

# PIERCE WARS UPON SOLONS

## ANTI-SALOON BILLS MAKE APPEARANCE

### Compulsory \$500 Minimum Fines and Imprisonment For Violators—Klan Bills Introduced.

The first of the bills sponsored by the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon and other prohibition forces in the state to make more stringent the provisions of the dry laws made its appearance in the house this morning bearing the name of Representative Hurlbert, one of the members of the special house committee dealing with the senate alcoholic committee in the investigation into the operations of the state prohibition enforcement department.

The bill provides for minimum fines of \$500 and maximum fines of \$3000, and gives justice courts authority to impose these sentences. It also makes both fine and imprisonment compulsory and fixes the minimum jail sentence at six months, instead of 30 days as provided under the present law.

## BRIDGE BRIBERY CASES DROPPED BY PROSECUTION

Portland, Or., Jan. 27.—Cases still pending involving charges of bribery and malfeasance, developed in the investigation of awards of contracts and letting of the job of bridge engineer for bridges across the Willamette river at Portland, are to be wiped off the court records, District Attorney Stanley Myers announced today. He said this action would be taken at the request of the attorney general's office which initiated, at the instance of Governor Walter M. Pierce, the investigation which resulted in the indictment of three former county commissioners, Robert E. Kremers and members of three bridge contracting companies.

## PATENT RIGHTS HELD PROPERTY

Washington, Jan. 27.—The board of tax appeals today played ownership of patent rights in the same category with tangible or material business assets. In an opinion in favor of the Union Metal Manufacturing company of Ohio it was held that a taxpayer holding patents and exercising the rights under them in the conduct of his business is entitled to a deduction from gross income for their exhaustion under the revenue act of 1913.

## LINVILLE TO TELL BRIBE BY CLEAVER

### Federal Dry Agent Called Before Probers—Cleave's Report Declared Fraudulent By Sheriffs

Portland, Or., Jan. 27.—Federal Prohibition Commissioner J. A. Linville said today that he had dispatched his legal adviser, Frank B. Mitchell, and one of his men to Salem to give testimony in the Cleaver probe regarding an effort that he says was made on the part of Cleaver and the Anti-Saloon league to involve his office in bribery charges.

It is understood that Dr. J. A. Linville, federal prohibition commissioner for Oregon, will tonight be called before the prohibition investigation here to testify about a bribe that some of Cleaver's men offered one of the federal men. It is hinted that about \$100 of state money is lying in the office of the federal attorney in Portland that will figure in this accusation.

George L. Cleaver, the state prohibition department and its agents, as well as Governor Pierce, statutory commander in chief of the state prohibition forces, figuratively hopped from one foot to another on a grill made superlatively hot by the testimony of three damaging witnesses before the committee investigating the state dry squad and its operations yesterday.

Adding to the allegations hurled at Cleaver and his aides during the afternoon session by Sheriff Starmer of Douglas county, S. E. Roberts, sheriff of Deschutes county, and Clyde N. Johnston, former district attorney of Lane county, last night tore into the assertions made in Cleaver's biennial report in a manner that left it sadly riddled, and then proceeded to lay bare the political and other operations of the prohibition department.

Submitting facts and figures in rapid-fire succession they charged, in the main: That Cleaver's biennial report is false and padded to reflect undeserved credit upon his department in practically every detail. That most of the arrests and convictions claimed by Cleaver should rightfully be credited to the local officers in the counties in which they operated.

That instead of confining themselves to the \$25,000 provided them by law, Cleaver and his agents were actually paid and used up \$50,000 during 1924. That the state prohibition department was used as a political instrument to defeat certain county officers in the primary and state elections. Sheriff Roberts explaining that he had been told by one of Cleaver's agents that Cleaver had asserted "we have got to get a sheriff or two, so that our records can show their conviction of some sheriffs for violations of the liquor laws."

That the prohibition department (Continued on Page Six)

## House Appropriation Passes

Washington, Jan. 27.—The house today passed the bill carrying appropriations for the departments of State, Justice, commerce and labor. A group of all stages operating in the city under the management of the Portland-Salem line and the West Coast line was threatened by Officer Hickman this morning at 9 o'clock, as a penalty for not taking out city licenses provided by ordinance, pertaining to all vehicles carrying passengers for pay. Prompt measures on the part of the bus managements released their machines. Notification was sent Chief of Police Minto that the licenses would be taken out at once. Ten buses of the Portland-Salem line will each take a \$25 license, and four of the West Coast stages will have a \$25 license each. Alackwicks stages are taking

## Voice Heard Upon Radio 9000 Miles O'er Sea and Land

New York, Jan. 27.—A human voice rode the air across the continent today, crossed the Pacific and delivered its message to hundreds of thousands of persons in Australia, more than 9000 miles away. Officials of the Westinghouse company, through whose station KDKA at Pittsburgh the test was made, declared the achievement to be the greatest in radio history.

A cablegram received here several hours after the broadcasting related that the voice had been distinctly heard by radio set owners who had tuned in at Sydney, Australia, and at Rabaul, the capital of British New Guinea. Two amateurs reported having picked the words "winged nine thousand miles at Melbourne, nine

## HEFLIN CALLS STONE UNFIT TO SIT ON BENCH

Washington, Jan. 27.—Debate on the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be a justice of the supreme court was resumed on the senate floor today while the judiciary committee was completing plans to talk the question over tomorrow with the attorney general himself.

Declaring the attempt to return a second indictment here against Senator Wheeler of Montana had nothing to do with his attitude Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, said he was objecting to confirmation entirely on account of Mr. Stone's arguments before the supreme court some years ago in behalf of executors of the J. Pierpont Morgan estate in a case brought by James Owsley of Colorado. He was convinced, he said, that in the Owsley case "a citizen of the United States was denied his rights under the laws."

## 3 YEAR TERM FOR LYNCHERS

Vale, Or., Jan. 27.—Bert Lawrence was sentenced to serve three years in the state penitentiary, and his brother, Melles Lawrence, was sentenced to two years by Judge Dalton Biggs of the circuit court yesterday as a result of their conviction last week of assault with a dangerous weapon upon Ralph Harvey, at Ironside, 30 miles north of the railroad, October 16, when the pair roped around Harvey's neck and hanged him to a cottonwood tree until he confessed to having reported bootlegging operations to the district attorney's office. The defense set up at the trial that Harvey had annoyed Bert Lawrence's wife and that the brother was making him leave the country in order to do away with dissemination in the Lawrence home.

## Tie-Up of Stage Lines Out of City Averted By Securing Licenses

Officers as they came into the city, and only two have not yet called. Last year the taking out of these licenses was deferred for three months or more by the stage companies, but this year it was decided to be more severe with them. All taxis have complied with the ordinance, and are duly licensed. A close check up on all cars in the city will be taken at the close of January, and any still carrying 1924 license plates will be apprehended. If receipt can be produced, in the case of out of town cars, showing the application for 1925 plates, nothing will be done, but if no receipt can be produced arrest will follow, declares Officer Hickman.

## PLAN CAUCUS UPON SPEAKER NEXT FRIDAY

### House Republicans to Decide Between Madden of Illinois and Longworth of Ohio.

Washington, Jan. 27.—House republicans will caucus Friday night, February 27 to decide upon their candidate for speaker and a floor leader. This decision was reached today at a meeting of the republican committee on committees of the house. Representatives Longworth of Ohio and Madden of Illinois are candidates for the speakership.

Under a resolution adopted by the committee, republicans who will serve during the 69th congress and are not members of the present house will be invited to participate in the conference.

No action was taken as to whether LaFollette insurgents should be invited to attend. There were indications, however that a move would be made either before the caucus or after it gets under way to bar the Wisconsin delegation and perhaps one or two other representatives from that and future conferences of house republicans.

## HOUSE VOTES FOR CHANGE IN MARRIAGE LAW

Vancouver's revenue from marriage licenses to Oregon couples would be materially decreased under the provisions if house bill 120 passed this morning by the house becomes a law. The bill would do away with the county resident requirement for women seeking to marry. Bailey of Multnomah county, explained that women coming from other states or counties almost "inevitably" dash for Vancouver for a license and minister.

## HIGHWAY BILLS HELD ILLEGAL

Attorney General Van Winkle today held unconstitutional a bill introduced in the house that would reduce the license fee on automobiles after the car had been used for a period of years. It is based on the theory that this would be discrimination in favor of a certain class. Also it is held that an ad valorem tax cannot apply to automobiles, since, under an opinion of the supreme court, it is not the car that is taxed, but the privilege of using the car on the highways. A similar opinion, it is said, was given W. B. Dennis, chairman of the special committee studying the auto license question, several months ago, and although this opinion is embodied in Dennis' report he introduced such a bill nevertheless.

## Income Tax Bills are Barred by Resolution Sponsored By Carkin

No income tax legislation would be considered by the house or senate under house concurrent resolution No. 4 introduced by Carkin, Jackson county, today. The resolution points out that it has been the policy of the house not to concern itself with legislation which the people have turned down at the polls. Oregon is now entering on an era of advancement and prosperity that advancement and prosperity would be retarded by the fear of probable injurious effect upon the people of Oregon of the passage by the legislature of another income tax measure. Failure to call such meetings shall give cause for removal of the petition of five citizens.

## Ohio Ninth State To Reject Child Labor Amendment

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Ohio today refused to ratify the federal child labor amendment when the house defeated the joint resolution proposing ratification. Ohio is the ninth state to reject the amendment, with but two states voting in its favor.

## BURDICK ASKS COMMITTEES TO SPEED UP WORK

Speaker Burdick yesterday afternoon urged house committees to speed up their work on bills. He pointed out that more than 100 bills were in the hands of committees yesterday and that none were on the calendar for today. Senate bill 25 which makes legal a teacher's agreement with a school board when it has been approved upon the teacher's minutes and signed by the teacher, chairman and clerk of the board of directors was passed.

House bill 65 which would have compelled Portland school district No. 1 to use the same text books as all other public schools of the state was defeated by a vote of 26 to 21. Representative Woodward headed the list opposing the measure. He pointed out that the different situation of the Portland schools, particularly the fact that Portland has a ten months term, as compared with many other schools of the state. He also called attention to the fact that many supplementary books of regular text books were eliminated.

House bill 91 authorizing the state board of education to enter into new contracts for school textbooks not ordered changed when the board deems such agreements necessary was passed by a vote of 32 to 26. The bill states that such contracts shall be entered into at the best possible price. The bill is designed to make it possible to obtain textbooks which have been raised in price.

House bill 106 providing for an appropriation of \$4500 out of the game fund for Mrs. O. N. Denney, of Portland, was passed by the house. Mrs. Denney is the widow of the late Judge O. N. Denney, who introduced Chinese pheasants into Oregon. Representative Kirkwood of the game committee explained that Mrs. Denney was in need of the funds and that her late husband had spent around \$5000 bringing pheasants to the state.

## FARM RELIEF IS BREAKFAST TALK

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Coolidge sought at a White House breakfast conference to pave the way for transmitting to congress a list of legislative recommendations of his agricultural commission. Those present included the ranking members of the senate and house agricultural committees, Secretary Gore and Senator Curtis of Kansas, and Representative Longworth of Ohio, the republican leaders of senate and house. The leaders said of the executive proposals of the commission to be made public tomorrow.

## British Issue Challenge

London, Jan. 27.—(By Associated Press)—Great Britain has issued a challenge for the Davis cup, the world's premier lawn tennis trophy. It was announced here this afternoon.

## BUDGET HELD AMPLE FOR STATE NEEDS

### Governor Tells Committee Surplus Will Be Realized If Recommendations Carried Out.

Practically all state institutional improvements needed can safely be authorized by the ways and means committee, Governor Pierce told the committee last night. On the basis of the tax levy made in December, with the 6 per cent increase taken into consideration, and the elimination of certain funds, the governor told the committee there was a surplus of \$181,778.82 over the institutional requirements. The budget estimates that the governor said should be eliminated were: \$39,000 for the battleship Oregon, \$175,965 for state accident commission, \$20,000 for market agent, and the quarter mill road tax amounting to about \$529,490. The governor also urged diversion to the general fund of half a mill from the one mill veterans' state aid tax, which would amount in two years to about \$529,440.

With the available surplus the governor recommended the following betterments: \$64,559 for industrial building at state hospital, \$50,000 for new building at feeble minded institution, \$75,000 to complete new training school for boys, \$32,800 for new building at tuberculosis hospital, \$25,000 for building at children's farm home, \$40,000 for county fair, \$65,000 for Pacific International livestock exposition, \$14

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## REFUSE TO LET DAUGHERTY TELL OF "SITUATION"

New York, Jan. 27.—Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, called as a witness for the defense today in the Means-Felder trial, was refused permission by Federal Judge Lindley to tell the details of the "situation" existing at Washington during the events leading up to the indictment of the defendants.

Mr. Daugherty said that for some time the state of affairs in Washington was such that there were men in the capital who were "hell bound and hell bound."

## ENGINEERS STRIKE IN KING'S PALACE

London, Jan. 27.—The electric lighting, heating and other engineering services at Buckingham palace, the house of parliament, Hampton Court and Kew Gardens were run by volunteers today owing to a strike. Two hundred members of the engineering staff of the office of works went out because of the employment of a non-union man in the eastern division, and it was expected 900 in all would be involved later. Volunteers will keep the electricity going in the royal apartments, but as King George and Queen Mary are at Sandringham, they are not likely to be affected by the discontent of their subjects unless the strike is extended. The heating furnaces in the house of parliament will be closed down this afternoon.

## NAMES PORT OF PORTLAND COMMISSION

### Governor Takes Aggressive Move To Deprive Him of Appointive Power By Coup.

The following twelve senators are said to have informally agreed to unite in opposing any legislative effort to "oust" the governor by removing his appointive power: Joseph Kinney, Staples, Tooze, Miller, Dunn, Hare, Johnson, Strayer, La Follette, Fiske and Garland. With this opposition, it will be impossible to press any measure over the veto.

Governor Pierce took an aggressive move in the legislative controversy over the proposal to take appointment of the commissioners of the Port of Portland out of his hands and vest it in the legislature this morning when he announced the appointment of new port commissioners to succeed the five whose terms expire on June 1 of this year.

By taking the bill by the horns and making the first definite move the governor is considered to have placed the forces which would shear him of these appointments in somewhat of a hole, and it now becomes necessary for the legislature to legislate these men out of office if they are to carry out the program they have been working on. In the face of the difficulty that has been experienced in lining up support for the plan to deny the governor of this appointive power, this latest move is considered in some quarters as spelling defeat for the entire plan.

The five commissioners named by the governor this morning are: Clyde E. Lewis, to succeed George H. Kelly; Jefferson Myers to succeed Frank M. Warren; J. W. Ganong to succeed Phil Melcham; Drake O'Reilly to succeed H. S. Sargent; George M. McDowell to succeed W. L. Thompson. A desire to clear the political air (Continued on Page Seven)

## STATES THOMAS FIRED FIRST IN KLAN SHOOTING

Herrin, Ill., Jan. 27.—(By Associated Press)—Testifying today at the inquest into the death of S. Glenn Young, Ku Klux Klan liquor raider, Deputy Sheriff Ora Thomas, Young's arch-enemy, and two others, Henry Peterson of Herrin told the coroner's jury he saw Thomas fire the first fatal shot in the fatal affray Saturday night.

Peterson said he was standing on the walk near the European hotel when Thomas entered the Canary cigar store in the building. The deputy sheriff's hands were in his pockets, his right hand grasping an automatic, Peterson said.

The witness, peering through the window, said Thomas walked past Young who was talking to "Lisp" Green, a miner. The deputy then pulled his gun and fired, Peterson testified, the bullet crashing through the window. As he dropped to the walk, Peterson said, Ed Forbes fell inside the building near the window.

Peterson said he did not see the shooting of Homer Warren, whose body was found later at the curb, some ten feet from the window. The witness said he did not see any one fire from an upstairs window. He added, however, he believed he had seen gun flashes outside the hotel building. Five Burnt to Death in Farm Home Blaze