

SENATE ACTS ON PORT BILL

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE BOSS OF GOVERNOR

Cleaver Admits That Both He and Pierce Took Orders From Herwig—Spies Trained Burdick.

In the last five minutes of a seven-hour session of the Cleaver investigation committee, and just a few minutes before last midnight, George L. Cleaver himself gave what is probably the most significant testimony that has been heard during the prohibition department investigation. The committee had voted adjournment and some of the members had left, when Senator Johnson suddenly said:

"Mr. Cleaver it has been shown that you have been very active in the investigation of public officials."

"Considerably so, yes," answered Cleaver.

"Was this of your own volition or upon instructions from the governor?"

"In most instances either the governor or Herwig," Cleaver answered. "The governor instructed me to follow the advice of the Anti-Saloon league very closely because they had had 20 years experience. Sometimes I was advised by Mr. Herwig, sometimes by E. A. Baker, president and attorney of the Anti-Saloon league. 'Who advised you to raid the British ship, London Merchant?' asked Representative Lonergan.

"Mr. Lonergan, I don't want to embarrass Mr. Herwig," Cleaver protested.

Lonergan insisted on an answer, and Cleaver said the first mention of the London Merchant came by telephone from a girl in Herwig's office and that Herwig may not have known about it. This brought up the subject of the famous apology that was published in the newspapers as having been written by Cleaver after the raid, and Garland asked him if he wrote it.

"I did not write it," answered Cleaver, "and I signed it under the greatest mental protest I ever made in my life." Cleaver said the apology was written by E. A. Baker, attorney for and president of the Anti-Saloon league and who represented the attorney general's office.

There are indications that the investigation is drawing rapidly to a close. Yesterday's seven-hour session.

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CLARK LAKE PROJECT BILL INTRODUCED

Measure Permits Incorporation of Districts As Municipality For Water And Power.

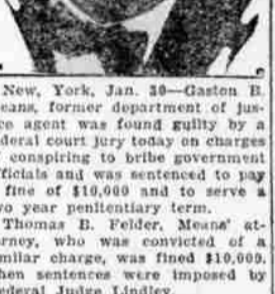
Bearing the names of Senators Garland and Johnson the bill to enable cities of the Willamette valley to utilize the waters of Clear Lake for municipal purposes made its appearance in the senate this morning.

The measure prepared covering the subject of the development of water or power projects by municipalities does not create a municipality for that purpose, but simply furnishes the statutory procedure and authority by which any community in the state, whether the community interested consists of a county, a portion of a county, more than one county, or a municipality or a combination of municipalities, may, out of such proposed territory create a municipality for the purpose of developing, procuring and furnishing to the people of the community, either water or hydro-electric power, or both.

The procedure furnished by the proposed measure is that the portion or portions of the state desiring to take advantage of the act and incorporate a municipality for the purpose of developing, either water or power, or both shall submit to the secretary of state a petition accurately and correctly defining the boundaries of the proposed district, which petition must be filed by not less than two per cent of the registered resident voters in the involved territory, requesting the governor to call an election in

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GASTON B. MEANS FOUND GUILTY OF BRIBERY CONSPIRACY



New York, Jan. 30—Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent was found guilty by a federal court jury today on charges of conspiring to bribe government officials and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 and to serve a two year penitentiary term.

Thomas B. Felder, Means' attorney, who was convicted of a similar charge, was fined \$10,000. Then sentences were imposed by Federal Judge Lindley.

FIRST OF ROAD BILLS PASSES LOWER HOUSE

Ford's Measure For Systematic System of Market Roads Wins Out—Lower Licenses Killed.

House bill No. 4, providing for a more systematic system of market roads construction and closer co-operation with the state highway commission by the various county courts, was passed by the house yesterday afternoon after about two hours' debate. The bill was drawn up by Representative Ford of Grant and Harney counties after two years of study on the present road situation. It had the approval of all but one member of the house roads and highways committee, Representative Peirce of Coos and Curry.

Representatives Hammond of Clackamas county, Swan of Linn county, McCallister of Marion county, Shrock of Clackamas and Peirce of Coos and Curry argued against the bill.

Representatives Graham of Washington county and Hamilton of Bend made the principal talks in favor of the measure.

The bill is the first important piece of road legislation reported back to the house and passed by that body.

The roads and highways committee is working every night on

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Deep Snow Forces Doctors to Use of Skis and Horses

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 30—Because of a large number of cases of grippe, physicians here made unusual efforts to visit patients to day, although heavy snow fall prevented automobile traffic.

Several younger physicians solved the problem by using skis and snowshoes.

Others obtained horses, but there was a scarcity of sleighs and cutters. Some of the older physicians used sleds and went about like the old mountaineer physicians.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 30—The heaviest snowfall of the season, ranging from five inches in Boston to three feet in Vermont hampered traffic in many parts of New England today.

Several points in Vermont reported the heaviest snowfall in 20 years. At St. Albans, three feet of snow was reported.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 30—An eastbound New York Central passenger train, due here at 11:40 last night arrived at 8:26 o'clock today. It had been stalled all night in a snowdrift at Woodward.

The drifts had mounded to nine feet at some places and the snow was five feet on the level in the western part of the state, reports said.

FRENCH DEBT OF GRATITUDE FULLY PAID

President Coolidge Tells French Envoy That Material Debts Should Now Be Considered.

Washington, Jan. 30—Responding today to a statement by the new French ambassador, Emile Dauschner, that the "material debts" of nations as well as their "debts of gratitude" must be paid, President Coolidge declared that the United States already had discharged the debt of gratitude owed France as a result of French aid in the American revolution.

Referring to American participation in the World War, the president added that thus had the debt of gratitude been paid "and such governments should experience deep satisfaction in their solicitude that material debts should also be discharged."

Ambassador Dauschner told President Coolidge that the cooperation of the two countries during the war should be extended to the payment of their "material debts" as well as their "debts of gratitude."

France-American co-operation, the ambassador said, can be continued usefully in the study of problems on which, together with the maintenance of peace, the restoration of the world's financial balance depends.

"The auspicious beginning of the plan of financial organization recently put into operation," M. Dauschner said, "shows how valuable and effective is the co-operation of America, which my government hopes to see continue whether in general matters or in the consideration of questions in which our two countries are exclusively interested."

The ambassador's direct reference to the debts, which embody the outstanding open question between Washington and Paris, was regarded in diplomatic circles as carrying with it a far-reaching significance. It is unusual on such occasions to go beyond the generalities of diplomatic courtesy.

TAKE POWER FROM HANDS OF GOVERNOR

Senate Strikes Back At Pierce By Reinstating Members of Commission—Fish Bill In.

The port of Portland bill was in process of debate when the senate recessed at 12:25 o'clock today until 2 o'clock, and Senator Banks had just completed his opening argument in favor of the measure. The bill, which takes from the governor the power of appointing the port of Portland commissioners and provides for the retention in office of the present members of the board, was hastened on its way through the legislature by the recent action of Governor Pierce in naming successors to the five members whose terms of office expire next June.

Banks forcefully flayed the executive for what he branded as a political play that was contrary to the best interest of the state and the northwest. Intentions are for a vote of 24 to 6 or 23 to 7 in favor of the bill.

What now appears to be the last of the major legislative proposals to curb the powers of Governor Pierce that will be offered dropped into the senate hopper this morning. It is the bill placing the power of appointing the state fish commission in the hands of the state board of control, introduced by Senator Rit-

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SNOW TIES UP ALL RAILROADS IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 30—The east was snowbound today with rail and water transportation on the verge of paralysis in some sections.

Many main line trains were from a few minutes to eight hours behind schedule. Trains from the west, including the crack Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central, and the Broadway Limited on the Pennsylvania, were in some instances eight hours late. Trains in from the south continued 24 to 30 hours behind schedule, held up by the floods.

Limited trains of the New York Central lines were stalled by snow drifts which in some instances were piled higher than nine feet near Littleton, N. Y.

Albany dispatches reported five feet of snow. Schools were closed in many cities and towns, mails remained undelivered, trolley services were discontinued; buildings collapsed under the weight of snow in some communities and traffic on the upper Hudson was halted by ice floes for the first time in three years.

New England was reported under a storm of six inches to three feet deep with transportation crippled, schools closed and mail deliveries abandoned.

HEAVY FINES AND JAIL TERMS BILL PASSES

Representative Huriburt's bill making it compulsory for courts to hand out fines and jail sentences upon convictions of violating the state prohibition law pertaining to the operation of stills was passed by the house this morning. The bill also raises the minimum jail sentence from thirty days to six months. Fines range from \$500 to \$3,000 under the act.

Vote on the measure was as follows:

For the bill: Bailey, Bennett, Bratcher, Carlin, Coffey, Collier, Cranmer, Fisher, Fitzmaurice, German, Gordon, Graham, Hall, Hall, Hercher, Hesse, Howard, Hunter, Union and Wallowa, Huriburt, Kilham, Kirkwood, Mann, Meindl, Miller, North, Reynolds, Russell, Soumier, Shumway, Teegarden, Tucker, Wheeler, Wilson, and Winslow.

Against the bill: Bates, Ford, Fuller, Hamilton, Hammond, Hazlett, King, Lonergan, Mott, Oakes, Peirce, Potter, Rushlight, Shrock, Swan, Tom, and Burdick.

EFFORT TO RUSH \$1,500,000 BILL THROUGH FAILS

Attempt to rush through a bill providing for a \$1,500,000 loan fund to eastern Oregon farmers for re-seeding purposes was blocked in the house this morning by opposition from representatives of many corners of the state.

Representative Gordon, of the ways and means committee, sought a suspension of the rules to place the bill on third reading.

Representative Coffey, Multnomah county, was the first to take the floor in sharp opposition to the rush action. "I am against a hasty way of pushing business through the house," he declared. "A few days more is not going to make any great difference to the eastern Oregon farmers."

Graham of Washington attacked the move on the same basis. Most of Clatsop county also opposed the rush, urging the house not to jeopardize passage of the bill by slamming it through before members had opportunity to study the printed measure.

JACK DEMPSEY TO QUIT RING UPON WEDDING

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30—May 20 will mark the end of Jack Dempsey's ring career, the termination of his ring and business partnership with Jack Kearns, his manager, and his second entrance into the state of matrimony, according to his own announcement here today. That date is the birthday of his bride-to-be, Estelle Taylor, film actress.

The king of the heavyweights of the world has fought his last ring battle, he declared. He added that his retirement from the ring and canvas was at the behest of his betrothed, who prefers a business man to a pugilist for a husband.

The arrangement between Dempsey and Kearns has netted the pair many thousands of dollars in the past few years as well as some valuable real estate holdings in Los Angeles. These latter, including a hotel and an apartment house will be divided between the two, Dempsey said, and the fighter and his manager will go their separate ways.

Dempsey's decision to quit the fighting game was based on three main reasons: his belief that there was not a contender in sight able to give him a real battle; the desire of Miss Taylor for pugilism and things pugilistic; and his fortune, which makes him independent of the fat purses offered by promoters.

FAIR GROUNDS AGAIN MENACED BY FLOOD WATERS

A special meeting of the state fair board has been called for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Imperial hotel in Portland, to take immediate steps toward getting relief from the state in regard to the flood conditions that develop every winter at the grounds, and which yesterday reached a point that was alarming.

Virtually every part of the fairgrounds was covered, not with standing water, but with running water. Flowing from the state land east of the fairgrounds, the water inundated the entire south end of the grounds, sweeping around and under them, especially deep at the machinery sheds at the right of the pedestrian entrance.

Waters are going down now, reports S. M. Bush, superintendent of the ground, and little damage has been done. Danger has been felt as to the weakening of foundations of some of the buildings, however, as the water was flowing across in a rapid current.

Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson, secretary of the fair board, has gone to Portland to be at the fair board meeting tomorrow.

This is not the first time the grounds have been flooded, but it is an annual happening, and this year it has occurred several times, according to people living near the grounds. This last flood has swept over the ground to be used by R. C. Miles for his linen mill. It has swept over Liberty street to a depth of several inches, and it has burst up through the middle of the pavement at the intersection of the Portland and Silverton highways, flooding out across the concrete. A 12 inch sewer pipe is totally inadequate to carry the excess water off.

ASK COURT TO FURNISH OPINIONS

The supreme court of the state would be required to give opinions on legal matters whenever asked by the governor, the senate, or house of representatives, under a resolution introduced in the house this morning by Speaker Burdick.

The latter points out that eight states have such a clause in their constitutions. It saves much time in determining legal questions, eliminating the necessity of suit and consequent delays. The resolution, it is pointed out, would be referred to the people at a general or special election.

RESCUE CREW OF SUBMARINE OFF PORTSMOUTH

Washington, Jan. 30—The crew of the submarine S-48, aground off Portsmouth, is safe. The navy department was informed today. The ship had a list of 25 to 45 degrees.

The officers and crew numbered 46 men. The members of the crew were taken on a tug to Fort Stark, where they were warmed and fed before being transferred to the navy yard. Three of the men were so benumbed they had to be carried aboard the tug, but they were revived quickly and all the men appeared in good condition.

The submarine was leaking and had become so filled with chlorine gas that all hands were forced to go on deck some time before they were rescued.

The vessel, caught on the rocks off the point for many hours, last night while a northeast gale lashed the coast, was carried off by a huge wave early today and driven into the haven of Little Harbor. The craft was apparently damaged and flashlight signals to watch for on shore announced that the crew needed help badly.

The S-48 was on her way from New London, Conn., to Portsmouth.

TOM MARSHALL ON PROHIBITION

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 30—"I am not for the prohibition amendment and I never was," declared Democrat ever was," for Tom Marshall told the National Retail Furniture school at a banquet last night. "But now it is here let's maintain it or else set it off of it by due process of law."

"I'm getting tired of all these additions to the constitution. It got so it is as easy to amend the constitution of the United States as it used to be to draw a cork. Any one can go down to Wash- ington and make enough holes and get any amendment he wants tacked onto the constitution."

"I like English way best. They don't make laws until they know the people want them. I'd like to repeal all the federal and state laws and reenact the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule."

SLASHINGS BILL PASSES HOUSE

House bill 192, providing for means of collecting unpaid portions of the 1923 income tax was passed by the house this morning. Other bills passed included 123, making it unlawful to slash trees along river banks and allow high water to carry them off; 186, permitting raising of the salary of the secretary of the board of horticulture from \$100 up to \$200 a month; 116, placing the angling limit of chinook and silver salmon catches at two and four, respectively, a day in the Rogue river; 123, permitting use of a surty bond in lieu of a certified check in bidding on contracts for the

SENATE PASSES EXCEPTION BILL

A bill introduced by the senate committee on revision of laws directed away from the necessity of attorneys, saying "we wish to save an exception," when rulings are made against them in court was passed by the senate today.

Another bill from the committee on revision of laws was passed. It fixes the right of appeal from justice court on the amount of money in controversy instead of the amount of the judgment.

Other bills passed were:

Bill introduced by the judiciary committee, affording relief to redemption of after his property has been sold on foreclosure.

ASSAULT OF 10-YEAR OLD GIRL PAYS PENALTY

Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 30—Peter Vergolini of Gary, Ind., was electrocuted at the state penitentiary here today for the murder of Annie Tomich, 10 year old Serbian girl, whom he assaulted and then strangled to death at Gary last September. Vergolini met death with stoical indifference.

STOVE POKER PLAYED Part in Separation of Once Loving Couple

That her husband accused her of using a stove poker to put her sick father out of the way and charged her with murdering her father-in-law when, as a matter of fact, she was using all of her care and skill in nursing him, is a charge made by Rose Freibert in an answer and cross complaint to divorce proceedings started by Frank A. Freibert.

Incidentally the cross-complaint brought out the fact that sometimes policemen and firemen clash, when those two arms of the city government are ordinarily supposed to be on the most friendly terms.

Mrs. Freibert alleges that her husband, who was a city fireman, because of his duties was away from home a great share of the time both day and night, but when he was at home was not an altogether agreeable companion.

She asserts that some time after her marriage to Freibert she father Freibert induced them to buy a lot from him adjoining his home at 550 Belmont street, and that they built a small home and lived

TO REGULATE BRIGHT LIGHTS

Regulation of the spotlight and headlight evil as it relates to automobiles on the highways of Oregon is attempted in a bill introduced in the house this morning by Representative Shrock at the request of T. A. Haffey, chief of the state real estate department.

Under the terms of the bill automobiles may only show two headlights in front, with the exception of parking lights, and it is specified that only one spotlight may be used.

The spotlight must be fixed and immovable, and must be attached to the left hand side of the machine and focused diagonally across the road to a point parallel with the right hand side of the machine and not more than 75 feet in front of it. The beam of the spotlight is also regulated, it being required that the beam be not more than 4 feet in diameter when focused on a wall 25 feet distant.

GAS PRICES RAISED IN 11 MID-WEST STATES

Chicago, Jan. 30—Effective to-morrow the price of gasoline will be increased one cent a gallon by the Standard Oil company of Indiana, throughout its territory of eleven states, the company announced today. A similar one cent increase was put into effect several days ago. This will make the retail price of gasoline at filling stations 11 cents a gallon.

Northern Lines Plan To Extend Railroad To Klamath District

Portland, Ore., Jan. 30—Declaration of the intention of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems to extend the Oregon Trunk Line from Bend to Klamath Falls unofficially announced some time ago is contained in the bill of exceptions of the Oregon Trunk line with the interstate commerce commission to the report of Examiner C. L. Kephart, who last summer heard testimony on the petition of the Oregon public service commission to require the railways now touching the borders of central Oregon to build an east to west line and also to connect Bend, Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

At the outset the exceptions of the so-called Northern lines cite that Examiner Kephart's report fails to give due weight to their legitimate interests and of the group of railroads of which the Oregon Trunk is a part in the development of the timber and other resources there having been expended \$92,000,000 in construction of their Oregon railway lines.

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