

PRISON CHANGE IS DEMANDED

REPRISALS TO FOLLO PIERCE GI P

Open Warfare Is Anticipated With Legislature Holding Whip Hand In Most Instances.

(By Harry N. Crain)
Hostilities between the legisla-
ture and the governor, which
have been smoldering and rumbling
since the opening day of the ses-
sion, have broken forth into a
full fledged war today, with nei-
ther side showing any indications
of giving quarter. From now until
the close of the two houses are
stopping on the fourth night the
heavy artillery, the machine
guns, the grenades and the snipers
will be in constant action, and
there will be plenty of fire-
works to illuminate the battle
ground.

Governor Pierce fired the first
shot yesterday morning and, ap-
parently, it landed in an arsenal.
The explosion was immediate and
terrific. Not until this morning
had the dirt and debris settled
sufficiently to allow for any intel-
ligent survey of the situation as
it has resolved itself.

Today the two forces are lit-
erally resting upon their guns
and in most matters the lines are
being held in a pretty definitely
drawn. Opposed to the governor
on one flank is the well oiled and
smoothly working house machine

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SEEK PROBE OF SECURITIES SALES FOR FIVE YEARS

A special committee composed
of the speaker and two other
members of the house would be
named to investigate and report
to the governor upon any sales of
stock, bonds or other securities for
which permits have been issued by
the corporation commissioner dur-
ing the past five years, under a
resolution introduced by Repre-
sentative Gordon, Multnomah
county, today.

The resolution would empower
the investigation committee to
call upon the corporation commis-
sioner for a complete list of per-
mits granted to sell stock, bonds
or other securities, showing which
are still in force and which have
expired, a list of applications de-
nied and the reasons therefor,
and reports and other records up-
on which the corporation commis-
sioner has based his decisions of
approval or rejection.

The committee would also have
power to subpoena witnesses and
to take testimony.

HERRIOT SEEKS DEBT REDUCED

Paris, Jan. 28.—(By Associated
Press.)—In an address to the
chamber of deputies today, Premier
Herriot declared that "the
first thing I must say is that
France does not intend to deny
her debts."

Continuing his comments on in-
ternational obligations, the pre-
mier said:
"It is not this government that
will disavow the principle of debts
contracted towards the allies and
their associates during the war."
He maintained, however, there
ought to be a reduction of the total
that the United States claims.
Laying before the chamber the
government's policy on questions
of foreign policy, M. Herriot, in
less than five minutes, disposed
of the problem of inter-allied
debts. His general address on for-
eign matters lasted several hours.

Robbers Get \$5500.

Waco, Texas, Jan. 28.—Burn-
ing their way into the vault with
anyone torches, robbers last
night entered the First State bank
of Waco and escaped with \$5500,
all the cash in the bank.

STONE FIRM FOR PURSUIT OF WHEELER

Attorney General Accuses Senator of Overt Acts In Connection With Oil Land Syndicate.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Senators
who are blocking Attorney Gen-
eral Stone's nomination to the su-
preme court because of his part in
the Wheeler case were told flatly
by Mr. Stone today that the pro-
ceedings against Senator Wheeler
not only would continue but that
he, as attorney general, accepted
full personal responsibility for them.

Facing Senator Wheeler and his
Montana colleague and counsel,
Senator Walsh, across the confer-
ence table of the senate judiciary
committee, the attorney general
said the evidence gathered by the
justice department for presenta-
tion to a grand jury here next
week not only indicated a conspi-
cious effort to defraud the govern-
ment but led to an inevitable impres-
sion that Senator Wheeler was
connected with some of the actions
complained of.

While mentioning directly the
charge of some senators that Sen-
ator Wheeler is being "persecuted
by an attempt to try him far away
from home in a case already pend-
ing in Montana, Mr. Stone de-
clared he regarded the two pro-
ceedings as entirely independent of
one another.

Senator Walsh cross question-
ed the attorney general at length but
the latter declined to go into de-
tails as to the evidence which is in
the government's possession and
for the hearing of which a grand
jury was impaneled today in the
District of Columbia supreme
court.

Senator Walsh said he had heard
that an attack of the department
of justice said as early as last
June that Wheeler would be in-
dicted in the District of Columbia

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SOUTH IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—Accom-
panied by snow, sleet, rains and
lowering temperatures, a cold
wave extended over the southern
states today.

Along the Atlantic coast states,
snow interspersed with cold rains
was reported. Through Nashville
reported snow. Memphis and
Chattanooga had low tempera-
tures and overshadowing clouds.
In Knoxville the temperature was
20 degrees.

Richmond and Norfolk shivered
beneath a blanket of snow after
experiencing sharp drops in tem-
peratures. In Norfolk the mercury
fell forty degrees. Charlotte
witnessed a decline of 23 degrees
within one hour.

SUICIDES OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 28.—
Nicholas Iverson of New York
committed suicide by going over
the American falls today. He left
a note on the river bank reading:
"God and everyone forgive me, for
I, Mr. Nicholas Iverson, know not
where I go or what I do."

New York, Jan. 28.—Nicholas
Iverson, who committed suicide at
Niagara Falls today was employed
as a traveling salesman by the
Electric Storage Battery company.
He had been in ill health.
Iverson was a graduate of the
naval academy at Annapolis, his
friends said and served in the
navy during the World war.

He was about 28 years old and
unmarried. His parents live in
Oakland, Cal.

Cats Licensed.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 28.—An
ordinance requiring every cat to
be licensed, the license costing 50
cents a year, was passed yesterday
by the Everett city council. Cats
without licenses are to be killed.

Cross-Word Puzzles Cause Man to Lose Knowledge of Identity

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 28
Surgeons today were try-
ing to help a cross word puzzle
fan to solve the puzzle of his
identity. The patient, ap-
parently a victim of amnesia,
was found sitting on a down
town curb last night, labor-
ing earnestly over a cross
word puzzle and referring
frequently to a dictionary
and a thesaurus held in his
lap. When police interrupted
his studious vigil, hoping
to help him home, he was
unable to remember his name
or address.

SENATE NAMES CONFEREES FOR UNDERWOOD BILL

Washington, Jan. 28.—The
Underwood bill authorizing the lease
of Muscle Shoals was sent to con-
ference today by the senate, which
appointed as senate conferees Sen-
ators McKellar, Tamm, Keyes,
New Hampshire, republicans, and
Kendrick, Wyoming, democrat,
members of the senate agriculture
committee.

Senator Underwood, democrat,
Alabama, author of the bill, who
had pleaded for the appointment
of friendly conferees, accepted
without protest the three senators
finally chosen by unanimous con-
sent.

The conferees were named on
motion of Senator McKellar, dem-
ocrat, Tennessee, who made his
motion a substitute for one offer-
ed by Senator Underwood, to name
three other senators friendly to
the legislation as it passed the
senate. The vote was 35 to 23.
Senator Norris declined to serve
on the ground that he was opposed
to the bill as passed by the senate.
Senator McNary then declined
to serve.

COOLIDGE TALKS TO MISSIONARIES

Washington, Jan. 28.—Christian
churches and governments were
declared by President Coolidge to-
day to have "no greater responsi-
bility than to make sure that the
best and not the worst, of which
Christian society is capable, shall
be given to the other peoples."

This with other views on the for-
eign missionary question were pre-
sented by the president in an ad-
dress to the meeting here of the
foreign missions conference of
North America, an interdenomi-
national gathering of the foreign mis-
sion interests of the Protestant
churches of the United States and
Canada.

"Not everything that the men of
Christian countries have carried to
the other peoples of the world has
been helpful to those who have re-
ceived it," the president said. "We
know that the missionary move-
ments have repeatedly been ham-
pered and at times frustrated, be-
cause some calling themselves
Christians and assuming they rep-
resent Christian citizens, have been
actuated by un-Christian motives.
Our missionary efforts will be
more effective, just in proportion
as we shall render them in the
same spirit of brotherhood and
charity which marked the earliest
Christian mission."

Thirteen States Reject Proposed Amendment Banning Child Labor

Chicago, Jan. 28.—(By Associated
Press.)—Beaten in either
state legislatures or by referen-
dum in 13 states, the child
labor amendment to the federal
constitution virtually has been
defeated.

BRIBERY PLOT BLAME PUT ON CLEAVER

Federal Dry Agent Tells of \$100 Bribe—Herwig Admits Cleaver Out- lived Usefulness.

That George L. Cleaver has
outlived his usefulness as head of
the state prohibition department
was the opinion expressed by W.
J. Herwig, superintendent of the
Anti-Saloon league for Oregon,
when on the witness stand last
night before the special legislative
committee investigating the pro-
hibition department.

Herwig added that he had dis-
cussed this with Cleaver and that
they understood each other thor-
oughly on the subject. Herwig
made the statement in Cleaver's
presence, and without hesitation
in reply to a question by Senator
Hare, who told Herwig he need
not answer the question if it
would be embarrassing.

Witnesses before the committee
last night were H. L. Barker, for-
mer federal prohibition officer
under Dr. J. A. Linville; Frank
B. Mitchell, legal adviser for the
federal prohibition department in
Oregon; Senator H. J. Taylor of
Pendleton, Mr. Cleaver and Mr.
Herwig. The examination centered
on the operations of Abe Wein-
berg, detective hired by the Anti-
Saloon league, and through the
testimony of the federal witness
tended to give Weinberg, whose
alias was Robinson, an unsavory
reputation. Mr. Herwig declared
at the conclusion of the session
that he had full confidence in him.
The questions involving Weinberg
pertained mainly to a \$100 bribe
which he gave to H. L. Barker,
federal officer. Herwig virtually
admitted this was an attempt to
bribe Barker, but asserted that the
\$100 was not from state money
furnished by Governor Pierce for
the Weinberg campaign and that
the attempt had been made to get
Senator McNary, Dr. McFarland,

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LOWER EXPRESS RATES UPHELD

Chicago, Jan. 28.—(By Associated
Press.)—A preliminary
injunction to restrain the enforce-
ment of lower express rates in the
western district was denied by
the United States district court
at St. Louis, according to railroad
attorneys here.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—(By
Associated Press.)—Western and
southern railroads are denied a
temporary injunction to restrain
enforcement of lower express rates
in their territory, in a decision
of the United States district court
filed here today. The case may go
to further hearings on its merits
of the railroads may appeal direct-
ly to the United States supreme
court if they desire to take further
action, but representatives of af-
fected roads here said the course
of future action has not been de-
termined upon.

TO BAR STATE OWNERSHIP

The legislature would be called
upon to go on record against the
state going into any schemes
of state ownership or operation of
public utilities under a resolution
introduced into the house this
morning by Representative Car-
kin, Jackson county.

The resolution sets forth the
fact that there are bills before the
legislature which would put the
state into the business of develop-
ing and marketing hydro-electric
power. It points out the record of
the federal government in rail-
way operation, and also calls at-
tention to the fact that such de-
velopments would be exempt from
taxation, thereby putting added
tax on other property.

GLORIA SWANSON WEDS MARQUIS DE LA COURDRAY

Paris, Jan. 28.—Gloria Swanson,
American moving picture actress,
whom some weeks has been mak-
ing a production in France, was
married at noon today to the Mar-
quis de la Falais de la Courdray.
The bride's witness was Harlett
Johnson, first secretary of the
American embassy, while Baron
D'Aiguy acted for the groom.

COMPEL COMMISSIONERS TO FILE MILEAGE RECORDS

County commissioners in all
counties would be compelled to
file and verify an exact account
of their mileage, per diem, and
other expenses under a measure
introduced by Representative
Fuller, Lincoln and Polk counties,
today. "It will protect honest
commissioners and protect the
county in cases where dishonest
commissioners may be in office,"
explained the author.

President Asks Congress to Enact Bills for Farm Aid

Washington, Jan. 28.—Presi-
dent Coolidge asked congress to-
day to enact into law "at the earli-
est possible date" the measures
recommended by the agricultural
commission.

The report recommends creation
of a federal board to encourage co-
operative marketing; greater ex-
pense to agricultural experimen-
tation stations, added protection
under the tariff law for farm
products and enactment of several
pieces of legislation related to
agriculture.

"I am advised that while it
(the commission's report) does
not refer to some legislation,
which is already pending, that the
conference reserves the privilege
of making further suggestions at
some future time," the president
said in his brief message of trans-
mission.

"As I have great confidence in
the personnel of the conference
and know that they have given
very thoughtful study to the cu-
rrent situation, I recommend that
their report be embraced in suit-
able legislation at the earliest pos-
sible date."

The message was one of the
briefest ever sent to congress by
a chief executive, consisting of but
four sentences. Except for early
action, it was devoted entirely to
the formalities of describing the
report and officially turning it
over to congress.

DUBOIS WARNS ALLIES AGAINST PRESSING FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 28.—(By Associated
Press.)—Refraining from senti-
mental outbursts and treating the
debts of France to the United
States from what he characterized
as a business man's viewpoint,
Louis Dubois, former president of
the reparation commission, de-
clared at the conclusion of a long
address in the chamber of deputies
today that the United States must
considerably reduce her claims
against France, not only in equity
and right but also to safeguard
her own interests.

M. Dubois based his argument
upon figures, the accuracy of
which he vouches for through the
knowledge he had acquired while
heading the reparation commis-
sion.

He could not believe, said M.
Dubois, that America and England
would demand from France near-
ly twice the amount which they
themselves had determined France
should receive from Germany un-
der the Dawes plan which he
placed roughly at 15,000,000,000
gold marks over a period of 37
years, while France's total debts
to the United States and England
is computed at more than 27,000,-
000,000 gold marks, principal and
interest.

WINTER GRIPS EASTERN STATES

New York, Jan. 28.—Winter
laid a heavy hand on the eastern
states today, driving the tem-
perature down to a low as 59 de-
grees below zero in parts of New
England and causing New York
city to shiver in weather one de-
gree below zero, the coldest since
1922.

At Malone, N. Y., near the Cana-
dian border, unofficial records
said the mercury dropped to sixty
degrees below zero.
The downward swing of the
thermometer came as an anti-
climax to the snowstorm which
visited the east yesterday.

Drive for Passage of Child Labor Law Bill To Culminate Tonight

The drive to obtain ratification
of the child labor amendment to
the federal constitution will be
crystallized tonight when a spe-
cial trainload of Portlanders aug-
mented by those arriving by au-
tomobile from many points in the
state will appear before the joint
session of the house resolutions
committee and the senate judi-
ciary committee.

MINOR BILLS PEACEABLY PASS HOUSE

Six Measures Amending Existing Statutes Go Through—Senate Acts On Several Measures.

Six bills were passed by the
house this morning. Most were of
a minor nature amending existing
laws.

House bill 29, by Cowgill of
Jackson, was passed, repealing the
present law requiring the filing of
reports with the secretary of state
covering the chemical analysis of
metals before such materials
could be sold to the state or its
subdivisions.

Other bills passed were: No. 95
tightening the law covering the
payment of inheritance taxes on
stocks before their transfer; No.
41 making it unnecessary for
courts in equity suits to make
findings of fact; No. 42 provid-
ing that in trials where issue of
facts are concerned the court's
decision may consist of either
specific or general findings; No.
111 providing for the exempting of
stock from inspection by Linn
county's herd inspector when the
state veterinarian or federal in-
spector has passed upon them; and
No. 137 tightening the law cover-
ing stock illegally running at
large. The last measure would
make it possible for one to sue for
damages in courts other than
those located in the jurisdiction
of the court where such stock is
owned. It would also provide for
a fine of from \$10 to \$50.

Senator Butler's bill increasing
the salaries of the Wasco county
commissioners was also passed.
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BILL CUTTING AUTO LICENSES SEEMS DEFEATED

County Commissioner Smith who
is assisting in keeping an eye on
road and other legislation of inter-
est to the county judges and com-
missioners association, states there
is little question that the bill pro-
posing a decrease in auto licenses
is dead for this session and cannot
be revived. County judges and
commissioners have been opposed
to this because it would militate
severely against market road pro-
grams which have been mapped
out in various counties of the state
and are dependent on leaving the
automobile licenses where they are
if market road development is to
continue.

Word has been received here,
County Commissioner Smith states,
that courts of Polk and Linn coun-
ty are against proposed changes in
the market road bill which would
give the highway commission
greater authority over the county
courts in selling them—how and
where they should build market
roads and that Linn county is
sending a representative here to
take up with their representatives
in the legislature the matter of de-
claring opposition on the bill. The
bill is largely framed around recom-
mendations made by the highway
commission to the governor.

AUTO BUS LINES OPPOSE SWAN TAXATION BILL

Charges that house bill 55—pro-
viding for rigid regulation and
high taxation against bus and
truck lines was strictly a railroad
measure to put commercial auto-
mobile transportation out of busi-
ness, were hurled at the joint
roads and highways committee by
John Logan, Portland attorney,
last night.

"There is no use mining
words," declared Logan, repre-
senting the bus lines. "The bill
was born and conceived especially
for the purpose of helping the
railroads, whether Mr. Swan, its
author, knows it or not."

Swan explained that he had
drawn up the bill after long study
of the matter. The bill would
place a tax of 1 1/2 mills per pas-
senger seat multiplied by the
number of miles traveled. On
freight carriers, the basic rate
would be a cent a ton per mile
traveled.

Representatives of the leasing
railway lines in Oregon were on
hand to openly advocate passage
of the bill. "We want a fair
charge against common carriers in
competition with the railroads,
paying the heaviest taxes and
making the largest disburse-
ments," explained Arthur Spencer,
of the O. W. R. & N. "We don't
expect bus and truck lines to pay
as we pay. If they did, they
would be put out of business."

CONDITION IS ALLEGED DEPLORABLE

Gross Mismanagement of Prison Charged In Ef- fort To Place Control With State Board.

Charging gross mismanagement
extravagance, official misconduct,
misappropriation of state funds
and an entire absence of disci-
pline at the state penitentiary,
critics of that institution are to-
day moving in upon the legislators
with an insistent demand that
the administration of the prison
be taken out of the hands of Gov-
ernor Pierce and placed in the
board of control with the other
state institutions of a like nature.

The agitation has been present
to a more or less extent since
prior to the opening of the ses-
sion, but it is not until now that
any effort to compel action has
been in evidence.

Without entering into the ques-
tion of the financial operations
and expenses of the prison in the
conduct of the prescribed work,
which the critics are willing to
leave to the ways and means com-
mittee to pass upon in due time,
they are charging that conditions
at the pen under the present ad-
ministration are so deplorable as
to demand an immediate change.

They charge that there is abso-
lutely no discipline around the
prison and that the convicts prac-
tically run the institution, point-
ing to the fact that 26 prisoners
have escaped from under gun
guard, many of them from inside
the walls, during the past two
years, and that three of these
have broken away a second time
during that period. No detailed
count of the number of trustees to
walk away during that same pe-
riod has been kept, but it is known
that they total in the neighbor-
hood of 50.

In not a single instance has
any sufficient punishment been
meted out to those escaped con-
victs who were apprehended and
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WASHINGTON REJECTS CHILD LABOR LAW

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 28.—The
house today rejected the Westfall
bill by a vote of 49 to 37.

The child labor amendment to the
federal constitution would refer
the child labor amendment to the
people at the next general elec-
tion and was passed by the sen-
ate yesterday afternoon.