced. He stated further that the budget commission had re-

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FARM RELIEF BOARD DRAFTS CONCLUSIONS

Washington, Jan. 22.—The president's agricultural commission expects to submit next week its recommendations for the relief of agriculture.

Sections of the report are being drafted but members decline to indicate the nature of their conclusions.

The commission several days ago gave the president a preliminary report suggesting means of relief for the livestock industry. Since then it has been studying marketing, export problems, tariff protection and freight rates.

Endorsement by the farm group in congress and early enactment of a modified McNary-Haugen farm measure is sought by the American council of agriculture.

Arguments in favor of the modified bill were presented at a joint meeting last night of the senate and house agriculture committees.

Hearing of the council's spokesmen by the committee was in line with a plan on the part of the congressional farm group to get behind some farm relief bill in the hope that it can be passed at this session. No decision was reached as to what attitude should be taken on the council's bill.

The committee was told that the bill, while following the general lines of the original McNary-Haugen measure, which was defeated in the house last session, contained none of what were considered as the main objectionable features of that measure. Not only will the tariff law be let alone by the new measure, witnesses contended but the price ratio provisions of the first bill, have been stricken out.

BORAH OR PAYMENT OF WAR DEBTS

Attitude of U. S. Defender In Senate—More Generous to Allies Than To Taxpayers.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A defense of the American government's attitude toward war debts was delivered in the senate today by Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee.

The United States, he said, had been more generous to its associates in the war than to the American taxpayers.

Deputy Marine's declaration in the French chamber yesterday that it would be a moral iniquity for the United States to compel France to pay her four billion dollar debt is regarded by officials of the American debt commission as an isolated explosion rather than an echo of French official opinion.

The French deputy apparently had forgotten, it was pointed out, today, that the United States made no claim for German reparations except a small percentage of the cost of the army of occupation and damage claims. This is regarded here as a fact which the French government cannot be allowed to overlook.

After senate adjournment yesterday of a proposal that it authorize and request President Coolidge to call another arms conference, Senator McKellar, democrat of Tennessee, presented a resolution that would request the president to obtain information as to whether Great Britain had violated the existing arms covenant in the construction of Rodney and Nelson. The two ships have been described in the senate as combination battleships and aircraft carriers.

In the meanwhile, the senate's action in accepting an amendment to the naval supply bill yesterday, without debate, the proposal for another arms conference stood in a little clearer light today.

FEDERAL AID FOR PORTS ASKED

The house this morning adopted senate joint memorial No. 2, calling for aid from congress to develop coast ports of Oregon, Washington and northern California.

The house suspended rules to pass house bill No. 117, introduced by the ways and means committee, to meet sundry deficiency expenses of the state. The emergency board has approved the expenditures, which in turn have been approved and recommended by the ways and means committee.

The bill calls for approximately \$135,000. It covers among other matters the cost of reconstructing certain buildings destroyed at the penitentiary by fire in 1923, surety bond premiums for the state treasurer, funds for fighting the alfalfa weevil and many other items.

Three Ears Too Many Boy Loses One Under Local Surgeon's Knife

Children born with extra fingers, extra toes and even extra arms are not unheard of. In fact, people have been seen with almost everything from an odd chin to a stray leg fastened to the body at some fleshy point. But when Jimmy Geary of Oils, Oregon, walked into the Deaconess hospital yesterday, doctors there immediately decided that he had sprang something new.

Jimmy had three ears.

The extra one was a little smaller than the rest and was perched immediately in front of his left ear—that is, in front of his other left ear.

Jimmy thought two ears were all he needed. The boys at school made life miserable for him talking about his extra one, he said. And anyway, he couldn't hear out of it, so what was the use of carrying it around?

Perhaps these were his only reasons. Or perhaps he failed to mention the hardest part of all—growing each morning when he came to breakfast, his mother would give him that icy stare and demand to know—

"Jimmy, have you washed all three of your ears?"

Anyway, at the hospital yesterday Jimmy's extra ear was gently removed by Dr. Findley, Salem ear specialist. Incidentally his tonsils and adenoids were removed at the same time.

Jimmy went back to his home at Oils this morning. He is feeling very well, thank you.

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POLICE BOOZE JURY FAILS TO REACH VERDICT

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 22.—The jury in the trial of twelve Weehawken and Jersey City police officials and citizens, charged with violation of the state prohibition laws, reported this morning that it was unable to agree on a verdict. The judge dismissed the jury. Assistant Prosecutor McMahon announced that the case would be retried, possibly within two weeks.

For the last 15 of the 18 hours and 53 minutes that the jury had been out, H. A. Lauenstein, the foreman, reported nine men had stood for conviction with the remaining three stubbornly refusing to change their acquittal vote.

The first ballot was 8 to 4 for conviction. It was reported. The police defendants, all in uniform smiled broadly.

STEALS \$38,623 FROM METHODISTS

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.—Fred A. Day, cashier of the Methodist Book Concern here was charged with embezzlement of \$38,623.28 in an information filed today in criminal court. Officials of the book concern said the alleged embezzlement had extended over more than a year.

The book concern is one of the major religious publishing houses in the United States. It was organized several years ago by the Methodist Episcopal church.

Harold Marshall, assistant prosecutor who drew the information said that it was based on accusations of George D. Colter, New York, comptroller of the Methodist Book Concern.

Dundee Disqualified

Paris, Jan. 22.—(By Associated Press.)—Johnny Dundee, former featherweight champion of the world, and his manager, Jimmy Johnston, were disqualified indefinitely by the French boxing federation.

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WANT REGENTS FOR STATE BLIND, DEAF SCHOOLS

A board of regents for the state school for the deaf and the state school for the blind would be created by a bill introduced by Senator Corbett today.

The board would be composed of seven members. These would be the state superintendent of schools, the dean of the school of vocational education of the University of Oregon, the dean of the school of vocational education of the Oregon Agricultural college, the president of Oregon normal school and three citizens of the state at large, two of whom would be women. The latter three would be appointed by the state board of control for terms of three, four and five years respectively, from June 1, 1925, and thereafter the terms would be five years each.

Another bill introduced by Corbett would empower the state child welfare commission with authority to fix standards of qualifications for the superintendents and instructors of the state industrial school for girls, and state training school for boys and the state institution for the feeble minded. Should vacancies occur in the superintendencies of any of these institutions the commission would furnish the state board of control with a list of eligible for appointment.

AUTO TRUCK LICENSE HEARING TUESDAY NIGHT

Joint session of the house and senate roads and highways committees will be held next Tuesday night to take up the Swan-Oakes bill providing for rigid licensing and control of bus and truck lines.

The bill, prepared under the direction of the railroads, would place truck and bus lines under permanent handicaps as it now stands. The committees on the same night will consider house bill 19, introduced by the joint roads and highway committee at the request of the governor's special committee. This is also designed to regulate commercial carriers on roads and highways of the state. Representatives of bus proponents and opponents of the two measures will be on hand.

The house roads and highways committees will report favorably on house bills No. 26 and No. 48. The first denies a motor truck as a carrier of three-fourths of a ton capacity. The second relates to agreements between county courts and cities for road work. The two measures were considered by the roads and highways committee of the house last night.

A fleet of bills representing the governor's special committee recommendations on highway matters and introduced by the joint roads and highway committees will be discussed and taken up by the house committee next Monday night.

Dorothy Dawn Weils.

New York, Jan. 22.—Larry Remon, screen comedian today obtained a license to marry Dorothy Dawn, a film actress.

TWO PLANS TO RESTORE CONVENTION

Mills Post-Primary And Jackson County Pre-Primary Plans Before Legislature For Action.

By Harry N. Crain

With two diametrically opposed plans for modification of the direct primary system before the legislature, members and observers are today examining into the relative merits of both and speculating on the possibility that a division will arise which will defeat submission of either to the electorate.

Shorn of all confusing details relating to the selection of delegates to the nominating convention proposed by both, the plans are to seek the same end—the election of party responsibility. The Mills plan, with which the public is more or less familiar through the columns of publicity that have been given it in the newspapers, would provide for a nominating convention to be held following the primary to nominate candidates for offices where none of the candidates in the primary received 40 per cent of the vote. The convention would also formulate a platform to be binding upon all of the candidates of that party.

The second plan, offered by the Jackson county delegation, is patterned closely after the suggestion advanced by I. N. Day something more than a year ago and which, in part, has been in operation in Jackson county. It calls for nominating conventions to be held prior to the primary elections, with the stipulation that independent candidates would be permitted to seek nomination in the primary. The candidates nominated in the convention would be so designated on the primary ballots, and they would be pledged to the platform drawn up by the convention.

The advantage claimed for the Jackson county plan is that it would give no opportunity for the growth of "boss ruled" conventions, and would not permit manipulation of candidates in the primary to defeat the expressed choice of the voters.

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the respective plans there is no gainsaying the fact that both will come up for final consideration with strong organizations behind them, and that the generals of the opposing forces are right now marshaling their forces for the contest that is inevitable.

The pre-balling contest for strength will likely prove one of the interesting floor campaigns of the session, inasmuch as there is a large percentage of the membership of both houses not yet ready to commit themselves to either scheme, and a generous sprinkling of those who are not friendly to any tampering with the primary system.

REICHSTAG APPROVES CHANCELLOR'S PROGRAM

Berlin, Jan. 22.—(By Associated Press.)—The reichstag today approved the government's program as outlined by Chancellor Luther, by a vote of 246 to 160.

The new government of Dr. Luther was also approved by the reichstag the vote being 228 to 180.

WASHINGTON SOLONS VOTE TO SPLIT SESSION

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 22.—Opposition to Governor Hartley's program of a shortened session, with an extraordinary session to be called next fall, divided to a minority of eight votes in both houses when a joint resolution accepting the governor's recommendations passed both houses.

Plans for Linen Mill Arrive from Ireland Work to Begin Soon

Tentative plans for the B. C. Miles linen mill arrived this morning in the mail from Belfast, Ireland, where Robert H. Bannan-in-law to Mr. Miles, is working with Fairbairn, Lawson, Combe, Barbour, Ltd., manufacturers of linen machinery in the planning of the Salem mill.

With the completion of the sanitary sewer now being constructed at the location of the mill site on Fairgrounds road, and the subsequent drainage of the site, construction work will begin at once, according to Mr. Miles.

Trained men and engineers will be brought from Ireland to superintend the setting up of the mill machinery. This machinery is being made at the Belfast factory of the Fairbairn company and will be shipped, direct, by freight from Liverpool, England, to Portland via the Panama canal.

The machinery manufacturing firm is one of the best in the British Isles and has three monster factories, one located at Leeds, England.

Mr. Bannan has been in Belfast since July, and will remain there until the complete set of machinery is sent to Salem. The fact that no factory in the United States attempts to manufacture linen machinery forced Mr. Miles to go to Ireland for his equipment, he explains.

Name Governor's Son In Bribe Scandal



RUSSELL G. DAVIS

Russell G. Davis, 27, son of ex-Governor Jonathan M. Davis, of Kansas, was snapped in a Topeka court, where he and his father appeared, on the governor's last day in office, to answer to charges of selling a pardon to Fred W. Pollman, convicted banker, for \$1250. Both denied their guilt.

HOUSE PASSES MINOR BILLS AT TODAY'S SESSION

The Banks bill passed by the senate yesterday providing for appeal to the courts from license revocations reached the house this morning and referred to the committee on revision of laws.

The house passed three minor bills this morning. One introduced by Swan provides for a change in the code covering wills and would make all wills void in case of marriages.

House bill No. 15, introduced by Winslow and providing for more rigid inspection regulations of the Tillamook county dairy herds was passed.

House bill No. 53 introduced by Fisher, Douglas county, passed it provides that certain stock may run at large in sections of Douglas county not permitted under the present law.

House bill 68, introduced by Shroek of Clackamas county, providing for use of the same textbooks in all elementary public schools of the state was laid on the table at the request of its author.

A bill widening the scope of the dairy herd inspector of Linn county, introduced by Tucker of Linn, was a new measure introduced.

The house game committee announced a public hearing for 8 p. m. tonight to consider house joint memorial No. 1 requesting congress not to pass the proposed federal migratory bird refuge act.

WHEAT GROWERS ASK STATE AID IN PLANTING

Senator Taylor today received a letter and a resolution from the wheat growers of Morrow county, asking legislative aid for the grain men there, where, it is claimed, from 50 to 75 per cent of the winter wheat will have to be reseeded because of damage caused by cold weather.

The situation in being placed before the governor and the legislature, and several weeks ago the governor said he probably would ask aid for farmers in some of the counties in that part of the state.

The Morrow county farmers met at Lexington, Monday, and made an estimate of their damage and at that time decided to ask the legislature for help. This blow, following several years of short crops and low prices, has placed many of the farmers in a position where they are unable to purchase seed for reseeded purposes. The banks are unable to finance the situation. Unless the land is reseeded, it is claimed, bankruptcy will result for a large number of farmers and banks.

Action, it is declared, must be taken at once or it will be too late to do any good.

GAME BOARD WANTS TO LICENSE WOMEN

Women will be compelled to obtain hunting and fishing licenses as well as men under an amendment the game committee will propose in a bill this afternoon. The game committee will also propose a section addition to the game code making it possible for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines to hunt and fish without license.

BANK CODE INTRODUCED BY BUTLER

Greater Power To Superintendent and Greater Protection to Depositors Required by Senate Bill

The revised banking code, prepared by the legislative committee of the State Bankers' association, was introduced in the senate today by Senator Butler, chairman of the committee on banking. By giving greater power to the state superintendent of banks the measure places certain restrictions on banks and trust companies by removing certain assets held not legal for investment in the various departments.

Capital stock requirements are bolstered up by the bill. Under this measure the minimum capital stock allowed would be \$25,000, applying to towns with population of 3000 or less. At present this minimum is \$15,000. For towns with population from 3000 to 25,000 a capital of \$50,000 would be required. For cities with population from 25,000 to 50,000 a capital stock of not less than \$100,000 would be required, and for those of more than 50,000 the capital stock must be at least \$200,000. One exception is that for cities of more than 50,000 if a bank is located two miles or more from the postoffice by the usual route of travel and \$50,000 capitalization is sufficient.

Greater protection to depositors, particularly savings depositors, is afforded by a requirement that capital shall be segregated between the commercial and the savings departments.

To Fix Terms

A bill introduced by Senator Corbett today would fix the terms of members of the child welfare commission as follows, beginning with January 1, this year:

The appointee of the president of the state medical association, four years; the appointee of the president of the state university, five years, all others for terms of one, two and three years respectively, and thereafter all shall hold for five years. Any vacancy which may occur in the commission shall

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LAUSANNE PACT RESURRECTED

Washington, Jan. 22.—The long pending Lausanne treaty providing for resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey had been brought out of relative obscurity today by a White House dinner conference concerning its position in the senate.

At the invitation of President Coolidge, members of the senate foreign relations committee discussed the treaty at the White House last night with Richard Washburn Child, former ambassador to Italy, who represented the United States in its negotiation.

The conference was said to have been devoted largely to a presentation by Mr. Child of his views as to the importance of senate action on the treaty, which has been pending in committee for more than a year.

BURNING SHIP PLAINLY SEEN FROM SHORE

Craft Burning Off Huntington Beach Believed To Be Oil Tanker; Huge Clouds of Smoke Rising

Huntington Beach, Cal., Jan. 22.—Indications that an oil tanker is afire about 10 miles off shore from here were reported today by representatives of the Associated Oil company field office, who said they saw through field glasses a vessel apparently burning with large clouds of black smoke, assumed to be from oil.

San Pedro, Cal., Jan. 22.—Radio calls were broadcast for vessels believed to be in the vicinity of the craft reported burning off Huntington Beach, some 12 miles south of here today. Marine observers reported that three oil tankers might be in the position. The Charles Watson, the H. M. Storey and the Tacito. The Watson is en route from San Diego to San Pedro, while the Storey and Tacito put to sea from this port early today with oil cargoes.

Huntington Beach, Cal., Jan. 22.—Observers with long range glasses reported that the vessel afire, now about four miles from Seal Beach, was a craft about fifty feet in length, apparently a fishing boat or a pleasure craft. They said she was not an oil tanker. Union Oil and General Petroleum boats are going to her assistance.

FOUND GUILTY OF STRINGING UP MAN IN TREE

Vale, Or., Jan. 22.—A verdict of guilty was brought in today in the trial of Bert and Melis Lawrence, charged with assault with intent to kill. The jury retired at 10:30 last night. The minimum penalty provided by law for the offense is a fine of \$100 and the maximum 10 years in the state penitentiary. The defendants will be sentenced Monday afternoon.

The defendants admitted they had strung up Ralph Harvey with a rope over the limb of a cottonwood tree October 14, near Ironside, in northern Malheur county, but contended they had done so only once. Harvey testified he had been pulled up three times by the rope about his neck.

Harvey said the attack was made upon him to force him to confess that he had informed the district attorney of bootlegging operations, but the defense held the affair was staged in order to scare Harvey into leaving the country because he was continually making advances to Bert Lawrence's wife and had been the cause of a great deal of trouble in his household.

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